OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH A NEW LAFORTUNE

* University plans to renovate student center

By MEIGHANNE DOWNES
News Writer

In recent years students have been asked to feel out surveys regarding their levels of satisfaction with the food services that are provided on campus, and finally the suggestions for improvement are being answered as there are plans to offer new restaurants in LaFortune.

"I am really excited about this addition because students can say their input led directly to these improvements. It was their responses on student government and food services surveys that led to this decision," said Brooke Norton, student body president.

Since last spring, the Office of Food Services in conjunction with the Office of Student Activities and Affairs have been talking with and searching for restaurants to replace Allegro and Tomassito’s. Work is already in progress to transform the former Alumni Room into a Starbucks.

"I think if the new restaurants are well advertised it will work," said junior Lindsay Horvath. "I don’t think Allegro and Tomassito’s are well advertised. Anyone can go to Burger King at any time, but Allegro has funky hours which I was never sure of."

According to Dave Prentkowski, director of food services, the initiative behind making the changes in the restaurant services at LaFortune was driven by a survey that analyzed student dissatisfaction.

"Working with student affairs we were looking at LaFortune and we wanted to know what kind of thing can we do in LaFortune to enhance the service," said Prentkowski.

In the spring of 2001, faculty, staff and student focus groups to discuss how service could be improved were held. According to Prentkowski, there was an overwhelming interest in Starbucks.

"We wanted to attract customers from all walks of life to interact and we made the decision to bring in an operation that would be attractive beyond the typical meal periods," he said. "Starbucks name coincided to the top."

Over Christmas break, remodeling began in order to accommodate Starbucks and it is anticipated that it will open in April. Operating hours are still to be determined, but Prentkowski said that it will most likely be open until the early hours of the morning.

"I liked studying in the Alumni room and I am disappointed that they are replacing it with Starbucks because of the location and there are already coffee shops on campus," said freshman Katie Kurowski.

While Kurowski opposes the addition of Starbucks to campus, not all students feel the same. Students could have expanded dining options after LaFortune changes to welcome new restaurants, which could include Starbucks, and says goodbye to the old businesses.

"It’s the first major gift to the program, so it’s a tremendous boost," said Valerie Sayers, director of the program.

The University created the Creative Writing Program in 1990 as a two-year course leading to a Masters of Fine Arts degree. The program admits five fiction and five poetry students each year. The Sparks prize will give several of those students the opportunity to gain experience in the publishing field.

"[Sparks] not only gave us the money, but [he] made the phone calls to get the internships," said Sayers.

The internships are part of the Sparks Summer Fellows Program. Each year, two students will serve as interns in New York literary agencies and publishing houses. This year, the award recipients will work at the Sanford Greenburger Associate’s literary agency and Warner Books.

"There was tremendous interest," Sayers said about the internships. All the students in the program are eligible. The agency and publishing house will select the interns based on the student’s letters of application, resumes and telephone interviews.

Another program made possible by Sparks’s gift is the Nicholas Sparks Fellowship in Creative Writing, which will annually grant two students assistantships on the Notre Dame Review, the University’s national literary journal.

Finally, the Sparks prize will..."
Real women show respect

Something has been bothering me for quite some time and I want to finally get it off my chest.

It's about respect.

It's about respecting women.

It's about women respecting women.

It all started at one of my last football games as a Notre Dame student. As we all quickly learn as freshmen, most of the students actually sit in their designated seats. Rather, you sit wherever you can whenever you get to the stadium.

Such was the case that year for four seasons and no one ever hassled me about it.

Until halfway through the first quarter of the USC game when my friends and I were approached by a very unhappy looking group of girls. This foursome, headed by a woman from the same hometown as one of my best friends, insisted that we move out of our seats before they would sit in the seats we were given.

Initially, I didn't know how to respond because never before had I been presented with such a claim. Looking behind me, I could see that there weren't any seats left in the section. Looking ahead, toward my rightful seats, I could see my fellow seniors. If I were to move closer to the field to my rightful seats, I would lose those senior seats, then they would have to go to their seats and push others out. It would be impossible for everyone to tron the problem out.

I tried explaining this to these women, but they didn't care. They wanted us gone. So, I tried explaining it again. My friends and I even offered to move over and make room for them, but they weren't interested in compromise. Instead of taking us up on the offer, the woman leading this quad looked at my friend - the one who comes from the same hometown as one of my best friends - and called us a very, very bad name.

So, I strolled the pot so much, in fact, that television and radio outlets from around the country have begun interviewing us for his interview since his announcement. And after sparking a national debate on the issue, the Times received a good deal of letters from its readers, some of which appeared days after a mashood editorial endorsing Levis statement.

"To have the president of one of America's great universities say that the current admissions system is out of control carries enormous news value," said James Fallowes, national correspondent for the Atlantic Monthly, who himself wrote a landmark piece in September that made the case for abolishing the early application programs. "With the position Yale occupies on top of the university education pyramid, it has the influence to do something about the way colleges admit their students."

But it is other colleges, Levis readily acknowledged, the University must convince to drop their early admission programs if Yale is to eliminate its own.

The Yale Herald

Ohio State University

Smokeless tobacco stirs debate

Ohio State University researchers are fired up over their study on the uses of smokeless tobacco in Ohio.

The National Institutes of Health awarded Mary Ellen Wewers, professor of nursing, and her colleagues a $3.3 million grant to continue the research. The study will take place over the next three years and is expected to be completed in June 2004. Researchers will compare oral health in smokeless tobacco users and nonusers and test a cessation program for dependence is present in smokeless tobacco users, as nicotine is present in smokeless tobacco users, as cigarette users, she said. "The effects of nicotine occur more slowly and last longer in smokeless tobacco users," Wewers said. "Nicotine dependence is present in smokeless tobacco users, as in cigarette users," she told police. According to police Comando Dom Costa, police arrested Cook, who uses the alias Shawn Williams and the nickname "Blue," last Thursday night at a Hill District home.

An anonymous tip led Pittsburgh police to the hideout of the suspect wanted for kidnapping a University of Pittsburgh student. Germaine Cook, a 26-year-old Hill District native, is accused of robbing the student of $115 and holding him captive for more than eight hours, according to police Comando Dom Costa. The student led police to every house and apartment that the kidnapper took him to. He also visually identified the kidnapper's friends, which ultimately led to the suspect's identification.

The Pitt News

University of Pittsburgh

Student leads police to kidnapper

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British House leader analyzes terrorism

By JOE ACKERMAN
News Writer

September 11 has come and gone, yet the aftermath of the attacks on America still live on in many and effect their lives on a daily basis.

Originally scheduled to lecture on the topic of "Science and God," Shirley Williams geared her Tuesday night lecture on "War and Peace," as part seven of her eight lectures comprising the Erasmus lecture series.

To her audience in the Lilesanger Center Auditorium, the British House of Lords member discussed what she thinks in regard to the nature of terrorism itself and also what can and should be done to counter its potential effects.

Terrorism, Williams argued, has as its basis the dual problems of resentment and unmet expectations. It evolves from historical wrongdoings, that have long lasting ramifications among those affected which leads to strong views and even stronger convictions.

"Terrorism is parasitical on civilized society and will destroy it if it is not contained," said Williams.

In order to correct these historical wrongs, Williams said heavily symbolic actions can go a long way to repairing damage, such as the pope's apology for slavery and former German chancellor Brandl's apology to the Jews at the Warsaw ghetto.

In regards to the current U.S. war on terrorism, Williams said that, "Politically, by describing the attacks as an act of war was attractive." This she argued was due to the fact that it gave the President "great freedom of action."

However, Williams expressed concern over how the United States could go about a war on terrorism without addressing groups such as the IRA and Spain's ETA and labeling them with enemy status.

"Defining terrorists as the enemy is treacherous territory," she stated.

Williams went on to lay out a series of ideas, which she feels are essential to the problem of containing terrorism. Some of these ideas include a recognized system of justice that can and should be done to counter its potential effects.

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Shirley Williams, member, British House of Lords

Shirley Williams, a British foreign policy expert and member of the British House of Lords, talked to students and others about the implications of the U.S.'s current war on terrorism.

Law, a more even distribution of wealth and resources and the recognition of responsibility for international peace by all nations, especially Western powers.

"No instrument is more appropriate," Williams commented in regard to a proposed international court system that would handle cases of terrorism at an international level. The U.S. Congress voted against joining the not yet operational court, which has been joined by 41 nations so far and will become operational when it reaches 601 on the grounds that it could take U.S. citizens under its jurisdiction.

Williams stressed a comparison between the attacks perpetrated by Osama Bin Laden on New York and Washington, which killed 3,000 Americans, with the massacre of Muslims in the former Yugoslavia by former Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, which killed 5,000 Muslims. She believes it is imperative that there be an international standard and method in place for dealing with such crimes and criminals so similar punishments can be meted out.

Ultimately, Williams argued, it is necessary for the nations of the world to realize these ideas in order to work toward the goals of containing terrorism and realizing world peace. International cooperation, through support of organizations such as the United Nations and the recognition of instability and inequity in the world is an essential step toward achieving these goals.

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LaFortune
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same way.
"I worry about putting a Starbucks in LaFortune because it is a great idea. With the amount of traffic that
goes through LaFortune every
day, attempting to study there is
difficult," said freshman Amy Butz.

Besides providing the typical Starbucks products of coffee and
pastry items, a new line of
Starbucks products consisting of
salads and sandwiches will
be offered.

Prentkowski said that after
the survey and the student
survey sent out in the base-
ment of LaFortune it was
decided that the area needed to
be a more desirable student
space. In addition, an Italian
and pizza dining area was
opened.

Students had mixed opinions
about the quality of the food
offered in LaFortune.

"Burgers greasy. Pizza
greasy. Mexican food greasy. We need healthy food," said
freshman Andrea Brenek.

Another possible addition
that Notre Dame is currently
considering for LaFortune is to
interact with a handful of
Mexican restaurants and has
conducted taste tests. The
most favorable results were
the food selections from Eddie
Peppers.

"I have never heard of Eddie
Peppers, and I think that Taco
Bell would be far superior. If
there were a Taco Bell on
campus, my life would be
complete. From an economic
standpoint it is my belief that a
Mexican restaurant would pro-
duce far more revenue than
Rosati's," said freshman Greg Kuhl.

However, freshman Bianca
Cardiel had a different opinion
and said, "It's going to be fake
Mexican food. I love Allegro
because subs are a healthy
alternative."

The process of bringing in
and searching for these new
restaurants has been compi-
licated because of business
issues regarding whether it is
possible for the restaurant to
develop on campus because of
preexisting franchise relation-
ships. All of the restaurants
would accept both flex point
and dollar cards and be
owned and operated by Notre
Dame, similar to a franchise
agreement.

In addition to expanding and
modifying the food services at
LaFortune, students can pur-
chase smoothies and pizza in
the Coleman Morse Center on
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
nights. Campus Ministry proposed this idea to
the office of Food Services last spring in order to provide stu-
dents with another opportunity
for socialization. The snack
bar opened last Thursday and
after its first weekend of oper-
ation.

"Returns were respectable but
it has a long way to go. But
we didn't do any promotion on
purpose because we wanted to
see how it would work. It has
the opportunity to grow signifi-
cantly," Prentkowski said.

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GOV'T DEPT. GAINS NEW NAME IN FALL

By JOHN FANNING
News Writer

To more accurately reflect
and market its curriculum, Notre Dame's Department
of Government and International
Studies is changing its name
to the Department of Political Science next fall.

"The universal topics that we are interested in are mainly
political issues — issues that are not specifically
covered by the term 'government,'" said
department head Michael Zuckert. "For example, we
offer courses on political part-
ties, which are not specifically
a part of government and the
area of international studies also fits better under the
term 'political science.'"

Yearly evaluations also moti-
vated the name change, said
Zuckert. Every academic
department is annually eval-
uated by outside reviewers
to ensure maintenance of the
University's academic stan-
dards and to ensure that the
department is making the best
choices in terms of course
offerings and topics covered
within each specific major.

Although the government pro-
gram received high marks in
all areas, the reviewers sugges-
ted the name change to
more accurately reflect the
ideas of the department.

This sentiment was echoed
by letters from prospective stu-
dents wishing to study political
science at Notre Dame, but
confused as to whether or not
the major was offered.

Since the department is affili-
ated with the American Political
Science Association, and the new name is more
common in universities across
the country, the change will
allow the department to "stop
sending misleading messages" to its students — current and
prospective, said Zuckert.

Lizzie Butkiewicz, a junior
government major, agreed and
said that as long as the ideals
of the major were not altered,
the change in name was fine with
her.

Zuckert maintains that the
curriculum and the varied
approaches to its subjects used
by the major will still be offered in conjunction with the
change. Moreover, current seniors will
still graduate with their pre-
existing degree bearing the amended
name.

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Jordanian police deter rioters: Police in a southern city in Jordan used tear gas Tuesday to disperse more than 100 rioters who accused police of torturing a 17-year-old to death, witnesses said. Nine officers were injured, including one shot in the head and another in the chest, and 10 civilians were injured, residents of Maan, 140 miles south of the Jordanian capital, told The Associated Press.

Britain freed of foot and mouth: The World Organization for Animal Health has declared Britain free of foot-and-mouth disease, paving the way for the full resumption of meat exports. The ruling by the disease-free body could soon see British meat, meat products and dairy products back on the tables of many foreign countries.

Oregon's Mo. families hope for buyout: The World needed some $5.5 billion in cleanup and crackdown on emissions. Vandals hit South Bend cemetery: A cemetery that is regularly vandalized has been hit again, this time with a multimillion-dollar clean-up and crackdown on emissions.

Mo. families hope for buyout: Families whose homes in Heraclea, Mo., have been contaminated by the nation's largest meat products and dairy products back on the tables of many foreign countries.

Settlers migrate to Tibetan region: China is moving 17,000 mostly Chinese and Muslim settlers to a traditionally Tibetan region in its remote west, reviving a plan abandoned by the World Bank after protests by critics of China's Tibetan policies.

Terms of every lease by the end of the first quarter of 2002, and will close unprofitable or underperforming stores. Some analysts said Kmart would close up to 700 of its stores.

Kmart has about 275,000 employees and stores in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

Kmart, which filed its petition in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, said it had secured $2 billion in financing from Credit Suisse First Boston, Fleet Retail Finance Inc., General Electric Capital Corp. and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. The financing, approved late Tuesday by Bankruptcy Court Judge Susan Forder Hudson, will help the company's cash flow while it restructures.

It has targeted emergence from Chapter 11 in 2003. "We are determined to complete our reorganization as quickly and smoothly as possible, while taking full advantage of this chance to make a fresh start and reposition Kmart for the future," CFO Chuck Conaway said in a statement.

Kmart also named Ronald B. Hutchson executive vice president and chief restructuring officer. Hutchson, 51, was most recently chief financial officer of Advantica Restaurant Group Inc., where he and new Kmart Chairman James B. Adamson were instrumental in the company's successful reorganization.

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**CHINA**

China is moving 17,000 mostly Chinese and Muslim settlers to a traditionally Tibetan region in its remote west, reviving a plan abandoned by the World Bank after protests by critics of China's Tibetan policies.

The settlers are to occupy a former labor camp in Dulan county, an arid stretch of the Tibetan plateau in Qinghai province, some 1,000 miles west of Beijing, according to provincial officials.

Irrigation works are being built and improvements made to existing farmland, Zou Hanbin, a spokesman for the Dulan county government, said in a telephone interview.

The project's revival fulfills a pledge by China to go it alone following a battle pitting the Tibetan government in exile and its supporters against Chinese leaders, who say resettlement is an effective way to develop western China. The World Bank got involved in the Dulan project in the late 1990s, saying it would give 60,000 people a better life. It agreed to lend China $40 million to cover half the cost.

Tibetan activists condemned the plan, contending it would dilute Qinghai's Tibetan character and ravage the local environment by increasing demands for water and farmland. They lobbied the bank to order new inspections and a second approval vote.

**IAN NATIONAL BRIEFS**

Ore. school chief faces charges: Oregon's top education official was accused Tuesday of more than 1,400 ethics violations for allegedly using government cars and telephones for personal business. The government Standard and Practices Commission said its initial investigation found that Superintendent Stan Burr repeatedly violated a state law prohibiting the use of public office for private financial gain.

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Lectures brings pros to dorms

By ERIN LARUFFA
Associate News Editor

When staff members in the office of the student body president were searching through their archives, they decided to bring back a lecture series that was popular at Notre Dame during the 1970s and 1980s, according to Brendan Harris, a staff member of the Office of the President.

The purpose is to give Notre Dame students a chance to hear the best professors at this University. Indeed, the title of the lecture series reflects the fact that professors are encouraged to give a lecture as if it were the last one of their career.

"Often that turns into some really inspiring words from our professors," Harris said. Harris selects the lecturers based on a list of professors that students nominated, he explained. He added that he tries to select professors from a variety of academic disciplines.

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go to a single Creative Writing Program graduate each year. The prize grants the recipient a year's residency at Notre Dame and gives his or her writing. The award recipient will also be expected to teach a class at the University and give a public reading during the year.

Despite the Creative Writing Program's small size and short history, it has had numerous successful stories.

"We put it down to the support the students give each other," Sayers said. She considers the program's students to be among the most cooperative graduate students at the University.

Fast graduates include Michael Collins, whose novel "The Keepers of Truth," was on the short list for a Booker Prize. Mark Beih, whose novel "The Smell of Apples" has won numerous awards; Tim Coyne, author of "A Gentleman's Game," a novel that later became a motion picture and Jenny Boully, who won the Associated Writing Program's Journal Prize for her poetry.

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Bush team looks at Enron

President Bush on Tuesday used his recent appointment power to put an official from a major accounting firm on the Securities and Exchange Commission, which is investigating the auditing work done for troubled energy trader Enron Corp.

Bush appointed Cynthia A. Glassman, a principal at the Big Five accounting firm Ernst & Young, to work at the Federal Reserve Board from 1977 to 1986 as economist and senior economist and in other positions.

The accounting profession has come under heightened public scrutiny as a result of the collapse of Enron, and the SEC is investigating the auditing work done for the company by major accountant Arthur Andersen LLP.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., objected to Bush's bypassing the Senate approval process to appoint Glassman.

"To make a recess appointment of an individual who comes from the accounting profession without giving the Senate an opportunity to review this nominee's qualifications just invites challenges," Wyden said in a telephone interview. "I think the Senate will say this is very troubling."

Oregon's largest electric utility is Portland General Electric Co., an Enron subsidiary where many employees lost their retirement savings last fall after Enron barred them from selling company stock from their Enron-dominated 401(k) accounts.

If you were a Notre Dame professor, what would you say in your...
Military relaxes strict dress policy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The U.S. military, in a policy reversal, will no longer require servicewomen in Saudi Arabia to wear Muslim-style head-to-toe robes when venturing off base.

Instead, wearing the robe, known as an abaya, "is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged," according to an order by Gen. Tommy Franks, head of the U.S. Central Command, e-mailed to commanders in the region Saturday.

The Air Force's highest-ranking female fighter pilot is challenging the rule in court. Lt. Col. Martha McSally's lawsuit calls the policy unconstitutional and says it improperly forces American women to conform to others' religious and social customs.

McSally's lawsuit did not inspire the policy change, Central Command spokesman Col. Rick Thomas said Tuesday. "The policy was under review before the lawsuit was filed, so the change was not a direct result of that," Thomas said.

McSally's lawsuit, filed in federal court in Washington, also challenges policies requiring servicewomen to be accompanied by a man whenever they leave their base and to ride in the back seat of a car. Women are not allowed to drive in Saudi Arabia.

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The change in policy "sends a strong signal that we recognize that military women in Saudi Arabia should be treated as their male compatriots are treated and be allowed to pick their civilian clothing," said Nancy Duff Campbell, co-president of the National Women's Law Center. Campbell's group is not a part of the lawsuit but has lobbied members of Congress to oppose the abaya rule.

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Service offers unique perspective

Nicholeen DePersis

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As a first year student at Notre Dame, I decided to get involved with our school and local community. Not feeling that I could commit a great deal of time, I decided to volunteer twice a week, I have learned what an impact I can make by taking some time to help, befriend and support the children in our local community. I have also learned that taking time to understand and experience the problems that many are forced to live with better prepares a person to be a part of the solution.

We as Notre Dame students are often heard proclaiming our desire to fix the problems of the world, to be those political, social, spiritual or what have you, and yet how can we endeavor to remedy problems many of us have never experienced firsthand? Taking some time to volunteer not only helps the people you work with directly, it also better informs you, thereby increasing your potential for discovering a remedy to those same problems.

Over the course of the past four years, I have fostered strong and lasting relationships with many students at Lincoln. It is these relationships that inspire me to continue to tutor even when it means not having as much time for myself, because these children give me something no one else can give. The children at Lincoln give me purpose and meaning, and they motivate me to use my education to help others.

I strongly urge you to get involved, to take advantage of the opportunity to be a part of the local community, to learn and to grow. There are plenty of different service opportunities offered through the Csc to meet any of your interests and time constraints, all with varying levels of commitment. You don’t need to commit an excessive amount of time; any time and love you can give will help and you will be surprised how much it will enhance your life as well.

I invite you to attend this year’s Social Concerns Festival held at the Csc on Thursday, Jan. 24 from 7-9 p.m. The Festival is a great opportunity to learn of the many ways to become involved in South Bend. You will be amazed how much your involvement in the local community will better your life.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Study abroad economically**

After participating in an international study program, returning students often regale their classmates with stories of their other exciting escapades: how they spent $16,000 at Notre Dame, how they only paid $500 for a dorm at the Tecnologico of Monterrey, and how they spent $8,000 to study in England or France. I'm sure that your grades earned abroad help your independent of the University programs, he or she do so independently of the University. However, if one opts for a program in Europe like England or France, that may well be worth the high prices. Still anyone interested in going abroad should investigate beforehand.

And if you are worried about orientation before going, I found that the mailings, information and orientation session given by the school in Mexico were much more helpful and well organized than Notre Dame's international study offices. Though I must recognize the excellent job that the Notre Dame program is doing in making students aware of study abroad opportunities and setting up numerous locations around the world.

Whatever you decide, get informed and continue to study abroad. I know that you will find that a semester spent in foreign land is indeed profitable. But why pay Notre Dame prices for it?

John Lauterbach
senior
Allan Hall
Jan. 21, 2002

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**Raise education standards by lowering costs**

Fifteen thousand dollars — that's how much I figure I'll have to pay back to the federal government when I leave college. In fact, I've already paid a portion of that amount, so that's including the loans I'll have to take out for law school. For the last two and half years, I've been able to convince myself that I was actually doing a good thing, that I was putting forth this extra money so that I could get a quality education at a school that was devoted to serving every individual's needs.

I chose DePaul University rather than any of the state schools because of its apparent commitment to the individual and for that, I was willing to live in debt for a few years after graduation. But, as I read the news items this week about University of Illinois students accumulating huge debt, I realized that it did not matter whether I went to a state school or not. College has gotten way too expensive.

According to a Credit World article, the average college student upon graduation has $12,000 in student loan debt. In this day and age, when it is required to have not only a bachelor’s, but also a graduate degree to get a decent job, it’s a no brainer. How can a college graduate with $12,000 in debt convince himself or herself that it is a good idea to go to graduate school when they are going to be immersed in further debt?

Then, when you graduate, how can she go to graduate school, can you honestly tell me that every college graduate is going to get a job where they will be able to pay back their loans? No, of course not. Now, some will argue that there are programs like Bright Start and U-Promise that allow parents to put away money when their child is born or as they are growing up, and then use that money to send them to a state school free of charge or get the tuition equivalent at a private college or university. While I agree that these are fantastic programs and that more parents should get involved with them, they were not around when I was young. So while I keep hearing commercials about them, I’m still stuck with a looming thought that in a few years, I will have to pay off my $15,000 in undergraduate debt (and still more in law school debt).

The problem is that as the cost of higher education continues to rise, more and less people will be able to afford college. At the same time, this trend will continue to grow and the need for multiple degrees will rise, thereby increasing the number of people who will be left with no other option but to finish high school and find a job, a job that will provide little to no benefits and will most likely barely pay minimum wage. So, I propose this idea. Let us look to our neighbors in Europe who do not have this dilemma because education, even in the form of colleges or universities, is free to all citizens.

Can you imagine what would happen if we were to significantly lower the cost of college in the United States?

More people from a variety of different backgrounds would not just the economically advantaged, would be able to attend college. Then, because more people would want to attend and because colleges and universities would not be so obsessed with profit, the level of education would improve because colleges and universities would have to be selective. That way, rather than finding the majority of your classmates from the same middle class areas, you would find your classmates from a variety of different locations, classes and backgrounds. What an amazing thought that would be: to go to a college or university that allow parents to put away money when their child is born or as they are growing up, and then use that money to send to a state school free of charge or get the tuition equivalent at a private college or university. That way, rather than finding the majority of your classmates from the same middle class areas, you would find your classmates from a variety of different locations, classes and backgrounds. What an amazing thought that would be: to go to a college or university that allow parents to put away money when their child is born or as they are growing up, and then use that money to send to a state school free of charge or get the tuition equivalent at a private college or university.
The digital revolution, Verizon Wireless aims to provide its customers with a clear connection on its digital network.

With phones like the Kyocera 2135 and accessories like voice mail, caller ID and a wireless web connection, Verizon Wireless aims to provide its customers with a clear connection on its digital network.

By EMILY HOWALD
Scene Writer

As any college student knows, life is full of choices, some more important than others. While the problem of choosing a cell phone that works within the South Bend area may not be the most pressing issue for Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students, choosing between the different companies can still be confusing, unless you do your research.

Two of the most frequently used cell phone services in the area are Verizon Wireless and Sprint PCS. Both companies operate on a wireless system that strives to create a clear sound, private conversations and time-saving features.

Battle of the networks

Verizon Wireless is composed of numerous smaller companies that joined together when wireless cellular communication first became popular. Sprint PCS, on the other hand, built a digital network—a network of services that uses 1900MHz frequencies—from the ground up and began buying up the largest percentage of the frequency markets offered by the government.

Seven years ago Sprint spent $5 billion to buy networks with 1900MHz frequencies, as opposed to the 800MHz analog frequency networks that were common before the government made the change.

To understand the difference between analog and digital cell phones, Sprint sales manager Robert Orcutt compared the quality to AM and FM radios.

"The 800MHz networks may be provided over a longer distance but they are not as clear, said Orcutt. "The newer [digital] network, as compared to [FM] radio, may not reach as broad of a spectrum that the analog can, but it is working from the higher end of the frequencies, so the connection is clearer. Sprint is 100 percent 1900MHZ."

While Sprint PCS was the first Personal Communication Services player in the market, Verizon is equally programmed to work on networks throughout the United States. However, Sprint PCS works only through its own 1900MHz networks.

Verizon Wireless is a combination of all networks that have both 800MHz and 1900MHz towers. Verizon has more towers because it owns both the analog and digital towers that date from the older generation of cell phones; nevertheless, the connection is not always as strong since it works from an 800MHz network.

Both companies own towers throughout the country, creating the unified nationwide network that allows for wireless service nearly anywhere where competitive service is available.

Verizon Wireless

Combining old technology with new, Verizon Wireless is programming the phones to work solely on the digital networks. Verizon uses many towers to decrease the odds that the roaming rate will apply, but because the company offers one flat rate, the additional roaming cost is already included into the plan.

Verizon works on a domestic calling program, offering separate plans that allow the owner to choose the best deal for their lifestyle. The three main options are the Local Digital Choice plan, which covers the South Bend and northern Indiana area; the Regional Single Rate plan, which includes all of the Midwest, and the National Single Rate, which incorporates all of the country.

The Local Digital Choice plan is designed for customers who plan to call close to home, while the Regional Single Rate is geared toward those who are within driving distance of the home area where the phone is purchased. The National Single Rate works best if the customer plans to talk to people around the country or if they desire domestic roaming in their plan.

Each plan correlates with the domestic area that is chosen. Once outside of the domestic area, the owner must pay the domestic roaming fee of $.65 per minute. The Verizon Wireless Free Up Network rates are also offered, which include areas that are selected to charge only the Free Up rates. This plan enables the buyer to prepay for their time and to buy the plan up front.

To activate a Verizon Wireless phone there is a $30 activation fee for a one-year agreement, or no activation fee for a two year agreement. There is, however, a $175 early termination fee that applies to both deals.

Sprint PCS

Sprint PCS offers two plans that accommodate either a local caller or a nationwide caller. Long distance is included in the Real Nationwide Long Distance plan for no additional charge. In the local plan, the overall price is cheaper but the long distance costs an added $0.20 per minute.

Because Sprint PCS works through its own networks, the roaming rate only applies when a Sprint tower cannot be found and Sprint must pay for the use of a different company’s tower. Sprint PCS’s roaming rate of $3.39 per minute applies when calls are made off the network.

Sprint PCS also offers a great deal of night and weekend minutes to accommodate for calls that are not
made during the quieter hours. Sprint has to pay for the towers’ power at all times, and since they are used less when it is not prime business hours, the additional minutes are included to increase interest in the nights and weekends. Notre Dame’s Sprint PCS network site is always close to capacity during the weekend hours.

Although the Sprint PCS pricing plans appear to be more appealing to the average bargain-minded college student, the South Bend service area must also be considered. Because Sprint does not own the older towers that Verizon has, local reception is not as good indoors and in more remote locations.

Putting the sales pitch to the test

The Verizon Kyocera 2135 cell phone works not only in dorm rooms such as Howard Hall, but also in DeBartolo Hall and in the basement of the Huddle. Reception is clear from the Joyce Center, Carroll Hall, South Dining Hall and the library. Essentially, the Verizon cell phone works everywhere on campus with little difficulty or disturbance in the conversation.

Although the Sprint SPH-N200 phone creates a clearer conversation when it is in use outside of any buildings, it would not work from any indoor locations on campus. The Sprint PCS phone can work from a dorm room when its antenna is out the window, but the service is unpredictable and often goes out before the end of a conversation.

Looking to the future

According to Orcutt, Sprint is working to build a tower just north of Notre Dame that would enable better reception in buildings on campus.

"It takes time and money to do anything, and northern Indiana has only been on air for a year, so with time this system will be unbelievable," Orcutt said.

Although Sprint does not appear to be the more beneficial service in the South Bend area, the company is looking toward the future.

"Sprint is building new networks with new technology," said salesman John Kadletz. "It is the only wireless company that has one network with one technology across the nation.

Verizon is trying aggressively to make the transition to all digital service, but it is a timely process that will eventually lead them to greater capacity and higher frequencies."

Until then, however, Sprint PCS is the only all-digital company. In an effort to accommodate even more customers than their current 230 million, the company plans to grow and develop a broader spectrum of service.

Sprint’s coverage area may not currently be as extensive as Verizon’s, but both are working towards a more futuristic network that can appease all customers inexpensively.

Accessoryize, accessorize

Both phone companies have their own perks that entice the customer to choose their plans over another. Sprint and Verizon both offer voice mail, caller ID and the wireless web connection that enables e-mail systems and Internet connections.

Verizon is also the first company to promote safer driving with cell phones by including ear pieces that enable the driver to talk on their cell phone hands-free. In light of recent laws that have been passed in select states prohibiting the use of handhelds while driving, Verizon offers a practical and easy solution.

Making a smart decision

Sprint and Verizon both offer accessories that can enhance the cell phone, and both have features that are appealing to the average college student.

Though Verizon Wireless and Sprint PCS each have their own positives and negative points, the decision to choose a cell phone comes down to the individual. Verizon Wireless does provide a better connection from the Notre Dame campus, but Sprint PCS is continuing to grow in network in an effort to reduce roaming rates.

At the moment, the Verizon service appears to best accommodate the needs of a Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s student, but if quality and service are desired for a long term plan, Sprint PCS seems to be the best route to take.

The bottom line in this “digital decision” is that consumers have to do their homework before buying a cell phone.

"You need to know where you are when you call, where you are calling and what time you hope to use your phone," said Kadletz. "If you research these three aspects before buying a cell phone, you should be able to find the network that works best for you and only you."

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The Sprint SPH-N200 phone is one of several models offered by the company for use on its digital network, which provides service to over 230 million customers across the country.
BOXING

Tyrone gets physical a little early

• Heavyweight throws punches at Lewis during press conference to announce fight

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Mike Tyson couldn't wait.

Tyrone and Lennox Lewis threw punches in a melee that abruptly halted a news conference Tuesday in announcing their heavyweight title fight in April. Tyrone threw a left hook at Lewis, who then turned and punched Tyrone in the head.

"I was hit in the head," said Lewis, who was knocked down.

The two fighters then rolled on the stage, which suddenly was filled with jumping, falling bodies and flying fists.

After things quieted down, Tyrone walked to the front of the stage, and thrust his arms in the air in triumph, then grabbed his crotch.

"Someone shoted. "Put him in a straitek,"" Tyrone then gestured at the man and cursed him.

When it was over, WBC President Jose Sulaivin was holding his jaw and neck. "I blacked out for a few moments," he said.

Tyrone later issued a statement explaining what happened.

"My motivation for approaching Lennox was to stage a face off, which I was told both camps had agreed to."—Mike Tyson

"It didn't cause to believe a crime occurred," said police commander Phil Carlson, of the sex crimes unit.

"We're not the attorneys. It's their decision whether to prosecute."

--Associated Press

MLB

Tigers sign Weaver

Associated Press

DETROIT

Optimistic about the Detroit Tigers, Double-A Fort Worth pitcher Jeff Weaver agreed Tuesday to a $2.2 million, four-year contract.

Weaver, 13-16 with a 4.08 ERA last season, gets $2.4 million this year, $4.1 million in 2003, $6.25 million in 2004 and $9.25 million in 2005. He had agreed to Friday to a $2.35 million, one-year deal.

"In my mind, Jeff is one of the best young pitchers in the game," Tigers general manager Randy Smith said.

"He's a guy that's gotten better every single year and I think will continue to improve as we go forward."

Contract negotiations began around Christmas and the long-term package was finalized after Weaver returned from a positive experience at the team's minicamp last week at Lakeland, Fla.

"We'll talk to our depth players in there along with the pitchers, which I think was a lot better than just having the pitchers down there," Weaver said. "We were able to move to new depths and go out and have some fun with each other and start this season on the right foot."

Weaver publicly clashed with his teammates and manager Phill Garner several times last year, often chastising the team for a lack of run support. He said if the mini-camp was any indication, the team will be happier this season.

"It's just the fact that some of those players that might have been dragging us down are gone," Weaver said.

Detroit allowed the Boston Red Sox to sign free agent first baseman Tony Clark of waivers and let go shortstop Derek Jeter and outfielder Roger Cedeno.

Outfielder Juan Encarnacion was traded to the Cincinnati Reds for first baseman Benoit Young.

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Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis took a head start on a heavyweight fight. Tyson began the fight at a press conference held on Tuesday to announce the April fight.

"My motivation for approaching Lennox was to stage a face off, which I was told both camps had agreed to."

"It was 1 2 months before Lewis knocked out Rahman in a rematch to regain the heavyweight title."

In Las Vegas, meanwhile, police investigators found evidence they contain backs up a woman's claim she was raped by Tyson, although charges have not been filed against the former heavyweight champion.

"We think there's probably cause to believe a crime occurred," said police Lt. Jeff Carlson, commander of the sex crimes unit.

"We're not the attorneys. It's their decision whether to prosecute."

Results of the four-month investigation were given Tuesday to the office of Clark County District Attorney Stewart Bell.

Chernorma Gord, a spokesman for Bell, said prosecutors need more time to review the information before making a decision on whether to file sexual assault charges against Tyson, who served three years in an Indiana prison for a 1992 rape conviction.

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Agent: Gruden will not renew contract

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. Coach Jon Gruden will not sign a new contract with the Oakland Raiders and plans to leave the team after next season, at the latest, his agent told several San Francisco Bay area newspapers.

Gruden won't coach the team after his five-year contract expires at the end of the 2002 season, agent Bob LaMonte said Monday.

Gruden, a top candidate for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' job, is in the lower half of the NFL coaching pay scale, with an annual salary of $1.2 million. His parents live in Tampa.

"This isn't about leverage," LaMonte said. "There's a zero percent chance of Jon Gruden coaching the Raiders in 2003."

Earlier Monday during a season-ending news conference, Gruden refused to discuss his future in detail.

"There's been a lot of speculation since I've been here," Gruden said, two days after an overtime playoff loss to New England. "I only deal with facts. I signed a five-year contract and I have one-year left."

Quarterback Rich Gannon credited Gruden and his staff with returning the Raiders to prominence. Oakland was 4-12 in 1997, the year before Gruden took over. Gruden has a 38-26 record in four years with the Raiders.

"I think he's the best coach in football right now," Gannon said. "If I didn't believe that, I wouldn't come back." One of Gruden's major attributes has been the ability to get his team focused despite off-field distractions, which included speculation he was ready to leave during the season for Notre Dame.

"Since Jon has gotten here, he's instilled a never-quit attitude," linebacker Greg Biekert said. "You've got to give the coaches a lot of credit for getting guys prepared."

Gruden was still adamant about the play, or replay, which helped hasten the end of the Raiders' season.

Biekert recovered New England Patriots' quarterback Tom Brady's apparent fumble with 27 seconds left in the game on Adam Vinatieri's 45-yard field goal attempt. The Patriots would win 20-17.

"I only deal with facts," Gruden said Monday. "I signed a five-year contract and I have one year left. The most important thing for me is to make sure this football team is going in the right direction."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Court: Twins must call Metrodome home

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn.
The Minnesota Court of Appeals upheld an injunction requiring the Twins to play the 2002 season in the Metrodome.

The unanimous decision Tuesday makes it even more unlikely major league baseball will follow through on its plan to eliminate two teams before this season. The Twins and Montreal Expos are the likely targets, although no decision has been made, and commissioner Bud Selig said last week he still intended to push ahead with contraction for this season.

"While we disappointed with the decision of the appeals court, we are not surprised," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief legal officer. "We will seek a final determination in the Minnesota Supreme Court as soon as possible."

A three-judge panel affirmed a November decision by a Hennepin County judge, saying he did not abuse his discretion in holding the Twins cannot simply buy out the final year of their lease but must field a team for the season's 81 scheduled home games.

"Since it appears from the record that money could not compensate the commission for the intangible losses that would result if the Twins breached their promise to play, the district court did not abuse its discretion in considering harm to the public when deciding whether to grant temporary injunctive relief," Chief Judge Edward Toussaint Jr. said in his opinion.

The court didn't rule on the merits of the case but said five times in the 27-page opinion that the lower court "did not abuse its discretion."

"Of course we're disappointed," said Roger Magnuson, a lawyer for the Twins and Selig. "We think there were fundamental errors in the injunction."

The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, which obtained the injunction as the Twins' landlord, planned a news conference later Tuesday.

Senate Majority Leader Roger Moe said the ruling allows time for the Legislature, which convenes in a week, to examine proposals to fund a new ballpark, which would ensure the Twins' long-term survival.

Twins outfielder Torii Hunter took the ruling as another sign that the Twins would play this year.

"It's getting close," he said. "All you can do is get ready, and prepare like you're going to have a season. Or it's just going to come back and bite you."

Spring training opens in mid-February and the Minnesota Supreme Court would have to move with extraordinary speed to rule before then.

The high court typically takes five to seven months to decide cases after hearing arguments, though it has moved more quickly in some cases where time was an issue. At least three of the court's seven members must agree that an appeal is merited.

Toussaint and Judges Robert Schumacher and Roger Klaphake upheld the decision by District Judge Harry Seymour Crump, who ruled the team's lease, which expires after this season, requires the Twins to field a team for the season's 81 scheduled home games.

Baseball's lawyers have argued that the injunction went against past lease disputes in Minnesota and was based more on emotion than law.

The court declined to consider several of the issues raised by baseball and the Twins in their appeal because they weren't presented to the district court.

The judges also cited congressional testimony by Selig in 1992 and 1993, quoting him as telling a Senate subcommittee that leagues "should vigilantly enforce strong policies prohibiting clubs from abandoning communities which have supported them."

In addition to the legal moves in Minnesota, the players' association filed a grievance claiming the Nov. 6 vote by owners to eliminate teams violated the rules of its labor contract, which expired the following day and remains in force.

After the appeals court ruled, union head Donald Fehr said "hopefully, things will get resolved." Asked if baseball should drop its attempt to eliminate teams this year, Fehr said: "I'll leave that response for baseball and its lawyers after they've studied the opinion."

Crump issued the temporary injunction on Nov. 16, ruling that the state and fans would suffer irreparable harm if the Twins do not play this season.

On Nov. 30, the Minnesota Supreme Court refused to take a direct appeal, but ordered the Court of Appeals to hear the case on an expedited basis to leave time for a possible appeal to the high court.
Co-host of NFL games Pat Summerall and the late John Madden will not work together in 2002. Summerall announced Tuesday that he will leave his position with Fox Sports. He's been associated with the NFL for 50 years as a player, announcer, and executive. Madden's color analysis have complemented each other since they were paired at CBS in 1981. They moved together to Fox in 1994 after that network bought NFL rights.

"I'll miss standing next to John during the course of a broadcast and watching his antics and enjoying his commentary and trying to react to his commentary," Summerall said. "That I can never replace." Pat Summerall called those sports when he was at CBS, he is best known as half of the longest-paired NFL TV duo ever. Summerall's play-by-play and Madden's color analysis have complemented each other since they were paired at CBS in 1981. They moved together to Fox in 1994 after that network bought NFL rights. Their Feb. 3 swan song will be Summerall's 17th Super Bowl broadcast.

"I'll miss standing next to John during the course of a broadcast and watching his antics and enjoying his commentary and trying to react to his commentary," Summerall said. "That I can never replace." Joe Buck, who is Fox's lead play-by-play announcer for baseball and has called NFL games for the network, could be a replacement as Madden's partner.

"No decisions have been made about who will work with John next year," Fox spokesman Lou D'Ermilio said. Summerall, whose Fox contract expires at the end of this season, said he decided two weeks ago to move on. He wanted to make the announcement now so as not to be a distraction during the buildup to the NFL's championship game. He said he might be interested in staying at Fox in a different spot. "Fox has said they would like to talk to us after the Super Bowl about other possibilities of him staying on," said his agent, Sandy Monag. "Sometime in February or March, we said, we'll talk about it." Summerall's TV career started in 1960. "Pat Summerall is not only a Hall of Fame broadcaster, but one of the classiest men to ever work in the business," Fox Sports president Ed Goren said. "He's 50 years as a player and broadcaster is a record that will never be broken. Quite simply, for generations of fans, Pat Summerall was the voice of the NFL." Summerall said in a statement: "My relationship with Pat has been more than just a broadcast partnership and my respect for him goes beyond football. There are some things in your life that can never be replaced."
Seles snaps Williams' win streak

MELBOURNE, Australia—Venus Williams, supreme at Wimbledon and at Flushing Meadows, stumbled at the Australian Open.

Monica Seles snapped Williams' 24-match winning streak and her bid for a third consecutive Grand Slam title with a 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-3 quarterfinal upset Tuesday and moved into the Australian Open semifinals against Martina Hingis.

Seles lost her previous six matches against Williams, who has won the last two U.S. Opens and the previous two Wimbledon titles.

The second-seeded Williams injured her hamstring in the first set and limped for the rest of the match. She'd gone into the quarterfinal with an injured left knee.

Williams reached the semifinals at Melbourne Park last year, when she had the worst loss of her pro career in a 6-1, 6-1 defeat to Hingis. In her previous trips to Melbourne Park, she'd never gone beyond the quarterfinals.

Seles, seeded eighth, has won four Australian Opens, but the last one was six years ago. Hingis is a three-time Australian Open champion, but has not won since 1999, her last title in a major tournament.

Williams won the first set in a tiebreaker despite her injury. "I had pain in the hamstring area — I wasn't quite sure what was going on," Williams said. "It hasn't been the best tournament for me health-wise.

Seles won the first eight points and led 2-0 before Williams broke back and held to put the first set back on serve.

Williams injured her hamstring chasing a wide Seles' forehand on the last point of the eighth game and needed a medical timeout and treatment inside the player's tunnel to have the top of her right thigh strapped.

Seles dominated the second set, with her two-fisted forehand and backhand groundstrokes regularly producing winners, and she evened the match at a set apiece in 33 minutes as Williams' error rate increased.

In the third set, Seles broke to lead 3-2 when Williams' wild backhand went long. At 4-3, Seles gave her younger rival three break points but saved them all for a 5-3 lead, finishing with a backhand winner down the line.

"It was such a tough match, really weird circumstances for both of us," said Seles, who complained of a sore throat and fever going into the match.

"We were both fighting a lot of problems with ourselves.

"Venus is such a great champion, I just got lucky there on a couple of points at the end."

The only other time they'd gone head-to-head outside of the United States was at the Sydney Olympics in 2000, when Williams got a three-set win in a semifinal en route to a gold medal.

Williams finished with 49 unforced errors and 10 double faults, almost twice those of Seles, who had 25 unforced errors and five double faults.

More than anything (Seles) had the gameplan today," Williams said. "Who knows, maybe she'll take the whole Slam home — that would be an exciting story. She deserves it."

Hingis said she'd get some medical advice before deciding where to play next. Although she's now targeting the French Open "to end my nightmare there."

"She's never gone beyond the quarterfinals at Roland Garros. Hingis has reached the final at Melbourne Park every year since 1997, when she picked up the first of her three consecutive titles. She was runner-up to Lindsay Davenport in 2001 and again to Jennifer Capriati last year.

"Martina is a very tough player, she's playing some of her best tennis. It's going to be a tough battle, we always play tough ones," Seles said.

In her 6-2, 6-3 win Tuesday over Adriana Serra Zanetti, Hingis looked composed and confident even though it was her hardest match so far. She only conceded nine games in her previous four matches.

Serena Williams, the 1999 U.S. Open winner, withdrew before her first-round match here due to an ankle injury she picked up the previous week in Sydney. Serena and Hingis had been drawn to meet in a quarterfinal rematch.

"I had to face Serena in the quarterfinals here at this point last year, but it's kind of nice having someone you don't know that well," Hingis said of Serra Zanetti. "It's nice to get through it easier than last year."

Hingis, who has held the No. 1 ranking for a record 73 consecutive weeks, reached the semifinals opposite Seles, who picked up the previous week in Sydney. Seles reached the semifinals opposite Williams and Hingis.

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"I think I've reached some stage that I haven't been before," Hingis said.

Seles won the first eight points and led 2-0 before Williams broke back and held to put the first set back on serve.

Williams injured her hamstring chasing a wide Seles' forehand on the last point of the eighth game and needed a medical timeout and treatment inside the player's tunnel to have the top of her right thigh strapped.

Seles dominated the second set, with her two-fisted forehand and backhand groundstrokes regularly producing winners, and she evened the match at a set apiece in 33 minutes as Williams' error rate increased.

In the third set, Seles broke to lead 3-2 when Williams' wild backhand went long. At 4-3, Seles gave her younger rival three break points but saved them all for a 5-3 lead, finishing with a backhand winner down the line.

"It was such a tough match, really weird circumstances for both of us."
Belles

Anne Blair, co-captain, agrees. "If people are getting a lot of playing time, they've adjusted up and they're certainly thinking upset. We do have depth and everyone on our bench can play, so there's going to be pain. We have to play together and we just need to take it to the basket."

Saint Mary's has also been adjusting to the loss of four players — three to injury and one who left the team. Despite this setback, Blair believes the Belles have responded in a positive way.

"It's not like we can replace them but everyone has stepped up and people have filled their roles," Blair said.

Smith agreed and added that the team is closer than before. "We're a much closer group without as many people and fresh new faces have filled their roles," Smith said.

Smith also said the Belles must rebound to shut down the Horset's strong offense. "We've got to rebound offensively and defensively and we've got to work hard," Smith said. "We just have to play together and attacking their defense and we just need to take it to the basket."

Saint Mary's has been suffering from foul trouble which has been a big problem.

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Guard Katie Miller makes a break during a recent win against Olivet. The Belles will face the Hornets today.

Bettis is ready to return

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

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will deliver as the season pro-
gresses.

"I've been around Matt and
Dave for three years now, and
they're the best shooters I've
seen," said senior Ryan
Humphrey. "There's times in
practice when they hit five, six in
a row. I have confidence in them,
and when they start knocking
down shots, then it'll be exciting
to see us play."

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Harold Swanagan, who re-

ND SOCCER

Teams earn
academic honors

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame
men's and women's soccer
teams each were recognized by
the National Soccer Coaches
Association of America with the
NSCAA/adidas College Team
Academic Award for exceptional
performance as a team during
the 2000-01 academic year.
Notre Dame was one of 36
institutions whose men's and
women's teams earned that
distinction. The men's soccer team
earns the award for the third
consecutive year as the Irish had
12 players earn Dean's List
distinction during both the
2000-01 spring and fall semesters after a
compiling cumulative 3.265 in
the 2000 fall semester and 3.192
in the spring of 2001.

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recognized with the award for
the first time in the history of its
program. Twelve players earned
Dean's List distinction in the fall
as the team compiled a
3.205 cumulative grade point average
during that semester.

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**IRISH SHOOTING WOES CONTINUE TO CAUSE PROBLEMS**

By ANDREW SOUKUP

When a shooter's mind wanders, his shot often wanders with it. And based on Notre Dame's recent shooting, it appears their minds have been wandering quite a bit.

"When you start missing, your confidence changes," guard Matt Carroll said. "You have to start worrying about going out there and making them rather than just going out there and shooting with a clear head."

Notre Dame's success is directly tied to their 3-point shooting. In their 12 wins, the Irish have shot over 44 percent from behind the arc. But in their six losses, the Irish hit just 27 percent over 44 percent over 44 percent.

"A pretty jump shot, those shots are over in league play," Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey said. "Shooting a jump shot and looking at your form, that's not going to happen. Not in this league."

Life on the court has been particularly rough for Irish point guard Chris Thomas recently. Before Big East play started, a red-hot Graves regained his confidence.

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Matt Carroll

Nevertheless, the Irish are confident to make a change in the starting lineup to shake things up. Last weekend, a struggling Irish team lost their fifth game of the season against Kentucky. Brey moved Harold Swanagan to the starting lineup and Carroll broke out of his slump.

"We may still move the lineup around again," Brey said last week without mentioning any specific plans.

Women's Basketball vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Michigan, Saturday, Noon

SMC Basketball

Belles face tough conference test

By JOE HETTIER

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Recruit says no to Irish

**WIDE RECEIVER**

HANNUM CHOOSES PENN STATE

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. Wide receiver Josh Hannum has changed his mind about attending Notre Dame next season, choosing instead to attend Penn State.

Hannum, who is from Wannsee, Pa., is the second high school player who committed to attend Notre Dame while Bob Davie was coach to change his mind since Tyrone Willingham was hired Dec. 31 to replace him.

Linebacker Jeremy Van Alstyne from Green Bay, Ind., did the same thing earlier, verbally committing to Michigan. But while Van Alstyne reportedly was upset about not receiving a phone call from Willingham right away, Hannum told the South Bend Tribune that his decision had nothing to do with Willingham's hiring. He just decided he wanted to play closer to home.

"During that layover time (between the coaching searches), I had to look around," he said. "It came down to a matter of feeling comfortable. I think you thrive in a place you're comfortable at. I feel comfortable at Penn State."

Notre Dame now has 12 verbal commitments. National signing day is Feb. 6.

FOOTBALL

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Untangling the mysteries of ND student government

By JASON McFARLEY

At Notre Dame, student government positions are as diverse as the constituencies and interests that student leaders here represent.

For undergraduates, government is centered in the Student Union. It includes several basic arms:

Office of the President
At the head of campus government are the student body president and vice president. Elected every February by the majority vote of the undergraduate student body, they take office April 1.

"We work to bring everything together," senior Brooke Norton, the 2001-2002 president, said in an interview last semester with The Observer. "We have many focuses, but our role is to represent student opinion."

In the same interview, vice president Brian Moscona, a junior, said, "We're basically working to serve students, being their voice."

The Office of the President staff includes elected students Norton and Moscona and their appointees to the Chief of Staff position and to other posts in divisions just as academic, diversity and service.

Student Senate
This body includes one elected student from each undergraduate residence hall as well as one senator who represents off-campus students. Senators are elected during the spring semester and take office in April.

The group meets weekly, and members must sit on at least two of the senate's standing committees that target such issues as residence life, gender concerns and University affairs.

The policy-oriented senate considers resolutions, which, if approved, are forwarded directly to administrators or the Campus Life Council.

"The senate can reach every student on campus," said Moscona, who chairs the body. "Ideally, students will take their concerns to their individual senator."

Campus Life Council
The council's membership reflects all sides of Notre Dame residence life and includes administrator, faculty, rector and student representatives.

The CLC's members are elected to the body from other groups, such as the Faculty and Student senates and the Hall Presidents and Club Coordination councils.

CLC members consider resolutions forwarded to them by other groups, generally the Student Senate. In the past, the CLC has been the only body with student membership to make policy recommendations directly to the Office of Student Affairs.

It's hard to say what areas we'll focus on in any year, because, by nature, we have to look at a lot of different campus issues," said CLC chair Norton.

Student Union Board
Think concerts, movies, and other forms of entertainment. SUB is responsible for organizing and bringing these events to campus.

Headed this year by Paul Krivickas, the programming board in the past has brought actors James Earl Jones and singer Ani DiFranco to the University's Stepan Center. Last spring former Indiana University head basketball coach Bob Knight spoke at Stepan.

Annual SUB events include the Collegiate Jazz Festival, Sophomore Literary Festival and Antostal, the weekend spring carnival.

Other student government
Notre Dame student government isn't neatly summed up as a collection of councils and boards. The Student Union includes other outlets.

Participation on class councils often is a springboard to higher executive posts. Traditionally, student body presidents and vice presidents held class offices before heading the Student Union.

Each fall, 27 first-year students are elected to their class council through their residence halls. The freshmen representatives then elect from among themselves the council's four executive officers — a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

In the spring semester, rising sophomores, juniors and seniors are elected on a four-person class council ticket. The officers then appoint other students from their class to committee membership positions on the council.

Individual dorms, too, are hubs for leadership positions. Residence halls essentially are the basic units for campus government.

There are many dorm commissioner jobs available to students as well as hall presidents posts. Hall presidents also serve on the campus-wide Hall Presidents Council.

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On the outside, looking back

Not surprisingly, under our very own Dome, students seem to be polarized along the sides of either student government fanatics or get-careless. After all, how many class dinners can a person take?

Furthermore, with all the Notre Dame T-shirts, aren’t our student-sized wardrobes full? Although we have obviously been pondering these questions, I will get to the point.

The truth is that student government does have a significance.

It is not to say this as a former issuing current officer to student government. My little government stint lasted for three semesters, and I ended as a freshman council officer and am ending as a sophomore council committee member. By my sophomore year, I had begun the transition into an outsider role by being a member of the Campus Life Council (CLC) for The Observer.

My experience had been that student government—whether it is in CLC or office of the president—has had the goal of enhancing the experience of Notre Dame, Notre Dame. The class councils in which I participated were sustained by our underclassmen enthusiasts, but especially as a freshman, I was too swept up in the excitement to realize that student government had enemies. As an outsider, I occasionally see the hostility while also seeing that student government members continue to plan and provide exciting activities for the improvement of student life despite the criticism.

Unfortunately, however, there remain students who are often hindered by the facade of the idea of the unappreciative effort of the effect.

Perhaps the greatest benefit of any representative government is that the people’s voices can be heard. The Notre Dame student government has taken strides to hear the voices of the students: it represents the student body through open policy-making accessibility. Naturally, at Notre Dame there are different attitudes about student government ranging from pessimistic to optimistic, but too often we hear an abundance of opinions and not enough suggestions until it’s too late.

Now, all of a sudden somebody wants cable in the dorms or the instant coffee and microwave ovens.

I encourage more dialogue between student government and the students. Constructive criticism is a great way to get students involved.

The only way people can legitimately complain or offer suggestions for improvement is by voting. Thus, we have a hard job to do, but many students feel they have a hard job to do. They may not understand the work that goes into making policy, but they can appreciate the work that goes into making a positive effect.

Many students, in fact, agree that the student government is more of a formality than a power. Other suggestions were a bit more creative.

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Eric Carpenter
Senior

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By Elizabeth Lee
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Make promises you can keep

As students trickle out of dorms at 12:55 a.m. on Thursday nights after watching the latest HBO movie premiere with their friends and return to their dorms as partisans expire, they have nothing but contented smiles on their faces as they contemplate the up-and-coming hip-hop and rap artists conference as well as the all-school formal.

On Fridays, students can be overheard chatting among the lower prices at the bookstores, and dorm bowling alley at Alumni Senior Hall over their "Grab ‘n Go" lunches. They've picked up in DeBartolo Hall with the students on service-based scholarships and the Terris program, which brings students from war-torn countries to get their education at Notre Dame. Of course, this scenario is more like a dream than an average day on campus, but that's not what student government hopefuls would have the student body believe.

Each year the student population is subjected to ridiculous platform agendas from the candidates for student body president and vice president. While some platforms are better researched and more feasible than others, the story is the same year after year: little if any of the promises made in the campaign come to fruition. In fact, most of them never even have the remotest possibility of being fulfilled.

While it is important for student government to be ambitious and set high standards for itself, it should also be cognizant of its limitations. And though a noble effort may be made to achieve their goals, candidates for student body president and vice president seem to be in a contest to promise more and deliver less. With campaigns running on 40-point font on their posters they should have more than just a good idea to set those plans.

The student body deserves candidates that will work hard for them, represent them and have realistic expectations of being able to deliver more than recycled pipe dreams.

NOTRE DAME STUDENTS

Do you think student government is effective?

Can you name your hall’s student senator?

Do you think student government represents your concerns?

Can you name your student body president?

*Results based on random telephone survey of 100 Notre Dame students
By ERIN LAUFFA
Associate News Editor

Whether it is 2 o’clock in the afternoon or 2 o’clock in the morning, one can probably find student body president Brooke Norton working hard to fulfill her responsibilities at the Notre Dame student body.

Most likely, Norton will not be working alone, but instead will be joined by the Student Union. President Brian Moscona and chief of staff Jonathan Jorissen. Despite their long hours, each of them believes the service they provide to fellow students is “definitely worth it,” as Jorissen put it.

“The service itself is a reward,” agreed Moscona.

Norton and Moscona have both been in the office since August and the two have already accomplished quite a bit this semester. Their attempts to meet the goals of this semester involved knowing how to work hard to unify the student body and the Student Union.

Norton said she believes they have had a great deal of success in accomplishing this goal.

In particular, Norton and Moscona produced an office’s diversity division, which collaborated with the Student Union Board (SUB) to plan a multicultural fair in November.

“I think that division represents what this office wants to represent,” Moscona said. “The office has worked hard to unify the student body and the Student Union.”

Norton added that her office wanted students of all races to participate in the event, and she also believes the fair accomplished this. This semester, the diversity division is planning a Diversity Symposium for sometime in March.

In addition to Norton and Moscona’s goals was to improve communication between the president and government and the student body. Their attempts to meet this goal have had mixed results.

The office has held town hall meetings this semester, but the office is planning to use better market techniques, according to Moscona. In addition, Norton wants the meetings to have a revamped format that involves University administrators.

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As student leaders, Norton, Moscona and Jorissen have the challenging role of working with administrators while still being students themselves.

“I can’t speak for the administration,” said Norton. “I can tell students what they told me, but I’m not the one that made the policy, so I can’t guarantee anything.”

Another communications challenge Norton said her office faced last semester involved knowing how to properly respond to the events of Sept. 11.

In the end, the office of the president was involved in several initiatives in response to the terrorist attacks. Norton’s office teamed up with other campus entities, including Campus Ministry, the Student Activities Office and other branches of student government.

The office helped coordinate a candlelight vigil to remember the victims of the attacks. Norton, Moscona and Jorissen also played an influential role in organizing the collection of approximately 52,000 dollars for families of New York City firefighters, paramedics and police officers killed during their rescue efforts at the World Trade Center.

The money was collected primarily during the Michigan State football game, as well as at campus masses and the candlelight vigil.

“There really showed a lot about the student body,” said Norton.

The final part of the office’s response was to hold a blood drive in November. Fifty students, the full number that could be accommodated, donated blood.

In December, the office of the president also worked with the South Bend community to raise money to replace a New York City hospital’s ambulance, which was destroyed when the World Trade Center buildings collapsed.

Norton also played an influential role in having a pre-sale of U2 tickets to students, according to Moscona.

“Brooke lobbied for the students,” Norton said. “Without Brooke, the students would not have gotten the presale,” he said.

While many office of the president initiatives vary based on the administration’s own goals and unexpected events such as Sept. 11, the office also has certain responsibilities that remain the same every year. One of the most important of these responsibilities are three reports every year to Notre Dame’s Board of Trustees.

At the board’s fall meeting, the office

Student body president Brooke Norton meets with members of her staff to plan upcoming student government projects.

Opening the Maximum Resource Center, or the Maxx, last semester was part of their communications plan. Because the Student Union headquarters on the second floor of LaFortune and Norton and Moscona said they wanted another office that would allow them to be closer to where students are.

Located on the first floor of LaFortune, the Maxx is intended to give the office of the president and other student groups a place to hold office hours. However, some details need to be addressed before the Maxx will be working properly, according to Norton.

As another part of their communications plan, the office of the president also began holding town hall meetings this semester. Each meeting had a specific topic, such as football tailgate ticket distribution or tailgating.

“They have been effective. Some have not been,” Jorissen said, adding that attendance at some meetings has been better than others.

The office plans to continue holding town hall meetings this semester, but the office is planning to use better market techniques, according to Moscona. In addition, Norton wants the meetings to have a revamped format that involves University administrators.

“We want to enhance the communication between students and the administration because there has been friction there,” said Norton, referring to several incidents last semester involving the University’s alcohol policy.

“I think there needs to be an open discussion about drink and a student’s place on campus.”

Some students are sometimes upset at the University’s administration, Moscona said, and part of that problem results from the fact that students do not always know the reasoning behind administrative decisions. Moscona believes student leaders must help to bridge that gap.

“Because many students don’t have contact with administrators, we’re their intermediaries,” he explained.

As student leaders, Norton, Moscona and Jorissen have the challenging role of working with administrators while still being students themselves.

“I can’t speak for the administration,” said Norton. “I can tell students what they told me, but I’m not the one that made the policy, so I can’t guarantee anything.”

Another communications challenge Norton said her office faced last semester involved knowing how to properly respond to the events of Sept. 11.

In the end, the office of the president was involved in several initiatives in response to the terrorist attacks. Norton’s office teamed up with other campus entities, including Campus Ministry, the Student Activities Office and other branches of student government.

The office helped coordinate a candlelight vigil to remember the victims of the attacks. Norton, Moscona and Jorissen also played an influential role in organizing the collection of approximately $52,000 for families of New York City firefighters, paramedics and police officers killed during their rescue efforts at the World Trade Center.

The money was collected primarily during the Michigan State football game, as well as at campus masses and the candlelight vigil.

“That really showed a lot about the student body,” said Norton.

The final part of the office’s response was to hold a blood drive in November. Fifty students, the full number that could be accommodated, donated blood.

In December, the office of the president also worked with the South Bend community to raise money to replace a New York City hospital’s ambulance, which was destroyed when the World Trade Center buildings collapsed.

Norton also played an influential role in having a pre-sale of U2 tickets to students, according to Moscona.

“Brooke lobbied for the students,” Norton said. “Without Brooke, the students would not have gotten the presale,” he said.

While many office of the president initiatives vary based on the administration’s own goals and unexpected events such as Sept. 11, the office also has certain responsibilities that remain the same every year. One of the most important of those responsibilities are three reports every year to Notre Dame’s Board of Trustees.

At the board’s fall meeting, the office

Cheers

Concern for the student body: In everything their administration has undertaken, Norton, Moscona and Moscona have shown their dedication in the Notre Dame student body.

Consistently striving to reach out to as many students as possible, they have proven themselves to be committed campus leaders who see their positions as an opportunity to serve the University they obviously love.

Response to 9/11: Combating prayer and charity, the office of the president led the way in helping students deal with the tragedy of Sept. 11. And despite all their hard work, they still managed to deflect praise and give the credit to the rest of the student body.

U2 ticket pre-sale: Without Norton’s persistence, students would never have had the chance to buy U2 concert tickets before the general public. Her polite response to criticism concerning ticket distribution — a process Norton’s office had no control over — illustrated her maturity as a student leader.

Polite Apology

Greatness Grants: The concept of funding student-initiated service reflects important values of Notre Dame’s mission, but the idea for these grants came from Norton’s predecessor, Brian O’Donoghue. It remains to be seen how the program will work once it’s put in action, and whether student government can raise more than the current $2,000 it has for the grants.

Founders’ Day: The special food in the DI was nice, but the events were not as ambitious as last year’s carnival. Norton and Moscona wisely dropped their proposal for an unfeasible all-school formal on the second floor of the Student Union.

Cheers and Jeers

Jeers

Town hall meetings: They may sound like a nice idea on paper, but where are the students? Attendance at the meetings has been weak, and most of who have bothered to show up were already involved in student government. It is doubtful that Norton, Moscona and Jorissen learned anything from the meetings. If they truly want to hold similar forums this semester, they will have to significantly improve their publicity efforts.

Student government Web site: Despite Norton and Moscona’s promise to update this site, it is still incomplete. The contact information still dates back two administrations, listing Micah Murphy as student body president.
Senators work to improve quality of student life

Tackling topics ranging from curriculum review to possible parietals extensions to the amount of chicken served in the dining halls, members of Notre Dame's Student Senate have dealt with numerous issues that senators believe affect students on a daily basis.

"If we can improve the quality of life for students in any way, we feel like we're doing our job," said Brian Moscona, who as student body vice president chairs the senate.

To some senators, however, it might not seem as though the current senate, which began its term in April 2000, has been very productive. That assumption is incorrect, according to Moscona, because he said senators have been busy conducting background research and learning how to go about accomplishing their goals.

"The first semester is spent learning the process," Moscona said. "Right now, we definitely have the process nailed down. We know what issues we want to focus on.

This semester, senators will continue working on the issues they have identified, but the work will primarily occur within senate committees, not at the weekly meetings of the full senate, according to Carroll senator Jesse Flores.

"Most of the work is done outside the Wednesday meetings," he said.

Each senate committee focuses on a particular area of student life at Notre Dame. Although committee members are primarily senators, all students are welcome to join them, and there are currently 12 non-senators serving on committees, according to Moscona.

Academic committee

The senate's academic committee has dedicated most of its time to curriculum review. According to committee chair Pat Hallahan, the University has established a nine-person committee, led by Father John Jenkins and consisting of administrators and faculty members, to look into Notre Dame's curriculum and possible changes to it.

"There are a lot of changes that can happen," said Hallahan. "We've been trying to give students a voice in that." To get a sense of student opinion on the current state of curriculum in each college, Hallahan and his committee surveyed students in the dining halls. The surveys also collected student ideas on the direction changes to the curriculum should take. The committee also conducted focus groups to get in-depth information from students. At the end of fall semester, the senate sent a letter to Jenkins describing what the academic committee had learned from the student surveys.

"The academic committee put in a countless number of hours doing that research, and I think it will lead to the enhancement of academic life at Notre Dame," said Moscona. He explained that his committee will continue working with Jenkins and the curriculum review committee. The committee also plans to continue studying interaction between students and faculty, another topic the committee began addressing in the fall.

"Some people think it's lacking," Hallahan said, adding that his committee is looking into ways it can improve intellectual life at Notre Dame through increased interaction.

"Notre Dame is a top-notch university, but it might not have that edge that Harvard or Yale have," he said.

The committee will also try to get more student representation on the Academic Council, which currently has three students out of 30 members.

Diversity Committee

One of the diversity committee's goals for last semester was to network with other entities on campus that address similar issues, according to committee co-chair Elizabeth Lenn. The committee started by meeting with groups including the diversity division within the office of the student body president, as well as Multicultural Student Programs, multicultural studies and ROTC.

Part of the committee's work last semester also involved creating a resolution, which the full senate passed, requiring that the Celebrating Diversity Workshop be held twice a year, instead of just once. All senators are required to attend the workshop at least once.

"The workshop opens your eyes, and you become aware of a lot as a student leader," said diversity committee co-chair Nikki McCord. "We think diversity is very important, both for students and for the senate in particular.

This semester, the diversity committee is holding a workshop for dorm multicultural commissioners.

"A lot of times, the multicultural commissioner position you have can have on campus," said McCord. She explained that most dorm commissioner positions, such as dance commissioner, have specific goals. However, multicultural commissioners have a more difficult time determining what direction to take their position, she said.

To address that challenge, according to McCord, the workshop will make these commissioners aware of resources available on campus.

Gender Relations

Much like the diversity committee, members of the gender relations committee started by talking to several people who deal with gender issues on campus, according to committee chair Mary Mullen. The priorities that the committee developed out of those conversations have guided the committee's work throughout the school year.

At the end of last semester, the senate passed a resolution from the gender relations committee calling for more lighting in certain locations around campus, including along the paths around the lakes. The committee created the resolution after meeting with campus administrators to discuss the possibility of additional lights.

"I think that resolution and their work with Security will benefit students now and in the future," Moscona said.

Another committee project is to create a list of steps a person should take if he or she has been the victim of sexual assault. The committee plans to put the list in every dorm every term sometime this semester, said Mullen, who became committee chair in January when former chair Jeanette Valle left the senate to focus on other issues.

The committee is also working on the issue of parietals. Last semester, a resolution to extend parietals failed to pass the Campus Life Council (CLC). Several CLC members who voted against the resolution claimed that "ROTC students and athletes were not interested in extending parietals," Mullen said.

Prompted by that claim, senators on the gender relations committee are conducting a survey of student athletes and ROTC participants to gauge how both groups feel about extending parietals.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Council changes produce few tangible results

By JASON McFARLEY

Last year when a Campus Life Council meeting cut into dinner time, it meant one of two things: Either members had work to do, or they were likely, they were tied up in contentious debate and name-calling.

During the spring 2001 session alone, the group twice tabled discussion and adjourned its bi-weekly meetings after members' bickering over such issues as academic freedom and parking. In contrast, the council's self-imposed 90-minute time limit. At its height, the CLC's squabbling led student members to draft a letter to rectors, faculty and the administration. It was later on that at the end arguing them to end the infighting.

That — and some personnel changes — seemed to work. Feuding isn't on the group's agenda this year.

In fact, the campus leaders who comprise the body this year hardly look, or sound like their counterparts from the 2000-2001 council.

Since September, members' tone has been more cooperative, even amiable. Meetings have run efficiently; several sessions lasted between 20 and 30 minutes.

On the one hand, the changes speak to a recommitment of CLC that wants to take advantage of its unique powers.

The 15-member group can form task forces at its own discretion to examine various areas of campus life. Most resolutions passed by the Student Senate require a stamp of approval from the CLC before Student Affairs officials will even consider them. And whenever it wants, the council can draft its own resolutions and forward them to the vice president for student affairs, who is required to at least send back a formal response to the measure.

But CLC members this year are in high spirits or are getting out of meetings earlier, that's also a matter of what they're considering in the conference room.

At a late spring meeting this year, sometimes rendered the CLC ineffective last year, but the disputes always centered on significant campus issues. Consider: Debate in the CLC last spring about ending patrols at 9 a.m. increased hostility at the meeting table but resulted in a resolution approving the measure.

During the fall, a three-hour roll call of hours members of the opposite sex are barred from visiting each other in residence halls. University officials, in turn, signed off on the proposal and implemented the change.

Current members, however, have done little in the way of considering other groups' resolutions or drafting their own. Only the Student Senate has asked for the CLC's approval of a resolution, a measure in November that would allow students to miss three days of school to attend job or graduate school interviews. The council passed the resolution and sent it to the Academic Council, where it awaits consideration.

A single resolution doesn't represent the sum total of the CLC's work this year. It is more of than a resolution-making body with veto power over other organizations' policy initiatives.

When they weren't considering resolutions, members this year were focusing on task force work. Thoughtful discussion, at the beginning of the fall semester led the group to create task forces focusing on three areas of Notre Dame student life: alcohol use, off-campus living and social space.

Traditionally, CLC task forces have had short lives, lasting only until task force members arrived at conclusive findings or drafted a resolution. At present, the council has five task forces — the three formed in September and two formed this week that deal with community life and student-administration communication.

At this point, the task forces are essentially tools for collecting information and passing it along to University officials. Significant policy-changing resolutions aren't likely to come out of the task forces.

And that seems to pose a dilemma for the council. From one standpoint, the CLC's unique makeup affords it the advantage of bringing together representatives from each campus constituency to discuss student life issues.

From another, CLC members are in an enviable position in shape policy — and not just talk about it.

This year's council has taken both the task and produced relatively few tangible results.

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the office of the president on its winter Board of Trustees report, which focuses on freshman orientation. As a final project for this senate term, the gender relations committee is also planning a program for female Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students in March.

Oversight

The oversight committee is currently reviewing the student body. The report, involving primarily organizational changes, the committee is also considering the idea of a grad student representative on the council, a change that is under discussion.

That would allow the faculty to better communicate with the grad student body. The renovation of the Student Center will also be reviewed.

The committee is also concerned about the lack of a student representative on the council. The new resolutions and the work of the council will be reviewed.

Residence Life

"We put a lot of effort into initiating a dialogue with the dining hall," said residence life committee co-chair Aldo Teni.

As an addition to dining hall managers, the committee has also conducted student surveys to find out what changes in the residence halls are needed.

So far, the committee's work has been responsible for several changes, including an increased amount of food items available in the new location for students in the South Dining Hall.

The committee was also able to get the dining hall to sell special gussie meal, according to Teni, the passes are sold at the Arguing Arms office of the Student Center, which also allows students to purchase a book of five meal coupons for $25. If they use all the passes, they may use them to purchase a book of five meal coupons for $25. If they use all the passes, they may use them.

Members of the residence life committee have also been meeting with campus security.

Discussion with security has mainly involved making it easier for students to get onto cars and public transportation. In addition, committee member Pat Hallahan established a survey focused on issues such as the process of loaning out cars.

"It looks like the University is doing it in a way that gets the minimal amount of people wet," said Hallahan.

The committee has several projects planned for this semester as well.

For example, Tesi said the committee wants to review the University's health services in the fall. "We're getting a lot of feedback," said the committee's chair.

The committee also works with the people who handle Notre Dame's Freshman Register program, which is required to see if it would be possible to print a similar book for students at the beginning of the academic year.

"Of course!" said the committee's chair.

"I can find a date to a dance or something," Tesi said.

University Affairs

Much like the residence life committee, the university affairs committee has undertaken several wide-ranging projects. Last semester, the committee conducted a survey to gain student opinion on vans at the Center for Social Concern. The survey focused on issues such as the process of loaning out the vans and the condition of the vans.

The committee also established two ad hoc committees, one to investigate faculty-student interaction and one to investigate gender relations. Committee co-chair Jesse Flores said both are areas of interest to him.

In addition, committee member Kim Milford is looking into the University's health services. Tesi said he would like to know more about what the University can do to help students.

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November rejection of campus-wide e-mail
privileges signaled a success for Board of
Governance's proposal. The swift, decisive
and fair action was by far the board's greatest
success of the year.
Refinancing
BOG's fall revamping of funding grants for
campus clubs and organizations should be
commended. By changing co-ownership
funding to a grant process, BOG has become
more financially accountable. The board
recognized that past boards had thrown around
money too haphazardly and rectified the
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Stepping Up
In direct response to student
requests, with the exception of the bulletin
board, these promises were delivered.

Community Service
At a time when most financial donations are
gone towards Sept. 11, funds
were raised and recognized a struggle

SAINT MARY'S BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Board works for visibility,
small changes

By SHANNON NELLI\G AND
NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

Every Monday, members of Saint Mary's
student government walk around campus in
coordinated T-shirts and sweaters, worn to
identify themselves as members of the student
government association. Started as an initiati
ve to "bring student government back to the
students," Student Body President Michelle
Nagle said the shirts were supposed to make
student government more visible.
Visibility was one of the main goals
Student Body President Michelle Nagle and
Student Body Vice President Kristin Matha set
for the Board shortly after their election.
Developing the "T-shirt days," enhancing a
newsletter, adding to the board's Web page
and developing office hours were all parts of
the initiative.
"One of my largest objectives for this semes
ter was to educate the student body about
who we (student leaders) are," Nagle said.
The Board had a moderately successful
year, bringing change to small, everyday stu
dent life issues. In absence of big proposals,
BOG can be commended for its little changes,
and making the effort to better publicize itself.

Stepping Mass Enraging
Most student governing organizations face
the challenge of fighting through brick walls
and red tape to accomplish initiatives. This
year's Board of Governance leaders found
themselves fighting through firewalls and
gateways instead.

"This plan of action will be a more organi
zated outlet for the information to be
sent," Technology Commissioner Elizabeth Casick
said at an October board meeting.
Despite cries it was suppressing free speech,
the governing body stood by its decision
and put together a rational, logical and fair propos
al that allowed students to get their messages
crossed without abusing the network. It was a
decisive response to a long-term problem.
"This is in direct response to student com
plaints and their input," said Erin Casey,
Board of Governance's representative to Notre
Dame Student Senate, at a November board
meeting.
By proposing listserv students could sign up
for to get information on specific topics, the
board freed the community from the excess

SAINT MARY'S STUDENTS

Do you think student government is effective?

No 20.2%
Yes 79.8%

Do you think student government represents
your concerns?

No 27.4%
Yes 72.6%

Can you name your class president?

No 46.4%
Yes 53.6%

Can you name your student body president?

No 54.8%
Yes 45.2%

Kristen Matha, Michelle Nagle and Kim Jensen sit at a recent Board of Governance meeting.

SAINT MARY'S OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Nagle, Matha win small victories

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

"I'm excited for student government to
transition," she said. But looking onto
the upcoming election, she loses her
smile again. "It hurts in a way - I've
spent so much of my time building a
foundation for student government. People
take it for granted. I can only
hope they want to continue the founda
tion."

Entering her office after a year that
saw Board of Governance censor the
controversial junior class T-shirt and
students perform a renegade produc
tion of the administratively banned play
The Vagina Monologues, Nagle and vice
president Kristin Matha's administra
tion, she says, has been quiet.
It's been a year of silence, she says,
and there haven't been that many
"major issues" that have demanded her
attention — or the board's.
Campaigning on a need for better
communication and what they per
ceived as a need to reconnect student
government with students, Nagle and
Matha's platform promised to continue
work on the study days proposal given
the University's successes so far.
Board of Governance, such as

Nagle and Matha entered their posi
tions with the best intentions. They
saw little victories executed by the
Board of Governance, such as
the e-mail proposal, refinancing
student grants and Mounty Money
additions. But as the highest leaders
in the organization, they needed to
take a stand on issues critical to
students. By not speaking up about
the DOE investigation or academic
freedom, Matha and Nagle did not
utilize the benefit opportunity they had
to be true leaders. While they may
be visible, students are left wonder
ing what they were watching.

Board of Governance had a breakfast;
they wore coordinated T-shirts on
Mondays to increase visibility.
Officials held office hours. The main emphasis
of their term was exactly what Nagle and
Matha wanted — to bring student gov
ernment to the students.

But it wasn't utilized. Students rarely came
to office hours and at Monday's Board of Governance
meeting, the Board deliberated if it was
necessary to continue them. Some
members suggested having them in a
more prominent place, like the dining
center or the main office.

"I think to have a lot of students partici
pate in something you really have to
get them angry. There haven't been any

*Results based on random telephone survey of 84 Saint Mary's students

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Understanding the SMC wheel

BOG serves as center for Saint Mary’s student government

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS
Wire Editor

The Student Government Association (SGA) is one of the many boards and clubs on Saint Mary’s campus that focuses on a variety of different issues. The SGA is the organization that represents the interests of students at Saint Mary’s and serves as a forum for students to voice their concerns. The SGA is made up of representatives from different organizations on campus, including the Student Government Association (SGA), the Residence Hall Association (RHA), the Student Academic Council (SAC), the Diversity Board, and the Student Government Association (SGA). The SGA is responsible for passing legislation, budgeting, and sponsoring events on campus.

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Grad students make major strides

By ANDREW THAGARD
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big controversial issues this year. I like to think if students are quiet, they’re happy with the way things are.”

But, she says, the silence makes it hard for her to know whether the administration is doing its job. “It’s hard to gauge how effective student govern­

ment is when it’s quiet,” she said.

Nagle’s leadership roles in Board of Governance have been characterized by her stand-in-the-middle position — that is, her relentless deter­
mination to understand her constituents before mak­
ing decisions and her repeated statements of love for the College and the student body. BOG tends not to take on a cause unless it’s brought to them first — by their constituent.

“We want to make huge stands on issues that stu­dents bring to us,” she said. “We will make a stand on things that we believe are intellectually unreflec­table that we know how the stu­dent body feels.”

But while Nagle and Matha’s administration has remained quiet, there were controversial issues fac­ing campus during her administration. The Department of Education conducted an on-site and off-site investigation of Saint Mary’s crime statute binding. Although the Board of trustees agreed to allow the College improperly reported them. Board of Governance never issued an official statement on the investigation, or took any other action than handing out advisories door to door.

Nagle and Matha backed away from the issue after discovering it in the executive board, giving the campus no decisive statement. The DOE investigation, which could lead to loss of in-state, loss of student scholarships, prove negligence of security to properly handle rape reports and severely tarnish the school’s reputation for protection from sexual assualts.

“We met with Dr. Timp” and she told us it was fine. It was a nightmare,” said Nagle.
The team also left the campus floundering for a position in a heated debate about academic freedom, ignited by last year’s Vagina Monologues perfor­

dance. The board organized a forum to debate the extent of academic freedom on campus in spring 2001, and asked Nagle to present students’ views on the topic to a panel.

Nagle sent out an e-mail to the student body to gather opinions, but got minimal response — and was left floundering on a podium with no clear position on campus in its statement. “I don’t know what academic freedom means, I searched for meaning and not one student could answer what academic freedom meant to them,” Nagle said to the panel, and in front of an audience of students and administrators.

Board of trustees reports are one area the office also needs to continue evaluating its communication efforts. Most students probably do not feel com­fortable going to the student govern­

ment office on the second floor of LaFortune, but a flight of stairs alone cannot be the major obstacle to effective dialogue between student leaders and the student body. The Mac, therefore, is only part of the solution. Norton and Moscona must develop new and better ways of not only getting student input, but also educating stu­dents about student government.

Fortunately for students, Norton and Moscona seem to understand that there is much they still have to accomplish.

“We have a lot of work left to do,” Moscona said. “We want to continue to unify the student body and continue communicating with them.”

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Can’t get enough student government?

Look for the

Saint Mary’s

Student Body Election

Voter Guide

in tomorrow’s Observer

the second floor of LaFortune.

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chose to present the topic of stu­dents living off-campus.

To prepare the fall report, according to Moscona, the office included several students who had not previously been involved with student government. He said the experience was a chance for them to learn and prepare for future presentations.

Norton added that the full report served as a learning experience for her staff which will help make upcoming reports better.

“We were so many issues to cover. We could have done a better job than we did, but I think we made some major points,” said Norton.

The winter report, which will be presented at the board’s next meeting in February, will cover issues such as women’s issues and the Mac. Norton and Moscona admitted that their reports are better received, the office of the president need well-researched and organized pre­sentations.

Perhaps most importantly, the office also needs to continue evaluating its communication efforts. Most students probably do not feel com­fortable going to the student govern­

ment office on the second floor of LaFortune, but a flight of stairs alone cannot be the major obstacle to effective dialogue between student leaders and the student body. The Mac, therefore, is only part of the solution. Norton and Moscona must develop new and better ways of not only getting student input, but also educating stu­dents about student government.

“They were saying, ‘Please, we need an extra day.’” Matha said, who feared the proposal from her pos­ition as chair of Student Academic Council. “I got five e-mails a minute Friday.”

When Faculty Assembly rejected the proposal, it was yet another roadblock for the three-year-old BOG effort.

“It was a disappointment, that’s for sure,” Matha said. “But if it had gotten shut down right away, I think we would have been disappointed.”

While they are both optimistic the live proposal has the tenures of their offices, each are skep­tical about its plausibility.

“We’d have to get an entire new faculty,” Matha said.

Their administration can be measured in small suc­cesses — revamping how Board of Governance allocates funds to clubs and for co-sponsorship; leading the Board in the restriction of mass e-mail privileges and increasing the amount given to students for Munch Money. It was practical, small changes rather than large ambitious ones that leave this administra­tion with not much to be remembered by.

But Nagle — who will graduate and plans to pursue a career in politics — and Matha, who is not seeking re-election, will be remembered as leaders who tried, with the best intentions, to represent the students.

“We’ll keep yelling away every day,” Nagle said about the upcoming end to their administration. “I don’t want to do this.”