Candidates avoid confrontation in debate

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

In an election debate free of false information Wednesday, the four tickets for Notre Dame student body president and vice president communicated little about their platforms, read from campaign posters and discussed issues brought to light only by the press.

The Judicial Council-sponsored event proved more of an opportunity to meet the audience during the election debate held Wednesday night at the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

The public, which included many people turning out to hear three candidates than to hear them dispute campus issues, set up a three-part event where candidates introduce themselves, answer questions from campus media reporters, and give final statements.

’It’s the way the debate has run in the past,” Judicial Council Vice President of Elections John McCarthy said. He wouldn’t comment on whether the non-confession of the debate stifled competition between tickets.

It certainly stifled enthusiasm of the sparse crowd of 50 students who turned out for the event. The audience, which included many people from candidates’ campaign staffs, remained unengaged and seemingly unimpressed, politely applauding tickets as they rose to speak and sit down.

There were a few highlights, however.

The Nikki McCord-Nick Williams ticket continued its “student next door” strategy. A boisterous McCord introduced her platform with a hearty “Wow, y’all?” The junior presidential candidate made more of a priority of plugging her participation and success in the school’s figure skating club than of presenting herself as a second-term student senator.

Williams, the vice presidential candidate, drew laughs explaining why he was pursuing elected office. “I am running because I’ve tilted at every home football,” the sophomore said. “I am running because I have to leave girls’ dorms at midnight.”

With the new term, there was a new media guide. "The Observer’s editorial and staff recruitment and hiring processes thus far have been great, so I hope that in this new leadership position I can continue and even improve upon the paper’s past success,” Nagengast said.

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By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

Student body president Brooke Norton and chief of staff Jonathan Jorissen will present student government’s suggestions on Freshman Orientation to the Student Affairs Committee today at the Board of Trustee’s meeting in Palm Springs, Calif.

“We really think that there are a lot of things we could do to improve the Freshman Orientation and increase the budget and scope of events for the weekend event to the Board,” Norton said.

For the situation stands, no one person oversees all aspects of freshman orientation. Because dorms, First Year of Studies and various campus organizations have events scheduled over the extended weekend, the potential for schedule conflicts exists, according to Jorissen and Norton.

“There’s no one person that it all goes through,” Jorissen said. “If one person was in charge, it would smooth things out a lot.”

The two are recommending the creation of such a position through Student Activities. The full-time, paid position would allow someone to oversee all aspects of freshman orientation and would report to Student Activities, Residence Life and The First Year of Studies.

The commissioner would also be advised by students and work with a University Freshman Orientation committee—something that student government is also recommending the Board create.

In addition to having a central commissioner, student government is advising the Board to make Freshman Orientation commissioner-training courses a one-credit class. Separate classes, taught by the Freshman Orientation leader and students who have been previously involved, for dorm and campus-wide commissioners would be offered. Norton and Jorissen also want to incorporate diversity training into the course.

“It would make it a little more attractive to be a commissioner. If you’re getting a one credit course out of the deal,” Jorissen said.
INSIDE COLUMN

Questioning the norm

How often do you try something new? How often have you jumped off the edge, both feet first, into the ice-cold, raging river? How many times do you watch other people do things, but say "that's not for me?" How often does anything good happen, but rather that when something is good, don't let it get old or boring.

That might sound superficial to some people, but do you watch TV, whether it's on a television, with friends. Everything is perfect... or so you think. How do you deal with something different in that relationship? A difference of opinion or likes and dislikes. Does one person change the way she or he is to make the routine work?

Or here's another example. You come home from school everyday, you pick up your basketball, go to the court at Rolfs and shoot hoops for an hour. You've done this every day since you came here Freshman weekend. After a while, the friends you'd shoot hoops with get tired of it... you're all juniors now, and they're sick of tagging along with your ideas. Do you keep playing basketball everyday or stop so you can hang out with your friends?

In both instances, what appeared to be "perfect" was really just boredom and lazy compliance. What would it be like to go to a nearby court and dance in the plazas and streets as you wandered around at night? What would it be like to cry with people you only just met? What would it be like to meet people who accepted you for who you are, not expecting you to change anything about yourself -- and wanting you to be happy?

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

A resolution that was introduced Tuesday at the Bloomington Faculty Council meeting urged President Myles Brand and the Indiana University administration to stop fighting the lawsuits brought against the University by The Indianapolis Star.

The proposal specifically endorses open access to public records and the insurance that "no further University funds are expended in support of efforts to prevent the release of public documents."

Vicente Vela, the sponsor of the resolution, said the faculty needs to send a stern message to the administration.

"I feel strongly that this incident has damaged the University, and the sooner we get it behind us, the better," he said. "It would be in the faculty's best interest to pass this."

In a lawsuit brought by The Indianapolis Star, the Star contends that IU violated Public Records laws by refusing to release documents related to the firing of Bob Knight. IU has already spent $210,000 to defend itself in the resulting litigation.

The proposal was not voted on at the meeting. Most of the members of the Faculty Council said they would need more detailed information on the proposal's legal ramifications before they could take an official stance. The uncertainties of the proposal, members said, rest on the Public Records Access Act and the effect the ultimate outcome would have on third parties, such as students.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Students plead not guilty to larceny

Harvard University students, Randy J. Gomes and Suzanne M. Pomey were arraigned Tuesday morning on charges of felony larceny in Middlesex Superior Court. Both pleaded not guilty to charges of stealing close to $100,000 from the Hasty Pudding Theatricals during a period of more than a year. According to a source close to the investigations, prosecutors allege Gomes and Pomey used the Pudding's credit card machine to create their own cards with money in a beginning in March 2000. The scheme continued until at least June 2001, by which time the two were allegedly stealing thousands of dollars a week. During the time in question, Pomey served as the Pudding's producer — one of the 'Theatricals' highest positions and the one with greatest control over finances. Gomes served as assistant director of the group's popular Man and Woman of the Year ceremonies.

Harvard Crimson

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Firms troubled by bonfire risks

Harsh business and legal realities stemming from the 1999 Texas A&M University Bonfire collapse that killed 12 Aggies and injured 27 others may have doomed Bonfire 2002 before it began. A&M President Ray M. Bowen announced Monday Bonfire will not burn this fall because the safety firm that was hired and because revised cost estimates put the price tag for Bonfire 2002 at $2.5 million, about $1 million more than originally estimated. Bryan Cole, the coordinator of the Bonfire 2002 Steering Committee, said legal liability and the high-risk nature of the project drove away most insurance companies from underwriting the project. Turner Construction, the New York-based firm contracted as safety consultants for Bonfire 2002, pulled out of the project Wednesday after it was unable to obtain liability insurance.

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LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

The weather is expected to be sunny and warm for the next few days. The temperature is expected to reach highs in the mid-70s. There is a chance of scattered showers in the afternoon. The wind is expected to be light and variable.

NATIONAL WEATHER

The National Weather Service forecast for Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002:

- High pressure will bring clear skies and mild temperatures to most of the region.
- The coast will see some scattered clouds, but temperatures will remain mild.
- The inland areas will see clear skies and mild temperatures.

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Thursday, February 7, 2002
STUDENT SENATE

Peer advocates resign

**Wong, Nicholeen sight strained relationship with ResLife**

By ERIN LAUFFE

Assistant News Editor

Susan Wong and Nicholeen DePersis announced their resignation Wednesday night from their positions as co-chairpersons of Peer Advocacy, part of the Judicial Council. “Due to events that occurred over the course of the Fall Semester of 2001, we now question the strength of our relationship with the staff of Residence Life, thereby causing us to question our ability to continue to properly serve the student body,” Wong and DePersis said in a letter they submitted to the senators.

As vice presidents of Peer Advocacy, Wong and DePersis helped students deal with disciplinary cases involving the Office of Residence Life. In their letter, Wong and DePersis said they were “sight” but have become “strained.”

Following their resignation, Judicial Council President Tim Jarotkiewicz nominated Kyzryn Anderson and Ricky Sadowki to replace Wong and DePersis. The senate unanimously confirmed the nominations.

The senate also considered a resolution submitted by Audra Hagan to increase the annual student activities fee that students pay. The fee would initially increase by $10 to $75 for the 2002-2003 school year, and would increase by $5 a year thereafter.

Hagan told senators that the increase was necessary to keep up with inflation. Otherwise, student organizations such as the Student Union Board would have to cut its programming.

“If we had extra money, we’d at least be able to maintain the same level of funding for clubs and activities," Hagan said.

However, some senators questioned whether students were really willing to pay the extra money. One of those senators, Nikki McCord, said she discussed the proposal at her dorm’s hall council meeting last night.

“The ladies at hall council in (PequeUilla) East last night told me that they didn’t want me to vote for this,” McCord said.

The senate voted to table the resolution to allow all senators the opportunity to discuss it with their hall councils.

Another resolution, which called for the Office of Student Affairs to host a group that acted in such a way “steps a person should take if sexually assaulted, unanimously passed the senate Wednesday night.

According to Breen-Phillips senator Anne McCarley, the current brochure the University publishes is too confusing. “It’s very difficult for students to use as a resource," she said.

“I’ve looked at the brochure and it’s ridiculous. If you’re in an emergency situation, you’re going to be really confused,” said off-campus senator Matt Smith. For that reason, he said, it was important for students to have access to a simpler version like the one proposed in the senate resolution.

In other senate news:

**Academic committee chair Pat Hallahan encouraged senators to read Wednesday’s Observer article about Tuesday’s Faculty Senate meeting. At the meeting, the Faculty Senate called for more faculty representation on the University’s Academic Council. They voted to dissolve themselves last year in a very child-like way,” said Hallahan of the Faculty Senate. He added that if a group that acted in such a way deserves more representation on the Academic Council, students also deserve more. Currently, there are three students on the council out of 40 members.**

“Student Senate has been very patient with the administration,” said Hallahan. “We don’t have the representation we deserve.”

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| TAKING THE CAMPUS TOUR |

Irish head football coach Tyrone Willingham talks with residents of Carroll Hall on Thursday night. Willingham is visiting various Notre Dame dorms to introduce himself to students and allow them to ask questions.

**ND AFTER FIVE**

**Thursday, Feb. 7**

5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

7:00 p.m. Film: The Circle, Hesburgh Library

Carey Auditorium

7:00 p.m. Blessing Unto Others: Demetra Smith lecture, LaForte Student Center Center Ballroom

7:00 p.m. Sophomore Literary Festival: Jean and Robert Hollander reading, LaFortune Student Center Center Ballroom

7:00 p.m. "Looking for Inspiration," lecture by Graphic Designer Michael Gerick, Snite Museum of Art Annenberg Theatre

7:30 p.m. Play: Damn Yankees, Washington Hall

8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Drop-In Lacrosse, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center

9:00 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, LaFortune Student Center Center Basement

9:00 p.m. Acoustic Cafe, LaFortune Student Center Huddle

10:00 p.m. Movies: K-Pax and Close Encounters, DeBartolo 101 and 155

**Friday, Feb. 8**

5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

7:30 p.m. Drop in Badminton, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center

7:00 p.m. Blessing Unto Others Benefit Concert, Carey Auditorium

7:30 p.m. Sophomore Literary Festival: Maura Stanton, LaFortune Student Center Center Ballroom

7:30 p.m. Damn Yankees, Washington Hall

8:00 p.m. Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony Watch, LaFortune Student Center Center Lounge

8:00 p.m. Carnival with Brazilian music by the Chicago Samba School, Alumni Senior Club

8:30 p.m. Excellent Mass, Coleman-Morse Center Student Lounge

8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center Center Basement

9:00 p.m. With Love From ND: Casablanca and making valentines for children in local hospitals, LaFortune Student Center Center Montgomery Theatre & Bonn Room

9:00 p.m. Crafting Corner: Valentine’s Day Cookie Decorating, LaFortune Student Center Dooley Room

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Student Open Skate, Joyce Center Fieldhouse

9:00 p.m. Jeimer Extravaganza! Buses leave Hesburgh Library Circle at 8:30 & 9:30 p.m.

10:00 p.m. Movies: K-Pax and Close Encounters, DeBartolo 101 and 155

10:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Tournament Fridays: Chess, LaFortune Student Center Notre Dame Room

**Saturday, Feb. 9**

5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

7:00 p.m. Blessing Unto Others Benefit Concert, Carey Auditorium

7:30 p.m. Movies: K-Pax and Close Encounters, DeBartolo 101 and 155

7:30 p.m. Play: Damn Yankees, Washington Hall

8:00 p.m. Sophomore Literary Festival: mults performing Slam Poetry, LaFortune Student Center Center Ballroom

8:30 p.m. Game Show: Pangborn’s First Date, Reckers

8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center Center Basement

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Formal Dance at the Sacred Heart Parish Center (St. Joseph Hall) (transportation from Main & Hesburgh Library Circle beginning at 9:15 p.m.)

9:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Ice Skating Party, Joyce Center Ice Rink

10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Open Karaoke, LaFortune Student Center Huddle

10:00 p.m. Movies: K-Pax and Close Encounters, DeBartolo 101 and 155

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Sexuality series lecture addresses sexual abuse

By JILL MAXBAUER
News Writer

One in four females will be sexually abused by the time they are 18. This startling fact is what prompted the decision to plan the "A Criminal Choice: Sexual Abuse," for theUnderstanding and Embracing our Sexuality Series.

"Personal choice has been an on-going theme throughout this series. Tonight is different because it is about a criminal's choice," said Sister Lydia Kerr.

"When I was in college, I had no idea how pervasive child sexual abuse is — I see it as a women's issue because it is so pervasive. This is real and it's never your fault," said Mary DePauw, director of the Counseling and Career Development Center as well as a licensed psychologist.

The planning team used a sexual choices and decision making manual in order to prepare the lecture. The model was adapted for the college population and to help make this topic a reality. The model for the forum included personal stories, small group work and a flowing discussion by both the students and the planning team.

"It helps to make it real by sharing — to share the many ways in which abuse realities exist. There are so many different kinds of abuse that men and women are victimized by. The common thread is violence — someone chooses to hurt someone else," said DePauw. "One of the things we need to do as a culture is to say 'this is not acceptable.'"

"Power and control are the center points of sexual abuse, and rarely do you have only one form of abuse. Emotional and physical abuse usually plays a role," said Anne Marie Mayhay, one of the student planners.

The question of healing was proposed to the planning team. DePauw explained the processes a victim goes through in order to heal.

"Most victims don't seek immediate help because they are suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, where they will avoid anything that makes them think about the incident. The first thing that needs to be done is to provide a safe place for students to come and talk and use, whether it be the counseling center, staying with friends, or going home to find that safety," said DePauw.

The stops DePauw outlined include reestablishing safety, remembering and mourning and reconnecting to normal life.

"Sexual abuse doesn't have to traumatically affect every relationship for the rest of her life. A sign of getting over the trauma is being able to talk about it," she said. "It's an interesting culture that does not make healthy, respectful relating a priority — so what are you going to choose to do? I think that's the challenge for the members of this community."

The planning team urges anyone who has been a victim of sexual abuse, whether from child abuse to date rape, to seek help.

She began work at The Observer in fall 1999 as a news writer and has been Wire Editor, Copy Editor and Assistant News Editor. Nagengast, of Grand Rapids, Mich., studied abroad last semester in the London Program. She lives in Walsh Hall.

Ryan, a sophomore finance major, is currently Controller of The Observer. He began his career at the paper last spring when he was hired to the position. Ryan is from Eden Prairie, Minn., and lives in Morrissey Manor. He is a fund manager for Notre Dame's Investment Club and a project leader for the Student International Business Council.

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Participants in the Understanding and Embracing our Sexuality Lecture Series discuss the concept of personal choice in the Wednesday night event.

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**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

Powell addresses Congress over Iraq: Secretary of State Colin Powell told Congress Wednesday that President Bush is considering "a full range of options" for removing Saddam Hussein as Iraq's president. Powell said Iraq is working on developing nuclear weapons, and its refusal to admit international arms inspectors prompted Bush to consider "the most serious set of options that one might imagine."

Columbia rebels condemn U.S. aid: The Bush administration's plan to help Colombia to deal with a decades-old pipeline from guerrillas attacks proves that Washington wants to involve militarily in this country's civil war, a rebel leader said Wednesday. Bush administration officials announced plans Tuesday to train and arm Colombian troops to protect a key oil pipeline that has been a frequent target of guerrilla attacks.

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

Hazardous waste settlement: State regulators said Tuesday they reached a $36.2 million settlement with Cincinnati Machine to resolve the company's violations of hazardous waste regulations. The machine tool manufacturer failed to train personnel in hazardous waste regulations. The machine tool manufacturer failed to train personnel in proper handling of hazardous wastes, didn't perform or record inspections of emergency equipment and areas where hazardous wastes were kept and failed to put lids on some containers of hazardous wastes involved sludge that contained acids and was kept and failed to put lids on some containers of hazardous wastes.
Norton said, in order to accommodate the additional activities, Norton wants to allow all freshmen to move in on Thursdays, so they can be in their dorms on Thursday — a day earlier than currently allowed — and use that day for dorm orientation.

In addition to the weekend service project, Norton and Jorissen would like to offer incoming freshmen the opportunity to do community service in their hometowns through Notre Dame alumni clubs in an Urban Plunge-style program.

"We do have alumni networks and we hope to utilize these networks for fresh new students," Norton said.

To accommodate the changes in orientation, student government is asking the board for an increase in the budget. Specifically, the report calls for raising the per student dorm allowance for orientation from $5.25 to $10 to $15. The current allowance of $5.25 for the weekend of events is small compared to the $25 allowed for the junior Parent's Weekend, according to Jorissen.

"A lot of dorms overspent last year's year's allotment because of a financial situation as a result," Garrison said. "This should alleviate the problem."

Although it is not officially a part of freshman orientation, student government is requesting $100,000 in funding for its concert held the second weekend of school. Last year's concert, featuring Nine Days and SRT1 among other bands, took in excess of $100,000 and was funded by various campus organizations. The $100,000 request would be in addition to the money these organizations provide.

"We think it's because the second weekend of school that it has a lot to do with first impressions of Notre Dame," Norton said. "We want to start off strong. Freshman orientation but also the whole experience."

"I think that's the idea," Garrison said. "We want to be the ones setting up the stage and cooking the hamburgers."

The pair waffled on questions from reporters Griffin and LaRuffa that platform goals such as air conditioning in residence halls and university meals being converted to Flex Points were unattainable.

"We wouldn't defeat them before we started them," Bishop said. "We said it's possible."

"Junior studs Bishop and Foley explained their slogan of "More Student, Less Government" as meaning decreased overlap among current student government projects and other community projects to the students.

"Our ideas don't take a task force," presidential candidate Bishop said. "Some of them only take a phone call."

"Running mate Foley said, "Our ideas are simple. Most of them can be put into place by next school year."

The debate put the tickets on public display together for the first time before Monday's primary election.

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Congratulations and thanks to the over 255 participants of the

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who represented The University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College, and Holy Cross College during Winter Break in service and experiential learning at 47 sites across the nation.

"The only gift is a portion of thyself."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Nick Williams

Vice-presidential candidate

"I am running because I have a goal. I am running because I have a dream."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

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The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) administration reported a record high of 310 applications this year for approximately 80 teaching positions in parochial schools throughout the United States. The first round of interviews will finish Feb. 10 and applicants can expect to hear back by March 18.

Similar programs such as Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC), Teach for America, and the Portland ACE (PACE) have all increased in popularity as well; however, ACE remains the most popular among Notre Dame students.

"To start, ACE is more attrac­tive because it is a ND program. For a lot of students, idealism isn't enough, the faith dimension is receiving a Masters in Ministry," said Staud. "It's comforting to know that you'll be with other ND grads, especially if you're not ready to go it alone," said applicant Beth Wilkom.

The bonding experience begins immediately in the summer with the participants working as a team together with their community members. Students are typi­cally divided into groups of about four to six other participants.

"We offer the students retreats, prayer guides, and encourage 'house nights' or attending liturgy together," said Sister Sue Bruno, an intern­ship director.

Another incentive for appli­cants to ACE is receiving a Masters Education after completing the two year training and teaching service. Teach for America is a similar teaching program but does not offer a Master's degree. Many ACE graduates continue to teach past their two-year commitment. ACE graduates now have the opportu­nity to teach in Santiago, Chile or Dublin, Ireland.

The interview process is divided among 11 teams of three interviewers who were made up of ACE staff, campus department, Reslife and faculty. "During the interview the team is looking for a reason for teaching and a love of children in the applicants," said Staud. The interview focuses on the general pillars of ACE such as how God is cultivated in his life and why teaching is an important aspect of his life. The interview teams also turn time spending to know the individual applicant's experiences and motivations.

"We want to make sure that they know what they're getting into, that this program gives a lot but also takes a lot and for that the students need stamina," said Bruno.

One concern this year has been the effective training of each student, and students and administrators are distressed that some students may be applying because they could not find a job. "Teaching isn't something that you can just take lightly. You're put in charge of not only the educational development, but also the emotional, moral, social, and spiritual development of young, impressionable individu­als," said applicant Amy Fleck.

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Forum president speaks on terrorism

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

The President of the Fourth Freedom Forum shared his interpretation of the responses the U.S. and the U.N. have taken to combat terrorism in an informal discussion Wednesday.

"Everything has changed, especially in the U.N.," said David Cortright, who leads the group that explores non-violent resolutions to international conflicts.

Cortright went on to explore "the good, the bad and the ugly" in relation to the response governments have shown towards the War on Terrorism.

Positive trends included the U.N.'s action to assume responsibility for international prosecution and Resolution 1373. This important mandate obligates every state in the world to freeze terrorism assets and take other actions to stop terrorism.

Besides military action, "unprecedented credit must take responsibility for international terrorism," Cortright said. "This is an unworthy of us as a nation and a barrier to international relations," Cortright said. "It's a grave and growing danger in the use of biological materials by terrorists."

Cortright said the U.S. has yet to make a move in the direction of control of such weapons.

The ultimate goal in the War against Terrorism is to bring the terrorists responsible for the attacks on Sept. 11 to justice and to prevent future attacks. Cortright believes even the peacemakers must accept the military actions as good. Without military force we would not have seen such rapid improvement.

"It is a burden for pacifists to realize government corruption and the need for improvement," he said.

Besides military action, Cortright encourages listeners to examine what the U.S. has done to investigate such attacks and to improve upon this as part of the long-range plan against terrorism.

He also said that the United States must take responsibility for its role as a powerful nation.

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SMC alumna discusses book

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Last evening, Saint Mary's professor Max Westler, led the discussion of his former student's, first novel "Big Stone Gap." Saint Mary's alumna and author Adriana Trigiani answered questions via the telephone.

Trigiani's family moved to Big Stone Gap, Va. when she was a girl. The population of Big Stone Gap holds steady at about 5,000 people.

Trigiani told the story of being in the fourth grade with 16-year-olds and that in seventh grade there was an 18-year-old boy in her class that drove to school. Despite the difficult academic situation, Trigiani thrived thanks to adults who helped mentor her.

"Mentors are really important and guidance counselors have a lot of impact in the community," Trigiani said.

Trigiani was able to go to college at Washington Hall.

"It was not my dream to write a novel. I came to New York to get a show on Broadway. It was an accident but I just worked hard and stayed open," Trigiani said.

Trigiani is currently working on the movie "Big Stone Gap" for which she is the director, producer and writer.

She is also finishing the third book in this series.

Trigiani will be speaking at the Sophomore Literary Week on Monday at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall.

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By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

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not regulated by
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but was protected First
speech in defense of its corporate reputation.
The company issued press
releases denying abuses and
a favorable report it had
commissioned by Andrew
Young, former U.S. ambas-
sador to the United Nations.
The suit said Nike has false-
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sympathetic to Nike's plight.
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And Chief Justice Ronald M.
George said Nike's image cam-
paign was based on selling

"Wasn't the ultimate goal to
sell more of the company's
products by making these
statements?" George asked.
"I do not think that is exactly
correct," replied Nike
attorney David Brown. He said
the company engaged in "classic
debate" protected by the First
Amendment and
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were false.

The battle over conditions at
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What are the main arguments presented in the document about Nike's defense against the lawsuit? The main argument presented in the document about Nike's defense against the lawsuit is that Nike's image campaign was not regulated by the First Amendment or commercial speech, and that the statements were true even if they were false. The state appeals court found that Nike's image campaign was not protected by California false-advertising laws, but was protected by the First Amendment speech in defense of its corporate reputation. The court also noted that Nike has falsely stated that it guarantees a "living wage" to all workers. The court said that Nike's workers in Southeast Asia make twice the local minimum wage and are protected from corporal punishment. The court also noted that Nike complies with government rules on wages, hours, and health and safety conditions.

What is the significance of the lawsuit against Nike? The lawsuit against Nike is significant because it involves a multi-billion dollar company and raises important questions about the rights of corporations to make statements about their products and the protection of those statements under the First Amendment. The case balances a corporation's right to defend itself against bad publicity with the justices' concern that the court not give blanket protection to false and misleading statements. The case also has implications for the rights of workers in overseas factories and the protection of labor and human rights.

What is the role of the First Amendment in protecting corporate speech? The First Amendment provides protection for corporate speech, but the extent of that protection is a subject of debate. Some argue that corporate speech is protected by the First Amendment, while others argue that it is subject to regulation under other laws. The case against Nike highlights the tension between the government's interest in protecting consumers and workers and the corporate right to make statements about its products.

What is the significance of the case for labor and human rights? The case against Nike highlights the importance of protecting labor and human rights. The workers in Nike's overseas factories have been subjected to poor working conditions, and the case raises questions about the government's role in protecting those workers. The court's ruling in favor of Nike suggests that corporations may be able to make false statements about their products without facing serious legal consequences, which could have implications for workers' rights around the world.
Observer endorses Bishop/Foley

Libby Bishop and Trip Foley understand what students want. They aren’t promising more festival-like events that will only waste money and not generate much student interest. They aren’t promising unfeasible ideas like air-conditioning for dorms that are more than 80 years old.

What they are promising is a practical platform—formed to cutting down program overlap and helping students understand what resources are already available. They are the ticket that best balances ambition with experience and are the best choice for student body president and vice president in 2002-03.

For two years, student government has seen the producing new activities and creating new resources. Often these programs overlapped and sometimes even competed with University departments and branches of student government. Bishop/Foley wants to end that overlap.

Rather than creating more multicultural activities through the office of the president, Bishop/Foley plan to make students aware of programs that already exist through groups like Multicultural Student Programs and Services. Instead of creating new gender relations studies or programs, Bishop/Foley will more effectively promote and use dorm-sponsored activities.

But that doesn’t mean that the Bishop/Foley ticket lacks initiative and new ideas. Most of their ideas, however, are not grandiose plans to change student government but instead simple plans to improve student life. Bishop and Foley’s printing sharing system will be a simple way for Notre Dame students who don’t use the computer labs to share their allotment of pages with those who do. This is a simple way to improve student life without inconveniencing anyone.

Bishop and Foley will go beyond just the simple ways of improving student life as well. Rather than caving to administration pressure to end tailgating, they want to work to clarify the tailgating policies so that students know exactly what they can and cannot do. They also plan to take a tough stance against unreasonable demands from the administration like banning 21-year-old students from drinking when non-Notre Dame students may drink freely. Administrators want to eliminate unsafe drinking and overly social behavior; students want to preserve their fun. Bishop/Foley recognizes the importance of both parties’ concerns and will create an effective compromise.

By clarifying the rules of tailgating for students to stop destructive behavior and taking a strong stance against administrators who confuse destructive behavior with student government, Bishop and Foley might be the only ticket who can preserve the Notre Dame student tailgate tradition.

Bishop/Foley’s platform has far from a monopoly on good ideas, however. If they are elected they should take a good look at other platforms and adopt the other candidates best ideas into their own administration. Scott Palks and P.J. Mercanti’s plan to combine lottery number distribution with football ticket application distribution is the perfect solution to football ticket distribution problems of the past. A graduation requirement checklist on IrelandLink, as proposed by Moscona/Overley ticket, is an easy way to keep students organized academically.

Most importantly, however, Bishop/Foley needs to stay connected to the students. Its platform is built on the ideas and desires of every student. Once Bishop and Foley take office, however, they can’t squire themselves away on the second floor of LaFortune. They must remain responsive to student needs. The Observer believes this ticket has the best chance to remain connected to the student body and encourages you to vote for Libby Bishop and Trip Foley on Monday.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Candidates, students deserve respect

This is in response to the Viewpoint column that appeared Tuesday entitled, “Student Government elections are a farce.” Just how can someone be so negative toward Notre Dame’s student government? Look. Life is too short to be bitter and negative.

How about, instead of tearing down classmates who run for office, we just keep the hurtful opinions out of the paper. It’s incredibly destructive to invest hours of work just to have them belittled (emphasis on the Lillo) by someone who chooses to sit down and throw a poorly thought-out essay on paper.

Another thing that really got me fired up was how the author jumped to this conclusion: "Candidates seek student government office, not to benefit us students, but rather to pad their own resumes." Since when can this guy read into the candidates’ hearts? He can’t. And for all he knows, there could be some really great leaders in the election who are ready to work diligently and get things done for the student body. Padding a resume? No, my friend, what you are witnessing is something much greater than some bulleted dot on a paper piece of paper.

As if knowing nothing about them, the author then endeavored to smear the student body as a whole. I do believe that he referred to the students as “sheep” and as incapable of having a voice towards the administration.

Look, we are a university composed of some of the most competitive people our society has to offer — people who are aspiring to be doctors, teachers, engineers, lawyers and even, well, the best people they can possibly be. And you have the audacity to liken us to sheep? Right. The student body at Notre Dame is not quiet like sheep. In fact, we roar like lions. Care to join?

In less than a week, the student body is going to have the opportunity to vote in two people as their student body president and vice-president. Acknowledge the hard work and effort that the candidates have put forth over the past week, consider the issues and make the decision that is right for you. It’s as simple as that. Don’t let cynicism leak into your way of viewing student government. Notre Dame did not achieve greatness with negativity; it did so with positive inspiration.

Editor’s note: Brian Gibson is the acting manager of the Scott Palks / P.J. Mercanti campaign for student body president and vice-president.

Brian Gibson
junior
Keragh Hall
Feb. 6, 2002

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Rock ‘n’ roll is trying to convince girls to pay money to be near you.”

Richard Hell
rock musician

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NDToday/OBSERVER POLL QUESTION

For which ticket do you plan on voting in the upcoming student government elections?

Vote at NDToday.com by today at 5 p.m.
The fall out over athletic director Kevin White's failure to check the veracity of George O'Leary's résumé serves as a reminder that, as a whole, sports writers are not known for the depth of their insight into character. Nearly all of the comments excoriated White for not catching O'Leary's misrepresentations, as if it was a character flaw on White's part to miss O'Leary's lies. There is a different read of White's actions, however, and that is that, in the technical sense of the word, they exemplified virtuous behavior.

John Courtney Murray, the Jesuit who is most responsible for making the case that being Catholic and being American is not exnomyric, argued that civil society requires a virtuous people. Murray was not a romantic. He did not have a hyperbolic understanding of civic virtue. The virtue of civility, for Murray, primarily meant that a person entered public discussion honestly and, barring reasons for thinking otherwise, assumed that others were entering the public sphere honestly as well. Civil society simply cannot hold up if our assumptions about the other person are wrong.

White did not have reason to doubt the basic facts of O'Leary's résumé. White checked into how Thursday, February 7, 2002. I am an idiot. Some people have hobbies, and I have that. A year and a half ago, I decided to apply to go abroad to Ireland. I filled out my application, sent it in and awaited word of my fate. Now, you're probably wondering why this makes me an idiot. Study abroad is a great experience, you say. It broadens your horizons, makes you a better person and directly saves seals and other marine life threatened by oil spills. Small, starving children in parts of India will immediately be helped by your decision to go abroad.

If you don't go abroad, your life will be unfilled and unfulfilled. You search desperately for the rest of your time on this planet for something that will complete you the way study abroad would have. Your soul mate is somehow related to this experience, and if you don't go, you'll be forced into lifelong celibacy. You will be in a car crash or fed to lions if you stay in the States. So how can the decision to go abroad make you an idiot?

Allow me to continue my story. I was accepted in February, as one might expect with my stellar record and recommendations (which were definitely not created by my roommate and me late at night with stolen letterhead), and cruising along fine. I'm going to Ireland next year. It sounds nice.

Past-forward 11 months. It's last December now, and for the first time I begin to get a whiff of just how idiotic I really am. I look at my nice life at Notre Dame, which I love, and my friends, whom I also love. I have no desire whatsoever to go to a foreign country for the next five months.

This will be a great new experience," everyone says. However, I hate new experiences. I get upset when I'm forced to eat at North when I was planning to go to South. I never really got over it when they switched the actress playing Aunt Vivian on "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.

"You'll meet new people," everyone says. I don't want to meet new people. I like the people I know. I don't want to make new friends with them. If these "new" people are so great, then why am I not friends with them already? The question must be asked: What kind of person decides to go to a foreign country for five months when she knows that she hates new places and new experiences? Obviously I, being that person, am an idiot. It seems clear.

The moment of leaving creeps closer. It's one day before departure and I am freaked out. I do not want to go to Ireland, particularly not tomorrow.

My best friend Matt gives me the best advice I've received all year. "Get on the plane," he whispers as he hugs me goodbye. "Get on the plane," he whispers as he closes the door.

I think about it. "Doesn't "get on the plane" mean that all I have to do is get on the plane. I don't have to go to Ireland. I don't have to spend five months away from everyone and everything I know and love. I just have to get on two planes and that's it. So I do it.

I've been in Ireland now for five weeks. Yes, indeed, I did undertake that great adventure known as study abroad, or, if you are a junior, the abyss into which the class disappers each semester. And, in all honesty, I don't think it was an idiotic decision. I think if I had thought about going abroad as a real, I'm-actually-going-to-do-this decision a year and a half ago, I wouldn't have applied due to my loathing of all new things. But they say God has special angels assigned to look after the idiots of this world (well, maybe "they" don't say that, but I do), and I definitely count myself among those idiots. I think my angel managed to work around my stationary nature and delivered me into this Irish adventure.

So far the adventure has basically consisted of "a, "getting lost an average of once a day and "b, "taking a lot of philosophy classes involving questions such as, "If I make a mistake in a piece of music, is it still a performance of that piece or is it a new piece of music?" and, "Do words have meaning? Does anything have meaning?"

The problem with these questions is that I don't care about them. In no way do their answers or lack thereof influence how I live my life. I spend less time in class this semester attempting to get beyond the fact that I would rather be eaten by crocodiles than study this stuff.

There are so many more interesting things to ponder, like where exactly I was when I got lost the second day and wandered so far away from the airport that I was forced to ask for directions I finally asked for directions hadn't ever heard of it. Or how to tell where north is when the sun never comes up.

Or whether or not I should be writing to the starving children in India who are somehow directly benefiting from my being here.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Avoid ‘Slackers’ at all costs

By ADAM WELTLER
Scene Movie Critic

Learning sanskrit, shaving a cat, making a model of the pyramids out of cheese cubes. These are all better and more productive ways to spend 90 minutes rather than watching “Slackers.” Unoriginal, unfunny, and disgustingly unnecessary. “Slackers” takes toilet humor to a new and unnecessary low.

Ever since “There’s Something About Mary,” films have challenged themselves to out-gross each other, sometimes with humorous results. However, they should never have the audience wandering or away the memory of having seen such blue humor.

The plot revolves around a group of three college room-mates who have made a lifetime out of cheating. They pull elaborate schemes one after another to cheat their way through college. But their plans and futures are in jeopardy with one of them, Dave (Devon Sawa), falling in love with Angela (James King). The problem is that the sick and psychopathic Ethan (Jason Schwartzman) of “Rushmore”) is obsessed with Angela and has the proof that could get the group of cheaters expelled. He blackmails all of them to help him woo Angela and they are forced to use their skills to save themselves. The plot thickens when Angela starts to fall in love with Dave, much to Ethan’s dismay.

The story itself is tired and humourless. Having to see slackers at work are enjoyable. One has to admire the planning and precision that must have gone into each of their schemes, but the disgusting humor that fills the rest of the film more than distracts the viewer from any interest in the clashing subplot.

Masturbation, naked breasts of older women (even if it is Minnie Van Thoren, for the love of God, she’s 78), a man singing to a wark gappet on his penis, urinating in the shower; it seems as though the studio are trying to test the limits of what can and cannot be in films today. This reviewer is for the first amendment 100 percent, but when a film can’t even find a way to make flipulence humor funny, something is terribly wrong.

Jason Schwartzman, hilarious in “Rushmore,” does his best to bring a likeable side to Ethan, but the script makes him just too creepy. Ethan’s antics cause the viewer to literally cringe and wonder if such people actually exist. And if they do, why aren’t they locked away to be studied or at least observed? He worships a doll made out of Angela’s hair that he has collected off the back of her seat in class. Sadly, that is one of the least offensive things he does.

The rest of the characters are incredibly one-dimensional. Angela is dense and unbelievable. Of the slackers, Sawa’s character is the most developed, but he can’t do much to help this film from its inevitable descent into the tenth level of hell.

In this world, nothing is completely bad, and “Slackers” has a few moments that make the audience chuckle instead of groan. And some of the dialogue draws a smile. The actors deliver their lines well, and they deserve credit for saying moronic dialogue with such precision. But one also has to think that the money put into this film could have been better spent on, well, anything else.

So don’t even wait for this film to come to video. Spend your time doing something else, even physics if you have to. Some of you might be driven into wanting to see it because of how horrible it is, like when you gawk at a car crash on the side of the road. Don’t. Joke is too short.

To paraphrase “Billy Madison,” everyone in the audience is now duly impressed having seen this film. I award it no shamrocks, and may God have mercy on your souls.

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French ‘Brotherhood’ is made for America

By MATT NANIA
Scene Movie Critic

When one thinks of French cinema, it’s easy to imagine films occupied with stuffy characters and unexciting, art-y narratives. Sure, there are cross over hits like “Amelie” and, to a lesser extent, “With a Friend Like Harry,” but those were enjoyed by American audiences despite their unmistakable “French-ness.”

Christophe Gans’ “Brotherhood of the Wolf” (Le Partie des Loups), on the other hand, seems tailor-made for the local multiplexes. The relatively inexperienced director clearly does not follow in line with his native predecessors. More akin to Spielberg and McTnerian than Truffaut, Gans’ “Brotherhood” is as American as a French film can get.

The story is based upon accounts surrounding the Beast of Gueudain, a creature that killed dozens of women and children in a remote French town in the mid-18th century. From 1764 to 1767, the beast preyed on the village until an incredibly large wolf was killed by hired hunters and put on display to show that it’s terror had finally come to an end. The attacks, of course, continued, but they were hushed up. supposedly by King Louis XV.

That’s what the history books say, but fiction takes over with the arrival of Fromar (Samuel Le Bihan), a handsome adventurer and naturalist who is enlisted to help track down and kill the beast. Accompanying Fromar is his friend Muni (Mark Dacascos), a mystical American Indian martial artist (figure that one out, whose first scene is a slow motion, rain-drenched kung-fu fracas with some gory choreography, sequence, in all of its over-the-top action glory, gives you a good indication of where “Brotherhood of the Wolf” is headed.

The script by Stephane Cabel and Gans serializes the story into a more than two-hour-long genre mish-mash of horror, adventure, martial arts action, melodrama and fantasy, with a dash of political intrigue, than could have easily made a simple thriller, but instead it infracts the art with the aforementioned elements and everything from bordello to French history. Is the story of the Beast a precursor to the French Revolution? Probably not, but it definitely makes things more interesting.

Like any foreign film, the subtitles are an unfortunate distraction from the action on screen, and it’s especially a shame in “Wolf’s” case because of its fast-paced action and beautiful cinematography. The gritty, rich images have the same look as those in “The Fellowship of the Ring.” This and the film’s other technical aspects certainly make the movie visually entertaining, made even more so by the liberties Gans takes with other film styles. As surprising as it may sound, the monster-movie/martial-arts period epic combination actually works.

While the film also contains creditable performances (Dacascos delivers a quiet but intense turn as Muni) and an omnously intriguing atmosphere, it seems Gans’ talent has evidently shifted too much time endeared towards Michael Bay. The film is over-produced and full of cheap cinematic artifice — such as absurdly dramatic slow motion and overbearing sound effects. It’s a shame, because with a more assured technique, some of the action could’ve approached the stirring vision of “Crushing Tiger. Hidden Dragon.”

Mark Dacascos fights a local goon in the opening scene of Christophe Gans’ “Brotherhood of the Wolf.”

In the end, “Wolf,” like a lot of Hollywood blockbusters, is little more than a B movie with a movie production values. The plot introduces lame characters without motives, becomes contrived, climaxes in a hummfind staged car crash, the death, and finally oversteps its welcome trying to tidy everything up. Essentially a big American movie filtered through the artistic lens of its French origins, “Brotherhood of the Wolf’s” limited release belies its commercial and marketable aspirations. Gans has a promising career in Hollywood if he wants one.

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Photo courtesy of Screen Gems

by Christophe Gans

Mark Dacascos fights a local goon in the opening scene of Christophe Gans’ French film, “Brotherhood of the Wolf.”

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As the campaign for student body president heats up, many students may be wondering whether the candidates will actually be able to follow through with certain campaign promises. In fact, while many platform ideas are feasible, there are some campaign promises that candidates will probably never be able to fulfill.

Some of the ideas are ones that the Student Senate has already looked into, according to senator Aldo Tesi, but administrators have told them those ideas will not work.

“We’ve looked into [many of] them. They’re not necessarily unfeasible, but it seems their ideas weren’t looked into,” said Tesi, who is a co-chair of the senate’s residence life committee.

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Aldo Tesi senator

For example, candidates Scott Palko and P.J. Mercanti want to initiate research into the possibility of installing air conditioning in all dorms, something that senators have already researched.

“The residence life committee looked into air conditioning. It might be possible but it would cost a ton. There’s other things the University has to spend money on,” Tesi said.

In fact, while adding air conditioning is something that could be looked into, according to Debbie Murray, a manager in the maintenance department, it would be difficult and expensive to install in older dorms.

“To be perfectly honest, a lot of these buildings are not constructed for air conditioning,” said Murray.

Additionally, Tesi questioned proposals to change meal plans. Dining hall officials, he said, have already explained to senators why meal plans are structured the way they are.

“They’re doing the best they can. It’s not like the school is trying to screw the students,” said Tesi.

Nevertheless, candidates do have meal plan changes in their platform. Palko and Mercanti want students to receive flex points for unused meals at the end of the week. Tina Durski, card services manager in the food services department, does not believe it is possible to roll over meals into flex points with the current card services system.

“Technically, I don’t know how we would do that,” she said. She added that while budgeting is outside the realm of her job, based on her experience she believes the overall cost of meal plans would have to go up if students were receiving extra flex points.

“Anything you do to increase the average amount of meals a student eats increases the price of the meal plan,” Tesi said.

Increase meal plan options — something proposed by the ticket of Libby Bishop and Trip Foley — is somewhat more reasonable, according to Durski, as long as the plan is within reason.

“You don’t want the number of meals to be so low that you’re encouraging people to skip meals or cook in their dorms,” said Durski.

Improving Grab ‘n’ Go is another proposal that has come up. Somebody told me that the ticket with the best Grab ‘n’ Go scheme would win. Give me a break,” said Tesi. He explained that adding more food choices to Grab ‘n’ Go might cause logistical problems.

“It’s not impossible, but space in each of the Grab ‘n’ Go locations is an issue,” he said.

Another ticket, that of Nikki McCord and Nick Williams, promises to restart Safefide, a program that previous administrations have tried and failed to implement.

In addition, Bishop and Foley propose expanding the Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s shuttle service to new locations, such as the University Park Mall.

However, according to Student Activities director Brian Coughlin, it is unlikely that the shuttle service will expand to go to the mall, but Transpo Bus Service already runs from campus to the mall. Moreover, the University just renewed its contract with United Limo, and so adding more stops would have to wait a few years until that contract came up for renewal.

Expanded shuttle service is not impossible, however, Coughlin said, especially if the stop is at a location where students volunteer. The service has recently been expanded to include the Robinson Community Learning Center and the Legal Aid Clinic.

“There is precedent for it now that they’ve added two stops,” said Coughlin.

Another weakness of some platform issues is the fact that they seem outside the realm of student government.

For example, two platforms have proposed something similar to a dating service. In the platform of Brian Moscona and Keri Oxley, the proposal takes the form of “Out-4-Lunch,” while McCord and Williams call their plan “It’s Jon-Lunch.”

Tesi questioned whether such programs are “office of the president type stuff.”

Moscona and Oxley’s platform also offers a variety of carnivals — IRISHFEST, tradition night, Hey Day, ND Irish Fes. While the feasibility of planning these carnivals may not be problematic, student attendance has traditionally been an issue with similar events, like Founder’s Day.

“It depends on what time of year it is,” said Abe Pinion, a junior. “If it’s at the beginning of the semester yes, [it would go]. But after that I probably wouldn’t go because I will have homework to do.”

Jacob Rodemhiker, also a junior said, “I wouldn’t attend because I am already involved in many other organizations that have attractions of their own. I don’t really find programming of student government to be more attractive than the activities that I am already involved with people I know, rather than random people.”

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TRIP FOLEY

Who are They

Both Bishop and Foley are juniors. Bishop is a psychology and economics double major from Welsh Family, and Foley is majoring in economics and Spanish living in Sorin.

In Their Words

• Top Priority: Like most of the tickets this year, Bishop and Foley recognize students’ frustration with the current Flex system. The two would like to see a Flex 10 plan introduced, offering less meals but more Flex Points.
• First Priority: In an effort to boost student morale and spirit, Bishop and Foley plan on a “Welcome Willingham Tour” before the year ends. Held in conjunction with the Blue and Gold game, the tour would give students a chance to meet Tyrone Willingham in the dorms.

In Our Words

• Best Idea: Their Printer Allotment Sharing System (PASS) system introduces a printer welfare system for students who exceed the $100 limit. A simple phone call or e-mail to OIT can send unneeded funds from one student’s printing account to a needy student’s account.
• Worst Idea: Although communication between the administration and the student body needs to be improved, their idea of a weekly Q & A with a chosen administrator is overly optimistic. The student government-funded advertisement in The Observer would require sufficient funds and a regular person in charge of the weekly process. They should try addressing any issues in Senate, not an advertisement.
• Most Feasible Idea: In an effort to enhance communication between student government and the student body, Bishop and Foley plan on creating and regularly maintaining a student government Web site. In addition to providing information on weekly meetings and happenings on campus, the site will also serve as a place for student feedback and polling.
• Least Feasible Idea: Their campus-wide book swap in LaFortune sounds nice, but it isn’t realistic. Informal swapping goes on among friends in the dorms, but it would be hard to get the University to go up against the bookstore by setting up the swap in a central campus location.
• Fun Fact: Both Bishop and Foley are earning majors in Economics.
• Notable Quote: “It’s sometimes hard to get out of the second-floor of LaFortune if you’re always there,” said Foley.

The Bottom Line

Bishop and Foley have the experience inside and outside the Dome to effectively manage the office of student body president. They have heavily researched most items on their platform, making their promises potential realities. Their ticket would be stronger, however, if they focused less on seeking opinions and input and more on what they are going to do. While Foley is a dynamic personality, Bishop needs to be more assertive in her leadership role.

NIKKI MCCORD

Who They Are

McCord is a junior who lives in Pasquerilla East. She majors in government and minors in Latin. Williams is a sophomore who lives in Fisher. He is a government and Spanish major.

In Their Words

• Top Priority: McCord and Williams want to capitalize on the success of big-name events such as Bengal Bouts and Bookstore Basketball by adding a barbecue. The cookout, according to the ticket, would draw larger turnout and keep students entertained throughout the main event.
• First Priority: McCord and Williams’ first act would be to run in The Observer a full-page ad stating their goals.

In Our Words

• Most Feasible Idea: The ticket plans an all-school Mass this year on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Given the huge turnout to the South Quad Mass last fall — and the global interest that will surround the tragedy’s one-year anniversary — if McCord and Williams don’t organize a Mass here, somebody will.
• Least Feasible Idea: Officials shut down SafeRide leaving intoxicated students stranded off campus for a reason — mainly because it wasn’t serving anybody. In the past the program has been allotted adequate funding, but has operated unsuccessfully because of inadequate staffing and relatively little need. If McCord and Williams want to restart the program, they better be willing to promote it well and to devise a number easily memorable for drunken students — maybe 631-BEER?
• Best Idea: The ticket’s idea to allow students to charge purchases at the Copy Shop is a small goal that affects campus life — and wallets — in a big way. And McCord and Williams have done their homework, claiming that the infrastructure already is in place in the store to provide this service.
• Worst Idea: Cookouts are nice, but not with hundreds or thousands of people. McCord and Williams big barbecue has all the makings of a big bust.
• First Priority: According to campaign posters touting McCord and Williams’ average-student image, she likes figure skating and basketball star Kobe Bryant and he likes cuttting and the John Stamos character “Uncle Jesse” from 1980s sitcom “Full House.”
• Notable Quote: “Our platform is nothing grandioso or nothing that’s going to change the world,” McCord said. “We’re running on simplicity, feasibility and things that support community.”

The Bottom Line

Since running a losing campaign last year with Ryan Becker, McCord has undergone a big change in image and goals. With Williams, McCord’s attempt to come across as the everyday student doesn’t ring true. Last year she ran as an experienced insider, this year she is just another student. The ticket claims to be running on a platform based on simple student needs, but the pair needs to get a little more serious ... seriously.
Thursday, February 7, 2002

BRIAN MOSCONA

Who They Are
Moscona is a junior and Oxley is a sophomore. Moscona lives in Stanford and Oxley lives in Badin and majors in ALPP philosophy.

In Their Words

- **Top Priority:** Addressing a problem that Moscona has seen as student body vice president, he and Oxley rank enhanced communication with the student body as their most important goal. Their proposed KOO-RAM Committee (the name is based on their initials) would establish a system by which students could bring their questions or ideas to student government via e-mail, phone or suggestion box. The committee would guarantee some sort of response in seven days. Other communication ideas include a Web site and student government stall notes in all dorms.
- **First Priority:** Moscona and Oxley believe they can begin implementing the communication aspects of their platform right away. In particular, they will start by establishing the KOO-RAM committee and its accompanying hotline and e-mail address.

The Bottom Line
Clearly one of the most experienced tickets, Moscona and Oxley have put a lot of hard work into assembling a comprehensive platform. Many of their ideas address important aspects of student life in a meaningful way. The big question, however, is communication. Their ideas to increase communication between student government and students do seem more likely to work than those Moscona proposed when he ran for student body vice president last year.

SCOTT PALKO

Who They Are
Palko and Mercanti are both juniors who live in Keough. Palko is a management and theology major, Mercanti is a finance major.

In Their Words

- **Top Priority:** Based upon student support gathered door-to-door, Palko and Mercanti set a new meal plan system to allow unused meals to roll-over into Flex points as their top priority. Although they also know this will be their most difficult initiative and accept that a "scaled back" version of their idea may be the only feasible option, Palko sees it as the best way to "give back to the students."
- **Worst Idea:** To get more students to go to pep rallies. Moscona and Oxley want to include rally attendance as a factor in the dorm of the year award. It's hard to imagine the award could motivate uninterested students to give up a few hours of their Friday afternoon.
- **Most Feasible Idea:** Stall notes are an easy and effective way to get student government updates into all the dorms, in a spot where lots of people will read them.
- **Least Feasible Idea:** Moscona and Oxley intend Dinner in the Dome to increase communication between students and administrators. However, only a small percentage of students would be able to attend the meetings – not enough to have much of an effect on the communication gap between the student body and powers that be.

The Bottom Line
"Leadership is Action, Not Position"
Palko and Mercanti have delusions of grandeur. They genuinely wish to help the student body and bring new ideas to student government, but their platform is way too far fetched to happen during their term, if at all. As their campaign slogan suggests their leadership outside student government is impressive, but they lack the knowledge to even begin the plans they dream of within the current government structure.

KERI OXLEY

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The Bottom Line

**Best Idea:** Moscona and Oxley want to work with student activists to bring social concerns to the administration and to make sure more on-campus protests and demonstrations are approved. This platform idea is a clear sign that Moscona and Oxley want to make student government more than just a programming body.

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**Fun Fact:** Contrary to what some postings on NDToday.com say, Moscona and Oxley are not currently dating.

**Notable Quote:** "The office of the president should not be one more programming body competing with other offices, but a facilitating body," said Moscona.

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Candidates discuss thoughts on administration

By KIFLIN TURNER
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Strengthening the ties of communication between the students and the administration ranks as, or near the top of a list of priorities formulated by student government ticket running for office in this week’s election.

Finding a face to address the concerns of the students is essential in making the first step towards taking active initiatives according to presidential candidate Libby Bishop.

"We really want to be proactive and we want to have students feel like student government cares about what they have to say and we want to do that by coming towards the students instead of just letting the students come to us," said Bishop.

Creating a student government web site with polls, keeping a suggestion box, and being available after dorm doors are some of the ways the Bishop/Foley ticket plan to reach out to the student community in increasing communication and harnessing ideas.

"After getting a wide range of student opinion we’ll know what students want," said Bishop. "Once we have better communication with the students, I think we will be so much better equipped to communicate with the administration.

Presidential candidate Scott Palko and running mate, P.J. Mercanti cited their student-based philosophy as the foundation of their platform.

"Being a ticket we believe is based on student life and the students wants, needs and concerns -- we’re trying to have the students tell us what it is they want," said Palko.

To initiate student dialogue and involvement Palko advocated enabling an e-mail address where the students could post concerns.

"One of the very first things we plan on doing when we get into office is having an e-mail address set up," said Palko. "Currently that would personally read and sort each message and then group them accordingly to comprehensively address similar issues.

"We have accountability to get these things done and students can look towards us trying to accomplish those things — they know that it is we going to be working for in the next year," said Palko.

The ticket also plans on writing a weekly or bi-weekly column in The Observer to inform students of any developments in student government and the stance of the administration on various issues.

"We’re a firm believer in using the means of communication that already exist as much as Scholaic and The Observer are concerned," said Palko.

Both candidates, Nikki McCord and vice presidential candidate, Nick Williams both plan to continue to talk to student groups around campus in the coming days to gain additional feedback.

McCord said that it is imperative to estab­lish an active voice and role in communicat­ing the needs of the student.

"They want well-educated people who are going to firmly state the needs of the students who are not so much going to overturn their authority, but work with them to express the desires of the student body," said McCord. "We plan to work with the administration in the areas that students bring to the changing climate on campus."

Brian Moscona, current student body vice president and presidential candidate, and his runningmate, Kort Oxley have declared communication with students and their administration as their top priority. From a new web site to a new committee called KOOBAM (an acronym for the candidates initials), much of their platform is about having accountability to get those ideas across.

"Many campaign promises are happen­ing in student government now and stu­dents just don’t know," said Moscona. "That’s why communication is one of our biggest goals."

As a member of the current administration, Moscona said he has already established a relationship with many administrators, but understands the need for students to be aware of administration’s motivations.

The Bishop/Foley ticket also believed that their collective student government experi­ence granted them the ability to act as qual­ified representatives to the administration.

"We feel like we have a more accurate perception and perspective because of our extensive involvement in student govern­ment," Bishop said.

Provided that they take a proactive approach by speaking with administrators on a personal basis, Foley stated that open and personal dialogue would enable them to work on their ideas and ensure imple­mentation.

"We’ve gotten great responses from the administrators we’ve talked to on each of the issues," said Foley. "We’ve been both happily surprised at when we were researching our platform at how open the administration was to new ideas and wanting to discuss them with us. I think that that is a great way to start it off because they already know what we want and we made sure that what we’d like to work on is feasi­ble."

McCord also emphasized the feasibility of their own platform and the likelihood of gaining administrative approval to imple­ment them.

"The best thing to remember is that our platform is simple. We don’t have any grandiose ideas that aren’t going to work," said McCord. "We’re working on a platform that is simplistic and beneficial to the student."

Creating a platform that is feasible, realis­tic, and in demand is the most efficient way to go about getting goals accomplished according to ticket.

McCord stated that the idea of having a free movie shuttle providing transportation to students would necessitate the financial support of the administration.

"We’d definitely going to require the help of the administration because we are going to need funding," said McCord. In addition, McCord also plans to resurrect SafeRide and has already begun discussion with Public Safety and commune vice president of stu­dent affairs, and assistant vice president of student affairs, Bill Kirk.

"They think that Safe Ride is an excellent idea," said McCord.

One of the issues on Palko’s campaign ticket that would require extensive adminis­trative review is the consideration of imple­menting air conditioning into the dorms.

"We plan on initiating the process," said Palko. "It’s our goal to start the process for air conditioning not so much as have air conditioning in every dorm in one year.

The changing policy on tailgating is a recent issue of concern in assessing the quality of communication between adminis­trators and students. After the fact, it later came to light that the student population was largely unaware of the revised policy.

McCord reported that Kirk was willing to talk to concerns of the students. Foley also stated that they had previously spoken with Kirk on the issue.

Foley also said that in light of the mass student confusion and the revision of the tailgating policy, their platform supports a mediator in relaying the position of the administration as well as conveying the concerns of the students on issues.

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Candidates discuss thoughts on administration

On Student Activism
- Pledged to chal­lenge administra­tion on important student issues
- Claims willing­ness to defend students, but without precedent

On Campus Life Council
- Recognize the shortened administration on important student issues
- Would limit the council’s scope to two issues per year

On Student Senate
- Support projecting non-senators on committees
- Wants to move issues through quickly, but no definite plan

On Tailgating
- Vow to take hardline with administrators on unclear policies
- Will support 21-year-olds’ pre-game drinking

On Feasibility of Platform
- Platform is well-researched; ideas are easily implemented
- This ticket’s pur­pose is to address simple, daily stu­dent issues
ONE ON ONE MOVIE REVIEW

Critics attend Kidman's 'Birthday Day'

Staff members Melissa Rauch (MR) and Paul Butterworth (PB) review Jez Butterworth's "Birthday Girl" in a conversational style unraveled since the days of Vendulder and Who's on First. Enjoy the show.

PC: So, Nicole Kidman. Me, you, and all of that dewy pale skin meet again. Whuh.

MR: Isn't she a little tall for you, Paul? Sorry, in "Birthday Girl," Kidman stars as a Russian mail order bride named Nadia who's full of surprises. As in her recent films "Moulin Rouge" and "The Fugitives," she develops another unique character to demonstrate her range, this time by donning a Russian accent and wearing more masquer than Tammy Faye Baker.

For the past few years, she's seemed destined to prove to everyone that she was more than just Mrs. Tunt Cruise. With all the current buzz surrounding her personal and professional life, Kidman raises Butterworth's film from obscurity. Her fine performance helps the audience overlook the ludicrous plot and makes this middle of the road film somewhat enticing.

PC: "Birthday" opens with lovely bank clerk John Buckingham (Ben Chaplin) posing for a webcam while searching for a girl in call his own, and from there revolves around the consequences of both his choices and his past. When John reveals — woops — I mean ejects to ignore the age-old adage, " Beware: Ruskie's bearing bums," he is burnt by the heat of passion.

When the forlorn Nadia enters the scene, John quickly realizes she is not the babushka he chose. Despite his usual reverence to rules and the statuesque qux, he decides against correcting the error after discovering just how saucy, and willing Nadia can be in night clothes.

The real hijinks begin when her long lost buddies, bilingual Yuri and thugsheh Alexei, arrive on the scene purloining sushi and smoking plenty of Marl reds.

MR: Jez, to two Frenchman, Vincent Cassel and Mathieu Kassovitz, for portraying Russians so well.

PC: Also for Kidman, a native Aussie, who smoothly sheds her down under and borrowed American accents in order to sound like a native Russian.

MR: I agree that Kidman's Russian dialect is spot on, but then again, what do I know about Russian? Boris, Natasha, Yakov Smirnoff. With those as my only references, I can as easily duped as John.

PC: No, I've seen "The Hunt for Red October" enough times to know fake Moscowence when I hear it. And in femme Kidman passes the bill.

MR: Yes, her performance is so convincing it almost lets the audience forget how ludicrous the plot is. Almost, Luckily, Chaplin's doltish character is there to wake everyone up from this temporary insanity. His naivete, perverted, and irrational behavior is unrealistic and annoying. And while the script may call for John to play the thankless role of the dupe, the character gets no help from Chaplin's shallow performance. He has this blank stare stuck on his face no matter what emotion he's trying to express.

PC: Chaplin may be a nobody opposite Kidman, but Butterworth still succeeds in striking a pleasant balance between the two. And the rest of the cast.

Butterworth also chooses wisely in creating a soundtrack that opts away from the obtrusive background noise, melding music and silence with fewer seams than the word Eurasian. He even resists the temptation to wedge in the supposed kinky sex is barely shown, but it thrives on the witty camp and song entitled, "Happy Birthday!" or the Beatles' "Birthday" into the action.

Butterworth has ample opportunity to stuff his frames with images of speedy sex and violence, but takes a minimalist approach to these moments so that the plot is slowly inflated with tension rather than detonating with the impulse of a cartoon Arme plunger.

MR: The background silence, a bumpy ride, and the music, are still too many plot seams than the word.

PC: There is some stupid themes over the opening credits, until — voila! — the closing credits roll and there's a song entitled, that's right, "Something Stupid."

MR: "Stupid" being the operative word. Sure, the classic Bond film relies more on style than substance, but it thrives on the witty ramp and charm that "Birthday Girl" fails to achieve.

PC: Butterworth adds original material to all the Bond allusions, but adamantly still ends with an ambivalent script that never fully commits to being either a classic caper tale or a genuine love-suspense story. Its short running time is indicative of a lack of depth, but "Girl," with the help of a typically svete Kidman, will capture enough attention to hold its own in this frigid period of cinema sweeps until the next deluge of blockbuster releases in the spring.

MR: Sad, despite Kidman's talents, it's not worth a look.

By the time they finished collaborating on this review, Melissa and Paul were wishing they had never heard the name Butterworth. And they were eating pancakes at the time. Contact them at meruch@umd.edu and pcama-rath@umd.edu.
**WINTER OLYMPICS**

WTC flac to be used in opening ceremonies

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

The tattered American flag recovered from the rubble as ground zero will be carried at the Winter Olympics' opening ceremony Friday night in a compromise of patriotism and protocol.

A group of U.S. athletes, New York City firefighters and Port Authority police will be allowed to carry the flag into the ceremony in a "solemn, dignified entrance," the internationally Olympic Committee said Wednesday, reversing an earlier decision.

Barring bad weather, the debatable banner will then be raised beside the Olympic Flame at Rice-Eccles Stadium while "The Star-Spangled Banner" was played.

The flag will not be part of the main parade of athletes during the opening ceremony and instead will be carried in after all teams have entered the stadium.

Still, it will be the official U.S. flag of the Winter Games, at the center of an estimated 3 billion people watching worldwide.

"We had a great deal of discussion on how to honor the flag as a symbol of the heroes of Sept. 11," said Mitt Romney, president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, who criticized the IOC's original decision.

**WINTER OLYMPICS**

Two Americans among those elected to IOC

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

In a major boost for U.S. power in international sports, a Los Angeles business leader was elected vice president of the IOC on Wednesday and America's top Olympic official was chosen as a committee member for the Winter Games.

James Easton, whose company makes aluminum base- ball bats, easily won the vice presidency over Canada's Paul Henderson, 52-32. Easton's new position returns a U.S. member to the IOC's powerful executive board.

Sandra Baldwin, the president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, was chosen as a three-sport member of the IOC's executive board.

Baldwin takes the seat formerly held by 1988 Olympic volleyball player from the United States and now an IOC member. "I think the U.S. athletes will be very satisfied," Baldwin said.

The athletes who will carry the American flag recovered from the rubble of the Sept. 11 attacks at the World Trade Center will be a solemn, dignified entrance.

The compromise was reached just before midnight, after a two-hour meeting of IOC, USOC and SLOC officials and their advisers.

"The ground zero flag will enter solemn march during the opening ceremony," Carrard said. "It will be carried by an honor guard of American athletes and other former police, heroes, policemen, Brement. This will be a solemn, dignified entrance."

The 12-foot-by-8-foot flag was the only American flag flying at the World Trade Center on the morning of Sept. 11.

It was buried in rubble for three days and was torn in two places. Rescuers turned it over to a National Guard colonel for a ceremonial destruction. The colonel gave the flag to the Port Authority Police Department.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey owned the trade center.

The flag flew over a World Series game at Yankee Stadium last fall and was included in ceremonies at the Super Bowl.

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**CONSIDERATIONS...**

**Seniors:**

**Only 100 days left**

- by Fr. John Herman c.s.c.
- Rector, O'Neill Hall and Director of Retreats

One hundred days. Only 100 days stand between today and that great day, May 19th, when family and friends will gather in the Joyce Center to celebrate the graduation of their daughters and sons, their brothers and sisters and their friends. Only 100 days remain until a very significant chapter of life, four years at Notre Dame, comes to a close. The Class of 2002 will then join the ranks of this great university's alumni/alumnae, and will move on to the next chapter of life, wherever that may be. It's not yet time for our seniors to head to the Grotto for that last visit, but it's approaching all too rapidly, isn't it?

It's not my intention to get you seniors into a countdown mode. My hope is simply that you will realize just how precious the time is that you have left here at Notre Dame. Despite the sometimes less than ideal weather, to be here at Notre Dame is a gift from God. It is a gift that so many people throughout the country and world would love to have but a privilege that relatively few will ever enjoy. Time is such a precious commodity, especially here. What will you do with the time that you have left here? How will you make the most of it all?

The challenges and pressures that seniors might be feeling at this time are, in all likelihood, greater in this class than they have been for seniors in recent years. That question that seniors typically dread may be looming even larger than usual this year. "What are you going to do after graduation?" Even those fortunate seniors with an answer to that question can be weighed down by other questions about the shape their lives will take beyond the friendly confines of Notre Dame and away from their friends. The danger in the focusing on these questions is the possibility of losing a sizable chunk of the present, here under the Dome, to the future. We may be walking through today while our minds are half-way into September. We may lose at least part of the great gift that today can be for us here at Notre Dame to our questions about the future.

Living in the present is a challenge not just for seniors anticipating life beyond Notre Dame but for everyone. We can easily lose the present moment because we're either bound up by the past or riveted on the future. It's not over yet. Not nearly. How will we make the most of the time that we have left at Notre Dame? What are some things that we might do to take advantage of the meaningful opportunities that still lie before us here? There are so many possibilities. Go to lunch with that inspiring professor. Get a group together to do Christmas in April. Reconcile with that friend you lost during your sophomore year. The possibilities are endless.

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**Mass Schedule**

- **Basilica of the Sacred Heart**
  - Saturday, February 9 Mass: 5:00 p.m. - Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c
  - Sunday, February 10 Mass: 10:00 a.m. - Rev. Wilson D. Miscamble, c.s.c.
  - 11:45 a.m. - Rev. Edward A. Malloy, c.s.c.

- **Around Campus**
  - Sunday, February 10
    - Spanish Mass: 1:30 p.m., Zahm Hall Chapel
  - Law School Mass: 5:00 p.m., Law School Chapel
  - MBA Mass: 7:00 p.m., Mendoza COB Chapel

- **Sunday's Scripture Readings**
  - 1st Reading: Is 58:7-10
  - 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5
  - Gospel: Mt 6:13-16
BOXING

ABC recommends states to ban Tyson

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The Association of Boxing Commissions is recommending that other states follow Nevada by denying Mike Tyson a boxing license.

The ABC's suggestion isn't binding, though, because while state commissions uphold other states' license revocations or suspensions of boxers, they are not bound to honor a license denial.

Shelly Finkel, Tyson's advisor, said seven states have expressed interest in a Tyson challenge to WBC-IBF heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis.

General manager Eddie Gossage of the Texas Motor Speedway at Fort Worth, said he spoke with Finkel and Main Events, Lewis' American promoter.

Dickie Cole, boxing coordinator of Texas, has said Tyson could get a license there. He has not applied in Texas, but he is supposed to apply for a license in California in about two weeks.

There also is a political reason behind the ABC's action. The ABC is against having a Federal Boxing Commission, and the group's president, Tim Lueckenhoff, said that for that reason, "I think it's important that we as an association stick together."

The Nevada State Athletic Commission voted 4-1 on Jan. 29 not to issue a license to Tyson so he could fight Lewis on April 6 in the MGM Grand at Las Vegas.

"All we did was deny him a license within the borders of Nevada," said Marc Ratner, executive director of the Nevada commission.

"We understand that each state and Indian reservation has its own criteria for reaching a license," Lueckenhoff said.

He said he had the unanimous support of the ABC's 11-member board of directors in making the recommendation to follow Nevada's lead.

The ABC has 49 states and Indian reservations, including Nevada, as members, according to Lueckenhoff.

Lewis has said his WBC mandatory defense against Tyson won't happen on April 6 and that he might fight another opponent. Lewis, however, remains under contract for a Tyson fight.

The WBC has let it be known that it expects Lewis to fight the top-ranked Tyson before he fights anyone else.

Belles give Dutch a scare

By JOE LINDSLEY

Saint Mary's expected Hope to be a tough opponent Wednesday night. Hope probably didn't expect the same of Saint Mary's.

But if the Flying Dutch did not expect much from the Belles before the game, they soon realized just how badly the Belles wanted an upset victory during the first five minutes of the contest at Hope College's Dow Center.

Hope (21-1, 10-1 MIAA) continued to distance itself from the rest of the conference as the Flying Dutch beat the Belles 74-64.

Considering Hope's prowess in the conference on average they only allow their opponents 54.2 points while scoring 70.2 themselves - Saint Mary's had a successful night, even with injured star Anne Blair only playing 14 minutes. "I thought the team really came out from the start ready to go. I was very, very impressed and proud of them, of the way they stepped on the court to play," said Belles' coach Suzanne Smith.

"It was amazing to look in our players' eyes the first 10 minutes and see the intensity in their eyes," she added.

"Our whole team is pleased. We improved and played so much better since the last time we played them. It is definitely encouraging," said senior guard Jamie Dineen.

The Belles started off strong, and stayed with the Flying Dutch throughout the first half. At the buzzer, Dineen sunk a 3 to put Saint Mary's within five, 31-26.

Because Blair had injured her thumb in practice Tuesday, she was only able to contribute two boards and an assist to the Belles' cause, but sophomore forward Katie Miller stepped up, scoring 22 points, including going 4-9 from the arc.

Freshman Emily Creachbaum and Dineen helped the Belles rack up points with their totals of 12 and 15, respectively.

Despite Miller's shooting accuracy though, Hope's defense was able to take more shots and make more shots, and the defense was able to force turnovers and confuse Saint Mary's at times.

"Hope really put a lot of pressure on us, trying to force a lot of turnovers, gave us different defensive looks," Smith said. "They reached into their bag of tricks and threw out a couple of defensive looks that we weren't expecting." Katie Boyre was aggressive at the boards, pulling down six, but Hope was able to out-rebound the Belles 31-26, thanks to efforts by Laura Poppena, Amy Brower, and Ant Balmans.

Although Saint Mary's started the game with much focus and assertiveness, its intensity started to falter during the second half.

The Belles shot 60 percent from the floor in the first half, but lost accuracy as they attempted more shots in the second, when they went 15-30 from the field. The Belles only went to the line five times and made three of those shots, while the Flying Dutch were 6-11 in free throws.

Aided by Miller's four 3-pointers, the Belles' shot 50 percent from beyond the arc, while the Flying Dutch - typically not a 3-point shooting team - shot just 33.3 percent in six attempts.

Overall, Saint Mary's is pleased to have finished within 10 points of the top-ranked team in the conference, but, as they look forward to playing at Olivet on Saturday, there is still some disappointment.

"They really expected to win tonight," said Smith. "The Belles (17-5, 3-8 MIAA) are currently ranked second to last in the conference standings.

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Divac's triple double leads Kings over Celtics

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Senators.

Divac's triple double leads Kings over Celtics

Chris Webber (stomach and ond half with 21 seconds remaining and blocked a shot with 9 seconds left to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to a victory over the Houston Rockets.

Steve Francis took Houston's last shot. The ball bounced out of bounds and through the basket, but the referees ruled the shot came after time had expired.

Francis knelt at midcourt in disbelief and Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich went to the scorer's table to protest the call. A television replay appeared to show the call was incorrect.

Miller finished with 13 assists and Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored all 12 of his points in the fourth quarter as the Cavs built a 72-62 lead with 3:52 left in the third quarter. Person finished with 23 points.

Moiely, limited to two points on 1-of-2 shooting in the first half, scored nine straight points in the third quarter to rally the Rockets.

Miller and Person each had 10 rebounds as the Cavs built a 50-46 lead by the break.

Mavericks 122, Nets 100

Tim Hardaway hit a go-ahead 3-pointer to ignite a game-winning 16-2 run that led the Dallas Mavericks to a victory over the New Jersey Nets.

Hardaway had seven of his 11 points in the run that led Dallas to a 99-98 lead. After a couple of misses by each team, Wang hit a shot to make it 101-98 with 4:39 to go.

Martin scored on an alley-op dunk from Kidd with 4:25 to go but Dallas scored the final 11 points with Hardaway adding a pair of three pointers with a jumper and two free throws.

Dirk Nowitzki added 22 points and Steve Nash added 18 points and 12 assists for the Mavericks, who played without Jowwan Howard, who was sitting out a one-game suspension.

Wang Zhai had a career-high 15 points in the game that matched the coaches in this weekend's All-Star game.

Don Nelson of the Mavericks will coach the West, while Byron Scott of the Nets will coach the East.

Kenyon Martin had 26 points. Keith Van Horn added 21 and Jason Kidd had 14 points and 12 assists for the Nets, who were shot out in the final 4:25.

New Jersey, which trailed by 12 at the half, outscored Dallas 34-20 in the third quarter to make it 84-68 lead.

Kidd gave the Nets leads of 92-94 and 98-96 with a drive across the lane and a 3-pointer, respectively, in the third quarter.

Right after the 3-pointer, Hardaway made a hard-arching 3-pointer from the left corner for a 99-98 lead.

The Nets dominated the third quarter just like they did on Monday night in handout of a 111-101 win over the Nets in the West — its worst loss of the season.

Martin had eight points and Kittles, and Van Horn scored 12 as the Nets fell to 1-10 in road games.

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FOOTBALL

Davie laid the foundation

**Much of the Irish class of 2006 recruited by Bob Davie**

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

In the middle of December, wide receiver Maurice Stovall had two better things on his mind than attending Notre Dame.

"Who could blame him?" in just two short weeks Notre Dame fired Bob Davie and George O'Leary resigned in disgrace, leaving the Irish football office in shambles. Stovall dropped Notre Dame to fifth on his list of five schools.

Then Tyrone Willingham arrived. And everything changed.

Willingham's straightfor­ward personality and his commitment to a pro-style offense were enough to convince the Pennsylvania high school standout to cause him to reconsider and eventually declare his intent to play for Notre Dame.

"It was hard for me to believe they got him, especially with everything that was going on with their coaching situation." recruiting analyst Max Emfinger said. "He's a big, big commit­ment."

But while Willingham was able to secure late commit­ments from blue-chip recruits like Stovall, Davie established the foundation for this recruiting class.

In fact, it's hard to say how Willingham affected Notre Dame's recruiting. It was tough enough to describe his recruiting style, but much harder to put a dollar figure on his efforts.

The emerging class of Irish will eventually be judged by its ability to switch over to a lot of teams.

Davie said. "They all knew it was kind of reunite or rebound here."

"We really got some good books tonight. When we move it and swing it, we're going to do well." Mike Brey Irish coach

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Graves shows guts in performance off the bench

The way David Graves played against Rutgers it was impossi-
bile to tell he woke up Wednesday morning and
couldn’t move. He scored
18 points on .12-
shooting. Not too
shabby for a
guy col-
lapped with
excruciating
pain in his
lower back
that left him
wondering
how in the
world he’d
ever be able to
move, let alone
play.

"I was in the worst pain of my
life," he said after hobbling to his
seat in the interview room after
the game. "I felt like I had no
hope."

Tuesday afternoon, Graves
threw a pass to a streaking Matt
Carroll, very similar to a pair he
threw down the court against
Rutgers. It’s unclear whether or
not Graves crumpled to the floor
before the pass reached Carroll.
All that mattered was that the
couldn’t control the spasms in
his back.
Graves left practice right away. His
‘mates didn’t know if he’d be able
to play.

He spent most of Tuesday
night in the infirmary while Dr.
Jim Moriarity tried everything he
knew to fix his back.
And Dur succeeded — for the
night.

The next morning, Graves
could barely get out of bed. It
took him 25 minutes just to go
to the bathroom. Playing was the
least of his worries. He was too
busy working on walking.
"I was very concerned," Mike
Brey said. "At 3 p.m., I didn’t
think he would play."

But something inside Graves
took over. Inner will, painkillers
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It could have been the nothing-
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James Bonelli  
Offensive lineman  
6-6, 285  
Ventura, Calif.  

“He’s as good an offensive lineman as there is in the country.”  
Max Emfinger recruiting analyst  

Notes: Top blocker for Lorenzo Booker ... named to Ventura County Star all-California Southern Section team ... helped team to 14-0 record in 2001.

Jake Carney  
Defensive back  
6-0, 180  
Lexington, Ken.  

“A sleeper-type guy that has made a lot of big plays. He’s not very big right now, but he’s a playmaker.”  
Max Emfinger recruiting analyst  

Notes: Named to Kentucky AP all-state squad ... played offense and defense in high school ... had 35 tackles and three interceptions in 2001.

Anthony Pasano  
Tight end  
6-4, 237  
Verona, N.J.  

“A great tight end. He runs real well, and I think he’ll be a good player for them.”  
Max Emfinger recruiting analyst  

Notes: First-team New Jersey all-state pick by Newark Star-Ledger ... helped team to New Jersey state title ... caught 23 touchdowns passes.

Derek Landri  
Defensive lineman  
6-2, 275  
Concord, Calif.  

“Landri’s my defensive player of the year. He’s totally unbelievable. I’ve never seen a player play high school ball like him.”  
Max Emfinger recruiting analyst  

Notes: First team USA Today All-American ... played on prep team that was the consensus national champion.

Travis Leitko  
Defensive lineman  
6-6, 250  
The Woodlands, Texas  

“A great defensive end. He was double teamed all year long and still made big plays.”  
Max Emfinger recruiting analyst  

Notes: USA Today second-team All-American ... first-team all-state selection by Des Moines Register ... helped team to first playoff berth in 16 years.

Brian Mattes  
Defensive lineman  
6-6, 250  
Larksville, Penn.  

“A two way player. He got some stats at tight end, but I really like d him on defense.”  
Max Emfinger recruiting analyst  

Notes: First-team Pennsylvania all-state pick as a junior ... Made 70 tackles, including 13 sacks, and blocked two kicks in 2001.

Scott Raridon  
Offensive lineman  
6-7, 285  
Mason City, Iowa  

“A super offensive lineman, one of the top offensive linemen in Iowa.”  
Max Emfinger recruiting analyst  

Notes: Gatorade Player of the Year for Iowa ... first-team all-state selection by Des Moines Register ... led team to first playoff berth in 16 years.

Mike Richardson  
Defensive back  
6-1, 180  
Warner Robins, Ga.  

“He could be an aggressive young man that has speed and athletic ability.”  
Tyrence Willingham Notre Dame head coach  

Notes: Caught 15 passes for 180 yards as senior ... rushed 76 times for 361 yards and nine touchdowns ... will switch to defense in college.

Jamie Ryan  
Offensive lineman  
6-5, 285  
Tamaqua, Penn.  

“A great offensive lineman who’s capable of playing both ways.”  
Max Emfinger recruiting analyst  

Notes: Played only four games in 2001 due to blood clot in neck ... made 110 tackles and 11 sacks as a junior.

The last two years  

Coaches often recruit players based on who committed the year before. Below is a list of offensive players who committed to Notre Dame in the last two years.  

Class of 2005  
Quarterback: none  
Running back: Ryan Grant  
Cory Jones  
Wide receiver: Marcus Wilson  
Carlos Campbell  
Tight end: Matt Shelton  
Mark LeVoire  
Offensive line: Matt Roeder  
Zach Gilles  
Darin Mitchell  
Dan Stevenson  

Class of 2006  
Quarterback: Chris Olsen  
Running back: Jeff Jenkins  
Nate Schliccatano  
Wide receiver: Rhema McKnight  
Murilo Stoval  
Tight end: Anthony Pasano  
Marcus Freeman  
Offensive line: James Bonelli  
Bob Morton  
Scott Raridon  
Jamie Ryan  

Who’s leaving  

17 seniors have used their entire four years of eligibility and may not return to the Irish.  

Offensive players  
RB - Tony Fisher  
RB - Terrance Howard  
WR - David Givens  
WR - Javon Hunter  
OL - J.W. Jordan  
FB - Jason Murray  
TE - John Owens  
OL - Casey Robin  
OL - Kurt Voller  

Defensive players  
LB - Rocky Bolman  
LB - Tyrone Harrison  
DL - Grant Irons  
CB - Clifford Jefferson  
S - Ron Israel  
S - Justin Smith  
DL - Anthony Weaver  
DL - Andy Wisne
Recruiting the
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Marcus Freeman
Tight end
6-4, 240
St. Paul, Minn.

"Had a phenomenal year. He's a diamond in the rough and may be the fastest tight end in the country."

Max Emfinger
recruiting analyst

Notes: Caught 20 passes for 300 yards and three touchdowns in 2001 ... helped team reach Class 5A quarterfinals

Rhema McKnight
Wide receiver
6-2, 188
La Palma, Calif.

"He's a very good wide receiver prospect and he's ranked as the ninth-best receiver in the nation."

Allen Wallace
recruiting analyst

Notes: As of 10 p.m. Wednesday, Notre Dame had yet to receive a fax making him an official member of the class of 2006.

Bob Morton
Offensive lineman
6-4, 305
McKinney, Texas

"Best center in the country. I've seen them all, and he's the best."

Max Emfinger
recruiting analyst

Notes: USA Today second-team All-American ... No. 98 player according to Chicago Sun-Times ... did not permit a sack in 2001

Who might return
16 seniors could apply for a fifth year of eligibility because they were injured or did not play for at least one full season

Offensive players
WR - Armaaz Battle
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K - David Miller
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Class of 2005
Defensive line
Brian Boldaetsch
Jeff Thompson
Linebacker
Brandon Hoyle
Corey Nagy
Rashon Powders-Hall
Justin Tuck
Defensive back
Lionel Binon
Dwight Ellick

Class of 2006
Defensive line
Chris Freme
Derek Landr
Travis Leikko
Brian Mattes
Dan Santucci
Linebacker
none
Defensive back
Jake Carney
Mike Richardson
Irish seek revenge against first round foe

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

After a pair of tough matches against Kentucky and Indiana last weekend, the competition doesn’t get any easier this week for the Notre Dame women’s tennis team, as it heads to Madison, Wis., to take part in the four-day USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship.

The tournament will showcase 16 top teams from across the nation in a four-day, dual match format that begins today.

The Irish will have to be on top of their game to even make it to the second round, however, as they draw the tough USC Trojans as a first round opponent. During the preseason, USC beat the Irish in a close, but convincing 5-2 victory.

Head coach Jay Louderback is excited about the prospect of a rematch.

“It’s going to be a lot of fun playing SC in the first round,” he said.

“They’ve got a great group of kids, and it’s always competitive when we play them.”

In their first meeting against Southern Cal, Notre Dame’s top singles player, Becky Varnum, scored a big 6-1, 6-3 upset against USC’s highly-ranked Jewel Peterson.

Currently mired in a minor slump, Varnum hopes she can use this tournament as a springboard to getting her game back on the right track.

“I’ve been struggling a little bit, but the shots will start to fall eventually,” said Varnum.

However, she was quick to add that any individual goals were secondary to the goals of the entire team.

“It’s definitely not about individual redemption. Our ultimate goal is to win every match as a team,” she said.

To achieve that, Louderback knows that the Irish will have to exhibit better focus than they have recently. The coach blamed a lack of concentration for last weekend’s surprise loss to Indiana and hopes that the same problem won’t resurface this week.

“Our mechanics are solid and everyone has the strokes, but we need to work on our mentality a little more. Staying positive and focused will be very important,” he said.

If talk is any indication, then the team is definitely thinking positively about the upcoming competition.

According to Varnum, the general mood around the team is very upbeat, and any disappointment over last weekend’s performance hasn’t lingered.

“We’re all looking forward to the tournament, and I think we all have a very positive mentality,” she said. “We know we can do well there.”

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TOM KEELEY

THINGS YOU NEVER WANT TO HEAR WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING ON THE BOTTOM BUNK

DO YOU EVER HAVE TO USE THE BATHROOM REALY BAD BUT DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE YOUR ROOM BECAUSE IT WAS TOO COLD WELL GOODNIGHT?

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2002

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Cost, Brooks, Miguel Ferrer, Charles Durning, Chris Rock.

Happy Birthday: You have an interest in money, investments, property and the personal affairs of others this year. You will take pride in your home and do whatever is necessary to raise its value. Don't shy away from doing the work yourself at this time. You'll triumph if you know what you're doing and what won't work. This year you are not numbers 1, 23, 35, 38, 47 or 61. 

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your ability to achieve everything that is going on around you will contribute to the decisions you make. Share your feelings with others.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Put your time and effort into maintaining and fixing up your home. Money spent on property and domestic products will be well worth your while.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You will be emotional about your relationship. If someone you care about is being difficult, give him or her space today. Make plans to do something interesting with a close friend.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Take time out to do something nice for yourself. You will find what you are going through tough times. Your Kindness will repay when you need help in return.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Get out and do things that will be uplifting today. Your friends will praise your insightful opinions. Creative projects will help you feel good about yourself.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone is likely to drive over your head, but you are wise enough to deflect your anger.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will want to travel today. You can see in the distance what needs to be fixed. Close friends will add to your fun. Look out for something special in the mail.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are in a partnerships spirit to have some disagreements today. Take time to consider what is important to you in a partner. You are better off by yourself than with someone who doesn't complement you.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19): Don't push your luck with authority figures. Keep a low profile and refrain from getting into debates with co-workers. You may find yourself losing ground if you try to right any wrongs.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In the coming months, a worldwide cause will enhance your reputation and introduce you to prominent individuals. You have a lot to offer and you will not be disappointed.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Someone thought you could trust is probably talking behind your back. Older relatives may be a burden today. Do what you can to help but not at the expense of neglecting your own responsibilities.

Birthday Baby: You can be impulsive, independent, sensitive and inventive. You are never jumping from one thing to another. You have a unique approach to life that will always have an element of surprise.

(Read advice? Check out Sagana's Web sites at astrowatch.com, eugenialevita.com, astrocom.com.)
By JOE HETTLER  
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Signing Day ended with a bittersweet taste for Notre Dame on Wednesday when Lorenzo Booker chose Florida State University rather than USC, Washington and Notre Dame.

According to ESPN, the National-Player-of-the-Year had initially picked Notre Dame before changing his mind about an hour before his press conference.

The Irish also lost Dieudrick Harrington earlier in the day. Harrington earlier in the day. Harrington announced he will join Maurice Stovall, Notre Dame inked a few other big names.

Stovall leads an Irish class of 2006 that should still be one of the best in the nation, despite being unable to sign Booker.

"We are very excited about the young men we will introduce into our program and hopefully they will be strong, strong elements to our success," said Willingham. "I think it was extremely important to have that group of committed young men in our program as fast as possible."

Overall, Notre Dame signed five defensive linemen, four offensive linemen, two tight ends, two running backs, one quarterback and two receivers. Besides McKnight and Stovall, Notre Dame inked a few other big names, such as linemen Derek Landri, Travis Leitko and Bob Morton and quarterback Chris Olsen.

Landri is a member of the Parade All-American first team, and was rated as the Defensive Player-of-the-Year by recruiting analyst Max Emfinger.

"Landri's my defensive player of the year," said Emfinger. "That's about the biggest accolade you can get. He hasn't been blocked in high school. He's just a little bit out there. It's a strength of his game." Emfinger has never seen a player that's played high school ball that's recorded 14 sacks.

Travis Leitko, a member of the USA Today prep All-America second team, was called "a great defensive end" by Emfinger, and has the chance to see the starting role.

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Irish point guard Chris Thomas shot his way out of a midseason slump Wednesday, racking up 32 points in Notre Dame's 89-72 conference win against Rutgers at the Joyce Center.

"You just got to let good players play," Irish head coach Mike Brey said. "It was a fabulous effort by him tonight."

Thomas shot 10-14 and an impressive 7-9 from behind the arc.

"That's what I call breaking out of a 1-for-50 slump," joked Thomas.

Thomas' deadly 3-pointers left the Rutgers defense scrambling all night.

"That boy hit a lot of 3s today. That just doesn't happen," Rutgers head coach Gary Waters said.

The freshman point guard led the Irish in 3s, but his supporting cast behind the arc chipped in with solid performances, as the team hit 14 shots from downtown.

"You can't shoot better than they did today," Waters said. "When they shoot the ball well, they are as good as any team in the league. We didn't take Irish shots away tonight and they beat us to death with their 3s.

Thomas was not the only Irish player who turned a key performance in the Irish win.

Forward David Graves provided a hug spark off the bench, scoring 18 points, despite suffering through a painful low back strain injury.

"He hurt his back in a Tuesday practice and spent the night in the infirmary. I was very concerned about David yesterday. He just crumpled to the floor with no one around," Brey said. "I'm really proud of him. He was there. It was a tough sucker tonight."

Graves status was questionable until the start of the game.

"It was the worst pain of my life," Graves said. "I felt like I had no hope."

Also making waves for the Irish was junior guard Matt Carroll, who became the 42nd player in Notre Dame history to top the 1,000 point mark with his 14-point performance. Carroll Humphrey finished the night with an uncharacteristic

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thomas’ hot hand guides Irish past Rutgers