400 volunteer to rake leaves in South Bend

By MARY MIGLIOZZI  News Writer

Nearly four hundred students participated in Turning Over A New Leaf on Saturday, a project that saw students rake leaves and do other yard work for disabled residents in the northeast neighborhood.

This was the largest turnout ever for the annual project, a collaborative effort of several local sponsors including the classes of 2004, 2006 and 2008, the CSC, the CSC the Robinson Center, Lewis Hall and Knott Hall.

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Mass mourns former student

By TERESA FRALISH News Editor

About 100 students, family members and friends gathered Sunday in the O'Neill Hall Chapel for a memorial Mass in honor of former Notre Dame student Brian Berg, who was found dead Nov. 1.

"We gather here today to mourn the loss of Brian Berg, someone who was close to us, who was a part of our family. It is also a day to remember him and all the joy he brought into our lives," said Father Jay Steele, rector of Moroney Hall.

Berg, who spent the Fall 2002 semester studying in the London Program before police said he committed suicide over three weeks ago in Bloomington, Ind., withdrew from the University last spring and was eventually diagnosed with schizophrenia.

In his homily, Steele talked about the time he first met Berg during the summer he spent working in Maroney Hall. At that time, both Steele and Annie Moranski, Berg's former girlfriend, were involved in the Notre Dame Vocational Initiative program, a part of Campus Ministry at Notre Dame.

"He was very diligent in his work," said Steele, who did not know Berg very well at the time. "One afternoon there was a knock at the door.

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Asian Allure celebrates diversity

By KATHERINE GALES News Writer

Performers danced, sang and stepped at Saturday's Asian Allure performance.

The Asian-American Association, in conjunction with various multicultural clubs around campus, presented its Asian Allure show, "Accents," at the Century Center.

A variety of student groups took part in the production, a celebration of Asian culture and dance as well as a salute to diversity on Notre Dame's campus.

"This year we had a lot of new things," said Athena Kwey, the show's executive producer.

"It was our first time off campus and the first time we had student designs (in the fashion show). We also had a lot of new clubs participating, so in a lot of ways it was groundbreaking.

The 700-seat Century Center theatre sold out Tuesday for the highly anticipated show, despite the fact that the show was moved off campus this year.

The Chinese Cultural Society performs a Chinese Ribbon Dance Saturday at Asian Allure, held in downtown South Bend at the Century Center.

ND ex-VP named Portland's president

By MEGHANNE DOWNES News Editor

The University of Portland announced Thursday that former Notre Dame executive vice president Father William Beauchamp will be named Portland's 19th president.

Beauchamp succeeds Father David Tyson as president. Tyson stepped down from the position in June after being named provincial superior of the Indiana Province of the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

Beauchamp has served as senior vice president at Portland since 2002. He served for over 20 years at Notre Dame and remains a University fellow and trustee.

The board is honored to announce the appointment of...
Preparing for the holiday

As one of the most favored holidays of all time, Thanksgiving offers the rare chance to take a break from the hectic workday environment in order to give thanks for all that we have been given. Each year, we anxiously await the final Thursday of November, for the day that not only marks a time to give thanks, but also marks the official beginning of the holiday season. We remember the Pilgrims and Native Americans who sat down to that first Thanksgiving dinner, and to offer thanks for all that we have. Over time, the purpose of this holiday sadly seems to have shifted from its original intention. Thanksgiving is no longer solely concerned with giving thanks, but instead the preparation and engagement of the meal takes precedence. The holiday now seems specifically designed to promote both gluttony and sloth, as we celebrate by eating more, sleeping more and watching even more football.

But here at Our Lady’s University, the University of Notre Dame, the faculty and staff have graciously taken it upon themselves to prevent the spread of these two deadly sins. By piling on even more work and shifting it all due immediately following this lazy day of thanks, our professors have almost ensured that gluttony and sloth will not be a part of this year’s holiday. Instead, we will be intensely focused on completing the 10- to 12-page paper that is thankfully due the Monday after break, while also finishing up that 350-page novel that will be discussed in class on Tuesday. Rather than spending time with our families this year in an ungodly lethargic state, we will avoid the sleep of complacency and instead focus on the enhancement of our minds, attacking our assignments with the zeal appropriate to God-fearing Catholics such as ourselves. Although initially we may resent this sudden onslaught of assignments, let us remember that sloth and lethargy are but two of the seven deadly sins — five others remain for us to choose from.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a production error, Tina Robinson and Sarah Colombo were incorrectly identified as Saint Mary’s students in the Nov. 21 article “ND students move off campus.” They are seniors at Notre Dame.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: How many classes are you skipping this week?

John Hart junior Keenan "None, I’m a loser." 

John Axford junior Dillon "I find education is the intellectual basis of this university, therefore I will attend all my classes."

David Duffie junior off campus "Half between Monday and Tuesday."

Mikala Engel sophomore Farley "Which ever ones I decide to wake up for."

Mark Desplinter junior Alumni "You’re allowed to skip class?"

IN BRIEF

Come cheer on the Notre Dame men’s basketball team as they take on Northern Illinois today at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

View the international film “Never on a Sunday,” today at 7 and 11 p.m. in the LaFortune-Robinson Theatre. The film is from Greece with English subtitles and is sponsored by the International Students Services and Activities.

Play Drop-In Floor Hockey today from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Rolfs Recreation and Sports Center Court 1.

Head over to Legends for the Monday Night Football Game Watch from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. today.

Attend Mass at 5:15 p.m. today in Sacred Heart Basilica.

Jorge Durand, a visiting professor from the University of Chicago, will speak about “New Trends in Mexican Migration to the United States” today from 4 to 5:15 p.m. in McKenna Hall Room 208.

Attend the Council of Representatives meeting today at 6 p.m. in the LaFortune Dooley Room.

Professor Layna Mosley will present a talk on “Rules in International Finance” today at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Room C-103.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
ND graduate leads Jackson prosecution team

LOS ANGELES — The bad blood between Michael Jackson and the prosecutor who filed child molestation charges against him goes back more than a decade.

It even spawned a song in which the pop star calls Santa Barbara County District Attorney Tom Sneddon a "cold man."

Ten years ago, Sneddon tried to build a child-molestation case against Jackson. But it fell apart when the singer's accuser reportedly accepted a multimillion-dollar civil settlement and refused to testify in any criminal case.

Sneddon "believed Jackson to be guilty of the first offense, and given Tom's personality, he would not let go of that," retired Superior Court Judge James Slater, who handled portions of the 1993 case, said Thursday. "He would certainly be thinking back on the last time when Mr. Jackson walked away from the judge."

On Wednesday, Sneddon said a new law that allows prosecutors to halt civil suits during related criminal cases could prevent a replay of the 1993 scenario. "I think there's a sense in the public that he [Jackson] did buy his way out of that investigation, the district attorney said.

Some observers said Sneddon, a former boxer at Notre Dame who earned the nickname "Mad Dog" for his tenacious courtroom demeanor, had waited a long time for another shot at Jackson.

Sneddon, however, rejected suggestions that he had a vendetta against Jackson or timed the arrest to coincide with the release of Jackson's latest album, a greatest-hits collection. "I can tell you it's B.S., but that isn't going to change people's observations," Sneddon said. Sarcastically, he said: "Like the sheriff and I are really into that kind of music."

When that 1993 case "went to bed ... it went out of my mind. I haven't given it a passing thought," Sneddon said.

Early this year, after Jackson revealed in a British documentary that he sometimes lets children sleep in his bed, Sneddon condemned the "media circus" around the documentary and said Jackson's admission was "much ado about nothing."

Still, some observers said Sneddon, a prosecutor for 34 years and D.A. for nearly 21 of those, appeared to be having "delight in announcing a warrant for Jackson's arrest had been issued."

Sneddon joked with a roomful of reporters, at one point saying drawing chuckles when he welcomed them to Santa Barbara with the line, "I hope that you all stay long and spend lots of money because we need your sales tax to support our offices."

"It was baffling, perplexing and it didn't have a particular-ly serious tone," said Laurie Levenson, a professor at Loyola University Law School. "A good defense lawyer is going to say he was too personally invested and you can't trust the investigation."

On the earlier investigation, Sneddon ordered photographs taken of Jackson's genitalia. At the time, Sneddon told Vanity Fair the photos matched descriptions of Jackson's genitalia given by boys to investigators.

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National District Attorneys Association called Sneddon "the only D.A. in the nation to have an angry song written about him in the pop music business." Michael Jackson.

Sneddon, who is in his early 60s, graduated from UCLA Law School in 1966 and then served in the Army for two years. He has been a prosecutor for his entire law career since then.

Those who have worked with Sneddon say he is tenacious and tough, particularly when he has made up his mind about a case — sometimes to a fault.

"There were times, and there still are, that his tena-ciousness gets in the way of his better judgment and he has to stop back. That's maybe more difficult for Tom than other people," Slater said. "He can be a pretty tough article."

Irish author Logue reads new vignettes

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

On Friday afternoon, Irish author Antonia Logue read vignettes from her forthcoming novel Say of What You See in the Dark in a small engagement sponsored by the Keough Institute of Irish Studies.

Logue received much critical acclaim for her first novel, Shadow Box, which earned her the Irish Times Literature Prize for Irish Fiction. The London Observer appointed her to its distinguished list of 21 writers of the 21st century. She introduced her reading with an excerpt from Shadow Box, a fictionalized account of the life of heavyweight-boxing champion, Jack Johnson.

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Kwey cited transportation, time and location of the dress rehearsal and learning a new technical system as major concerns. “We did encounter some difficulties because we were both new to the campus,” she said. “It took us a while to get used to it, but it was worth it in the end.”

The audience warmly received the show’s emcees, Richie Dang and Soohan Park. The duo also emceed the show two years ago.

The Hawaii and Guam Clubs presented Island and Pista, which included traditional island dances, such as the hula. The Filipino-American Student Organization demonstrated Tinikling, a national dance of the Philippines.

The Japan Club presented a continuation of several dances featuring samurai, girls in traditional kimono garb and male club members in schoolgirl costumes. After the humorous Asian-themed interlude, the Vietnamese Student Association presented a video of one such dance called “Dancing to Freedom: The Story of the Vietnamese Boat People.”

The Khmer Student Association performed a traditional fan dance and “K-pop,” a Korean dance accompanied by music. The Chinese Culture Club then presented the lion dance. The Asian International Society gave a dramatic rendition of the traditional “Tale of the Butterfly Garden,” and the India-Pakistan Association performed the traditional Punjabi folk dance “Bhangra.”

There were also performances by the dance groups Troop ND and the First-Class Steppers.

“The acts were really great,” Kwey said. “They were so well-prepared — people have been practicing since the beginning of the year — and everyone seems to love it. It has been a year and a half since the dance classes began and I hope by this year of practice that clubs tried to do something different that they had before.”

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AFGHANISTAN

Helicopter crash kills five

U.S. soldiers disembark from a Chinook helicopter, similar to one that crashed Sunday, injuring seven and killing at least five.

Associated Press

KABUL — Five U.S. soldiers were killed and seven injured when their Black Hawk helicopter crashed Sunday near the American military headquarters north of the Afghan capital, U.S. Central Command said. The soldiers were involved in an ongoing U.S. military operation, dubbed Mountain Resolve, taking place in the east of the country, the military said.

“A U.S. military helicopter crashed today near Hagram, Afghanistan,” the statement sent by e-mail from Central Command, in Tampa, Fla., said. “Early reports indicate seven service members were injured and five service members were killed.”

It was not clear what caused the crash, and the military said it was investigating.

The American military north of the capital, is home to most of the 11,600 coalition forces in Afghanistan. An additional 5,000 international peacekeepers patrol Kabul.

Mountain Resolve has been going on since Nov. 7 in eastern Afghanistan and six other provinces, but so far no major skirmishes with suspected Taliban and al-Qaeda holdouts have taken place.

Also Sunday, a coalition vehicle struck a land mine while patrolling an area of Afghanistan near the Paktika border, seriously wounding two American soldiers, one of whom lost one of his legs.

Several reporters were traveling with the 10th Mountain Division forces in eastern Afghanistan, but none was seriously hurt, the U.S. military said in a statement issued at Bagram air base. It gave no further information about the journalists.

The explosion occurred at about 1 p.m. in Shink, Paktika province, about 135 miles south of Kabul, the Afghan capital. A coalition base also is located there.

The wounded soldiers received initial medical treatment at the scene, then were evacuated by air to a medical facility at nearby Salerno base in the city of Khost, the statement said. The men were Staff Sgt. Roy Mitchell, of Batesville, Ark., and Staff. Sgt. 1st Class Michael Eicher, of St. Ignatius, Pa., officials at Fort Drum in New York state said.

Mitchell, 32, suffered burns to his face, neck and back, and had his left leg amputated.

Eicher, 31, was wounded by shrapnel in his back and had a broken hand, the officials said. The soldiers were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 78th Infantry Regiment.

Eastern and southern Afghans have become a haven of attacks by pro-Taliban and pro-ouija militiamen targeting coalition forces, U.S. workers and relief agencies.

On Friday, the violence hit Kabul when a rocket landed 30 yards from the InterContinental Hotel, shattering glass but causing no injuries.

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Father Beauchamp, who brings to the University of Portland a wealth of experience, leadership and dedication to the world of higher education, has been named Chair of the Board of Regents Ted Winnewis).

Father Beauchamp will build on the many accomplishments of his predecessor Father Tyson, continued to focus on our mission of teaching, faith and service, and lead the University of Portland to becoming the premier Catholic university in the West,” his skills as an administrator, teacher and mentor will help continue to serve our students and faculty well.”

Beauchamp received his bachelor’s degree in accountancy and MBA from the University of Detroit and his master of divinity and law degrees from the Notre Dame.

The other presidential finalist was Father James McDonald, who also served at Notre Dame and currently is the rector of St. George’s College in Santiago, Chile.

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LAOS

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The remains of Charles and Australian friend Neil Sharram were exhumed early this month in central Laos following a tip by a Laotian village. All excavated from other sites in northern Laos were remains suspected to be of two U.S. soldiers killed during the Vietnam War. Their names have not been released.

The remains were transferred to the United States and sent back to the U.S. military station in the Vietnamese capital.

The site was pocketed with bomb craters and had been cleared of Vietcong-era ordnance, excavation team leader Elizabeth Martinson said Sunday. Sharram would not give any other information about the identity of the two remains.

Howard Dean said last week that they include bones, a sock, a pair of shoes and a bracelet. He said his family is convinced they belong to his brother.

Howard Dean is the front­ runner among nine candidates seeking the Democratic nom­ ination in next year’s U.S. presidential election.

The rem• of 182 Americans have been recovered in Laos. The U.S. sponsored recovery teams began operating in the country in 1992. Some 387 Americans are still missing in Laos from the Vietnam War era.

Phongsavath, the Laotian minister, expressed the hope that the Chair of the Congress would understand that we have also shown our goodwill to cooperate on the issue of missing Americans, Phongsavath said.

The United States has diplo­ matic ties but no trade links with Laos because of concerns about the communist govern­ ment’s human rights record.

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Senate Democrats fight Medicare bill make

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate minority leader Tom Daschle speaks at a press conference Friday in opposition to the Medicare bill currently under attack by Senate Democrats.

"This bill was a gift to the rich, a license to pillage seniors, a license to pillage the health care system," said Daschle.

The Senate's vote last week was less than a debate by a series of speeches by some senators who support and those who oppose it, enlivened by the maneuvering of three Democratic presidential hopefuls to inject themselves into the fight.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., who announced Saturday that he would return to Washington to join the filibuster, waited in the Capitol until his turn came to speak. "This bill is really about President Bush passing the buck on prescription drug coverage and passing the bucks from seniors to the pharmaceutical industry," he said.

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., flew to Washington on Saturday after a roll call that consumed nearly three hours rather than the allotted 15 minute speech. The vote was 220-215, largely along party lines.

Sen. Majority Leader Bill Frist set the first in an expected series of test votes for Monday, and officials on both sides of the issue said supporters were likely to gain the 60 votes needed to prevail.

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Thousands protest at former SOA

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Some 10,000 demonstrators chanted and waved signs Sunday outside the Army’s Fort Benning, where the U.S. government is planning a protest against a military school for Latin American rebel leaders.

Opponents of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, formerly known as the School of the Americas, blame the school for practicing the assassination of some of its graduates in Latin America.

They oppose the violence generated by this school and Fort Benning soldiers. Our way is the way of love with our brothers and sisters who are victims of violence," said the Rev. Roy Bourgeois, a Maryknoll priest who founded the School of Americas Watch and has been leading demonstrations outside the post for 14 years.

The crowd, estimated at 10,000 by Columbus police, was the largest yet for the annual protest, said Eric LeCompte, the weekend demonstration’s organizing coordinator. "We believe our convictions are effective," he said.

Of the 50 and 40 protesters crossed onto fort property Sunday and were arrested for trespassing, said William Quigley, a legal adviser to protest organizers. The sentence for trespassing on military property ranges from probation to up to six months in prison and a $5,000 fine.

Quigley said there were 12 arrests Saturday, but Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley said there were eight arrests, seven for trespassing and one for damaging government property by painting Fort Benning’s main gate.

"As the installation commander I’m required to protect those who live and work at Fort Benning," Freakley said.

The demonstrators faced about 60 canine officers plus military police. The heavy presence and police presence stemmed partly from concerns that people protesting the Free Trade Area of the Americas in Miami might join the Fort Benning demonstration in west-central Georgia.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Voters reject pro-Beijing leader

HONG KONG — Hong Kong’s pro-democracy leaders now must try to make up for a vote that was a clear rebuff for pro-Beijing candidates.

In the territory’s top pro-Beijing party in legislative contests.

In the elections, the Chinese Democratic Alliance, or DAB, won 37 of the 90 seats. The opposition Democratic Alliance, which was an alliance of local and federal authorities, required a three-member majority to vote out the territorial’s top pro-Beijing party in the territory.

The territory’s pro-government Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong, or DAB, lost about 20 contested seats as compared to the results from 1999.

Anti-western coalition elected

ZAGREB, Croatia - Nationalists who led Croatia to independence — and later to international isolation — were leading against the current pro-Western government in Sunday’s parliamentary elections, partial results showed.

Returns released by the state election commission with about 50 percent of votes counted gave the nationalist Croatian Democratic Union’s bloc about 72 seats. Primed for a clash against the coalition’s political allies, the Social Democrats were projected to win 55 seats with certain partners, and could get about 68 seats if smaller parties rejoin the coalition.

Nationalists said they had won at least 90 seats, opposed by about 200 seats with about 30 parties.

The Social Democrats called for a “brilliant victory.”

NATIONAL NEWS

9/11 commuter train returns to WTC

NEW YORK — The last New Jersey commuter train to leave the World Trade Center before the twin towers collapsed on Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack was the first one to return, rolling into a temporary station Sunday with dignitaries and victims’ families members on board.

“It’s a resumption of normalcy,” said New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey. He was joined on Sunday by Sen. Bob Menendez, whose Hudson train line from Jersey City, N.J. to the temporary PATH station by Mayor Michael Bloomberg and New Jersey Sens. Jon Corzine and Frank Lautenberg.

“We’re proud and we’re pleased, and our transportation workers are happy about the thing that was taken from us on Sept. 11,” said Anthony Coscia, chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

LOCAL NEWS

Gary cop convicted of dope dealing

FORT WOODY, Ind. — A federal jury con-

victed a man of leading a cocaine trafficking operation in northwest Indiana, and also found a former Gary police officer guilty of engaging in a violent campaign against rival drug dealers.

Jurors, after hearing 16 days of evidence gathered by local and federal authorities, deliberated a day and a half before returning Friday’s guilty verdicts.

Judge Frank Hochmuth, who convicted the 10 defendant on drug-related felony counts against Jay Zambrana, 42, of South Haven, and former Gary police

Detective Mark Zambrana, 27, convicted the 10 defendant on drug-related felony counts against Jay Zambrana, 42, of South Haven, and former Gary police

Detective Mark Zambrana, 27, of drug trafficking, possession with the intent to distribute, conspiracy to distribute and illegal use of a communication facility.

Investigators said Zambrana directed a gang of 16 members who imported millions of dollars worth of illegal cocaine from west-central Georgia and sold them to street-level dealers. Prosecutors said Zambrana used favors to get away from competition.

The nine-year veteran of the Gary police department also was charged to execute Chicago drug dealers Raul Huertaud and Gil Nevarez in 1999, prosecutors said.

The measure cleared the House near sunup Saturday after a roll call that consumed nearly three hours rather than the allotted 15 minutes. The vote was 220-215, largely along party lines. Senate approval would send the measure to the White House, where President Bush is eager to sign it.

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Farms produce heritage turkeys for holiday

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS, Ill. — As the bronze-colored turkeys strut about the yard, they fan their tail feathers and break into a simultaneous gobble that completely obliterates to their fate. "They're annoying," said 9-year-old Esther Goija, who raises Narragansett and Bourbon Red turkeys on her family farm about 7 miles west of Champaign, Ill. "They're gobbling all day long." The turkey's annoyance will soon provide her money to buy clothes, toys or anything else she wants. And it is a good thing that boy one of the Goijas' 60 Breasted and 50 Slate turkeys will end up with a bird that is about 11 months old. But even if there is a threat of extinction, the moral aspect, "said Deborah Boehle of Cornell, in Livingston County, said she sold 25 heritage turkeys this year and easily could have sold twice that many. "I think it's a real waste, just to have a call that many people are interested," Wotton said. "They don't just want one breed of anything, whether it's fruit or anything else. They want it all."

Los Goija farmer

Woodford County. Describing the taste, she sounds as if she's describing a class of its own. "It's a full-bodied and robust kind of taste, a completely different experience," she said. Brockman said all 50 heritage turkeys she raised last year were spoken for months before Christmas. The breed for about $5.00 per pound, more than three times the cost of a mass-production turkey. Deborah Boehle of Cornell, in Livingston County, said she sold 25 heritage turkeys this year and easily could have sold twice that many. "I think it's a real waste, just to have a call that many people are interested," Wotton said. "They don't just want one breed of anything, whether it's fruit or anything else. They want it all."

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Mexico's frustration at being outmaneuvered in low-wage manufacturing has generated a rising tide of anger at the Asian giant. Textile and shoe workers have begun trashing Chinese goods in the streets. The government has started airing "Buy Mexican ad campaigns, and police have rounded up Asian vendors and staged increasingly violent raids against street stalls selling contraband imports.

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Mexico has imposed dumping duties of more than 500 percent on Chinese apparel, but that hasn't stemmed the influx. Many Chinese goods are smuggled in or imported under labels from other countries. Not including these clandestine goods, China currently runs a trade surplus with Mexico of more than $5 billion.

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Some Mexicans blame themselves. "We've never been able to defend ourselves against the Americans, or the Chinese," said one anti-import sign posted outside a Mexican clothing store. "But, then again, we haven't seen any Al. We all see are disloyal Mexicans who don't want to pay for Mexican goods."

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Forbes, who has described China as an "opportunity, not a threat," created a special anti-contraband police squad in October, but it remains to be seen how effective it will be. In one recent raid in Mexico City, police rounded up Koreans — who allegedly run many of the import operations — and deported 11 of them, drawing complaints of discrimination from the Korean community.

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Earlier this year, police raids on contraband markets in Mexico City earlier this year met with resistance from vendors who hurled sticks and stones and smashed vehicles to defend their merchant.

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Some have said it's not a bad thing that low-wage jobs are fleeing to China. "It forces Mexico to do more value-added, better-educated work," Deputy Economy Secretary Angel Villalobos said. The Chinese have argued Mexico should improve its own products, rather than complaining about other countries.

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Liberals should ditch Michael Moore

Michael Moore is a disgrace to the left. What is distressing in the extreme is the fact that few members of the left have come to terms with this. As a liberal who refuses to join the chorus of hosannas, I’m a bit of an outsider. That might be because more or less, the only people with whom I share this less-than-reverential view of Moore are on the right.

This puts things in perspective, however. It set up an apt analogy: I think of Moore as Rush Limbaugh. And the right views Moore in the same way the left does Rush Limbaugh. And this is exactly correct; they’re perfect counterparts. (Not quite Buckley and Vidal, but hey, that’s what we’re stuck with, I guess.) What unites Moore and Limbaugh is their triad of pathologizing-greed, hypocrisy, and the need for attention.

Moore’s greed is intimately related to his hypocrisy. After all, he markets himself as a working-class hero, a man of the people. But his carefully-crafted folk-hero persona is at odds with his immense wealth, his palatial New York apartment and his daughter’s attendance at one of the nation’s most expensive private schools. If the charge of “limousine liberal” is leveled at anyone, it should be at Moore. I wonder just how much cognitive dissonance Moore experiences on a daily basis.

At the Oscars, Moore was an enormous disappointment. His acceptance speech felt like another advertisement for himself, much like his letter to Gen. Wesley Clark asking him to consider a presidential run. Because of my many unsavory experiences with Moore’s fakery, I was reluctant to see “Bowling for Columbine.” I skipped the check-a-block screenings held on campus last spring. Since then, a couple dozen people have told me it’s right up my alley.

But I have to differ. His “documentary” feels like little more than a vehicle for self-promotion, a product with gun control as pretense. Gun control is secondary, of course, to the chief theme in all of Moore’s work: Michael Moore is a hero. Maybe it’s the shots of him accepting thanks after the K-mart protest. Or maybe it’s the shots of him hugging victims.

Because the point Moore wants to drive home is that he truly is a hero, he ends up congratulating himself on screen constantly. What’s more worse is Moore’s playing fast and loose with the facts; there isn’t room here to log all the lies and shortcuts and staged scenes in the movie. The big one: his “Open an account, get a free gun” segment was entirely staged. Add to Moore’s frequent decepions his facile conclusions, not to mention the exploitative means by which he arrives at them. The film trivializes the tragedy of Columbine. It is dishonest the whole way around and characteristically so.

If “Bowling for Columbine,” his book covers and movie posters, his letter to Clark, his Oscar speech, half the title is, after all, an industry-profit’s goal, greed is OK. Plus, it’s about image, not reality—hype is apparently no big deal when the aim is to entertain, not to inform. And needless to say, the need for attention goes hand in hand with entertainment. To sum up, Moore and Limbaugh are entertainers, nothing more, whether they and their fans realize it or not.

What is frustrating though is that the vast majority of their fans do not realize they are merely entertainers. They treat them instead like bona fide political pundits, if not heroes of the right or left-wing.

The only reason I can almost tolerate Moore is because he isn’t Limbaugh—he’s his counterpart. That is to say, he’s a liberal, he brings attention to the liberal cause. But it’s the wrong kind of attention: the left doesn’t need its Limbaugh, it needs authentic, credible voices. We shouldn’t praise him for his “courage” if it’s all in the service of self-aggrandizement and profit.

If you were wondering at first if “disgrace” was too strong a word, I hope I have shown why it is perhaps too weak a word. Michael Moore is, to be blunt, a cause of shame—the Oxford English Dictionary’s definition. He is a pandering, narcissistic blowhard and not worth defending. The left needs to distance itself from Moore if it wants to salvage the credibility it seems so keen on eroding. I’m tired of his sensationalism and his sophistry. The liberal association with Moore is unfortunate and we deserve better.

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Diversity, inclusion are merely ‘buzzwords’ for conservatives

Compassionate conservatism is the new buzzword surrounding the Republican Party. It has been designed to help those who have felt “left out” by the Republicans feel warm and fuzzy.

According to George Bush’s official re-election Web site, “In a compassionate society, people respect one another and take responsibility for the decisions they make in life.” However, in this presidency, actions speak louder than words. President George W. Bush and the Republican Party have made exclusion a social priority.

The Iowa Democratic Party Platform supports legislation that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identification and supports domestic partnership legislation.

On the Republican side, Bush has repeatedly made statements denigrating lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered lifestyles. He has abolished the White House liaison to the gay and lesbian community established by President Clinton. He has publicly stated he would veto any law that allowed criminalization of private homosexual sex. If that is not enough, he opposes any legislation that would extend hate-crime legislation and employment discrimination to gays.

The Republican Party has come to be known as the “White Boys’ Club.” This nickname has been backed up by incident after incident. At the NAACP Conference in 2000, soon-to-be President Bush admitted, “The party of Lincoln has not always cared the mantle of Lincoln.” Bush was preaching he was a “different kind of Republican,” while just a few months earlier giving a speech of a controversial Bob Jones University, following in the footsteps of Pat Buchanan and John Ashcroft (who received an honorary degree there). For more than 70 years, the university has promoted its values of “separate but equal” racism. It has been said that women’s rights are human rights. This administration does not seem to know this. In 2002, women’s rights were on the line. The Bush administration proposed several new changes that would drastically lower the chances of girls competing in college-level sports. After overwhelming support for Title IX, the Bush administration backed down from changes to the law.

The Bush administration has made no secret of its exclusionary politics. Americans have suffered from his “abstinence only” view of sex education, cutting funding to HIV/AIDS programs and discouraging the use of condoms and birth control. The right-wing views of this administration are hurting everyone in the country who is not a white, heterosexual man, while the Democratic Party has fought to keep rights equal for all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bishop flouts church doctrine

In some respects, I agree with N. Eugene Walls’ Nov. 20 criticism of Joe Lincoln’s argument. In which Lincoln states, his reason for disagreeing with the consecration of Gene Robinson.

Lincoln’s argument was indeed damaged by his subtle prejudice. However, there is another argument against Robinson’s consecration that has been very much ignored not only by the media, but also by conservative groups such as the American Council, which frequently issue arguments against his consecration.

In the consecration ceremony, The Book of Common Prayer requires the following pledge, spoken and written, from the individual being consecrated bishop: “I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church.” Since Robinson was consecrated, he must have made this statement.

Robinson is a man who has admitted publicly that he is having a sexual relationship outside of marriage. He does not see himself as “sinful,” but as a relationship unequivocally contrary to Episcopal doctrine. What are unwed people supposed to conclude from this? The church has decided to ordain an individual as bishop who has sex outside of marriage, and bishops promise to uphold the teachings of the church. Thus, by plain reasoning, one may conclude that sex outside of marriage is accepted by the Episcopal Church.

P. Lincoln Bush has had the opportunity to marry his partner, as they are heterosexual. Could homosexuals be allowed to marry? That is quite another issue and is not the point here.

Bishops agree to conform to the doctrine of the church, and Gene Robinson did not when he was consecrated and does not now. He knowingly made a promise that he knew he could never keep.

Therefore, he should not have been consecrated, and he should not presently be recognized as a bishop. Should sex outside of marriage one day be accepted by the Episcopal church as moral or should gay marriages one day be blessed by the Episcopal church, then having a homosexual bishop would be perfectly reasonable.

Show true African solidarity

I would like to commend the Notre Dame Interfaith student group for their inspiring prayer meeting “Pray with Africa” held on Nov. 19.

Students responding to Pope John Paul II’s call for solidarity with Africa gathered to the Lord for prayer for their brothers and sisters in Africa, not in charity but in solidarity. Song, prayer and a small collection to alleviate the overwhelming foreign debt that lies the hands of African countries were followed by a scripture reading and reflection by Gaius Omogo, a graduate student from Kenya.

Omogo’s well-crafted sermon illustrated how the Bible’s story of Sam, whose hospital and generosity toward his guest was returned with cruelly and back stabbing, gives us insight into Africa’s relation with the West. Africa has been plundered by conquest and colonialism, Omogo related Africa is like a late-comer to a game of monopoly where, though the other players have a head start and have bought most the property on the board, Africa is expected to play by the same rules.

What Africa needs, Omogo surmised, is not a helping hand, but simply a chance to flourish, free of the restrictions and interventions that have stymied development. Small arms flowing into Africa from the West are fueling violence and killing.

Strategies to relieve the suffering of the 70 percent of the world’s HIV positive people living in Africa are hamstringed by patent laws. Working in partnership with Africa means recognizing its vulnerable position in the global market place, according to Omogo.

Africa’s future depends on a self-reliant civil society of non-governmental organizations and religious and community-based organizations that can build consensus and harmony between disparate groups. One of the most useful ways the West can work in solidarity with Africa is to provide a stable forum for that debate to occur. This means listening to Africa — respecting African values, perspectives, hopes and grievances.

Let us continue to pray with Africa, but let us not neglect our history of meeting African hospitality with cruelty and profiteering. Let us listen to Africa and be a force for unity, not division, a force for peace rather than violence, a force for development rather than increased poverty. That would be a more true expression of solidarity.

Show true African solidarity

Josh Moore

Sustainable Development

Don’t panic ND

This is our administration in response to the reports in the USA Today that Notre Dame is making advances towards joining the Big Ten conference in all sports, including football.

This is a terrible idea. For starters, it would totally destroy the idea that we play a national schedule. Any non-conference games would be taken up by traditional rivals — USC, Navy — leaving no room for variety.

The best part about our independence is that we can schedule who we want, when we want. We don’t have to play Northwestern, Iowa, Indiana or Wisconsin every year.

I know that the BCS contract expires soon, and the fear is that we’ll be cut out of the money, or at least have our share diminished. So what. The $13 million we earned from our Fiesta Bowl trip would be the equivalent of not making a game and splitting our money 12 ways for 8 years. I think we can do better than 1 in 13.

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Our second city

by Emily Howald

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By KC Kenney

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The Observer

Chicago serves as an exciting escape to many Notre Dame students

Four girls wander the streets of the city, only two things on their mind: shopping and nightlife. No, this isn't Sex in the City. It is four Notre Dame girls who have decided to take a little break from the frenzied pace of South Bend and make an exciting trip to the oh-so-exciting South Bend atmosphere on a mini-road trip and ended up on Michigan Avenue in Chicago.

It may not be exactly comparable to wandering Fifth Avenue like Carrie Bradshaw, but going to Chicago for a quick little weekend getaway is as close to life in the big city that Notre Dame students will get during their tenure here. South Bend is not a metropolis. Actually, I would hesitate to call it a city. Although, many of us have some reason to make fun of our little city—like when the most frequent bar in town is the Shedd Aquarium, the Art Museum or any of the other little treasures that the city boasts. There is theatre, culture and even really good food outside of the typical chain restaurants that line Grape Road.

Chicago is an excellent weekend escape for many Notre Dame students who are looking to either get away from South Bend, because we all know how exciting the city can be when you aren't a football weekend, or possibly want to experience a little more culture. And if you really want to step outside the Notre Dame stereotype and are actually "dating" someone, drive to Chicago for a great day or weekend trip, and escape the redundance of dining hall dinners and campus theatres.

So the next time you are feeling bored or overwhelmed by school work, or just want to have ridiculous big city fun, hop on the South Shore Line or jump in your car and take advantage of this wonderful resource.

Our second city is really second to none. As a Notre Dame student, living in the cultural enclave that we call South Bend, I try to make Chicago your second city. The toils are definitely worth it.

Emily Howald recently went to Chicago and fell in love with the city. She could spend hours on end exploring all that the city has to offer. She recommends that all Notre Dame students take the time to explore the city and see all that it has to offer.

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Rock 'n' roll returns to the Bend

Cheap Trick visited Elkhart last weekend and awed fans with both their acoustic songs and harder rock from their old days.

By MAUREEN BUSH
Some Days

Rock and roll remembered Indiana Nov. 20 as rock legends Cheap Trick played the Elco Theatre in Elkhart last Thursday evening to an enthusiastic crowd of 40-something things. All of the 70s rockers in the area emerged and gathered together for a night remembering times of old, and they didn't forget their black leather. The show opened with a young New York band named the Dammwells, artist Wayne Kramer and his band, and MCS, and a band out of Detroit that was popular in the 1960s and 1970s who sang mostly war protest songs.

Following the three excellent opening acts came the main attraction, Detroit natives, Cheap Trick, who came out and sat to play an acoustic style set of four songs opening with “Fan Club.” It was a really intimate feeling to have rock stars of this caliber playing so up close and personal in a mid-sized venue where there were no such thing as “bad seats.” The acoustic set also composed of “Don’t Love Here Anymore,” “If I Could” and “Lookout.” was incredible. It was a great and different way to start the show, as most bands would slow it down towards the middle of the show, which can sometimes cause the concert to drag. This four-song set helped to build the excitement for the harder rock to start.

After the acoustic set the band took away the chairs as a light smoke started on the stage and an organ was playing until the gentlemen dressed to the nines in suits took the stage in a fury, rocking to a heavy intro into “Just Got Back.” Though guitarist and singer Rick Nielsen’s amplifier wasn’t on through half of the intro, it eventually came back on and sounded great. Nielsen, the leader of the band, proved he has still got it as he worked the crowd to marvel at.

The rest of Cheap Trick is rounded out by bass and vocalist Tom Petersson, guitarist and vocalist Robin Zander and drummer Bun E. Carlos, who all have the excellent stage presence of a band that is confident in what they are doing and how to please the crowd. After all, they have been on tour since 1974. After flying through their first song, they played “Big Eyes,” then before the next song Nielsen stated that the next song was from “one of the finest movies produced in 25 years, Joe Dirt,” as they played “If You Want My Love.”

Between the next few songs a few of the ladies in the front decided to relive their youth by flashing the band as the comment “very nice instruments” was made. They also mentioned that opening band Cheap Trick had two of their albums listed in Rolling Stone Magazine’s Top 500 Albums and that Cheap Trick had two albums on the list as well. They then played “Pop Irvine” and the first single off of their newest release, “Special one” called “My Obsession.”

The intro to “I Want You To Want Me” caused fans to shriek with delight and dance as Cheap Trick played the song that almost every band under the sun has remade since it was first released in 1977. The high energy continued during the next few songs as they ripped through “Best Friend,” “I Know What I Want,” “Words,” and “Never Had A Lot To Lose,” all of which had a very strong sound to them. That led them to a song many grew up with, “Flame.” This was a highlight for many because it was an unforgettable night together in the most unlikely of towns. Many hope rock and roll remembers Indiana again soon.
Vinatieri gets the second chance he wanted in victory

New England Patriots' quarterback Tom Brady celebrates a touchdown with wide receiver Bethel Johnson during a 23-20 overtime victory over the Houston Texans.

Associated Press

HOUSTON — For all his misfortune, the man the Patriots had franchise-plan for, Vinatieri wasn't going to let his jump to New England's winning streak end with a tie.

He rebounded from a miss of 40 yards right up the middle and a block early in overtime to hit a 28-yarder with 41 seconds left. The Patriots escaped Houston with a 23-20 victory, extending their winning streak to seven and establishing their best 11-game start at 9-2.

Vinatieri appeared poised to win it for the Patriots in the opening moments of overtime. The Texans' Tony Banks, starting as David Carr sat with a sprained right shoulder, threw an interception right to that had rebounded on the first play.

Benson Walker gave the Texans a stay with the first field goal block in franchise history, coming free from the left side to deflect Vinatieri's 37-yarder.

"At that point I was a little down, but I had faith in our defense. I thought we just wanted another opportunity and I thought the defense was capable of it," Vinatieri said.

It did, although it took away.

The Patriots and Texans (4-7) fought in a defensive war that Houston appeared to win when Jamie Sharper saturated the punt return 49 yards. The Texans went up 14-3 fourth-quarter deficit with leading receiver Marvin Harrison — back in the lineup after missing one game — limited because a hamstring injury.

They were missing two offensive starters, left tackle Tarik Glenn and tight end Marcus Pollard, both out with knee injuries. And they also were missing backup receivers Troy Walters (hamstring) and Brandon Stokley (concussion).

"That's what makes this team special," James said. "We don't have all of our players, but the players we do have, everybody comes together and makes it happen."

It's a special thrill that means we can only get better."

The Colts (9-2) overcome a 14-3 fourth-quarter deficit with leading receiver Marvin Harrison — back in the lineup after missing one game — limited because a hamstring injury.

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NFL

Johnson willing to reconcile with Bucs

Associated Press

Keystshaw Johnson is still willing to play for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers — despite differences with coach Jon Gruden. The star wide receiver spent his first Sunday since being deactivated in a television studio instead of on the practice field, where the Bucs prepared for Monday night's game against the Giants.

"I didn't ask to be sitting here with you guys," Johnson said during Fox's weekly NFL pregame show.

"It wasn't a matter of 'Hey, you're not throwing me the football.' It was a matter of dealing with me as a human being and as a man," Keystshaw Johnson unemployed wide receiver

MLS

Earthquakes capture title

Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. — The many fans who sported blue No. 10 jerseys at the MLS Cup didn't go away disappointed.

Landon Donovan, who at 21 has become America's premiere player, scored twice Sunday to lead the San Jose Earthquakes to a 2-0 victory over the Chicago Fire in Major League Soccer's championship match.

On a warm, sunny afternoon before a lively, capacity crowd of 27,000, Donovan became the first player in the MLS Cup's eight-year history to score more than one goal in the championship game.

"After the last two weeks, I have no emotion left. I'm so emotionally drained, it's hard to even celebrate right now," Donovan said, referring to San Jose's dramatic comebacks in the earlier two playoff rounds. Even the fans who weren't wearing San Jose jerseys with Donovan's number on them most certainly were entertained by the action-filled match, which featured the most goals over in the title game.

"That's what you want out of a final. I'd have rather it stayed 2-0, but whatever, we'll take it. What a good game," Donovan said.

Even the losing coach acknowledged that "I'm sure people sitting in the stands got their money's worth," Chicago's Dave Sarachan said. "There were two good teams on the field, a lot of attacking soccer, maybe not your normal final."

"I think it was uncharacteristic of us on the defending end on a few plays. But then you have a special guy like Landon who can make plays."

The Fire's Chris Armas has seen Donovan, the U.S. national team's two-time player of the year, score a lot of goals.

"The thing that makes him so good and why he does so well at both levels, club and country, is the fact that he does very well with his opportunities," said Armas, a teammate of Donovan's on the U.S. team. "He doesn't need so many chances to put it into the net. You won't find anyone more composed close to the goal."

Donovan scored on the only two shots he took. Chicago outshot the Earthquakes 22-11, including a 10-8 edge in shots on goal.

The two goals give Donovan 10 goals in only 12 MLS playoff games this year. He has scored during the regular season with 12 goals.

His jersey was by far the most popular among the fans at the game, spanning generations as older men and women and young boys and girls wore No. 10 shirts.

He scored in the 38th and 71st minutes. Ronnie Ekelund's goal on a 22-yard free kick at the five-minute mark, and Richard Mulrooney's goal in the 50th minute accounted for the other San Jose scoring.

DaMarcus Beasley scored for Chicago in the 49th minute. The Fire's other score was an own-goal when Evan Whitney deflected a pass off the head of San Jose defender Chris Iommi and into the net in the 54th minute.

When the game ended and confetti fell from the stands, the San Jose players rushed together, hugging each other and jumping to celebrate their second MLS Cup championship in five years.

The Earthquakes beat the Los Angeles Galaxy 2-1 on Dwayne De Rosario's overtime goal in 2001.

MLB

Rodriguez would accept trade

Associated Press

DALLAS — American League MVP Alex Rodriguez would accept a trade to either the Boston Red Sox or the New York Yankees, The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

Rodriguez informed the Rangers of his choices, and the newspaper, citing an unidentified major league source, reported the shortstop chose Boston and New York.

Rodriguez has seven years left on a 10-year, $250 million contract. A club that takes his contract prohibits the Rangers from trading him unless he agrees.

Rodriguez said at a news conference Friday in the Dominican Republic that Rangers owner Tom Hicks told him there were three possible scenarios: sticking with his contract, restructuring it or shipping him around.

The newspaper said that numerous baseball officials have confirmed the Rangers' claims that there are no serious talks for Rodriguez because of his contract.

Rangers general manager Jared Huntington has said he has few inquiries about Rodriguez got no further that "kicking the tires," the newspaper reported.

Hart did not immediately return a telephone call to The Associated Press Sunday night.

This season Rodriguez hit 27 home runs for the major league lead with 47 homers, and led the AL in runs (124) and slugging percentage (.660). He had 118 RBIs.

Regarded by many as the league's best all-around player, Rodriguez became the first American League player to win the MVP while playing for a last-place team.
McNabb leads Eagles past turnover-prone Saints

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb's passing is just fine. His dance moves need work.

McNabb completed 16 of 25 passes for 259 yards and one touchdown, leading the Philadelphia Eagles to their sixth straight victory, 33-20 over the New Orleans Saints on Sunday.

"New Orleans' Deuce McAllister had 184 yards rushing, including TD runs of 76 and 22 yards, for Jackson," McNabb said. "It'll catch on.

And Williams grabbed his third interception and returned it back for a touchdown 20 seconds after that.

"We just returned the favor," Williams said.

The Lions (3-8), whose last away win came on Dec. 17, 1999, against the New York Jets, tied the Buffalo Bills (1983-86) for the second-longest road skid in NFL history. The Houston Oilers (1981-84) own this dubious league record with 23 consecutive losses away from home.

"I really had to do anything to respond other than work hard," Desperate to stay in the playoff race, the Eagles activated all three of their injured tight ends, including one in Philadelphia's end zone in the first quarter.

Green Bay 20, San Francisco 10

Ahman Green gets the records and most of the yards but humbly shares the credit.

Green Bay's 3-0 record to San Francisco's stingy run defense for 154 yards on 24 carries in the second half.

When he was winded, the Packers took little with backups Najeh Davenport and Tony Fisher, who combined for 87 yards on 17 carries.

"I consider it a 1-2-3 punch," coach Mike Sherman said.

Although Green is the NFC's leading rusher, both Davenport (6.3) and Fisher (5.7) have higher averages than Green's 5.2 yards per carry.

"I told both of them in training camp that they'd be a big part of this. I keep telling them that they're just as important to the offense as I am." When the Eagles gained 243 yards on 48 carries for a 5.1-yard average that would have been higher had Brett Favre not taken a knee three times at the end. That's their heaviest reliance on the run since Oct. 4, 1981, when they ran 49 times against the New York Giants.

Minnesota 24, Detroit 14

Desperate for a victory, the Minnesota Vikings were prepared to take any one way they could get it.

Yes, even an underwhelming win over the Detroit Lions.

Corey Chavous and Brian Williams each returned interceptions for touchdowns late in the game, and the Vikings sent the Lions to their 22nd straight road loss on Sunday.

"Everyone's going to say, 'It's Detroit,' but a win in this league is a win," Minnesota coach Mike Tice said after his team ended its four-game losing streak.

The Vikings (7-4) remained one game ahead of Green Bay in the NFC North, despite an offense that looked just as weak as Detroit's during most of the afternoon.

Duce Staley's TD run, completed 20 of 32 passes for 196 yards, six TDs.

Randy Moss sprained his right ankle in the second quarter and

Minnesota rated six times, and none of Culpepper's 23-down
drop passes to Moss were completed. The Vikings followed up with four awful games with five receptions for 56 yards.

The Eagles (8-5) have won eight of nine after starting the season with consecutive losses at home. The two-time NFC East champions are tied with Dallas for first place.

They play the Cowboys in Philadelphia on Dec. 27.

"The first two games were abominations," Ritchie said. "We didn't have a lot of fun during the week."
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NFL

Third-string QB leads Ravens in comeback

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Down by 17 points in the fourth quarter, the Baltimore Ravens put their comeback hopes on a struggling defense and a quarterback making his seventh NFL start. Incredibly, the combination produced a stunning victory.

Matt Stover kicked a 42-yard field goal with 6:32 left in overtime, capping an amazing comeback Sunday that carried the Ravens past the Seattle Seahawks 44-41.

Anthony Wright, who was the Ravens' third-string quarterback just three weeks ago, brought Baltimore back with the finest performance of his career. He went 20-for-37 for 319 yards and a personal-best four touchdowns, all of them to Marcus Robinson. On the winning drive, Wright connected with Robinson for a 19-yard gain on a third-and-5 play. Matt Hasselbeck threw a career-high five touchdown passes for the Seahawks, going 23-for-41 for 333 yards. But the Seahawks (7-4) fell to 1-4 on the road, in part because they made too many mistakes down the stretch.

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It was 41-24 with 14:16 left, but the Ravens (6-5) got back into the game by taking advantage of the same kind of miscues that put them in a sizable hole.

First, Ed Reed blocked a punt and took it 16 yards into the end zone. Then the Seahawks played soft defense in allowing the Ravens to march 71 yards in a drive capped by Wright's fourth touchdown pass with 1:12 remaining. Seattle recovered the onsides kick, but failed to convert a fourth-and-1. The Ravens then used a 44-yard pass-interference call against Marcus Trufant to set up a 40-yard field goal by Stover on the final play of regulation. Baltimore closed to 17-10 on its first possession of the second half. After Travis Taylor made a nice one-handed catch on a 43-yard play, Wright connected with Robinson for a 13-yard touchdown strike. Hasselbeck then hit Koren Robinson in stride down the middle with a 38-yard touchdown pass. Hasselbeck answered with an 80-yard TD pass to a wide-open Jackson for a 34-17 lead.

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The Irish have some great assets as they contend with the nation's top talent, which has plenty of reason to take Notre Dame seriously. Fluharty, who after running No. 2 for most of last season has emerged as the Irish's top runner, is coming off her individual victory at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional. The All-American runner is in a position to achieve the highest finish for a female Notre Dame runner at the national championship race in 1996. Joanna Deeter finished third.

Running close to their top runner will be King and senior Kerry Meagher, who finished seventh and eighth, respectively. After that race, Connolly was also named Great Lakes Region coach of the year.

Sophomore Elizabeth Webster approaches the finish line.

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Young, and perennial power Stanford.

At the Pre-National event earlier this season, the Irish women finished ninth at the meet. Junior Lisa Garcia took 12th, tying her personal best and raising the bar for next season. Garcia and John to an eighth-place finish in the 800-meter freestyle relay (8:21.80). We never rested a lot before the meet and I had that extra energy saved up," Carroll said. "It was my first big invitation so I was already pumped up, and the adrenaline just kept rolling."

According to Carroll, Notre Dame's last-place finish isn't indicative of the team's overall skill level. "This was a shave and taper meet for a lot of the teams," Carroll said. "We used this meet more as a chance to get our feet wet and ge to the big crowds."

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING
Illness a factor in last-place finish
By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The women's swimming and diving team battled but was unable to overcome an ongoing rash of illness as the No. 19 Irish (4-1) finished last in the seven-team field at the Texas A&M Invitational this past weekend.

"It was kind of a tough weekend for us," head coach Bailey Weathers said. "We got to swim a lot of races, but we left a lot of kids at home and those that were [at the meet] are still getting over the illness."

The Irish struggled on Friday, managing only a pair of ninth-place finishes. Seniors Danielle Hulick and Lisa Garcia and freshmen Katie Carroll and Ellen Johnson took ninth in the 200-meter freestyle relay with a time of 1:47.31, finishing just over five seconds behind first place UCLA (1:42.57). Carroll recorded the other ninth-place finish in the 200-meter IM (2:16.20), nearly four seconds behind Texas A&M event-winner Rebecca Sturdy (2:12.30).

On Saturday, undefeated senior Meghan Perry-Eaton stole the show again for the Irish, winning the one and three-meter diving events with scores of 294.25 and 511.00, respectively. Carroll also swam to a fifth-place finish in the 100-meter butterfly (1:02.31) and senior Lisa Garcia took 12th (1:02.97) in the same event.

Carroll finished up a strong weekend on Sunday winning the 200-meter freestyle (1:58.00), and contributed along with freshman Ann Barton, Garcia and John to an eighth-place Irish finish in the 800-meter freestyle relay (8:21.80).

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All in the Irish were forced to leave eleven competitors at home and are anxiously awaiting a return to full strength.

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goal was a game-winner.

Getting out had to come up big for the Irish at several occasions during the weekend, as last year's starter Morgan Cey aggravated an injury Nov. 7 against Michigan State and will be out from four to six weeks after having surgery on his right knee.

Freshman David Brown started both games, and played a large part in earning the tie Saturday as the home team was out shot 41-36. He made 16 saves in the win Friday and his effort helped the team get a point for a somewhat sub-par performance.

"I thought David Brown was good," Poulin said after the tie. "I thought he did well and made some big saves to keep us in the game."

Friday, the Irish got off to a quick start as forward Mike Walsh collected a bouncing puck in the crease and flipped it past Lakers' goalie Matt Volin just a little over a minute into the game.

Lake Superior State came back to tie it about halfway through the first after Bo Cheesman fired a shot into the top left corner.

Three minutes later, the Irish retook the lead with a power play goal from Glebske, who collected assists from defensemen Neil Konomadaski and Tom Gaba and slapped a hard one-timer past Volin.

Seven minutes into the second period, the Irish would increase their lead to two after another game-winning power play by freshmen Josh Selca, Jindra and Paige.

The two-goal lead would be short lived for the Irish, as the Lakers would score goals from Ryan Reid and Derek Smith to tie it up heading into the third period.

Notre Dame would go back ahead after Jindra's first career goal. The Irish would get an insurance goal from Glebske shortly after an Irish power play goal had expired and before the Lakers player was able to get out of the box.

"That's definitely a set play we've been working on in practice and every time we get a power play we've been trying to set that up," Glebske said. "The way their power play set up, we were fortunate to get a few goals off that play."

Saturday, the Irish were out played early by the Lakers, with the visitors ousting the home team 14-8 in the first period and then taking a 1-0 lead off a power play goal by Dominic O'Neill early in the second.

About six minutes into the second period, Poulin elected to take a timeout with his team being out shot 19-9.

"I didn't like what was happening at all," Poulin said of his decision to take the timeout. "It was more energy than style of play. Our energy level wasn't there at all"

Poulin's pep talk must have done the team some good, as they would come out and score the equalizer six minutes later on the power play as defender Wes O'Neill took a perfect slap shot just between the post and the left pad of Lakers' goalie Alex Lebda.

Lebda would put the Irish ahead again though the shot went wide and collecting a Jakaitis rebound and putting it in the net. A turnover in the Irish defensive zone would lead to a two-on-one to the Lakers salvaging a tie as time expired and set up a overtime period from Trent Campbell and whipped it past Brown from the slot.

Neither team would get many opportunities in the five-minute overtime period as Notre Dame's shooting Lake Superior State 3-1 in the overtime period.

"There's a little bit of a hollow feeling right now," Poulin said. "Any time you give up a late goal there's a bit of a letdown. "I think the big thing is that in the locker room it felt like a loss, and that's a good thing because the players want more."

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FENCING
Individual competition provides experience
By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

There may be no "I" in the word "team," but the Irish fencing team was competing for itself Saturday.

Splitting squads between sites at Penn State and Ohio State, the Irish fencers took to the strip in individual competition.

Notre Dame found the most success at State College in the Max Garrett Open. With a group that consisted of a majority of the starters, the Irish brought home two, third-place finishes in junior foilist Derek Snyder and freshman epeeist Aaron Adjemian.

Adjemian headed a core group of freshman including fourth place saber Mathew Stearns and quarterfinal finishers Frankie Bontempo at foil and Patrick Gettings at epee. Senior epeeist Nora Carey won his consolation bracket and classmate Brian Dosal took home the same in sabre.

In Ohio, Notre Dame brought home a third place finish with senior Michael Macaluy at epee. Other Notable finishes include quarterfinalists freshman Evan Monroe, sophomore Craig Breede, junior John Exposino and senior Brendan Prendergast.

While none of the bouts counted for team rankings, the meets served to give the Notre Dame team some needed experience in the young season.

After a successful trip to Northwestern last weekend, the team sought to get further conditioning at their respective sites. At Ohio State and Penn State, the young group found themselves matched up against some of the best collegiate talent they will face all year. Last year, Ohio State defeated Notre Dame's bid for a joint conference champion ship. Penn State were a close runner-up to Notre Dame for last year's national championship.

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Neil Konomadaski chucks the puck during a game against Lake Superior State. The Irish won their first game Friday 5-3 and tied Saturday 2-2 after a five minute overtime.
Those who participate can earn three credits in either English or FTT while getting the chance to work alongside professional actors and production crew! Roles are available both on stage and behind the scenes, and housing and tuition are paid for! Don’t miss the chance to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

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Joyce gets first on-court action after injuries sidelined her last season

Joyce grabbed the loose ball, spotted up from 24 feet out and drained her third 3-pointer in less than five minutes in the second half of Notre Dame's 57-50 win over Valparaiso Friday. She had to excuse herself for shooting whenever she was open — even when she was from nearly five feet away. The senior had been waiting a long time to get back on the court.

Joyce's first action since March 17, 2002 in the home-opener, and the shooting guard was the most of it. She hit all three of her 3-point attempts and, as Valparaiso coach Keith Freeman said after the game, "just put the nail in the coffin." Joyce showed the Crusaders' hopes of winning.

"Joyce was the difference-maker, not only making clutch shots but energizing her team," Freeman said in the Joyce Center. When the first 3-point-er seemed to come close, with 14:09 left in the game, stemmed-fact coach Muffet McGraw threw her in. In the air and broke into a huge smile as her senior guard knocked down the court with an equally large smile. That shot put Notre Dame up 40-30, its largest lead to that point in the game. On Joyce's next two 3-pointers, the Irish did even better as each shot switched through the field. Joyce's shooting has always been efficient. Keeping her shooting percentage up was anticipated.

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into it. But they are the ones who lost possession of the Big East crown to the Panthers one week ago. They are the ones who have lost only one Big East Tournament Championship since they joined the league in 1995. They are the ones who have put up a fight with the favorite Big East teams.

Pittsburgh came out firing. They played some of the best volleyball the Big East has seen this year. The Panthers were very focused, they had a game plan and they went after it. They put things in play, worked hard and they worked hard defensively and got their hands dirty.

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**ND WOMENS VOLLEYBALL**

**Swept away**

Loss in Big East final first home defeat in 62 matches

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

What a difference a day makes. Notre Dame registered 17 blocks, including eight in the first game to defeat Miami 3-1 Saturday. Sunday, however, was another story. The Irish had only 12 blocks and were swept this afternoon in a city known, Seven to run the conference in 1995. Notre Dame also lost its second straight match to Pittsburgh, the first coming exactly a week ago from Sunday.

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**HOCKEY**

**Power plays help with win, tie**

By JUSTIN SCHUYER
Associate Sports Editor

Against the second-least penalized team in the CCHA, Notre Dame's power play came up huge as the Irish came away with three out of four possible points against Lake Superior State this weekend. The Lakers, who have fewer penalties than everyone in the league except the Irish, gave up two power play goals and another shortly after an expired power play to Notre Dame, who defeated Lake Superior State Friday 5-3 and tied the Lakers Saturday 2-2.

"I thought our puck movement on the power play was very good," coach Dave Poulin said after Friday's game. "In tight games like those, you have to take advantage of your chances with the man-advantage."

The Irish also got a bit of offense from unexpected sources, as freshmen forwards T.J. Jindra and Jason Paige each scored their first goal of the season Friday, and seniors Brett Ledba scored his first of the season in Saturday's tie. Jindra's goal was a stunning return."We had a win that gave the Panthers a share of the regular season Big East title and the No. 1 seed in the Big East Tournament. But that wasn't good enough for Pittsburgh. The Panthers came out ready to play Sunday at the Joyce Center. Even Beerman, the 2003 Big East co-coach of the year, was fired up.

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**CROSS COUNTRY**

**Seven to run in nationals**

By JOE LINDSEY
Sports Writer

The nation's 510 fastest and toughest long distance runners will compete in the national cross-country championships this afternoon in a city known appropriately, as the "Gateway to the trails."

Notre Dame will send the No. 4 women's cross-country team and two individual male qualifiers to Waterloo/Cedar Falls, Iowa, a metro area in the rolling hills of northeastern Iowa, with 65 miles of trails. The race, however, will take place on just 6 kilometers of those trails on the Irv Warren Golf Course. The Irish hope the victory-laden course they have taken all season will culminate with a national title.

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**ND WOMENS BASKETBALL**

**Women win ninth home opener**

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Before Friday's game against Valparaiso, head coach Muffet McGraw said that it would be a tough game despite the Crusaders' 0-2 record. Last season, the Irish didn't make a basket in the final 4:52, but held on to win 74-68. Two years ago, Notre Dame squeaked out a 42-35 victory only after outscoring the Crusaders 7-2 down the stretch.

But Friday was different, as the Irish improved their all-time record to 17-0 against Valparaiso. Friday, Notre Dame dominated throughout the game, as they won 74-57, to extend their winning streak in home openers to nine games.

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Megan Duffy drives past a Valparaiso defender during their matchup in the Joyce Center Friday. Despite illness, Duffy still managed nine points, seven assists and six rebounds.

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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING**

Texas A&M Invitational

The No. 19 Irish finished last of seven teams on the weekend.

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**FENCING**

Team splits squad at Penn State and Ohio State

The Irish excelled in individual competition this weekend.

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**MLB**

Will A-Rod be traded?

Who knows, but Alex Rodriguez has preferences if he does leave Texas.

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**NFL**

Keystahw says he will play for Bucs

The Buccaneers' deactivated receiver is growing apologetic.

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**NFL**

McNabb and Eagles smoke the Saints

The Philadelphia Eagles' win gives them an opportunity to take sole possession of first place in the NFC East next week with a victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

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Student government restructures

Bodies attempt to fix inefficiencies, affect change quickly

By MATT BRAMANTI

A common complaint about government is its inefficiency, and student government at Notre Dame is no exception. Scores of student leaders sit on panels like the Student Senate, Council of Representatives and Hall Presidents Council, and positive results can be few and far between.

Student leaders have garnered criticism for their apparent inability to affect University policy. In February, then-student body president Libby Bishop came under fire after her report to the University’s Board of Trustees did not ask for the reinstatement of hall dances, commonly called SYRs. In May, student leaders met with the University’s Board of Trustees, at which time the trustees criticized inefficiencies throughout the Student Union. In October, student body president Pat Hallahan returned to the trustees, asking them to add wider student representation to the Campus Life Council, but his appeal failed.

Part of the problem is the duplication of effort. Some groups within the student union pursue similar goals but don’t coordinate their activities.

Multiple bodies — including the Office of the President, the Student Senate, the Council of Representatives and the Campus Life Council — work on policy matters. Since each body has a different composition, they tackle similar issues in different ways, which creates the potential for wasted effort.

Several groups, such as the Student Union Board and the Hall Presidents Council, handle campus programming. SUB’s mission is to create high-quality campus-wide events, while HPC works with residence halls on their own programming. The system might look good on paper, but lack of communication between the bodies has led to failures.

Student Union Board manager Charlie Ebersol said that students from each hall should have a place on the board, so that dorm concerns may be addressed in planning campus events.

“We need dorm representation on SUB, so we won’t have David Spade on the same night as seven SYRs,” Ebersol said, recalling less-than-stellar attendance at the comedian’s show in October.

Former Pasquerilla West president Sarah Finch said that while communication between the groups is vital, HPC should focus on hall programming, while SUB should focus on campus-wide events.

“Each dorm is so unique that if you try to do something that works on the whole campus, you’re not going to get a lot of outside attention,” she said. “HPC shouldn’t try to do too much.”

The current administration, led by student body president Pat Hallahan, is working to overhaul the system. Under a plan currently being debated by the Council of Representatives, dorm representation would be increased and student government bodies would be condensed into three main areas, allowing for easier communication among student leaders and their constituencies.

Student body vice president Jeremy Lao said that although reforms are underway, they will take time to implement.

“It can’t be instant gratification,” Lao said. “We’re setting a foundation and building from there.”

These changes come alongside another transition. In December, Hallahan will graduate, at which time Lao will assume the presidency.

Some students, like freshman Chris Sebastian, were cautiously hopeful that the leaders’ reforms would improve the quality of student life at Notre Dame.

“I’m sure they’re working hard on it, but I haven’t seen anything yet,” Sebastian said.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT?

Gina Jardine
Junior
LeMans

“Ask me after they make a decision about the ’Keenan Renue’. Yeah, Keenan!”

James Hill
Senior
Off-Campus

“Uppity punks, the lot of them. I wish I was in student government.”

Kathryn Conley
Junior
LeMans

“I don’t think of student government.”

Joe Fogarty
Senior
Off-Campus

“Student government is the opiate of the students.”

Marissa Kirkman
Junior
LeMans

“I support student government, but I think they should leave ’Keenan Renue’ alone.”

Matt Geiger
Senior
Off-Campus

“Don’t blame me. I voted Muto.”

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Members take time to develop ideas,
Divisions meet with administrators to effect positive change for student body

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

This year, the student government meets on the second floor of LaFortune serves as a command-and-control center for a group of students working for their peers.

Members of several committee in the Office of the Student Body President have spent the semester thus far in the offices of administrators and faculty, discussing issues pertinent to the student body. The committee will deal with very prominent issues in the life of students, as well as other issues they believe will benefit students in the future.

The issue at the forefront of student body president Pat Hallahan's campaign was TCE's. However, after nearly three months of work, the division has not succeeded in getting the TCE's.

"We have been working more on the draft of the proposal, and fortunately the [University] Academic Council decided to form a subcommittee on TCE's," said Jeremy Staley, chair of the academics division.

According to Staley, the proposal has not been submitted to the University Academic Committee's task force on TCE's. The proposal was not submitted to the academics division, and faculty will review the proposal before it is submitted to the committee.

"We have examples of what other universities have done. They have met with administrators on different issues related to spirituality and faith," said Jeremy Staley.

The service trip was proposed to return the service trip to Appalachia, for similar to service trips, which would raise money for orphans run by the Holy Cross and creating an alumni mentoring network and an alumni lecture series.

Some service projects have been met with administrators on these projects, but results will not be seen for some time. The Office of the Student Body President has come up with several good ideas this year, but few of them have seen many, if any results.

Some projects are inherently long term, but with the end of the semester approaching quickly, the student government will not have much time during the spring semester to effect change.

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Hallahan reflects on semester, prepares for transition

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

Student body president Pat Hallahan entered his office last April with bold plans to help the student body. This fall, however, Hallahan realized that he would have to prioritize those plans, as his time in office was to be cut in half with his early graduation in December.

Hallahan has spent the majority of his time this semester working to recreate an inefficient student government into one that works well and produces results more effectively. With this focus, some of the issues on which Hallahan campaigned had to be put on hold.

"A lot of the focus in my time has been on the Council of Representatives and the restructuring of student government," Hallahan said. "Some of the issues that we campaigned on, it would seem they have taken a back seat."

However, Hallahan has not spent all his time laying out the inner workings of the student government.

"I put a lot of emphasis on the Church in Africa Conference, and I took a lot of initiative with it," stated Hallahan, referring to the two-part conference, which began here this fall and will end in Nigeria in the Spring semester.

Overall, Hallahan believes that the student government has made great strides toward greater efficiency so far this semester.

"It's a slow process, but I think we're taking the right steps, and I think you'll see by March a structure where the policy bodies and programming bodies work together," he said.

"We'll be in a position to go to the Board of Trustees and tell them: This is what you told us to do, and we want to get more involved at the University level."

Of course, Hallahan will not be on campus to see those changes happen. After his graduation in December, he will be taking a job with the Democratic National Committee, and vice president Jeremy Lao will assume the presidency.

"Lao, like Hallahan, believes that progress lies in correcting the inefficiencies in student government. However, he is less optimistic about how far the student government has come this semester. "When it came to the issues, I think we could have done more," Lao said. "I think we could have done a better job in all bodies to address more concerns and issues."

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Much of Lao's work next semester will surround forming a plan for the reorganizing of student government. Currently, the Council Representatives has formed three proposals for a new structure, but Lao believes there will be more to come.

"I think that those three models for student government is great, and I'm glad we're going somewhere," he said. "My concern is that I don't want student government to be non-representative, which is what I think these models may be. I'm sure there will be other plans that other people will develop."

Lao has chosen current chief of staff Emily Chin to assume the role of student body vice president next semester.

"Emily has been with me and Pat since last winter as our campaign manager," he said. "We work together really well, and I know she is very committed to the job."

Chin echoes Lao's optimism, but does realize that there is room for improvement.

"So far, I think we're doing pretty well," she said. "Getting started on projects is pretty easy because we have a lot of people that were willing to learn."

Her suggestions for improvement centered around the Student Senate, which she will be leading next semester.

"I think that the Senate is a very unique and diverse group, so I would like to see them be more vocal about diverse issues. I think that we're going to pinpoint more pressing issues that the University is working with and can concern the student body also," Chin said.

The coming months will likely bring many more changes to the face of student government, and the results will show how well these student leaders transition into their new positions.

Lao expressed his enthusiasm at the prospect of continuing to work with the student government.

"I'm really looking forward to a great year with Pat and Emily, and I'm really excited about what we can do in the next two and a half months."

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The Student Senate’s mission is to represent student opinion and action in the best interest of all students. This year, they have proven to remain active and engage with students, sometimes, results are hard to come by.

“I’ve been very pleased with the issues [Senators] have brought to the Senate, especially those that have gone to the CLC and have passed,” said student body vice president Pat Hallahan asking for Senate to give its input on the upcoming Student Union Constitution to the Executive Cabinet, which later morphed into the Council of Representatives.

With their first important resolution, however, Senators spent more time arguing over the power of their committees than passing the resolution itself. In addition to issues that originated in Senate committees, there were suggestions that the Senate committee on Gender Relations should be abolished.

This committee has spent the entire semester revisiting articles 20 of the constitution to determine the platform from which to plan a women’s resource center on campus.

The Senate has, however, proven they can respond to issues directly affecting students and make significant strides to improve these issues.

“Within the first year of our tenure, we will attempt to improve campus life through the opinions of the students,” said Howard Senior Senator Rachel Pangborn. Anderson is also chair of the Residence Life Committee in the Senate, a chamber that is responsible for many issues at the forefront of campus life.

The Residence Life Committee in the Senate drafted a resolution to support the efforts of university students working on such projects as attempting to implement a distance-learning program, or a cell phone service for students to benefit from campus in a classroom from another location.

While these are issues that would benefit many students, academic life, nothing has been brought out of the committee meetings. These issues must come to the full Senate meetings themselves. No resolutions were made to establish telecommunications and distance-learning programs, or to seek students from benefit to current programs without the

Secretary of the Senate Pat Hallahan said Pangborn Senator Kaitlyn Redfield, “We’ve met with a lot of issues over the semester, and they’ve been very receptive.”

These administrators do have some reservations about the proposed center, however, according to Redfield, “They have some concerns about the effectiveness of the proposed center, such as abortion and homosexuality,” said Redfield.

The Senate has indeed shown initiative with this proposal, but if implemented, they must address these concerns and provide an outline, if not a specific plan, for how these issues should be addressed on campus.

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FACULTY SENATE

Group addresses important issues after restructuring

By BETH ERIKSON
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The Faculty Senate has tackled many important issues this year, such as TCE’s and the redevelopment of the Business School. This year’s work this year follows restructuring within the group’s place last year.

In order to get started, the Faculty Senate is just beginning to stretch its wings,” said vice chair Professor Andy Kinn, chair of the Environmental Molecular Science Institute, said. "We’re formed last year, and in many ways, this year is a trial year during which we can see whether our infrastructure can support the university policies and practices.”

"The Senate has worked to improve the grievance procedures for faculty. In September, the Faculty Senate passed a resolution to amend the Academic Affairs committee, creating provisions for hearings regarding severe sanctions against faculty members.

A second resolution to establish the Faculty grievance procedures is currently under discussion, according to the Academic Affairs committee, chaired by psychology professor Jay Brandenberger, is considering possible changes in the publication format of Teacher-Course Evaluations.

"We have been thinking about possible changes to the TCE process that would provide students with some information, but still maintain confidentiality of some aspects of the process,” he said. The Academic Affairs committee discussed shrinking library resources and is looking to develop a better process for faculty to allocate the allocation of library resources, said Brown.

Changes in faculty benefits, including a new, self-funded health plan and a crisis management program, were announced by the Benefits committee, chaired by business professor Nancy Gillardini.

Elections for a new chairperson will be held during the Senate’s December meeting. Under the guidance of a new chair, the Senate will sustain its attempt to create the faculty’s voice heard.

"It’s still an open question whether an advisory entity like the Senate will be an effective advisory entity, but there is much goodwill toward the Senate on the part of the Administration, so I’m quite hopeful that progress on a number of fronts can be made,” said Brown.

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in the process of investigating potential parking perks for on-campus seniors. Perhaps their most important accomplishment, however, is a resolution passed to form a task force to investigate issues surrounding resident assistant training. The successful resolution was brought to the forefront of the campus community when several RAs either quit or faced termination because schedule changes were made without attending all of the training sessions.

The task force's actions have increased respect among students, faculty and staff, according to Pat Hallahan, student body president and chair of the organization. "I think it's a good step to give the council more power. It's an issue that concerns the student community.

By discussing issues together, the members are able to prioritize issues that concern them. By setting priorities, they are able to accomplish things without always going through the formality of passing a resolution. "Everything isn't going to be in the form of a resolution," Hallahan said.

Outside of their biweekly meetings, members attend committees or task forces including Student Privileges, Composition and Gender Relations. All three committees have successfully pinpointed reasonable issues to focus on and taking the necessary steps to see that they are implemented.

For seniors

The Senior Privileges task force has primarily focused its attention on parking awards for seniors. The task force is charged with the possibility of either reducing or eliminating the parking fees that on-campus seniors pay while housing reserved spots for them in the D2 and D3 lots.

"The idea was that we didn't want to create a senior privilege to keep them on campus but hate it as a "thank-you," said Heather Chin, task force member and director of the computer science and engineering department. "It's important for the University to show gratitude for keeping senior leadership on campus. We really need senior leadership in the student government as well.

So far, the group has shared their idea with Rex Rakow and Phil Johnson of campus security and Bill Kirk, director of Student Affairs. Kirk, according to CLC member Wyatt Maxwell, has "taken the task force's idea and run with it."

The task force is also investigating the sale and distribution of Notre Dame Gear. The council has developed a plan to replace the void created when Seniors Day was canceled.

The Task Force has been successful in moving toward their goals in part because they are reasonable. "The students wanted to focus on goals that would have immediate and positive repercussions," Kirk said.

Exploring gender relations

The Gender Relations task force is a new addition to CLC this year, replacing the Student Gender Relations Safety committee. The task force was initially formed to gather information and generate discussion for student government's report to the Board of Trustees on possible restructuring of the organization. "Our main purpose at the time was to get administration, student and faculty discussion for our Board of Trustees meeting," said Jeremy Lao, student body vice president and CLC member. The task force will continue its investigation next semester and collaborate with other branches of student government on working on changing membership composition in order to improve efficiency.

The investigation, along with other actions taken by CLC, is helping to redefine the organization and show the University community that it is willing not just to react but rather to make progress toward a more productive and efficient student body.
**FMB disperses budget funds**

**By AMANDA MICHAELS**

This year, the Financial Management Board has worked to effectively and fairly allocate money throughout the Student Government.

As one of its annual duties, the FMB has held open forums for The Shirt Charity Fund and proposals for any budgetary expense over $5,000, including those for the Notre Dame Literary Festival and the Right to Life club.

The goal of the projects currently being considered is the examination of the technology fund, and discussion regarding the most efficient way to allot the monies tobenefit the most student organizations," said Sarah Blake, off-campus co-president and member of the FMB.

Starting in January, the FMB will take on its most involved and important task: the budget review process. The spending review itself will take place during the first week of December this year, and the allocation of funds occurs in March.

FMB president Don Norton said, "Every club and organization will submit a spending review to be approved by the board. Once the boards are approved, the FMB will begin planning the new year's budget...during this time, we also encourage student leaders to focus on proper and effective budgeting."

The FMB has made many efforts to improve the quality of residential life on campus, and according to the funds available, the FMB will allocate money throughout the Student Government.

**CSU plans events, sets goals**

**By AMANDA MICHAELS**

Thus far into the school year, the CSU has already made many efforts to improve the social, cultural, professional and intellectual lives of the graduate students - some of the organization's main objectives.

In addition to providing a successful incoming graduate student orientation, they planned many group events, including the East River Run, which is a fall tradition, and the upcoming Thanksgiving luncheon.

The NSU distributed the information to graduate students more efficient, electronic resources. For example, the HPC's 2003-2004 Focus is "Justified Expenditure Development, which includes new computer server and in the process of designing a new CSU website. Also, Pete and Byrne hosted on the Capitol Hill in favor of tax exemptions for graduate housing, as provided for in the Higher Education Act.

The CSU has several goals set to accomplish for the next school year. The primary goal of the CSU is to promote inclusive, effective and efficient education at Notre Dame."

**HPC allocates money, support**

**By MEGHAN MARTIN**

The hall Presidents' Council began the year with a clear mission in mind. "We decided we had two goals: use all programming funds available to us, and plan quality events with the dorms," said co-chair Sarah Kreefer.

In an effort to secure the required funding from the Financial Management Board, Kreefer and Wyatt Maxwell, who jointly facilitate the organization's programming, put together a list of all funding available for programming use on campus for hall presidents to utilize. The strategy has worked out well for HPC, a body dedicated to maintaining and improving the quality of residential life on campus.

More intradorm and extra-dorm events are on the increase this semester, and 26 out of the 27 residence halls have applied for extra financial support from the University's Matching Funds program, designed to help them purchase such items as TVs and exercise equipment.

Dorm collaboration and communication, which lie at the heart of HPC's mission, have been enhanced with the streamlining of HPC's executive cabinet.

"We're a good way of getting the word out to students," said Rachel Family co-president Demetrius Hall.

Many presidents say they see an increase in student participation due to the good attendance at performances. Glitches in the Michigan ticket lottery process generated much criticism, but SUB did mend the situation in time for the next lottery. The financial efforts of the unsuccessful David Spade show on SUB's future events remain to be fully realized. In the future, extensive student surveys should be conducted before the planning of any major events. Overall, SUB has succeeded in its endeavors to offer campus entertainment, but it should spend more time gauging student opinion for any future engagements.

**SUB has diligently strived to please the student body with the diverse set of programs it has brought to campus this semester, but the club has also suffered several snags due to poor organization. The club's attempt to bring up-and-coming groups to campus is commendable, but inadequate organization for these unknown groups has led to poor attendance at performances. Glitches in the Michigan ticket lottery process generated much criticism, but SUB did mend the situation in time for the next lottery. The financial efforts of the unsuccessful David Spade show on SUB's future events remain to be fully realized. In the future, extensive student surveys should be conducted before the planning of any major events. Overall, SUB has succeeded in its endeavors to offer campus entertainment, but it should spend more time gauging student opinion for any future engagements.

**STUDENT UNION BOARD**

**Group plans events, entertainment for students**

**By BETH ERCIKSON**

The Student Union Board has provided many entertaining and educational programs for the student body this semester. "We try to provide the best possible programs and events to cater to the student body's wants," director of programming Tal Romero said.

The club brought a campus favorite, hypnotherapist Dale Washington Hall in August and sponsored Laughing Irish, a comedy night featuring three of Notre Dame's best alumni comedians, in September.

In October, it hosted Step Afrika, which Romero described as "a step-dancing group that combines American frat and sorority stepping with African tribal dance." SUB invited notable comedian David Spade to perform stand-up at the Joyce Center in October. The club received some criticism because of the financial losses it incurred due to low ticket sales.

The club organized three ticket giveaways this semester, holding lotteries for the Michigan, Purdue and Boston College away games.

Several complaints were voiced after the Michigan lottery, in which only 700 lottery tickets were distributed to the 1,500 fans waiting in line. The lottery process was improved upon for the Purdue and Boston College lotteries, in which every student in line was fitted with a lottery ticket.

"We got a lot of negative media for the first lottery," said Romero. "Yet, when we did get the process almost perfected, no one congratulated us."

The organization has continued to coordinate the traditional weekly events Acoustic Café and SUB Movies. SUB has already accomplished much this fall, but the bulk of its programs will be put on during the spring semester.

"We have been so hard at work planning for next semester," Romero said.

Two of SUB's most high-profile events, the Notre Dame Literary Festival and the Collegiate Jazz Festival, will both take place in February.

This year's Notre Dame Literary Festival, entitled "Reading Between the Lines," will invite several prominent authors to deliver lectures, participate in classroom discussions, hold workshops and meet with students.

The 46th annual Collegiate Jazz Festival will take place the last weekend in February. As the oldest college of jazz in the United States, SUB is an up-and-coming band similar to Counting Crows. Romero related the strength of SUB this year and its ability to deliver quality programming to the depth of the band's fan base and the influence of Tim Byrne as its new advisor.

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Hello. My name is Matt. I am the Notre Dame student public. Much like a large majority of you out there, I do not understand the student's fate. I wonder. why I have my parents pay upwards of 35 g's a year to attend a school that won't let me have my representatives help determine my policies. I ponder as to why the SYR student government has on the table and go to my next class. As Matt Q. Public, I sometimes sign petitions, and I always agree that the administration is oppressive. But essentially there is no substantial reason for me to put time and effort into believing in change that won't happen. So I just don't care. That's just the way it is.

Now I could rant and rave about how the lack of results has spawned an obsession toward members of the student administration. That is because the system is set up to fail with respect to student interest. The administration and various clubs ask questions and conflict arrive a new batch of fresh faces who don't know any better. We are not that different from those people. We are just as likely to engage in discussions meant to help improve the student government. The views experienced in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Mooney at mmooney@nd.edu.
**STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**

Jablonski-Diehl works toward accomplishing goals

By ANNELEISE WOOLFORD
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Before becoming Saint Mary's student body president and vice president, Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Sarah Brown shared many similarities — and now, living in connected singles, they share a bathroom.

Both Jablonski-Diehl and Brown were orientation counselors, sophomore class president of Sarah Mary's Judicial Board and the Volunteers In Support of Admissions program prior to holding their current positions. In addition, Jablonski-Diehl served on her freshman class board and was student body vice president in her junior and senior academic year.

After crossing paths through student government, Jablonski-Diehl and Brown found out they had only one ticket competing in the race, both were aware they had challenges in their faces and promises to keep.

"For me, the biggest challenge was the fact that we were coming off of a year that we had done something huge," Jablonski-Diehl said. "Pacing the study day was something that Kim Jenson and I operated on. I was like how do you follow up on that and how do you continue from there?"

The team introduced ideas on their platform that included centralizing campus information for students, making student government representatives and counselors available and responsive, and having monthly bus trips to Chicago and obtaining continued support for the housing plan proposal.

"I think we've accomplished almost everything on our platform," Jablonski-Diehl said.

"What made Sarah and my goals a little different was that we both set things we wanted to deal with, but they were sort of larger, grander ideas that we wanted to get started. Our idea was to make sure that each commissioner had a seat at the table and that's gone further than I could have ever imagined."

"When you empower each of them with an individual project ... they really run with it," Jablonski-Diehl said.

As president and vice president, Jablonski-Diehl and Brown have held true to their original goals. They have arranged student bus trips to Chicago beginning with the Thanksgiving holiday, and continuing through next semester. They have brought the Saint Mary's-Notre Dame shuttle back to LeMans Hall, as promised. They ensure that student government representatives are visible and available for daily interaction. To help guarantee accountability, they regularly update news and information on the Internet and activities phone line.

"Instead of us putting out one huge project, we're doing a lot of smaller things that hopefully improve campus life," Jablonski-Diehl said. "I spent a lot of time talking to all of the people and asking them if they're getting the support they need."

Jablonski-Diehl sits on two boards and four to five committees, including the presidential board, student Senate, while Brown holds positions on four boards and all five academic committees.

Despite their busy schedules, the two are currently working with Keith Fordlak, Saint Mary's director of Information Technology, to establish a campus cable station expected to be in operation next year. They also are working closely with the Office of Residence Life to update the College's judicial procedure for students' future benefit.

Before their administration expires on April 1, both Jablonski-Diehl and Brown hope to conclude revision work on the student government constitution, a process already in its third year.

"Sarah and I have done a lot of work to make sure that the student government is respected not only by the students, but also by the administration and faculty as something that is recognized and that really works," Jablonski-Diehl said.

Brown anticipates running for student body president in next semester's election and hopes to continue what the pair has established over the past year.

Building on the success of the individual projects of the commissions and boards, Jablonski-Diehl and vice president Sarah Brown have brought the student government constitution, that had yet to be completed or addressed, if they continue to address issues such as these, they will set an example for successors to follow. Their dedication to addressing problematic issues of the past — even issues that may not directly effect students today — is a trademark that sets them apart from former presidents and vice presidents.

"Most importantly, Jablonski-Diehl and Brown make themselves accessible to students and continue to represent an active voice on Saint Mary's campus. The pair are eager to meet with students about anything and everything. Due to both Jablonski-Diehl and Brown's approachable nature, students feel comfortable presenting their opinions and concerns. Student feedback is then discussed and presented in other government settings, such as the Board of Governance meetings." Jablonski-Diehl and Brown successfully built off of the work of last year's administration. Without a doubt, they will also leave a memorable leadership behind and pave the way for the future.

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**STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Mahoney represents student voice among SMC trustees

By ANNIE BASINSKI
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As the lone student on Saint Mary's Board of Trustees, Sara Mahoney said she is the voice for her peers to make change.

"I have a unique opportunity to serve students and work with other trustees," she said. "It is a very exciting position. I am able to represent students in the larger issues." After applying for the position of student trustee after last fall, Mahoney was appointed to the position by President Michael V. Leahy. Her term began last June and will end in April.

Mahoney, a senior, shares full-voting privileges with other trustees. On the board, she serves as a member of the Student Life and Facilities and Grounds committee.

On the Facilities and Grounds committee, Mahoney has worked with the other trustees to develop plans for the on-campus apartment building that is now under construction. The committee members use student input and the results from a survey given to students to address their concerns about the apartment building. They help regulate decisions.

Mahoney said one of her personal goals for the apartment building is to also ensure they provide self-independence for seniors. She said she understands the importance of creating an environment that caters to the needs the students who will live there.

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On the Board of Trustees, she said she believes she will best serve Saint Mary's.

"I want to be there to make sure things are going as planned and student concerns are not forgotten," Mahoney said.

Although the College does not require its student trustees to participate in BOG, Mahoney believes that by taking part in student government she can better relay students' concerns to the Board of Trustees.

Most recently, Mahoney worked with the trustees on the presidential search campaign. As student trustee, Mahoney will vote for which candidate she believes will best serve Saint Mary's. Mahoney attended all forums for the four presidential candidates. She spoke with students after each forum to gain insight on their opinions about the candidates. Mahoney said she also watched to see how students reacted to the candidates as they were speaking. She took notes on the candidates and plans to review the feedback forms completed by students after each candidate's visit.

"I want Saint Mary's to get a quality president," Mahoney said. "I take that job very seriously and understand that I must make a wise decision for the students."

Another of Mahoney's goals as student trustee is to foster diversity and community at Saint Mary's. By not singling out any particular group, but maintaining diversity through the creation of community, Mahoney believes Saint Mary's will stay true to its mission.

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The job and internship search is far from over! Look at the following events to continue your search for permanent and summer employment opportunities!!

Chicago Career and Internship Connection
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 05, 2004 - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Location: AMA
8655 West Higgins Road
Chicago, IL
Website: http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/cic/chicago.html
Details: *DEADLINE to register, upload and submit resumes for Chicago is December 1, 2003.
♦ Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen Network in Chicago!
♦ The Chicago Career and Internship Connection blends the best of a career fair and a pre-screened interview event.
♦ Identify and interact with recruiters from fields including: advertising, biotech, engineering, healthcare, investment and commercial banking, consulting, law, public relations, publishing and more!
♦ Interview for post-baccalaureate and internship opportunities!

New Jersey Collegiate Career Day
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 07, 2004 - 9:30 AM-3:30 PM
Location: Bowers Commons & Rutgers Student Center
College Avenue - Rutgers University
New Brunswick, NJ
Website: http://careerservices.rutgers.edu
Details: Rutgers University is hosting the 33rd semi-annual New Jersey Collegiate Career Day for anyone interested in working in the New Jersey or New York City areas.
About 150 employers will discuss current and anticipated openings with candidates in most career fields and academic majors, including liberal arts, business, science, and technical areas. Students from any college or university who wish to work in the New Jersey area are invited to attend.
Students can register online and submit a resume to be distributed employers from December 1, 2003 - January 9, 2004 online at http://careerservices.rutgers.edu.

Washington, DC Career & Internship Connection
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 08, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: National Press Club
529 14th Street
Washington, DC
Website: http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/cic/dc.html
Details: *DEADLINE to register, upload and submit resumes for Washington is December 1, 2003.
♦ Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen Network in DC!
♦ The Washington Career and Internship Connection blends the best of a career fair and a pre-screened interview event.
♦ Identify and interact with recruiters from fields including: advertising, biotech, engineering, healthcare, investment and commercial banking, consulting, law, public relations, publishing and more!
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Careers 2004 - New York
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 09, 2004 - 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Location: New York City more:
New York, NY
Website: www.careerconferences.com
Details: Large event with Fortune 500 employers and some governmental organizations. Open table format with students meeting employers. Students must register on-line at www.careerconferences.com. Initial application deadline is November 28th, but you may apply up to December 19, 2003.

Boston Career & Internship Connection
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 12, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: John Hancock Conference Center
40 Trinity Place - 3rd Floor
Boston, MA
Website: http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/cic/boston.html
Details: *DEADLINE to register, upload and submit resumes for Boston is December 1, 2003
♦ Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen Network in Boston!
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♦ Interview for post-baccalaureate and internship opportunities!

Careers 2004 - Atlanta
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 19, 2004 - 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Location: Atlanta
Atlanta, GA
Website: www.careerconferences.com
Details: Expect about 40-50 Fortune 1,000 employers and a few governmental organizations attending the event. To register, logon to www.careerconferences.com. The event is invitation only. Initial application deadline is November 28th, but you may apply up to December 19, 2003.

Careers 2004 - Chicago
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 26, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: Chicago
Drury Lane
Oak Brook Terrace, IL
Website: www.careerconferences.com
Details: Register on-line at www.careerconferences.com to attend this live event in Chicago with 40-50 Fortune 1,000 companies and a few governmental organizations. Bus transportation will be provided for the first 45 students who will be attending. Email Bridget at kibbe.1@nd.edu or call, 1-520-204. Initial application deadline is November 28th, but you may apply up to January 10, 2004.

Hire Big Ten Plus
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 28, 2004 - 1:00 PM
End Date: February 16, 2004 - 1:00 PM
Location: Virtual
On-line
Website: http://careercenter.nd.edu
Details: Welcome to the HIRE BIG 10 PLUS Virtual Career Fair for Full-Time and Internship Opportunities! This is the largest virtual career fair for college students in the world. You're invited to browse the fair to check out what employers have to offer. Links to the registration interface can be found below every job description.
Interested students must email Lee Svetle at ssvete.1@nd.edu for application information.

2004 Winter Career Fair and Diversity Reception
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 27, 2004 - 4:00 PM-8:00 PM
Location: Joyce Center Fieldhouse
Website: https://careercenter.nd.edu/winterfair2004.php
Details: Register on-line for the largest Career Fair of the year for Notre Dame. In addition, be sure to attend the Diversity Reception 1:00 - 3:30 pm (EST) Monogram Room located in the Joyce Center. We are currently seeking Corporate Sponsors for the Reception, which will include a student/employer business card exchange and networking event.

Indiana Journalism Job Fair
Status: Confirmed
Date: February 07, 2004 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: Ball State University
Muncie, IN
Website: http://careercenter.nd.edu
Details: Meet and Interview with Newspaper Editors seeking to hire for FULL-TIME and INTERNSHIP Opportunities. Information about Participating Employers and Scheduling Interviews will be available from The Career Center after December 10. Contact Anita Rees for more information at rees.4@nd.edu.

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By ANNELEISE WOOLFORD  
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Thanks to efforts made by Saint Mary's Student Activities Board, the excuse “There's nothing to do on campus,” is no longer valid.  

Representative on the board, which is a new council for student government as a residence life and all student associations, to connect the hall and the residence halls.  

“SAB is always looking for bigger and better suggestions,” said Kristin Hansen, administrative executive.  

Anyone with comments, concerns or compliments can come to our meetings and share. We love to see new faces and hear new ideas.  

So far this semester, SAB has sponsored a variety of events including Bussell's annual SMC Tostal, in April, an event similar to Twilight Tailgate, but on a larger scale.  

“Our goal is to finish the year off with a bang,” Hansen said.  

“We want to get the student body pumped to be Belles. We do this by continuing to sponsor school spirit events, by continuing to provide traditional entertainment and events and by getting new people and new ideas involved.”

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By MICHELLE EGGERS  
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Instituted just a few years ago, the Residence Hall Association is one of Saint Mary’s newest student government associations.  

This year’s RHA consists of 24 members and their various advisors. Eleven members of the group hold chairwoman positions, with four women holding the executive officer positions.  

In order to earn their spots as RHA president and vice-president, Shay Jolly and Jackie Zins campaigned on a platform pledge to make a greater connection between residence halls, the RHA and the Office of Residence Life.  

“Shay and Jackie are getting involved in every single thing from movies to school spirit in attempts to gain student interest.”

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By ANGELA SAOUD  
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To help promote the issue of campus diversity, Saint Mary’s Student Diversity Board has some definite goals in mind.  

“Student Diversity Board tries to include and promote diversity on campus and in the community,” said SDB president Veronica Saavedra. “We’re a small board, but we have some big goals for this year.”  

The 14-member board has already planned events such as a bonfire, which included cultural dancing and an open forum discussion panel in the Noble Family Dining Hall.  

“In past years, we’ve always done Cultural Taste Fest in Reignebeaux Lounge,” said Saavedra. “The food has always gone really fast, so this year we decided to team up with Sodeh and the dining hall, and it was a huge success.”  

Students were served a variety of foods from many ethnicities. Prizes were also raffled off.  

“Bringing the cultural taste fest into the dining hall was a great idea because it brought the cultures directly to the student body and it gave us an opportunity to try something new,” said Saavedra.

SDB’s biggest goal for this year was to increase attendance at all of their events.  

“That was one of the biggest things on our platform,” said Saavedra. “We really wanted to make a conscious effort to promote and have higher attendance at all of our events this year.”  

Future events for SDB include Disabilities Awareness week, having SAB representation plans on campus and working to gain and maintain an open dialogue with the Board of Trustees.  

Collaborating with admissions, SDB is starting a mentoring program with accepted students to Saint Mary’s.  

“We hope that through this program, we can talk to our new students before they even set foot on campus,” said Saavedra.

Saavedra and Marquez are working diligently to accomplish the goals they set for themselves upon appointment to their positions.

“We’ve received a lot of positive feedback both from students and administration,” said Saavedra. “We are doing some things differently from past years, and we’re excited for the rest of the year.”

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Residence Hall Association gives halls a presence  

Saint Mary’s Student Government  

By MICHELLE EGGERS  
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Helping to heighten identity within majors, one representative from each of Saint Mary’s 26 academic departments sits on the Student Academic Council to serve as a liaison between the board and each department’s faculty and students.  

Both students and faculty have seen the benefit of this interaction and take advantage of the board to initiate various events.

According to Sarah Brown, student body vice president and coordinator of SAC, the board primarily deals with campus academic policy issues, under which departmental interactions are a component.

“This is really a fun group of students to work with,” said Brown. SAC is dedicated to major and offer a good perspective on liberal arts education.

The semester that the board implemented the College’s first reading day. Brown said. Next semester, it plans to evaluate how students and faculty feel about the additional day.  

The board also hears student petitions for academic co-sponsorship or student government money, Brown said. SAC representatives vote whether to allot money or co-sponsorship and if so, how much.

According to senior English writing representative Mary Beth Browiak, the board also works with the Counseling and Career Development Center. SAC representatives attend the Academic Open House during the campus’ Fall Day on Campus and Accepted Student Day to answer questions about particular majors. They also volunteered at the CCCD’s Choosing a Major night and Showcase of Careers.

Future events for the board are Majors of the Week, a week of activities planned by the department chair and the SAC representative in celebration of each major.

“For the events of the academic council, the board coordinates each other week, in week of activities planned by the department chair and the SAC representative in celebration of each major.”

“Major of the Week gives the students and faculty a chance to bond,” said Brown.

SAC Representatives foster student-faculty relationships in other ways. Some major Erin Korreck.

“SAC representatives develop more casual relationships. Regardless, the council is successful in helping students bond with professors and form close relationships within their own majors.”

“As a SAC Representative, I get to help students work on a personal basis,” said Korreck.  

Faculty members commonly contact SAC representatives about campus activities specific to the major, such as bringing a speaker to campus, Browniak said.

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Saint Mary’s BOG holds true to its mission statement

By MEGAN O’NEIL
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It is written in the Saint Mary’s Board of Governance mission statement that, keeping students as its first priority, the board is committed to upholding the traditions of the institution while simultaneously pioneering change for the future. With the College experiencing one of its most revolutionary years in recent history, the current board has held close to its promise.

Led by president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and vice president Sarah Brown, BOG has overseen and adapted itself to a variety of challenges the College has faced in recent months, including a major construction project and a presidential candidate search, all while keeping in close contact with the student body.

The preeminent student governing body on campus, BOG is composed of 26 officers and holds weekly Monday meetings. The group includes seven executive members, four class presidents and fifteen various board commissioners. It is responsible for establishing budgets and overseeing the various student government association constituencies, including Student Diversity Board, Residence Hall Association and Student Academic Council.

This year included an addition to the board. In response to student frustration over the quality of the campus dining services and the construction of the new Noble Family Dimming Hall, Jablonski-Diehl and Brown created the position of Campus Food Services commissioner last spring.

“If we are opening something new it is easier to initiate something right off the bat,” said Jablonski-Diehl.

The position was intended to help introduce the student body to its new facility, but more importantly to improve communication between students and food services managers.

The addition of the campus food services commissioner demonstrated foresight and active concern on the part of the BOG.

Current BOG members have attempted to address the problem of communication with students by making student outreach and interaction their priority.

Building on steps taken last year, BOG fully utilizes campus technology to keep the student body informed. In addition to weekly e-mails, the board maintained an updated Web site throughout its tenure. Students can access BOG officers, contact information, student activities calendars, meeting minutes and board members’ speeches at the site. The difference from previous years has been distinct.

“This year has definitely been more focused,” Jablonski-Diehl said of the board’s use of technology, “especially because now you can link right to the student government website off the home page.”

BOG officers have further proven their determination to be a visible and accessible body on campus by actively engaging with students on a daily basis. The board is well represented at every student event from pep rallies to chorale concerts. On election day, they went so far as to don neon yellow shirts that read “vote today” to remind students to participate in the elections.

BOG’s presence was particularly felt during the presidential candidates’ visits to campus. Many board members made announcements about the selection process in their classes, and encouraged students to attend the student-candidate luncheons.

While it is clear the current BOG administration has been reliable in maintaining its more traditional roles, it has also pioneered some of its own improvements.

“One of our goals was that each commissioner have a specific goal at the beginning of the year and that they achieve it,” Jablonski-Diehl said.

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