Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Student Government 2005-2006
Leaders fix faults of predecessors
Baron, Shappell work with University, lessen animosity

By MADDIE HANNA
In Focus Writer

Student body president Dave Baron and vice president Lizzi Shappell have made significant headway with the University administration and experienced considerable success in their initiatives this year, but it hasn’t always been that way for Notre Dame’s student body leaders.

Last year, student body president Adam Istvan and vice president Karla Bell struggled to produce on their goals. Within a few months of taking office, the pair set up a meeting with the vice president of Reps LaFortune and secured Fair Trade coffee in the dining halls and HuddleMart, quickly lessening animosity with students they could achieve the unachievable.

Next came the SafeBus fiasco, where harsh criticism of the idea was implausible. Istvan and Bell had run and won after convincing students they could work with rectors and University administrators and received an across the board positive response. The main goal of their administration was to restore dorm pride, and we want to return of the Holy Grail.

Quite a change from Istvan, who told The Observer in February 2004 that he heard rumors he was Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman’s “No. 1 hated student.”

In a farewell address at his last Student Senate meeting, Istvan revealed an underlying resentment toward the administration.

“When I was trying to figure out what to say at my last officer report at the last Senate meeting, first I was going to write a scathing report about how the administration treats us like children,” Istvan said on March 30. “But we’ve already been there, so I’m not going to do that.”

Baron’s been there too, and from the looks of things, he’s not going back.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT?

Claire Sloss
freshman
McGlinn

“Jason Laws was the greatest freshman class president the Class of 2007 ever had.”

Chris Castellan
junior
Keough

“I’ve heard about the new free cups in the dining hall.”

Heidi Storer
sophomore
Pangborn

“Re-elect Jason Laws!”

Leonard Edokpolo
junior
O’Neill

“What’s that?”

Bobby Seus
senior
Alumni

“It seems like we have it just to have it.”

Shane Calendar
junior
Alumni

“I have a giant raging man-crush on Dave Baron.”

Editor's note: The Observer is publishing a comprehensive review of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s student governments. This issue is intended to illustrate for students what elected officials are doing in their name, so they can enter the election season fully informed. Its intent is to provide an illuminating, unbiased assessment of the state of the student union.
OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Professionalism, progress leaders succeed

Baron, Shappell establish partnership with administrators in first semester

By MADDIE HANNA
Focus Writer

While progress, partnership and professionalism are key to come by in student government, administrators—student body president Dave Baron and vice president Lizzi Shappell—have been working hard on both.

"We feel it's our responsibility," Shappell said, "to put our position out there in the most formal and professional way possible.

That professional attitude has helped Baron and Shappell during their first semester in office. "It has been hard to come by in student government," administration, student body president Dave Baron and vice president Lizzi Shappell have mentioned several times.

"We are limited in a lot of what we can do," Baron said. "We're not a governing body. We're not in a position to do that. People make those choices. The power lies in our ability to make an argument. We figured out that we were going to push on.

Shappell said dealing with the Student Senate and Common Council on July 25 passage of the amendment to the student activity fee ordinance—a change that is a three-year process—lies in our ability to make an argument. The amendment will go through. He's had to-increase feedback on the student side, and working to develop a closer relationship with the Board, as well as the Jenkins administration.

"It's important for the first student administration under University President Father John Jenkins to build a connection, set a good tone," Baron said. "We're committed to setting this tone, but Baron and Shappell have been experiencing themselves in the process. "It's got to be fun," Baron said. "We don't take ourselves too seriously or we're going to lose our heads.

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Academic Affairs

Grade: B

The Student Senate has the greatest responsibility for the student government, and for the most part, this year's group has taken that responsibility seriously. Senate leaders are some of the student body's hardest workers and have pushed through a number of important resolutions after intelligent discussion.

Diversity Affairs

Grade: B

While the Senate's eight committees are responsible for the resolution process, the Senate's Diversity Affairs committee has been key in this area. The Diversity Affairs committee has been pivotal in the creation of a University committee to examine "cultural competency" at Notre Dame, which has continued to build. Senate members have passed thoughtful and important resolutions over the course of the semester.

Gender Issues

Grade: A

The Diversity Affairs committee, chaired by Ali Wishon, has dedicated her entire term to fighting against gender issues. Her committee has been key in the creation of the new Diversity Affairs committee, which has been instrumental in the creation of the "Freshman Orientation sexual assault pro­gram," and "Chapel, Community, and International awareness week," which have all been initiatives spearheaded by the Diversity Affairs committee.

Observation

Grade: A

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group has moderate success as advisory body

Members must build upon their role as sounding board to Baron and Shappell

By KAREN LANGLEY  In Focus Writer

This semester, the Council of Representatives (COR) has processed nominations and appointed representatives, striving for moderate success as an advisory body. Evans said it was a successful semester — but its members must fully embrace their role as a sounding board in order for COR to realize its potential as the sole body uniting the policy and programming divisions of student government.

As described in the student union constitution, COR meetings are held to provide a "venue for leaders of the various student organizations to meet and advise the Student Body President on all matters concerning the Student Union as a whole." The group is also in charge of approving nominations for appointed offices, approving the Student Union budget and controlling the use of the Campus Center.

The group has made progress in achieving each of these goals, yet it remains challenged by some leaders who are not willing to engage in lengthy and candid discussion about each meeting's business.

Members of COR represent a diverse cross-section of the student body — all four classes, off-campus students, the Club Coordination Council and Board, the Judicial Council, Hall President's Council, the Management Board and the Student Senate — and are therefore expected to bring their respective views to each meeting.

More specifically, Student Body President Dave Baron said before he entered office, "I expected that each representation would forth come as they see it to represent their constituencies.

Topics such as the student activity fee increases and the budget reallocation brought out representatives' loyalties, as most speakers voiced opinions consistent with their constituencies' best interests.

Representatives sit on COR to interact with various campus organizations, but as a group they are somewhat reluctant to participate in any rigorous discussions. They leave much of the direction to Baron, who is supposed to be guiding knowledge about students' perspectives from the meetings. Questions are asked and comments are made, but more of each is needed to make COR the truly dynamic body it should be under its constitutional mandate.

The group scores points for efficiency, which is a necessary quality of effective government. COR must continue to be governed so that an increased representation of views in debate is valued while some focus still remains on the audience.

COR must be praised for professional treatment of a potentially volatile situation, the group's Sept. 19 meeting with city officials to discuss the summer amendment to South Bend's disorderly house ordinance. South Bend assistant city attorney Ann-Carol Nash and District 4 Common Council member Ann Parrello forcefully defended the city's actions to a group which generally spoke with respect, but whose care prevented them from accomplishing much — if any accomplishment was possible in an adversarial board, the exchange between two such diametrically opposed sides.

Two meetings were also spent examining The Shirt Project, whose missions and structure were examined and discussed after a football season in which the student section was garbed in many different colored and designed shirts. While two meetings were a relatively large time investment to lend to the topic, The Shirt Project's spirit-raising means and charitable end merit this attention.

While drier than its debates over the South Bend party policy or the Shirt Project's objectives, the recent debates over changes to fiscal policy may prove to be among this term's most significant COR discussions in terms of future implications.

"I'm excited about the possibility of creating an endowment for future classes," Lizi Shappell, student body vice president, said.

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GRADE: B

AS AN ADVISORY GROUP TO THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT, COR HAS SUFFICIENTLY MET ITS MAIN OBJECTIVES BY PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO STUDENT LEADERS. THE GROUP'S EFFICIENCY IS LAUDABLE, BUT KEY DISCUSSIONS OFTEN LACK WHOLEHEARTED PARTICIPATION OF ALL MEMBERS. THE GROUP SUCCEEDED IN INITIATING LONG-TERM CHANGES TO STUDENT GOVERNMENT FISCAL POLICIES AND CONDUCTING ITSELF RESPECTFULLY IN AN EMOTIONAL SESSION WITH SOUTH BEND OFFICIALS OVER THE RECENT AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH BEND DISORDERLY HOUSE ORDINANCE.

STUDENT UNION BOARD

Organization successful in response to student request

By KATIE PERRY  In Focus Writer

Notre Dame's Student Union Board (SUB) thrived in the fall semester by delivering big-name acts such as comedian Vince Vaughn and rock group Better Than Ezra as part of its mission to satisfy student demand.

SUB director Jimmy Flaherty said the board's main goals this semester were to assemble a group of students more representative than any had been in recent years.

"Also I feel we came on strong with the Vaughn show, and we were successful, but this year we wanted to crank it up a notch with bigger events while still continuing to excel at the other events," he said.

Some of the "best student leaders on campus" as well as a focused objective contributed to SUB's success in the fall semester, Flaherty said, citing such events as Welcome Week, hypnotist Dale K. AcoustiCafe and comedians at Legends.

Flaherty said selection of the fall semester's two concert venues — Vince Vaughn's "Wild West" comedy show in October and a Better Than Ezra concert in November — was based directly on surveys of student opinions.

SUB receives feedback every week through surveys of dorm representatives. Flaherty said this communication between the group and campus residence halls is essential, as they are "at the heart of campus life."

As stated in the group's constitution, SUB seeks to "enhance undergraduate student life by providing social, intellectual and cultural opportunities that correlate with the needs and wants of the student body each year."

"We work on behalf of the students, and at the end of last year we heard what they really like is for big-name entertainers to come to Notre Dame," SUB program director Chris Land said in a Nov. 22 Observer article.

Flaherty said he is "proud" of the larger events we received near sellouts. Vaughn's comedy show sold out immediately, as nearly 1,900 students handed over $30 to see the "Wedding Crashers" and "Dodgeball" star live on campus. Flaherty said more than 900 tickets were sold in the first three hours of sales.

Approximately 1,000 tickets were sold for the Dec. 2 show. Better than Ezra was so popular that the concert included a "nice little" surprise of being sold out.

Flaherty said upcoming SUB events include the College Jazz Festival and the ND Literary Festival in February, which will feature opening night author H.G. Bissinger.

"There are really no big events on campus minus The Show, and we've already had two in the semester," he said. "We're already getting to work on a big show for next semester."

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GRADE: A-

SUB EFFECTIVELY BROUGHT TWO PROMINENT AND WELL-RECEIVED ACTS TO CAMPUS IN THE FIRST SEMESTER ALONE, AND IS CURRENTLY WORKING TOWARD REPEATING THIS SUCCESS IN THE SPRING TERM — BUT THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.
CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Members prove more active, prolific than in past years

Baron targets division within group as an issue, strives to increase cooperation between factions

By MARY KATE MALONE

The CAMPUS Life Council has passed three resolutions since the fall semester—a significant improvement from the zero passed under last year’s Council.

Though division among members continues to be a problem, the student body president Dave Baron has breathed new life into a body that is in student government’s best attempt at merging the voices of faculty, rectors and students.

At the start of the semester Baron said he would not tolerate division among Council members, but now, encouraging members to sit down and talk about themselves.

However, halfway into the fall semester, 2005, there continues to be a lack of cooperation, not only physically, but ideologically—at times affecting the quality and effectiveness of individual functions.

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This fall, the Council has added three new task forces to address dance themes and increase cooperation between factions.

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Most recently, a religious faith resolution was stalled in the Council after rectors and student members voted not to accept a new platform for dance on Nov. 7 to amend the Dance Manual to include regulations for non-Catholic students.

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The new policy is an alternative to the Leave of Absence policy, which allows students to have an up to six month leave of absence and return to the university later on.

“For example, a student might want to travel, or work, or pursue a hobby. Or, a student might want to study abroad.”

Baron said. “We want to encourage students to spend more time here, so we are not only encouraging them to take advantage of opportunities around campus, but to also get to know the people they will be living with for the next four years.”

Graduate Student Union works on new library computers, other goals

New computers in the Hesburgh Library, progress on graduate student parking and collaboration with the Student Affairs task force to evaluate graduate student life are among the accomplishments of the Graduate Student Union (GSU) this semester.

“We try to meet the needs of grad students, whether they are medical, social, academic, or professional,” GSU Student Body President Misty Schieberle said. “Our goal is to develop or supplement programs and initiatives and also to get something more.”

One of the most significant accomplishments of the Union has been the installation of the Medical Separation policy, which allows students to have an up to six week leave from academic duties during the case of a “serious medical condition.”

The new policy is an alternative to the Graduate Student Leave of Absence policy, which only offers a leave for an extended amount of time.

The GSU also helped develop a graduate student life survey that will assess the quality and issues of graduate student life. Schieberle hopes this survey will generate results useful to the GSU’s mission.

The administration and Student Affairs committee have organized a task force that will survey the current status of graduate student life with the goal of finding future development,” Schieberle said. “We’ve been working very much together with the task force on the survey and we think it will produce results we can use in the years to come.”

The GSU consists of 39 departmental representatives, 12 committee chairs and elected officers. It represents graduate students in the College of Science, the College of Engineering and the College of Arts and Letters. These representatives bring matters of concern from their respective colleges to the GSU to weigh the issue and determine the best way to address it.

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The chain of communication strives for representation from every department,” Schieberle said.

Next semester, the GSU is planning to host the regional National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) conference in the spring.

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Growing up Brady

Junior Irish quarterback Brady Quinn has translated his coach's philosophy into an on-field reality that has earned Notre Dame more wins, more points and national recognition of his individual talent.
future schedules indicate the jerking back with a smile when Notre Dame was dominated by Colorado 41-24. Irish coach Charlie Weis will not be short on ammunition when motivating his team between now and its Jan. 2 Fiesta Bowl matchup with Ohio State.

"It will be mentioned," Weis said, grabbing his chest and jerking back with a smile when asked Saturday about Notre Dame's seven-game losing streak.

"We're 0-2, aision 0-9 drop and overtime loss away, and a 72-0 drubbing and second-low separating the Buckeyes from a perfect record.

But they're still playing a BCS game.

Notre Dame's first in five years and Ohio State's third Fiesta Bowl in four years.

Weis's players lind themselves in college football history. The squads did not meet in the future.

"We can't wait to win our BCS game," said Nate Salley. "We don't want to win because other teams couldn't accom-

pish that in the past. We want to win because we want to win.

Notre Dame (9-2) faces a team that had a top 10 game at a top 25 team in each of the last two years.

"You had a great year, now, this is the year," Weis said.

"This is the game that every one is going to remember. You lose the game to Ohio State. Everyone remembers that you lost the bowl game.

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But before the Irish players can make any type of run next season, their coach is likely to run his mouth in the next three weeks of BCS.

"I think it gives you a great opportunity to humble them," Weis said of the losing streak.

"I'm just looking at this week's game.

And then the Buckeyes will do it the right way for the seniors and let them leave here with a win."

Victor Abalinti

Irish defensive end

"They are a classy team and a tough team. We can't wait to get out there to [Tempe]."

Jim Tressel

Buckeyes head coach

Pick a reason the Irish want to win this game — from end-

ing the seven-game losing streak, to putting the Irish back to the top of college football, to rewarding the seniors who have endured a tumultuous 10 years — there is no doubt this game is critical.

And there is no telling what a win over Ohio State would do for this team and this program."

"This game is huge," defensive lineman Trevor Laws said. "We're in the BCS bowls and to get a big win over one of the best teams in the country, it just sets us up for the run that we're going to make next year.

But the fact that the have Notre Dame and Ohio State met on the football field. And future schedules indicate the Irish and Buckeyes will not be meeting any time soon after their Jan. 2, Fiesta Bowl matchup in Tempe, Ariz.

"How are we going to do?" Irish coach Charlie Weis asked Saturday when asked about the possibility of playing the Ohio State in the future. "You don't even know who's on your schedule seven years, eight years from now whether or not they're going to be good or not good, or whether you're going to be good or not good.

That's why, instead of worrying about the scheduling, I leave that to the powers that be, and I worry about playing.

But the fact that the two teams will likely meet only in bowl games in the near future seems to make the game more highly anticipated by players on both sides.

It's a dream scenario for Irish quarterback Brady Quinn who grew up "about a 10-minute drive" from the Ohio State campus and whose older sister Laura daces Buckeyes middle linebacker A.J. Hawk.

Ohio State center Nick Mangold also feels privileged to play in just the fifth matchup between the two schools since their first game 70 seasons ago.

"Notre Dame is a great pro-

gram and playing in this game will be something special," Mangold said. "It will be another memory added to the list of the great things that have happened this season."

Looking back on the season, Mangold and his teammates could be preparing to play the Irish not in the Fiesta Bowl, but in the Rose Bowl for the national champi-

onship. Both schools enter the contest with 9-2 records and each came within seconds of topping the two national title contenders, Southern California and Texas.

The Buckeyes fell at home to the Longhorns 25-22 on Sept. 10, and Notre Dame lost by a similarly slim margin, 34-31 against the Trojans in Notre Dame Stadium on Oct. 15.

"If a few things turned out differently this could be the national championship game," Nate Salley said.

A national championship-caliber game has not been unusual when the two programs have met.

The 1985 season was hyped as "The Game of the Century" by the press and saw Notre Dame rally from a 13-0 fourth quarter deficit to win 18-13 before more than 80,000 fans in Ohio Stadium.

The next season the schools met again, with Elmer Layden of Four Horsemen fame coaching the Irish to a 7-2 win.

The squads did not meet again until 1995, when the No. 7 Buckeyes stomped the No. 15 Irish 45-26 in Ohio Stadium.

Ohio State running back Eddie George, who would go on to win that season's Heisman Trophy, ran over the Notre Dame defense for 207 yards and two touchdowns.

The most recent meeting was a matchup of No. 5 Notre Dame against No. 4 Ohio State in 1996, with the Buckeyes winning 29-16.

The loss came in Lou Holtz's final season as coach of Notre Dame, with the former Ohio State assistant coach finishing his career 0-2 against the Buckeyes.

The teams' fifth contest could be the last between the two in a while, leaving Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith, a 1977 Notre Dame graduate, eager for the game.

"The Irish are a team like The Ohio State University with history, tradition and success," Smith said. "Let's rock and roll and get it done."

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Editor's note: Saturday's game hype text was provided by The Observer sports editor and was not extracted from the original document.
Tough enough to handle

Why Brady Quinn is who he is and how he's evolved up to his stellar junior season

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Rob Quinn knows Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis placed heavy responsibility on his quarterback, but she figured her son Brady would have welcomed the two years to prepare for such a demanding job.

"I'm not sure if he would have been a freshman itself, just 18, getting the starting position, that would have been overwhelming for him."

"If we're going to do this, then, that would have been, in my mind, not, probably everything he could have been, or it could explain why Weis' offense developed so quickly and efficiently in less than a year with 16- to 21-year old college kids.

At this time last season, Quinn was 6-foot-4, 231 pounds and not thinking he'd be back this season. But following a career season in which he set numerous Irish program records, the confident junior quarterback has gained national attention for being the arm of Notre Dame's resurgence to IRS bowl.

First-year coach Weis has been the key.

Weis brought an offense that already had credibility from his three Super Bowl wins with the New England Patriots. But for many doubters, Quinn has proven the offense can work at more than one level of football, and that he has everything to do with why it does.

He has four career first-place votes in Saturday's Heisman Trophy balloting after throwing for 3,033 yards and 32 touchdowns and shattering almost every Notre Dame passing record in 2003.

For Florida Irish coach Lou Holtz said Quinn "never finished" in his game-winning drive at Stanford Nov. 26 in a 38-31 win.

"He wasn't just his mom, another day at work," Holtz said prior to the Notre Dame football banquet on Dec. 1.

And though Quinn did not even receive an invitation to the Heisman ceremony in New York City, his name's appearance on the ballot made the statement — while Weis has been the mastermind behind the success, Quinn has been its catalyst.

"I think that the success of our offense can definitely be pinpointed to the progress of Brady," Weis said.

Quinn's path to prominence has been rocky at times, but always deliberate.

The big boys

As Dublin, Ohio native has been able to deal with adversity at Notre Dame because he experienced similar athletic obstacles at a young age.

When Quinn's Dublin Football League (DBL) travel team traveled Gehmana in sixth grade, the opposition included seventh-, eighth- and even ninth-graders — players who were more physically developed.

"Brady was always a healthy, gifted kid for his age, but not like these kids," his mother said.

"The kid was probably 6-feet tall, 200 pounds at the time."

Quinn took a vicious hit that sent him off to the sidelines. His uncle David, a coach at the time, made a comment that stuck with Quinn's mother as one of the most significant developments in her son's athletic career.

"He said, 'Brady, look. This is your junior year, or it was just hum, another day at work.'"

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Brady Quinn's spirits have raised along with his play in 2005. The Irish say he is more vocal as a leader this season, a characteristic reflected in his confident, focused demeanor on the field.

Quinn's statistics improved as he gained more game experience, but he won just nine of 21 games as a starter in his first two years under former coach Tyrone Willingham. Though his numbers were improving as the sophomore season, the team was not.

Coming from a competitive and athletic family — Brady played baseball, basketball and football into high school at Dublin-Gallowan, his father Ty played baseball and wrestled; his younger sister Kelly Heisman University of Georgia; his older sister Lauren played field hockey and softball and even modeled — Quinn always was a perfectionist.

When we were younger and we had catches, he would throw it — and obviously he has a really hard throw and so I could never catch it," Kelly Quinn said. "He'd get so frustrated at me and say, 'Catch the ball, Kelly.'"

Notre Dame's 31-point losses to archrivals, then, did not sit well with a kid who had the most organized desk in his first grade class.

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Quinn's 32 touchdown passes in 2005 have him considered one of the nation's top quarterbacks.

But his parents are concerned about the milestones he has set.

"Don't put too much emphasis on the numbers," his mother said.

"I think that Brady was mature enough to realize regardless of the personality or if there had ever been a personality conflict — which it sounds like Brady and Weis get along perfectly fine — that Brady knew he was going to respect and appreciate what Coach Weis had to add and bring to the table," his mother said.

Quinn has endless and acute observations about how he has learned from Weis beginning in spring practice and continuing into his IRS bowl preparation.

"This offseason played a lot of responsibility on the quarterback, and it deals with a lot more mental things coming up to the line of scrimmage and playing in the game," Quinn said. "I learned that there was a lot more to playing quarterback in different systems and in our particular offense than I had realized before."

But while Weis believes quarterback recruits should be lining up for the chance to play for an NFL offensive mind like his, the understand's Quinn's value as more than just a good leader.

In the case of Quinn's development, it's not only what the offense has done for him, Weis consistently says. Notre Dame's success is just as much about what Quinn does for the offense.

Whether or not the Heisman Trophy voters recognize Quinn as being worthy of a New York City visit, the junior knows his place — short of the ultimate goal.

"Everyone who is there [for the Heisman announcement] is unde­feated and playing in the national championship," Quinn said. "So it's hard to argue that you should be there when you're 9-2 and playing in the Fiesta Bowl, instead of the Rose-Bowl.

Even Weis, who coaches with a demeanor of rationality and tough­ness, has problems with Quinn not receiving the invite. But his quarter­back has come even further to the point at which he is so realistic and polished and prepared for decisions thrown his way — and after recog­nizing the improvements still required of him — that he can handle anything.

And if that doesn't work, he can always audit."
Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 9-2

AP: 5

Coaches: 6

Charlie Weis first season at Notre Dame

against Ohio State: 0-0

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

COACHING

Quarterbacks

Brady Quinn finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy balloting after throwing for 3,633 yards, 32 touchdowns and only seven interceptions. He has hit 64.9 percent of his passes and led Notre Dame in a 9-2 season in 2005 after the Irish turned in records of 5-7 and 6-6 in his first two seasons as a starter.

Irish Rushing

Darius Walker and Travis Thomas have both been the driving force behind the Irish offense in 2005. The two running backs have combined for 1,672 yards and 14 touchdowns. Walker has 1,181 yards and 13 touchdowns on 279 carries. Thomas has 491 yards and one touchdown on 93 carries.

Irish Passing

The Irish are No. 4 in the nation in passing offense as wide receivers Maurice Stovall and Jeff Samardzija both have over 1,000 yards this season. Samardzija caught 15 touchdowns and was a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award, given to the nation's top receiver.

Ohio State

Jim Tressel captured his national title in 2002, his second season at Ohio State after leading Youngstown State to four Division I-AA national crowns in 15 seasons. This is the third time in four seasons he has led the Buckeyes to the Fiesta Bowl.

Troy Smith grabbed the starting job from Justin Zwick after the Buckeyes' loss to Texas on Sept. 10. He has thrown for 1,940 yards and 14 touchdowns along with running for 649 yards and 11 scores, and has an 8-9 record as a starter.

Ohio State has the No. 1 rushing defense in the country, led by All-American linebacker A.J. Hawk. He has 109 tackles and two forced fumbles in 2005 as the Buckeyes are giving up just 74.5 yards per game and 2.4 yards per carry, and only nine TDs on the ground.

Notre Dame passed superbly in last year's game against Stanford as Walker ran for 194 yards against the Cardinal. But Ohio State buckled under any pressure, giving up 74 yards per game and just four TDs on the season.

Weis has surprised many this season by putting the Irish in a BCS bowl game sooner than most expected. But he is not a fan of the "collegiate level" praise he is one of the best in the game and his expertise in lumps Weis' play-calling.

Irish experts

Pat Leonard
Managing Editor

Heather Van Horningen

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34
Ohio State 24

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Ohio State 20

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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WINNING.

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Ohio State Buckeyes

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Rosters:

Notre Dame Rushing vs. Buckeyes Passing

Notre Dame's run defense has been solid all season. The Irish are allowing 119.4 rushing yards per game and have given up 18 touchdowns on the ground. Excluding USC's Reggie Bush, the Irish held strong running backs in check, including teammate LeShard White.

Santonio Holmes and Ted Ginn, Jr. have combined for a total of 1,163 and six touchdowns. He leads the team with a 108.6 yards per carry and 54.0 yards per game.

A mobile quarterback to go along with a solid 1,000-yard running back will be difficult for the Irish to contain with, even though they have been impressive against the run this season. If Notre Dame can make Ohio State one-dimensional, it will be an easier game.

Santonio Holmes and Ted Ginn, Jr. have combined for 385 yards and three touchdowns while Pittman averages 10.3 yards per reception.

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Zbikowski is a fearless punt returner, but Fitzpatrick's struggles at Stanford are of concern. If he is healthy, the Irish will be in much better shape. Ginn's punt return should give Ohio State decent field position and the Irish need to prevent him from making big plays.

Irish experts

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Sizing up the Irish and the Bucks

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**NOTRE DAME VS OHIO STATE**

- Notre Dame yards penalized: 148 yards
- Ohio State yards penalized: 126 yards

**Ohio State surrendered fewer than 15 points a game this season**

By MIKE GILLOON

With finals week nearing fast, Irish defensive end Victor Abiamiri had little time to study tape of Ohio State before Saturday's bowl media day. But the few chances he had this season to see the Buckeyes play on TV were enough to let him know Notre Dame will be tested in next month's Fiesta Bowl.

"They're a good team," Abiamiri said. "We'll have to save our best game for them." The Buckeyes have impressed Abiamiri and the Irish this season with an offense led by multi-skilled quarterback Troy Smith and a defense featuring Lombardi Award-winning linebacker A.J. Hawk.

Giving up just 14.8 points per game, Hawk headlines a group of linebackers regarded by many as one of the best in the nation. Anthony Schlegel is second on the team with 75 tackles to Hawk's 109. Bobby Carpenter occupies the third linebacker spot and has 49 tackles as well as a team-leading eight sacks.

"Their linebackers jump out at me," I think," Notre Dame running back Darius Walker said. "Players like A.J. Hawk, players who have had incredible seasons and even had incredible careers ... at that position. We haven't had a whole bunch of time to look at them on tape ... but just from watching them on TV ... you can definitely see they really have a dominant defense that's keying in on stopping the run. Walker and the Irish rushing attack are averaging 3.7 yards per carry this season. But the Buckeyes have held opponents to 2.4 yards per carry, nine total rushing touchdowns and a stifling 74.5 yards per game. The play of the defense has been solid enough for Ohio State to place five defenders on the all-Big Ten first team, as conference defensive lineman Quinn Pitcock. These statistics and accolades have certainly been noticed by the Irish, as the 6-foot sophomore averages 14.8 yards per game and 32 total touchdowns receptions this season.

But Whitner is the only Buckeye with more than one interception, racking up two this season including one for a touchdown.

While the Ohio State defense gets much of the media attention for its outstanding play, Smith and the offense have played their way to a No. 29 ranking in passing offense. Santonio Holmes and Ted Ginn, Jr lead the Buckeyes with 553 and 636 yards receiving respectively. Ginn especially worries the Irish, as the 6-foot sophomore averages 14.6 yards per reception and has scored a touchdown returning both a punt and a kick.

"Ginn's speed is the biggest thing you see, " Notre Dame strong safety Tom Zbikowski said. "He'll just run past guys like it's nothing. He's a playmaker, kind of like USC’s Reggie Bush. When he hits a gap there aren't too many people that are faster than him in the country."

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**KEY MATCHUP**

**NOTRE DAME PASS OFFENSE**

Notre Dame's pass offense is No. 4 in the country behind Texas Tech, Hawaii and Arizona State. Quarterback Brady Quinn is one big game (377 yards away from a 4,000-yard season, and he has already thrown for 32 touchdowns compared to seven interceptions. Receivers Jeff Samardzija and Maurice Stovall are tough to defend. The Irish will be challenged by an extremely tough Buckeye defense led by Lombardi award winner A.J. Hawk. Quinn will need to get it going, especially if the Irish struggle running the football.

**OHIO STATE SECONDARY**

6-foot-1 junior corner back Ashton Youboty anchors a secondary that will be a tough test for Notre Dame. Ohio State is giving up 200.8 yards a game through the air and has allowed just eight touchdowns this season.

Three of four members of the All-Big Ten secondary are from Ohio State — Youboty, Donne Whitner and Brandon Mitchell.

The Buckeyes have seen top quarterbacks already this season. They picked off Texas’ Vince Young twice in September and held Penn State’s Michael Robinson to 78 yards passing in October.

**Buckeyes will be tough nut to crack for Irish**
Can’t start a fire without a spark

Jersey-born Weis and Fasano meshed well from the beginning

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

No words were needed — New Jersey native Charlie Weis and Anthony Fasano knew each other from day one: “I think the two of us were in stretch for one of the early morning workouts, and Weis said, ‘A bunch of these guys are in culture shock, they don’t know what they’re getting into with me.’” Fasano said of the first-year head coach. “And I said, ‘Ah, I know what I’m getting into.’ He’s like, ‘I know you guys, but I think these guys to catch on around you.’”

The new head coach and senior tight end instantaneously felt comfortable around each other. Fasano, a Verona, New Jersey native, was natural for Weis to relate to. “There are certain guys that, walking in the door, were easy to talk to,” Weis said. “For me, Fasano was one of them. Dalid Toml/Zihlowski was one of them. These guys were just easy for me to talk to, because I didn’t even have to say anything to them and they knew what I’m saying. I just gave them one of my looks. I didn’t even have to say it, they already knew what I meant.

“Some of these guys had to learn what those looks meant, but Anthony was one where I didn’t have to say anything.”

Weis, a Trenchton, New Jersey native, said that to Fasano, he was just another guy from New Jersey.

“He’s seen me 1,000 times,” Weis said. “He knows 1,000 Charlie Weises, whereas a lot of these guys, they only know one.” And for Fasano, his new head coach never even had to try to make an immediate connection.

“It’s something that attitude, that New Jersey-type attitude, a little swifter, a little chipper on your shoulder, a little sassiness,” he said. “I think it’s what people had to get used to, but something I really liked.”

New coach, new offense

It was no secret coming into this season that Fasano was one of Notre Dame’s best players. Last year he was second on the team with 27 catches for 367 yards and four touchdowns, and was one of the Irish’s most reliable receivers. His 6-foot-5, 255-pound frame was also a formid-

ble presence as a blocker at the line of scrimmage.

So this year, all eyes were on Fasano to see what he could do in Weis’s new offense — and Fasano has responded. Through 11 games, he has 45 receptions for 564 yards and two touchdowns, third on the Irish to only wide receivers Jeff Samardzija and Maurice Stovall. Weis called one of Notre Dame’s most consistent players this season, because of not only his pass-catching abilities, but his blocking as well.

“I think that his goal every game was with bringing in a little dominate on the line of scrimmage as a blocker, because his coach was like, ‘No, I just have to be an offensive line,’’ Weis said of the senior. “Obviously, every tight end wants to be running routes and catching balls. Every skill player wants to make the ball fall in their hands. Well, you better be able to block at least in this offense, because this offense isn’t one where the tight ends detach all over the place and just run routes as a receiver. It all starts with having the run-pass threat.

And I think Anthony’s been one of our most consistent players in terms of blocking. Fasano said although he loves catching the ball, he gets just as much satisfaction from springtime running back Darius Walker free with a block as from catching a pass.

“I think because I worry about the guys in the room views more, you know, a lot about the media and the state. It don’t worry about catching every pass,” Fasano said. “So I take pride in blocking. I get excited when Darius springs a long run and I was the cause of that. I think that’s just as rewarding.”

Pass right

But one of Fasano’s most memorable plays this year came on a reception against Tennessee on Sept. 24. The Irish were backed up at their 1-yard line, their first offensive play of the game, a play that Weis had decided to use. Fasano, a 10-year-old his junior high school, Mauzkiewicz would be a pass to the right. Mauzkiewicz, a huge Notre Dame fan who had the inoperable brain tumor, passed away on Friday before the game, but Weis kept his promise. Irish tight end Anthony Quinn ran the play-action pass and found Fasano. He leapt over a defender for a 13-yard gain and Mauzkiewicz’s play call had worked.

“We know a couple days leading up to it what the situation was going to be with Montana,” Fasano said. “We got in the huddle and I asked Brady if we were still going to run it, so I was pretty excited...I think it just showed the character of our coaching staff and our players.”

A true competitor

It is no secret that Fasano, who won 12 letters in high school, is athletic. His leap over the Washington defender demonstrated that. But with this athleticism comes a competitive desire.

Last spring Fasano took up golf and in June of his senior year, he was able to feel the pressure. “I played it for a good 80, 85,” Fasano said. “It’s a lot of mental focus and I think those are the best things you can do to calm your mind, mental focus.”

Fasano, whose best round is an 82, said of the game of golf. “I love it. I don’t know why because it’s just so time consuming and I don’t get to go up against anyone else.”

For a future of green

And if Fasano keeps playing the way he has this season, he may not have to borrow much more money from his parents. Although he has one year of eligibility remaining, the senior, who will graduate in May with a degree in marketing, may decide to declare for the NFL draft. He said he will talk to Weis, his family and players who have elected to leave with one year remaining (Justin Tuck, Jeff Faine) as well as those who decided to come back for a fifth year (Mark LeVoir, Dan Stevenson) in making his choice.

“I think those are the best resources I can use,” Fasano said. “I’m just going to weigh all my options and see what decision is going to be best for me and my family and make the decision after the bowl.”

The senior is making no promises either way. He said he will do what he wants, but at a certain point, it becomes a business decision.

“I know that if you’re anywhere from the third or the second day then I think I’ll play a lot more on what I want to do,” Fasano said. “But if it’s more the top part, then I think it’s more of a business decision and what you have to do for yourself and your family in the future.”

And as serious as Fasano is about football and golf, his roommate Quinn says he’s really not how he appears.

“He’s a funny guy,” Quinn said. “It’s funny seeing him talk to all you guys in an interview because he gets this look on his face where his all serious. He really is a goodball. I love being around that kid. I don’t know why he gets so uptight around everyone else.”

Well, except around Weis.

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Thorough, thoughtful agenda suggests future success

By MARY KATE MALONE
In Focus Writer

The Notre Dame Faculty Senate has engaged in thorough discussion on a wide variety of issues this semester, creating a lively and lengthy agenda that, if acted upon in the spring semester, could reap serious benefits for professors and students alike.

Rising health care costs, academic freedom, social justice and high University officers' electronic access procedures have fueled intense debate at this fall's Faculty Senate meetings.

Chair by Seth Brown, the Senate has established three key areas to explore in the second semester: academic freedom, procedures for electing high University officers and salary issues.

"At this point we have simply identified these areas," Brown said. "In the next semester, I hope that the Senate will conclude whether real problems exist, and how we ought to deal with them.

Discussion on the issues has been thorough and professors have added solid feedback at their meetings. Still, the problems they have been raised could prove difficult to concisely identify and even more challenging to solve.

The Senate is buoyed by current faculty members who fed thoughtful discourse at their monthly meetings. But the tenure nature of a professor's duties at Notre Dame has kept members from stepping forward with any force on the issues they have readily discussed in their meetings. This discussion must lead to action — and action will only be taken by faculty who have the time and willingness to do so.

The Senate has made a concerted effort to invite visitors to its meetings — including Notre Dame President The Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., and various University and divisional representatives. These efforts are a step in the right direction, but the Senate needs to integrate itself further with the rest of the University in order to respond to its needs adequately.

Members of the Student Affairs committee, a subgroup within the Faculty Senate, have been repeatedly early in the year that they wanted to address the use of the word 'nucks' at Notre Dame basketball games, and specifically target the Leprechaun Legion for encouraging the diction. But without inviting students to their meetings, the Senate has likely been unable to fairly and fully respond to the problem.

Murray, the group overseeing a number of ad-hoc groups that have been working on related issues like teaching evaluation procedures for promotion and tenure at the University, has only been an initiative for the last semester. The Senate has kept an eye on various ad-hoc groups that have been working on some issues like creating a forum for students with teacher evaluations when choosing courses. The Senate has recommended the creation of an academic committee to handle academic freedom issues for faculty members.

Karen Murphy's visit to the Faculty Senate meeting prompted probing questions from faculty that felt health care costs were stripping University employees of their due pay. The Faculty Senate is busy on discussion but light on action for now.

The Notre Dame Faculty Senate has thus far met once a month and is composed of over fifteen professors. Members are not afraid to speak up and express their thoughts. Members are also willing to break into two separate meetings halfway through the semester to address various issues.

"I hope to have the Senate run on a complete agenda, but we will focus on day-to-day issues like teaching evaluations when choosing courses. We are also trying to improve the Senate's image on campus.

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Financial Management Board allocates fees

The Financial Management Board (FMB) allocates student activities fees and a portion of proceeds from the annual The Shirt Project to various student organizations.

FMB met to discuss reallocated $40,000 from student organizations to the Student Union Board (SUB), the Hall Presidents Council (HPC), the Club Coordination Council (CCC) and the Student Senate. Members voted to reallocate $40,000 from student organizations to the Student Union Board (SUB), the Hall Presidents Council (HPC), the Club Coordination Council (CCC) and the Student Senate join Marshall to fund FMB.

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Members will apply for the funds this semester. Members will also allow and approve requests from students to study abroad. Ongoing efforts are the financial committee's priority for the fall semester.

In deciding how to deal with the loss of summer jobs to students, the Junior Class Council made a simple yet effective choice — a break into two separate Councils, one for each semester.

This change has hindered the Council's progress, junior class president Bill Mulholland said. The six committees — spiritual, social, academic, service, study abroad and finance — have all been active in programming events for the Junior Class.

Last semester, the spiritual committee organized a class Mass at the Grotto, the social committee organized a junior class gameday, and the study abroad committee coordinated studies abroad. Ongoing efforts are the financial committee's priority for the fall semester.

While it has only been in existence a short time, the Freshman Class Council has already asserted itself as a unifying force for the freshman class.

This semester, the Council co-sponsored the Halloween Dance and the Best of Acoustic Cafe, freshman class vice president Bob Reish said.

The Council's service committee is working on a campus-wide project to make Christmas cards for hospitals and nursing homes around South Bend, Reish said. The group is also planning a class Mass in the Basilica in January.

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"I think the idea of selecting a freshman from every dorm is a perfect way to ensure every dorm's freshmen are integrated immediately into student government," Reish said. "It's also a great way to survey the entire freshman class's opinions.

Establishing a sense of community is the Council's goal. The group's publicity committee is designing class apparel, and a new class Web site is in the works.

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-Steve Kerins

CCC works with campus clubs, both in overseeing and advocating

The relationship between the Club Coordination Council (CCC) and student organizations is twofold — it oversees clubs and allocates them their half of the student fees.

The group's main purpose is to oversee how student activities fees and The Shirt proceeds — split halfway between student clubs and organizations and allocated to clubs on campus, said Seth Brown, the CCC's president.

These recommendations are then presented to the Financial Management Board for review.

This is a yearlong task for the CCC, as they must make plans for next year's allocation process.

The Council also heard appeals for money for club events, reviewed its bylaws and added a new member to its executive board.

"There are a lot of forms and paperwork new clubs have to do," Beth O'Shaughnessy, CCC president, said.

In early February, the CCC will hold club information meetings, which teach clubs how to get through the allocation process.

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The Senate, however, will hold a big info session for new club leaders.

Two more jobs of the CCC are to admit new clubs applying for club status and to allocate concessions stands to clubs for the fall football season.

O'Shaughnessy said.

-Allia Conley

CLASS OF 2006 COUNCIL

With three years of a Notre Dame education behind it, the Senior Class Council has entered its final year on coordinating events that bring the senior class together.

"We are running the Council a little different and keeping it small and focused," senior class president Emily Chin said.

"Each member basically can be considered a member of the Council because of their roles in different areas of student life. It's all about being on the Council," Chin said.

"This year we will be focusing on our senior Class Council's traditions. We will also be focusing on organizing events that bring seniors together," Chin said.

"We will have a Senior Council's retreat weekend in the spring. We will also have the Senior Council's Day of Service," Chin said.

The Senior Class Council is also planning to host an annual Senior Class Council's Day of Service to help underclassmen and seniors get involved in the Notre Dame community.

The Council has overseen several events during the fall semester, including a class Mass with University President The Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, a class dinner in the stadium press box and co-sponsorship of activities surrounding World AIDS Day. Members have also been instrumental in the establishment of the "St. Patrick's Day" drink specials at Legend's.

Next semester, the council will plan several events, including sponsoring a ticketed Operation Rice Bowl, a Mardi Gras-themed dinner, a service event with the Hispanic students, a class Mass at the Grotto and a class retreat. The council's main goal is to unite the class at events they want to be at," Chin said. "So far, it has been a successful year."

-Steve Kerins

CLASS OF 2007 COUNCIL

Bringing enthusiasm to its work, the Junior Class Council has taken on answering student and social opportunities for the Class of 2007.

This semester, the council carried out 12 projects, including a Purdue Gamewatch, the Comedy Sportz Show, Turning Over a New Leaf and the Student Senate Council's Emeritus Ed. Lewis and Mary Malloy scholarship project this year — late Night Karaoke.

"There are several classes that have two seniors on the Council," senior class president Erin Mulholland said.

"There have been a lot of events we've planned this year that are going to benefit the students," Mulholland said.

"Two of those events is the Council's popcorn stand at the basketball games. We're going to be making Christmas treats, and we're planning on hosting a silent disco. We have a lot of events that are going to benefit the students," Mulholland said.

"We have been working on giving back to the University," Mulholland said.

"I think we've been doing a lot of good things for the University," Mulholland said.

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Apathy is a constant battle for student leaders

Baron, Shappell aim for a unified voice to bring about significant change at the University

By KATIE PERRY to kerry5@nd.edu

As candidates during last year's elections, student body president Dave Baron and vice president Lizzi Shappell spearheaded a campaign that sought to lessen apathy toward student government — a goal they hoped would create "One Student Voice, Eight Thousand Strong."

But midway through their terms, Baron and Shappell have learned that apathy is hard to combat, and that 8,000 strong might be too lofty of a goal.

The official Baron-Shappell campaign Web site features a photograph of the Notre Dame student section at a home football game. With the arms of their hands raised unanimously to a blue-grey October sky, the campaign slogan is fitting.

"Not only is the student section an impressive sight to behold, it's a force that can bring about a change in the outcome of a football game and also improve student life at this University," Baron and Shappell said in a letter posted on their Web site. "The ability of Student Government to do anything meaningful is nothing more than its ability to unite the entire Student Body in one direction."

Nearly 4,300 votes were cast in the February student governmental elections, or 52.7 percent of the undergraduate student body. Voter turnout increased in 2005, with 763 more voters than in 2004 and 574 more voters than in the 2003 elections.

"We got a little over 2,100 votes, which means we're only one quarter of the way there to create one student voice that is 8,000 strong," Baron and Shappell said in a post-election Web site statement.

Less than perfect voter turnout — or governmental apathy for that matter — is nothing new. U.S. Census Bureau records said 64 percent of citizens voted in the 2004 presidential election, a number deemed as high in comparison to previous years.

Contrary to other student organizations, Student Union Board (SUB) director Jimmy Flaherty said the group's results are "action oriented," meaning students are more aware of visible successes and improvements.

"You can see our events. You can see us in DeBartolo Quad. You can see us at AcoustiCafe. You can see us throwing concerts," he said. "Students can see the results of what SUB does for them."

Flaherty said SUB is unique from Student Senate and other forms of student government in this regard.

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Baron and Shappell said in a post-election Web site statement.

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Dave Baron student body president

Students cheer at the Michigan State game on Nov. 17, left. Student body vice president Lizzi Shappell and president Dave Baron examine election results in February. The duo hopes students will unite for positive change at Notre Dame as well as for football.

SAINT MARY’S

Thumbs Up

To Saint Mary's student government for advertising through e-mails. The same e-mail is sent several times advertising the same event.

To the Board of Governance for an unexplained cancellation of the traditional Pride Week. Although the administration took responsibility for cancelling the event, BOG failed to provide students with a timely and thorough explanation as to the reasons behind the administration's decisions.

To the Residence Hall Association for failing to schedule dorm events and neglecting to build extra dorm pride.

NOTRE DAME

Thumbs Up

To Dave Baron and Lizzi Shappell for building relationships with key administrators.

To Baron and senators for standing up for the student body at South Bend Common Council meetings during the summer.

To the Student Senate for its proactive research on a new student center.

To the Student Union Board for bringing big name acts to campus.

To the Campus Life Council for passing a resolution calling for more specific hall staff training sessions regarding non-Catholic ministries.

To student government for its quick response to Hurricane Katrina.

To Blake Jackson. Just because.

Thumbs Down

To Student Government Happy Hour — an ineffective solution to a legitimate apathy problem.

To senators repeating questions multiple times during meetings.

To the Office of the Student Body President for failing to follow through quickly on several key platform positions, specifically a concert endowment and the Catholic Think Tank Series.

To the Council of Representatives for occasionally demonstrating a lack of interest.

To the Faculty Senate for stalling Senate Minority Affairs committee chair Rhea Boyd's resolution to create a committee examining cultural competency at Notre Dame.

To Blake Jackson. Just because.

"Senate and other student government organizations do things differently," he said. "We're able to capitulate on action."

Shappell said there has been some "improvement, and people are generally more in tune with student government than in previous years."

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Dave Baron student body president

Student body president Dave Baron and vice president Lizzi Shappell deliver a speech during campaign season last year.
Mitros, Mcllduff lead in time of transition

By MEGAN O'NEIL
In Erin Woolnough

When student body presi­
dent Susan Mitros and vice­
president Kellye Mcllduff
stepped into office last
spring, they roused armed
with the ideas and tools to lead at an exciting crossroads in the midst of transition.

Mitros and Mcllduff exerted their leadership early, modi­
fy­ing freshman orientation by having Student Government officers and residence advis­
ors serve as counselors. Pre­vi­ous­ly, counselors were selected through an applica­
tion process. Mitros and Mcllduff said the change links student government with new students.

"Since student government representatives are present at most events held on cam­
pus, this first year class has been able to keep in contact with their ori­
en in counselors through­out the year," Mitros and Mcllduff said.

"This is that multiple mentor-mentee relationship, which will continue to be formed and retention among the Class of 2009 will be higher than in previous years."

The pair were committed to a campus-wide effort to improve recruiting tech­
niques and enrollment numbers, an issue that appeared on their campaign platform in January. Last spring they appointed a student representative, Annie Davis, to the vice president for enrollment management search committee.

The committee eventually hired candidates to fill the position, and he began at Saint Mary's in August.

Mcllduff herself is a mem­
ber of Volunteers in Support of College, a service group that con­
ducts tours and provides overnight visits for prospec­
tive students.

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"As it turns out, we are the complements of each other. I often come up with an idea and Kellye markets it to the College," Mitros said.

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Student Trustee represents SMC on College's Board

Vlasek is the only student trustee, she said she feels accepted by the Board. Vlasek said trustees treat her as another member and attentively listen to her

Vlasek also subscrib to Student Life and Mission meetings, voicing student issues

By JACLYNNE MADDEN
In Jess Wiseman

Each year, the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees chooses a Saint Mary's senior to serve as a Student Trustee. Vlasek chose to be the B o a r d ' s Student Life and Mission committees.

As Student Trustee, Vlasek's primary responsibility is keeping up with the latest student issues and concerns. Her biggest project thus far was preparing for the Student Life com­
mittee's meeting when the Board of Trustees convenes in October.

"This entails collecting information about students' concerns and issues to form areas of focus for the rest of the year," said Vlasek, who worked closely with Vice President and Academic Dean Linda Tinn and Student Life committee chair Karen Younger in preparation for the meeting.

She said she collects this information primarily through e-mails to the student body.
BOG tries to increase its presence on SMC campus

By KELLY MEEHAN

The Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) has found a new avenue for its members to get involved. Though the Board has been around for several years, this semester the BOG is looking for ways to increase its presence and initiatives on the Saint Mary's campus.

The BOG, which consists of 15 students and two faculty members, aims to help the College in a number of ways. This semester, the BOG is focusing on ways to increase community involvement and foster a sense of community among students.

Saint Mary's BOG members attend a fall meeting. The group has taken a more active role this term in campus concerns like diversity.

She said the Board also uses the new building for various functions, like dances, movies and game watches.

BOG said several events planned for next semester including SMC Tostal, Little Sibs Week, Heritage Weekend, Women's Students Leadership Conference and four Chicag0 bus trips.

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The Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) has more potential than ever to unite the student body and allow students to focus on religious issues rather than the average enrollment numbers in the College's history, as outlined in the Mitros-McIlwraith campaign platform, the weekly event series is intended to "promote greater understanding and appreciation of Saint Mary's Marian history and to show how really we have made the College what it is today," Mcllduff said. As outlined in the Mitros-McIlwraith campaign platform, the weekly event series is intended to "promote greater understanding and appreciation of Saint Mary's Marian history and to show how really we have made the College what it is today," Mcllduff said.

Budget troubles may become a more serious problem as the College continues to increase the size of its student body. BOG members are aware of these problems, however, as Davis facilitates the exchange of ideas for enrollment management between the Board and the Admissions staff.

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**SAB schedules events that appeal to campus**

**Student Activities Board facilitates numerous activities**

By KELLY MEEHAN

In Focus Writer

While the task of planning activities that appeal to an entire student body can be daunting, the Student Activities Board works to overcome the challenge by organizing events to improve the quality of campus life.

SAB Vice Director of SAB President Megan Cahill. SAB committee members prefer to plan campus-wide events such as the traditional SMC Toastal and Jamaica Shaka, while also introducing new events to the College community.

The annual dances held during freshman orientation attracted a record number of students this year. Cahill said this increase in attendance was due in part to an amazing SRL cover band that SAB scheduled to perform at the event.

"Myself along with the two chairwomen of Jamaica Shaka, Cassie Callon and Noelie Whitestall, wanted to make the event as successful as possible to give first-years a fun time during this hard work," she said.

This year SAB introduced "Sundaes on Sunday," an event that invites students to watch "Housewives" and perform that appeal to campus during this time.

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**SAC works to narrow student-professor gap**

By KELLY MEEHAN

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While students and professors may not always see eye to eye, the Saint Mary's Student Academic Council works to bridge that gap by increasing communication between academic departments and student representatives.

One student from each of the College's 24 academic departments is chosen through an application process to serve as a member of Council for the duration of the school year. SAC coordinator and student vice president Susan McMillen said representatives are required to meet with their chair of major or minor department on a regular basis, attend a weekly Council meeting and assist with all campus academic affairs.

The Council is also responsible for organizing the Major of the Week program, choosing majors of the year and the annual Women Honoring Women event in March.

The Women Honoring Women event is a black tie affair to honor a faculty member SAC feels best fits the Saint Mary's mission, McMillen said. Prior to the event, SAC members sort through student-nominated ideas on who they believe is the best candidate.

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**SMC Student Diversity Board helps awareness**

**SDB hosts discussions to increase respect for differences**

By MARY CONROY

In Focus Writer

Continuing its sixth year with the Student Government Association, the Student Diversity Board (SDB) works to raise awareness and respect for diversity at Saint Mary's.

"The Student Diversity Board was initiated because many students on campus voiced the concern that the needs of some of the underrepresented constituencies of the College were not being met," said Terri Johnson, director of Multicultural Affairs. "Those underrepresented groups included non-traditional students, historically underrepresented populations, women with different religious backgrounds, sexual orientation and with disabilities.

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**Saint Mary's Student Government**

**Hall Association meets its first semester goals**

**RHA walks with SMC security to assess safety**

By SARAH VOSS

In Focus Writer

The Residence Hall Association (RHA), which oversees Saint Mary's residence halls and plans school-wide events, accomplished many of its goals first semester.

Members of the Association went on walks with SMC security director Dave Chapman to address spots on campus that felt unsafe or "needed more lighting," RHA president Jackie Wright said. They also wrote thank-you cards to footwear on campus, such as the security director and hall directors.

Other events sponsored by RHA this year include a Breast Cancer Awareness cookie event in the Student Center, Sundays with College President Carol Mooney in each of the residence halls, staff trick-or-treating in the residence halls, Holy Cross Hall's Haunted Tunnels and other service projects.

The 12 Days of Christmas Campaign is currently working to cultivate Christmas and giving spirit throughout the College community through monetary donations, support and volunteering.

Currently, RHA is planning the SMC Formal, Little Silv's Weekend and a new program initiated by the Dance Marathon sponsored by RHA and First-Year Board.

The RHA is made up of a president, vice president, eight hall council representatives, a representative from senior housing and two advisors. The president and vice president of the four residence halls are elected by the student body as well as staff on RHA as representatives of their respective halls.

Committee members include a secretary, treasurer, social director, National Communication Coordinator, two health awareness chairs, two hall chair pairs, two SMC Formal chairs, two Little Silv chairs, two Highland Advisor representatives and one RHA historian who documents RHA events throughout the semester.

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Taking action

Top left, student body president Dave Baron speaks at the inauguration of University President Father John Jenkins. Top right, Vince Vaughn performs at Stepan Center. Center left, Baron and student body vice president Lizi Shappell embrace. Center right, candidates prepare for runoff election debates. Bottom left, a SMC student dons a T-shirt from the inauguration of College President Carol Mooney. Bottom center, students participate in the Katrina Collection. Bottom right, Shappell joins Jenkins on stage.