Student reform committee inches toward goal

By HEATHER MACKENZIE

Last night, the reform committee attempted to come closer to its goal of rewriting the student government constitution. Amidst some discussion, the committee clarified proposed policy and organizational changes. In the end, it came to conclusions on issues ranging from the president's position in the Student Senate to the composition of the budget committee. The meeting opened with a 20-minute debate regarding whether one or two Student Senate senators should be placed on the budget committee. Mark Leen, a senator, questioned the proposal to have only one single senate representative.

"One senator could be ganged up on or could be only looking out for his own interest," he said. But Erin Hoffmann, student body treasurer, reasoned that because the Student Senate would select the representative, the senator on the committee would have the interests of the entire senate in mind.

"The representative selected would naturally have an understanding of how the [budget] committee needs to work together," she said.

The reform committee, however, eventually voted to keep the number at two, since they deemed the subject unworthy of any further debate. They decided that it did not matter if one or two senators served on the budget committee.

The committee then discussed the relationship between the Student Senate and the student body president. The committee was in agreement that the president should definitely have a role in the senate, but wavered on whether one or two senators served on the budget committee.

Brendan Kelly, head of the reform committee, expressed that "having the president at the committee meetings avoids conflicts of interests with the administration."

A proposal was introduced that required the president to be present at all senate meetings as part of his position, and to serve as a non-voting member of the body. "Hopefully there won't be any dissension between the president and the senate," said Clare Deckelman, a member of the committee.

If the president of the senate would render the opinion of the president inconsequential. Hoffmann expressed concerns that this left the president in a powerless position when faced with a majority vote. "It is dangerous to have the president do something he doesn't want to do. He may know better what is good for the student body." However, Kelly expressed...

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Women face special alcohol issues

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR

SMC women gathered yesterday to share common concerns related to problem drinking and the Notre Dame Community sparked debate among its audience. Presenting a variety of opinions on the reasons that Notre Dame is a binge-drinking campus, the dialogue sought to explain the effects that such behavior has on women.

"Our activity and gender are no protection against alcoholism," said Martha Cohn Spiegel, founder of the Alcohol Drug Action Program and Jewish Family Service in Los Angeles.

Contrary to the current perception, she pointed out that women are actually more susceptible to alcohol related problems because they become intoxicated faster due to a combination of hormones and smaller builds.

"Alcohol is the most addictive drug that we know of," she said. She also mentioned that with alcohol comes an increase in the number of suicides, homicides and accidents. Date rape is also more common when alcohol is involved.

Len Hirkman, a psychologist at the University Counseling Center, spoke on the trend of college binge drinking and how that practice affects women.

"Binge drinking," he began, is defined as the consumption of five or more drinks for men, or four or more drinks for women, during one sitting.

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Fat phobia' permeates society

By SARAH CORRIEAN

Bearing childhood bouts with parental pressure to lose weight, professor Amber Katherine noted that "fat phobia" starts in the home and continues into adulthood with the pressure women exert on themselves.

This professor of philosophy and women's studies stated that as women get older, they must develop and empower themselves, realizing the importance of personal experiences.

"By opening up to an individual, one will notice the only differences between herself and others are different experiences. By understanding each other's differences, one will find strength in the support group and an open line of communication will evolve," Katherine said.

Katherine gathered with other women faculty and students yesterday for a panel luncheon in the North Wedge Room at Saint Mary's dining hall. The panel was orgaized so that the women could share what it means to be a woman in today's society and how women can accept their bodies and keep them healthy.

The discussion focused on personal, psychological, and physical experiences and the portrayal of women in advertising, and centered on promoting self-awareness in nurturing oneself.

In concluding her own personal story, Katherine opened the wider topic of eating disorders, stating that they are not as uncommon as many people would like to believe. She continued that millions of people have these disorders, and that their existence is a social, economic, political, and community problem.
Air Force Blues

This is grade school. I am surrounded by both girls and boys, all of whom are dressed exactly alike. I am sitting very, very still. I want to be invisible. This is my week fourth in an Air Force ROTC class, third class. We didn’t meet the first week—class was cancelled due to snow, which I found to be a disturbing indication of my military’s readiness. I don’t think my classmates are comfortable with this, but I say, “I blame The Observer.” They sit in their name tags and government issue cadet blue pants, and here I sit in peach hair ribbons and L.L. Bean-issue Twilight Mauve sweater. They are taking this class because they have integrity, honor, pride. I am taking this class because I cannot add. I am not a member of Air Force ROTC. I don’t have The Right Stuff. I thought I did. When I was young, I thought I could be an astronaut. I tried to attack empty appliance boxes with crayolas in pathetic attempts to create my own spaceship. I’d rouse in the grass, pitch a craft over into Rainbow, and in a technical procedure that involved me landing to my feet while spinning in rapid circles—lift off. The neighbors would gaze out their windows at this small child, asking, “What is the name of the Pills Kidd strolling around the backyard with a box on her head?”

I was a child only a guidance counselor could love. I beat, before realizing that their football. Five points over Blue and I beat Notre Dame’s, considered the Air Force Academy. However, I got a very, very high school grade and was forced to admit that astronomically probably need to confront word problems without dry brushing.

Even as I enrolled in Saint Mary’s and couragously addressed, as an English major, I left a tiny space in my heart for flying. One of the things SMC has taught me, that you can’t fly when you are screaming after a rapidly retreating shuttle—bus, is to be outrageously bold when it comes to taking off the dreams that have been shoved to the backs of our minds. I’ve learned a place where people speak entirely in such as “imagery” and “sentence” and enter a place where people speak entirely in


Arabs and Jews unite to mourn soldier’s death

NEVE SHALOM, Israel

In a unique Israeli village where Jews and Arabs live side-by-side, the two communities united to mourn the death of a 20-year-old Israeli army sergeant killed in a helicopter crash.

“This joined the army and went to fight Arabs—but now he was fighting with us,” Adnan Man, said, said an Arab neighbor. Adnan Muna. “We are one family. This is our most united day.”

Tom Kitain was buried yesterday evening in a tiny hillside cemetery in Neve Shalom, or “Oasis of Peace,” a utopian community founded two centuries ago to prove that Jews and Arabs could live together in peace.

It was one of scores of funerals for the 73 soldiers killed in Tuesday night’s crash, the worst air disaster in Israel’s military history. But Kitain was almost certainly the only funeral attended by dozens of Arabs—his friends and neighbors.

Arab soldiers of Israel—almost a fifth of the population—are not required to perform army service, and few do. The nationalistic mood that seems to pervade the Israeli army usually serves only to accentuate the worst.

But in Neve Shalum, 15 miles west of Jerusalem in the Judaeo foothills, Arabs and Jews mingled together Wednesday to worship the tall young man with a crinoline who could love. I, before realizing that their foot­


NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Feb. 6

NEW YORK

The brokerage and credit-card company Dean Witter agreed to a $9.9 billion merger with investment banking giant Morgan Stanley to create the world’s biggest securities firm. The announcement today brings Wall Street directly into the merger frenzy that has swept corporate America. Once again, the driving force is the strategic advantage of combining with a company that has comparable strengths. Morgan Stanley’s prominence in the “rival” brokerage business, selling stocks, bonds and such to the public. Morgan Stanley Group Inc. is a powerhouse in mergers and in international sales. The stock-swap merger will create a new company that will be called Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. with annual revenue of $12 billion. The combined company will manage $270 billion in financial assets, the biggest of any securities firm. Dean Witter’s CEO Robert H. Purcell said in a statement. It will be valued in the mar­


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The Dome Yearbook is now taking applications for Editor in Chief 1997–98.

Applications are available at the Student Activities Office (315 LaFortune) and should be returned by February 14.

Any questions, please call the Dome office at 631-7524.

The following letter appeared in the February 7 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education. Since the Chronicle will print the names of only three signers, we are publishing the letter here with all the signers included.

To the Chronicle of Higher Education

Your article regarding the Notre Dame Faculty Senate’s “strong disapproval” of the president’s intervention in a Theology Department hiring matter (December 13), contained an inaccuracy. The “unanimous” recommendation against the candidate was not from the Theology Department but its appointments committee. Several department members dissented from the strong majority who supported the committee.

Moreover, the article neglected a factor essential to the story. It is Notre Dame policy to replace any existing funds needed for the ongoing function of the program. Kathleen Andrews is a member of Notre Dame’s Board of Trustees and a fellow of the University with a history of dedication to a $1.5 million commitment for its Summer Service Project program.

These funds are crucial to options. Kathleen Andrews and McMeel for funding, which was answered with the gift.

The program has been functioning for more than 16 years, and nearly 1,400 students have participated in the service projects. Currently the program functions in the 120 cities across the country where there are active Notre Dame alumni clubs. These projects offer under-graduate students a $1,700 scholarship for eight weeks of service to the poor within the specified cities.

Janine Anne Freedy of Farley Hall describes her experience both rewarding and challenging.

“I am excited to hear about the new funds and plans for expansion,” Freedy said. “The fact that the academics will encompass more than the last theology will be a good incentive for new students coming into the program.”

The Welfare Revolution and Catholic Social Thought

Today at 7 p.m. CCE Main Auditorium

Cheryl Sullivan, former Indiana secretary of family and social services, keynote address, “Welfare in America: What Reform Really Means”

Friday at 9 a.m. CCE Second Floor

Wendell Primus, director of income security for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, “Implementing Welfare Reform and Measuring its Impact on Children”

Friday at 10:30 a.m. CCE Second Floor

Lawrence Mead III, professor of politics at New York University, “Welfare Reform: Morality and Theology”

Friday at 1:30 p.m. CCE Second Floor

Three speakers will address theological aspects of welfare reform:

• Father William O’Neill, “Commonwealth or Woe? The Ethics of Welfare Reform”

• Christine Finer Hinze, “What is Work For? A Catholic Ethical Response to a Crucial Issue in U.S. Welfare Reform”

• Stanley Caron-Thiès, “Don’t Look to Us! The Negative Responses of Churches to Welfare Reform”

Saturday at 9:00 a.m. CCE Second Floor

A Panel Discussion, “Welfare Reform and the Catholic Church”

Panel will be chaired by Auxiliary Bishop William Murphy of Boston

• Brian Benetsted, theology dept., Scranton University

• Father Michael Barter, theology dept., Notre Dame

• David Schneider, theology dept., John Paul II Institute

• John Langan, theology dept., Georgetown University

• Janice Pilatay, theologian and consultant to the U.S. bishops

• Arthur McGowan, philosophy dept., University of Detroit Mercy

• Lou Nanni, director of South Bend’s Center for the Homeless

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members. "It takes only your vote and my signature," he said. "It does not require us to rewrite the Constitution." Despite this seeming confidence, Clinton admitted, "I know this is not going to be easy."

Addressing the touchy issue of welfare reform, Clinton pointed out that "now that we have torn down the old welfare program, we must give someone on welfare reform, Clinton pointed out that "now that we have torn down the old welfare program, we must give someone on welfare a chance to work." He admitted, "I know this is not going to be easy." He also talked about the entitlement problem evasively when he should take responsibility for it. "I think he [Clinton] tried to generate a sense of crisis in a time when Americans aren't sure of themselves, when they're not ready to jump into the world of foreign affairs."

Focusing on such far-reaching reform, Clinton wisely shirked the shaky issues of Medicare and Social Security, perhaps avoiding the failure of his earlier plan for universal health care. "I think he could have drawn more attention to health care reform and the consequences of his health care package three years ago," Schmuhl said. "He also talked about the entitlement problem evasively when he should take responsibility for both." Yet, Schmuhl admitted, "It was a very clever speech politically... graceful...dainty," and a positive beginning to a second term.

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Hickman stated that in addition to its initial physical risks, binge drinking is increasingly dangerous because of its second hand effects. According to Hickman, 25 percent of females report unwanted sexual advances by students as a result of binge drinking. At least 90 percent of reported college rapes occur when either or both of the parties has consumed alcohol, and 60 percent of females with venereal diseases were drunk at the time of transmission. Despite these alarming statistics, female binge drinking rates continue to rise, tripling in the last 15 years. Meanwhile, the referral rate for women to alcohol treatment programs in 75 percent lower than that of men. Hickman believed that this is the case because of the common misconception that only men can be alcoholics — an easy misconception, "he said, since "many men view binge drinking as a right of passage."

"When you consider that seven out of ten students are out there binge drinking, you wonder where the other three are," said junior Catherine McCarren of the Gender Studies department. McCarren said that as one of those three non-bingers, she often found herself babysitting her roommates. She explained that this not only created problems for them, but for her as well as much of her time was spent staying awake to make sure they were still breathing.

Citing the dreary South Bend climate and the "Don't ask, don't tell" drinking policy of the University as potential drinking triggers, McCarren posed the question to the audience, "What kind of view of yourself are you going to have when this is all over?"

She suggested the changes to University policy on drinking, targeting freshman and promoting more alternate activities such as those put on by Student Union Board to curb current drinking trends.
Panel to discuss equal education

Special to The Observer

Tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Library, a panel will address alternate views of affirmative action and how to ensure equal access to education.

The panel discussion is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs and the NAACP.

Three experts will be participating on the panel, including the Reverend Jamal Harrison Bryant, the National Youth and College Director of the NAACP. He worked in Johannesburg, South Africa, on voter education in 1994. With the NAACP, he works to register voters on historically black college campuses. He emphasizes the political, social, and personal empowerment of young African Americans.

Also taking part in the panel is Ward Connerly, a member of the University of California board of regents. As a member, he led the effort to eliminate consideration of race, gender, and ethnicity in the admissions, contracting, and employment of the university system. He also has served as statewide chairman of the California Civil Rights Initiative.

Finally, Sharon O'Brien, associate professor and chair of the government and international studies at Notre Dame, will take part in the discussion. O'Brien is a former chair of affirmative action at the University. She is an expert in the protection of human rights and the legal protection of cultural rights in the United States.

New PR web site offers more info, easy access

Information about the University is now more accessible at a newly revamped Office of Public Relations and Information web site.

Located at http://www.nd.edu-pinfo, the home page is divided into 11 main categories with facts, figures and photos on Notre Dame’s people and programs, past and present. "What we’ve done is put together a more comprehensive site that offers news as well as other basic University information," said Dennis Brown, assistant director of public relations. In comparing the new site to the one it is replacing, “It’s a much more handy resource.”

The page includes:
• Newswire — Updated daily, Newswire provides all news releases issued by the University.
• This Week — The This Week calendar lists campus events.
• Faculty Experts — Designed primarily as a resource for the news media, this site provides the names, phone numbers and areas of expertise of hundreds of Notre Dame faculty. A search engine, still under construction, soon will make it possible to find experts on a particular subject through the use of a keyword.
• Fact Sheet — This on-line version of the annual University publication provides current data on virtually all aspects of the University.
• Brief History — This site features the people and events that have shaped Notre Dame since its founding in 1842.
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Happy Birthday, Megan!

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Love,
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THE WELFARE REVOLUTION AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT

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Implementing Welfare Reform and Measuring Its Impact on Children

10:30-12:00: Lawrence M. Mead III, Author of The New Politics of Poverty
Welfare Reform: Moral and Theological Issues

1:30-2:30: Fr. William O’Neill, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
Commonwealth or Wise? The Ethics of Welfare Reform

2:45-3:45: Christine Frei Hinte, Marquette University

4:00-5:00: Stanley Carbon-Thies, Center for Public Justice
Don’t Look to Us: The Negative Response of Churches to Welfare Reform

Sat. Feb. 8
9:00-12:00 noon: Welfare Reform and the Catholic Church: A Roundtable Discussion
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According to Stoddart, by developing a defensive lens when thumbing through magazines and wandering if the ads represent reality, one will find more self-respect for the natural, healthy body rather than a manipulated, computer-drafted body.

On Saint Mary’s campus, some students have felt comfortable revealing personal eating problems to faculty members and administrators.

When approached by a student, Tom Barstis, professor of chemistry, felt more comfortable reflecting on her own history with eating disorders and her progress.

"The battle will never end. One has to notice the symbols that drive your disorder and pay attention to why they occur," Barstis said. "But most importantly, you have to be able to open up to others to get the help you need and deserve."

Stoddart’s social psychology class studied gender stereotypes in advertising and concluded that classic portrayals of women are weight manipulated. Women are shown in submissive positions through feeble childlike poses in advertisements.

"People see thinness in models as an ideal. But if they would try to act out the poses they would realize the manipulation of the body form," Stoddart said.

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that the president would ideally be in concurrence with the senate on most decisions. "This decision is legitimate because they are working together to form the opinion of the students."

The structure of the planned Notre Dame Student Union, the organization that previously was expected to encompass all branches of student government, was dissected so that the committee was clear on all logistics.

The heads of the six sub-committees also reiterated the individual issues that merited further discussion, such as the link between the Office of Student Affairs and the Student Union Board. Especially important was the power Student Affairs has over the SUB.

"Student Affairs is not forced to go along with the same measures that an organization like SUB does," said Ashleigh Thompson, the SUB representative.

This fourth meeting of the reform committee showed that proposed reforms still require more refinement before any implementations can be made. "Reforms need to be more constitutionally defined," Kelly said. "Then reforms can be made."

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C A M P U S M I N I S T R Y

Calendar of Events

**Power Lunch: Pathways to Prayer**
Thursday, February 6, 12:45-1:45 pm
Faculty Dining Room

**Marriage Preparation Retreat**
Friday-Saturday, February 9-10
Edima Retreat Center

**Hallelujah Sunday, February 10**

**"Relating, Dating or Vegetating"**
Relationship Workshop in the Residence Halls
Sunday and Monday, February 9-10, 7:00-8:30 pm

**Campus Bible Study**
Tuesday, February 12, 7:00 pm
Campus Ministry, Bieden Hall

**Ash Wednesday Masses at the Basilica**
Wednesday, February 12, 5:45 am & 5:00 pm

**Black Catholic Series**
" Mr. Steve L. Johnson, Doctoral Candidate in Systematics/Eschatology.
Marquette University
Wednesday, February 12, 5:00 pm
Hesburgh Library Lounge

**Power Lunch: The Journey Through Lent**
Thursday, February 13, 12:45-1:45 pm
Faculty Dining Room

**Stations of the Cross**
Fridays of Lent, 7-7:30 pm, Basilica

**Freshmen Retreat #9: February 21-22**
If you are a freshman attending the next Freshmen Retreat, please consider attending the new Freshmen Retreat.
Applications will be sent by mail, extras can be picked up from Rectors or at Campus Ministry. Complete an application and return to 130 Hesburgh Library by Friday, February 21st.

On Wednesday and Good Friday, all Catholics between eighteen and sixty are obliged to fast, that is to have only one full meal a day and only two smaller meals, eating nothing between meals. American Catholics who are 14 years or older are also obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Weekend Presiders**
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, February 8
5:00 p.m.
Rev. James Flanigan, C.S.C.
Homilist: Rev. Mr. James Lies, C.S.C.

Sunday, February 9
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Patric Negar, O.P.
Homilist: Rev. Mr. James Lies, C.S.C.

**Scripture Readings**
for this coming Sunday
First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:5-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

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**LENT ME YOUR EAR**

Yesterday would have been my parents' forty-sixth wedding anniversary. In fact, they only had fifteen years together before my father's death at the age of forty-two. My mother was great with child number ten when he died, and the oldest was fourteen. I was near the tail end of the brood... the eighth child... (my twin was ninth, a detail of which I often remind him) and four years old when my Dad died. I have long said that I did not lose a father in the same way that several of my older siblings did. They knew him; I didn't.

I never felt like I lost my father because I don't remember ever having one. (I realize psychologists would have a field day with that line) What I did have, were those through whom God made up all the difference, my mother and my siblings.

We live our lives sometimes convinced that we must certainly have it worse than everyone else in the world... but there are other times when we know ourselves to be so very much blessed, perhaps feeling in that moment of revelation, more blessed than anyone else in the world. What's the constant? What's the one thing that allows us to ride the waves which are, for us, sometimes the best of times and, at times, the worst. Dare I presume to be the one to say? I am no mystic, I can't even claim to be a theologian, but I am a Christian... and I do believe that that which undergirds all that I am and all that I do is God. Even in my most unhappy moments, I am sustained by a deep undercurrent of surety and even joy at the knowledge and experience of a God so great and so loving.

Admittedly, there are times when that presence seems more evident than others, but on the whole, it is what sustains me.

We are coming upon a time when all of us can take time to consider, more deeply the ways in which God is active and present in our lives, in the joy and in the sorrow, in the delight and in the pain. Lent affords us an opportunity to consider the ways in which that undercurrent has weaved its way through the meanderings of our lives and refreshed and sustained us along the way. In the Catholic tradition we are particularly blessed with a multitude of ways to enter into this holy season, many of which will be publicized on this page throughout Lent. Our tradition is rich with symbols and with self-sacrifice, beginning next week with Ash Wednesday.

Only to the degree that we enter into the richness and self-sacrifice of this season, will Easter be for us all that it remembers and celebrates even now, the resurrection of Jesus.

When my Dad died, some suggested that perhaps my Mom should consider splitting up the children among relatives because of the great financial and emotional burden that she would undoubtedly bear. She would hear none of it. She was trained and had worked as a nurse before she was married, and six months after my little sister, Susie, was born, she went back to nursing. She worked, appropriately enough, in obstetrics, an area about which she had come to know a great deal over time! For fourteen years, she chose to work the 11pm to 7am shift so that she could be home to wake us, feedus, and see us off to school, and so that she could be home upon our return. Mom's life wasn't then, and isn't now, some thirty years later, only about her. It's about us. It's about her children, her grandchildren, and her many friends. It's about family and church. It's about faith and hope even in the face of death and despair. It's about the very thing which we absurdly propose to commemorate during this Lenten season, that in God, life is found in death.

It's not always easy to trust in God, especially when life sometimes seems to offer us only pain and fear. But, as Christians, we believe that there is redemption in the suffering, that in some way we have entered into the sufferings of Jesus, so as to enter into His glory. Let this Lenten season be a time for us to enter into the mystery which is life and death and life again.

Jim Lies, C.S.C.
**TABLE TALK**

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**Setting the clock to 'student standard time'**

About three days ago my grab-n-go broke open, scattering fruit and leaky drink boxes all over the place, and I decided I had had it. Grab-n-go, in my opinion, were the worst thing to ever happen to student life at Notre Dame.

**Mick Swiney**

Now that's a pretty weighty statement, especially coming from someone who relies on sack lunches heavily. I'm always running somewhere, and I've packed my schedule so full that I never have time to eat. Overall, I suppose I'm grateful to the dining halls for providing such a service to the perpetually active lifestyle they represent. Grab-n-go's have time to eat. Overall, I suppose I'm especially coming from someone who decided I had finally had it. Grab-n-go's, I'm sure, seem to reflect a trend I see everywhere; no time to eat. The grab-n-go's, in my opinion, were the worst thing to happen to student life at Notre Dame.

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**pavement**

Ahhh, the ambiguous boys from Pavement return. Here are the essential elements of every Pavement review every written. 1) Mention how the album in question is not as good as their godfather, masterful, essential debut I.P. St Lent and Enchanted. 2) Use the word "stalker" somewhere, anywhere, in the piece.

Well, tell you what. I'm not going to do either. For one, it's obvious and besides the point of how good St Lent and Enchanted is. Few other bands have had to constantly live under their own shadow like Pavement. Fans and press alike have chipped their way for, God forbid, branching out and experimenting. Granted, 1995's Wheeze Zooer stretched too far for the golden ring of ecclesicism, snapping in the middle like pulled Silly Putty. Secondly, I find it quite hard to use the term "stalker," or any other substitutes pulled from the computer Thesaurus ("inolenters," "sluggishers," "laxers," "shirkers," etc.) seeing how often Pavement produces albums. Plus the band is tight and refined on Brighten the Corners, teetering on the brink of uncurling, while leaning room for wandering guitar solos and moments of insane gymnastics.

Brighten the Corners showcases Pavement's best melodies and lyrics to date. "Shady Lane" boasts and wails like drooped sheet of fabric softern. A wonderfully thick, somber chord progression drives "Old to doin" to a crushing climax. Few other guitarist dudes can pluck and strum a path through a song with more creativity and skill than Steven Malkmus and Spiral Stairs and their mad skills sparkle everywhere. Malkmus is a lovely quirky beatnik wordsmith. "Jen" just might be about the modern state of pro sports or Bush. "What about the voice the voice of Goddy Lee?" How did it get so high? I wonder if he speaks like an ordinary guy?" ponders Malkmus. Recent Mark Bordinet "would he do it?" To which Malkmus replies "Well you're my fact checking cuz." A Casino drum beat then jumps in. Twisted genius.

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by Brent DiCrescenzo

**ny loose**

At first glance, NY Loose gives a listener an entirely different persona than when they actually play. First off, this quartet has an obsession with things Chinese. Their new album, Year of the Rat, uses the little paper boxes inside fortune cookies as the back lining, the symbol for the rat on the actual disc, and a different Chinese animal character for every song. One can only assume that they are greatly influenced by one of the many Chinatowns in this country. However, none of them actually seem Chinese. Secondly, their lyrics bring to mind old, depressing, "go show yourself off a building," Mazzy Star. But don't let that fool you. This band does rock.

Musically, they are very impressive. From the opening lines of "Pretty Suicide" which lead singer Brigitte West belts out single chords that she can pluck and strum a path through a song with more creativity and skill than Steven Malkmus and Spiral Stairs and their mad skills sparkle everywhere. Malkmus is a lovely quirky beatnik wordsmith. "Jen" just might be about the modern state of pro sports or Bush. "What about the voice the voice of Goddy Lee?" How did it get so high? I wonder if he speaks like an ordinary guy?" ponders Malkmus. Recent Mark Bordinet "would he do it?" To which Malkmus replies "Well you're my fact checking cuz." A Casino drum beat then jumps in. Twisted genius.

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Student Government
1997 Elections

The Observer endorses Szabo/Gillard

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Assistant News Editor

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What makes this ticket all the more impressive is the aggressive, determined nature of Szabo's running mate, Mary Gillard. She has experience as a member of Campus Life Council and is a member of the College of Business Administration, which gives her a different perspective on student government.

The Observer's endorsement for the Szabo/Gillard ticket is based on their ability to implement plans contrary to the University's wishes, unless they are inconsequential to the administration. Leaders need a new approach. We have seen a moderate, compromising ticket this past year in Seth Miller and student senator Matt Griffin, who is determined to change the entire organization.

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Barrette/McCaghy

- **Candidates:** Matt Barrette, president; Brian McCaghy, vice president
- **Slogan:** "Something brand new..."
- **Platform emphasis:** Improved communication and representation, especially through student on Board of Trustees.
- **Unique characteristics:** Placed a high emphasis on the Catholic character, stating that they hope to "uphold and preserve Notre Dame's tradition and mission as America's premier Catholic university. Catholic character isn't something you go out and do. It's a foundation."
- **Fresh ideas:** Bi-weekly advertisements in campus media to aid in communication.
- **Want their administration to be remembered as...** "I'd like for us to be remembered as the most accessible administration. The student body could be proud that we represented them well.""We've got an unfiltered version of what students think," we read that as, "We have absolutely no student government experience."

**Analysis:** They say one of their strengths is having worked outside of formal student government. When they say, "We've got an unfiltered version of what students think," we read that as, "We have absolutely no student government experience."

**Platform emphasis:** we want to publicize upcoming activities on the net, as well as create an online student government suggestion box. Finally, we plan to continue the current administration's efforts for attaining a student representative on the Board of Trustees.

Booker/Parker

- **Candidates:** Bobby Booker, president; Laura Parker, vice president
- **Slogan:** "Simple. Structured. Strong."
- **Platform emphasis:** Kindling campus spirit and unity through social programming. On day one they'd plan pep rallies, a Bob Davie speech, and NBA pre-season games.
- **Unique characteristics:** This ticket focuses almost entirely upon bringing more social activity to campus. They plan that through mingling and unifying races, gender issues will then resolve themselves.
- **Fresh ideas:** Enlarge ND big brother/sister program. Bring more NBA pre-season games to campus.
- **Want their administration to be remembered as...** "We'd like students to be able to say they brought back spirit and unity."

**Personal Statement:** "As we see social opportunities to be the weakest aspect of our school, our platform specifically focuses on providing more and diverse social activities for all students. Our ideas are simple. We want to unify and restore the spirit of the entire student body. These ideas are realistic and achievable. We also recognize the need for better communication among students. We believe this begins with increased student government involvement with other Notre Dame organizations. Service, Multi-Cultural, and Academic organizations need to work together for activities and goals to be successful. We also want more input and participation from everyone, and a plan to provide students with the opportunity to attend weekly openforums to discuss any issue of concern. In addition, we see the internet as being an effective tool for increasing communication. We want to publicize upcoming activities on the net, as well as create an on-line student government suggestion box. Finally, we plan to continue the current administration's efforts for attaining a student representative on the Board of Trustees, as well as support proposals for student government reform. As hall presidents, we have the necessary leadership experience. As students, we recognize the need for improvement in Notre Dame life. Together, we want to represent you. Simple. Structured. Strong."

**Analysis:** Except for the cable in dorms idea, slow, feasible, and researched platform goals. Carroll and Walsh, where Booker and Parker are presidents, won the freshman award this year. That shows some decent leadership and skill at motivating spirit and unity.

Chica/Cano

- **Candidates:** Andy Chica, president; Jon Cano, vice president
- **Slogan:** "A vote for us puts you in control."
- **Platform emphasis:** Soliciting grassroots feedback from students, communication is a big goal here.
- **Unique characteristics:** The guys have absolutely no student government experience and certainly won't take themselves too seriously if elected. A complete lack of planning seems to be another disadvantage of this ticket.
- **Fresh ideas:** Bartending classes and hoece ball tournament highlighted the nature of this ticket.
- **Want their administration to be remembered as...** "We want to represent every single student. We want them to be able to say they brought back spirit and unity."

**Analysis:** About all the guys have is a desire to reflect student sentiment and a vendetta against parking problems. Perhaps their most valuable contribution to the election can be the advice found at the bottom of their posters: "Regardless of who you vote for, JUST VOTE!"

The student body president will be responsible for the effective operation of student government.

- be responsible for representing student interests in all areas of University life
- maintain communication with the student body and be responsive to student needs
- have the power to appoint, with the approval of the Student Senate, an administrative cabinet and all other persons deemed necessary for the proper functioning of student government.

The student body vice president will serve on the Campus Life Council and the Outlined in the Bylaws of the Campes Senate.

- represent the student body at all open and special Board of Trustee meetings
- be a voting member of the Student Senate
- perform other duties as the Student Senate may designate.

The student body vice president will assist the student body president in the performance of duties.

- serve as student body president if the student body president is unable to serve
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ELECTIONS 1997

Candidates

With excerpts from personal statements provided by the candidates.

Chairperson: Derek Betcher, Assistant News Editor.

Candidates

Griffin/Nass

- Candidates: Matt Griffin, president; Erik Nass, vice president
- Slogan: "Your voice, experience and action".
- Platform emphasis: Comprehensive and feasible approach. Wide variety of issues.
- Unique characteristics: These guys give off great vibes of credibility. This seems to be the most thoroughly researched platform.
- Personal Statement: "We can hit the ground running." Rings true. Also, their strong desire to make student government more inviting is welcome.
- Fresh ideas: Diversity course offerings, expanding Rock hours and LateFeast 24-hour space.
- Want their administration to be remembered as... "When we're done, I'd like people to know what student government is, who we are, and what we do. I'd like them to remember our office as a fun place to be."
- Personal Statement: "In making our decision to run, we saw one goal that clearly stood out among all our ideas, and that was communication. This goal is embodied in our campaign theme and promise to be "Your Voice." To be a truly effective leader, the students that you represent must know what student government is doing. Without this knowledge of student government, how are students at Notre Dame supposed to support these leaders on the issues that are important to the student body?" Other areas on our platform include: parking and transportation, communication, student diversity, and unity. Increasing 24-hour space, campus computing, athletic resources and representing you. In developing our platform, we combined this experience with research that we conducted with various officials and student leaders. We truly believe that each "action" on our platform is an attainable goal, that can be accomplished."
- Analysis: Griffin, as junior class president, and Nass as SUB coordinator, clearly have leadership experience. On one hand, we agree when they say, "Don't shoot yourself in the foot — this is ND and nothing changes overnight." But, on the other hand, this attitude might not be the best. If students are tired of no progress on issues like student rights and co-residentiality, then this is probably not the ticket for you.

Szabo/Gillard

- Candidates: Matt Szabo, president; Mary Gillard, vice president
- Slogan: "This is our school. Let's take it back."
- Platform emphasis: Representation. Focus on a student Board of Trustees member may help progress on otherwise aggressive and infeasible platform goals.
- Unique characteristics: Experience. Gillard is one of only two candidates with Student Senate experience, and the only candidate with Campus Life Council experience. Also, the ticket has an aggressive platform and leadership style.
- Fresh ideas: "Replace Stepan Center. It's no wonder why bands and speakers avoid this place."
- Want their administration to be remembered as... "We want to be remembered as the president and vice president that gave the students a voice. We want the students to be more of a part of the community."
- Personal Statement: "Our message is this: we, the students, are Notre Dame. There is no university without us. But in nearly all areas of student concern, the administration exhibits a total lack of sensitivity to student needs. Every year, we fork over $4.1 million in unused meals because of an inflexible meal plan. Every semester, we are ripped off by a bookstore that makes millions each year, yet still finds the need and greed to inflate the prices of "used books." Every day, students are being pushed around by an uncompromising Office of Residence Life that affords us no basic rights and whose policies are contradictory to any supposed honor code. We continue to be shut out of the most powerful governing body at this University, the Board of Trustees. And we have no real input in du Lac, the rules that we, as students, live by. Whose university is this, anyway? We are going to return the focus back to the students. Now is not the time for complacent bureaucracy and business as usual. We are going to roll up our sleeves and hammer these issues home. There is work to be done."
- Analysis: Their compose, aggressiveness and Gillard's experience are strong points. However, the fact that they pretended to be argumentative, the general infeasible nature of their platform and Szabo's questionable organizational skills weaken the ticket.

Campus Life Council

Class Office

Hall Presidents Council

Hall Government

Student Union Board

Student Gov't Committees

Judicial Board

Reform Committee

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Getting things done in student government

Student government president and vice president
Elected by the student body — oversees all operations of student government

They appoint, with the help of the vice president, an administrative cabinet and staff. The Miller/Murray cabinet and staff consists of 45 individuals, in the following departments:
- cabinet, intellectual life, public relations, student life, student government council, diversity council and the financial aid council.

Student Senate
Campus’ #1 representative body. Formulates and advances the position of the student body on all issues concerning student life, and allocates all student funds.

Chaired by the student body president
 Voting members include: student body president and vice president, the four on-campus senators, the off-campus co-presidents, the students of student union board manager, the club coordinator, Hall Presidents Council chairpersons, three members elected from HPC, and one student government member.

The senate sends all proposals to the Campus Life Council for approval.

Other groups operating under the student government Constitution
- Student government
- Student Senate Board
- Campus Life Council
- Hall Presidents Council
- The Club Coordination Council

SOURCE: The Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame

Reform
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ment. The committee has proposed changing student government into a student union and streamlining the board.

Gaglio made news last week when he addressed the reform committee, congratulating them for being, "the first class in 10 years to take on the way student government is run."

"I have always heard passive compliance as the only way student government was run," said Gaglio. "Students would say, "If you don't do it, we'll just let you do it your way.""

"But we have been more [involved] this year, and that's the first step," he added.

"We need to develop a service to the community.

"I'm not disillusioned with student government. I disassociated with the leadership of the student union regarding the position of the student body.

"I have the support of the students. I'm going to use that support to try to make the election well.

"I'm confident that I will win," he added. "I'm really a good leader."
Jump, but it's utterly generic. Can't fight the ers somewhere between emotional soulbearing and Capone and Peter Mengede, flex their past with a more melodic groove. Singer Jeremy Chatelain hov-scratchy vocals, and guitars that could saw through should dig the pectoral-building drumming, pissed puts these guys way ahead of Korn and Tool. Some all so many times before. For diehards only.

Seether? Just watch us.

Music to crash to. Old school NYC hardcore fans

Man or Astroman? has always outrocked record-

Tonight built to spill

At its core, Built to Spill is a pop band. Their last album (There's Nothing Wrong with Leer) had some of the most foot-stompin' lyric leaning songs of 1995. Perfect From Now On, however, contains only 8 tracks averaging 4:42 each. This time round Doug et al take their time with the songs, letting them evolve over time. Some tracks are a wee bit long. So what. They also have 5 or 6 parts to them. All the better, I say.

Don't you have any patience?! Recent rock-superstars have shortened our attention spans, giving us pop sound-bites. Built to Spill compose pop music in a way that few hipsters can claim as their own. Their latest album Perfect From Now On gracefully steps from song to song, evol-ving into a lengthy cosmic epic. The songs fit with each other and are at one with the cosmos. Impeccable production by Phil Ek (don't you love the names associated with this band?) brings Merchant's fuzzy accented guitar playing through in a clear, but distorted way. Ethereal meaning precedes and follows most of the songs, transporting the listener between adjacent states of pop. So Built to Spill is shouting "we're here to stay!" Merchant seems to have solidified the line-up. While he's always remained the core genius (along with Brett Nelson of Caustic Resin on Bass), Scott Pfiil (half of the dynamic Spininas duo) has filled the rotating percussion position. As if to apologize for the time between albums and constant shuffling of band mem-bers, Merchant promises "I'm gonna be perfect from now on," in "Randy Described Eternity," the album's first track. Let's hope so.

by Jim McNamara

Perfect From Now On

At least once." Sounds like self-admittance to the true struggle that is to listen to this album at least once. But I'm a critic and it's my job and I can tell you that every song is laughably bad, overproduced, computer-enhanced punk. Vocals grate harder than the guitars. Not bad, but it's hard to imagine that anyone who has the option to listen to this album over like haggis in the States, but this is Pop Cult (previously available on the band's label). The "Mystery Science Theatre 3000 Love Theme." It all started in Boise. Perhaps that's fitting. Maybe the whole thing DougMariesch and friends form Built to Spill. Built to Spill records two albums, one for Ge and one for UP! Records. Now, let's tab over to 1997. Built to Spill releases Perfect From Now On on Warner Brothers (yeah, the whole major label shebang). That makes them 'legitimate' so that foe average can give 'em a try. They've done (Ellophabs add that to their cache). They are also pushing the thresholds of pop and redefining the con-ccept of song. For diehards only. Built to Spill records two albums, one for Ge and one for UP! Records. Now, let's tab over to 1997. Built to Spill releases Perfect From Now On on Warner Brothers (yeah, the whole major label shebang). That makes them 'legitimate' so that foe average can give 'em a try. They've done (Ellophabs add that to their cache). They are also pushing the thresholds of pop and redefining the con-ccept of song. For diehards only. Built to Spill records two albums, one for Ge and one for UP! Records. Now, let's tab over to 1997. Built to Spill releases Perfect From Now On on Warner Brothers (yeah, the whole major label shebang). That makes them 'legitimate' so that foe average can give 'em a try. They've done (Ellophabs add that to their cache). They are also pushing the thresholds of pop and redefining the con-ccept of song. For diehards only. Built to Spill records two albums, one for Ge and one for UP! Records. Now, let's tab over to 1997. Built to Spill releases Perfect From Now On on Warner Brothers (yeah, the whole major label shebang). That makes them 'legitimate' so that foe average can give 'em a try. They've done (Ellophabs add that to their cache). They are also pushing the thresholds of pop and redefining the con-ccept of song. For diehards only.
By BETSY BAKER  
Assistant Sports Editor

From an early age, an athlete quickly learns that a successful endeavor, and most often can be summed up in one word - dedication.

Whether it means a twelve year old giving up the Saturday morning cartoons to go to practice or a senior at Notre Dame giving up an exciting night in South Bend to rest for a game, the thing that both have in common— they all love volleyball.

The meaning of dedication.

By BETSY BAKER

The combination of the volleyball team and the team unity is what draws most of the players to the club. "You don't just love playing volleyball, you love the competition," Gregg Hess, vice-president of the club, said. "As long as it remains fun, you'll continue to play."

The team holds try outs at the beginning of the season, followed by a basic training period. The season begins at the end of January and highlights matches against Michigan and Michigan State. A trip to the University of Arizona from April 16-20.

By BETSY BAKER

The team also practices three times a week and conditioning at 7:30 in the morning, but they also pay dues so that they can travel to the matches for which they have prepared.

"It gets tough at times, having to pay dues and do fund-rais- ers," senior Jason Arnold, secretary of the club, said. "But overall it's worth it."

Some of the members of the club feel that the fact they do practice all the time is what makes them stand out from the rest of the club. Team unity also plays a major role in the club's success, and it also helps the parents see the cooperative dealings of its players and the dedication it requires.

When asked what is the best part being a member of the volleyball club, President David Maddox answered, "Definitely the teammates."

"It almost helps us become better volleyball players," Maddox commented. "Not only to have been given the time and money to play, but to have more opportunities to be in the gym together."
Focus on your heart
this month! Get your body movin' and your heart pumping
doing whatever
you like best . . .
And be sure to check out those planned activities that also abound!

DOING IT . . .

Patrick Foley is the ultimate team player.

A standout high school athlete, Foley was an accomplished basketball player and all-state soccer player in Texas. Since arriving at Notre Dame, this Flanner Gamecock has continued his athletic endeavors through interhall basketball and soccer. One of the top players on both squads, Foley led his soccer team to a championship and the baseball team to a runner-up finish as a sophomore. He has continued to play well this year.

Group activities are not limited to sports for Foley. For many years now, he's helped those less fortunate by participating in Special Olympics and Kiwanis groups, among others. Foley also is a member of Circle K service group here at Notre Dame. His favorite activity is Boys' State. Foley first attended as a representative after his sophomore year in high school, and has returned every year as a counselor. Foley enjoys helping young people become more competent citizens. He also values the friendships he has cultivated as a result of Boys' State.

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Blue-chippers add depth, balance, strong net play

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

With the graduation of one of the finest classes to set and spike on the Joyce center floor, head coach Debbie Brown looked to find some of the void left by Jenny Birkner, Jen Briggs, Kristina Irvin, and Jen Rouse.

Yesterday, Brown did just that as the Notre Dame Volleyball team signed four blue-chippers to national letters of intent. Those signees are 6-2 setter Denise Boylan (Little, IL), 6-3 middle blocker/outside hitter Christi Girton (Muncie, IN), 6-1 middle blocker/outside hitter Jo Jamesyon (Alvin, TX) and 5-10 outside hitter Adrienne Shimmel (Mission Viejo, CA).

Boylan, Girton, and Jamesyon have all been named to Volleyball Magazine’s “Fab 50” high school recruits. They will join other former “Fab 50” recruits to seniors Jaimie Lee, Carey May, and Angie Harris, to be junior Lindsay Treadwell and Mary Leffers who just finished her freshman campaign.

“I am really pleased with the entire class. There is a great balance of ball control and strong net play,” Brown remarked. “Personality-wise, they are going to fit in with the team really well and they are all good students.”

Boylan, the two time all-state performer, is the only player to be a member of the US youth national team the past three years. She has also been named to five All-American teams while playing at the Chicago based Sports Performance Volleyball Club which also produced Birkner and current freshman Lauren Stettin.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Streaking Irish face Orange

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Sports Writer

Since a tough loss at Ohio State earlier in the season, the women's basketball team has been on fire. The Irish are currently on a nine-game winning streak and will look to extend it to 10 tonight when Big East foe Syracuse invades the Joyce Center.

After taking into account this year's prior meeting between the two squads, a 72-45 drubbing of the Orangewomen in Syracuse, the only possible worry for the Irish is their looming conference showdown with Connecticut on Sunday.

But the players certainly do not appear to be taking Syracuse lightly. "We're not looking ahead," said center Katryna Gaither. "No team can afford to do that. We have to think about the game at hand. That's how good teams excel."

Junior Mollie Peirick responded with even more certainty to the question of anticipating Connecticut. "Not at all," Peirick stated. "We have never had a problem with that."

Peirick feels that the way the Irish have been playing lately provides even more incentive for the Orangewomen to play well. "They (Syracuse) have been winning (recently)," acknowledged Peirick. "We know they're going to be gunning for us."

In preparation for tonight's contest, the Irish have been working on slowing down the Orangewomen. "Syracuse is more of a transition team," said Gaither. "We have been trying to improve on our transition defense."

Peirick agreed that "getting back on defense" would be a key to beating the Orangewomen a second time.

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Unique opportunity for brother tandems

By MIKE DAY

Bob Davie has always said he wanted to create a "family atmosphere within the Notre Dame football program," and he is certaivably living up to his promise.

The new head coach was named as the first at the school that has gone as far as keeping within the family atmosphere as possible.

Davie and defensive lineman Andrew Wisne made it official on Wednesday, signing on to join their brothers, Melvin and Jerry, respectively as members of the Notre Dame football team.

"It's something I've always wanted to do but have never been able to do before. In December before receiving a call from Davie, Wisne said he was set to go OU, and then Notre Dame called that the chance was open," said Andrew. "Coach Davie apostrophized in being late in recruiting to getting me in. I knew that Notre Dame was where I wanted to go.

Despite not playing football until his junior year in high school, Wisne said he's more than enough to catch the eyes of the Notre Dame coaches.

"He made drastic improvements throughout the year," said Davie. "Today's national signing ALL-American, Andrew here will help Jerry, and the two of them are very similar.

As a senior, the younger Wisne didn't accumulate any six quarterback sacks while Jerry, the brother, set the Jerry pressure position Jerry played in high school. Now, Andrew is looking forward to watching his brother starting right back at Notre Dame.

"Even though we'll be on opposite sides of the ball, I'm sure we'll be able to help one another out," said Andrew. "I'm also excited to play for Coach Davie. He said he was going to bring his style and tradition to Notre Dame.

And perhaps a little family, "Kevin is probably a little farther along than Melvin was prior to coming to Notre Dame," said Davie.

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Recruits to fill gaps

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Writer

Last year's signing day reaped major benefits for the women's soccer team this past season, the Notre Dame women's soccer team followed up last season's excellent freshman class with one that is equally talented this year. The entering class will help fill in the spots vacated by the likes of seniors Amy VanLaecke, Cindy Daws, Kate Fisher, and Jen Hendra.

The program signed four players to national letters of intent, Meoda Erickson, Monica Gonzalez, Kelly Lindsey, and Stacey Tullock.

"The quality of this class is outstanding from top to bottom," said head coach Chris Stacey Tullock. "It is hard to have four freshmen who can come in and contribute right away but this class is certainly capable of that. This is definitely one of our best recruiting classes."

Erickson has been touted as one of the top players in the freshmen class. Gonzalez, who hails from Richardson, Texas, recently led her club team the Dallas Sting to the national championships in 1995. She is another forward who brings a very skilled style of play to the team.

"She is the best marking individual," said Chin. "In the future, she will have great impact on our program. Her abilities are very strong, and she is a talented individual."

The Irish are looking for Lindsey to fill Fisher's position. Lindsey participated in a defensive role at Millard North High School in Omaha. She is a member of the under-20 U.S. national team. Also she was named an NSCAA All-American.

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monsters who can come in and compete for the forward position, due to her excellent scoring abilities. She might fill in, in the middle, which was recently left open due to the graduation of Daws.

"She can come in and replace Cindy Daws," said assistant coach Carla Chin. "And do a great job at controlling the center of the field."

The Irish signed Gonzalez who also was highly touted as one of the top players in the freshman class. Gonzalez, who hails from Richardson, Texas, recently led her club team the Dallas Sting to the national championships in 1995. She is another forward who brings a very skilled style of play to the team.

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LB, 6-1, 210
USA Today honorable mention; younger brother of DE Melvin Dansby

Anthony Denman
RB, 6-4, 235
Tulsa, OK
4.5 in 40 yd

Tony Driver
TB, 6-3, 210
Parade and USA Today All-American

Louisville, KY
4.4 in 40 yd

Josey Getherrall
WR, 5-7, 180
LaPointe, CA
4.23 in 40 yd

Jarabri Holloway
TE, 6-4, 235
USA Today honorable mention; 23rd best LB by SuperPrep

Tyronn, GA
4.7 in 40 yd

Hugh Holmes
LB, 6-2, 210
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Kinston, FL
4.8 in 40 yd

Grant Irons
DE, 6-5, 226
USA Today honorable mention; brother Steve is LB for SF 49ers

The Woodlands, TX
4.6 in 40 yd

Ronald Israel
DB, 6-1, 170
USA Today honorable mention; brother Jeff was rated 6th LB by SuperPrep

Haddon Heights, NJ
4.5 in 40 yd

John Jordan
OG, 6-0, 265
Jordan Auditorium, "ruff said.

Brooklyn, NY
24.3 in 40 yd

Brock Kestok
OB, 6-2, 185
Rushed for 1453 yards and 27 TD's in 1996

Orland Park, IL
4.6 in 40 yd

Darcey Levy
RB, 6-2, 178
USA Today honorable mention

Montebello, CA
4.5 in 40 yd

Jason Murray
FB, 6-2, 235
Parade All-American; USA Today second-team All-American

Belle Vernon, PA
4.5 in 40 yd

Cooper Rag
DB, 6-2, 180
Team captain and all-district selection

Montville, NJ
4.38 in 40 yd

Casey Robin
DL, 6-7, 235
Caught 18 passes for 460 yards and 6 TDs

Conematon, LA
5.2 in 40 yd

John Teasdale
OL, 6-6, 255
USA Today honorable mention

Kensington, MO
5.5 in 40 yd

Justice Smith
WR, 6-1, 185
USA Today honorable mention; rated in top 27 seniors by Football News

St. Petersburg, FL
4.55 in 40 yd

Kurt Vollers
OL, 6-7, 255
St. Petersburg, FL
4.55 in 40 yd

Angleton, TX
4.9 in 40 yd

Brock Williams
DB, 5-11, 175
Had 102 tackles and 5 interceptions in 1996

Hammond, LA
4.4 in 40 yd

Andy Wisne
DL, 6-4, 250
Brother of OL Jerry Wisne

Jenks, OK
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Irons: Man of many talents

By TIM SHERMAN
Senior Sports Writer

Irons: Man of many talents

Grant Irons migh be the perfect match.”

Irons exemplifies that he is a better fit

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The emphasis on the student-athlete is nothing new for Irons. In fact, his commitment in the classroom was so great that Irons is the winner of the 18th annual Dial Award in recognition of the top high-school scholar-athlete in the country. “It was really a great honor,” said Irons, who boasts a 3.8 GPA. “It felt great receiving it. In fact, Tiger Woods (the 1993 winner) presented it to me. That was great.”

But Irons wasn't one of the nation's most sought-after linebacker for just his prowess in the classroom. The 6-foot-5, 225-pound Irons has been a

New class welcomed by Davie

By THOMAS SCHLIDT
Senior Sports Writer

Yesterday at 3 p.m., a new era in Notre Dame football began. No more would a diminutive old man with a limp spin tales of recruiting triumph or be the harbinger of another class of stellar athletes. Instead, a young man took to the stage for the first time and basked triumphantly in the spotlight.

It is not that his class will be considered the top in the nation, but Irish head coach Bob Davie the rankings mean little. No list can tell him more than his own eyes, ears and heart can. His first class was made of Notre Dame men, and for that he was proud.

In his first season Davie took a new approach to recruiting. Arbitrary rankings played sec-

"There are a lot of different ways to evaluate classes," Davie explained. "But our priorities going into this recruiting were, number one, to find the right fit for the University of Notre Dame, to sign kids we...