Candidates introduce themselves in serious debates

By JASON McFARLEY Assistant News Editor

With the exception of a few periods of laughter, a 90-minute student body president candidates' debate Wednesday night was marked by serious discussion of issues and goals.

The format of the annual event allowed each ticket about 12 total minutes for introducing itself and its platform, answering panel questions and presenting closing statements. The debate was scheduled first to formally meet the candidates before the primary election Monday.

In general, five tickets remarks were met with polite applause from the audience of about 50 inside the Hesburgh Library auditorium. Running mates Chris Zimmerman and Andy Nelson, however, drew the biggest reactions from the crowd.

Several times a sarcastic audience laughed openly at the sophomore Fisher Hall residents whose platform calls for dissolving the Student Senate and Campus Life Council (CLC). The men said they plan to assign Senate and CLC duties to the Hall Presidents Council.

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Yogeld Andre vice presidential candidate

The five other tickets, Maureen Gotlibb and Victoria Pietterman, Demetra Smith and Yogeld Andre, Brooke Norton and Brian Moscona, Holt Zeidler and Allison Hensey and Ryan Becker and Nikki McCord, triggered less of a reaction from the audience.

After discussing their platforms, these five campaigns received respectful applause from an otherwise indifferent audience.

But some tickets drew attention to themselves based on their issues.

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The Smith Andre ticket, for example, focused on social justice issues in addition to more common campaign promises, such as cable in residence halls, that characterized other candidates' platforms.

Africa-American candidates embrace role model status

Editor's Note: This is the fourth of a five-part series examining different issues in this year's student body election.

By LAURA ROMPF Assistant News Editor

In March 1970, when Dave Krashna won the Notre Dame student body presidency, he set a precedent in two ways.

Krashna won a majority of votes in every hall and shattered all previous records capturing 63.6 percent of the vote, with the next ticket winning only 26 percent.

Perhaps more importantly, Krashna was the first African-American to be elected student body president. Krashna paved the way for minorities in Notre Dame student government, and this year, two tickets include African-American vice presidential candidates.

Vice presidential candidate Yogeld Andre, who is running with Demetra Smith, said it is important for everyone, not just minorities, to get involved in student government.

When he decided to run for office, he did not think about the fact he was a minority, but simply wanted to serve the community.

However, Andre said he does understand that he will be a role model for minority students on campus, as well as incoming freshman.

"I think it will be important to show incoming minority students that a minority is student body vice president," Andre said.

"I think it is all Irish and Catholic here, and I would be able to show them that you can get more involved and make this more of your home if you choose to."

Vice presidential candidate Nikki McCord, who is running with Ryan Becker, said she knows the office holds a lot of responsibility.

"I would feel honored [to be vice president]," McCord said. "I know that there are issues that separate us, but I want to look beyond those... I hope I can serve as a visible symbol that Notre Dame is an accepting community that is open to new ideas and experiences."

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"I could have done anything at this University I wanted to."

Nikki McCord vice presidential candidate
INSIDE COLUMN

Go, theo, go.

I change majors more than I change my away message. But now, I have to pick one and stick to one — and pray that I can survive one. I read about this kid, and I thought: that was going to be some masterful Biology major. A true pre-med all the way. Thinking halfway into my freshman year, I needed to find a hate plants. Not just hate, I detest them. In one semester, I had already reached my chloroplast tolerance. I could take no more.

I began to dread everything that had ridis and I returned to being a lab rat, and that fear became a reality when a doctor remarked, "You should try an offer me with fully dissected piece of celery.

"Would I ever really need to know all those basic things that had pistils and I could take no more.

"How fun to wear one of those everyday!

"But, I assure you, I deal a lot better with people than petrol. It's just not my bag, baby. I can wait even more so than political science, even more than theology classes sounded really appealing to me, I certainly did. While on campus, Gore also attended a meeting with members of the Institute for Child and Family Policy, where he will act as a visiting scholar.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Four students die in 8-day span

Purdue University sophomore Travis Simpson was found dead Saturday in his off-campus apartment. The cause of his death is not clear, but police said they do not suspect foul play. Simpson’s is the latest in a string of unrelated student deaths. During the ten days, four Purdue students have died.

Students feel political issues are not relative to their own lives,” said Linda Sax, director of the survey.

They feel politics is too cynical and there’s not much they can do about it.”

Outside the Dome

Study paints picture of today’s college student

At the same time, more students identified themselves as being “far left” or “liberal,” with 27.7 percent doing so as compared to 26 percent in 1999. This translated into greater support for socially liberal ideas such as marijuana legalization and opposition to the death penalty, where support was sharply up to 31.2 percent, compared with less than 25 percent two years ago.

“At one of those issues that many students have picked up on,” Sax said. Another ideological trend was the growing acceptance and support of gay rights, with a record-high 56 percent of incoming students supporting same-sex marriages. Sax said this number was higher than national results, though the trend is present in adult surveys also.

PROVIDENCE

Students are more liberal yet more politically disinterested, care more about affluence and less about status, have made modest strides toward closing the technology gap, and are less likely to smoke or drink, according to the findings of the 2000 CBP Freshman Survey, conducted by University of California-Los Angeles Higher Education Research Institute.

These trends were based on the responses of 269,413 students at 434 institutions of higher learning.

The survey found that more entering freshmen than ever — 78 percent, compared with 68 percent last year — reported using a computer frequently in the past year.

Meanwhile, students are more politically disinterested than ever before.

Only 28.1 percent of entering college students said they keep up with political happenings, compared with over 60 percent in the late 1960s.

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Professor Gore gives first lecture

Dressed as a professor in khakis and a sweater, former Vice President Al Gore strode past dozens of members of the local and national media Tuesday and into the Journalism building to teach his first class as a visiting professor at Columbia University's School of Journalism.

“I’m excited about it,” a smiling Gore told the throng of onlookers who had gathered to see him on campus for the first time since he announced his last October. Gore accepted a position in late January as a visiting professor, agreeing to teach between six and eight lectures a week.

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This Week on Campus

Thursday

Lecture: Antonio Canastena: “Lullabies, History, and Memory,” 4 p.m., McKenna Hall

Movie: “Autumn in New York,” 10:30 p.m., DeBartolo 155

Friday

Performance: “Guys and Dolls,” tickets available at LaFortune, 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall

Event: Sophomore Literary Festival - C.K. Williams, 10 a.m.

Saturday

Film: “Dancer in the Dark,” 9:45 p.m., The Snite

Concert: "Matthew West in Concert," 10 p.m., Recker’s

Event: Sophomore Parent’s Weekend, Saint Mary’s Ballroom

Sunday

Misa en Español: 1:30 p.m., Zahn Hall

Workshop: Poetry

Workshop: 2 p.m., Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

Event: Sophomore Parent’s Weekend, Saint Mary’s

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National Weather

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News Scene

Kelly Hager
Amistad actor speaks about social pressures on children

By COURTNEY BOYLE
News Writer

Derrick Ashong, an African American who starred in Amistad, spoke to students about the social pressures kids face in a Black History Month lecture Wednesday.

Moving from place to place while growing up, Ashong discovered what was cool in New York was not cool in Saudi Arabia. Moving in and out of the United States, Ashong had to learn to adapt to what was termed as cool in society and what was cool in the society where he was living.

"I was always the outsider," Ashong said. "As soon as we went to a certain place and I figured out what was to be cool we picked it up and moved to another place. Different societies have different views."

What it means to "be cool" is an issue kids have to face in today's society.

"While kids will say that being cool means being yourself, people will just say it because it has a nice ring to it," Ashong said.

He believes, however, being cool usually has a lot less to do with people as individuals, but more to do with a certain society and what its expectations are.

During Ashong's high school days he realized he did not fit into any of the defined groups of Americans, British or the Arabians.

"It was at this time that he realized he needed to be who he was. "I don't fit into any of the groups solely — let me not worry about fitting into these groups, let me just be who I am," said Ashong.

"The idea that I would be my own person had a profound impact on my life."

When Ashong returned to the United States to finish high school, he realized that he would not fit in because he had a different background than the closely-knit group of students at his high school.

As he perused college opportunities, Ashong decided to apply to Harvard. "I applied to prove to everyone, I couldn't understand why anyone would look at me and decide I was less qualified. Brown was my safety school," Ashong said.

Ashong then faced the challenge of fitting in when no one in his high school thought he could get into schools such as Harvard and Brown.

"I put on the face of confidence to the world," Ashong said. "I was completely thrown in a loop because the people in my high school didn't think I was smart enough to get into Harvard. The fact that anyone in my high school told me I wasn't smart enough was mind boggling."

In December of his senior year, Ashong received an early action letter from Harvard welcoming him to the campus.

It was at this time that he really wasn't sure if he would make it to being a student at Harvard.

"I went to freshman weekend to see what it was all about," he said.

The fall of 1993 was a trying time for him, once again struggling to fit into a new society and to "be cool." The reactions from students were baffling to him.

Because he was too short for basketball and too skinny for football, other students reasoned he must be on campus because of affirmative action.

"I remember feeling so bad because I thought I'd proven myself and that I deserved to be there," Ashong said.

As he perused college opportunities, Ashong did prove himself by receiving the Harvard Foundation Award for outstanding contributions to intercultural and race relations and the Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Award for Outstanding undergraduate work, the highest award for undergraduate thesis.

"I'm not going to worry about what people think of me, I'm going to do what I think is right," Ashong said. "At every juncture of me growing up, I done what society had expected of me. I would not have gone very far. It is not just about how you walk, talk, and dress."

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Success Conference opens campus to 8th grade leaders

By LAUREN BECK
News Writer

In an effort to strengthen ties between the Notre Dame and South Bend community, student government hosted 170 local eighth graders on Wednesday.

Students from five area schools participated in Notre Dame's First Annual Keys to Success Conference, a workshop designed to offer younger students an opportunity to interact with college students.

"Students here expressed an interest in reaching out to the community and making younger students feel more a part of Notre Dame," said student body vice president Brooke Norton. "Our goal is to welcome them into our community and to share our knowledge with them but also to learn from them."

The program focused on developing academic and leadership skills by allowing eighth graders to vocalize their opinions and to reflect on the college students' experiences. The day began with small groups of eighth graders discussing academic success, leadership potential, stress and peer pressure.

Notre Dame students learned as much from the eighth graders as the eighth graders learned from the Notre Dame students, according to Group Leader Carolina Beams.

"I found it interesting to hear the kids' perspectives," she said. "I feel nervous for these young students to speak in front of this group but I think it's really important for them to learn that they have a voice, to have an opinion."

Notre Dame student government hosted 170 eighth graders from five area schools for a workshop to promote interaction with college students and leadership skills.

"The workshop taught me ways to avoid drugs and alcohol," said ninth grader Genesis Rodriguez. "We discussed choosing positive role models and planning for college and careers," said Zach Marks, an eighth grader at Clay Middle School. "These are not big issues for me now, but they will be in the future."

Sophomore Sun Nguyen who coordinated Keys to Success hopes the lessons the students learned Wednesday will not be quickly forgotten.

"The students will return to the classroom with knowledge of how to interact with people with whom they're not familiar and discuss their differences," she said.

Most participants from Notre Dame and the middle schools found the Keys to Success Program worthwhile.

"I learned to set my goals high," Edison student James Douglas said. "And to never stop trying to achieve them."

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World News Briefs

Aristide set for inauguration: Stringing plastic Haitian flags above the stacks for the inauguration on Wednesday, Feb. 7, Jean-Jacques Nardy says he believes Aristide will fulfill the promise to better people’s lives. “Everybody here is for Aristide,” said Nardy of this shantytown, dubbed Village of Peace because criminals are driven out. “He didn’t have enough time in office before to do anything. This time will be different.”

Risk of disease minimal: Canadian authorities said chances of a disease outbreak were minimal after a Congolese woman arrived in Canada and fell ill with symptoms seen in hemorrhagic viruses, including Ebola. The 32-year-old woman, who has not been identified, was admitted to a Hamilton hospital on Sunday.

National News Briefs

Mayor arrested for assault: Miami Mayor Joe Carollo was arrested Wednesday and accused of hitting his wife in the head with a teapot. Maria Ledon Carollo suffered a head injury, according to police. Carollo was charged with battery.

Crash caused by misread signal: The engineer of an Amtrak train that overtook and ran into a freight train on the same track apparently misread a signal that warned of an obstacle ahead, a safety official said. That was just one of several factors that appeared to have contributed to the collision Monday that injured 61 people, said Russ Quinlivan of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Indiana News Briefs

Miss USA to be crowned in mall: When Miss USA 2001 is crowned next month, officials announced Tuesday that they have assumed dead Tuesday after a fire destroyed a mall on Sunday.

Zimbabwe

Kabila promises peace to nation

Associated Press

In a sprawling mansion protected by North Korean tanks and heavily armed Zimbabwean soldiers, with a waiting room full of sleepy guards, President Joseph Kabila said Wednesday he was ready for peace.

The new leader has promised to work closely with the United Nations to implement an often-violated 1999 cease-fire agreement. However, he said Congo would not be “held hostage” by the deal.

In June, he was smoother and more diplomatic than his father, slain President Laurent Kabila, but his arguments were largely the same. The former president regularly pledged to bring peace to Congo — as long as his enemies withdrew first.

Already head of the army, Joseph Kabila was quickly chosen as president after his father was gunned down Jan. 16 by one of his bodyguards. The reason for the killing has not been explained.

Little is known about the new leader — but many here and abroad have expressed hope that the sudden power shift represents a new opportunity for peace in the Central African nation.

Kabila said in Wednesday’s interview that he wanted U.N. peacekeepers to deploy in Congo soon, but insist ed there could be no peace without the withdrawal of “occupying” forces from African countries.
ND Faculty earn noteworthy awards, scholarships

Special to The Observer

♦ Fabian Udoh, assistant professor in the Program of Liberal Studies, has received a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship from the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem.

Udoh will receive a $30,000 award for a project entitled, “To Caesar What is Caesar’s: Tribute and Taxes in Early Roman Palestine,” a comprehensive and detailed study of taxation in Jewish Palestine from 63 B.C. to 70 C.E.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1998, Udoh holds a philosophy degree from the Institut de Philosophie in Kinshasa, Zaire, and a theology degree from Pontificia Universitas Gregoriana in Rome. He earned his master of philosophy degree in New Testament and Jewish history in 1989 from Oxford University and earned his doctorate in 1996 from Duke University.

♦ Michael Pressley, professor of psychology and the Notre Dame Chair in Catholic Education, has received the 2000 Oscar Causey Award from the National Reading Conference. The Causey Award is the highest honor presented to reading researchers in the United States.

An internationally recognized expert on educational and developmental psychologies, Pressley is particularly interested in issues pertaining to learning and instruction. His recent research includes studies of the characteristics of effective reading instruction and of how high school and college students confront and accomplish the academic demands placed on them.

In addition to this teaching and research in the Department of Psychology, Pressley is director of the Master of Arts in Teaching Program of Notre Dame’s Institute for Educational Initiatives and editor of the Journal of Educational Psychology. He is the author of “Reading Instruction that Works: The Case for Balanced Teaching” and the coauthor of “The Good First Grade.”

Pressley joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1997 after previously teaching at the University of Western Ontario, the University of Maryland and the State University of New York at Albany. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Northwestern University and his doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

♦ The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has selected Donald Crafston, chair and professor of film, television and theatre at Notre Dame, as one of its two inaugural Academy Film Scholars. Crafston and Tino Balio from the University of Wisconsin each will receive a $25,000 grant from the academy based upon their proposals for new scholarly works. Only established scholars, writers, historians and researchers with a significant record of achievement were considered for the grants. Crafston’s grant will support his work on an analysis of animated cartoon shorts from about 1928-39 in order to “reveal the important social relevance underlying these superficially insignificant productions,” he said. The study is titled “Shadow of a Mouse: Animation and American Culture in the 1930s.”
Return of lost study day hopeless, calendar blamed

By FINN PRESSLY
Senior Staff Writer

Citing time constraints and lack of flexibility in the academic council, the Academic Council has refused to give further consideration to a Student Senate proposal to add the customary fourth study day to the Fall 2001 exam schedule.

O'Neill senator Bill Ferreira reported to the senate that upon meeting with the under-graduate subcommittee of the Academic Council, efforts to add an additional study day to this fall's calendar would have to be abandoned.

"It's not Notre Dame's fault. It's just the way the calendar falls," he said. "While they did not feel we had bad ideas ... they felt we didn't have enough time to change the final exam schedule."

Starting the year a week earlier would mean bringing resident assistants, professor, and other campus personnel back to campus abnormally early, he said.

Adding extra days at the end of break, meanwhile, would flirt dangerously close to the Christmas travel season, resulting in possible headaches for students and professors flying home.

The Senate approved a letter to the Academic Council stressing the need for consistency in the number of study days from year to year.

In other Senate News:

♦ Lewis senator Luciana Reali presented information gathered by the Gender Relationsfreshmen Orientation activities. She said future input might come in the form of small, student-led groups, rather than information reported directly from the students to the administration. Reali highlighted student reaction to Domer Fest, the successor to the now defunct Graffiti Dance.

♦ Alumni senator Jeff Staffings announced his resignation from the senate, due to a time conflict.

"Going into this, I heard some good things and bad things about the Senate," he said, "and leaving, I only have good things to say."

Staffings will be replaced by sophomore Matt Lauratta.

Wednesday's meeting was also the last for Fisher senator Dan Harrabas.

Elections for a new Fisher Hall senator will be held in the near future.

"There was mixed reviews on the Domer Fest," she said. "A lot of students think it was a good idea, and a lot offered suggestions of how to improve it."

Pasquerilla West senator Audra Hagan reminded senators of official protocol regarding the election of senators who plan on going abroad. Senators who plan on going abroad must run individually—that is, students going abroad for different semesters may not run as one ticket.

"If you know you're going abroad, that's fine, but then your dorm will just have to have a new election when you leave [campus]," she said.

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The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore:

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C.K.. Williams
will discuss his
Pulitzer Prize
Winning poetry book, Repair.

Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 3:00 p.m.,
W.P. Kinsella will
discuss his book,
Shoeless Joe.
By EMILY ORR  
News Writer

Kaleen Sanner and Mark Farrell spoke about their experiences in the Hogar San Jose in Talagante, Chile on the third night of the "Blessing Unto Others" program. Sanner, a senior at Notre Dame, and Farrell, a second-year law student, recounted their time at the orphanage with a mixture of emotions. Sanner and Farrell began their presentation with a short video clip and passed out prayer cards. They asked the community to pray for the children in the orphanage.

"There are many things you can do, even here on campus," said Farrell. "Just say a prayer for this child." Farrell and Sanner both stressed the culture of violence that pervaded the early lives of the orphans. Farrell recounted a story in which three brothers were brought to the orphanage after witnessing their mother murder their father. Farrell emphasized that "despite the challenges, these kids live such a blessed life." Sanner added, "despite their violent pasts and even their current lives in the orphanages, these are genuinely happy children." Farrell and Sanner also each spoke about many of their personal experiences in the Hogar. "Working in Chile was the most difficult month of my life," said Farrell. "Those kids are just starved for attention." He went on to describe the state of the orphanage, telling of rampant cases of head lice, fleas in the beds and no running water. He also spoke of the "Dominos Primero," or First Sunday, when relatives come to visit. Farrell told a story of how a mother of one of the children lived in the area, yet never once stopped in to see her child. However, he went on to say that, "despite the emotional garbage, they are the happiest kids. You will feel blessed by your experience with them."

The lack of private and personal space and the few items of personal property surprised Sanner.

"We can do this in an action as simple as a smile, or opening a door for someone— that's all we ask," Farrell added.

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The Blessing Unto Others campaign was established with the goal of allowing the entire student body to come together each year and make a difference in the lives of our fellow human beings.

Although we already contribute in many other ways through various clubs, organizations and events, this program offers us as students the unique opportunity to do so as a community at weekend Masses.

The target for this year's inaugural campaign is a pair of Holy Cross orphanages in Chile -- the Hogar Santa Cruz and the Hogar San Jose.

Collectively, these two homes form the family for over 100 children who have either lost their own families or suffered from abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

A portion of the funds raised will also go to help establish the Greatness Grant program, an endowment which will be used to provide grants for students seeking to do volunteer service work.

Please support the Blessing Unto Others campaign

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UCLA feminist scholar to visit Saint Mary's

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Associate News Editor

Renowned feminist scholar and philosopher of science Sandra Harding will be welcomed by the Saint Mary's community as its visiting scholar in residence beginning today.

Sponsored by the women's studies, philosophy, physics and biology departments as well as the Center for Academic Innovation, students and faculty from all disciplines have been looking forward to Harding's visit, said Phyllis Kaminski, associate professor of religious studies and coordinator of the Women's Studies department.

"One of the really exciting things about Sandra Harding's visit is to see the broad range of faculty and students who have expressed interest in her visit," said Kaminski.

Currently, Harding is a professor of education and women's studies at the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA. She is also a faculty affiliate of the UCLA Center for the Study of Women.

"Does Science Foster Idealism?" at noon on Friday in Haggar Parlor. In addition, Harding will meet with chemistry majors on Friday.

Much of Harding's work has explored how science benefits women from the field and how it helps to advance the cause of women. Kaminski said Harding's visit will help further the cooperation between various disciplines at Saint Mary's.

"Her [Harding's] visit is part of an effort to broaden the understanding of women's studies among the College community, especially to strengthen the links between science and women's studies," said Kaminski. "We're very excited to have someone of her stature here."

Among Harding's books are "Sexual Politics in the Urban Environment," "Postcolonial and Feminist Epistemologies," "The Racial Economy of Science: Toward a Democratic Future (Race, Gender, and Science)."

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Observer endorses Becker/McCord

The most effective student body president and vice president should attack both broad issues of student life and address the everyday concerns of students on campus. The ticket of Ryan Becker and Nikki McCord combines these two aspects most effectively and should be elected as the 2001-2002 student body president and vice president.

The bottom line is that Becker/McCord make sense. Through broad but ambitious plans, Becker/McCord are ready to tackle the issues that will affect the student body directly. More importantly, the ticket understands the role, capabilities and limitations of student government. You won’t find unrealistic plans like ‘Grab ‘n Go’ in DeBartolo or an all-campus food dining program on this platform — instead, you’ll find plans that work.

Becker/McCord make sense throughout their student body careers. Becker is the senator who brought a mailbox to LaFortune and cereal to Grab ‘n Go. Despisingance student government ‘insiders’ they have ideas and an enthusiasm that moves beyond the tired and redundant platform ideas of competing ‘insider’ tickets.

Proposing ‘The Shirt’ for basketball, a shuttle to Movies 14 and lowering bookstore prices, Becker/McCord are in time with the little differences that student government can make to change student life. And they’re not afraid to do it. “No one has ever tried,” Becker said. “Everyone has complained about it, everyone has moaned about it but no one has ever tried anything.”

But the little differences are just the springboard for the Becker/McCord campaign — they’re ready to attack the bigger issues as well. As experienced student senators, they have already built relationships with administrators and understand how to get things done. And their ideas are truly innovative. Becker/McCord hit both sides of the coin on the alcohol issue, offering more programming options for non-drinkers while revamping the SafeRide program. The plan for SafeRide is so practical and easy to implement it’s amazing that it has never been tried before. Planning to drive to Mountaintop, Turtle Creek, Lafayette and other off-campus party scenes, the proposed SafeRide program won’t just sit around and wait for calls — it will go to the intoxicated students and give them a ride home.

This ticket’s yet effective plan will finally make SafeRide an effective, viable option for students.

Becker/McCord also bring a new perspective to diversity at Notre Dame. Rather than focusing on more multicultural programs at Notre Dame, Becker/McCord want to find out why majority student attendance at the current programs is so low and work to increase attendance at these events. Becker/McCord aren’t naive enough to think they can solve the problem overnight — but they show the courage to find new solutions to old problems.

The only weakness of the Becker/McCord ticket could be their ambition. Their 22-page platform addressing almost all genres. Keep reading...
Instant aggravation over messaging

BOSTON, Mass. We need to have a serious discussion about Instant Messenger. The other day somebody named Conor IM'd me at 10:30 a.m. and started talking to me while I was online. This was a problem because, first, as a general rule I don't talk to people who refer to themselves as "dog" and second because he was using phrases like "brb," "lol," "yyy" and "jk." In my opinion, if one-syllable words are too complicated for you to type, then you need to stop IM'ing and concentrate on more important skills — like shoe tying and swallowing. And if you are one of the few people IM who more than talk to you, then you need to realize that they are draining your life, and question whether or not you have a problem (hint: if you IM more than two people across the room, then you need to buy a Rubik's cube and lock yourself in a bathroom stall).

People on instant messenger are separated into three primary groups:
1) People with too many friends
2) People with no friends
3) Big fat hairy guys over 50 who claim to be cute little girls named Sue.

Actually, the people with too many friends don't have the same as many friends as they think. As a matter of fact, I don't have any friends. There's a simple equation that demonstrates this principle:
Number of people in your buddy list equals the number of friends you don't have. The thing is, they don't realize that when they IM somebody and that person writes back and says, "I'm sorry, I can't talk now, the cat is on fire," what that person is really trying to say is "Leave me alone, because I hate you." However, nobody ever catches on to those subtle hints (trust me, this one guy reported me to the ASPCA because my cat was so prone to spontaneous combustion when he IM'd me).

Of course, people with no friends are even worse, because they are even more desperate to talk to somebody. I'm sure this has happened to you: you're one of the few people to watch a video of a woman mauling a tourist, when all of a sudden you get an IM from someone, saying "I read your profile and had a live in Boston." Of course, in reality this person lives nowhere near Boston, let alone North America (can you say example) and he's lucky if the person isn't presently residing in an institution with the words "correctional facility" in the title. I got so sick of random people IM'ing me that I changed my profile information to stuff I thought nobody would ever be interested in.

For example:
Name: maybe
Age: donkey
Location: shaft
Interests: drinking ketchup, looking at a wall

Sadly, even more random people began to IM me, then those little smiley faces came out of your computer, and some of the things you might want to know and share time with. We quickly found out that you were as optimistic, didn't realize that when they IM somebody and that person writes back and says, "I'm sorry, I can't talk now, the cat is on fire," what that person is really trying to say is "Leave me alone, because I hate you." However, nobody ever catches on to those subtle hints (trust me, this one guy reported me to the ASPCA because my cat was so prone to spontaneous combustion when he IM'd me).

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Grant Myers

Instant aggravation over messaging

Academic freedom of students impaired

My disappointment with the response of Provost Nathan Hatch to the Faculty Senate's questions about the academic freedom of students has a very simple basis. Both the "Mission Statement of the University of Notre Dame," and Article III, section 2 of the Academic Articles of this University (see "Faculties Handbook," 2000-01) note that the academic freedom of the University's students.

Such guarantees appear nowhere in du Lac, and the University's current practices in hearing complaints that student organizations have "contravened the moral teaching of the Catholic Church." School administration must affirm the right of students to be treated as equals in the academic challenges. Undergraduate education at Notre Dame takes place in a house divided against itself. That's enough disappointment for one night.

Edward Manier
philosophy professor
Scene Staff Report

Julia Roberts was a push-up bra, Adam Sandler's "Little Nicky" bloomed, and Wolverine gave Cyclops the finger. Who wants to argue that it's been a bad year for movies? From the personal and reflective "Gladiator" to the imaginative "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," 2000 brought audiences a spectrum of cinematic delights. In the following feature, Movie Scene critics Matt Nania, Casey K. McClainky, Matt Caccamo, Jude Seymour, Chris Sikorski, Liam Dacey, John Donnelly, Jeff Irish and Bill Fusz give their nominations for the year's best and brightest.

Best Picture

Ah, the most sought-after trophy in all of Hollywood. Come Feb. 13, Oscar will have narrowed down the competition to a group of five lucky films. While heavyweights such as "Gladiator" and "Traffic" are expected to receive nominations, the three remaining slots are up for grabs. Who deserves it most? According to Sikorski, Fusz and Nania, it's the martial arts epic "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." With its incredible and joyous fight sequences, emotional storyline and vast scope, "Tiger" transcended its genre at every turn. The film's raw energy resulted in an emotional impact unlike any film offered all year. According to Sikorski, its incredible and joyous fight sequences, emotional storyline and vast scope; "Tiger" coming-of-age story "Almost Famous," a "Wonder Boys," the Michael Douglas-starring comic drama about a one-hit wonder author struggling to complete his second novel, is Dacey's choice for Best Picture. Although it came out last winter, the scene critic still remembers laughing and feeling the effects of the film's oddly poignant proceedings. Along with a great soundtrack, "Wonder Boys" was both captivating and compelling.

Many Irish agree with the majority of the nation's critics in choosing "Traffic" as the year's most authentic and compelling picture. Dealing into the complex issue of drugs in America and its relation to the growing international drug trade, the film is reflective of the natiol's "war on drugs" using a style and approach unique to Hollywood filmmaking.

But perhaps these guys have got it all wrong. Forget "Crouching Tiger's" fight sequences and disregard the sentimental quality of "Almost Famous." The summer's biggest surprise, the claymation comedy "Chicken Run," is the real winner, says Seymour. It took two years to complete. Each team worked a day to create 2.5 seconds of film. The teams were not only responsible for each scene in the show, but also each character's mouth movement. All the attention to detail and the great patience needed to complete such a project finally paid off in an engaging and charming story the whole family could enjoy.

Best Actor

Nominated for year after year, the Best Actor category produced diverse nominations from Scene's critics (with the exception of McCluskey, who fell no performance deserved the title). While Caccamo and Irish praise Tom Hanks' strong performance in the stranded-on-a-deserted-island-drama "Cast Away," Sikorski claims Geoffrey Rush's portrayal of sexual predator Marquis de Sade was the main success of "Quills." While Hanks single-handedly made his film moving and important, Ralph Fiennes had to play three roles in the historical and epic "Sunshine." Fiennes played each generation with a fascinating sense of originality, putting forth the best effort of the year, says Seymour.

Michael Douglas' performance in "Wonder Boys," though, is Dacey's choice. The portrayal of a struggling professor in the midst of a dark personal reflection was striking. Also, his interaction with co-star Tate Taylor Magnure captured an interesting parallel between young and old. Douglas' "Crouching Tiger" Fussa's pick for Best Picture, but he also feels it contained the year's best performance. Chow Yun-Fat's superhero martial arts talent combined with his restrained take on a legendary warrior contributed significantly to the film's success.

Perhaps the most underrated actor was Benicio Del Toro. It was his turn as a drug kingpin in "Traffic," but claims Nania, his brilliant performance in "Waking the Dead" was largely overlooked. In an emotional ghost story about one man's obsession with his long-dead girlfriend, Crudup expertly conveyed the dynamic feelings of fear, pain and longing.

Best Actress

This category is infamous for consisting of at least three actresses from foreign efforts, a fact that helicopters should consider when it chooses which scripts to greenlight. Last year, though, offered audiences many excellent female performances (although Dacey felt no actress was impressive, thus not giving a nomination). Chief among them, Caccamo and Seymour feel, is Joan Allen. Perhaps overlooked during awards season because of the critically divergent views on her film, "The Contender," Allen powerfully portrayed a senator's struggle against a politically motivated smear campaign. Allen has been a great supporting actress for years and was finally given a shot at leading a movie towards success (or failure, as some conservatives felt the film lapsed into political bias).

Another performance was also shot up by props more than one of Scene's critics. Zhang Ziyi, for her portrayal of the broad-strong adolescent princess turned love, duty and wanderlust in "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," Sikorski and Irish admire Ziyi's mind-blowing combat abilities as well as her skilled dramatic range, which was essential to the film's success. Similarly, Michelle Yeoh's depiction of an older female "Tiger" won over Fusz to receive his nomination.

Lending credit to the theory that 2000 offered actresses many powerful roles, McCluskey is torn between Juliette Binoche's lovely performance in the dreamy "Chocolat" and Ellen Burstyn's forceful turn as a drug-addicted mother in "Requiem for a Dream." Whereas Binoche added charm to the tale of a traditional town charmer in a store's sultry chocolate factory, Burstyn accompanied audiences to confront the tragic effects of drug-hysteria. McCluskey chose for Best Actress Linney had to stay with. Chow Yun-Fat's superhero martial arts talent combined with his restrained take on a legendary warrior contributed significantly to the film's success.

Best Supporting Actor

Leading the pack in this category is Benicio Del Toro. Best known for his incoherent role in "The Usual Suspects," Del Toro burst onto the screen in "Traffic," playing a Mexican drug enforcement officer torn between his duty and his morality. He has received numerous accolades from critics and audiences alike for his work. Del Toro has turned in a film with at least two other great male performances (Don Cheadle and Michael Douglas), who Irish feels deserves the honor, he stood out. Indeed, Del Toro showed off his bilingual skills in a truly bilingual film, showing that he is an up-and-coming star in Hollywood and beyond. Joaquin Phoenix, perhaps 2000's hardest working actor, appeared in three impressive films: the box-office giant "Gladiator," "Quills" and the family crime drama "The Yards." It was his turn as a ruthless, neurotic Caesar in the sword and sandals epic that won over both Sikorski and Dacey. Instead of one-dimensional vil

"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" received several language film is expected to garner numerous nominations in this category. Biel is the name of a supporting actor role race for his role in "Traffic."
nominations from Scene’s critics. The former scooped at this year’s Oscar ceremony.

lainless brutality, “Gladiator” featured a psychologically complex and vengeful tyrant whose brooding stare instilled as much fear as any army mercenary. Phoenix’s incredibly spoiled demeanor and jealously was wonderful as he ranted and fumed. As captivating as Del Toro was in “Traffic,” and while Phoenix’s extensive range was obvious, it is Mark Ruffalo’s touching and heartfelt performance as Laura Linney’s brother in “You Can Count On Me” that ultimately deserves the prize.

Says Nania, not only does Ruffalo bear a striking resemblance to a young Marlon Brando, but he also displays that great actor’s brooding intensity and methodic determination.

Best Supporting Actress

Zhang Ziyi received two nominations from Scene’s critics in the Best Actress category. But Fazul and Seymour argue that her role was slightly less substantial, and thus consider it a supporting part. They feel she added tension to “Crouching Tiger” by being, all at once, ignorant of tradition and ungrateful of those who try to help her reach her potential.

Irish and Sikorski, however, deem Catherine Zeta-Jones as Mrs. Duquette as the winner. As the wife of an incarcerated drug lord in “Traffic,” she undergoes a drastic transformation from a dependent, upper-class suburban housewife to a woman fiercely determined to get her husband back and protect her family.

Kate Hudson was also chosen by two of Scene’s critics for her portrayal of “band aide” Penny Lane in “Almost Famous.” Dacey feels she created a full-bodied character out of what could have been a cookie-cutter role.

Sweet and sexy, Tea Leoni made the love relationship between herself and Nicolas Cage in “The Family Man” as believably special as it appears. According to Nania, she consistently held her own and even stole the spotlight from time to time. Her performance was charming and exciting, and she added marital friction and frustration to the film’s central relationship.

In another overlooked performance, the 19-year-old Crudup (fourth from left), “Almost Famous” contained some unforgettable moments. His friend Wilson, a volleyball, as it floats up to the tree tops in the extraordinary “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.” Ang Lee displayed that moment a cultural icon came to life. That’s thanks to Steven Soderbergh, who gave audiences not one but two impressive films in 2000 (“Erin Brockovich” and “Traffic”). Soderbergh has been nominated for both in many instances the probably cancelled himself out at the Golden Globes. And three of Scene’s critics agree. Crudup, Sikorski and Irish all feel the two-timer didn an excellent job in putting together “Traffic” ensemble cast and script, aiming it in the right direction. Soderbergh wove several storyline without making the final product convoluted or preachy. Caccamo feels that both of the man’s efforts are worthy of praise. Not only did he direct two successful films, he gave the year cinematic bookends (“Erie” came out way back in February and “Traffic” arrived in theaters shortly after Christmas) that were widely divergent in topic and style without missing a beat or showing any raw flaws.

Although Donnelly hates to not give Soderbergh his due, Ang Lee deserves the award. In a year of little creativity, “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon” was full of it. Seymour, Fazul and McCluskey agree. Lee was the field general in making the best looking movie of the year. Acknowledge his cinematographer for much of the look, but credit Lee for putting it all together into an enjoyable whole.

Nania and McCluskey (who double-nominated once again) think the Academy should take the road less-traveled and nominate Darren Aronofsky for his powerful and devastating two-hour “say-no-to-drugs” campaign entitled “Requiem for a Dream.” In an era when too many movies try to be “cool” with the camera, Aronofsky finally put all the tricks to good use. Practically all of film’s power came from the striking camerawork and editing. What resulted was the most intense and shocking film going experience of the year.

There were plenty of well-crafted and artistic films in 2000, but due to the fact that it was her directing debut, Dacey gave his nomination to Sofia Coppola for “The Virgin Suicides.” It was a bold project that dared to go beyond the Hollywood tradition and ungrateful of those who try to help her reach her potential.

Favorite Movie Moments

Although not an Oscar category, we thought it would be a good idea to emphasize just how enjoyable movies can be while sharing our favorite scenes from 2000’s crop of cinematic efforts.

McCluskey and Donnelly: Stillwater singing Eliot, John’s “Nothing’s gonna stop this man” on the tour bus in “Almost Famous.” Cameron Crowe captured the whole spirit of touring and being in a band in this one short scene. Donnelly, in particular, found true value in this soon-to-classic sequence: “I am sick and tired of sacasm and cynicism. This movie, and this scene, was honest. I can ask for nothing more.”

Nania and Irish: Chow Yun Fat and Zhang Ziyi flying and jousting through the treetops in the extraordinary “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.” Ang Lee displayed his true gifts in this scene, showing how imaginative and beautiful filmmaking can be.

Dacey: A small scene in “The Big Kahuna,” starring Kevin Spacey and Danny DeVito as salesmen who have a tendency to discuss difficult, philosophical questions. They sit and talk to each other late at night in an empty conference room at a hotel, reflecting on their lives. There is a great sense of friendship shared by the two that is both realistic and powerful.

Caccamo: Tom Hanks swimming after his friend Wilson, a volleyball, as it floats away, far from his reach. It is a tribute to the film’s impact and Hanks performance that such a seemingly silly prop became the essence of a remarkably touching scene towards the end of Hanks’ journey off the island.

Fuzi: The final scene in “Unbreakable,” when the horrific truth is revealed about our hero (Bruce Willis), his origins and the unspeakable evil that spawned him.

Seymour: Watching the song “I am a Man of Constant Sorrow” leap out of The Soggy Bottom Boys in “O Brother, Where Art Thou?” Nothing turned a boring movie into a powder keg of fun for two minutes more than that song.

Sikorski: Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) using his adamantium claws during a bar fight in “X-Men.” Cheesy? Maybe. But at that moment a cultural icon came to life.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will reveal its nominations for 2000’s best this Tuesday.
Recruits still attracted to Irish for prestige, academics, athletics

Tom Lemming's Top 25 National Recruits

1. QB Joe Maurer 6-4/205 Florida State
2. QB Brodie Coyle 6-4/200 Alabama
3. RB Kevin Jones 6-1/215 Virginia Tech
4. WR Reggie Williams 6-4/215 Washington
5. DL Shaun Cody 6-5/240 USC
6. QB Eric Shelton 6-2/230 Florida State
7. QB D.J. Shockley 6-2/190 Georgia
8. WR Roscoe Crosby 6-3/197 Clemson
9. DL Anttal Hawthorne 6-4/308 Wisconsin
10. RB Jabari Davis 6-0/230 Tennessee
11. LB Leon Williams 6-3/230 Miami
12. DB Marquis Hill 6-7/290 LSU
13. QB Cecil Howard 6-3/190 Syracuse
14. RB Carnell Williams 6-3/190 Auburn
15. QB Adrian McPherson 6-4/180 Florida State
16. RB Kelly Baraka 6-0/186 Michigan
17. DL George Gause 6-5/235 South Carolina
18. DL Pat Massey 6-8/240 Michigan
19. RB De'Arrius Howard 6-0/220 Arkansas
20. DB Marlin Jackson 6-1/165 Michigan
21. OL Ben Wilkerson 6-4/265 LSU
22. QB Derek Anderson 6-6/225 Oregon State
23. RB Damien Nash 5-11/180 Missouri
24. OL Chris Spencer 6-4/305 Mississippi
25. RB Cedric Houston 6-0/206 Tennessee

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ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Notre Dame may have missed out on top recruit Shaun Cody, but for many high school recruits, nothing could be better than the chance to come to Notre Dame. Cody considered the nation's top defensive player, chose to stay near home by picking Southern California over Notre Dame. But a slew of solid commitments by other highly touted recruits had Irish eyes smiling with their decisions to wear the blue and gold.

Offensive lineman Mark LeVoir, a 6'-7, 305-pounder from Eden Prairie, Minn., never really considered going anywhere else. The first-team USA Today All-American considered playing for the blue and gold a dream, one that he committed to last year following the annual Blue-Gold scrimmage.

"It wasn't really a tough decision at all," said LeVoir, the first verbal commitment of the Class of 2005. "Basically every big school was after him from the academics to the football tradition. It was a Catholic school and a smaller school. I always knew I wanted to go there."

LeVoir ignored the swirls of recruiting, trusting in his door from powerhouse like Florida, Florida State, Miami, Nebraska, Penn State and Texas.

We were playing for his favorite team. Considered the top signee in this year's class, LeVoir will have that chance come August.

Defensive lineman Brian Beidatbach backed out of the verbal commitment to Illinois when Notre Dame dangled a scholarship offer in front of him.

"I thought the mix of education and the football program was a better fit for myself, you know," said LeVoir. "The scholarship presented itself a little bit later."

The Milwaukee native didn't even make his official visit to Notre Dame until a week ago, but he was already bleeding blue and gold.

Tradition, family and academics. Common choruses for why recruits were sold on Notre Dame.

Offensive lineman Dan Stevenson said, "The education I'm going to get is going to be, I guess, better than the other schools that make you graduate in four years."

Stevenson, who weighs 325 pounds and measures 6-5, had originally committed to Nebraska but the visit to Notre Dame for the Barrington, Ill., native quickly changed his mind.

"I'm going to the place that I knew and know it was the place for me," said Stevenson, a Parade All-American who preferred the Detroit Lions.

Nothing could deter running back/linebacker Baithon Powers-Neal from linking with the Irish. He is even visiting during the Notre Dame-Nebraska game.

Although Nebraska was one of the five schools Powers-Neal made an official visit to, seeing the 'Huskers defeat the Irish in overtime wasn't enough to get him wearing red.

The coaches (at Notre Dame) were great. The players were great," said Neal, who also visited in early December for the football banquet. "It was probably my top school.

The 6-1, 210-pounder may follow in the footsteps of current players Tony Driver and David Givens by moving around the field. Playing for St. Paul's, Minnesota's Creighton Hail, Powers-Neal spent time at running back, linebacker, cornerback and safety, even playing a bit of wide receiver.

Whatver gets me on the field the coaches want me to play," said Powers-Neal, who also advanced to the state finals in track in the 400-meter dash.

The academics-minded player hopes to major in chemical engineering. On the field, Powers-Neal's High School team won the Class 5A state championship as a junior before losing to future Irish teammate Mark LeVoir's school in the state title game as a senior.

For other players, the choice wasn't quite so glow-in-the-dark.

Corey Mays, a linebacker at Chicago's Morgan Park High School, followed Notre Dame as a recruiter's prospect has Irish eyes smiling with their solid commitments by other highly touted powerhouses like Florida, Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska.

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While some critics say tough admissions standards shred Notre Dame's prospects, the commitment to academics helped bring Mays into the fold.

"First and foremost, I want to graduate with a degree," Mays said.

With a 4.4 high school GPA on a 4.0 scale thanks to advanced courses in the classroom and on the playground, Mays has the tools to get it done. The sprint star, who ran a 23-second flat 200-meter dash as a junior, also has the work ethic. Mays said.

"I wanted to play for Notre Dame when I was a kid, but I kind of got away from them," Mays said. "In the recruiting process, I got back with them. It was just a gut feeling."

Ellrick's interest in Notre Dame was piqued this fall.

"I became interested in Notre Dame about a week or so after the season," Ellick said.

"I kind of knew there was a chance to play there, and the pros and be the best," Ellick said. "I want to be the best player to ever play at Notre Dame. I felt I had a good chance of contributing at Notre Dame. Now that Brock Williams is gone, I think I'm going to come in right away and compete for a starting spot."
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Women's Basketball

Saint Mary's unable to hold on to first-half lead for win

By KATIE MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

They came for the shirts, but stayed for the game. A BOG promotion offering free T-shirts to fans attending Wednesday night's Saint Mary's basketball game brought fans to Angela Athletic Facility, but it was phenomenal first-half play during a 62-46 loss to Hope that kept fans at the game.

The Belles, who have been without a complete team since early January, returned all of their players to the court. They led halfway through the first half by as much as six, and only trailed Hope by six at the half.

"We looked like a team," head coach Suzanne Smith said of first-half play. "We really played together."

Hope head coach Brian Morehouse mixed it up on the court, bringing in players off the bench almost as soon as the game started.

Smith used her bench as well.

Sophomore post player Kristen Matha, still recovering from a concussion she received during Saturday's game, freshman guard Katie Miller, junior Jaime Dinnewitz and freshman Leigh Ann Matesich all made an appearance early in the first half.

"We were trying to match up with them," Smith said. "It gave us some different opportunities to play people."

As a team, the Belles have had some recent trouble getting inside on offense. Wednesday that was not the case.

Robert led the Belles scoring drive with a short 2-point jumper. Matha joined in and worked the ball inside as well, totaling eight points for the team.

"We had made it clear that we had to play aggressive tonight," Smith said.

At halftime, Saint Mary's trailed 35-29. Strong offensive and defensive play kept the Belles with the Flying Dutch, but they just couldn't keep up the intensity during the second half.

"We haven't had a full practice in a long time because players have been out with injuries and illness," Smith said. "That probably accounts for why some of the women looked winded during the game."

To start off the second half, the Flying Dutch went on an 11-point scoring streak that the Belles only answered with two points.

Hope scored 10 points from the foul line in the second half while Saint Mary's scored only two.

Hope picked up its game, and made sure it would bring home itself one game closer to a 20-win season.

"They picked up their defense," Smith said. "Their zone really left us standing there." Even though the Belles lost, Smith is hoping the first half play will encourage her team.

"This is definitely a boost," she said. "We're really excited for who's left on our schedule."

Saint Mary's will take on Olivet on Saturday at home.

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Talk: PE Music Co. Play - Guys and Dolls 2/20-7/10. Thurs.—Sat. Washington Hall 7:30PM.
Acousticafé 2/16. Thursday. LaFortune Ballroom 10:00PM.

Talk: How the priest became a political scientist in Chile? Fr. Tim Scully 2/20, Thursday. Montgomery Theater 8:00PM.
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Men’s Hockey vs. BG 2/20. Friday. JACC 7:00PM.
Dancer in the Dark 2/20—2/21. Fri.—Sat. Snite 10:00PM.
Sophomore Literary Festival 2/20—2/21. Fri.—Sat. LaFortune Ballroom 8:00PM—10:00PM.
Women’s Tennis vs. Virginia Tech 2/20. Friday. Eck Tennis Pavilion 4:00PM.
Men’s Tennis vs. Duke 2/20. Saturday. Eck Tennis Pavilion 11:00AM.
Benefit Music Festival: Danielle rose and the Dunn Brothers 2/20. Saturday. Library Auditorium 7:00PM.
Flopside Playground Night 2/20. Saturday. Rofts Sports Center 1:00PM.
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Matthew West in Concert—Free $2.00 coupons to first 100 students 2/20. Saturday. Reckers 1:00PM.

Free mock MCAT and LSAT tests—Kaplan 219-272-4135 or 1-800-Kaptests to sign up. 2/20. Saturday. DeBartolo 101 &103 9:00AM.
NAACP Formal 2/20. Saturday. LaFortune Ballroom 9:00PM-01:30AM.
Pangborn Formal; Keough White Wedding; Carroll Dance; Siegfried Formal 2/20. Saturday. JACC 7:00PM.
Dillon Iron Classic 2/20. Sunday. JACC 12:00PM—6:00PM.

Spanish Mass 2/21. Sunday. JACC 12:00PM—6:00PM.
Maria Sablemi; piano 2/21. Sunday. Snite 10:00PM.
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French Film Festival: La Parinoire 2/21. Sunday. Annenburgh Aud. 2:00PM.
Goshen College Chamber Choir & Orchestra concert 2/21. Sunday. Basilica 8:00PM—10:00PM.

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Student Body President/Vice-President Election (primary) 2/12. Monday.
Gilda 2/12. Monday.
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Interfaith Christian Night Prayer 2/14. Wednesday. Walsh Hall Chapel 10:00PM—11:00PM.
Student Body President/Vice-President Election (run-offs) 2/15. Thursday.

Acousticafé 2/15. Thursday. LaFortune Huddle 9:00PM—12:00AM.

Swedish Radio Orchestra: Verdi’s Requiem 2/15. Thursday. O’Laughtin Aud. 8:00PM.
Blak Koffee House 2/16. Friday. DeBartolo 101/155 3:00PM.
The Eyes of Tammy Faye Baker 2/16—2/17. Fri.—Sat. LaFortune Ballroom 8:00PM—10:30PM.
Notre Dame Jazz Bands 2/17. Saturday. Snite 7:30PM-09:45PM.

JPW Mass 2/17. Saturday. JACC 5:30PM.
Spanish Mass 2/18. Sunday. LaFortune Ballroom 1:00PM.
Raging Bull 2/19. Monday. Snite 7:00PM.

Spring semester EVENTS

Mar. 30 McGinn Casino Night
April 1 St. Edward’s Hall Spring Fling
April 6 Alumni Processional
April 7 Lewis Chicken run
April 20 Badin Block Party
April 21 Carroll Hall Fusie Festival
April 27 Howard Concert, South Quad
April 28 Fisher Regatta

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Romance Language Department’s Italian coffee Hour Decio 131 0500PM
Antonia Castenada Lecture: “Lullabies, History, and Memory” McKenna 112/114 0405PM
Lecture by Prof. Michael Findane of U of Chicago “Suffering and Salvation of God in Jewish Theology” McKenna Hall 8:00PM
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Not just a "fifth year" at ND

By Amy Seamon

When I began the Campus Ministry Internship last August I kept thinking of this chance as my "fifth year." I still have friends who are seniors, I have my connection at my favorite local pub having been the manager last year, and the fact that this isn't a 9-5 job sounded great to someone who hasn't been a morning person all of her life. When in reality, a couple of months after having been in the position, I realized very quickly how different this year was going to be for me. A number of my best friends are not here with me, I don't always feel like it is appropriate as a member of the staff to visit my favorite local establishments, and this isn't a 9-5 job, it's a lifestyle I have chosen.

The University of Notre Dame has given me so much in the past four and a half years of my life. I am blessed with friends who will indeed be a lifetime, knowledge that will hopefully benefit me as a teacher in the classroom someday, but most importantly, this University provides me with a faith that is so strong, yet challenged everyday.

I have the unique opportunity to work in Campus Ministry for a year and hopefully give back to this community at least some of the love, generosity, and powerful witness of Christian living it has shown to me. I received my teaching certification the day I graduated. How easy it could have been for me to dig right into the responsibilities of an English teacher. I wasn't ready for those responsibilities. I wanted this year to help me realize that it's not simply a post-graduate year of service I want to accomplish, but rather, a life of service. This year is helping me to challenge, grow, and learn from my faith. I know I will teach someday, but I will be a better teacher, woman, friend, and Christian because of this year of service and the lifestyle it is helping me to live.

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Meanwhile, three other current players have exceeded the pre-college expectations of the recruiting analysts. Last year, Carlyle Holiday and Jared Clark were both ranked above Matt LoVecchio in Lemming’s list. But while Holiday and Clark did not play in 2000, LoVecchio went 7-1 as a first-year starter. Current junior Anthony Weaver, a three-year starter on the defensive line, was a relative unknown when he came out of Saratoga Springs, New York in 1998. And starting running back Julius Jones garnered only honorable mention high school All-American honors.

"I think sometimes we get ahead of ourselves, everyone wants to rank the recruiting classes," Davie said. "That’s impossible to do. Getting them to sign is just a small part of it. What comes next is important."

So if rankings are meaningless and "what comes next is important", then coaching the talent must be crucial for on-field success, right?

The names may change in the future but one thing will remain the same. The Great Debate will continue for several more years.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

at a WORLD-CLASS/GOVERNMENT RESEARCH FACILITY

The Environmental Research Institute, a joint activity of Notre Dame and Argonne National Laboratory, in collaboration with the Center for Environmental Science and Technology (CEST), will award up to 2 summer internships at Argonne National Laboratory for 2001 with a follow-up research appointment on campus in the Fall.

Stipend, room and board are provided for the 10-week program at Argonne.

Student applicants should have research interests in an environmentally-related discipline (any field of study) concerned with or likely to contribute to the understanding, assessment, or improvement of the environment.

Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents, enrolled at Notre Dame, have completed their Junior Year by May 2001, and be registered to return in the Fall of 2001.

For more details, contact Donna Fecher in the Center for Environmental Science and Technology: 152A Fitzpatrick Hall, 631-8376.

Applicants will be required to complete an application.

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GREG NORMAN HOLDEN INTERNATIONAL

Garcia takes lead midway in competition

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia
Sergio Garcia shot a 9-under-par 64 on Thursday to take the lead midway through the first round of the Greg Norman Holden International.

The 21-year-old Spanish star, winless since the 1999 German Masters, had nine birdies in the bogey-free round on The Lakes course. He shot a 5-under 32 on the back nine, his first nine holes, and closed with a 4-under 32 on the front nine.

"It was a great round. I felt great," Garcia said. "I started hitting the ball really good and started making some nice birdies at the beginning and it just kept on going for the whole round."

He holed 15-foot birdie putts on Nos. 12 and 15, added a 20-footer on No. 5 and made a 25-footer on No. 8 to reach 9 under.

"It's important to start with a round like this, to be up there," Garcia said. "Hopefully, I'll have a couple more good rounds and I'll be on the top on Sunday."

Sweden's Pierre Fulke, the runner-up in the Match Play Championship last month in Melbourne, opened with a 65.

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### OFFENSIVE PLAYER TO WATCH

**Mark LeVoir**  
Tight End  
6-7, 310  
Eden Prairie, Minnesota  

Notes: Parade prep All-American... first-team pick on USA Today prep All-Americans team... rated sixth on CBS Sportsline.com Midwest Region Super 30 team... caught 21 passes for 350 yards and 11 TDs as junior in 1999... played at tight end, fullback, tailback, wideout and as punter as senior... track standout who recorded bursts of 53 feet in shot put and 155 feet in discus in 2000

**Ryan Grant**  
Running Back  
6-1, 198  
Nyack, N.Y.  

"Another great athlete. I think he'd be an All-American at free safety but he wants to get a shot at running back."  
Tom Lemming  
Recruiting analyst

Notes: New Jersey state player of the year for 2000, according to USA Today... rushed for 1,963 yards and 26 touchdowns as senior... also played two-way starter who earned all-state honors in Va. as defensive back in 2000 and as receiver in 1999... played quarterback as senior in 2000

**Zachary Giles**  
Offensive Line  
6-4, 285  
Marshfield, Mass.  

"He'd wind up probably playing offensive guard in college. The No. 1 player in Massachusetts."  
Tom Lemming  
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Parade prep All-American... had 73 tackles, nine sacks, six tackles for loss, two caused fumbles and a fumble recovery as junior defensive lineman in 1999

**Carlos Campbell**  
Wide Receiver  
6-1, 190  
Hampton, Va.  

"He's a four-star player and probably should see some playing time as a freshman."  
Tom Lemming  
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Notes: Two-way starter who earned all-state honors in Va. as defensive back in 2000 and as receiver in 1999... played quarterback as senior in 2000

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**Tight End**: Matt Root  
6-6, 225  
Tallahassee, Fla.  

"A four-star tight end before he had a real serious knee injury. When he's healthy he has great size, and terrific hands."  
Tom Lemming  
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Rushed 39 times 258 yards and three touchdowns as senior despite knee injury... also made 17 tackles and recovered two fumbles in 2000

**Wide Receiver**: Dan Stevenson  
6-5, 300  
Barrington, Ill.  

"He was heavily recruited and was offered (a scholarship) by just about every school in the nation. He'll wind up playing tackle or guard in college..."  
Tom Lemming  
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Rushed for 1,712 yards and 25 touchdowns as senior in 2000... from same high school as current Irish center JW Jordan... attended Notre Dame football camp in 2000

**Running Back**: Cory Jones  
6-2, 215  
Seattle, Wash.  

"He'll probably wind up playing linebacker in college. He's very quick to the ball and is physical."  
Tom Lemming  
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Rushed 183 times for 1,441 yards and 25 touchdowns as a senior... also caught 20 passes for 454 yards and six touchdowns... returned two interceptions for scores as senior... led team to unbeaten regular season

**Offensive Line**: Matt Shelton  
6-1, 170  
Collierville, Tenn.  

"He wasn't a real productive high school ballplayer but they love his speed and potential. He looked great at the Notre Dame summer camp."  
Tom Lemming  
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Rated by just about every major school as current Irish center... quick to the ball and is a good athlete... I think he'd be an All-American... had 73 tackles, nine sacks, six tackles for loss, two caused fumbles and a fumble recovery as junior defensive lineman in 1999

**Offensive Line**: Marcus Wilson  
6-1, 180  
Staten Island, N.Y.  

"His competition level (in high school) was good but not great. But he's another fast corner back who had a real good senior year at running back."  
Tom Lemming  
Recruiting analyst

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"He was heavily recruited and was offered (a scholarship) by just about every school in the nation. He'll wind up playing tackle or guard in college..."  
Tom Lemming  
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Rushed for 1,712 yards and 25 touchdowns as senior in 2000... from same high school as current Irish center JW Jordan... attended Notre Dame football camp in 2000

**Running Back**: Cory Jones  
6-2, 215  
Seattle, Wash.  

"He'll probably wind up playing linebacker in college. He's very quick to the ball and is physical."  
Tom Lemming  
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Rushed 183 times for 1,441 yards and 25 touchdowns as a senior... also caught 20 passes for 454 yards and six touchdowns... returned two interceptions for scores as senior... led team to unbeaten regular season

**Offensive Line**: Matt Shelton  
6-1, 170  
Collierville, Tenn.  

"He wasn't a real productive high school ballplayer but they love his speed and potential. He looked great at the Notre Dame summer camp."  
Tom Lemming  
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Rated by just about every major school as current Irish center... quick to the ball and is a good athlete... I think he'd be an All-American... had 73 tackles, nine sacks, six tackles for loss, two caused fumbles and a fumble recovery as junior defensive lineman in 1999

**Offensive Line**: Marcus Wilson  
6-1, 180  
Staten Island, N.Y.  

"His competition level (in high school) was good but not great. But he's another fast corner back who had a real good senior year at running back."  
Tom Lemming  
Recruiting analyst

Notes: Rated 39 times 258 yards and three touchdowns as senior despite knee injury... also made 17 tackles and recovered two fumbles in 2000
**Defensive Player to Watch**

Corey Mays  
Defensive Lineman  
Linebacker  
Chicago, Illinois

Notes: A second-team USA TODAY high school All-American selection. The first Chicago Public League player to play for Notre Dame since Chris Zorich. Recorded 114 tackles and five sacks and rushed for 179 yards as a senior. Had a 4.2 grade-point average in high school. Ranked 54th on the Chicago Sun-Times list of national prospects. Went to Notre Dame's football camp last summer.

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**Defensive Position Loses**

**Defensive Line:**  
Lance Legree  
B.J. Scott

**Linebacker:**  
Tony Driver  
Brock Williams

**Defensive Back:**  
Anthony Denman  
Anthony Branman

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**Notes:**  
Made more than 100 tackles and 15 sacks as a senior... Wisconsin all-state pick who was a two-year, two-way starter at defensive end and offensive guard.

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**Notes:**  
Two-way starter at cornerback and as option quarterback as senior... made 50 tackles and intercepted four passes on defense.

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**Notes:**  
Rushed for nearly 2000 yards as senior... brother Leon Neal played two years as tailback with Indianapolis Colts in 1996-1997.

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**Notes:**  
Named Alabama Class 4A player of the year as senior in 2000... first-team Alabama all-state as tight end in 1999... averaged 18 points and 11 rebounds as senior in basketball.

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**Notes:**  
Helped Penn go Indiana Class 5-A state title in 2000... South Bend Tribune all-area pick... attended Notre Dame football camp in summer of 2000.
Notre Dame adds speed with Class of 2005 recruits

By ANDREW SOUKUP

The Observer

Notre Dame next year, one thing is clear: the Irish just got a lot faster.

Last year, the Irish landed four quarterback and numerous physical wide receivers. They recruited 10 position players on offense and exactly zero on defense. Defensively, Notre Dame was very big and physical, but nobody in the Class of 2004 was particularly fast.

Davie was looking to recruit a core group of offensive linemen and several speedy defensive backs and wide receivers, and that's exactly what he ended up doing.

"I don't think you look at just one recruiting class. It kind of goes in pairs," Davie said. "But I think we have some good balance. When you look at the totality of the last two years, I think it meshes well together.

At a press conference Wednesday afternoon, Davie formally announced the 19 players who signed letters of intent. The Irish landed a combination of speed in the secondary and a talent-loaded group of offensive linemen.

After not signing a single offensive lineman last year, the Irish pulled in five linemen, three of whom are ranked among the top 25 in the nation according to ESPN.com's Tom Lemming.

"The offensive linemen are very athletic," Davie said. Mark LeVoir heads the list of the talented linemen.

"He is a giant," Davie said of LeVoir, who was named to the USA Today All-American second team and was named LeVoir on the Parade All-American team. The offensive lineman was also named the player of the year in Massachusetts.

In addition to LeVoir and Giles, Notre Dame also signed highly recruited linemen Daniel Mitchell, Matt Root and Dan Stevenson.

Aldo Hargonza, who had verbally committed to the Irish in August, did not sign with the Irish on Wednesday as expected.

"He is still going to sign with Notre Dame, but he did not sign Wednesday," De La Garza's high school coach Dick Rhoades told Rivals.com. "There are some academic things he is still needing to take care of.

Getting into Notre Dame isn't the most important thing to him at this point in time. He needs to make sure he meets the criteria, he will sign.

The Irish were still talking in talented offensive line recruits, the Irish coaching staff's focus was clearly on getting faster, and this is reflected in the quick players Notre Dame landed.

"I think the thing that jumps out at you is the speed," Davie said. "After the Fiesta Bowl, the thing that you out at you is the speed," Davie said. "I really like him."

"He has great explosiveness and great quickness," Davie said. "I think the thing that jumps out at you is the speed," Davie said.

"I doubt that we've had a better group of linebackers than we got in this class," Davie said.

In particular, Davie spoke highly of linebacker Corey Mayes. The Chicago native, who has a 4.3 grade point average, clearly drew the attention of the Irish staff.

"I think he was the best player in Illinois this year. That's exactly what he ended up being," Davie said. "After the Fiesta Bowl, the thing that you out at you is the speed," Davie said. "I really like him."

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Although Davie wanted to sign many defensive linemen, he was satisfied with Jeff Thompson and Brandon Bogard of Granger, Ind. native, was the second player to verbally commit to Notre Dame in June. Bogard actually committed to Illinois, but the Irish coaches were so impressed by his performance at Nike's seven-on-seven camp that they managed to woo him to South Bend.

Offensively, Notre Dame gained a pair of exceptionally talented skill players. Wide receiver Matt Sheldon attended Notre Dame's summer camp, where he was wooed coaches with his blazing speed.

As a wide receiver, Sheldon rushed for 258 yards his senior year, despite a knee injury that cut his season in half. Sheldon ran a 4.4-yard dash, the fastest of all the Irish recruits.

Running back Ryan Grant fills a hole in the Irish backfield. Normally, coaches take talented offensive players and shift them over to the defensive side of the field, but Davie is so excited by Grant's potential that he insists that he not be limited to the New Jersey player of the year will remain at tailback.

"He has a chance to be a big-time player," Davie said.

The other players who signed letters of intent are wide receivers Carlos Campbell and running back Corey Jones and Marcus Wilson.

Although the possibility exists that a few more players could sign letters of intent, Davie isn't sure that many more players will commit to the Irish. Instead, he said, it is time to turn the focus to getting the Class of 2005 ready for the future.

"Today is an important day, but not nearly as important as in a year when we see how productive these players are," he said. "Only time will tell how good this class is."
CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Poet variety
5. Shape of the president's office
9. It might have a
12. Secretly run off
13. Polishes, as a
18. Half-price ticket
23. Gibbon, e.g.
26. Jack or ten
29. Turns aside
32. Put one's two
34. Move like goo
35. Draftable
39. Love poet's
41. Santa's team,
43. Group of ships
44. Fish with a net
45. Wanted poster
46. Animal in
50. Helps with the
52. 20-Across, to
54. The first
57. Part of Q.E.D.
58. Steak order
60. Drink "for two"
63. Put one's two
65. Golfer Sam
67. “Beloved"
68. Pre-Communist
70. Recorded
71. “My Favorite
72. Photo ___
73. Russian was part
74. Spine to spine
75. Recorded
77. “McCook"
78. “My Favorite
79. Recorded
80. Steak order
81. Org.

DOWN
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2. Author Morrison
3. Russia was part of it.
4. Like Easter egg
5. Recorded
6. Liberty units
7. With: Fr.
8. Mascara site
9. Vail trail
10. Proctor
11. Morocco's capital
12. Secretly run off together
13. Polishes, as a
car
16. Half-price tickets
17. Provide with
gear
20. Great review
22. Jack of ten
27. Writer James
28. Great review
29. Turns aside
30. Kind of wave
32. Spanish "yes"
33. Russian was part
of it: Abbr.
34. Move like goo
35. Draftable
36. Mark of Zorro
37. Art Deco artist
38. Love poet's
Muse
40. Recently
42. Wanted poster
word
43. Cats
44. Door parts
45. Brand of water
46. Cat
48. Bead of water
50. Helps with the
gateway car, perhaps
51. D.C.'s Pennsylvania
52. 20-Across, to
53. Coin of Iran
54. The first
James Bond
film
59. Offers free pizza
62. More
63. Put one's two
64. Pre-Communist
66. What "L" stands
for in box scores
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Who
69. 2:00 (time)
70. Recorded
71. “My Favorite
72. Recorded
73. Russian was part
of it: Abbr.
74. Spine to spine
75. Recorded
76. Liberty units
77. “McCook"
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81. Org.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2001

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):
In your personal life, you can make headway at work. You can sign contracts today. You need to be more open to new ideas. You may have a change of heart regarding your partner. Don't take a chance and follow your heart. You will have to be careful with your finances. You should channel your efforts into financial planning. You will be die secret to your success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):
You need to do something adventurous. You will make a new contact that will lead to new business opportunities. You will have to be careful with your money. You will have to be careful with your money. You will have to be careful with your money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):
Don't be too eager to let others in on your plans. Present your ideas and don't back down if you get some opposition. You may be the center of attention. You may be the center of attention. You may be the center of attention.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):
You will have to be careful with your money. You will have to be careful with your money. You will have to be careful with your money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
You can make headway at work. You can sign contracts today. You need to be more open to new ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):
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EXPANDING THE LORD OF THE RINGS MOVIE THEATER FRAME BY FRAME AND PIXEL BY PIXEL.

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After accidentally walking into the dining hall, Phil quickly found out that his friends weren't hibernating.

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Irish rank among top 15 in recruiting, not during season

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Great Debate continues. In the past few years, conversation on signing day has centered on why the Irish always rank among the top 15 schools in recruiting but then rarely crack the same ranking in the Associated Press and USA TODAY/ESPN polls. There are three basic schools of thought whether Notre Dame's coaches have struggled in maximizing their talent, the supposedly top talent is overrated or a combination of the aforementioned reasons.

The argument arose once again after the Fiesta Bowl, when Oregon State, a team that has never ranked high in the recruiting rankings, dominated Notre Dame. You tell me how Oregon State can beat you (Notre Dame) by 40 (actually 31) points in a bowl game? Recruiting analyst Max Emfinger said on Tuesday, "I can't understand it. They (Oregon State) don't have anybody that I've ever heard of. Oregon State has nobody. And Notre Dame has All-Americans at every position. It's hard to understand."

Although he did not intend it, Emfinger's statement proves the unreliability of the "experts" rankings. Obviously, the Beavers had some talent. But because their roster was not full of high school All-Americans, many believed they overachieved.

On the other hand, Notre Dame's coaching staff has been constantly criticized for not correctly utilizing and developing their superior recruiting classes. The Irish signed 19 high school seniors on Wednesday, all of whom have impressive résumés and good reputations. Four of the players (tight end Mark LeVoir, offensive lineman Zach Giles, offensive lineman Dan Stevenson, and linebacker Corey Mays) were named to either the Parade or USA TODAY All-American squads. And LeVoir, Mays, and receiver Carlos Campbell ranked among recruiting analysts Tom Lemming's top 100 national prospects.

But even Irish coach Bob Davie admitted that the current predictions have little significance.

"We've all been through this before," Davie said. "None of us know exactly what we have, if we're honest. I always refer to it like having that Christmas present. You've got that thing wrapped and you think it's pretty good. But we won't know until August and it'll probably be a long time after that until we know for sure. There's just so many things that have to happen for a player to be productive."

During his four years as head coach, Davie has seen certain players surpass their high school reputations while observing others who have struggled adjusting to the faster, more physical college game.

The 1998 recruiting class included a trio of disappointments. Cliff Cross, who was considered one of the nation's best cornerbacks and was named first-team USA TODAY All-American. Three years later, Cross is arguably the worst cornerback.

According to Emfinger, Notre Dame's recruiting classes are among the nation's best.

Women's Basketball

Fired up Panthers hang with Irish

By LIA GARCIA MILHOAN
Sports Writer

The Pittsburgh Panthers lived up to their motto "40 minutes of fire" on Wednesday night, refusing to give up as the No. 1 Irish prevailed 72-58.

When Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw was asked how her team was handling their top ranking, she responded, "Obviously not very well."

That was the story Wednesday night. The Panthers played with fire and the Irish fought to stay unbeaten.

The first half was marred by turnovers and sloppy passing. The nine first-half Irish turnovers matched their game total from the Boston College game. "We just made so many mistakes, we played like freshmen out there," said McGraw.

McGraw came out in the second half and continued to penetrate the Notre Dame defense. The lack of a defensive presence by the Irish was especially upsetting to forward Ruth Riley. She goes up for an Irish shot in Notre Dame's 72-58 win over Pittsburgh.

Better effort needed from top-ranked team

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Sports at a Glance

Track and Field at Canyon IV Indianapolis Friday, 5:30 p.m.

vs. Bowling Green Friday, 7:05 p.m.

at West Virginia Sunday, 2 p.m.

vs. Virginia Tech Friday, 4 p.m.

vs. Duke Saturday, noon
ELECTION 2001
Thursday, February 8, 2001
A look inside the issues and candidates in this year's campaign

Observer Endorsement
Look in Viewpoint to see why The Observer’s Editorial Board believes Ryan Becker and Nikki McCord are the best choice to head up ND’s 2001-2002 student government.

This year’s tickets advocate everything from increasing staff salaries to building a campus bowling alley to abolishing the Student Senate. But in an election with so many options, the choice will ultimately come down to what voters want.

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Wednesday afternoon, four junior girls sat in LaFortune at a table near Burger King. They had pens in hand; notebooks and papers scattered all around, and were working on a group project for their Air Force ROTC class.

Just upstairs, on the second floor, the student government office was also busy. The secretary was on the phone, judicial council officials dealt with election matters, and several students filtered in and out.

Despite the student government office being physically close, the four girls, Julie Skluzacek, Andrea Renaud, Erica Walter and Vivian Ryan, said they felt relaxed, to sincere to having integrity. "I want someone who is willing to do everything in their power to get those things done," Renaud added.

They have to be open to what students want," Senior Emmett Malloy said despite the personality traits of a student body president or vice president, student government is often ineffective because of the University’s administration.

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Nearly every student interviewed said they want a student body president who is easily approachable and will listen to concerns.

What Voters Want

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

What are students looking for?
From increasing diversity to improving gender relations, this year’s candidates have attempted to address issues that reflect the Notre Dame community.

"I like the idea of bringing the prices in the bookstore down," said freshman Marcon Sena.

On some posters, I’ve seen the idea to extend weekday parietals to 1 a.m.," said freshman Alex Roodhouse. "I think that’s a good idea."

Other students asked for more phones around campus for security, a third food service plan, Flex 10, cable TV and a monorail system.

Some students felt many campaign promises were used simply to get votes, but in actuality would never be accomplished.

"A lot of the goals seem unrealistic," said Ryan. "They are promising to do a lot that they have no control over."

Walter agreed, saying a promise to open the stadium for concerts was deceptive. "I’ve heard these before. They are things that just won’t happen."

Junior Marc Nuno said he isn’t concentrating on issues such as parietals, food or football tickets, but the dedication of the candidates.

"I don’t want some who will start strong and end up squeaking through at the end," Nuno said. "I’d rather have someone with a few good ideas who will do everything in their power to get those things done."

Who are students looking for?
When asked what personality traits are most important in a student body president, students quickly answered everything from being approachable, to relaxed, to sincere to having integrity.

"I want someone who is willing to represent the student body, not focus on their own ideas," Skluzacek said. "It shouldn’t be someone who is stuck on their own ideas," Renaud added.

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Candidates on the Issues: Cheers, Jeers, and Polite Applause
In Their Words

Demetra Smith
President

- Top Priority: Calling for a new and increased financial aid plan, the ticket’s “Investing in Minds” program aims to offer scholarships to students based on demonstrated leadership and service activity. By granting funds to these students, the ticket hopes to allow them to focus on social action and leadership development.

- What They Can Accomplish First: Smith and Andre are confident that they can turn the pilot “Dinner With Seven Strangers” program into a popular campus-wide event quickly after taking office. The MSPS-sponsored program brings seven diverse people together to cook dinner and discuss issues. The ticket plans to promote the event and convince students it is a worthwhile experience.

In Our Words

- Best Idea: To ensure a living wage for University employees. An ambitious goal, the ticket plans to work with the CLC, administration and outside social groups to determine what a living wage is for South Bend and how the University can meet that wage for all employees.

- Worst Idea: The ticket has no bad ideas, as all plans aim to improve social justice causes in and around campus. Lack of feasibility and idealism will prove to make many ideas unsuccessful in the time period provided.

- Most Feasible Idea: Monthly Community Hot Topics Forums designed to create organized dialogues about current campus issues should be fairly easy to get up and running.

- Least Feasible Idea: It is unlikely that efforts to reduce textbook prices and revise the current book buyback policy by negotiating with multi-million-dollar Follett will be successful.

- Fun Fact: Both juniors, Smith and Andre met last year while studying abroad in Angers, France.

- Notable Quote: “If we tell the administration we’re only capable of handling a certain type of issue, that’s all we’re going to get,” said Smith.

The Bottom Line

The Smith/Andre ticket should be commended for tackling many lofty social justice issues, but its limited time in office might preclude them from accomplishing many goals on their platform. The ticket has failed to demonstrate a focus on issues of broader appeal to students, such as football ticket distribution.

Yogel Andre
Vice President

In Their Words

- Top priority: Based upon door-to-door surveys, Norton and Moscona set cable in dorm rooms as their primary long-term initiative. They say cable would provide students with a plethora of entertainment options and eventually educational opportunities through student produced television shows.

- What they can accomplish first: The ticket believes their first initiative will be the creation of a Student Services Center on campus to organize life skills seminars, which they term “Life 101: Seminars for the Real World.” The seminars would address topics like self-defense, car maintenance, communication in relationships and cooking.

In Our Words

- Best Idea: Taking baby steps toward most students’ dream come true, the Norton/Moscona ticket offers further research into a 1 a.m. partita. Although alterations of de Loe seem unlikely, the effort is worthwhile.

- Worst Idea: Attempts to add an all-school dance to the Founder’s Day celebration would most likely encounter significant student apathy and major logistical problems.

- Most Feasible Idea: The pair’s “Clean Up Your Own Backyard” idea, designed as a beautification project surrounding the campus lakes, would be simple to implement and could yield immediate results.

- Least Feasible Idea: Norton and Moscona’s plan to host a hip-hop concert to encourage attendance at all-campus Masses is not only implausible, but ill-informed. Asking colleges to adjust academic requirements and standards to level CPAs compromises the academic integrity of the University and students’ degrees.

- Fun Fact: The two met when Norton served as freshman class council liaison, a position Moscona now holds.

- Notable Quote: “My personality is strong behind the scenes,” said Norton. “I’ve been a grounding force in the current administration and ... I’m ready for the challenge.”

The Bottom Line

Norton and Moscona have an ambitious agenda, but seem unable to prioritize their initiatives. While Norton has the experience and skills for the Office of the President, both Norton and Moscona have difficulty articulating their goals.

Chris Zimmerman
President

In Their Words

- Top priority: With a concern about the bureaucratic nature of the current configuration of student government, Zimmerman/Nelson want to eliminate the Student Senate and make Hall Presidents’ Council the central governing body on campus.

- What they can accomplish first: By increasing the number of all-campus Masses from one to four during the academic year, the ticket aims to “foster a spirit of religion at Notre Dame.”

In Our Words

- Best Idea: Increasing the number of all-campus Masses from one to four, including one at the beginning and end of each semester, is a politically popular and attainable goal.

- Worst Idea: The Campus Life Council is at a critical juncture in its existence, and a responsible administration should be able to effectively tap the power that this body wields. Instead, Zimmerman/Nelson want to scrap the current configuration of student government all together. Streamlining the government is a great idea, but any such efforts should seek to streamline to where the greatest power lies.

- Most Feasible Idea: Increasing all-campus Masses might not be ambitious, but it’s a nice community-building exercise. Because Notre Dame prides itself on its faith community, this idea should meet with little opposition from administrators or students.

- Least Feasible Idea: Lobbying for the same average GPA among all colleges is not only implausible, but ill-informed. Asking colleges to adjust academic requirements and standards to level GPAs compromises the academic integrity of the University and students’ degrees.

- Fun Fact: The two are roommates in Fisher Hall, where Zimmerman serves as a section representative.

- Notable Quote: “They basically have to vote to eliminate themselves,” said Nelson about the Senate’s role in the ticket’s restructuring plan.

The Bottom Line

The pair says they have spoken to five or six senators regarding their plans to restructure student government and reports that senators are open to discussion. Let’s get real — few people are going to vote to put themselves out of a job. These guys need to learn to work within the system.

Brooke Norton
President

In Their Words

Andy Nelson
Vice President

- Top priority: Calling for a new and increased financial aid plan, the ticket’s “Investing in Minds” program aims to offer scholarships to students based on demonstrated leadership and service activity. By granting funds to these students, the ticket hopes to allow them to focus on social action and leadership development.

- What They Can Accomplish First: Smith and Andre are confident that they can turn the pilot “Dinner With Seven Strangers” program into a popular campus-wide event quickly after taking office. The MSPS-sponsored program brings seven diverse people together to cook dinner and discuss issues. The ticket plans to promote the event and convince students it is a worthwhile experience.

In Our Words

- Best Idea: To ensure a living wage for University employees. An ambitious goal, the ticket plans to work with the CLC, administration and outside social groups to determine what a living wage is for South Bend and how the University can meet that wage for all employees.

- Worst Idea: The ticket has no bad ideas, as all plans aim to improve social justice causes in and around campus. Lack of feasibility and idealism will prove to make many ideas unsuccessful in the time period provided.

- Most Feasible Idea: Monthly Community Hot Topics Forums designed to create organized dialogues about current campus issues should be fairly easy to get up and running.

- Least Feasible Idea: It is unlikely that efforts to reduce textbook prices and revise the current book buyback policy by negotiating with multi-million-dollar Follett will be successful.

- Fun Fact: Both juniors, Smith and Andre met last year while studying abroad in Angers, France.

- Notable Quote: “If we tell the administration we’re only capable of handling a certain type of issue, that’s all we’re going to get,” said Smith.

The Bottom Line

The Smith/Andre ticket should be commended for tackling many lofty social justice issues, but its limited time in office might preclude them from accomplishing many goals on their platform. The ticket has failed to demonstrate a focus on issues of broader appeal to students, such as football ticket distribution.

Brian Moscona
Vice President
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In Their Words
- Top Priority: The ticket wants to enhance the overall student experience at Notre Dame by bringing an off-campus atmosphere to campus. They propose to do this by adding an eight lane bowling alley and sports bar to the Alumni-Senior Club.
- What They Can Accomplish First: Zeidler and Henisey say installing telephones in campus parking lots could be done relatively quickly and would address safety concerns.

In Our Words
- Best Idea: Phones in campus parking lots will increase the safety of both students and faculty, and can likely be installed with minimal time and expense. This will increase communication between students and campus security.
- Worst Idea: While social space is a valid concern at the University, many students would rather be knocking down drinks than pins. Bowling facilities may diminish the Alumni-Senior Club's appeal as a bar, and problems with state liquor laws may make implementation tricky.
- Most Feasible Idea: Notre Dame alumni are well known for their commitment of time and resources to their alma mater. This generosity makes the ticket's plan to work with the Career Center to establish and alumni mentoring program a realistic goal.
- Least Feasible Idea: Supposing that even half of the University's 8,000 undergraduates turn out, Zeidler and Henisey will have trouble finding a place to put them all. No on-campus venue can accommodate such a large dance, and South Bend offers few options.
- Fun Fact: In addition to being friends, Zeidler and Henisey are both engineering majors.
- Notable Quote: Zeidler say being student body president is nothing he can't handle. According to the Kroc Hall president, "It's like being the head of one big dorm."

The Bottom Line
While this ticket has good intentions, the platform’s feasibility is questionable at best. When it comes to being consistent with administrators about platform goals, Henisey claims the ticket is willing to be the squeaky wheel, but don't expect them to get the ball rolling until they've done their homework on the issues.

Holt Zeidler
President

Allison Henisey
Vice President

Ryan Becker
President

Nikki McCord
Vice President

In Their Words
- Top Priority: Becker and McCord have done research on cutting bookstore prices, making this impossible goal look plausible. Their ideas include a 3 to 5 percent student discount on text books, talking to Faculty Senate to encourage communication and, if those fail, working with NDToday.com to expand the online book swap.
- What They Can Accomplish First: The ticket will implement a department to plan non-alcoholic events the first day they take office. Combining several campus groups, they hope to plan events students will enjoy and to provide different options for entertainment on and off campus.

In Our Words
- Best Idea: SafetRide has failed for the past two years, but the Becker/McCord ticket has a fresh idea: send vans to popular student hang-outs to pick up students instead of waiting for calls. It makes you wonder, "Why hasn't anyone thought of this before?"
- Worst Idea: Of course students, especially those on North Quad, would love for Reckers to deliver. But if Reckers can't get a pizza to someone in the restaurant in a short time, how will it send a golf cart across campus to deliver the pizza while it's still edible?
- Most Feasible Idea: Becker and McCord want the Campus Life Council to be more in touch with students. They will add more students by dividing the campus into equal sections and electing representatives from each.
- Least Feasible Idea: It seems like a reasonable idea to give students more football tickets for away games, but the administration is determined to give them to alumni.
- Fun Fact: Becker was the co-chair of the Senate Residence Life committee that brought cereal to Grab 'n Go and a mailbox to LaFortune.
- Notable Quote: "We're here now. Let's take advantage of it," said Becker.

The Bottom Line
The Becker/McCord platform addresses issues that concern students and plans to solve them in a realistic manner. The ticket is experienced, enthusiastic and determined, but they may be overly ambitious and unable to complete their goals.

Maureen Gottlieb
President

Victoria Fetterman
Vice President

In Their Words
- Top Priority: Gottlieb and Fetterman are intent on making Notre Dame a more welcoming campus by providing universal access to residence halls. Their plan would allow any student with a valid University identification card to access all dorms.
- What They Can Accomplish First: The ticket expresses a concern for on-campus safety and say they can address this issue quickly by installing better lighting and more call boxes around campus.

In Our Words
- Best Idea: The proposed lighting and call boxes highlight a real concern at Notre Dame. While some may label this attention to safety as a women's issue, this idea goes a long way in improving on-campus life for all University students and guests, male or female.
- Worst Idea: Someone should have yelled "Fore!" at Gottlieb and Fetterman before they came up with this idea. Golf cart shuttles from the parking lot to campus? Students are going to class, not downtown South Bend.
- Most Feasible Idea: In addition to universal access to dorms, the ticket is also pushing its idea of consistent security rules among dorms. This especially applies to 24-hour space discrepancies in male and female dorms. Achieving parity is feasible, especially since the Student Senate has already targeted this concern.
- Least Feasible Idea: Grab 'N Go in DeBartolo looks good on a poster, especially to students with a full day of classes and little time for lunch. But can students expect Gottlieb and Fetterman to deliver? Administrators don’t want anyone bringing food into DeBartolo, much less serving it there.
- Fun Fact: The sophomores are not only friends, but have been debate partners for over a year.
- Notable Quote: Although Gottlieb and Fetterman make up the only all-female ticket, they are shying away from a campaign that focuses on their gender and women's issues. "(Our) gender is not the issue. We would much rather have our qualifications acknowledged," Gottlieb said.

The Bottom Line
Gottlieb and Fetterman don’t have the experience necessary lead student government. While they have made a point not tocampaign on their gender, the two have impressive ideas that may fall under the purview of women’s issues. They would do well to acknowledge that and to work with whomever is elected to these concerns.
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Who will get the vote?

"I don't have time to go to the debates," said Renaud. "I do read the posters, and think the taller, more professional ones are effective." Nuño said having a broad platform that addresses several issues will be the determining factor on where he places his vote.

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