Candidates avoid confrontation in debate

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

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

The Judicial Council-sponsored event proved more an opportunity to meet the eight candidates than to hear them dispute campus issues. The council designed the annual forum with civility in mind, setting up a three-part event where candidates introduce themselves, answer questions from campus media reporters and give final statements.

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

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

There were a few highlights, however.

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

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

Asked by Scholastic Editor Mike Griffin about the ticket’s lighthearted campaign strategy, Williams said, “It doesn’t have to be completely serious. We’re students. We’re all going to leave here and go watch a funny movie tonight.”

CANDIDATES

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

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

“We really think that there are a lot of things we could do to make it [Freshman Orientation] a better program,” Norton said.

Norton and Jorissen are recommending centralizing the leadership of Freshman Orientation and increasing the budget and scope of events for the weekend event to the Board.

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

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

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

The commissioner would also be advised by students and work with a University

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“I can continue and improve upon the paper’s past success.” Nagengast said.

Observer critics check out Hollywood’s latest offerings from mediocre "Birthday Girl" to the avoidable "Slackers."
INSIDE COLUMN

Questioning the norm

How often do you try something new? How often have you jumped off the edge, both feet first, into the ice-cold, raging river? How many times have you taken a chance, a risk that you might get hurt — physically, mentally, emotionally? How often do you speak your mind, baring those around you know how you feel? Do you act on those emotions and thoughts?

Before this starts to sound like some sort of diatribe on how to live your life, let me assure you that it's not. Before I do anything for anyone for that matter) could start to tell you how to live your life, my own life would have to be one of absolute perfection.

What's your idea of perfection? Is it some sort of place where nothing goes wrong and you are never rifflled with negative emotions? Or is it a state of being, where you can go relax and be at peace in a chaotic world? My idea of perfection is change. I am not saying that once something is good that it has to be changed, rather that when something is good, don't let it get old or boring.

That might sound superficial to some people, but do you ever watch other people in a relationship and things have fallen into a comfortable routine? Great! You know where things stand with each other, and you can practically read each other's thoughts. Everything is perfect... or so you think. How do you deal with something different in that relationship? A difference of opinion or likes and dislikes? Does one person change the way he or she is to make the routine work?

Or here's another example. You come home from school everyday, you pick up your basketball, go to the court at Rolls and shoot hoops for an hour. You've done this every day since you came here Fresh-0 weekend. After a while, the friends you'd shoot hoops with get tired of it... you're all juniors now, and they're sick of tagging along with your ideas. Do you keep shooting hoops everyday or stop so you can hang out with your friends?

In both instances, what appeared to be "perfection" was really just boredom and lazy complacency. What would it be like to go to a nearby park, dance in the plazas and streets as you walked around at night? What would it be like to cry with people you only just met? What would it be like to meet people who accepted you for who you are, not expecting you to be anything but yourself — and wanting you to be happy?

I think that would be wonderful... It makes living exciting, to share who you really are with the people you meet, work and live. That is why I say that questioning the norm, fighting the urge to be commonplace, is how to get to perfection.

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BEYOND CAMPUS

Indiana U. urged to make Knight records public

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

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

Victor Viola, the sponsor of the resolution, said the faculty needs to send a stern message to The Indianapolis Star.

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

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

The principle defended by the University of not releasing documents and going to an extent not to release documents gives the impression of a coverup and makes everything worse," Viola said.

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

Indiana Daily Student
STUDENT SENATE

Peer advocates resign

Wong, Nicholeen sight strained relationship with ResLife

By ERIN LARUFFA
Assistant News Editor

Susan Wong and Nicholeen DePersis announced their resignation Wednesday night from their positions as vice presidents of Peer Advocacy, part of the Judicial Council.

"Due to events that occurred over the course of the Fall Semester of 2001, we now question the strength of our relationship with the staff of Residence Life, thereby causing us to question our ability to continue to properly serve the student body," Wong and DePersis said in a letter they submitted to the senate.

As vice presidents of Peer Advocacy, Wong and DePersis helped students deal with disciplinary cases involving the Office of Residence Life. In their letter, Wong and DePersis said they feared their relationship with that office was once "strong" but has become "strained."

Following their resignation, Judicial Council president Tim Jarockiewicz nominated Kathryn Anderson and Ricky Sadowski to replace Wong and DePersis. The senate unanimously confirmed the nominations.

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

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

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

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

"The ladies at hall council in (Pouqueville East) last night told me that they didn't want me to vote for this," McCord said.

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

Another resolution, which called for the Office of Student Affairs to post in each dorm the resolution submitted by Audra Hagan to increase the annual student activities fee, was passed.

According to Breen-Phillips senator Anne McCarley, the current brochure the University publishes is too confusing.

"It's very difficult for students to use as a resource," she said.

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

In other senate news:

• Academic committee chair Pat Hallahan encouraged senators to read Wednesday's Observer article about Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting. At the meeting, the Faculty Senate called for more faculty representation on the University's Academic Council.

"They voted to dissolve themselves last year in a very child-like way," said Hallahan of the Faculty Senate. He added that if a group that acted in such a way deserves more representation on the Academic Council, students also deserve more. Currently, there are three students on the council out of 40 members.

"The Student Senate has been very patient with the administration," said Hallahan. "We don't have the representation we deserve."

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TAKING THE CAMPUS TOUR

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

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Sexuality series lecture addresses sexual abuse

By JILL MAXBAUER
News Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Lindh coerced after capture: Lawyers for John Walker Lindh, the American captured with anti-American forces in Afghanistan, said today that Lindh had been wrongfully held in "highly coercive conditions" by his American captors after being abused by forces friendly to the United States. As a federal jury indited Lindh on ten criminal charges today, his lawyers filed an unusual statement with the court that offered Lindh's harrowing account of his treatment after he was captured.

Mother held in death of 3: A woman has been charged with killing three of her children more than 30 years ago. The woman, Gloria Greenfield, pleaded not guilty on Monday to three counts of murder and two counts of assault with intent to kill. Prosecutors said the arrest was based on accusations by Ms. Greenfield's 29-year-old son. The three deaths from 1969 to 1971 were originally attributed to SIDS.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Hazardous waste settlement: State regulators said Tuesday they reached a $36,200 settlement with Cincinnati Machine to resolve the company's violations of hazardous waste regulations. The machine tool manufacturer failed to train personnel in proper handling of hazardous wastes, didn't perform or record inspections of emergency equipment and areas where hazardous wastes were kept and failed to put lids on some containers of hazardous wastes. The wastes involved sludge that contained acids or chromium, as well as paint solvents. Ohio EPA inspectors said

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- SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW) -5.62 -5.62 -5.62

Office workers pass by a branch of the Allied Irish Bank February 8, 2002 in London, England. The bank revealed a $750 million fraud by a "rogue trader" named John Rusnak. The fraud has been reported to the FBI.

Trader scams bank $750 million

Associated Press

DUBLIN

A trader for the Baltimore-based Treasury arm of Allfirst, an American retail subsidiary of Allied Irish Banks, defrauded Ireland's largest financial institution of $750 million over the last year through bogus foreign currency exchange trades, and he has since disappeared, the bank said today.

The 40-year-old trader, John Rusnak, failed to show up for work on Monday morning and has not been seen since he was interviewed about the matter at Allfirst's offices on Friday. The Federal Bureau of Investigation interviewed his wife over the weekend, and the bank believes he is still in the Baltimore area. The suspected theft would be the largest international fraud case since 1995, when Nick Leeson gambled $1.17 billion on foreign exchange trades in Singapore and set off the collapse of England's historic Barings Bank. Allied Irish is unlikely to suffer the same fate; instead the bank will see profits after taxes for 2001 shrink to 401 million euros from 997 million euros in the previous year.

"It's a very heavy blow, but it is a blow that we will recover from," said Allied Irish's chief executive, Michael Buckley, at a hastily assembled news conference here. The loss represents less than 10 percent of the bank's capital base, he said.

John Rusnak worked within the treasury division of Allfirst, which contributed less than $10 million to Allfirst's revenues, Mr. Buckley said.

That one middle-ranking foreign exchange trader who made $750 million over the last year through bogus foreign exchange trades, and he has since disappeared, the bank said today.

U.S. frees 27 Afghan detainees

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Twenty-seven detainees were freed by American forces in Afghanistan today after it was determined that they were not Taliban forces and did not have any links to Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda terror network. They were part of a group picked up in a raid on two suspected Al Qaeda compounds in a village north of Kandahar on Jan. 23, said Maj. Ralph Mills of the Marine Corps, a spokesman for the United States Central Command.

He said an investigation is continuing to determine whether or not 15 of the 21 people killed in the raid had Taliban or Al Qaeda ties. "That raid is still under investigation to determine what went right or wrong there," Major Mills said from the command center in Tampa, Fla.

The detainees were released today to the Afghan Interim Authority officials in the southern Afghan town of Tarin Kowt, north of Kandahar, Major Mills said.

Immediately after the raid, the Pentagon said its elite Special Forces had killed Taliban fighters and captured 27 others, but Afghan security forces said an anti-Taliban commander and 17 of his men died in the attack.

After initial Pentagon statements that the United States had acted on reliable intelligence reports, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld later conceded that American troops may have killed "friendly" Afghan forces in the raid.

Last week Gen. Tommy Franks, who is running United States operations in Afghanistan, ordered an investigation in response to Afghan government officials' statements that anti-Taliban personnel were among those killed or wounded.
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ACE applications hit record 310

By LIZ KAHLING
News Writer

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

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

"To start, ACE is more attractive because it is a ND program. For a lot of students, idealism isn't enough, the faith dimension is very appealing as well as the community aspect," said John Staud, ACE Administrative Director.

"It's comforting to know that you'll be with other ND grad, especially if you're not ready to go it alone," said applicant Beth Bruno.

The bundling experience begins immediately in the summer with the participants working as a team together with their community members. Students are typically assigned a cluster with four to six other participants.

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

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

The interviews process is divided among 11 teams of three interviewers made up of ACE staff, campus ministry, Restlife, and faculty.

"During the interview the team is looking for a passion for teaching and a love of children in the applicants," said Staud.

The interview focuses on the general pillars of ACE such as how God is cultivated in his life, why teaching is an important aspect of his life. The interview team also spends time getting to know the individual applicant's experiences and motivations.

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

One concern this year has been students applying to more than one program. An applicant may not get a place due to the lack of need for a teaching position in a certain subject at a certain level. There is a waiting list and it is not uncommon for an applicant to get a call as late as the first week of the summer session to join.

"It doesn't mean that you were a 'bad' applicant if you're not accepted," said Willkom. "It just means that there are a lot of very qualified, motivated people. There is a good group of people you can't look." Staud explains that although there is an increasing number of applicants every year, ACE has reached its optimal size and that the team is working on expanding with other programs and institutions.

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OIT undergoes restructuring

By JOHN FANNING
News Writer

On Jan. 15, the Office of Information Technologies implemented a new structure to more clearly organize the various services that it offers. The change was made in response to various complaints by users who felt that the former system was not easy to use, and was not effectively dealing with their needs.

Essentially, OIT reorganized its existing services in a more coherent and user-friendly manner.

"We felt that the previous OIT structure was too confusing," said Michael Ball, manager of Instructional Support, Computing, and Media Services for OIT.

Under the old organization, services for classroom computing, such as tape to disk services, lecture and conference support and cluster facilitation were all listed separately, while under the new organization all of the amenities dealing with classroom instruction are dealt with by one department under one phone number.

The new numbers will be published in the upcoming weeks, while the new structure can be found on OIT's Web site, www.nd.edu/~ndot.

This reorganization applies to all of OIT's services, "It realizes that has been in effect for several weeks and each department is still working out the kinks. Ball maintains that everyone involved is very positive about the changes, and the limited customer feedback that they have received has also been positive.

In addition to the restructuring, improvements are also being made in the campus computer labs, which Ball acknowledges as the problem area that most affects the students. Many of the clusters have been re-staffed and have come under new management.

"The stability and reliability of the computer labs will improve as well as the level of customer service in the clusters," said Ball.

While Ball feels very optimistic about the changes being made in OIT, he realizes that if services are "not what people need, then they are missing their mark." Once the changes have become more solidified, Ball is looking for opportunities to consult with customers and better understand their needs in order to maintain the changes and most effective level of service possible.

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A Genuine Peace for the World

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

The Graduate Student Union (GSU) reviewed counseling services available to graduate students and continued plans to draft a graduate student handbook, in their first meeting of the year Tuesday night.

A report from the psychology department expressed concern over the availability of mental health assistance. Some students have complained about excessive waits to receive aid at the University counseling center.

Adrienne Minter, healthcare committee chairperson, met with Dr. Patrick Ulz at the start of last semester and was assured that there was no problem. She plans, however, to have the healthcare committee take up the issue and collect student testimonials.

Jennifer Anthony, social committee co-chair, presented the results of the meeting she and Tracy Correa-Kijewski had with members of Residence Life regarding the design of a separate student handbook for graduate students.

“They [Residence Life] are completely willing to make a grad student dollar,” Anthony said.

The GSU plans to assist in writing the separate handbook and a preliminary edition should be available in August.

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Associated Press

The battle over conditions at Nike Inc.'s overseas factories moved to the California Supreme Court on Wednesday, with the justices considering a lawsuit accusing the apparel maker of a consumer white- wash violating California's false advertising laws.

The case balances a corporation's right to defend itself against bad publicity with the right of California consumers to be free from deceptive advertising.

The suit, which was dismissed by a trial court and an appeals court, claims Nike's 1996-1997 campaign in defense of its wages, treatment of workers and health and safety conditions at Asian plants run by contractors was a misleading business practice.

During an hour of oral arguments here, the justices teetered back and forth on whether Nike's defense of "political speech" protected by the First Amendment or commercial speech subject to a California consumer protection law was the case of one of the nation's least friendly to business.

The same law was invoked in a suit against the Joe Camel advertising campaign on the right to "political speech" protected by the First Amendment and the justices dismissed the suit.

"The Constitution does not give blanket protection to false and misleading statements," Justice Janice Raymond said.

Justice Joyce Kennard California Justice George said Nike's image campaign was not regulated by California false-advertising regulations but dropped the ads in California and settled the suit.

"We have a duty to correct the parties seeking reinstatement of the case against Nike argued that the Beaverton, Ore.-based company defended itself against a huge public backlash in a way that promoted its products.

When the critics said you are running sweat shops and you should not buy Nike shoes, Nike said, "No, no, no, these charges are false," said Nike's lawyer Paul R. Hoerber. "In that context, the meaning connected to those statements:

"You should buy our shoes."

But some of th e justices were concerned that it would be impossible for a company to defend its actions — truthfully or falsely — without being some type of financial and health and safety conditions.

"You are reading into whatever you want to read into it, a corporate reputation," Justice Janice Raymond Brown said.

Not all the justices seemed sympathetic to Nike's plight. Justice Joyce Kennard said, "The Constitution doesn't give blanket protection to false and misleading statements."

And Chief Justice Ronald M. George said Nike's image campaign was based on selling shoes.

"Wasn't the ultimate goal to sell more of the company's products by making these statements?" Justice George asked.

"I don't think that is exactly correct," replied Nike attorney David Brown. He said the company engaged in "classic political debate" protected by the First Amendment and added that "maybe the statements were true, maybe they were false."

A state appeals court found that Nike's image campaign was not regulated by California false-advertising regulations but was protected First Amendment speech in defense of its corporate reputation.

The company issued press releases denying abuses and cited a favorable report it had commissioned by Andrew Young, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

The suit said Nike has falsely stated that it guarantees a "living wage" to all workers, that its workers in Southeast Asia make twice the local minimum wage and are protected from corporal punishment, that it complies with government rules on wages, hours and health and safety conditions.

These claims are refuted by studies of labor and human rights groups, news media investigations and — at any event — of damaging of all — a January 1997 audit by the firm of Ernst & Young, commissioned by Nike, the suit said.

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Candidates, students deserve respect

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I am an idiot. Some people have hobbies, and I have that. A year and a half ago, I decided to apply to go abroad to Ireland. I filled out my application, sent it in and waited word of my fate. Now, you’re probably wondering why this makes me an idiot. Study abroad is a great experience, you say. It broadens your horizons, makes you a better person and directly saves seals and other marine life threatened by oil spills. Small, starving children in parts of India will be immeasurably helped by your decision to go abroad. If you don’t go abroad, your life will be unfilled and unfulfilled as you search desperately for the rest of your time on this planet for something that will complete you. Why study abroad would have. Your soul mate is somehow related to this experience, and if you don’t go, you’ll be forced into lifelong celibacy. You will be in a car crash or fed to lions if you stay in the States. So how can the decision to go abroad make you an idiot?

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

Fast-forward 11 months. It’s last December now, and for the first time I begin to get a whirl of just how idiotic I really am. I look at my life at Notre Dame, which I love, and my friends, whom I also love. I have no desire whatsoever to go to a foreign country for the next five months. This will be a great new experience, everyone says. However, I hate new experiences. I get upset when things beyond the fact that I would rather be eaten by crocodiles than wander so far away from home. I don’t want to go to Ireland, particularly not tomorrow.

My best friend Matt gives me the best advice I’ve received all year. “Get on the plane,” he whispers as he hugs me goodbye. “Get on the plane,” he whispers as he closes the door. I think about it. “Get on the plane.”

All I have to do is get on the plane. I don’t have to go to Ireland. I don’t have to spend five months away from everyone and everything I know and love. I just have to get on two planes and that’s it. So I do it.

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

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

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

There are so many more interesting things to ponder, like where exactly I was when I got lost the second day and wandered so far away from my intended destination. That people I finally asked for directions haven’t even heard of it. Or how to tell where north is when the sun never comes out.

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

Marilayna Soenneker

Here We Go
Again: Letters
From Exile

White’s character is clean

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

John Courtney Murray, the Jesuit who is most responsible for the concept of civic virtue, saw that virtue of civility, for Murray, primarily meant that a person entered public discussion honestly and, barring reasons for thinking otherwise, assumed that others were entering the public sphere honestly as well. Civil society simply cannot hold up if our assumptions are built on cynicism.

While did not have reason to doubt the basic facts of O’Leary’s résumé. White checked into how O’Leary performed, for instance, at Georgia Tech, but, at least at first, had no evidence to suggest false reportings on O’Leary’s part. Given what has since reached at whitmore.l@nd.edu.

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Avoid ‘Slackers’ at all costs

By ADAM WELTLER
Scene Movie Critic

“Slackers” (PG-13, 101 min.)
Jason Schwartzman follows up his acclaimed performance in “Rushmore” with “Slackers.”

Ever since “There’s Something About Mary,” films have challenged themselves to one-up each other, sometimes with humorous results. However, they should never lose the audience with over-the-top, garish humor. The plot of “Slackers” revolves around a group of three college con men who have made a lifestyle out of cheating. They pull elaborate schemes one after another to cheat their way through college. But their plates are full, and their futures are in jeopardy as one of them, Dave (Deven Sawa), falls in love with Angela (James King). The problem is that the sick and psychopathic Ethan (Jason Schwartzman of “Rushmore”) is obsessed with Angela and has the proof that could send the group of cheaters expelled. He blackmails all of them to help him more, and they are forced to use their skills to save themselves. The plot thickens when Angela starts to fall in love with Dave, much to Ethan’s dismay.

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In this world, nothing is completely bad, and “Slackers” has a few moments that make the audience chuckle instead of groan. And some of the dialogue draws a smile. The actors deliver their lines well, and they deserve credit for saying moronic dialogue with such precision. But one also has to think that the money put into this film could have been better spent on, well, anything else. So don’t even wait for this film to come to video. Spend your time doing something else, even physics if you have to. Some of you might be drawn into wanting to see it because of how horrible it is, like when you peek at a car crash on the side of the road. Don’t, life is too short.

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MOVIE REVIEW

French ‘Brotherhood’ is made for America

By MATT NANA
Scene Movie Critic

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

Christophe Gans’ “Brotherhood of the Wolf” (Le Pacte des Loups), on the other hand, seems tailor-made for the local multiplexes. The relatively unexperienced director clearly does not follow in line with his native predecessors. More akin to Spielberg and McTiernan than his native predecessors.

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

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

"We've looked into (many of) them. They're not necessarily unfeasible, but it seems their ideas weren't looked into," said Tesi, who is a co-chair of the senate's residence life committee. "The likelihood of them seems really low to me."

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

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

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

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

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

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Nevertheless, candidates do have meal plan changes in their platform. Palko and Mercanti want students to receive flex points for unused meals at the end of the week.

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

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In Their Words

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

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

In Our Words

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

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

The Bottom Line

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

Who They Are

Moscona is a junior and Oxley is a sophomore. Moscona lives in Stanford and majors in marketing with the Husbrough Public Service and Policy concentration. Oxley lives in Badin and majors in ALPP philosophy.

In Their Words

- **Top Priority:** Addressing a problem that Moscona has seen as student body vice president, he and Oxley rank enhanced communication with the student body as their most important goal. Their proposed KOO-BAM Committee (the name is based on their initials) would establish a system by which students could bring their questions or ideas to student government via e-mail, phone or suggestion box. The committee would guarantee some sort of response in seven days. Other communication ideas include a Web site and student government stall notes in all dorms.

- **First Priority:** Moscona and Oxley believe they can begin implementing the communication aspects of their platform right away. In particular, they will start by establishing the KOO-BAM committee and its accompanying hotline and e-mail address.

In Our Words

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

- **Worst Idea:** To get more students to go to pep rallies, Moscona and Oxley want to include rally attendance as a factor in the dorm of the year award. It’s hard to imagine the award could motivate uninterested students to give up a few hours of their Friday afternoon.

- **Most Feasible Idea:** Stall notes are an easy and effective way to get student government updates into all the dorms, in a spot where lots of people will read them.

- **Least Feasible Idea:** Moscona and Oxley intend Dinner in the Dome to increase communication between students and administrators. However, only a small percentage of students would be able to attend the meetings — not enough to have much of an effect on the communication gap between the student body and powers that be.

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

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

KERI OXLEY  
**Vice President**

Envision the Possibilities

Who They Are

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

SCOTT PALKO  
**President**

Who They Are

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

In Their Words

- **Top Priority:** Based upon student support gathered door-to-door, Palko and Mercanti set a new meal plan system to allow unused meals to roll-over into Flex points as their top priority. Although they also know this will be their most difficult initiative and accept that a “scaled back” version of their idea may be the only feasible option, Palko sees it as the best way to “give back to the students.”

- **Least Feasible Idea:** Bringing air conditioning to every dorm on campus — including residence halls — would be only one of many issues related to this suggestion that barely even alters the existing system.

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In Our Words

- **Best Idea:** Palko and Mercanti’s idea for football ticket distribution makes one wonder: why hasn’t anyone thought of this sooner? They suggest that students receive their lottery numbers with their ticket applications, eliminating the need to obtain a lottery numbers at a later date.

- **Worst Idea:** Although everyone celebrated the day cereal came to Grab ‘n’ Go, it’s hard to take Palko and Mercanti’s proposal to let students “fill their bags to a certain level” seriously. The impossibility of equating the cost to size ratio of food — do 10 bananas really have the same value as 12 Rice Krispie Treats or four yogurts? — would be only one of many issues related to this suggestion that barely even alters the existing system.

- **Most Feasible:** Palko and Mercanti cite Student Affairs willingness to permit freshmen to bring cars to campus first semester. It’s doubtful that this would cause any severe overcrowding and it’s a somewhat silly restriction anyway — especially when much of the student body lives out of state and has cause to travel home for breaks. Just one question: Who’s going to vote for that, high school seniors?

- **Least Feasible:** Precluding air conditioning to every dorm on campus — including many South Quad buildings that hover around 100 years old — is not only unlikely to occur, but it is far from the best way to spend University money. Think about it: would you rather have a window unit air conditioner or your satellite dish?

- **Fun Fact:** Both Palko and Mercanti are from Ontario, Canada.

- **Notable Quote:** “As student body president I don’t think it’s my place to defy the school’s founding principles,” said Palko. “I think, as president, it’s my job to lead them to those principles.”

PJ MERCANTI  
**Vice President**

“Leadership is Action, Not Position”

Who They Are

Palko and Mercanti have delusions of grandeur. They genuinely wish to help the student body and bring new ideas to student government, but their platform is way too fetched to happen during their term, if at all. As their campaign slogan suggests their leadership outside student government is impressive, but they lack the knowledge to even begin the plans they dream of within the current government structure.
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Strengthening the ties of communication between the students and the administration ranks as, or near the top of a list of priorities formulated by student government tickets running for office in next week's election.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

McCord said that it is imperative to establish an active voice and role in communicat-

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

Brian Moscona, current student body vice president and presidential candidate, and his runningmate, Keri Oxley have declared their platform to be one of communication with the students and administration on various issues.

"We have responsibility to defend the needs of the student. As a member of the current administration, Moscona said he has already established a relationship with many administrators, but understands the need for students to be aware of administration's resolutions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"[McCord] definitely going to require the help of the administration because we are going to need funding," said McCord. In addition, McCord also plans to resurrect SafeRide and has already begun discussion with Father Mark Pecora, vice president of student affairs, and assistant vice president of student affairs, Bill Kirk.

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

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

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

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

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

Foley also said that in light of the mass student confusion and the revision of the tailgating policy, their platform supports the idea of taking an advertisement in The Observer to have President or Kirk write a letter explaining the policy and the reasons for the revision.

According to the Bishop/Foley ticket informed and continuous dialogue between both student and administrator depends on here well student government acts as a mediator in relaying the position of the administration as well as conveying the concerns of the students on issues.

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ONE ON ONE MOVIE REVIEW

Critics attend Kidman's 'Birthday'

Staff members Melissa Rauch (MR) and Paul Cornett (PC) review Jez Butterworth's "Birthday Girl" in a conversational style uncritical since the days of Vouderville and Who's On First: Enjoy the show.

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

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

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The real hijinks begin when her long lost buddies, bilingual Yuri and thuggish Alexei, arrive on the scene pouring Stoli and smoking plenty of Marlboro reds. The real dialect is spot on, but then again, PC: Also for Kidman, a native Aussie, who smoothly sheds her down under and borrowed American accents in order to sound like a native Russian.

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BY TIMOTHY M. GELLES

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**Two Americans among those elected to IOC**

Associated Press

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

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

Sandra Baldwin, the presidential candidate of the U.S. Olympic Committee, was chosen as a member of the board with three abstentions.

Baldwin takes the seat formerly held by Bill Hybl, her predecessor as USOC president.

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Seniors:

Only 100 days left

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

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

It’s easy for seniors to get you seniors into a countdown mode. My hope is simply that you will realize just how precious the time is that you have left here at Notre Dame. Despite the sometimes less than ideal weather, to be here at Notre Dame is a gift from God. It is a gift that so many people throughout the country and world would love to have but a privilege that relatively few will ever enjoy. Time is such a precious commodity, especially here. What will you do with the time that you have left here? How will you make the most of it all?

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

Living in the present is a challenge not just for seniors anticipating life beyond Notre Dame but for everyone. We can easily lose the present moment because we’re either bound by the past or riveted on the future. It sounds obvious, but the present is where life is, where our friends are, where God is found. The present is all we have. Why can’t we embrace the present and be fully engaged by it while still learning from the past and preparing for the future? It’s not easy! There is surely something more for us to do, to discover and to learn right here, right now. It’s not over yet. Not nearly.

How will we make the most of the time that we have left at Notre Dame? What are some things that we might do to take advantage of the meaningful opportunities that still lie before us here? There are so many possibilities. Go to lunch with that inspiring professor. Get a group together to do Christmas in April. Reconcile with that friend you lost during your sophomore year. The possibilities are endless.

There are also two other special opportunities for seniors. Campus Ministry offers two great chances for seniors to get together for prayer and for reflection on their time here at Notre Dame and on the way that God has been a part of this experience and is calling them to live their lives and their faith beyond graduation. Senior Retreats #7 (Fri-Sat, Apr 5-6) and #8 (Fri-Sat, Apr 19-20) are opportunities for seniors to step away from the pressures of this final semester to focus on what has been and what will be that they might find more meaning and peace in the time left here at Notre Dame. Mark your calendars now!

As Ferris Bueller said, “Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in awhile, you could miss it.” Life is moving pretty fast, isn’t it, seniors? Stop and look around. Every day of our life is a gift from God. Don’t just countdown the days that remain until graduation. Make those days count.

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

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

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

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

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

There also is a political reason behind the ABC's action.

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

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

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

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

He said he had the unanimous support of the ABC's 13-member board of directors in making the recommendation to follow Nevada's lead.

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Davie's triple double leads Kings over Celtics

Associated Press

BOSTON Peja Stojakovic scored 24 points and Vladimir Divac had his seventh career triple-double to lead the Sacramento Kings to a 102-93 victory over the Boston Celtics in Game 1 of their Western Conference semifinal series Thursday night.

Divac had 15 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists for the Kings, who entered the All-Star break with an NBA-best record of 37-11.

Antoine Walker scored 26 points for the Celtics, who lost for the fourth time in six games and closed out their first half with a record of 29-12.

The Kings, who were without Chris Webber (stomach flu), swept the season series against the Celtics for the third consecutive season and for only the fourth time since the series began in 1949-50.

Sacramento opened the second half with a 16-0 run, extending its lead to 79-50. Walker made a layup at 5:55 of the period to cap the run.

Heidi Turkoglu made a 3-pointer from the corner to give the Titans their largest lead of the game at 90-62. Sacramento shot 13-for-19 from the field in the third quarter.

Trailing 42-34 with 5:20 remaining in the second quarter, Sacramento broke the game wide open with a 21-3 run, capped by Bobby Jackson and Turkoglu combined for 14 points and the Kings led 60-50 at the break.

Stojakovic had 13 points and five assists in the first quarter.

Cavaliers 111, Rockets 109

Andre Miller scored 31 points and Lamond Murray scored 25 points against a lackluster Houston team.

Miller finished with 13 assists and Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored all 12 of his points in the fourth quarter as the Rockets fell to 10-30.

Cuttino Mobley scored 29 points, and Francis added 25 for Houston.

Miller snapped a 106-106 tie with an 11-footer from the baseline with 55 seconds left, giving Cleveland a 108-106 lead.

Whitney's slap shot from the blue line across open ice slipped past Lalime at 1:19 of the first, giving Whitney his 14th goal of the season. Grant Fuhr jammed in his 13th after Tyler Wright's shot bounced off of Lalime's chest at 12:32.

Ottawa came back to make it 1-1 after Bill Neil picked up his sixth goal.

The Senators then scored twice in 19 seconds. The quicker, faster Senators made the most of a 4-on-4 situation in each case.

Baden. Bond made the first taking advantage when Ricard Larsson's puck from the wing glanced off both posts and rico­cheted back into the crease between Tugnutt's leg. Bond's 16th goal was in the net before Tugnutt knew where the puck was.

McFarren sliced a centering pass from the left boards that bounced off the skate of Columbus defensemen Derion Quint for his ninth goal of the season.

Browns to a team record-tying 141-140 double-overtime win over the New Jersey Nets.

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Football

Davie laid the foundation

Much of the Irish class of 2006 recruited by Bob Davie

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

In the middle of December, wide receiver Maurice Stovall had a better chance of walking on Mars than attending Notre Dame. Who could blame him? In just two short weeks Notre Dame fired Bob Davie and George O'Leary resigned in disgrace, leaving the Irish football office in shambles. Stovall dropped Notre Dame to fifth on his list of five schools. Then Tyrone Willingham arrived. And everything changed.

Willingham's straightforward personality and his commitment to a pro-style offense were enough to convince the Pennsylvania high school standout to cause him to reconsider and eventually declare his intent to play for Notre Dame. "He was hard for me to believe they got him, especially with everything that was going on with their coaching situation," recruiting analyst Max Emfinger said. "It's a big, big commitment.

But while Willingham was able to secure late commitments from blue-chip recruits like Stovall, Davie established the foundation of this recruiting class. In fact, it's hard to say how Willingham affected Notre Dame's recruiting, and it's even harder to describe his recruiting style in the month since he was named head coach involved in trying to convince players who committed to Davie that they would still be able to play under Willingham.

"Most of the class is Davie's because Davie was recruiting for months," recruiting analyst Allen Wallace said. "Ty Willingham hasn't had very much time to come in. We've been able to switch over to a lot of recruits that he couldn't go after at Stanford. It's been a big change of pace for him.

While Willingham's coaching staff can be credited with securing the commitments of several top recruits like Stovall and Travis Leitko, Davie's staff laid most of the groundwork for the current class of recruits.

Before the 2001 season even began, Notre Dame already had an unprecedented 12 commitments. By comparison, in 2000, Notre Dame only had three commitments before the season began.

It appeared as if the Irish were well on their way to landing a top-ranked recruiting class. But when Davie was fired Dec. 2, the recruiting was put on hold until Willingham was hired Jan. 1. During that time, many of the assistant coaches and administrators remained in contact with recruits to maintain stability.

"I think it was extremely important to have that group of young men in place," Willingham said. "I think Willingham's ability to recruit at Notre Dame can only be evaluated next year, not this year.

"(The new staff) is going to have to bring in an aggressive style of recruiting," recruiting analyst Tom Lemming said. "A hard working style, but we won't know until next year how well it works.

"I think he did a marvelous job recruiting at Stanford," Emfinger said. "I think he got a lot of players at Stanford who were good academic players who weren't as good on the field. I think he's an excellent coach, and I think at Notre Dame he will do a great job."

Contact Andrew Soukup at asoukup@nd.edu.

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Morton joined Leitko as a second-team USA Today All-American pick, and is one of the top 100 players in the country, according to The Sporting News.

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

One of the recruits that gave a late verbal commitment was Oben, who considered Iowa and North Carolina State seri­ously after former head coach George O'Leary resigned. Willingham feels that Oben is a great fit for the new offense that Notre Dame plans to implement next season.

"What we have is a young man that seems to fit very well into the needs of our system," said Willingham. "You look for a man that has a live arm and excellent mental capacity to be able to handle the adjustments and we will place on his shoulders, and I think Chris has that ability."

The Irish also inked linemen James Bonelli, who was a member of the al­ignment Inter­scholastic Federation Southern Section Team as a senior, and the lead blocker for Booker.

Notre Dame also got the Gatorade Player-of-the-Year from Iowa, offensive lineman Scott Harliden.

A pair of tight ends will join Notre Dame next season as well. Anthony Fasano is rated as the 12th best end in the country, and Marcus Freeman is considered by many experts to be the fastest tight end in the nation.

"(Fasano is) a great tight end, a big guy that runs real well," said Emfinger. "I think he'll be a real good player for them. (Freeman) had a pheno­menal year (and) he had a lot of catches. He's the standout in the rough, [and] might be the fastest tight end in the country."

Many experts have com­mented on how well Notre Dame did with this class. Willingham, though, has his own evaluation to still com­plete. And that may not happen for a few years.

"I will leave it to the experts to evaluate how good the class was," said Willingham. "My eval­uation usually takes place about two years or three years down the road — or maybe even as many as four years down the road. — But he did a lot of things to help the team win games, to help the team compete — it's tough to say what exactly the dividends will be."

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CLASS OF 2006
Thursday, February 7, 2002

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Defensive back
6-0, 180
Lexington, Ken.

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

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

"A great defensive end. He was double teamed all year long and still made big plays."
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Anthony Fasano
Tight end
6-4, 237
Verona, N.J.

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Defensive lineman  
6-5, 240  
Saugus, Calif.  
"I don't think he's as good as these other guys, but he could turn it on and become a very good player."  
Max Emfinger recruiting analyst  
Notes: First team California all-state selection by Los Angeles Times ... made 62 tackles and five sacks in 2001  

Rhema McKnight  
Wide receiver  
6-2, 188  
La Palma, Calif.  
"He's a very good wide receiver prospect and he's ranked as the ninth-best receiver in the nation."  
Allen Wallace recruiting analyst  
Notes: As of 10 p.m. Wednesday, Notre Dame had yet to receive a fax making him an official member of the class of 2006.  

Bob Morton  
Offensive lineman  
6-4, 305  
McKinney, Texas  
"Best center in the country. I've seen them all, and he's the best."  
Max Emfinger recruiting analyst  
Notes: USA Today second-team All-American ... No. 98 player according to Chicago Sun-Times ... did not permit a sack in 2001  

Maurice Stovall  
Wide receiver  
6-5, 205  
Philadelphia, Penn.  
"He's a young man that has range, speed and hopefully has the maturity to really come in and help us."  
Tyrone Willingham Notre Dame head coach  
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Who might return  
16 seniors could apply for a fifth year of eligibility because they were injured or did not play for at least one full season  

Offensive players  
WR - Amaz Battle  
OL - Jordan Black  
FB - Tom Lopieniski  
OL - John Crowther  
FB - Mike McNair  
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Jeff Thompson  
Linebacker  
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Defensive back  
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Dan Santucci  
Defensive back  
Jake Carney  
Mike Richardson  

Irish seek revenge against first round foe

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

“It’s going to be a lot of fun playing SC in the first round,” he said. “They’ve got a great group of kids, and it’s always competitive when we play them.”

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

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

“If I’ve been struggling a little bit, but the shots will start to fall eventually,” said Varnum. However, she was quick to add that any individual goals were secondary to the goals of the entire team.

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

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

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

If talk is any indication, then the team is definitely thinking positively about the upcoming competition. According to Varnum, the general mood around the team is very upbeat, and any disappointment over last weekend’s performance hasn’t lingered.

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

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Irish sophomore Alicia Salas returns a shot in a match earlier in the year. The Irish hope to rebound this week in the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships.

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Happy Birthday: You have an interest in money, investments, property and the personal affairs of others this year. You will take pride in your home and do whatever is necessary to raise its value. Don't shy away from doing the work yourself at this time. You'll instinctively know what will work and what won't in this year. Your numbers are 16, 21, 26, 31, 36, 41, and 46. (March 21-April 19)

Your ability to absorb everything you hear and do in life is the key to your success this year. You will contribute to the decisions you make. Share your findings with others. __________________________.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you don’t make the effort to develop your talents, you will lose ground if you try to do something new. Your ability to absorb everything will be the better. Close friends will have more they get to see and experience with you. __________________________.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone you thought you could trust is probably talking behind your back. Older relatives may be neglecting your own responsibilities. If you are in a partnership, expect some disagreement. You will get sound financial advice if you ask someone with experience about investments and moneymaking opportunities. __________________________.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may find yourself losing ground if you try to do some new projects alone. You are better off by yourself than with someone who doesn’t complement you. __________________________.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don’t push your luck with authority figures. Keep a low profile and refrain from getting into debates with co-workers. You may find yourself losing ground if you try to change things. __________________________.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your contribution to a worthwhile cause will enhance your reputation among the rest of your associates. You have a lot to offer and you should take pride in the work you do. ________________.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone you thought you could trust is probably talking behind your back. Old friends may be a burden today. Do what you can to help but not at the expense of your own responsibilities. __________________________.

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Irish ink 18 for class of 2006

By JOE HETTLER
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Signing Day ended with a bitter-sweet taste for Notre Dame on Wednesday when Lorenzo Booker chose Florida State University rather than USC, Washington and Notre Dame.

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

The Irish also lost Diedrick Harrington earlier in the day when the linebacker signed with Missouri. However, according to Blue & Gold Illustrated, Notre Dame did sign Rhema McKnight, the third best receiver in the country. As of 10 p.m. Wednesday night, however, Notre Dame had yet to receive a fax from McKnight confirming his commitment. The sports information department said they should receive some type of confirmation from McKnight today saying whether or not he will play for the Irish next season.

If McKnight signs with Notre Dame, he will join Maurice Stovall, rated as the second best receiver in the country and a first team USA Today prep All-American selection, to create perhaps the best wide receiver core signed in the country this year.

Stovall brings the Irish a big, fast receiver that should fit into their new offense scheme very well. "When you look at Maurice, first of all you see a trend in modern day football toward big explosive receivers," said Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham. "He fits that bill. He's a young man that has that kind of range, has that kind of speed, and, hopefully, has the maturity to come in and help us in the program as fast as possible."

Stovall leads an Irish class of 2006 that should still be one of the best in the nation, despite being unable to sign Booker. "We are very excited about the young men we will introduce into our program and hopefully they will be strong, strong elements to our success," said Willingham. "I think it was extremely important to have that group of committed young men in the program."

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

Landri is a member of the USA Today prep All-America second team, was called "a great defensive end" by Emfinger, and has the chance to see considerable playing time next season.

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