Shipwrecked: Boat Club busted

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

South Bend police raided The Boat Club early Friday morning, apparently issuing dozens of underage drinking citations to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

The bar at 106 N. Hill St. had long been a weekend beacon for freshmen and sophomores and other students under 21 years old. The popular campus belief was that the club would never be busted. Police wouldn't comment on the raid, but students said it happened at about 12:30 a.m., with hundreds of students inside the bar.

"The lights came on, the music stopped and the police told everyone to get in two lines," said a 19-year-old Notre Dame freshman who received an Indiana minor in a tavern citation. "There were two or three cops at every exit."

More than a half-dozen squad cars surrounded the bar, and police led some patrons into a van for prisoner transport. In below freezing temperatures outside, police administered Breathalyzer tests and arrested at least one student.

For more than an 90 minutes, dozens of people, most carrying blue, minor in a tavern citations, emerged from the bar. Many cried as they walked out, and some called friends on cell phones.

The bar closed following the raid, but at 2 a.m., many students said they would be back.

Above: South Bend Police raided The Boat Club Friday morning with a van for prisoner transport.

Right: Officers discuss student citations outside the bar.

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Senators on foreign policy

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel will speak on campus today about U.S. foreign policy issues that the United States will face in the coming years.

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Less hype, more football

If you've been a part of a top-secret mission to Mars with your best friend Mono the chimp for the past week, no doubt it'll come as a surprise to you that Oakland and Tampa Bay are playing in the Super Bowl on Sunday. That seems to be about the only way anything could have avoided hearing about this apparently cataclysmic event, the likes of which have never been seen before and never will be again. At least, according to ESPN, the great and wise Magic 8-ball of the sports world.

Before you regurgitate your heaping plate of Blazing Sea Nuggets, I'd just like to ask one question: Could the Super Bowl maybe, possibly, be a little overblown? The Fox network has to be salivating madly at all this promotional hype. Knowing how, shall we say, hyperactive their schedule will no doubt include Simon Cowell in the locker room, telling both teams that if they don't play better, they'll be stunned. While this might be a bit of a stretch, even for ESPN, it probably isn't too far from reality for Tampa Bay and Oakland. If so, no doubt 20 TV cameras will be there.

What's happening in the Inside Column?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, Thursday's article about Chad Deloff was incorrectly quoted from the police report. The quotation should have had Deloff telling police, "I had too much to drink and shouldn't have aired that way."
Two alumni to be honored

By CAITLIN EARLY
News Writer

The Alumni Association of Notre Dame will be honoring two graduates for their contributions to society. The two graduates are to receive special recognition at ceremonies today sponsored by the Association.

James O’Connell, a 1970 graduate, will be presented with the Dr. A. Dooley Award. The award, established in 1984, is given to a graduate who has performed extraordinary service to mankind.

O’Connell is the president and founder of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. The program, which began in 1983, currently serves 250 employees, including 15 physicians, and is credited with providing medical care to the homeless and families in shelters at 70 sites in the greater Boston area.

According to the mission statement of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless, the program aims “to assure access to quality health care for all homeless individuals and families in the greater Boston area.”

In 2001, Boston Health Care for the Homeless provided health care to 8,015 homeless individuals in 50,000 patient visits. The program is based out of Massachusetts General Hospital and the Boston Medical Center.

Apart from the Alumni Association’s formal award reception, O’Connell will also be speaking at 3 p.m. In Monday’s 4th of the Center Social Concerns about his experiences with the Boston Health Care for the Homeless. John J. Simmerling, a 1957 graduate, will be presented with the Rev. Anthony J. Lauck, C.S.C., Award. The Lauck award was established in 2000 to recognize achievement in the arts, including film, photography, and music.

Simmerling holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Notre Dame. While at Notre Dame, Simmerling received the Emil Jacques medal in recognition of his excellence in the arts. In 1958, Simmerling opened his own gallery in Chicago, known as the Heritage Gallery.

Over the years, Simmerling’s watercolors and ink and pen works have been commissioned by a variety of organizations, including the City of Chicago, the University of Notre Dame, and the Chicago City Symphony Orchestra.

Simmerling has also actively worked towards the preservation of various historic buildings throughout Chicago.

In Simmerling’s book, Chicago’s Old Homes: Legends and Lore, he chronicles over 50 years of his efforts to preserve buildings and homes throughout Chicago.

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an administrator for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Hagel's views on foreign affairs are frequently sought by the national and international media,” said Brady. “When he speaks about questions of war and peace, he can speak with the wisdom drawn from firsthand experience.”

Organizers said Hagel was invited to campus because of the intellectual debate his speech could help foster. “People always talk about the Notre Dame bubble,” said Heileck. “I hope that what we have here today would be a good way to get past that.”

Both Brady and Heileck said the senator’s lecture would contribute to academic life at the University for both students and faculty. “This is a fantastic opportunity for the Notre Dame community — and especially our students — to hear a major policy speaker speak on the current international crises,” said Brady. “Senator Hagel is one of the most influential voices on foreign policy in Congress.”

Hagel, who was a student in Brady’s class, “U.S. Foreign Policy since 1945,” knew Hagel’s family and worked for bringing the senator to speak at Notre Dame. “This was a student-led initiative all the way,” Brady said. Hagel, a Republican, is currently serving his second term in the U.S. Senate. The senator serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Foreign Relations; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Energy and Natural Resources; Budget, and Aging.

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The successful application should include:

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country in the world and making a difference is definitely worth it.”

Long Thompson, who dealt with the amount of mudslinging last election, stated that it is the citizen’s responsibility to inform themselves of the candidates by doing research and understanding the issues as well as the candidates, instead of relying solely upon the media and advertising.

The importance of encouraging young people to take an active role in politics spurred Long Thompson’s visit to Notre Dame. “To whom much is given, much is expected. All of us have the opportunity to be highly involved,” she said.

“The ones of us who have had the opportunity for higher education have the opportunity for people who do not have that opportunity,” Long Thompson said.

Long Thompson’s life has been enriched through her work with Homeless Victory and the United States. “I hope that the next 25 years for you are as exciting and challenging as my last 25 years have been,” Long Thompson said.

The Play of the Mind will continue to mind with forward- ing group discussions and speakers exploring what means to be on a citizen’s journey, both globally and locally.

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Upcoming Events for PreHealth Students
FRIDAY, January 24, 2003
Dr. James O’Connell, MD (Winner of the Thomas Dooley Award and the Founder of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program) will speak about his experience providing health care to the homeless of Boston.

2-5pm in CSC, Room 124

MONDAY, January 27, 2003
Public Health Opportunities
The Center for Disease Control (CDC): Learn more about this fantastic agency that helps millions of people, at home and abroad. Over 200 jobs and internship opportunities available at the CDC.

4-5pm in 118 DeBartolo

TUESDAY, January 28, 2003
A Day in the Life of a Cardiologist
Dr. Doug Ilugbiet, a local cardiologist, will speak on what life is like in this high end specialty.

11-11:30am in DeBartolo

TUESDAY, January 28, 2003
Winter Career and Internship Fair
Over 131 employers will be presenting including 20 companies with health care professions or science students. Summer internships and jobs for seniors.

4-5pm in the Joyce Center, North Dome

Long Thompson reflects on career

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

Jill Long Thompson, 2002 Democratic House of Representatives nominee for Indiana’s 2nd District, has opened this year’s Play of the Mind. The senator shared her campaign experiences and reflected on life experiences to the conference’s theme, The Citizen’s Journey.

Long Thompson shared her journey through life and the political arena with students from Butler University, College of Saint Elizabeth’s, Georgian Court College, Holy Cross College, Marian College, Midway College and Saint Mary’s.

Long Thompson began her political career as a six-year-old registering voters door to door in rural Indiana. She went from a working class farm family to the U.S. Senate with little experience branching her from one area to the other.

“As a college student I would have never believed that I had what it took to make a difference,” Long Thompson said. “This is especially a belief among women.”

Long Thompson’s first political campaign was for city council in Valparaiso, Ind. She personally visited over 80 percent of the homes in the Valley to speak in a republican dominated area.

Several victories along with several defeats characterize her political career thus far. Despite all of the criticism and mudslinging, her longing to improve the United States drives her on in the political arena.

“I am willing to take the muddling if I think I can make a difference for this country,” she said. “Is it worth it? If you asked me now, Nov. 6, I probably would have no. If you asked me today I would say, absolute- ly. Serving for the best

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do not necessarily mean that student is denying the importance of safety issues off-campus. Many students feel that avoiding problems are as easy as they take proper safety measures.

"I feel safe off-campus most of the time, but I wouldn't go back to Corby Street," said Peters. "I'll be more choosy about which house parties I go to."

Junior Kinshua Vo of Welsh Hall said, "I don't think I'm discouraged from going off-campus, but it makes me more wary about where I'm going and who I'm with. I'm not just going to go wandering off by myself."

Even in light of possible dangers for students, many still say the allure of the freedom of living and partying off-campus has not waned. Jay Veraldi, a junior who moved into a house on Corby Street last semester, said he has no regrets.

"The overall campus life was becoming too controlled. I was sick of being told how to live," he said, adding that he feels safe, but realizes that burglaries are common in off-campus student residences.

Safety matters
The South Bend Police Department does not keep specific statistics on off-campus crime involving students, but Capt. Wanda Shock of the South Bend Police Department said she has seen a general increase in burglary over the last few years at off-campus student residences, especially while students are away for breaks. According to Shock, violent crimes against students are rare.

Kachmarik says crime involving Notre Dame students going off-campus has been occurring since the early years of the University. "It goes in cycles and some (incidents) are more public than others," he said, pointing out that off-campus crime affects students at colleges and towns around the nation.

While Restlife does not have the capacity to control off-campus crime, the Office does work to educate students about safety and citizenship.

Even with the University and local efforts to promote safety, city police say Notre Dame students should not expect to be treated differently than other South Bend residents.

"We patrol (student neighborhoods) on an everyday basis, like we do for anybody. It's not our job to show preferential treatment to Notre Dame students," said Capt. John Williams, public information officer for the South Bend police. "That would not be fair to the other people in the community."

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**WORLD & NATION**

Friday, January 24, 2003

**Senate approves $390B spending bill after delays**

Associated Press  

WASHINGTON  

The Senate approved a massive, $390 billion measure Thursday financing most federal programs, passing the long-delayed last chunk of this year's budget that stalled last fall in an election-season standoff with President Bush over spending.

The bill's 69-29 passage ended the first prolonged battle this year in the new Senate. The winners were the chamber's majority Republicans, who battled — and sometimes used budget sleight of hand — to keep the price tag within limits Bush demanded. 

Passage set the stage for what could be prolonged negotiations with the House before a final measure can be sent to Bush for his signature. 

White House budget chief Mitchell Daniels, a frequent budget sparring partner with Congress in recent years, said Thursday he expects the Senate for moving closer to finishing this year's budget in what he said was a fiscally prudent way.

"They have successfully joined with the president in saving tax-payers billions in unnecessary spending," Daniels said in a written statement.

Bush and Republicans said the bill reflected diminished resources caused by revived deficits and the need to focus on fighting terrorism and restoring the economy.

"We don't have unlimited money and we can't solve every problem in the world and not every problem can be solved by spending more money," Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., told reporters. "In the kind of day that inspired the classic comparison of legislating with sausage making, senators and aides bumbling in the back of the Senate chamber argued, bargained and cut deals on scores of last-minute additions to the package.

**Associated Press**  

TECOMAN, Mexico — At least 28 people died and more than 2,000 were reported missing and were afraid to return to their homes after a 7.8-magnitude earthquake devastated the area.

The earthquake, which struck Tuesday night amid the brush and cactus of Falcon State Park, reportedly killed 28 people, injured 300 and left 10,000 homeless.

Though only four were killed in Tecoman, a third of the city's buildings were destroyed.

"Everything has changed. Everything is destroyed," Alma Montes de Oca, 25, said when she saw the collapsed real estate office where she works as a secretary.

Across the street, Mexican sailors worked to clear chunks of concrete that had toppled into the street from a bank.

Of the 28 deaths, 25 were in the state of Colima, and the majority of those died in the state capital, also called Colima. The region is about 300 miles west of Mexico City. 

"Some of the walls began to fall in, but we weren't hurt and we managed to get out," Nunex said as one of her boys slept on the mat at her feet. "It scared me a lot and I got very nervous, so we came here to wait until the danger had passed."

After the shocks continued to rattle the region, a 5.8-magnitude aftershock sent people rushing into the streets Wednesday, one of at least 12 tremors ranging in magnitude from 3.9 to 5.3 that have shaken the area since Tuesday.

About 20 neighbors in Tecoman, 25 miles south of Colima, slept in tents pitched on a soccer field, because they were afraid to return to their homes after large cracks appeared in the structures during the quake.

"We feel safer this way," said Lilia Murgia, 45, outside her tent.

**National News Briefs**

Winter blast hits South: The arctic air that has hit the East and Plains shivering for days spilled into the South on Thursday, bringing freak snowstorms to North Carolina's Outer Banks and sending Florida citrus growers scrambling to save their freezing crops. "It's snowing its absolute fatty off," said Bob Eakes, a tackle shop owner in Buxton, N.C., where 40-mph winds created freak snowdrifts to North Carolina's Outer Banks.

Four Marines killed in crash: Two military helicopters taking part in a nighttime anti-drug patrol crashed and burned in the dusty Texas scrubland near the Mexican border, killing all four Marine reservists on board. The AH-1W Super Cobra helicopters went down Wednesday night amid the brush and cactus of Falcon State Park, about 110 miles northwest of Brownsville. Marine Corps spokesman Capt. Joe Kloppel said he had no immediate information on the cause of the crash.

Slain American mourned: Colleagues of an American software executive killed in Kuwait while working on a military contract remembered him as hardworking and caring. Michael Pouliot "was devoted to his work, but first and foremost he was devoted to his wife and children," said Riny Schoenmakers, who founded Tapestry Solutions Corp. with Pouliot and other partners in 1993.

Pouliot and a colleague, David Caraway, were midway through a two-week job in Kuwait installing software for the U.S. military when they were ambushed Thursday as they drove near a base.

**World News Briefs**

Mideast urges Iraq compliance: Fearing a war could trigger a crisis in the region, Iraq's neighbors urged Saddam Hussein on Thursday to cooperate fully with U.N. arms inspectors. They avoided any public call for the Iraqi leader to step down. "We are not in a position to ask the Iraqis in a joint communique to 'confirm its commitment under relevant United Nations Security Council resoultions' to disarm " and "embark on the policy that will unambiguously inspire confidence to both sides," said the communiqué.

Dutch parliament assembling: Dutch politicians on Thursday began what could be months of haggling to form a coalition after elections that put center-left parties back in control and underscored the popularity of anti-immigration parties to the far-right fringe. The Christian Democrats, who emerge from last weekend's election as the largest party, said Monday they will negotiate to form a center-right caretaker government.

**ROLL CALL**

Sen. Nick Santorum, R-Pa., speaks Thursday at a press conference. Santorum accused Democrats of inflating government spending, as the Senate passed a $390 billion spending bill.

Rejected by 51-47. Another by Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., to provide $4 billion to ease scheduled cuts in reimbursements for Medicare providers lost by 56-41.

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SMC adopts new e-mail server, printer policy

By MELANIE BECKER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Information Technology Department (IT) has experienced several problems in the last few months. Slow Internet service and long wait times have caused frustration throughout campus. Another problem is the increase of e-mail printing and paper use from the campus printer clusters.

But after having several trouble-some problems with the server, Diamond and e-mail access, Keith Fowlkes, director of Information Technology, decided it was time to change the Internet provider.

An e-mail was sent out in December informing students, faculty and staff of the server changes. The e-mail said that the change would be completed during semester break and access to e-mail and other links through the college Web site would be unavailable for a short period of time.

All information was available to the student body during the break but as of yet, the changes have not been finished. Complications in the transition to Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) have delayed completion.

"We've been working on a framework for several months, making sure that we have attended to every detail in the development of this system. It is very complex and will need to be the framework that we use for the next five years or more and we run into problems with building it," Fowlkes said.

Fowlkes expects to have the system running within a few weeks. IT and the rest of the College community can expect a more user-friendly service, faster connections and greater reliability after the transition to the new server is finished.

"It will be nice when the new system is up and running. Now, the way the system is, it crashes once every week not allowing us to get e-mail," freshman Stephanie Lutz said. "I'm involved with ROTC and crucial information does not get through to me and I have to call around to get it. It would be more convenient if the network was more consistent."

No decision has been made about the increased use of paper on campus. Paper use from the printer clusters on campus has risen dramatically in the past two years, concerning the IT department that provides the supplies to the printer clusters.

"Our counts have shown that we go through 10,000 copies from our laser printer [in Trumper Computer Center] per week," Fowlkes said. "I believe the one thing that triggered the most concern was this year when we started receiving reports that students were coming in and taking reams of paper from the laser printer trays in the clusters."

Currently, students have unrestricted use of the printers, but as of yet, are expected to print only one copy of a document and photocopy additional copies. The faculty use of Blackboard has increased in the last year, forcing students to print more documents for their classes. Additionally, printing information is being sent to the printer clusters in separate buildings.

The IT staff is looking into redesigning the system in which the printing job is sent from the computer to the printer to cut down on wasted printing and paper; however, no formal solution has been found. There are no current plans to begin charging students for printing, but students are asked to use more discretion in what they print and to print multiple PowerPoint slides to a page.

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patrons were still inside talking to police.

A Notre Dame Security/Police official entered the bar carrying campus directories. Students said police used the directories to determine which patrons were students and to address the citations to their homes.

Word of the bust spread quickly. Many students flocked to the scene just to witness the action outside the club. Some honked their car horns and cheered as they drove by.

"It was unbelievable," said Dan Good, a senior and a regular Boat Club patron. "I never thought the day would happen, but with 2000 hindsight, [missing student] Chad Sharon and the mugging [last week of a Notre Dame student walking home from Boat Club], we should have known."

Boat Club joins Bridget McGuire's, Irish Connection, Finnigan's and Benchwarmers on the list of popular student taverns to be raided by police in the past five years.

Kate Nogengast contributed to this report.

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Faith at Work in the Latino Community:
a symposium featuring leading scholars and activists

Monday, January 27, 2003, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
McKenna Hall Auditorium,
University of Notre Dame

Keynote Speaker, James Towey, Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Jeffrey Campbell said AMR's first-quarter loss will be similar to the company's pre-tax loss of $825 million in the fourth quarter. AMR has exhausted a tax benefit from prior losses that reduced its net loss by $299 million in the just-concluded quarter and won't get that break next time, he said.

Chairman and chief executive Donald J. Carty said the fourth-quarter results were "unsustainable" and the company must rein in costs to meet the drop in revenue.

Carty repeated that the airline must cut $4 billion in annual costs and has identified about half of that from measures such as layoffs, reduced flights and mothballing planes. He has said contracts with labor unions must be restructured to return to profitability.

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Scully’s behavior deserves reprehension

Last Thursday’s Mass for missing Notre Dame student Chad Sharon was an emotional event for the Sharon family, the men of Fisher Hall and the entire University community. But Father Timothy Scully, Notre Dame executive vice president, behaved with excessive emotion when he reportedly confronted a WNDU reporter and her cameraman for parking illegally behind Fisher Hall. His irresponsible behavior at such a significant University event merits a reprimand.

As both a University official and a resident of Fisher Hall, Scully’s primary concern that night should have been comforting Sharon’s family and friends — not bickering with local media out of limited parking spaces behind the dorm. During the six weeks since Sharon’s Dec. 12 disappearance, local media have been essential to the effective distribution of information to help the University and local police find Sharon.

Although the Mass in Sharon’s honor was a sacred affair, the University established guidelines for media coverage in advance to ensure privacy. Scully confronted the crew from the University-owned NBC affiliate WNDU about a parking issue before the Mass began, but even after the incident, they moved their vehicles and abided by the previously established rules.

Local CBS affiliate WSBT probably also would have respected the University’s wishes regarding the Mass, but its reporter left the footage for which she came after Scully confronted her as well. WNDU’s cameraman called the incident “disturbing” and claimed that Scully’s breath smelled of alcohol.

While it would never be acceptable for the University’s third ranking officer to confront the local media in such a way, it is especially embarrassing for Scully to have acted so rudely at such a meaningful event — especially toward those who have been so instrumental in the search for Sharon.

Scully reportedly apologized for both incidents and has contributed a great deal to the Notre Dame community since he became a Holy Cross priest in 1981, including founding the Alliance for Catholic Education and Holy Cross Associates and serving as the chairman of WNDU’s board of directors. However, neither his achievements nor his rank excuse his behavior. Scully’s actions last Thursday were inappropriate and irresponsible, and the University should acknowledge this by reprimanding him.


Letters to the Editor

Examing SUVs’ link to terrorism

In regards to the recent debate over a possible link between sport utility vehicle owners and terrorists, I’ll proceed under the assumption that the link is specious at best. Terrorism seems to be the operative motivator of late. However, I think you can take that same argument of SUVs equating terror and examine it in a different light.

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Ecologists recognize this as a modified “tragedy of the commons,” in which an individual takes a commodity common to all while it is plentiful in order to maximize their personal gains. In this case the commons happen to be clean air, clean water and a sufficient supply of petroleum. Most of us have probably never had it any other way, and yet clearly these are finite resources, as evidenced by increases both in atmospheric levels of greenhouse gases and dependence on foreign oil. So, while I reiterate that no SUV owner intends for their use of that particular vehicle to be construed as unpatriotic, you have to ask what their actions are ultimately dictating for the rest of us.

The government has been diligent in enforcing corporate compliance with clean air legislation, and yet no fuel efficiency standards on SUVs exist.

Perhaps that is the place to start.

Andrew Chaffee
Senior Managing Editor
Jan. 21

War on Iraq will confirm America’s imperial designs

It is a tragedy that America will be going to war with Iraq without any evidence that Saddam Hussein is amassing nuclear weapons for future use against us.

Since thousands of Iraqis will die as a result of this, I don’t believe this victory is worthy of celebration as our victory in the Persian Gulf was in 1990.

Nevertheless, this senseless war is but a distraction from a far greater historical development than America’s crushing of a smaller and weaker nation. Instead, this war halls America as the new “Imperator” of the world.

Several years after the collapse of the Soviet Union left America as the world’s sole superpower, nobody asked the third-year law student Paul Kennedy if England was the last nation to hold such a preeminent status militarily and economically. Kennedy corrected the questioner and said, “Try Rome.”

Kennedy was only partially correct. Unlike the Roman Empire, America always sought the cooperation of other nations in dictating the affairs of this world — until now.
It’s not that I hate the OIT

John Litle

Here’s my proposition,
Well here’s my proposition, and of course it will never happen because the workers in the administration should be given access to a speed that is equal to the slowest speeds anyone else enjoys on campus. This way, day in and day out, you can see and feel the engraving of the United Nations on your computer screen during peak hours and perhaps gain the motivation to fix it.

Eric Flesch

It’s my mind, I can remember my weekend loading pages faster at home?

Now, I have to be honest, at the current speed I am employed by the OIT and have been for years. This experience has given me a window into the inner workings of the OIT at its outermost level. Even without this information, anyone with any technical knowledge can tell you there is no acceptable reason why we should have to endure a minute(s) long wait for a page from a large national website.

While we languish in wait trying to do the most menial research, administrators and the techs who are (believe it or not) supposed to be working for us are enjoying super-fast uninteruptible Internet. They are content to sit idly while we experience sub-Skoll Internet speeds and enjoy the fast Internet connection that we students pay for, and they do this all with one filthy excuse: MP3s.

Apparently Notre Dame is incapable of supporting a network that can transfer small three-megabyte files amongst users and the outside world. Instead of actually operating as they should — as a simple Internet service provider — the OIT has grasped onto the term “MP3” and decided to use it as a crutch and an excuse for their poor job performance.

"The campus backbone is completely maxed out, and page loading times are up to two minutes," a student complained.

"It's all those file transferring programs again, you know they spread viruses, viruses that mail anymore," postulates an astute employee.

It’s ridiculous, and if you’re paying it. You shouldn’t either. The first point at issue is that it really does matter what students are downloading from the Internet, bartering that they’re starting their own corporate website and such. It’s the OIT’s job, as an Internet service provider, to provide a fast, reliable Internet connection. Let’s face it; if they were AT&T Internet, we’d have switched to them long ago. Digging up excuses for why the network and Internet are slow is useless; it’s their job to fix it no matter what the issue is.

Yes, and fix it for real, not fix it by breaking it. Packeteer: that’s what they will think will solve our network woes. Think of it as an Internet traffic cop. It slows down information on the Internet that the OIT deems important. This way theoretically Web pages load faster but downloads take longer. If you’ve ever tried to use a file-sharing program on campus, you’ve noted that you can download at home on a modem faster than you can here. That’s because the OIT in its infinite wisdom has decided for you that these files aren’t important. Of course, Packeteer does not run on the Administration/OIT connection. Again, if they were AT&T Internet, they’d be fixed and we’d find something else.

Abandoning principles for consensus, the United Nations has lost sight of any possible term it may have offered to world security, and the United States must recognize it for what it is. As Rights are not being done in Libya, “the 53-member commission [is] turning into an ‘abuser solidarity’ group with more and more countries with questionable human rights records gaining entry. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Arizona Daily Wildcat

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Above, Rose Lindgren plays Madame Pernelle accompanied by Dorine played by Mary Anne Lewis, and Elmire played by Maribel Morey engage in conversation with Un Exempt. To the left, Mary Anne Lewis. Below, Valere comforts Orgon as the rest of the cast looks on.

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Everyone is familiar with William Shakespeare, the greatest playwright of the English language. His plays have helped define literature and culture since his own time. Not so many people are familiar with the works of Jean Baptiste de Poquelin, famously known as Molière. The great French playwright wrote comedies and farces in the 17th century that continue to influence drama today. Molière’s insightful portrayals of human vanity, hypocrisy and greed made him a controversial but timeless playwright.

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“Two things never fail to amaze me,” said McDowell. “First, the number of students who participate in the class, and second, how many spectators show up. Although few students speak enough French to follow the dialogue of a play in French, McDowell’s show has sold out for the past nine years.

McDowell prepares a detailed summary to help audience members follow the action. The actors also make the play more comprehensible by using physical humor and exaggerated characters.

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“These plays are not usually done as classes with undergraduates anywhere else,” said McDowell. “It’s a unique thing.”

While most of the students have studied in France, few have much experience with drama. The class is an exciting experience for many of the actors.

“At first it was scary,” said Mary Anne Lewis. “Now it’s awesome.”

“It’s really cool to read it, and then watch the characters pop out of the page,” said Maribel Morey.

Photos by LAUREN FORBES
What does student government do?
While many students are either indifferent or think that it accomplishes nothing, Libby Bishop, student body president, said the real work occurs behind the scenes.

Unlike many previous student body vice presidents, Trip Foley is a senior. Over the past year he has expanded the role of this position, while still balancing authority with Libby Bishop.

What does Saint Mary’s Board of Governance do with its money?
With approximately $200,000 in funds to allocate, BOG can be likened to the Saint Mary’s student activities bank.
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Do you think student government is meeting student needs?

Rachel Ramos

Sophomore

"Not enough because I don’t know anything about it."

John Dugan

Senior

"Sure, I haven’t really had any interactions with student government but I haven’t had any complaints either."

Stephen Heiny

Freshman

"As far as I can tell, I’m not really aware of all they’re doing."

Gina Martell

Senior

"Yeah, so far. They provide a lot of services. They represent students to administration on all issues."

Liz Tran

Sophomore

"I don’t think student government meets my needs. I don’t have time to participate. But they attempt to cater to as many people’s needs as possible."

Prince Lowe

Freshman

"In many ways it does provide opportunity, but I don’t have any major problems or complaints."

Kevin Bott

Freshman

"I would say yes, for the most part. I have no idea what I do but I don’t have any problems or complaints."

Kelly Kerney

Graduate Student

"I had to pay $55 and I don’t see what I am paying for."
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Campus Book Swap
Somehow a bookswap each semester in the future doesn't seem as complex as new on-line venues for selling textbooks. Thank goodness they dropped this idea.

Universal Dorm Access
Student leaders stayed on top of this issue and now students have access to nearly all dorms during visiting hours.

Campaign Checklist

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Coed Week
This was certainly a worthwhile project, but the events weren't stellar. Kickball on the quid? A showing of "The Godfather"? Bishop and Foley could have done better.

Tailgating Policy
Bishop and Foley's chief of staff, Pat Hallahan, played a significant role in seeing that administrators devised a fair, convenient tailgating policy last fall. They even worked over the summer with officials.

Celebrating Diversity Lecture Series
Bishop and Foley delivered on few of their diversity initiatives. The campus-wide fair was good, but this lecture series would have been better.

Fresh O' Camping Activity
Bishop and Foley stayed away from this idea. And rightfully so. Camping during Freshman Orientation? Like that would ever fly.

Enhanced Bus Shuttle
The pair made great headway on its plans to improve shuttle service. There's now an express route from Notre Dame to Saint Mary's, and Bishop and Foley organized shuttle service to the airport before fall, Thanksgiving and winter breaks.
Foley takes on shared role in Office of the President

BY JASON McFARLEY

Libby Bishop and Trip Foley attended separate meetings, chair separate committees, and have separate ideas on running the Notre Dame Student Union effectively. They even have separate offices in their respective government headquarters on the second floor of LaFortune Student Center.

At the end of the day, though, they find common ground in the Office of the Student Body President. Technically, it's her office. In practice, it's his and hers. Bishop doesn't mind sharing.

"We ran as a team and that's how we work in this office," Bishop said of Foley, her vice president. "When we plan things, we plan together. That's how we knew it would be from the start.

The influential role Foley plays in shaping the office's policy makes him a rarity among Notre Dame student body vice presidents. In past, the office, the President's Office has been a one-woman show after Brooke Bishop's election in 2002. The president tended to the administration, office staff, and the vice president was able to concentrate on his or her role as chair of Student Senate.

But Foley hasn't shirked Bishop's shadow. And she doesn't want him to.

"It's not the kind of situation where I'm his boss or where he works for me," she said. "Having him involved here lets us collaborate on all the issues and ideas that were a part of our campaign platform last year."

Foley can afford to hang around the office. Unlike many of his predecessors, he has been vice president as a senior, a most unusual office vice presidents are.

More significantly, Foley served as student union secretary two years ago. In that job, he recorded minutes and was a non-voting member of the Senate and the Campus Life Council. He also sat on the Executive Committee of then-President Brian O'Donoghue.

"Being secretary definitely helped me see the learning curve not so steep," Foley said. "I knew how Senate worked and could spend more time in the Office of the President." Foley estimated that he divides his work evenly between Senate and the president's office.

Often, the work overlaps. Senate committee chairmen and Office of the President division heads alike use Foley as a sounding board for ideas. The resolutions his senators pass on Wednesday will be up for discussion at Bishop's Executive Cabinet meetings the following Monday. So begins as a Senate report may find its way into one of the three presentations that come out of the Office of the President makes to the University's Board of Trustees.

But Bishop and Foley don't see eye to eye on everything. Bishop, by virtue of her position as president, is asked to sit on various University committees that Foley is excluded from.

She gets regular face-to-face with administrators, while Foley and senators say they're happy to get a phone call returned.

In an unconnected occurrence, Bishop next month is going solo to the trustees meeting in Naples, Fla., while Foley takes the LSATS.

Ideologically, they're not always headed in the same direction either.

Foley, for instance, said he offered dissenting and that Senate wasn't taken seriously by University officials. Bishop, on the other hand, praised the relationships she has built with administrators and said they "have always been supportive of her office's initiatives. They agree to disagree. Do we have differences of opinions?" Foley said. "All the time."

"But we know how to sit down and work them out and compromise to do what's ultimately best for the student body," Bishop said.

And that's made for a shared new office of the President this year, with room for her opinion — and his.

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"I am among you as one who serves." — Luke 22:27

Trip Foley, student body vice president, converses with members of Executive Cabinet and provides his insight on the issue.
Student Senate

Senate redeems itself in recent weeks

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Associate News Editor

While it may not be immediately apparent, Student Senate is beginning to make strides and see results for its work.

Senators were forced to adjust to their new roles as student leaders as the alcohol policy debate unraveled on campus. The Residence Life committee picked up where its predecessors left off and within a month worked with members of the Campus Life Council, researched dances and drafted a resolution asking that in-hall dances continue for a probationary year. Although the resolution failed to pass in CIC, it did show promise that this Senate was capable and prepared to tackle important issues.

Senate returned in August, but it was not until November that actual results of their work were evident in the form of resolutions or letters. For the two and half months in between, senate meetings mostly consisted of committee reports, a resolution concerning attendance policies and guest speakers, who informed senators of campus issues and allowed senators to express their concerns and ask questions.

Trip Foley, student body vice president and Senate chair, said results are not always in the form of resolutions or open letters and senators accomplished much behind the scenes through research and communicating with administrators in order to be fully prepared when they make a proposal.

"Senators met in their committees, talked with whoever they needed to. A lot of the time they got quick feedback. He said open letters were effective because they spur discussion and show that the committee thoroughly researched the subject.

Frosh-0 and parentals survey were completed by the previous Senate and committee members dealt more with communicating with University officials and spreading the word about multicultural events.

Academic Affairs

Leadership of Kate Schlosser, Pungo Hall senator, and Jeremy Staley, Sorin Hall senator, this committee is working with every intention of not just setting goals for itself but accomplishing them. The committee wrote a mission statement and outlined goals in September, which included researching First Year of Studies, distance learning and placement credit. Academic Affairs can cross all three of these goals off its list.

In December, Senate unanimously passed a detailed a strongly worded resolution asking First Year of Studies to evaluate itself and address students' needs. As a result, lines of communication between the committee and FYOS increased.

The committee drafted a letter asking the University to provide more opportunities for distance learning and Staley said a resolution should be expected in a couple of weeks. Last week, Senate approved a letter asking FYOS to expand the amount of International Baccalaureate credits it accepts.

Staley said Academic Affairs hopes to continue its progress this spring by reestablishing a Bookstore committee that will look into the feasibility of ROTC being recognized as a minor, passing a joint resolution with Faculty Senate to expand Teacher Course Evaluations and make them accessible to students and establishing certificate courses through the Office of Information Technologies.

Cultural

Though this committee's work may not always be apparent in Senate through resolutions or letters, members do deal more with communicating with University officials and spreading the word about multicultural events.

"This group actively tackled its goals and opened the lines of communication with open letters and meetings," said Courtney Kohout, the committee's chair.

Early in its term, the committee established communication with Iris Oulaw, director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services; Connie Peterson-Miller, assistant director of International Student Services and Activities; and OutreachND.

The committee promoted the fall multicultural fair, trained dorm multicultural commissioners and planned the Celebration Diversity Workshop, which is mandatory for all senators. A second workshop is planned for the spring semester for other student government officers.

The Ethics committee heeded the advice of the previous Senate and drafted a resolution regarding Senate attendance policies, which was unanimously approved. Ethics chair Joanna Cornwall said her committee worked extensively on the wording of the resolution to make it clear and flexible so that excused and unexcused absences could be determined by either the Student Union Secretary or the committee chair.

Gender Issues

The work of this committee can be seen hanging in dorm bathrooms and outside resident assistants' doors. After several meetings with University officials, Gender Issues completed and distributed the Sexual Assault Awareness Poster, a project begun by the previous Senate.

Courtney Badgley, Gender Issues chair, said other projects such as the Fresh-O and parietal surveys were stalled because they are awaiting approval from the psychology department and committee members encountered difficulties tracking down the correct sources. Badgley emphasized the amount of research her committee completed and said it was difficult to form project ideas due to a lack of interest from administrators and members.

The Oversight Committee met with different members of student government last week and intends to actively pursue reworking the Student Union Constitution to streamline it and make it more student government, said Oversight chair Elliot Poindexter.

Questions regarding the constitution, such as the selling of the rights of The Observer file photo

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and cannot establish relationships. Also, Senate committee chairs throughout the year do not always meet a set standard and administrators will remember that a certain committee was not prepared for a meeting.

"I never realized the importance of the role because they expect you to be a voice for the students," said Bishop. "Sometimes you accomplish a lot more through private meetings rather than through a resolution that Senate may pass."

Bishop said many of her administration's accomplishments have come through communicating with administrators about student opinions before serving on panels or in private meetings about longer term projects. Bishop said accomplishments may be difficult to obtain but they are definitely attainable.

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resolution concerning in-hall dances in CLC, members accomplished much that benefits student life.

Chair Kevin Connoly attributed his committee's success to the enthusiasm of its members and its vice chair, Sarah Bates, because he expects progress from his members every week.

Senate approved the committee's resolutions regarding support of the student petition against changes to the alcohol policy, in-hall dances, the South Bend Old Boys Rugby Team and the Community Bikes program. The committee is currently researching football ticket distribution and seating, away-game ticket distribution, charging football tickets and course packets to student accounts and extending North Dining Hall hours.

Despite several resolutions originating from this committee, Connoly said much of his committee's work occurs behind the scenes and does not come in the form of a resolution or letter; however, there will be greater tangible output this semester.

University Affairs

The results of this committee are difficult to see. University Affairs has little to show for a semester's worth of work outside of the increased and productive communication with Notre Dame Security Police.

Foley said this committee deals with longer term projects and work would be comparable to Academic Affairs and Residence Life, which deal with administrators and who produce results, as opposed to Gender, Cultural, and Overseas, which communicate and establish contacts with University officials, work on non-resolution or letter projects and tackle issues as they arise.

Cail Thompson, chair of University Affairs, said her committee worked diligently on the projects and that there was a general lack of interest in pursuing other projects by her committee members.

University Affairs distributed a memo to senators regarding the problems with water in residence halls, helped create the ad-hoc committee on faculty-student interaction and worked with NDSP to address student concerns about parking and access to campus.

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and tactics had changed, an administration that would learn to conduct its business in the conference room rather than on North Quad.

For her part, Bishop sits on several University committees where she is the only student member.

She's established a strong rapport with Father Mark Poo rman, Student Affairs vice president and the architect of the alcohol policy changes.

Bishop wished all the work she did received as much attention as the alcohol fight, but said it's hard balancing public relations interests with the need to build good business relationships.

"Some of the most important things I do as president are the things I can't share like the confidential meetings. That's the nature of the job," said Bishop, a senior.

She added, "But I want to make sure that students know we're still working pretty hard."

In fact, her office has worked hard and smartly, if begrudgingly, last spring's battle scars.

Bishop was last fall organized a week-long series of campus events to celebrate Notre Dame's 30th anniversary of coeducation, a pet project of Bishop and Senate. The week was coordinated with numerous other departments to coordinate a Sept. 10 anniversary Mass and a campus-wide multicultural fair.

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In October, later in October, the pair worked with the Board of Trustees to coordinate a comprehensive report on residence life. This was recommended creation of new residence halls, and improvements to existing ones. Those suggestions were mimicked in a Student Senate five-year plan produced later last fall.

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To date, the vision has been keen.

Sure, there have been blind spots. Last fall, controversy erupted when Bishop and Foley fired sophomore Erik Smith as student union secretary and replaced him with freshman Emily Chin. While Smith was perplexed by the dismissal, Bishop insisted that the matter was "nothing personal and a necessary change."

But there have been days, too, when this administration has seen clearly into the future. Bishop pointed to the fall report to the trustees.

"It was something that was well-received in the business community, it was very comprehensive," she said. "And it's something that has guidance and key effects on campus for the next 50 or 60 years."

In the meantime, Bishop and Foley are revisiting their platform. In some ways, it's left to cross off on a checklist of ambitious goals before their term ends April 1. They know better than to think they can wrap up — or even start — all the projects, and they admit that the platform may have been idealistic.

But that's just the schism between the promises that candidates run on and the actual experiences that elected leaders face when they take office. Bishop and Foley recognized that last year, when they were thrown into a fight they hadn't chosen and cast into a white-hot spotlight.

"In some people's minds, the first and last thing we tackled was the alcohol policy. And we didn't choose that fight," Foley said. "But I want to make sure that students know we're still working pretty hard."

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EXEC Cab emphasizes long-term plans

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Let’s review student government’s Executive Cabinet, OK, but what is a “Taxe Cab,” as it is known, “coordinates the daily operations, priorities and programming of the Student Union,” according to a press release. Essentially, the cab inet is an advisory and consultative body led by Student Body President Libby Bishop. The group is made up of about 19 students, representing various student constituencies, including the class councils, the Hall Presidents’ Council and the Student Union Board. The cabinet brings together voices from across student government for discussion and planning. The group also tackles individual issues presented by its member constituencies.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Members show some promise but prove unproductive

By MIKE CHAMBLISS
News Writer

The final Campus Life Council meeting of the fall semester was a fitting end to a semester in which fruitless talk was the council’s biggest accomplishment. Council members planned to pass two resolutions during the Dec. 3 meeting; however, an insufficient number of council members showed up, and Student Body President Libby Corgan had to postpone the meeting until this month.

Instead of being able to take action on behalf of the Notre Dame community, the council had to sit on its heels, discussing future plans and waiting until the next meeting to make improvements.

The CLC meets every other week with the purpose of improving campus life and includes representatives from student government, administrators and hall rectors. Early in the semester the group decided to divide into three task forces focusing on specific issues. One task force was designated for the improvement of communications, one for leadership and the third for investigation of a peer-mentoring program at Duke University known as BASIS. During meetings the council hears updates from the task forces and discusses any other topics that fall under its scope of interest. While these discussions may be pertinent to campus life, they are time-consuming and frequently without any apparent purpose except the personal education of the council members on campus affairs. One such discussion centered on the impressions of council members regarding the new Web site established in September in which databases were held. The results of the discussion were inconclusive. Many council members agreed that an unusually small percentage of first-year students attended the dance, and that there was noticeably less enthusiasm among freshmen about the dances than in years past, but at the same time, several rectors had very positive comments about the dances and excitement levels. The result was a purposeless discussion that failed to lead to any future action on the part of the council.

A large portion of another CLC meeting was spent talking to two leaders of The Parietals Question, a student-organized movement for a coed living option on campus. Council members listened to and advised the two representatives, but the discussion had no impact on CLC activity.

The work of the three task forces was less than stellar as well. The communications task force achieved its goal of putting together a Web site. The calendar-formatted Web site will be accessible to students and contain information about campus events and meetings. The communications task force created the site in order to boost communication and reduce overcrowding on building walls from bulletin board blizzards.

The other two task forces have failed to do their work. Aside from formulating a mission statement, it is unclear what the two tasks forces accomplished. Even the mission statements of the task forces were not unveiled until the Nov. 3 meeting, more than halfway into the semester.

Prior to the ill-fated Dec. 3 meeting, the leadership task force maintained its intention to develop a Web site to communicate leadership opportunities to interested students. At the very end of the semester, having produced very little, the leadership task force announced that it would not create a Web site, but instead spend the next semester instituting an extracurricular leadership program.

The leadership program would probably be modeled after the Anne Tyler Watts leadership program at Creighton University. Over the course of four years, participants would be immersed in a series of extracurricular experiences dealing with the study and practice of leadership. The Student Activities Office currently coordinates the Leadership Institute, half-day or full-day seminars which seem to serve the same purpose as the proposed program. While participation in the Leadership Institute promises many of the same results as the Creighton program, it poses a far less daunting time commitment, and appears more manageable for busy Notre Dame students. It is unclear if there would be any overlap between the two programs.

A shining moment in the council’s work took place during the meeting where the communications task force presented a rough draft of its Web site. The entire council spent time together in a useful fashion, making suggestions for improvement of the site.

Becca Davison, director of Breen-Phillips Hall, suggested placing a giant screen in the LaFortune Center where the new Web site could be displayed. Davison was the source of many interesting ideas over the course of the semester.

Despite any flashes of brilliance from individual council members, the output of the council as a whole was subpar in both quantity and quality, for the most part owing to too wide a scattering of objectives and ineffective use of meeting time. Perhaps more clearly defined goals and the success of the communications Web site will spur the council on to produce more and talk less in the spring semester.

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Judicial council runs smoothly, efficiently

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Making sure that "elections flow smoothly" is goal No. 1 for senior Matt Corgan, vice president of elections for the judicial council.

Our proposed way is online voting and judicial council president Danielle Ledesma and Corgan set up the Office of Web Development for online voting purposes. The two argue that online voting could give a boost to last year's low turnout.

"We link online elections, where you could use any computer connected to the Internet, would be about 40 percent or higher," Corgan said.

Web Development, which has already created an application for online voting, plans to test it several times before the actual elections in February.

Currently, dorm commissioners and student commissioners serve as freshmen representatives. This involves making ballots, scheduling voting times and overseeing the voting on Election Day.

"In the past, students would need to be available for two-hour voting periods in the dorm that the halls vote. The judicial council plans to keep the Internet polls open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. separately from the elections, since it is the judicial council's main function," Corgan said.

The judicial council receives high marks for its apparent efficiency and organization. On the election side, the true test will be to see if council can succeed in offering online elections. For those who are eager to avoid the demands of the peer advocate's role and want to make an impact on campus, it poses a tough opportunity.

"Most students, if they don't contact a peer advocate, aren't really ready for the demands that come up in their hearings," Sadowski said, adding that the nature of ResLife hearings can scare students. Sadowski said she has received many emails but every other day regarding hearings, and usually attends them once a week.

Hearings, which often involve assaults and plagiarism violations, as well as fake identification, drugs and theft, are different from conferences, with charges for lesser offenses.

In the past, some peer advocates said they were uncertain about the peer advocate's role. Some have even submitted statements to have clarified the expectations of a peer advocate through their training session, that they are not there to try cases, but to aid in the preparation of hearings.

"We just want to make their time with ResLife as easy as possible," Ledesma said.

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HALL PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

HPC works with new dance policy

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Despite the restrictions on hall dances and alcohol put into place last fall, members of the Hall Presidents' Council have come together to produce successful dances for their fellow residents.

There have been difficulties, however. HPC co-chair Pam Ronson said dance planning has frequently become a logistical nightmare since the new policies were put in place. "It's been incredibly difficult for the smaller dorms to book a venue," Ronson said.

Pasquerilla West co-president Laly Molina said the problem is even more widespread. "We had a huge problem getting a venue. The bigger dorms have a harder time finding a nice place," Molina said.

Ronson blames the site problems on uncoordinated activity among hall presidents, the Student Activities Office and individual location managers. "There has been a lack of communication among the parties," Ronson said, "there are no double, even-triple booking," she said.

Chris Martin, Ronson's fellow HPC co-chair, said venue problems stem from the popularity of campus-wide dances. "The new hot spot has become the Main Building roulette wheel," Martin said. "but that won't accommodate everyone.

On the topic of the level of participation in hall dances, opinions differed. "The meeting was about the same as with past years' dances," Molina said, while Ronson said this year's participation at dances was lower.

Martin agreed, however, that the revised alcohol policy has led to fewer incidents of abusive drinking at dances, and on campus in general.

"I've seen fewer students get what the BASIS task force wanted," Martin agreed, but was more skeptical about the policy's overall effect on underclassmen. "The comfort level on campus has definitely gone down," Martin said. "There's definitely a trend of freshmen and sophomores hitting the off-campus scene."

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VENUES C

Double-bookings have been a problem. HPC members should maintain a schedule so that conflicts can be minimized. The variety of venues should be more widely known, so that larger and smaller programs can be faciliated. Locations. Nobody wants every dance in the South Dining Hall.

COMMUNICATION B

Overall, presidents are on the same wavelength regarding the new policies. Presidents could work on canvassing information among Student Activities, residents and dance commissioners.

APPROVAL A

There have been cancelled dances here and there, but presidents and commissioners have worked to keep interest up. Participation should increase as HPC members become familiar with the new rules and how to distribute them around the new policies.

SAFETY B+

Binge drinking at dances has dropped, due to the new alcohol policy. HPC members need to continue to work to provide attention at dances on campus, or abusive drinking will simply shift off campus.

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Students enter the Main Building doors with looks of amazement as they head to their formal. The Main Building was one of the new venues for hall dances.
SUB provides entertainment, programming for students

By CHRISTINA CEPERO

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SUB, the programming branch of student government, seeks to organize social, cultural, and intellectual events for undergraduate students. SUB's programming calendar, which began in April with a performance by the folk-rock band Fat McGee in the Stepan Center. At the beginning of the school year, SUB organized a Freshman Orientation. And later last fall, the monthly comedy series invited a couple of comedians, including Eric O'Steen.

"We try to do new, creative things that a lot of students will like," said chief controller Andrew Lam.

Some of the popular innovative programs brought to campus during the semester were the Notre Dame-Maryland game walk, which had students watching the movie Rudy on the quad, ticket giveaways for the Midshipmen and Florida State games and Harry Potter night at the Bookstore, while local celebrities read passages from the series and gave away complimentary T-shirts, including a book autographed by author J.K. Rowling.

Lam said attendance at SUB events has gone up since last year.

The most successful SUB movies last semester were The Return of the Jedi, which SUB showed for free during Halloween along with guest speaker Robert Hastings, and My Big Fat Greek Wedding. November, preceded by a Greek feast. Because SUB was losing money by showing two movies at a time last year, Lam decided to show only one each week this year to allow more funds to other activities.

SUB also held the annual NAZZ Battle of the Bands at Fall Fest, which provided the Multicultural Arts committee organized many events last semester, including an Indian Festival of Lights at the Alumni-Senior Club, henna festivals and a performance by Ballet Folklorico Mexico.

This semester it is planning a Brazilian Carnival, a performance by an African dance troupe and the International Student Festival.

Last week, SUB held Montreal Fest that included handing out bagels, a video game competition, PlayStation 2 and X-Box giveaways, showing The Creature from the Blue Lagoon in 3-D, holding "The Best of Acoustic," hosting a performance by the new band Minstrels Maker, as part of a new program called ND Underground and taking students to Chicago for a Notre Dame hockey game on the weekend.

Outgoing SUB executive board member, Steven Christ, SUB Student Union Board manager, promotes SUB issues at an Executive Cabinet meeting.

"Since last year the Student Union Board has done a good job of entertaining the student body at Notre Dame by offering a wide variety of programming," he said.

Class councils work to plan events, service opportunities

Freshman Class Council

Andrew Lam said that anything included activities like a Halloween dance and sales of class shirts and T-shirts. Council members have an array of ideas for the second semester that will bolster SUB's communication and provide opportunities to relax.

"We have a lot of good ideas and hopefully most of them will be successful for this semester," said Anna Skoien, class secretary.

The Spiritual Committee completed the class prayer which will be printed on magnets and distributed in dorms, and the class of upcoming activities.

Senior Class Council

Members are Warren Lysaght, Nick Mastronardi and Josh Gentine of the Senior Class Council are in no way unfamiliar with what it takes to get their initial group of ideas up and running.

All four members were the class officers for the Junior Class Council in 2001-02. And Lysaght believes that because of this, the council was able to make its mark by utilizing its experience in gaining approval.

Without a doubt, the relationships already established between the council members and the administration were instrumental in making headway on potentially contentious, yet popular events such as Margaritaville 2002 and the Senior Bar bashes.

"We had the trust of the administrators and the trust of Student Activities that kind of gave us more freedom and was the reason we could do bigger programs," Lysaght said. "At the end of the day, we had already had a year's experience," said Lysaght.

For Lysaght, keeping the student opinion in the forefront is a major consideration when planning and organizing events.

"We always ask for all of our events that people think are bad," said Lysaght. She also noted the practice of testing ideas by questioning themselves on the issue bar, waiting to attend any event if they weren't officers' class. This method, she claims, helps to filter out bad event ideas.

Lysaght also attributes the ability to assess ideas from classmates who e-mail suggestions through a more improved, class-wide council and organizing events during Freshman Orientation Graffiti Dance at Senior Bar.

Projects for this semester include a senior class retreat, Class of 2003 license plate holders and Senior Week, which includes Student Tours, a class formal and another Margaritaville event.

Off-campus Council

After working with Notre Dame Security Police and Student Senate, the Off-campus council is planning to create a campus bike rental program, one of the group's biggest achievements during their term in office, said Jeremy Kleinhenz, class president.

"The bike program was implemented this semester by having a dialogue with NDSPP," said Lam.

By taking advantage of the fact that NDSPP collects many stolen and unclaimed bikes each year, the council was able to create a rental system where students will pay $25 per semester to use a bike.

The program, scheduled to debut next fall, offers students a bike lock and a bike fully serviced by NDSPP at no additional charge, said Lam. At the end of the semester, students will receive $15 back with the remaining $10 being used for future maintenance costs. "If you don't want to buy a bike to own ... you can rent this bike," said Lam.

The sophomore class council also sponsored a Kick, Pass and Punt contest where students could pay $3 to kick a football for the chance to win a football signed by Coach Tyrone Willingham.

In addition to the kick contest, the sophomore group sponsored several weekend social events with local charity organizations such as the South Bend Center for the Homeless. "We've held numerous service weekends [and] we hope to continue these in the next semester," said Lao.

For this semester, Lao said he hopes that the sophomore council focuses on developing events that are interesting to students and that will draw a large audience.

"Basically we just want to plan activities that the students would go to," he said.

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Student Union needs collaboration

Just when we were ready to write off Notre Dame student government last spring, along came a late-March announcement from Father Mark Poorman: no in-hall dances, no under-21 tailgating and no hard alcohol in the dorms. The leaders of the Student Union responded before spring break with more than 8,000 undergraduates getting a chance to cry foul. Within hours of the landmark announcement from the vice president of Student Affairs, student government officials were organizing protests and maneuvering behind the scenes to draft resolutions opposing the changes.

It was student government at its best because branches of the Student Union that had acted independently of each other for so long were now uniting around a single cause.

The Office of the Student Body President, Student Senate and Campus Life Council and other government groups worked together with a focus we hadn't seen before to rally student support and voice stern resistance to changes they had little hope of stalling.

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And then, not only would both sides win, we'd all know a lot more about our president, besides her looks. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Joe Hettler at hettler@nd.edu.
Students need proactive leaders

Having re-organized their offices, setting up a phone line and computer, the Saint Mary’s student government offices should be ready for business. But the phone doesn’t ring much and students rarely stop by the office during open hours.

Instead student government representatives quietly take care of business without having much interaction with students.

It was a quiet year for student government. The student leaders of Saint Mary’s university took this time to recognize and improve student government. Renovating the office, improving the governing Web sites and rewriting the constitution are worthwhile accomplishments, but all are in the category of housekeeping.

These are not issues that directly affect students or work that students ever see.

Emphasis on internal improvements has bonded student government together so that there is a united front but a front that often ostracizes and cuts off students. Improvements within student government have yet to trickle down to the student body, leaving many students believing their representatives are inaccessi­ble.

While this may not necessarily be true because stu­dent representatives are available to speak with — there are weekly office hours and e-mail is always an option — student government never directly affects students’ lives, so what is the purpose of coming to these representatives?

But the issues student government chooses to tackle are issues of campus comfort and not issues that challenge each other or the administration.

If Saint Mary’s student government wants to work for the students, then leaders need to speak to the students. Having office hours and a phone line is not enough to bring students to the gov­ernment, so the government needs to go to the stu­dents.

It is time for the silence to end and for student govern­ment to truly represent the needs and concerns of the student body.

Take a chance, take a stand

If you are like many college stu­dents, you tend not to be interest­ed in politics. You probably don’t listen to Sean Hannity’s talk radio show when you get back from class or get up early Sunday morning to watch “Meet the Press.”

You may be interested in making a difference and to the student body; through the current administration is adamant that student government is important to the student body. Through this initiative will have a strong youth opinion and political voice. It will make an impression if you have a backbone when it comes to issues that are important to your student life.

Just a little effort by every student will make a huge difference. I promise it won’t take too much time away from your studies or social life. You won’t even have to trade watching “Friends” or “ER” to get a study day. Plus, you have the student government that you elected to represent your wants and needs working for you. Don’t be afraid to utilize it as a tool to change the policies that are valu­able to your status as a student of this college.

Please don’t spend your col­lege years indiffer­ent to what is going on around you. Let this time prepare you to be a full and active citizen when it comes time for you to have a mortgage and economic inter­est outside of how to spend your money on the weekends. And just maybe you too will catch the polit­ical bug and find yourself writing to the member of Congress or listen­ing to talk radio.

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♦ The updated Board of Governance Website allows students to have quick link to student government.

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♦ Student government has not initi­ated new programming. Instead of expecting the students to come to student government with ideas, stu­dent government should go to the students for ideas.

♦ Past governments have been more committed to community ser­vice and charity.

♦ Go along to get along policy: Members of Board of Governance readily agree with each other and approve the agenda. In order to have a balanced representation members should express their differing opin­ions and challenge each other.

Do you think it is important to vote in elections?

Cheryl Barker
freshman

“We have this opportunity to make student government better, so it is important to vote.”

Alison Gavin
junior

“I don’t think enough people feel it (elections) are important and that is why most students don’t vote.”

Dawn Tuel
junior

“If you want to change you must vote.”

Nikki Omelas
sophomore

“I think it’s really important to vote because it allows you to have a voice in student government.”

Jennie Bueter
senior

“People don’t vote because they don’t think student government does anything for them.”

Jessica Needles
senior

“I think it’s very important to vote because you can’t be represented.”

Michelle Gary
sophomore

“I don’t participate in voting very much but I think it’s important to get your views across to student government.”

Sara Tallman
sophomore

“I don’t vote but maybe I would if government was more accessible to me.”

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The Snite Museum of Art

Opening Reception
January 26 from 2-4 pm
Lauren Greenfield lecture at 3 pm

The following exhibitions will be on display:

Notre Dame Architecture Student Drawings:
Designs for a New Snite Museum
January 12 - March 2

Contemporary Impressions: Art by Native American Artists
January 19 - March 9

Girl Culture: Lauren Greenfield Photographs
January 19 - March 9

This event is free and open to the public
Contact 631-5466 for questions

Our Lady's January 2, 2002 message
to Mirjana in Medjugorje!

"Dear Children, as a mother invites her children, I invited you and you responded to me. Allow me to fill your heart with love, so that it becomes a heart of love that you will be giving to others without reserve. In that way, you will best help me in my mission of converting those of my children who have not yet experienced the love of God and the love of my Son. Thank you!"

ANNOUNCEMENT
Saturday, January 25th
IN THE CRYPT
In response to Our Lady's call from Medjugorje
11:00 AM ROSARY
11:45 AM MASS
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM Kathleen Martin will answer questions

From 1987 through 1994 Kathleen lived with the visionary Marija in Medjugorje. She was the only non-Croatian member of the young people's prayer group that Our Lady formed and lead - with practical advice: how to prevent a war that seems imminent; how to discern your vocation, etc., etc.

Kathleen will answer questions in the basement of the Presbytery
On January 25th Our Lady will give another message to the world. To receive it, email your email address to <dnolan@childrenofmedjugorje.com>
(Medjugorje Rosary for students every Friday night... rides from the main circle leave at 8:00 PM)
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By SARAH NESTOR
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Saturday Jan. 25
LaFortune Ballroom
9 pm

$8 Tickets at LaFortune Info Desk
**Student Activities Board**

**‘Fun board’ appeals to students**

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary’s Editor

Known as the “fun board” by its commissioners and throughout student government, the Student Activities Board works to plan campus events and programs. Their goal is to provide events students will enjoy and to involve as many students as possible.

“We want to reach out to every part of campus that we can, keeping in mind the different personalities of campus,” board coordinator Adrienne Dorbish said.

SAB serves as the main campus programming board, and commissioners plan traditional events, such as Saint Mary’s Tostal, movie nights, Twilight Tailgate, Pride Week and Say What? Karaoke. The board has also incorporated new programs, holding a student talent show and bringing in different performers.

The board holds weekly meetings where members talk about the different projects each has worked on. "This has been the best and most efficient board I have seen in the past three years. The 12 girls on Board have put in 100 percent effort," Dorbish said.

In November, the board attended the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) connection where members participated in competitions and talks with campus activities representatives from colleges across the nation. Also at the convention were different performers who presented their acts and who afterwards could be booked for campus performances.

At the convention held in Grand Rapids, Mich., Saint Mary’s representatives won the best networking award.

**Student Trustee**

**SMC student trustee paves her own path**

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary’s Editor

Student trustee Kristen Matha has worked not only with the trustees but has been an integral member of the Board of Governance this past year. While not required to sit on BOG, Matha chose to attend meetings and work with student commissioners.

"Having served as student body vice president, I know it is a great way to find out about student needs," Matha said. The student trustee is not an elected member of student government, but through an application process is chosen by the Board of Trustees. Once a student is chosen as a trustee, it is then up to her to create her own agenda.

"As student trustee we are given a clean slate to choose what we want to work with," Matha said. Matha’s main goal this year has been to re-institute a health and wellness program. Matha chose this project because as a student-athlete and as a student with disabilities Matha wants to broaden the physical program to include health classes. Matha sees the introductory course as including a series of lectures given by different faculty and departments, a workout class and health wellness class. Matha sees the wellness class as offering such topics as nutrition and women’s health. Although a women’s health course currently exists through the nursing department, it is very difficult to get into because of the great demand. "The wellness course will be more opportunities for women to learn about themselves," Matha said. "My role is to get an incremental step done."

Matha is also working on a recycling program proposal that was brought to her by students. Matha plans to take the proposal to the April board meeting.

Matha is also working with BOG commissioner Lindsay Evans on setting up a fund for students who wish to participate in campus events but do not have the funds to do so.

Matha has also been instrumental in helping students make presentations to the board. At the October board meeting, Student Body Vice President Elizabeth Jablonski-Dehl presented the reading day proposal to the board and at the February meeting, Student Diversity Board President Sara Mahoney and student with disabilities representative Frances Bruder will be making a presentation to the board concerning what campus life is like at Saint Mary’s for students with disabilities.

As student trustee Matha’s greatest role is to provide interaction between the board and students. She has done this through mass e-mails, including updates in the BOG newsletter and lunches.

Most importantly, Matha has continued her role as a student leader, remaining open to student concerns.

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"We didn't feel that RHA was very recognizable on campus when we took office, but we have looked into making the group better known by heading activities such as hall of the month," said Annie Furman, RHA vice president. "We have also participated in office hours." RHA has also worked hard beyond Saint Mary's campus to promote the community. A delegation that was sent to present the College in the regional school of the year contest took second place. The conference was sponsored by the National Association of College and University Residence Housings Nov. 15-17 at the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.

"Students have called and stopped up to the BOG office during office hours to bring up issues, but this interaction could always be more effective and we are always looking to improve," Linda Janke, communication coordinator said.

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The board showed a great drive to improve its availability to the student body by using the internet as a tool. But, its insistence on sticking with stale methods of promoting issues and ideas on campus with newsletters that immediately end up in the trash and fliers that hardly no one attends need to be combined with direct contact with the students.

This type of representation for Saint Mary's allowed the smaller school to stand among much larger institutions such as the University of Wisconsin, Lacrosse.

"Every-thing that Saint Mary's does is what made this delegation," said RHA member Whitney Ross.

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The senior class is also trying new things, such as creating a memory book and CD-rom. Another event that the council has planned is a senior retreat, which was resurrected by last year's senior council. It is planned for Feb. 1. The theme is a Black and White Gala. The council has attended several responses the Senior Class Council made its agenda.

"This year has given us a chance to get to know the people we already know better and to get to know the people we didn't know at all," class president Rachel Finley said.

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Class councils strive to represent students

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Representing the wants and needs of each individual class to the Board of Governance are the class councils. The class councils are composed of the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Each class council is also composed of different committees commissioners. These range from commissioners in charge of charge dances to publicity. The goal of every class council is to improve class interaction and unity.

Senior Class Council

When the current senior class representatives took office their first objective was to survey the class to see what they wanted done. From these responses the Senior Class Council made its agenda.

The senior class is also trying new things, such as creating a memory book and CD-rom. Another event that the council has planned is a senior retreat, which was resurrected by last year's senior council and continued by this year's council.

"Feedback from the class has been fantastic, I think we identified a need with Junior Nights Out in selecting off-campus activities that juniors would be interested in anyway and transforming them into opportunities to become more familiar with our classmates," Haeberle said.

Sophomore Class Council

The new semester has brought...
Keeping an eye on student government

BOG makes great technological strides but stumbles on old habits once again

By SHANNON NELLIGAN
News Writer

Every Monday afternoon 20 women gather around a conference table in Haggard College Center to discuss and vote on issues that affect the student body. The members, a mix of student leaders, are intended to further and protect the rights, opinions and interests of students in campus affairs.

Internal review and revamping of current policies was the foundation for many of the new initiatives put forward by the current student government this past year. Guided by Student Body President Kim Jensen and Student Body Vice President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl nearly every meeting of the Board of Governance was researched and presented needed internal reforms.

"I feel like there are a lot of internal issues that student government has implemented," said student trustee Kristen Matha.

BOG this year was successful in revamping the internal structure of student government by demonstrating an interest in making itself more accessible to students needs.

Student Government going into the 21st Century

To best meet the needs of the students, BOG found it necessary to go digital. In the next election cycle, students both on- and off-campus and abroad students will be able to vote via PRISM, the same online system used for student registration.

"One of the major initiatives this year was to put up a student government Web site and voting online," said Mary Pauline Moran, technology commissioner. "When I applied for the position last year, members of the committee informed me that they were interested in promoting online voting and I have been involved in the research and setup of the program."

The primary concern of student government with the current voting procedure was to allow students to become more involved in their own government and increase voter turnout.

"By sitting on the constitutional oversight committee on online voting, we were most interested in seeing if it is something for students," said election commissioner Alison Joseph said.

According to Jablonski-Diehl during a Dec. 10 BOG meeting, online voting is a good system for the school to implement because it will allow for better access to the ballot for all students and hopefully it will increase voter turnout.

It is hoped that this three-year trial run for online voting will increase participation and interest in student government by off-campus students, student nurses and teachers. It is these students who have most actively called for a new voting procedure that would be more accommodating to their schedule.

By providing alternate and timely options, student involvement on campus, BOG proved itself to be interested in the needs of the student body.

Office Hours and Communication

BOG has continued its effort to reach out to the student body through traditional means.

According to communication coordinator Linda Janke she continues to produce and advertise campus events through newsletters and e-mails but saw only a slight increase in communication via traditional means such as office hours held by each representative on the board.

"Students have called and stopped up [to the BOG office] during office hours to bring up issues, but this interaction could always be more effective and we are always looking to improve," Janke said.

Residence Hall Association

Often overlooked is the important role that the Residence Hall Association plays within student government. This component of BOG is designed to promote the living needs of students on campus.

Above, admissions commissioner, Stephanie Pace voices her opinion on internal reforms as Student Body Vice President, Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, right, listens.

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Belinda Daggaas & Allison Nichols

Student Diversity Board

Board tackles harassment policy, promotes awareness

By SHANNON NELLIGAN
News Writer

Three short years ago, Student Diversity Board was formed on Saint Mary's campus to increase diversity and promote awareness of all cultures. This young member of student government was not immune to the tough issues of diversity.

Three years into its existence, SBID/SDB has not only grown but has come to a place where it can truly implement the goals and objectives laid out in its mission statement. The board has reached a point where it is ready to take its concerns to the next level.

It is hoped that BOG will one day look at the SBID/SDB mission statement and see the need for a Board of Governance to request suggestions on wording, implementing and documenting. She also asked for endorsement of the policy.

BOG did not fully endorse the wording of the policy, but it encourages and promotes the need to update the present harassment policy.

"This is the current policy does not include procedures for reporting harassment or conditions for being harassed," SDH president Sara Mohoney said.

At the moment, the new version of the harassment clause does not have an outline for the correct judicial procedure to take in the event of harassment.

At this meeting, BOG brought the policy to Board of Governance to request suggestions on wording, implementing and documenting. She also asked for endorsement of the policy.

BOG did not have the capability to provide the policy, but it encourages and promotes the need to update the present harassment policy.

The updated version of the policy has been given to Linda Timm, vice president of student affairs. SDH hopes that the policy will receive a positive review from the administration and will be able to present the updated version to the Board of Trustees shortly.

"We hope that looking at diversity and the harassment clause will relay that everyone is diverse in their own right. Because you are white does not mean you are not capable of a diversity policy, but it encourages and promotes the need to update the present harassment policy," said Mahoney.

The most prevalent issue of the policy, the definition of harassment will be explained and a procedure to follow in the event that one is harassment will be outlined. The definition of harassment will include physical threats and comments.

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Student Diversity Board deserves high marks for its efforts in promoting diversity on campus. This young member of student government has made great strides at making their group visible on campus through their various activities and forums. The only improvement that must be made is to make their proposed changes to the harassment clause available to the entire student body at every stage of its development.

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Student government allocates more than $100,000 to plan Saint Mary's events

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Anyone who has attended a meeting of the Board of Governance would know about the many groups and individuals who come requesting funds.

The Office Hours and Communication is one of those groups that would come to the board to request money for the student government. As the group pushes forward and continues to grow, so does the need for money.

In the past, the money allocated to the Office Hours and Communication was shorthanded; however, BOG this year has provided a budget breakdown allowing the group to request money for the upcoming year.

This year student government had more than $200,000 to work with. The executive treasurer created a budget breaking down the amount of money each student government entity receives.

The Board of Governance itself received $3,000, the Student Academic Council received $6,000, the Student Activities Board received $60,000, the Student Diversity Board received $15,000 and the Residence Hall Association received $15,000.

The class government fund totaled $6,000 and is broken down by how many students are in each class, but each class receives the same amount of money per student. For example, if the sophomore class has 200 students and the executive treasurer decides that each class receives $2 per student, then the class receives $400.

Board commissioner Lindsay Evans and student trustee Kristen Matha have begun to look at the possibility of creating a fund that students could apply to receive money from. These funds would be available to students who want to attend campus events but are not able to because of financial problems.

"We would not want any student to not be able to attend an event because they do not have the money," Matha said.

But there are also challenges for students to receive money from student government through the co-sponsorship fund. This year the Board of Governance allotted $20,000 for the co-sponsorship program. Any student or group can apply for a grant as many times as they want.

Students interested in applying for a grant can get an application either from the Student Activities office or downloadable it from the Board of Governance Web site. Once the student has the form, she then can choose to apply for one of four different grants. Whichever grant the student or group of students applies for, their likelihood of receiving the grant depends on what they can provide to the board.

The four different grants available are the service grant, the diversity grant, the campus-programming grant and the multicultural grant. Each grant has different monetary limits and guidelines, but the goal of giving awards is for the student to be able to provide the most help to the students and Saint Mary's community.

"We feel that it is the students who are really hurting, and this is why the whole purpose is to benefit the entire Saint Mary's community," Dunlap said.

One way in which the current Board of Governance
considering the difficulty of the task, many of the performers do an admirable job in their roles. Dorine, played by Mary Anne Lewis, Tartuffe, played by Karl Reifsteck, and Madame Pernelle, played by Rose Lindgren, are particularly convincing characters.

The play is being performed in the lab theater on the third floor of Washington Hall. The theater holds a relatively small audience of 110. The small venue gives the play a more personal feel than those performed in larger theaters.

The location also creates problems with staging, as audience members sit on three sides of the stage. At some point, every audience member will be presented with the back of the performers. To compensate for the difficulty of presenting to different angles, the performers keep the action moving, making sure to present to all sides of the stage. No one is left out of the performance.

Instead of interpreting the play, McDowell opted for a traditional 17th-century setting, including impressive costumes. "We really try to give an interpretation that Molière himself might recognize," said McDowell. "We use period costumes and the same language as Molière."

"An entire play in French is a daunting prospect," he added. Most of the literary subtlety of Molière's work is lost on those who do not speak French, but the play is still enjoyable. Tartuffe's scheme to get into the good graces of Orgon while seducing his wife remains insightful and entertaining even without the finer turns of phrase. Some of the actors struggle with portraying their characters clearly and still including realism and subtlety in the performance. However,
FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Commitments roll in as signing day nears

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

After two weeks without any verbal commitments, Notre Dame's 2007 recruiting class added a couple of key names to the last two weeks, all of which could make significant contributions to future Irish squads.

Highly-touted tight end Greg Olson and safety Tom Zbikowski both orally committed to the Irish Jan. 16. Less than a week later, two more recruits, John Sullivan and Dwight Stephenson, gave Notre Dame coach Tyree Willingham their oral commitment.

Per NCAA regulations, Notre Dame officials are prohibited from publicly commenting on verbal commitments until Signing Day Feb. 5. Sullivan, a 6-foot-4, 280-pound commuter from Machinaw, Conn., narrowed his choices to Notre Dame and Boston College, before choosing the Irish.

Sullivan brings a list of credentials with him to Notre Dame. SuperPrep rated Sullivan as a top 20 player at any position in the country and the best prospect out of the New England area. He gets after it, he's very aggressive and he stays on his blocks very well," SuperPrep's Allen Wallace said.

ESPN's Tom Lemming also called Sullivan the best center in the nation.

Sullivan will compete against rising sophomore Bob Morton and rising junior Zach Giles for a starting position next season. The other commitment came from Hall of Fame center Dwight Stephenson's son. The younger Stephenson had already committed to the University of Florida before changing his mind and choosing Notre Dame.

Stephenson played strongside linebacker in high school, but could play either at linebacker or defensive end at Notre Dame. He had 27 sacks as a senior last season and also brings the Irish outstanding speed, running the 40-yard dash in only 4.4 seconds. "He's very quick, real fast and plays hard," Wallace said. "He's somebody who you definitely would want to have on your team."

Despite now having 17 recruits orally committed, Notre Dame isn't done. The Irish have several recruiters overseas this week before the Feb. 5 Signing Day.

One such player is defensive end Victor Ibori, who is sought by Miami (Fla.), Florida State, North Carolina and Stanford. Stanaboom could be a difference maker for the college he chooses.

"He's truly elite," Wallace said. "He's smart, big, fast, athletic, quick and pretty explosive. Because of his raw talent, he should go in and make an impact from day one at place like playing as a freshman for us."

Abiamili has narrowed his choices down to Notre Dame and Boston College, according to Lemming. The Irish also hope to grab Abiamili's teammate, quarterback Mateo Rago, according to Lemming.

"He's definitely worth the risk," Wallace said.

Offensive lineman Mike Jones also has expressed interest in playing at Notre Dame. Jones has reportedly narrowed his choices down to the Irish, Penn State, Tennessee and Iowa. Jones committed as a 6-foot-5, 307-pounder and could be another big commitment for Notre Dame.

He has always pushed for Notre Dame high on his list," Wallace said.

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Irish Verbal Commitments

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

Saber squads to be tested at No. 4 Ohio State

Saber fencers are tented to have a four team match this weekend against No. 4 Ohio State. The Irish have been off the books for a while, but hope to gain some matches to kick this season off.

Rogers finished third at last year's NCAA Championships and is currently ranked second in the junior division and ninth in the senior division of the United States Fencing Association rankings. Parker competed at the University of Maryland and ended up in eighth at last year's national championships.

Brother of former Notre Dame sabre fencer Andre Abiamili, Adam Abiamili gives the Buckeyes impressive depth at this weapon. Adam Abiamili stands seventh on the junior level and eleventh on the senior level in the U.S. Fencing Association rankings. Rogers and Crompton tied for third at the North American Cup event in December.

Ohio State opened its season at the Northwestern duals two weeks ago and dominated the weak field. The Buckeyes beat all nine of their opponents.

This is the first team tournament so it is really unpredictable. I hope they really face the best ranks and top opponents, like Ohio State," Bandewski said. "We face them first in their home, in front of their home audience and support. They are a really good team and this will be a very important match for us."

Notre Dame's womens sabre team will be challenged this weekend as well. Sophomore Louise Bond-Williams finished second for the Buckeyes at the 2002 NCAA Championships. Bond-Williams defeated Notre Dame's sophomore Jeanette Molo last season. Notre Dame senior Natalia Mazur will be participating in her first collegiate competition since after missing the 2002 season with an illness.

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IN BRIEF

Carter may return to Raptors lineup Sunday

Vince Carter could return to the struggling Toronto Raptors as early as Sunday after missing 23 games with a strained right knee.

Carter received a good report from Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., this week and will meet with team doctors on Friday. He must be cleared by them before playing.

"I'm just ready to get out there and play," Carter said. "I feel great. Every week that goes by I get better and better." Carter missed 10 games earlier this season with a chronically injured left knee. He has played in just 10 games but has been practicing with the team the last week.

"I want to get back out there and play for my teammates first and foremost, and for the fans," Carter said. "Even the people who have doubts, the people who have written me off, I want to go out there and play for them too." The Raptors are 10-33 and have lost five straight and 21 of 24. Only Cleveland is worse.

"If we are going to lose I would like to be a part of it," Carter said. The Raptors host the Sacramento Kings on Sunday.

McLaren dealt to Sharks in three-way trade

Holdout Boston Bruins defenseman Kyle McLaren was traded to the San Jose Sharks on Thursday in a three-team deal that sent forward Niklas Sundstrom to the Montreal Canadiens.

The Bruins acquired veteran goalie Jeff Hackett from the Canadiens and young defenseman Jeff Jilson from the Sharks. Montreal got the Sharks' third-round selection in the 2004 draft, while Boston sent a fourth-round pick in the 2004 draft to San Jose.

McLaren, 25, had 124 points in 417 career games with the Bruins, but he hasn't played this season because of a contract dispute. The Sharks, who have been desperate for consistent defensive play during their disappointing season, gave up on young prospect Jilson to acquire a more mature defenseman.

"Kyle McLaren is a young, physical defenseman who brings elements which will fit with our stable of defensemen for years to come," Sharks general manager Dean Lombardi said.

San Jose is 16-20-6, with just one victory in 10 games. The Sharks have been dismal all season, and replacing coach Darryl Sutter with Ron Wilson in early December has done nothing to change it.

Like several San Jose forwards, Sundstrom has been in a slump all season — and now he's the second Swedish Olympian to be traded in what could be a series of shakeups for the Sharks.
**MENS TENNIS**

**Battle for bragging right in Indiana**

By JOE LINDSEY
Sports Writer

The battle for the state of Indiana will take place today as the Irish face Penn State in the No. 27 Irish hope to welcome the Boilermakers, extending their winning streak to 7-0.

While the Irish lost all six singles matches, they still managed to clinch the doubles matches to win.

**MENS SWIMMING**

**Irish host 1st meet in 7 weeks**

By LISA REJULA
Sports Writer

After seven weeks on the road, the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team will host in last home dual meet of the season Saturday at Buehler Aquatic Center.

The Irish (5-5) will compete against the Bulldogs of the University of Chicago (5-5). The meet will be held in the Buehler Aquatic Center.

**WOMENS TRACK**

**Irish host Ball State, Western Michigan**

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's track and field team looks to build on its early season success in hosting Ball State and Western Michigan tonight.

At the last weekend's Central Michigan opener, the Irish were led by two seniors who broke their own school records.

Tameisha King set a NCAA qualification mark and new school mark by jumping 20-8 1/2. King was also in action on the 5000 meters, running the 60 meters (7.51 seconds) ahead of teammate Kristin Didd (7.76). Didd returned to the track for the 200 meters to post her own individual victory in 25.09.

Sarah Volkmer broke her old school record for the 200 meters. Volkmer won the race in 24.46 seconds. Volkmer also won the 100 meters in 11.62 seconds. Volkmer also won the 100 meters in 11.62 seconds.

**SMC BASKETBALL**

**Belles hope to cage 'Dogs**

By TREY WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Rebounding from past losses has not been Saint Mary's strong point this season, but they will need to snap their four-game downward spiral against Adrian College Saturday if they want any chance of salvaging both their conference and season records.

The Belles (5-11) are currently tied for last in the MIAA, and they have already lost five games.

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The Irish only play a team from Boston College once every four years. But the Irish have never before played on national television or been ranked when they played Boston College. And Notre Dame fans need only to look to the football season to see how the Eagles can sneak up and surprise a team.

Besides, the Eagles have the motivation to knock off the Irish. Two years ago in South Bend, Martin Inglesby hit a game-winning shot with seconds to play to lead the Irish to a 76-75 victory.

The Eagles certainly have the talent, too, to pull off an upset. Troy Bell, the 2000-01 co-Big East Player of the Year, leads a potent offense which also includes Craig Smith and Ryan Sidney, who average 23.21.5 and 15.1 points a game, respectively.

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WOMENS TENNIS
Irish look to extend streak

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After winning their ninth home opener in 10 seasons, the Irish will attempt to win their 11th straight road opener on Sunday when they head to Wisconsin, the land of dairy farms and the realm of the Badgers’ tennis squad that knocked the Irish out of the NCAA tournament last season.

The 30th-ranked Badgers are essentially the same team they were last spring, but the No. 22 Irish are young. Sunday’s match against Wisconsin will be the beginning of a schedule that is anything but cheesy.

“Our next two matches are really big,” freshman Jennifer Smith said. “I think if everyone kind of holds their own in doubles, that will be important. I think we can definitely win the doubles point.”

The caliber of their competition is going to increase soon though. The Irish will play at least nine teams currently ranked in the top-16 nationwide.

Because of that tough schedule, it is important for the Irish to use their early matches to build confidence and maintain morale.

“We have nothing to lose,” freshman Kristina Straszyn said. “We’re just going to go out there and give it all we’ve got.”

Notre Dame began its spring season on a note of high confidence with its 5-2 defeat of Western Michigan on Wednesday.

“Everyone felt like they played well,” junior Alicia Salas said. “Everyone fought very hard, even [in] the matches we lost.”

Though senior captain Katie Cunha admits of a little “bad blood” between the two teams, there is not a sense of a real rivalry. Irish coach Jay Louderback is quick to say that last year’s tournament loss to Wisconsin was Notre Dame’s first loss to the Badgers in awhile.

“With Wisconsin, it’s a good rivalry but not a serious one,” Louderback said. “Both teams play hard. It’s a tough place to play.”

Salas, calling the Badgers a “classy” team, is looking forward to Sunday’s meet.

“The veterans on the team are (especially) excited to get the chance to play them again,” she said. “It’s even more exciting because we have such a new team this year and everyone is very enthusiastic.”

Nevertheless, the Irish expect a challenge.

“They’re about the same team as they were a year ago,” Louderback said. “They’re a pretty talented group.”

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ND WOMENS SWIMMING

Team returns healthy bodies to Ohio meet

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Last weekend’s victory at Illinois boosts the women’s swimming and diving team record to 5-1-1 in dual meet competition, leaving the Irish with two meets to go before the Big East Championships next month.

On Saturday, the team travels to Bowling Green, Ohio, to compete against Mid-American Conference opponent Bowling Green and Conference-USA teams Louisville and St. Louis. According to coach Bailey Weather, Louisville and Bowling Green present the biggest challenges for Notre Dame this weekend.

“Louisville and Bowling Green are better in different events,” Weather said. “Louisville’s strength lies in the middle-distance freestyle events.”

The Irish welcome the return of freshman Christel Bouvron, who missed the Illinois meet due to a virus. Bouvron won the 200-meter freestyle (2 minutes, 8.04 seconds) against Kansas in Acapulco.

Bouvron, senior tri-captain Heidi Hendrick and junior Danielle Hulick will counter the Cardinals’ strength with their skill in the freestyle events. Hulick captured the 50-meter freestyle (24.22) at Illinois.

Bouvron and most of the other swimmers absent from the Irish’s previous meet will return to competition on Saturday. Only junior Marie Labosky, junior diver Meghan Perry-Eaton and sophomore diver Chrissy Habeeb will not compete.

Although the Irish lose their best diver, Perry-Eaton, for the meet due to medical reasons, they still have the talent to counter Bowling Green’s strengths.

“Bowling Green is better in the stroke events,” Weather said. “I wouldn’t foresee huge problems with what we’re doing [on Saturday].”

The team must maintain a consistent effort throughout the remainder of the season as they hope to enter the Big East Championships on a winning note.

“Our effort is not an issue. As we get closer to the Big East Championships, training changes and we give the girls more rest and do some more fast-paced type stuff,” Weather said. “We’ll be pretty sharp for the Big East’s.”

The Irish swim at Bowling Green Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Irish seek solace on the road against 'Cats

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Writer

The Irish know one simple thing. They're tired of losing.

"It's come down to, we're sick of it," freshman Megan Duffy said.

Notre Dame dropped its last four home games, and as they take to the road Saturday to face Villanova, they are going to be looking to stop losing. It's time for a victory.

"I think right now we're lacking a lot of confidence," Meghan Duffy said. "We haven't been able to get up to our level of play. Some games we don't have intensity."

With Notre Dame back to use men as opponents in practice and the Irish needing a win, Saturday would be a good time for the Irish to pick up that intensity. After playing Villanova, the Irish hit the heart of the Big East schedule that would allow them to pick up some victories and make up for early season mistakes.

But Villanova will do all it can to prevent Notre Dame from using them as the springboard for a much-needed boost of confidence. The Wildcats present the Irish with a new strategy.

"They're always moving," Duffy said. "The coaches were telling us the other day that they're different than any team we've ever faced."

The Wildcats aren't as athletic, they slow the ball down, but they move. A lot.

The Irish will have to focus on maintaining their defensive assignments and watching out for where the Wildcats are moving.

"They're always moving," Duffy said. "[The coaches] told us that we're going to be running around in circles trying to guard. One mistake we make on defense and they've got a lay-up."

Tip off is at noon Saturday at Villanova.

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29. Langtry of the 19th
30. Full deck at
31. Some cafeteria
32. Some pens
33. Took in
34. Skin care product
35. Be different
36. Patsy's
37. Practically
38. Home to a
defendant
39. Move in on
40. With 32-Down, another duty
41. Financial market monetary unit
42. Occupational suffix
43. Portuguese poet
44. Occupational suffix
45. Instrument
46. With 32-Down, another duty
47. With 32-Down, pickup truck
48. Accessories
49. Touchy one?
50. Noted 1920's defendant
51. Spruce up
52. Giant legend
53. Cream puff
54. Pick-up-sticks game
55. Landing area
56. In its
57. Orkeyna Islands
58. Egyptian king of the 19th dynasty
59. Deflected
60. Gypsy
61. Giant legend
62. Quick
63. Pick-up-sticks game
64. W. Handy
65. Classical composer
66. In its
67. 19th-century
68. In its
69. In its
70. In its
71. Carrion
72. In its
73. In its
74. In its
75. In its
76. In its
77. In its
78. In its
79. In its
80. In its

Down
1. 1 water
2. Fork
3. Kick up one's heels
4. Peace
5. The role for Shirley
6. A Mouse
7. A Saga
8. Choose vehicle, briefly
9. First word of Bum's "To a Mouse"
10. To Josef
11. Sees
12. Percussion instrument
13. Vigorous exercise system
14. Four times since 1949
15. Projectionists' needs
16. Skin care product
17. Blend of skin care product
18. Club
19. Spanish key
20. Langtry of the stage
21. Canadian financial market index
22. Sin 47-Down
23. Took in
24. Rose and fell, in a way
25. Be different
26. "Absolutely Fabulous" pal
27. It
28. Yb
29. Please!
30. A Message
31. A Message
32. Pull
33. A Message
34. It
35. A Message
36. A Message
37. A Message
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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Your communication skills will be great with everyone but the ones you love. It will be hard for you to hide your true feelings. Just tell it like it is, try to sort out your relationships and do the best you can.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22): Concentrate on work-related matters. Small details will make a difference. Don't allow anyone in your unit situation to upset your routine.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22): You can find that great bargain if you get out and shop. It often has a

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone you love will not be too stable. Try to keep careful, if you want to keep the pace to try to figure out a solution to the present situation.

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Birthday Baby: You will back down from nothing in your life and will always know the first move to follow. You will relish the thought of being the center of attention and will do whatever is necessary to be in the limelight.

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HOCKEY

Spartans invade the JACC

* Streaking Michigan State will test struggling Irish this weekend

By JUSTIN SCHUYER
Sports Writer

Two teams heading in opposite directions will meet this weekend at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame (9-11-4, 7-8-1 in the CCHA), coming off a two-game sweep by Yale last week, look to get back on the right track against conference foe Michigan State (13-9-1, 9-6-0). The Spartans are the hottest team in the league, coming into this weekend's games on a five-game winning streak, including two wins over CCHA foe Nebraska-Omaha last weekend to move into fourth place in the conference.

The Irish, meanwhile, are mired in a five-game winless streak (0-4-1) and have not tracked to a conference win since a 5-3 road victory over Nebraska-Omaha on Jan. 3. They have been outscored 22-12 in that five-game span.

Despite being on a downward spiral while the Spartans play so well, Notre Dame coach Dave Poulin said he wouldn't have his team face any other opponent this weekend.

"I say let's just get out there and play," he said. "We know they're a good team and what we have ahead of us." If history repeats itself, the Irish will be able to take a good performance from this weekend and use it as momentum to finish out the rest of the season.

Last year, the Irish stunned then No. 3 Michigan State with a 7-2 home unbeaten streak for the Spartans. Notre Dame was able to use the momentum from that win to finish out the regular season with four straight victories.

"The timing of [this matchup] is eerily similar," Poulin said. For the Irish to do well against the Spartans, they will have to stop a high-powered and balanced offense. Forwards Jim Slater and David Booth, with 28 and 23 points respectively, lead the offensive unit.

Sister is especially hot, after being named the CCHA offensive player of the week after becoming the first Spartan player in six years to score five points in a game, which he did in Michigan State's 7-2 win over Nebraska-Omaha.

Michigan State also claims the top two scoring defensemen in CCHA play with John-Michael Liles (24 points) and Brad Fast (21).

The biggest question mark for the Spartans coming into this season was in net. Last year's goalie back, Mark Howe, is not with the team this year.

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By ANDY KENNAZ
Sports Writer

Irish ofenseman Evan Nielsen attempts to get the puck away during a Bowling Green player in a match earlier this season. The Irish host high-flying Michigan State this weekend.

Ryan Miller, is currently playing in the NHL with the Buffalo Sabres.

In Miller's place, Matt Magliacci has become the Spartans' No. 1 netminder. He has an 11-5-1 record and ranks fourth in the CCHA with a 2.39 goals-against average. The Irish will more than likely counter with sophomore Morgan Cey in net. In three

MENS TRACK

Irish hope to build on opener

BY ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Aimed with a new throw coach, the men's track team opens the home portion of its 2003 indoor schedule with a meet against Ball State at the Loftus Sports Complex at 7 p.m.

B.J. Linnenbrink, a 2002 Florida State graduate, was named assistant coach last week and provides a major lift to the program. With Linnenbrink's addition to the staff, Scott Winsor will relinquish the throws while remaining jump coach.

"He will help the throwers and the jumpers," head coach Joe Plave said of Linnenbrink.

"Scott Winsor had the monumental task of working with all our field events, but now both coaches will be able to spend more time with the players," Plave said.

Plave was pleased with the team's opening action at the Central Michigan Opener last weekend.

"Selim Nuruddeen won and had one of the top times in the Big East," Plave said. "Two runners do well in the 400; Ryan Postel and Trevor McClain-Duer. Thomas Chamney won the 800 as well. We did a lot of good things.

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By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

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