ND tickets unleash campaign

Candidates balance programming, policy issues on platforms

By JASON McFARLEY

There’s the serious. Pat Hallahan and running mate Jeremy Lao want to start a “Theology on Tap” program that promotes religious discussion between students and professors.

I m a d i e r s a m e . N o t r e D a m e’ s s m a l l c o l l e g e s a n d u n i v e r s i t i e s , w h i c h are classified as having fewer than 5,000 undergraduate students, are considered small schools. Large campuses with more than 15,000 undergraduates are categorized as large colleges.

Bishop to deliver report

Report is slated to express student opinion on hall dances

By MEGHAN EDOWES

Libby Bishop, student body president, delivers her Board of Trustees report at the board’s winter meeting today in Naples, Fl. Bishop said the report, an update on hall dances and an overview of social life at Notre Dame, would review the status of hall dances and the trend of the direction in which these dances are headed.

“I made it clear that students

ND ranks 12th in sending grads to Peace Corps

By HELENA PAYNE

The Peace Corps recently ranked Notre Dame No. 12 in a list of medium-size colleges and universities that produced the most volunteers in 2002.

T h e P e a c e C o r p s i s s e e k ­ ing volunteers to work in areas of education, agriculture, environmental science, community development, business and health. According to Roskelley, the Corps is seeking students who have degrees in the above areas and those who have had at least one semester of French.

A d d i t i o n a l y , a d d i t i o n a l information is available at www.peacecorps.gov.

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INSIDE COLUMN
Going to Chicago

Winter in South Bend can be as fun as an 8:30 a.m. seminar. No one ever has a good time, and most students wait impatiently for deliverance by starting at the clock. But, there is an escape from South Bend in the form of a brighter star to the west that goes by the name of Chicago, offering a plethora of entertainment, cuisine and the occasional oddities South Bend does not offer.

For a little enlightenment, the museums spread out on the lakeshore can provide a vast amount of knowledge and interesting facts. The Field Museum holds collections such as Egyptian mummies and the art Lacquer of Japan. Also, in the main corridor, visitors can browse by a lady named Sue, the largest and most complete T. Rex ever recovered. Plus, only a short walk away is the Museum of Science and Industry. Main attractions include a coal mine and a "fantasy castle" doll house and visitors can even tour a U-505 German submarine from World War II.

Also, on Lake Shore Drive is the Shedd Aquarium, which boasts of having the largest indoor aquarium in the world. It is definitely a must-see for everyone interested in the gift. Sea creatures such as sharks, turtles, anaconda, piranhas and beluga whales all call the Shedd their home.

A good laugh can be easily procured from the city's many comedy clubs. The infamous Second City offers comedy that is both topical and universal. This establishment has been a springboard for talented comedians such as Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Chris Farley, and you can be sure rising stars are in the cast now.

For dinner, it may seem like a daunting task to choose a place to eat. But, if it's variety you're after, I recommend Chinatown. It offers a wide assortment of Asian cuisine, and each restaurant has its own specialty from fruit drinks to beef tripe. Most establishments are reasonably priced, and will allow you to struggle through one piece, the trip will be a success.

The Student Senate meeting Wednesday denied a presidential candidate appeal to avoid a reprimand for violating campaign rules.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

♦ Lecture: "Public Health Effects of Cold-War-Era Production and Testing of Nuclear Weapons," 4 p.m. in the Heschlburgh Auditorium.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

♦ Religious Studies Dinner, 5 p.m. in the President's Dining room.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Cajun pasta sauce, baked manicotti, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, chicken in the pot soup, breadsticks, tomato soup, New England clam chowder, whipped potatoes, baked potato, sausage patties, Texas French toast, hamburger, grilled hotdog, natures burger, Italian beef sandwich, plain white rice and chicken taco.

Today's Dinner: Boiled fettuccine, baked manicotti, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, breadsticks, chicken in the pot soup, tomato soup, New England clam chowder, beef tips and mushroom rooms, krinkle cut fries, chicken tacos, rice, chicken patty and grilled salmon.

South Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, fettucine, bacon pizza, Greek pork loin, white beans with ham, cornbread vegetable rice pilaf, sauteed julienn vegetables, turkey pot pie, long grain and wild rice, hot chunky applesauce, chicken nuggets, seasoned fries, onion rings, soft pretzel, chicken macadamia and enchiladas.

Today's Dinner: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, fettucine, bacon pizza, peppered flank steak, barley risotto, black beans with tomato and cilantro, buffalo chicken wings, grilled cod and lentil and barley stew.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Student requires treatment after fall
NDSP transported a student to the University Health Center for treatment of injuries sustained during a fall in O'Shaughnessy Hall on Tuesday.

Vandalism reported at Village
A visitor discovered vandalism to her vehicle on Jan. 31 in University Village. There are no suspects.

Items stolen in Bond Hall
A student reported the theft of several items from his desk in Bond Hall on Tuesday. There are no suspects.

Car collision reported on Dorr
There was a report of a vehicle hitting a parked vehicle on North Road on Tuesday. There were no injuries reported.

Saint Mary’s Dining Hall
Today’s Dinner: Broccoli tofu stir fry, brown rice, spring rolls, pasta, light tomato sauce, pancake and waffle bar, bagel french toast, Belgium waffles, pancakes, sausage, hash brown, soup and chili, banana and apple, barrel of chicken, scalloped potatoes and yellow cake with fudge.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Justin Krivickas at jkrivick@nd.edu.
**SENATE**

**Senate denies candidates' appeal**

By MICHAEL CHAMBLISS
News Writer

Student Body Vice President Trip Foley presided over Wednesday's Student Senate meeting where candidate for student body vice president Mike Kirsch put forth a controversial appeal on behalf of his both himself and his running mate, presidential candidate, Mike Bott.

"Several complaints were received after the Cavanaugh and Knot dances last weekend about Bott and Kirsch campaigning in violation of election bylaws," said Danielle Ledesma, Judicial Council president.

The main allegation was that Bott and Kirsch had hung an unapproved campaign sign in the LaFortune Ballroom, an area managed by Student Activities. The election council met Monday and identified the laws in question. Subsequently, five members of the executive council met, found Kirsch and Bott in violation of three laws, and imposed a sanction.

The five council members ruled that no new campaign material would be approved for Kirsch and Bott until the general election ends at 8 p.m. Monday night.

Article 6 of the election bylaws explicitly states that campaigning in a space affiliated with the Student Union Board is forbidden. In addition, Article 10 states that the election committee must receive receipts from the purchase of any new campaign materials, and Article 12 states that all new campaign materials must be approved before use.

At the Senate meeting, Kirsch admitted that neither the receipts nor the sign were presented or approved. Kirsch and Bott did, however, have a problem with the guilty ruling they received with respect to article six.

Kirsch claims he received permission from Judicial Council Vice-President Matt Corgan to campaign at the dance. At the time, both Corgan and Kirsch were unaware that the dance was to be held in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Although hanging campaign posters is prohibited on the second and third floors of LaFortune, Kirsch claims that he was unaware that campaigning in the ballroom is also a violation of the by-laws, and hung the sign thinking he had permission to do so. He gave us permission to do something, and then reprimanded us for it," said Kirsch.

Kirsch came to the Student Senate to appeal the ruling on Article 6. After some debate, the Senate voted the motion to exonerate Bott and Kirsch failed to net the necessary 2/3 vote. Had the motion passed it probably would have done little to mitigate the pair's punishment.

"For the most, the sanction was based on the violation of article 12," said Corgan.

In other Senate news:

- **Amy O'Conner**, chairman of the Club Coordination Council, and Andrew Oxenreiter, Student Union treasurer, presented their plan to institute a mechanism that would automatically adjust the student activities fee in order to cut down on year-to-year debate. The proposal would have the fee increase each year by the same percentage increase as tuition.

"We are still far behind compared to other universities. At our sister school Saint Mary's it's $150," said O'Conner of the current activities fee.

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All applications must be submitted to Andrew Soukup in The Observer's office, located in the basement of South Dining Hall, by Friday, February 7, 2003. Questions about the application process can be directed to Andrew at 1-4541.

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**FORERM AGRICULTURE**

Secretary alumn dies

Special to The Observer

Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng, a 1940 graduate of the University, died Saturday in Modesto, Calif., at age 84.

Credited with influencing global farm policies and helping to develop the nation's food stamp program, Lyng also served as chief deputy director of the California State Department of Agriculture, deputy secretary of agriculture and assistant secretary for marketing and consumer services for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and president of the American Meat Institute.

Dick will always be remembered as a man with vision," said current U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, for whom Lyng was a mentor. "He was always looking ahead to see where we were going and was one of the most loved secretaries this department has ever had."

A World War II veteran, Lyng earned his bachelor of commerce degree from Notre Dame. He then served as president of the Ed J. Lyng Co., a family-owned seed and bean business in Modesto.

Lyng is survived by two daughters and one grandson. He was at age 84, Bethyl Ball, died in 2000.
Campaign continued from page 1

Bott and Mike Kirsh, Charlie Ebersol and Lauren Meagher, Gagnat and McCarthy, Hallahan and Lao, Joe Muto and Mimi Matkowski, Matt Padberg and David Rail or Drew Updike and Eric Tarnowski

For the presidential candidates in particular, their campaign goals provide insight into the precarious question of what student government is for — policy or programming?

Over the past several years, the Office of the Student Body President has falen on different sides of the debate. In 2001-02, Brooke Norton was a programming president. Her office planned campus fairs and other social and cultural events, but Norton, the school’s first female student body president, effected little official change and rarely took a public stand on issues that riled her constituents.

By design, Norton’s successor, Libby Bishop, has been a policy president. Bishop last year ran on a platform that promised little programming and lots of tough talk with administrators. And two years ago, 2000-01 President Brian O’Donoghue fell somewhere in between, striking a balance between shaping policy and sponsoring campus activities.

The president’s office, by its very nature, lends itself to influencing policy over creating programming. The student body president chairs the prominent Campus Life Council, serves as the only student member on powerful University committees and gets regular face-time with school officials.

But at the same time, few presidents can stay away from event planning. Even Bishop organized a week-long series of campus activities last fall to celebrate the 30th anniversary of coeducation at Notre Dame.

This year’s candidates, for the most part, are linked by one policy initiative: reinstating in-dorm dances. Six campaigns say they will lobby administrators and the Board of Trustees to return dances to the school’s 27 residence halls. Only the Matt Padberg-David Rail ticket, whose singular focus is “more Flex Points,” lacks a stance on the issue.

Five of the campaigns promise more convenient meal plans, although they differ on how to achieve the goal. And most of the candidates support public disclosure of results from Teacher Course Evaluations that students complete each semester. The Hallahan-Lao ticket is running on clearly the most policy-orientated platform. Among other goals, Hallahan, who is Bishop’s chief of staff, and Lao, the sophomore class president, propose creating student government financial records to the public, increasing funding to serve and spirituality projects and creating discussion-based courses on diversity.

At the other end of the spectrum, the Muto-Matkowski ticket recommends various programming to improve campus life — an academic decathlon between Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s women, a Halloween costume contest and a “summer send-off” party on the last day of classes.

Along the same programming lines, Ebersol and running mate Meagher call for improved pep rallies, dinner theater in South Dining Hall and even say they can bring Top 40 bands and big-name speakers and comedians to campus.

The admitted “basically lacking all hope” ticket of Gagnat and McCarthy proposes a different sort of activity for students: escaping stringent security checkpoints across campus and, as part of bestLife punishment, helping build an Egyptian-style pyramid to replace Stepan Center. Gagnat and McCarthy join Padberg and Rail as the so-called joke tickets in this year’s election.

The apparent front-runners — the tickets of Ebersol-Meagher and Hallahan-Lao — come closest to balancing the policy and programming demands inherent in the Office of the Student Body President. Dark horses Bott-Kirsh, Muto-Matkowski and Updike-Tarnowski offer platforms that lean primarily toward programming interests.

If the policy versus programming debate proves significant in this year’s race, then that leaves voters with an important question: Will elected leaders best improve student life at the bar-gaining table with administrators or through planning attractive new activities? Or both?

Students can vote Monday in the online election from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Contact Jason McFarley at mcfarley.1@nd.edu

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POWELL CALLS FOR UNITED NATIONS TO WATCH IRAQ

Associated Press

Secretary of State Colin Powell, relying on a stream of U.S. intelligence, urged the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday to move against Saddam Hussein and Iraq has failed to disarm, Powell said.

"We heard today was for the general public and mainly the uninformed, in order to influence their opinion and to commit aggression against Iraq," Lt. Gen. Amir al-Saadi, an adviser to Saddam, said in Baghdad.

The overwhelming majority of the Security Council believe Iraq must do more to cooperate with inspectors and disarm. But of the 15 council members, only the United States and Britain have voiced support for forcibly disarming Saddam — though Spain and Bulgaria are also expected to take part in any coalition against Iraq.

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IRAQ

Ofﬁcials dispute Powell’s speech to Security Council

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

Baghdad officials on Wednesday dismissed Secretary of State Colin Powell's attack on Iraq and its leader as "high-level audience of foreign ministers and ambassadors in an appearance that was televised live to an anxious world.

While he spoke, Iraqi TV carried a day-old interview with Saddam.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FBI: Al-Qaeda remains terrorist threat

Al-Qaeda is weakened and scattered but remains the top threat to commit terrorist attacks in the United States, the FBI says in a first-of-its-kind national assessment for Congress. The study also says there are other Muslim extremist groups engaged in a "jihad," or holy war, against the United States and other Western countries. Some of them provide "varying degrees of support" to al-Qaeda, the report said, which a government official described Wednesday on condition of anonymity.


Troop mobilization grows in Persian Gulf: The buildup of American land, sea and air forces in the Persian Gulf is accelerating, officials said Wednesday as the Bush administration made its case at the U.N. that Iraq must be disarmed. The number of U.S. troops in the region now stands at about 113,000 — nearly half of them in Kuwait, the likely main launch point for a U.S.-led ground invasion — and is expected to reach 150,000 by Feb. 15, a senior official said.

Report: Women more prone to addiction: Girls and young women get hooked on cigarettes, alcohol and drugs more quickly and for different reasons than boys, and should receive specialized treatment that reflects that, according to a study released Wednesday. Teenage girls often begin smoking and drinking to relieve stress or alleviate depression, while boys do it for thrills or heightened social status, according to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

World News Briefs

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**Author promotes 'The Golden Ratio'**

*Physicist describes the role the proportion plays in the world*

By MATT BRAMANTI

News Writer

It may not seem like an exciting number, but 1.61803 is moving up in the world, according to astrophysicist Mario Livio, who spoke in the Hesburgh Library Wednesday.

The number, known as the "Golden Ratio," measures a certain geometrical proportion with applications in physics, mathematics, music, even art.

Livio, an Israeli veteran of three wars, began the science division at the Space Telescope Science Institute at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. Livio was at Notre Dame to promote his new book, "The Golden Ratio," which is aimed at a popular audience.

The book discusses the development of the ratio, first described by the Pythagoreans in the fifth century B.C. Livio credited the ancient Greek mathematician Euclid with unveiling the true significance of the number. "It suddenly played a crucial role in the elements that made the universe," Livio said.

The number is said to represent the ideal aesthetic proportion. Livio displayed a reproduction of the Mona Lisa, with the famous lady's face inscribed within a rectangle.

The length and width of the figure were exactly related by the golden ratio. Spanish surrealist painter Salvador Dalí likewise used the proportion in his works. The number can also be found in the musical works of Hungarian composer Bela Bartok and French composer Claude Debussy.

Livio stressed the relationship between mathematical rules and the world as people perceive it.

"Mathematics is a human invention and, therefore, dictat­ed to human beings what mathematics to invent," Livio said. This theme was discussed in his last book, "The Accelerating Universe," which dealt with the aesthetic value of scientific theories.

Livio said he aims to follow in the words of English dramatist Christopher Marlowe: "Still climbing after knowledge infinite and always moving as the restless spheres."

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"We didn't come here with prepared speeches. We didn't come here with 39 platform ideas. We're just real students like everybody," vice presidential candidate sophomore Eric Tarnowski said, criticizing two tickets with more lengthy platforms -- the Charlie Eberson-Lauren Meagher ticket and the Pat Hallahan-Jeremy Lao ticket. Tarnowski is running with presidential candidate John Uphill, a sophomore. The prepared speech comment referred to Hallahan, current chief of staff in the Office of the Student Body President, and Sophomore Class President Lao, the candidates who could be called student government "insiders." The two defended their insider status, promising to "put students first." "We will be able to revamp student life," Hallahan said.

Lao added, "Our experience in student government has shown us the process through which change can be made." Although inexperienced with student government positions, sophomore Charlie Eberson, running for student body president and junior Lauren Meagher, running for vice presidential running mate, stuck to their 39-proposal platform also.

"Everything we propose can happen," Meagher said. Eberson repeatedly referred to his major priority to bring big-name acts to campus so that students can have the student life of other top 20 colleges.

"You'll be able to tell your friends you went to top-40 concerts like U2," he said.

While not promising headline concerts, student body presidential candidate Junior Mike Rott and vice presidential candidate sophomore Mike Kirsh, a former member of the varsity track and field team, promised to be bringing in the "real student approach" to student government.

"We feel like we bring a lot to the table," Kirsh said. Alumni Hall president Rott added, "We haven't been hooling up in the student government office.

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Gasoline prices jump 8 percent

The retail price of gasoline is up 8 percent since the start of the year, fueled by high oil costs and traders' self-fueling fears of an upward trend as the U.S. considers military action in Iraq. "Traders are afraid that the next barrel they buy will be more expensive than the one they bought today," said Tom Kloza, director of the Oil Price Information Service, a Lakewood, N.J., publisher of industry data. That fear is contributing to the aggressive buying, he said. The wholesale price of gasoline on the New York Mercantile Exchange rose 3.09 percent to $4.34, its highest level since May 2001.

National debt to hit $6.4 trillion

The government is expected to hit the $6.4 trillion ceiling on the national debt around Feb. 20, the Treasury Department said Wednesday, its highest level since July 1981. Treasury asked Congress late last year to increase the government's borrowing authority. Treasury asked Congress late last year to increase the government's borrowing authority. Treasury asked Congress late last year to increase the government's borrowing authority. Treasury asked Congress late last year to increase the government's borrowing authority. Treasury asked Congress late last year to increase the government's borrowing authority.


Wall Street slumps after bad news

WASHINGTON

Worried about a possible war, Wall Street has had a bad week this year and the news on Main Street hasn't been any better. Business executives are freezing new spending and hiring, fearful of big commitments in the face of much uncertainty.

Some analysts think the national anxiety, heightened by the loss of space shuttle Columbia, could be enough to derail the feeble recovery and throw the country back into recession.

"The probability of a double-dip recession has certainly risen," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. "The economy is still mired in a pretty soft patch and we have not made it to former ground."

"Soft patch" was the phrase Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan began using last fall to describe a significant slowdown in economic growth. The economy, which had been growing at a solid 4 percent rate in the summer, slowed to near stall during the final three months of the year, managing to eke out a tiny 0.2 percent growth rate.

To buy some insurance against a possible double-dip recession, the Federal Reserve in November cut interest rates by a bigger-than-expected half point, pushing the overnight borrowing cost for banks down to a 41-year low of 1.25 percent.

But so far, the extra boost from lower interest rates has not been enough to jump-start the economy. Unemployment has been stuck at an eight-year high of 6 percent as businesses have laid off nearly 200,000 workers over the past two months.

Many analysts believe when the government reports the January unemployment figure on Friday it will show that businesses did add a small number of workers last month but not enough to show an improvement in the 6 percent jobless rate.
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had a negative view on the loss of in-hall dances because it led to a loss of traditions," said Bishop. "I said how the costs were high and what the challenges for the student commission were.
A portion of the report is devoted to Notre Dame's social climate, said Bishop. Bishop and the freshmen class council described the views of the freshmen class council regarding social life and these views confirmed her belief that throughout her time as a student at Notre Dame an increasing number of freshmen leave campus for social activities. Bishop said freshmen were disillusioned about hall dances because upperclassmen harbored negative sentiments towards the new policy.
"When students have a negative attitude toward social life on campus, the attitude becomes reflected in their actions, their comments to peers, and results in increasing the trend of students going off campus," said Libby Bishop, in her Board of Trustee's report. Bishop, in her report, states her purpose for the report is to offer ideas to "improve hall dances," "improve the social atmosphere in residence halls" and to address moving away from the "alcohol-centered activity often behind at the core of Notre Dame social life."
In her conclusion Bishop said, "The majority of students would like the dances to be able to be held in their residence halls again." Bishop said students want in-hall dances in order to "renew the importance and traditions in residence halls and not to see the return of hard alcohol or wild parties. Bishop said in her report the alcohol rules from the changed alcohol policy would still be effective if dances were returned and provided alternative suggestions.
The Office of Student Affairs does not view returning the dances back to the residence halls as a viable solution at this point, then students must be willing to work with the administration on making the hall dances as successful as possible within the framework of the new policy," said Bishop's report. Bishop said that a student's commitment to be flexible must be met by the administration's promise to provide additional funding and resources.
Senate passed a resolution at Monday's emergency meeting directing Bishop to ask for dances to be brought back for a one-year probationary period. Bishop must sign the resolution within one week if it is to be adopted and if not Senate may adopt the resolution by passing it again. Bishop did not include Senate's proposal in the report.

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S O U T H KOREA
Rogue nation reactivates nuclear facilities

Associated Press

SEOUL

North Korea said Wednesday it has reactivated its nuclear facilities, a surprise announcement that raised questions whether it was trying to take advantage of Washington's preoccupation with Iraq to ratchet up pressure in its own standoff with the United States.

In Washington, the State Department said that if the announcement was true, "this would be a very serious development." It demanded the North "reverse this action ... North Korea must visibly, verifiably and irreversibly dismantle its nuclear weapons program."

A North Korean spokesman announced the reactivation, deepening the crisis over Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions, just before Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke at the U.N. Security Council, presenting the U.S. case against Iraq.

The North said the reactivated facilities would "for the present stage" be used only to produce electricity, but the United States says the facilities can produce nuclear weapons within months. Even as it pressures toward war with Iraq over alleged hidden weapons of mass destruction, the United States has insisted it wants a peaceful solution in its standoff with North Korea.

President Bush "keeps all of his options open" but still believes the standoff can be resolved diplomatically, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said in an appearance on ABC's "Nightline."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer discounted that Pyongyang was timing the issue with Iraq developments.

"North Korea has a history of doing things like they did in the 90s, outside of the context of Iraq," he said.

The North's announcement came hours after South Korea opened a road across the heavily-fortified border for the first time in more than half a century, trying to ease tensions with the isolated communist regime.

Pyongyang wants direct talks with Washington. Analysts say North Korea, which often accuses the United States of plotting to invade it, fears Washington will turn up pressure on it if a war against Iraq is successful.

The North may hope that heightening the standoff at a time when Washington is trying to concentrate on Iraq could prompt the United States to make concessions.

The Pentagon is considering bolstering U.S. forces in the region to deter the North from any provocations during an Iraq war. Washington says it has no plans to invade North Korea.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld called North Korea a "terrorist regime" and said restarting the nuclear program would give the North a "bargaining option" — making nuclear weapons for itself or selling them to any other country.

The United States is pressing for the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency to refer the issue to the Security Council — which would likely impose punitive sanctions on the North. Pyongyang vehemently opposes such a move.

At the International Atomic Energy Agency, spokeswoman Melissa Fleming had no immediate comment on the report from the North.

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NASA backs away from foam damage theory

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston

After days of analysis, NASA backed away Wednesday from the theory that a piece of foam that struck Columbia during liftoff was the root cause of the space shuttle's disintegration over Texas.

Shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore said investigators now are focusing more closely on the desperate effort to recover a final 32 seconds of data from the shuttle, from the actual 513 mph to 1,026 mph, and were conservative in estimating the weight of the debris.

"Right now, it does not make sense to us that a piece of debris would be the root cause for the loss of Columbia and its crew," he said. "There's got to be another reason."

Dittemore said investigators are now asking if there was another event that escaped their attention that might have caused Columbia to break up just minutes before the end of its 16-day mission, killing all seven astronauts. Practically from the start, investigators have been looking at the possibility that the piece of foam that fell off the shuttle's big external fuel tank 81 seconds after liftoff Jan. 16 caused damage to the thermal tiles under the left wing that doomed the flight.

The thermal tiles keep the heat from burning up during re-entry into Earth's atmosphere.

While Columbia was still aloft, NASA engineers analyzed the potential damage to the thermal tiles and concluded that based on such factors as the estimated size, weight and trajectory of the chunk of foam, any damage to the tiles was minor and the crew was in no danger.

Dittemore said the engineers in their study doubled the relative velocity of the foam and shuttle, from the actual 213 mph to 1,026 mph, and were conservative in estimating the weight of the debris.

"We're looking somewhere else," he said. "Was there another event that escaped our attention?"

In recent days, some space experts have speculated that the chunk of foam was coated or infused with ice, which could have increased the weight — and destructive potential — of the piece that hit the shuttle.

"I don't think it's ice," Dittemore said, adding that the foam is water-resistant and that an inspection team found no ice conditions that day. "So it is something else."

Dittemore said that during Columbia's final minutes, the autopilot was causing the craft to rapidly move the control surfaces and to eventually fire small rockets in a losing effort to gain control of the yawing motion of Columbia.

Final bits of data from the spacecraft showed that "we were beginning to lose the battle," he said.

For this reason, Dittemore said his team is intensifying efforts to recover a final 32 seconds of data from the spacecraft.

This data, the very last signals from the dying Columbia, was not processed at Mission Control because the quality of the electronic signals was too poor to be considered reliable. But Dittemore said the signals are being extracted from computers and will be examined to find clues to why Columbia's left wing was encountering so much drag.

"Perhaps the 32 seconds will help us understand," he said.

So far, no significant pieces of shuttle wreckage — "red-tag items" — have been found, Dittemore said.

Searchers have discovered, however, a large portion of the nose cone as well as at least two possible wing sections. Any pieces of Columbia found in California would be "very, very significant," Dittemore said, because it would indicate that the shuttle was falling apart long before its final breakup over Texas.


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Look beyond the numbers.
**Stars begin blues celebration**

Associated Press

**NEW YORK**

Blues singer Shemekia Copeland thinks it's time the genre got an image makeover. "Blues gets a bad rap because of what its called," she said the 23-year-old, one of the blues' brightest new stars. "People associate blues with all the sad things that can possibly go wrong with their life ... (but) the blues is what's happening."

Lovers of the genre are trying to spread that word in 2003, which has been declared "The Year of the Blues" by Congress. Director Martin Scorsese is producing a seven-part series for PBS to air this fall, and the Experience Music Project, a museum in Seattle, is sponsoring a blues celebration occurs as B.B. King and Ruth Brown will be feted by pop, rock and R&B stars including Aerosmith, Natalie Cole and India.Arie with collaborations designed to attract the non-blues listener. "I think when people rediscover this music, they're going to say, 'Wow this is pretty contemporary,' so we're hopeful," said Alex Gibney, the event's producer. "People think of it as this downtown music where people are singing these slow, sad songs, and it's really not that." The 77-year-old King, known as the "King of the Blues," also said he hopes the benefit will open minds.

"A lot of the kids, they think it's all pain, it's all hurt, it's all droopy drawers," he said. "It wasn't all like that in slavery." Blues' roots lie in the work songs of slavery, as well as in early black gospel music and, later, other influences including folk music. Blues accounted for less than 3.4 percent of music sales in the United States in 2001, according to Nielsen SoundScan, and 3.4 percent of music sales in the United States in 2001, it is lumped into the jazz category by the Recording Industry Association of America. "I think that blues for the last two years has been going through kind of a quiet period, because there is not a pop artist who has championed the blues as other artists of the past [have]," said Bruce Iglauer, owner of the Chicago-based blues label Alligator Records. He cited earlier musicians such as Stevie Ray Vaughan as having promoted the genre. Yet King said interest is there. "It's hardly any night that we play that the band and I don't sell out," he said. "Somebody must like what we do."

Blues supporters say one problem is that the music isn't played on mainstream radio. "People have to have things in front of them for them to pay attention, to go out and buy the album," said Copeland.

Negotiations are underway to broadcast the concert, directed by filmmaker Antoine Fuqua and executive-produced by Martin Scorsese, on television or even make it into a theatrical movie release.

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Associated Press

**NEW YORK**

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The second "Bachelor" is still a bachelor.

Aaron Buerge, a 28-year-old banker from Springfield, Mo., proposed to Helene Eksterowicz at the end of the second season of "The Bachelor." ABC's romance-reality series in which an eligible guy chooses a bride from among 25 hopefuls.

An estimated 29 million viewers watched the Nov. 20 finale, as Buerge got down on one knee and placed a diamond ring on Eksterowicz's left hand. (He refused to let the show spring for the rock, and insisted on buying it himself.) Now, he says he's "making teaching and early child­hood development her signature issues, she has held a series of symposiums to salute America's authors.

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Celebrating Catholic faith in Uganda

“Thirty-two Catholics and Protestants were led 37 miles away to a place called Namugongo to be burned to death in a literal holocaust. Three were killed on the way.”

“One of these, a district judge named Matthias Kalembo declared, ‘God will rescue me. But you will not see how he does it, because he will take my soul and leave you only my body.’”

Brandon Woods

ND Changing Times

“During the three-hour celebration, our group meandered through the congregation. We stood out against the rich, dark color of the Ugandans who watched theseenzie guns wade through the crowd.”

Despite being on the equator, Uganda is called the Pearl of Africa for being a lush country. While many are satisfied with the stagnancy of their position in society, others are happy in their simple joys. Children are very well-manered, and I seldom heard any children crying during the stay there.

The masses completely filled the streets after the ceremony. Street vendors cut fresh pineapples, sold stalks of sugar cane and cooked meat on grills. The food is plentiful and cheap. It was ironic to hear a radio strapped to the back of an “ice cream bicycle” playing, “It’s a Small World.”

I knew I would stand out and be a source of entertainment before going to Uganda. But at Namugongo I wish I could just fade in to be one among the crowd.

Despite my differences, I was able to find a link among them through shared convictions in faith. During the next two months I would connect with them to gain the same inspiration they do from the Ugandan martyrs and their leader, whose last words were, “I am happy to die for the true faith. My friends, goodbye. We will meet again in heaven.”

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If mankind minus one were of one opinion, then mankind may be silenced the one the one— if he had the power— would be justified in silencing mankind.”

John Stuart Mill

philosopher
Boston College has provided an example to follow

Having been a Domer for the past 3 1/2 years and having grown up only an hour away from Notre Dame, I’ve been taught to be anti-Boston College on many levels. All of our sports teams are better than theirs, our campus is nicer, the people here are better; in short, we are the nation’s best Catholic university, are we not?

However, I would like to take this opportunity to praise Boston College for doing exactly what Notre Dame just cannot seem to do. Just this past week, the president of Boston College sent a letter to his students expressing pride that the College would be officially recognizing a newly proposed gay-straight student alliance.

For the past few years, Boston College has consistently ranked with Notre Dame near the top of the Princeton Review’s least accepting schools in terms of allowing gay-straight student groups. While in the past few years Boston College has ranked as slightly less accepting than Notre Dame, this recent decision shows a profound shift in their part to try and correct their problems and to let students take an active part in accomplishing that goal.

Surprisingly, even before this action, Boston College was more “progressive” in its treatment of homosexual Students’ needs than Notre Dame has been. Their original student group, known as LGBC (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Community), has been delayed recognition three times over the past few years in a very similar way to Notre Dame’s denial of OutreachND, but it has been allowed College office space for the past few years. Notre Dame has yet to even allow Outreach or IFLAG something as simple as that.

While in the past this action by Boston College should not only go to the administration, however, as the students were instrumental in helping to change the College’s stance. Last Spring, student leaders at the College responded to student requests to start to pressure the College to be more supportive of their gay and lesbian students. Student government made it one of their priorities, and with the support of LGBC and many students, they continually met with Boston College officials in order to work out a compromise and to set up the kind of group that would offer the support student that gay and lesbian students wanted.

While Notre Dame has made many moves and much progress in the past few years, it still seems far from reaching a point at which it will take such action. While the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Students needs to feel encouraged by the wonderful advances in the social settings provided by its monthly coffee hours certainly do this, we should, in a sense of continuity among gay and lesbian students, there needs to be a further effort by the University to respond to the students, needs by providing more student initiated support activities.

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As this University strives to improve its image, we as students need to continue to show our discontent with our high homophobic rating, just as the students of Boston College did. In recognizing the new gay-straight student alliance, Boston College officials took a huge step forward in showing everyone that there is a part of the student body, gay and lesbian students, and who are willing to try and provide them with the type of student-based support that they need. They deserve to be commended for this effort as not only the Boston College student leadership who helped to make it possible.

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Richard Friedman
A Skewed Persepctive

Title IX solution is to exempt football

After reading the comments of on both sides of the Title IX debate the past few days, I felt compelled for the first time in my five years at Notre Dame to write a letter to the editor. Everyone knows of the great things this law has done for women’s sports since its inception in 1972. Unfortunately, it has had a negative impact on men, which was not the original intent of the law. I do not believe it needs to be done away with, but rather just amended.

The very wording of Title IX as follows: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. All schools, private and public, are generally required to comply with Title IX because private schools like Notre Dame receive federal funds in the form of direct financial assistance to students.”

Notre Dame has done a good job creating an environment for women to comply with the law; specifically with the women’s lacrosse and crew programs. We are, however, in the fortunate position of having an athletic program that makes money and can thus afford to create women’s sports rather than cut men’s sports.

In Dec. 2000, Kevin White announced that Notre Dame would fund all of our 26 varsity programs, creating 64 new scholarships (36 for women and 28 for men). During 2000-2001, Notre Dame awarded 256 scholarships (98 for women and 158 for men). Including the new ones, we would now receive 186 and women 134. Seems unfair right? Well, take out the 85 scholarships going to football and just get to 101 to 134 margin! The fact that there is no female equivalent to football should not be used to penalize men in other sports.

Title IX is not a problem at Notre Dame as we have money to fund and create women’s sports. It does, however, hurt schools with less revenue, such as St. John’s which recently cut three men’s teams.

Scaling down the size of the football program is not the answer. In the NCAA’s 2002 audit report, men’s Division I-A sports in 2001 reported profits of $4.9 million and losses of $27.3 million. Football, on average, generated $4.7 million of profit. Funds from football programs clearly fund other sports, and they often get redistributed among schools through their conference. The simple solution, therefore, is to take football out of the equation when considering participation and the number of scholarships that can be awarded. Harvard, as well as Washington University and Saint John’s University done that, may be they still may help men’s cross country and track teams.

Marc Szewizki
graduate student
South Bend
Feb. 5

Timing matters in Iraq

Over the two weeks, our university has sponsored a forum entitled, “Peace and War 2003: Academic and Moral Discussion of a Seemingly Uncontrollable War.” It is one of the many events being sponsored by the administration, however, as the students were instrumental in setting up the kind of group that would offer the student support that gay and lesbian students wanted.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'The Recruit': Tension, action and talent

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Movie Critic

Spy thrillers have always been a hot ticket in Hollywood and every year a new handful of these films are released. This year has been no exception, with recent thrillers such as "Die Another Day" and "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind," and most recently "The Recruit" hitting the silver screen. While "The Recruit" features solid acting from one of Hollywood's all-time greats and one of its brightest new stars, the film offers nothing new in terms of putting the envelope to spy thrillers. Consequently, it emerges as an above-average thriller that is enjoyable but will probably get lost in the shuffle of other films from its genre.

In "The Recruit," James Clayton (played by Colin Farrell) is one of the top prospects in the new crop of CIA recruits. His intelligence and unconventional attitude attract the attention of CIA recruiter, Walter Burke (played by Al Pacino), who runs him through the Agency's difficult training courses and helps him to quickly rise through the ranks. Clayton is then given a special assignment to root out a suspected mole that has infiltrated the Agency.

"The Recruit" contains all the average aspects of a spy thriller, from the spiraling plot twists to a purported sense of mystery until the very end of the film, but it lacks something meatier for the audience to chew on. For much of the film the audience is kept guessing while Clayton tries to uncover the mole but the ending seems a little too contrived to swallow. "The Recruit" has a script with enough action to satisfy the audience while avoiding the worst of modern action stigmas - over-the-top special effects. Instead of gigantic explosions and flashy computer graphics, there are enough twists, turns, and double-crosses in the script to make your head spin.

While no one expects an Academy Award from this film, the performances are strong for an action thriller. The perennially great Pacino, fresh off of his gritty role in "Insomnia," steals the show in a powerful performance as a CIA recruiter who is more than he seems. Farrell does his job well, being convincing without overdoing it, while injecting his character with a sense of innocence needed to sell the role. These actors have excellent chemistry together and believably heighten the tension between them as the movie progresses.

Don't approach "The Recruit" with too many expectations. Watch for a reasonably compelling and entertaining spy flick that is better than the average Employment the real balance of action, plot twists, and character development, it's a movie that will grab the audience's attention and hold on to the edge of the extravagent James Bond series as well as "Spy Game" should both enjoy this movie.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Evelyn' shows a new face of Brosnan

By ERIN ENGLISH
Scene Movie Critic

Pierce Brosnan is associated almost entirely with James Bond to the average American. However, those who go to see "Evelyn" might be pleasantly surprised that Brosnan, can, in fact, play something other than a secret agent.

Based on the true story of Desmond Doyle (Pierce Brosnan), "Evelyn" tells the story of a working class Irishman fights to get his three children out of the Catholic orphanages they were placed in by the government after his wife abandons their family. Told that his children, including daughter Evelyn (Sophie Vavasseur), cannot be released without permission of both parents, Desmond has to fight the state in court in order to free them.

This leads into a courtroom drama involving the first time that Irish law was challenged under the Constitution.

"Evelyn" bears a resemblance in format to such classic movies as "Inherit the Wind," which dealt with groundbreaking cases in the United States: start with a heart felt tale, have real people fighting the state, set up a few setbacks and tack on a historical- ly accurate, but still happy ending. Though not the most original format of all time, the trial scenes are neither heavy-handed nor overly sentimental.

Bruce Beresford ("Driving Miss Daisy") is a skilled director and never goes too far overboard during the course of the movie. In fact, he seems to be channeling the best of Frank Capra. "Evelyn" doesn't try to be something that it isn't, and retains the character of a small, charming picture through out. The ending of the movie is never much in doubt, and you are never deceived into thinking that it should be. Viewers are not supposed to feel the feeling that there is no hope for this family.

The politics in the movie are minor, despite the legal significance of the actual case on which "Evelyn" is based. Desmond is forced to battle both the Church and the state to retrieve his children. Criticisms of this movie calling it anti-Catholic are misguided. Desmond doesn't try to be anything more than a man fighting for his children, most of whom are Irish Catholic. "Evelyn" is never boisterous and is always engaging to a point.

As Desmond, Pierce Brosnan is asso ciated almost entirely with James Bond to the average American. However, those who go to see "Evelyn" might be pleasantly surprised that Brosnan, can, in fact, play something other than a secret agent.

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It's no surprise that one of the biggest complaints students have with Notre Dame is its stagnant campus life. Last year's alcohol policy changes, coupled with the elimination of in-hall dances, sent students scurrying off campus to find a social life many feel has disappeared from campus. That's why, when students vote for student body president Monday, they must choose the candidate who can inject vibrancy into the dormant Notre Dame on-campus life.

Two tickets distinguished themselves to The Observer's editorial board. Pat Hallahan and Jeremy Lao - the only ticket with significant student government experience - presented a platform that covers a broad range of academic, social and spiritual interests. Charlie Ebersol and Lauren Meagher - who extensively researched their proposals - introduced a plan that isn't afraid to think...
**MIKE BOTT**

**president**

**Mike Kirsh**

**vice president**

### Who They Are

Bott is a junior marketing major; Kirsh is a sophomore finance and history major. Both live in Alumni Hall, where Bott is currently hall president.

### In Their Words

- **Top Priority:** Bott and Kirsh plan to represent student interests in the University’s plans for the renovation of LaFortune. Their platform calls for more dining options and entertainment venues such as a dance club and bowling alley, which they say will help to keep students on-campus on weekends.
- **First Priority:** Students should expect them to focus on meal plan improvements and the creation of a mentoring program that links undergraduate students with older students to provide advice on every aspect of college life.

### In Our Words

- **Providing students with equal representation on the Campus Life Council would fundamentally change student government – for the better. Equal representation would give students a stronger voice with which to affect change on policies and issues that affect them.**

### Worst Idea:

- While a campus-wide dance with opportunities like a gymnasium, this idea has failed in the past due to the lack of student enthusiasm.

### Most Feasible Idea:

- Their Career Mentoring/Networking Program pairs underclassmen with upperclassmen who share similar majors and career goals. The relationship would help with advising, internship, and job opportunities.

### Least Feasible Idea:

- The chances of opening a dance club or bar in LaFortune are low, especially given the University’s substantial investment in Legends, the revamped entertainment venue.

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### CHARLIE EBERSOL

**president**

**Lauren Meagher**

**vice president**

### Who They Are

Ebersol is a sophomore, film television and theater major living in Knoell Hall. Meagher is a junior, finance and business economics major who lives off campus in Turtle Creek Apartments.

### In Their Words

- **Top Priority:** Ebersol and Meagher said their primary goal is not a single platform issue, but to change the attitude of student government from a reactive to a proactive environment.
- **First Priority:** The first project for the Ebersol/Meagher ticket would be to advertise to provide students with a checklist of campaign promises and deadlines for completion. They hope students would cut out the list and watch for their administration to stay on track.

### In Our Words

- **Best Idea:** After a year of student outcry accusing the administration of taking the fun out of campus, Ebersol and Meagher propose more popular bands, comedians and national events to revitalize campus life.
- **Worst Idea:** Something about dinner theater in South Dining Hall is just a little frightening. Ebersol and Meagher plan to keep campus alive.

### Most Feasible Idea:

- Ebersol and Meagher’s Tombstone Blockbuster Ball Committee is essentially a planning committee for SYR tickets to alleviate the post-alcohol pressure on hall council. Ebersol and Meagher propose using TDM to coordinate dance funding and logistics. SYRs are once again on track.
- **Least Feasible Idea:** Ebersol and Meagher said they are talking to MTV about televising Bookstore Basketball and attracting celebrities to participate in opening and closing ceremonies at the tournament. The tournament has drawn national attention from Sports Illustrated in the past, but getting MTV interest might be forlorn.

### Fun Fact:

- “I’ve been blessed with amazing opportunities throughout my life and had chances to meet amazing people,” Ebersol said. “I’ve been given things this University can benefit from.”

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### RYAN GAGNET

**president**

**Mike Gagnet**

**president**

**Joe Muto**

**president**

### Who They Are

Gagnet and McCarthy are both juniors. Gagnet is a mathematics major and class. Their platform promises a robust and balanced campaign.

### In Their Words

- **Top Priority:** Gagnet and McCarthy feel since England and France have one, Notre Dame should have one as well.
- **First Priority:** Getting the chunnel started since each student will have a handicap and the storage area needs to be “glorified.” Money will be raised by winning prizes on home video contests by filming the unavoidable crashes caused by the blind turns and a singular rail.

### In Our Words

- **Best Idea:** Every student would enjoy a helper monkey to be his or her personal assistant. The $400 to $500 fee for your new note-taker is quite modest considering no one would have to attend class. Seniors get their monkeys this spring and everyone keeps their monkeys upon graduation.
- **Worst Idea:** Having “Israeli-style checkpoints” is very reasonable and cost-effective.

### Bottom Line

- Gagnet and McCarthy want relationship with the administration at the University to stop being reactive and to implement their platform.

### In Their Words

- **Top Priority:** Ly non Hall is a junior, political science and history major from Sorin Hall. Lao is a sophomore, finance and Chinese major from Stanford Hall.

### In Our Words

- **Top Priority:** Hallahan and Lao want a better student voice in our future on-campus life.

### Joe Muto

**president**

**Juniors Muto of O’ Neill Hall and Matkowski of Lyons Hall are both members of the Hall Presidents Council. Muto is an Film, television and theatre major and English major and Matkowski is a marketing major.**

### In Their Words

- **Top Priority:** They want to offer new traditions through a series of events. Their intention is to “change mentality” on the Notre Dame campus.
- **First Priority:** To kick off their administration with a bang, Muto and Matkowski propose a Summer Send-Off complete with campus bands, lawn chairs and hot grills on the day after classes end.

### In Our Words

- **Best Idea:** Building a chunnel beneath Saint Mary’s lake connecting the two campuses. Gagnet and McCarthy feel since England and France have one, Notre Dame should have one as well.
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**John McCarthy**

**President**

"...create chaos for people around them and have fun when it comes to "I want to see more"..."

"...with their campaign. With Gagnet on the junior class council and McCarthy being the vice president of the judicial council last year, they have experience with student government and think students take their positions too seriously. They feel nothing gets accomplished and campaign promises go unfulfilled. Although it would be really cool to have a personal helper monkey."

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**Jeremy Lao**

**Vice President**

"...believe student government is an integral part of student life, academic, spiritual and the like, they prioritize work on ensuring that students have opportunities to participate in service and to be a dustbuster."

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**Mimi Matkowski**

**Vice President**

"...ways so we definitely wouldn't want to go down the same road we've been walking for years. The Summer Send-Off should attract many students and vice presidents for their unique "fun" and "charm.""
**Ebersol continued from page 1**

Big. But Hallahan-Lao fell short by failing to propose high-profile, feasible programs that would immediately attract students. Ebersol and Meagher made more than their share of lofty promises, but they have done the research to make their promises seem tan-

cible. The candidates’ firm belief in their ability to revitalize the role of student government nar-
rowly earned Ebersol and Meagher the support of The Observer for the 2003-04 student body presidential election.

One of the Ebersol-Meagher ticket’s most attractive ideas is the creation of Total Dance Resources, which would help advise dorms and fund students to support out-of-hall dances while their administration negotiates for the dances’ return to the resi-

dence halls. Ebersol also candidly said he could use personal con-

nections — connections he de-

veloped as the son of NBC Sports

Chairman Dick Ebersol — to draw high-profile entertainers to cam-

pus.

The platform also stands out because it has substance beneath the flash. Ebersol-Meagher wants to establish a five-year plan in order to build consistency in what student government accomplish-

es. They believe they can add flex-

ibility to First Year Studies, and implement a professional advising system in the College of Arts & Letters similar to one currently in place in the College of Business to help students pick courses that will best suit their career track.

Admittedly, Ebersol and Meagher’s platform does have holes. They want to place the Student Union outside of the control of the Club Coordination Council, thus empowering SU to raise funds for their own entertainment to campus. Such a dramatically restructuring, however, means significant changes to the Student Union Constitution and current student government offi-
cials say the changes might not be implemented in time to give Ebersol the money he had hoped to

during his term. But the probability of a successful restruc-
turing is high because the changes to the constitution do not have to be verified by any admin-
istrator. Moreover placing SU under the OCC would have the lasting impact students desper-
ately need if campus life is to be revitalized.

Several of the other tickets also propose changes that could revi-

talize campus life. For example, Mike Bott and Mike Kirsh, for example, promised at Wednesday’s debate and pro-

posed practical, popular ideas such as a weekday off-campus shuttle system, student involve-

ment in LaFortune renovations and using upperclassmen as mentors underclassmen. But they lack the necessary leadership experience — experience that was developed as chief of staff in Libby Bishop’s administration and Ebersol gained running his own business. Joe Muto and Mimi Matkowski proposed a plan to end partisanship by 2006, just one example of many on a platform centered on wildly popular and totally impractical ideas.

Updike and Eric Tarnowski and Matt Padberg and David Rail are each running on issues unques-
tionably important to students, but lack the broad platforms needed to provide their campaign

legitimacy. Hallahan and Lao distinguished their ticket with a platform check-

full of ideas that they can reason-

ably accomplish, but the ideas themselves fail to stand out. Suggestions like adding Blockbuster Video and Ben & Jerry’s to LaFortune, funding monthly bus trips to Chicago, adding one-credit courses to pro-

come discussion of hot campus topics and implementing a Life Skills program to help seniors enter the real world are noble
goals, but they lack the glamour students want to believe their administration is capable of achiev-
ing.

Maybe student government can’t achieve anything. Maybe Ryan Gagnet and John McCarthy, running a joke campaign because they think students in student government take their jobs too seriously, have a point.

That’s why Ebersol and Meagher’s pledge to hold their administration accountable to stu-
dents — by publishing a checklist at the beginning of the year listing his administration’s goals, is im-

pressive. If the administration does not achieve every goal, Ebersol himself said his adminis-
tration should be considered a failure. Ebersol’s promise could come back to haunt the sopho-

more if he tries again to run for student body president in 2004.

But Ebersol and Meagher’s clever credit. They believe their platform can awaken student support by making both an immediate implement on current students’ lives and establishing a framework to ensure a long-term vision for the role of student government. By not being afraid to think big, they have the ability to effectively implement their lofty proposals. Ebersol and Meagher earned The Observer’s support.

The Observer endorses Charlie Ebersol and Lauren Meagher for student body president and vice president.

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**The Observer’s take on the issues: Chees, jeers and politi, praise**

**Bott & Kirsh**

They’ve made efforts to talk to some authors about their limited experience with administra-

tion leaves us questioning.

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**Ebersol & Meagher**

Ebersol’s slick and charismatic persona-

lities could make a go of the ga-

rol of the two if they can back it up with behind the scenes experience.

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**Gagnet & McCarthy**

As ga-gas — as Fr. Poorman’s pet about the pets monkey and a Giroumete Gourmet, all hope will be lost.

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**Hallahan & Lao**

Hallahan has worked closely with top cam-

pus officials and the two know the ins and outs of student government and the administration.

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**Muto & Matkowski**

Despite alleged drama at the Fr. Poorman’s, Muto sud-

denly change of heart toward the administration the Abbott, he’s hard to believe considering his leadership in the student-alcohol policy movement.

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**Padberg & Rail**

With a one-issue platform, how can they take a stage on other issues with the University?

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**Updike & Tarnowski**

They have limited experience, but their plat-

form that fails to look into some issues that are necessary in the student-administrator dialogue.

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**THE OBSERVER’S TAKE ON THE ISSUES: CHEERS, JEERS, AND POLITICAL APPLAUSE**

**WORKING WITH ADMINISTRATORS**

**IN-HALL DANCES**

They back down too easily when it comes to bringing back the SYB and settle merely for signature events in the dorm.

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**CAMPUSS LIFE**

They focus on short-
term and long-term projects. The off-camp-

us shuttle is a plan.

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**FOOD SERVICES**

Who couldn’t resist buying their block meal plan offers another attractive option while keep-

ing Food Services from losing money.

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**FEASIBILITY OF PLANS**

They’ve spoken with administrators on prelimi-

nary levels and they are realistic.

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They’ve done their home-

work and we like their pub-

lished checklist to promote a proactive student govern-

ment. The two have made majo.

r changes to the constitution may not come

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We doubt Notre Dame will allow slave labor or pet monkeys or channels.

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He’s already made the necessary contacts for accomplishing his platform.

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Muto hasn’t worked well with the administration in the past and the two have not made major attempts to research their platforms.

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They have no government experience and they have failed to accomplish goals in the Leprechaun Legion. How will they do in stu-
dent government?
'Rabbit-Proof Fence' neglects vital issues

"Rabbit-Proof Fence" has received glowing reviews from a wide variety of critics and was recently named one of the 10 best films of the year by the National Board of Review. It has also been hailed as the "feel-good film of the year." While the distinction is apt as the film chronicles the inspiring struggle of three Aborigine girls to return to their homes across Australia, it is precisely the fact that the film allows the audience to leave the theater feeling so good that makes it hard to see the film as anything more than a rehashing of the same "inspiring true story" format that has been a standby of movie studios for years.

The film follows the trials of Molly (Evelyn Sampi) to lead her younger sister and cousin home after they have run away from a government camp set up as part of the Australian government's official program from 1910 until 1970 that took mixed-race Aboriginal children away from their homes to train and integrate them into "civilized" white society as factory workers and domestic servants. The program amounted to 60 years of government-sponsored kidnapping and enslavement, and the 100,000 victims are referred to in Australia as the "Stolen Generations." The current Australian government still refuses to apologize to the Aboriginal people for its actions.

Molly and her companions' story occurs in 1931, after the three girls are snatched and taken 1,500 miles away from their home. Molly defiantly decides to leave the camp and walk the distance back home using the rabbit-proof fence as their guide. The titular fence was built to divide the Australian continent and keep rabbits out of the farmlands of Western Australia.

The girls' story is heart-wrenching as they endure the brutal conditions of the outback and the ever-present danger of their pursuers. Sampi and the other child actors who play her partners are all first-time actors, and all put on performances that seem to defy the traditional logic that putting the weight of a film on child actors is a kiss of death.

These girls capture the imagination of audience better than most professional adult actors.

The journey across the outback is captured in notable cinematography. The shots capture the stark beauty of the outback and allow the landscape to become almost an extra character in the film's struggle. The camerawork also makes some interesting stabs at expressionistic altering of images to reflect the distorted reality that the girls encounter at their camp. These praises for the film have been part of what have made it such a critical darling. Looking beyond these aspects, however, most critics go on to praise director Phillip Noyce for a sublime handling of the story and his hands-off approach that supposedly lets the story tell itself. It seems that sublime and hands-off are terms critics use to praise Noyce for having little critical vision about the reality of the situation that he is handling.

The fact is that the story is not simply one of a singular triumph. There is a larger reality of a country's institutionalized racism. It is not a system that can be treated so lightly in a simple "it was bad, this person triumphed, eventually it ended, and now we all know it is bad" format. The film's portrayal of the whole system of racism is very far off.

Only in a few end title cards does the film deal with the much more damaging realities that Molly was abducted again and lost her daughter to the system and that the mistreatment of Aboriginal people, which officially ended 39 years after the film takes place yet still continues until this day. Noyce makes little effort at probing further into reasons why the system existed or why racist tendencies persist to this day in regards to the Aboriginal people.

Kenneth Branagh's portrayal of A.O. Neville, the head of the agency that organized the system and coordinator of the pursuit of the girls in the film, is also flaccid. Other critics have praised on the actor for the supposed subject of the performance, adding the fact that Branagh avoids playing Neville as a caricature of a villain. However, in lieu of a caricature, he resorts to a performance that is two steps shy of human. Neville is generally reduced to shadow of an actual character that deals with extraordinarily racist logic and phrases that the audience know, just by the system was.

What is really needed is a more human character to bring home the racism that creates such systems.

The work fails to shock the audience into any self-reflexive probing for answers about the sources of racism. It replaces elevated social consciousness with our soaring hearts as we leave the theater. Somewhere, it is solidifying a college student into his self-assured feeling that he "isn't a racist, he just likes to hang out with only people who are like him." As long as we make racism into something that is just about the 1960's South or dull bureaucrats in 1931 Australia, we only perpetuate sublimated forms of racism today.

Noyce took on a two-part story that is one part inspiration, but also needs to unveil real problems of racism in order to give other people a direction to follow. In "Rabbit-Proof Fence," he executes the first part brilliantly, but balks at his second task. This failure, at best, greatly under-mines the work, at worst, it makes the film simply dangerous.

One critic, in his praise of "Rabbit-Proof Fence," suggested that only the leftists pretending to be critics could fault the film for its portrayal of racism. Call me whatever you want. I think this film can do better. If we do not probe the real arguments or lack thereof in every film, even heartwarming ones, we might as well just tell every story at the level of a cheap MTV documentary.

Daisy (Tianna Sansbury) and Gracie (Laura Monaghan) follow their older sister Molly home, though they are too young to remember their mother.
NBA

Cavs hold on against Rockets to get 10th win of season

Associated Press

CLYVELAND

Ricky Davis scored 21 points and Zydrunas Ilgaukas added 20 in a matchup with Houston center Yao Ming, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers past the Rockets 105-102.

Ming scored 20 points in a sea- son-high 30 points to lead Houston, but the Rockets nearly overcame a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter, but lost for the seventh time in eight games.

Taylor and Cuttino Mobley, who scored 24 points, rallied the Rockets from an 88-74 deficit. Houston got within 100-99 when Mobley scor ed an uncontested backdoor dunk with 1.35 to play. Ilgaukas hit two free throws 12 seconds later and Darius Miles added another foul shot for a 103-99 advantage with 1.01 remaining.

Taylor responded with a 10- foot jumper and James Posey hit the second of two free throws for Houston to make it 103-102 with 1.01 left.

Ming missed a wild 3-point attempt with .02 left. Yao scored 14 points, but did not match Ilgaukas' outside shooting. Cleveland's 7-foot-3 center scored 20 Sunday in the All-Star game, shot 8-for-17 on a variety of midrange jumpers.

Ilgaukas challenged his taller foe in the first minute of the game, but had a dunk attempt swatted away.

Ilgauskas took early command with a 12-4 run for a 24-18 lead. Cleveland took 15 points in the second quarter to lead the Rockets 11-17 in the first half.

Oladipo added 12 points. Elton Brand led the Clippers with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

The Nets cut the deficit to 14 points, with Wallace leading Houston with 11 points, seven rebounds and six assists in 27 minutes.

The Nets broke open a close game early in the second quarter with a 12-0 run. They outscored Philadelphia 24-6 over a stretch of 6:42 in the second to take a 51-31 lead.

Earlier this season, Riley said he had talked about hiring a new head coach during the All-Star break with a four-game losing streak.

Wallace, who passed the 1,000-point mark for the season, had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Rockets coach Rick Adelman said of the sixth man: "It's not about you, Staford showed back."

"Go on TV crying,"

"Let me talk to him, y'all don't talk to him!"

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Knight becomes fourth to achieve landmark 800th win

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas

With fans chanting his name and the magic number, Bob Knight entered the 800 club. Knight became only the fourth Division I men’s coach to win 800 games, reaching the mark by guiding Texas Tech over Nebraska 75-49.

After the victory, Knight took to the microphone and spoke to his supporters. “I’ve had some milestones, but I’ve never had a milestone in front of a crowd that I appreciated so much,” he said.

When he was finished speaking, his team circled around him, hugging him and jumping up and down. Fans got into the excitement throughout the game. The crowd chanted “Bobby!” and “800” during the final couple of minutes of the game. A group of 11 Tech students stood frequently throughout the game, holding up white placards with red lettering that spelled out 1-800-Bob-Nite with the word ‘WON’ written vertically on the number one.

The Red Raiders (13-5, 3-4 Big 12) went on an early 26-0 run, making it easy for Knight to get the milestone win on his second try. Texas A&M spoiled his first shot Saturday, beating Texas Tech 64-59 in College Station. Only Dean Smith of North Carolina (879), Adolph Rupp of Kentucky (876) and Mount St. Mary’s Jim Phelan (827) have won more than 800 games in Division I. With Phelan set to retire after this season, Knight (800-303) would become the active leader.

In his first game as a head coach 38 years ago, Knight’s team at Army lost to Princeton 70-49. The next game he turned it around with a 71-62 win over Worcester Tech, and he’s not stopped winning since. Knight has been a head coach for 37 years at three Division I schools. He got his first victory and his 100th at Army, then moved to Indiana, where his Hoosiers went 662-239 and won three national championships from 1971-2000.

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Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J.
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Williams' attorneys did not release terms of the settlement, which was filed in state Superior Court in Hackensack.

Williams is accused of recklessly handling the shotgun that killed Costas "Gus" Christofi. He faces charges, including aggravated manslaughter, in the Feb. 14, 2002, shooting death and faces up to 45 years in prison if convicted on all counts.

The civil settlement does not affect Williams' criminal trial, which has been delayed so an appeals court can hear defense arguments for dismissing the indictment.

Williams' attorneys did release letters exchanged by Williams and the family of Christofi.

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- Thomas Merton

Mass Schedule
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Basilica of the Sacred Heart
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10:00 a.m.
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Sunday's Scripture Readings
1st: Job 7:1 - 4, 6 - 7
2nd: 1 Cor 9:16 - 19, 22 - 23
Gospel: Mark 1:29 - 39
Hokies handle Huskies in upset

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Connecticut lost 95-74 to Virginia Tech in its first game since coach Jim Calhoun took a leave to have surgery for prostate cancer.

Calhoun told the team about his plans at practice Monday and was at practice Tuesday, but did not make the trip to Blacksburg. He is to have surgery Thursday and expects to miss about three weeks, with George Blany filling in.

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James did not attend OHSAA commissioner Clair Muscaro at the hearing but did not immediately comment on the ruling.

“He wants to finish what he started,” James’ attorney, Fred Nance, told the judge. “He didn’t want to let himself down. He didn’t want to let his team down. He didn’t want to let his school down.”

“He’s made mistakes,” Nance said. “He’s an 18-year-old kid but he didn’t deserve the ultimate sanction of losing his eligibility.”

Nance argued in court documents filed Tuesday that the 6-foot-8 senior did nothing wrong when he accepted two jerseys from the owner of a Cleveland clothing store. James has since returned the jerseys.

“All LeBron did was receive a gift from a friend as congratulations for his academic achievements,” Nance, referring to James’ 3.5 grade-point average, “had LeBron wished to capitalize on his fame, the recompense could be in the millions of dollars.”

The state athletic association found that the store gave James the Gale Sayers and Wes Unseld jerseys in exchange for posing for pictures to be displayed on its walls.

Mascaro ruled that James broke an amateur bylaw “by capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value.”

The decision came four days after the athletic association cleared James of any wrongdoing for accepting a $50,000 sport utility vehicle as a 16th birthday gift from his mother.

Gloria James provided proof she obtained a bank loan to buy the vehicle. She said Wednesday that she is pleased her son can keep playing.

“I look forward to getting the final hearing behind us so that LeBron can focus entirely on his schoolwork, basketball and his friends, just like any other teenager, as much as possible,” she said.

James attended practice on Tuesday in the school’s gym, wearing a gray T-shirt and blue shorts.

He warmed up with his Fighting Irish teammates and was stretching in the middle of the floor when coach Dru Joyce closed the practice.

The private Roman Catholic school defended James and said the punishment was too severe.

In a statement, the school said it “was gratified by the decision which will immediately return LeBron James to competition with his teammates.”

“Although we had hoped there would be no additional sanction, we understand and accept the court’s imposition of a one-game playing suspension,” it said.
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NBA

Barkley, Carter clash over All-Star spot

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE

Charles Barkley thinks Vince Carter's inclusion in the NBA All-Star Game is a sure sign that fan voting doesn't work, and the NBA television analysts think Carter should have forfeited his starting position.

"I thought that Vince Carter should have given up his starting spot," the former NBA player said during a conference call to promote TNT's coverage of Sunday's All-Star Game. "No. 1, he doesn't deserve to be in the game, he hasn't played enough to warrant an All-Star selection. That's one of the reasons I'm against the fans voting, because it shouldn't be a popularity contest."

Carter, who played in only 10 games before the ballots were counted because of knee problems, was third in balloting for the game in Atlanta, trailing just Kobe Bryant and Tracy McGrady. Carter has played in 14 games this season, averaging 18.4 points and 3.4 rebounds.

"Carter has been criticized for not following the lead of Philadelphia's Allen Iverson and Orlando's McGrady in offering his starting spot to Michael Jordan, who has said he'll retire after this season."

"When you're selected on an All-Star team, you're supposed to show your appreciation to the fans, to the people who voted for me," Carter said prior to Toronto's game against the Milwaukee Bucks on Tuesday night. "I can't make all the fans happy, and I can't make all the players happy. I'm definitely not going to make all the coaches happy, so I'm going to do what I have to do to play hard and be thankful for what I've got."

Jordan, chosen as a reserve for the Eastern Conference team by NBA coaches, said he's happy to be a reserve and turned down the offers from Iverson and McGrady.

Jordan said he doesn't begrudge Carter for not giving up his spot.

"It's a Catch-22," Jordan said last week. "If he gives up his spot, some fans will be disappointed. Even me accepting Tracy's or Allen's spot would make fans look bad. That's not the way it's meant to be. Keep it the way it is. There's no bad person in this whole scenario."

In Brief

Olympic coverage will be round-the-clock

NBC and its affiliated networks will televise a whopping 806 hours of the 2004 Olympics in Athens, giving blow-by-eye sports fans the chance to watch the games 24 hours a day.

The coverage nearly doubles the 441 hours shown from Sydney in 2000. In Atlanta, NBC aired 173 hours.

There will be 134 Olympic hours on the Spanish-language network Telemundo, representing the first Spanish telecast of the Olympics in the United States, said Dick Ebersol, NBC sports chairman, on Wednesday.

"We will deliver the Olympics to the widest possible audience and give American TV viewers an unprecedented array of choices," Ebersol said.

The early announcement is intended to signal to advertisers their own array of spending choices. NBC is coming off a successful 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, which earned the network about $75 million in profits with ratings 36 percent higher than the Sydney games.

There will be heavy coverage on MSNBC (2 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day) and CNBC (5 to 8 p.m.), two NBC-owned networks that have been struggling in the ratings. Both showed big increases in viewership with previous Olympics telecasts.

NBC will air the Olympics for three and a half hours in the afternoon, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. with a 35-minute break at midnight, then a rerun of its prime-time coverage in the wee hours.

The Bravo entertainment network will show the Olympics for 13 hours a day.

NASCAR might lose top sponsor

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., the top sponsor for NASCAR's Winston Cup Series since 1971, hinted Wednesday it is considering ending its long-time partnership.

RJR signed a five-year contract extension with NASCAR in July, exactly one year after the company picked the stock car series as the one program it can bankroll under the 1998 tobacco settlement.

But a weak economy has forced RJR to reevaluate its commitment since signing the contract extension.

"Since that time, our business dynamics have changed dramatically," said Ned Leary, president of RJR's Sports Marketing Enterprises division. "In our ongoing conversations with NASCAR, we have discussed the potential of their exploring a new series sponsor at some time in the future."

NASCAR president George Pyne said the sanctioning body enjoys its 32-year relationship with the tobacco company, but is now looking at future opportunities with other companies.

Around the Dial

College Basketball

NC State at Wake Forest 7 p.m., ESPN2

NBA

Lakers at Knicks 7:30 p.m., TNT

NHL

Avalanche at Red Wings 8 p.m., ESPN
It was the biggest play of the game and gave us the breakaway we needed," said Andre Sweet, who had 17 points, almost triple his average, for the Pirates (10-9, 5-4 Big East). "Once he went to the line, he was going to make those, so we got him the ball and he took them out.

Dan Miller had 21 points for Notre Dame (18-4, 6-2), which won four in a row overall and six straight in the conference.

"They were very good defensively," Bryan said. "I think we could have done a better job defensively.

Seton Hall, which beat Seton Hall 74-64 on Jan. 12, was second in the league in three-point shooting at 30.3 percent, was 5-for-7 from beyond the arc with Barrett going 3-for-4.

Notre Dame, which beat Seton Hall 74-64 on Jan. 12, was second in the league in three-point shooting at 30.2 percent, but the Fighting Irish finished with a 38-27 advantage on the boards.

"Overall, they played better than us," Thomas said. "We didn't do a good job on defense and when you combine that with the way they played defense you're never going to win.

The Irish used their offensive line with two players in the top 100 of the country, Ryan Harris and John Sullivan both were picked as USA Today All-Americans.

Willingham and his staff were also able to land several players that can play several positions. Players such as Chase Anastasio, Isaiah Gardner, Geoffrey Price, Tom Zdawalski and Woden all played more than one position in high school.

"The thing's that sorely missing in just a pure football player is that a football player only has competition available to him 11, 12, maybe 13 times a year," Willingham said. "But when you have a young man that plays multiple sports, it helps him develop and hone his overall skills.

Willingham had 22 players commit, despite having only 33 official visits. A team is allowed 36 official visits per year and the 33 Notre Dame used this recruiting year was one of the lowest ever for the school. Willingham, however, was confident he could sign most of the players he brought in for visits.

"Yes I was confident we would get a high percentage of those 33 to sign," Willingham said. "We believe in our program on trust, honesty and integrity. (Notre Dame) is an institution that challenges young people to be prepared for the world.

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Chase Anastasio
wide receiver
6-2, 190
Burke, Va.
"He’s a versatile player, could go on both sides of the ball."
Tom Lemming ESPN analyst
Notes: had 433 receiving yards and six TDs in ’02.

John Carlson
tight end
6-6, 230
Litchfield, Minn.
"When he develops, he could be a five-star player."
Tom Lemming ESPN analyst
Notes: caught 41 passes for 471 yards and seven touchdowns ... ranked 19th on Detroit Free Press 20-player "Best of Midwest" team.

LaBrosse Hedgmon
defensive back
5-10, 180
Hoover, Ala.
"He’s a good cover corner and a good athlete."
Tom Lemming ESPN analyst
Notes: 45 tackles, four ints and 15 passes broken up and two tackles for loss during ’02 season.

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Dublin, Ohio
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Who’s leaving
Ten seniors have used their entire four years of eligibility and will not return to the Irish.

Offense
WR Amaz Battle
QB Jordan Black
G Jeff Faine
FB Tom Lopinski
OG Sean Mahan

Defense
LB Carlos Pierre-Antoine
DE Ryan Roberts
SS Gerome Sapp
CB Shane Walton
FB Mike McNair

Class of 2006
Quarterback
Chris Olsen
Running back
Jeff Jenkins
Nick Schlozianolo
Wide receiver
Reema McKnight
Maurice Stovall
Tight end
Anthony Fasano
Marcus Freeman

Class of 2007
Quarterback
Brad Quinn
Running back
Isaiah Gardner
Trevor Laws
Wide receiver
Chase Anastasio
Chinedum Ndukwe
Jeff Samardzija
Ambrose Wooden
Tight end
Greg Olsen

Notes: First team USA Today All-American ... rated eighth on ESPN list of top 100 players nationally.

Notes: Injury ended senior season ... had solo 65 tackles as a junior ... 3,500 career rush yards.

Notes: USA Today first-team All-American ... rated 51st on ESPN list of top 100 players nationally.

Notes: had 433 receiving yards and six TDs in ’02.

Notes: rated third overall on ESPN’s list of top 100 players nationally.
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Freddie Parish Jr.
defensive back
6-1, 205
Saugus, Mass.
"Good all-around ballplayer and a good athlete."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst
Notes: rated 72nd nationally on The Sporting News list of top 100 ... made 71 solo tackles in '02.

Geoffrey Price
punter
6-3, 180
Hurst, Texas
"One of the top two punters in Texas."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst
Notes: averaged 45.6 yards per punt as a junior and 39.5 as a senior... career high of 69 yards.

Brady Quinn
quarterback
6-4, 210
Dublin, Ohio
"Could be a Heisman candidate in four years."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst
Notes: completed 143 of 258 passes as a senior for 2,149 yards and 25 TDs.

Jeff Samardzija
wide receiver
6-4, 190
Valparaiso, Ind.
"He's tall with great hands and deceptive speed."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst
Notes: named top receiver in state ... caught 50 passes for 1,044 yards and nine TDs.

Dwight Stephenson Jr.
linebacker
6-3, 237
Delray Beach, Fla.
"He's somebody who you definitely would want to have on your team."
Allen Wallace
SuperPrep
Notes: had 80 tackles and 27 sacks as a senior.

John Sullivan
offensive lineman
6-4, 280
Greenwich, Conn.
"He's very aggressive and he stays on his blocks very well."
Allen Wallace
SuperPrep
Notes: Gatorade Player of the Year in Conn.... named offensive MVP by Connecticut Post.

Mitchell Thomas
linebacker
6-3, 210
Opelika, Ala.
"Good all-around ballplayer and a good athlete."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst
Notes: made 70 tackles as a senior... ran for 500 yards and five TDs.

Ambrose Wooden
wide receiver/defensive back
6-1, 190
Baltimore, Md.
"Could contribute as a true freshman."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst
Notes: 7,261 career passing and rushing yards.

Who might return

Eight seniors could apply for a fifth year of eligibility because they were injured or did not play for at least one full season.
OL Jim Molinaro
TE Gary Godsey
OG Sean Milligan
K Nick Setta
LB Pat Ryan
LB Justin Thomas
DT Darrell Campbell
FS Glenn Earl
NG Cedric Hilliard
LB Courtney Watson
DB Jason Beckstrom
DT Trevor Laws
DL Nick Borsell
LB Joe Brockington
LB Mitchell Thomas
LB Isaiah Gardner
LB LaBrose Hedgemon
LB Freddie Parish Jr.
LB Tom Zbikowski
DB James Bonelli
DB Bob Morton
DB Scott Raiden
DB Jamie Ryan

The last two years

Coaches often recruit players based on who signed the year before. Below is a list of players who have committed to Notre Dame in the last two years.

Class of 2006

Defensive line
Chris Frome
Derek Landri
Travis Lelko
Brian Matea
Dan Santucci

Linebacker
none

Defensive back
Jake Carney
Mike Richardson

Offensive line
James Bonelli
Bob Morton
Scott Raiden
Jamie Ryan

Class of 2007

Defensive line
Trevor Laws

Linebacker
Nick Borsell
Joe Brockington
Mitchell Thomas

Defensive back
Isaiah Gardner
LaBrose Hedgemon
Freddie Parish Jr.
Tom Zbikowski

Offensive line
Ryan Harris
John Sullivan
to need for us to be successful." Successful as the team performance was, it was still highlighted by some career-setting individual performances.

Katy Flecky, who has been battling a back injury all season, finally found her groove and showed clear signs that she was ready back for the season. The sophomore post player, who normally is inside for 12 points and a career-high 12 rebounds, marking the second double-double in her career.

"The beginning of the game was kind of_module is not loaded_what I think I haven't felt this way until this game," Flecky said. "I'm mentally back in it and feel confident."

On the defensive side Le'Tania Severe, who McGraw refers to as the glue of her team, was doing her best to make sure the Hoyas fell apart. Severe nabbed a career-high eight steals while dishing out four assists and hitting 12 points herself.

"The defense was outstanding," McGraw said. "I thought Le'Tania had just a fantastic defensive game."

But it added some depth to that defensive effort, blocking a career-high five shots. The end result of Notre Dame's efforts to shut down the Hoyas was a 23.5 percent shooting percentage in the second half, resulting in only 24 points as compared to Notre Dame's 52.

Led by Jacqueline Battease's game-high 20 points, those 52 second half points for the Hoyas were the most the Irish scored in a single half since they recorded 61 points in the first half against Cleveland State on Nov. 26.

"Everyone started to crash the boards and was dedicated to defense and we got the ball back so quickly and were able to score, that's when it gets fun," Battease said. "...I'm glad everyone came out in the second half with that determination."

If the Hoyas took off in the second half, the Hoyas gave up. Georgetown, who had been controlling Notre Dame with its defense, could not stop the Irish from taking shots or complete any themselves. Their dismal 23.5 percent from the field allowed the Hoyas to finish the game shooting a career-high 45.9 percent from the field, more rebounds than the Irish, but with only six second-chance points to show for it.

"We missed enough shots, somebody's got to get them," Hoyas coach Patrick Knapp said.

The Hoyas took an early 6-2 lead on three shots by Carmen Hooker, who led the Hoyas with 14 points. They traded leads with the Hoyas for the remainder of the first half, leading in the first two minutes of the second half. But the 23-0 Irish run shut out any more chances for a Hoyas lead.

Notes:
- Aliaca Ratay scored 13 points in the game, tying her for fourth place in all-time scoring at SMU with 596.
- Prior to Wednesday night's contest, freshman Carolyn LaVere tested negative for mononucleosis. LaVere still played six minutes.
- All 10 Notre Dame players saw playing time Wednesday night, with McCarty earning her first junior transfer Anne Weese saw playing time for the Irish.

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BY TREY WILLIAMS

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles Hope-less in 77-37 loss to Flying Dutch

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Belles Hope-less in 77-37 loss to Flying Dutch

By TREY WILLIAMS

Hope was definitely not on the side of Belles basketball Wednesday night.

In fact, Hope College gave Saint Mary's its worst loss of the season, 77-37.

The Belles (5-15, 1-8 in the MIAA) were unable to pull their game together from the beginning, falling behind the Flying Dutch 33-25 at the end of the first half after a short-lived surge.

Playing against the first ranked team in both the MIAA and NCAA Division III, the Belles were at a disadvantage from the start. Not only did Hope come in with impressive statistics, with a scoring average of 80 points per game compared to Saint Mary's 57 points per game and shooting percentage of 45 percent to Saint Mary's 36 percent, but Hope had the home court advantage as well.

Adding to the Belles' misfortune was the fact that they were missing scoring leader Emily Aboka, who was forced to sit due to a sprained ankle.

Though the Belles are used to having a bench player ready and able to step into any empty scoring role, such was not the case Wednesday as individual scores were at season lows.

Kaite Boyle was limited to only six points and was helped by Audrey Gajer, who also scored six points.

Emily Fernsostro, who has played a bit part this season averaging 4.5 points per game, was just under her average scoring five points.

The Flying Dutch proved to have the depth advantage with every member of the squad scoring a point. At the top of the box score was Hope standout Amanda Kerksstra with 11 points.

Defensively, the Dutch pressed hard on the struggling Belles, limiting them to only 12 points in the second half.

The pressure took its toll on the Belles offense. As a team, they connected on only 21 percent of shots inside the perimeter and 7 percent of three-point attempts.

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Happy Town

You see the headline yesterday? 'Library renovations on schedule.' Did the editors have a bet on who could find the biggest non-story?

Runners-up: 'Dome still gold' and 'Beer = popular.'

Yeah, I guess it's 'relevant to the Notre Dame community.' But you know what that would also be relevant? Maybe a story about the fact that our esteemed President is about to drop as many bombs as he can on a country that really hasn't recovered from the last time we did it. AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHY.

Sure you do. We got psychotic about terrorism two years ago, with- out really dealing with the roots of it, and we've been itching to nail some- one ever since. Several hamfisted 'patriotic' speeches later, combined with a worldview that makes G.I. Joe reunite seem smart, and now we're going beat the hell out of Iraq again.


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Jumble

THAT SCRUMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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TUBIL

TAUSUR

INTOAR

MILLION

CROSSWORDS

Note: The seven circled letters, reading in order from top to bottom, will spell the title of this puzzle.

ACROSS

39 Big mists in paperback publishing
40 Standing
41 It was dropped in the 70's
43 Yahoo offering
45 Looking hard
47 Hair controllers
48 In a white
51 Like jungles
52 I was a silk dessert
55 Jazz trumpet of the Big Band era
60 Will Smith title
57 Architect

DOWN

1 Park network
2 Allergy season sound
3 Certain wal
4 Cavelier's
5 In Tobacco
6 Relative of a king
7 "Splendor in the Grass"
8 Theater section
9 Emily of A River Runs Through It
10 Unit of heat
11 Molding shape
12 Carrying out the trash, maybe
13 Start of North Carolina's motto
15 Shower part
17 First name in a dancer
18 Satire
20 It helps you watch for your balance
21 Moon goddess
25 Part of a sail
27 Big word
32 Name for a big dog
33 Euros replaced by French bean
34 Mose, Abbr.
42 Principles
44 Nicholas Gage book
52 Flip response?
56 Architect

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Horoscope

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ronald Reagan, Tom Hanks, Zia Zia.

GABOR, Axl Rose

Happy Birthday: Things may not go according to your plans this year, but if you are adaptable and willing to try new things, doors will open and progress can be made. This year is one to take action, you can make a difference in your own life as well as others. Your number is 6. 9/23, 12/27, 41.

ARES (March 21-April 19): Your impatience will get the better of you today. Try to be reasonable before you make an irreversible mistake. You can shape the outcome of your endeavors.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will not be pleased with someone you feel is taking you for granted. Don't say something that might lead to a protracted situation. Get some advice and make changes accordingly.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Keep your money in a safe place and use your resources before paying for a membership or making a donation. Your land-speeded cash would be better spent on something personal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Take a cautious approach when dealing with others. Remember that your choices will affect others and their responses will ultimately affect you.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Think about getting away for a long-weekend vacation. The preparation will ease your irritants. Consider an adventure that will expand your world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't turn your back on an investment today. Money can make you so rich you can't get bad things.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make sure that you have the OK before you make changes that will affect someone else. Your influence with someone you work with will be hard to deal with.ウィ Deliver if you make a mistake.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Doing something behind the scenes that you don't want others to find out about will backfire. Overconfidence will find you trouble.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take the initiative to start something new. Competition or a challenge will spark an interest; you need to shake things up and make some changes.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't participate in group or you will feel you are being left out. Let someone around you who is unappreciated or unbalanced have some time and space to sort through their problems. Keep secrets to yourself.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't trust others with your ideas. You will affect competition or a challenge will spark an interest; you need to shake things up and make some changes.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Finances will be on your mind especially if you can't make ends meet. Set a strict budget and put money away for that much-needed vacation.

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Ending with a bang

Irish sign 3 major recruits to complete 2007 Signing Day class with 22

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Over the last few years, Signing Day has ended with a thud for Notre Dame. Wednesday, the Irish not only signed the three names they wanted, but also left scholarship room for a former player to return.

Defensive lineman Victor Abiamiri, wide receiver/defensive back Ambrose Wooden and linebacker Thomas Mitchell all verbally committed to the Irish on Signing Day and helped vault coach Tyrone Willingham's first sole recruiting class into the top five in the nation.

"Notre Dame has the fourth best class in the country," ESPN's Tom Lemming said. "They got the guys they had to get and then they locked out with the Maryland players."

Notre Dame became a late front-runner for Abiamiri, who has been called the best defensive lineman in the country. After the University of Maryland committed a secondary violation when recruiting him. Once it looked like Abiamiri would sign with the Irish, his high school teammate, Wooden, was expected to follow.

Willingham was pleased with both signings and the overall class, but said he doesn't listen to what recruiting analysts say about the class, even if they are positive comments. "I always try to temper my enthusiasm, but I think that it's a very solid class," Willingham said. "I love the way it came together. Our coaches did a great job working to recruit this class."

Willingham also said the Irish have a "couple" scholarships left and that those may go to transfers or preferred walk-ons. He also added that one of those transfers could be former Irish running back Julius Jones.

Jones did not enroll at Notre Dame this year because of academic problems, but could return for the Irish in 2003 if he is accepted. "(Those scholarships) could potentially include Julius Jones next year," Willingham said. "I left that as open-ended as possible."

The Irish also had kicker Carl Giola commit as a "preferred" walk-on. Giola nailed 13 of 16 field goals and attended Valparaiso High School.

Two Parade All-Americans, five USA Today first-team All-Americans and eight players rated in the top 100 nationally by ESPN and the Chicago Sun-Times, highlight Notre Dame's class of 2007.

While Willingham likes the class, he warned against judging the group so soon after signing.

By KATIE McVOY
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

Notre Dame finally had a chance to take the lead against Seton Hall and it seemed most of the people in Continental Airlines Arena were sure it would happen.

No one told Andre Barrett.

The Pirates junior point guard scored nine of his 24 points over the final 2 1/2 minutes to keep the 10th-ranked Fighting Irish at bay in a 74-72 victory.

The win snapped Seton Hall's three-game losing streak as Notre Dame ended its 12-game losing streak to ranked teams.

"That kid is just a winner. He has been since high school," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said of the 5-foot-10 Barrett. "Barrett was fabulous that you are seeing the maturation of a guy who is certainly setting the tone with this team right now."

Barrett's second 3-pointer of the game gave Seton Hall the lead for good at 41-38 with 18.30 to play. The Fighting Irish never fell behind by more than six

Irish guard Megan Duffy looks to pass as she is guarded by a West Virginia player Saturday. The Irish, who were down by three at the half, rebounded to win 74-49 at home Wednesday.

"I always try to temper my enthusiasm, but I think that it's a very solid class."

Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

Mens B-Ball

Pirates fight off Irish

Associated Press

Irish dominate Hoyas

Total team effort leads to second-half surge

By KATIE McVOY
Associated Sports Editor

Wednesday night, the Irish made it 5,207.

With a second half of play that rivaled Notre Dame's top-notch performance against Arizona State during the opening weeks of the season, the Irish guaranteed they would add one more day to the total number since Georgetown beat them in 1989, as the Irish defeated the Hoyas, 74-49.

At the half, the Irish were down three, were being outbounded by the Hoyas and were only shooting 36.6 percent from the field. But, after Georgetown went on a small 7-3 run in the opening minutes of the second half, Notre Dame turned on the heat and burned out any Hoyas hope of victory.

"That might have been the best half of basketball we've played all year," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I feel really good about the team's performance in the second half. We were down three, we were missing a lot of easy shots in the first half and we didn't put our heads down."

Sparked by a three-point play by Teresa Borton with 17:49 remaining, the Irish went on a 23-0 run in the next seven minutes that landed them with a 16-point lead and the confidence to win the game. That 23-point run showcased four of the five Irish players to hit double digits in scoring during the game, finally giving McGraw what she has been looking for all season — a team effort.

"We got a lot of contributions from a lot of people," McGraw said. "That's what we're going to see IRISH/page 26

Irish guard Megan Duffy looks to pass as she is guarded by a West Virginia player Saturday. The Irish, who were down by three at the half, rebounded to win 74-49 at home Wednesday.

SMC B-BALL

Hope 77
Saint Mary's 37

No hope for the Belles as the Flying Dutch hand them their worst loss this season.

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FOOTBALL

Tyrone Willingham's first recruiting class becomes among the top five in the nation with the signing of three major recruits Wednesday.