Mass mourns former student

By TERESA FRALEISH
Assistant News Editor

About 100 students, family members and friends gathered in the O'Neill Hall Chapel Sunday to remember former student Brian Berg.

“He was very diligent in his work,” said Father Jay Steele, rector of Morissey Hall.

“When I met Brian on the third day of freshman orientation, I never knew the effect he would have on my life,” she said. “Brian made the ordinary extraordinary. He had a way of filling my heart with joy and happiness.”

Funeral services for Berg were held Nov. 5 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in his hometown of Wheaton, Ill.

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ND ex-VP named Portland’s president

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

The University of Portland announced Thursday that former Notre Dame executive vice president Father William Beauchamp will be named Portland’s 19th president.

Beauchamp succeeds Father David Tyson as president. Tyson stepped down from the position in June after being named provincial superior of the Indiana Province of the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

Beauchamp has served as senior vice president at Portland since 2002. He served for over 20 years at Notre Dame and remains a University fellow and trustee.

“The board is honored to announce the appointment of Beauchamp as the next president,” said Board of Trustees Chairperson Douglas F. Caruso.

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Asian Allure celebrates diversity

By KATHERINE GALES
News Writer

Performers danced, sang and stepped at Saturday’s Asian Allure performance.

The Asian-American Association, in conjunction with various multicultural clubs around campus, presented its Asian Allure show, “Aセンセ,” at the Centenary Center.

A variety of student groups took part in the production, a celebration of Asian culture and dance as well as a salute to diversity on Notre Dame’s campus.

“This year we had a lot of new things,” said Athena Kwok, the show’s executive producer.

“This was our first time off campus and the first time we had student designs [in the fashion show]. We also had a lot of new clubs participating, so in a lot of ways it was groundbreaking.”

The 700-seat Century Center theatre sold out Tuesday for the highly anticipated show, despite the fact that the show was moved off campus this year.

The Chinese Cultural Society performs a Chinese Ribbon Dance Saturday at Asian Allure, held in downtown South Bend at the Century Center.

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Mass volunteer to rake leaves in South Bend

By MARY MIGLIOZZI
News Writer

Nearly four hundred students participated in Turning Over a New Leaf on Saturday, a project to clean up leaves and do other yard work for disabled residents in the northeast neighborhood.

“This was the largest turnout ever for the annual project, a collaborative effort of several sponsors including the classes of 2004, 2006 and 2007, Catholic K, the CSC the Robinson Center, Lewis Hall and Knott Hall.

“We want to make it a little easier for disabled and handicapped people to prepare for winter. We rake leaves and do whatever the residents ask us to do,” said planning committee chair Mike Vitlip.

This is the project’s third year, and turnout was almost double what organizers expected. Vitlip said that he originally anticipated about 250 participants.

The committee planned to staff 32 sites and added 10 to 20 more when other residents asked for help.

“It was fun to interact with the lady whose yard we were cleaning. She was very grateful, and it was great to help her,” said Jenna Farmer, a Pangborn sophomore. “I’ve been wanting to get involved with service since I’ve been here and hadn’t done it yet. I thought it sounded like a really fun thing to do with a group of friends and a really great way to help out the community.”

Farmer said she heard about the project through friends, some of whom heard about it through freshmen class council or from signs in their dorm and the dorm’s social concerns commissioner.

“The woman we helped was very appreciative,” said Michelle McCarthy, a social concerns commissioner for Pangborn Hall who participated for the first time this year. “I think she lives by herself, and it was nice to have someone help.”

McCarty’s group cleaned up the resident’s yard and swept her porch and walkway. Vitlip said that several groups like McCarthy’s did chores other than raking leaves, such as chopping wood and cleaning out a porch.

“I hope in coming years it will expand to more of a winterization project, so we can do larger projects to help people prepare for winter,” said Vitlip.

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Preparing for the holiday

As one of the most favored holidays of all time, Thanksgiving offers the rare chance to take a break from the hectic workday environment in order to focus on the blessings for all that we have been given. Each year, we anxiously await the final Thursday of November, for the day that not only marks a time to give thanks, but also marks the official beginning of the holiday season. We remember the Pilgrims and Native Americans who sat down to offer thanks for all that we have and appreciate the efforts of our professors, let us remember that sloth and absorption. And if we still do not well-being. We should cherish each day sadly seems to have shifted from its original intention. Thanksgiving is no longer solely concerned with giving thanks, but instead the preparation and engagement of the meal takes precedence. The holiday now seems specifically designed to promote both gluttony and sloth, as we celebrate by eating more, sleeping more and watching even more football.

But here at Our Lady's University, the faculty and staff have graciously taken it upon themselves to prevent the spread of these two deadly sins. By piling on even more work and making it all due immediately following this lazy day of thanks, our professors have almost ensured that stimulation and engorgement of the meal takes precedence. The holiday now seems specifically designed to promote both gluttony and sloth, as we celebrate by eating more, sleeping more and watching even more football.

In Brief

Come cheer on the Notre Dame men's basketball team as they take on Northern Illinois today at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Play Drop-In Floor Hockey today from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Rolfs Recreation and Sports Center Court 1.

Attend Mass at 5:15 p.m. today in Sacred Heart Basilica.
LOS ANGELES — The bad blood between Michael Jackson and the prosecutor who filed child molestation charges against him goes back more than a decade.

It even spawned a song in which the pop star calls Santa Barbara County District Attorney Tom Sneddon a "cold man."

Ten years ago, Sneddon tried to build a child-molestation case against Jackson. But it fell apart when the singer's accuser reportedly accepted a multimillion-dollar civil settlement and refused to testify in any criminal case.

"Sneddon believed Jackson to be guilty of the first offense, and given Tom's personality, he would not let go of that," retired Superior Court Judge James Slater, who handled portions of the 1993 case, said Thursday. "He would certainly be thinking back on the last time when Mr. Jackson walked away from the judge."

On Wednesday, Sneddon said a new law that allows prosecutors to haul civil suits during related criminal cases should prevent a replay of the 1993 scenario. "I think there's a sense in the public that he did buy his way out of that investigation, the district attorney said.

Some observers said Sneddon, a former boxer at Notre Dame who earned the nickname "Mad Dog" for his tenacious courtroom demeanor, had waited a long time for another shot at Jackson.

Sneddon, however, rejected suggestions that he had a vendetta against Jackson or timed the arrest to coincide with the release of Jackson's latest album, a greatest-hits collection.

"I can tell you it's B.S., but that isn't going to change people's observations," Sneddon said. "Sarcastically, he said, "Like the sheriff and I are really into that kind of music."

When that 1993 case "went to bed, it went out of my mind. I haven't given it a passing thought," Sneddon said.

Early this year, after Jackson revealed in a British documentary that he sometimes lets children sleep in his bed, Sneddon condemned the "media circus" around the documentary and said Jackson's admission was "much ado about nothing."

Still, some observers said Sneddon, a prosecutor for 34 years and D.A. for nearly 21 of those, appeared to be grandstanding at the news conference and seemed to take delight in announcing a warrant for Jackson's arrest had been issued.

Sneddon "joked with a roomful of reporters, at one point saying drawing chuckles when he welcomed them to Santa Barbara with the line, "I hope that you all stay long and spend lots of money because we need your sales tax to support our offices."

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National District Attorneys Association

"It was baffling, perplexing and it didn't have a particular-ly serious tone," said Laurie Levenson, a professor at Loyola University Law School. "A good defense lawyer is going to say he was too personally invested and you can't trust the investigation."

During the earlier investigation, Sneddon ordered photographs taken of Jackson's genitalia. At the time, Sneddon told Vanity Fair the photos matched descriptions of Jackson's genitalia given by boys to investigators.

The ordeal was the inspiration of a 1995 song titled "D.S." that Jackson included on his "History" album. The song is widely believed to refer to the district attorney, and contains these lines: "They wanna get my ass / Dead or alive / You know he really tried to take me / Down by surprise / I bet he misdirected with the CIA / He don't do half what he say."

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Sneddon, who is in his early 60s, graduated from UCLA Law School in 1966 and then served in the Army for two years. He has been a prosecutor for his entire law career since then.

Those who have worked with Sneddon say he is tenacious and tough, particularly when he has made up his mind about a case — sometimes to a fault.

"There were times, and there still are, that his ten­ i­ cious­ ness gets in the way of his better judgment and he has to step back. That's maybe more difficult for Tom than other people," Slater said. "He can be a pretty tough article."

Irish author Logue reads new vignettes

By BETH ERICKSON

On Friday afternoon, Irish author Antonia Logue read vignettes from her forthcoming novel Say of What You See in the Dark in a small engagement sponsored by the Keough Institute of Irish Studies. Logue received much-critical acclaim for her first novel, Shadow Box, which earned her the Irish Times Literature prize for Irish Fiction. The London Observer appointed her to its distinguished list of 21 writers of the 21st century. She introduced her reading with an excerpt from Shadow Box, a fictionalized account of the life of heavyweight-boxing champion Jack Johnson.

When questioned about her choice of subject matter for this novel, Logue said that she felt little pressure to write about Ireland because the country has successfully dealt with many of its troubles.

"I had the luxury to write about something that had nothing to do with Ireland," she said.

Logue also celebrated her freedom to revisit Ireland in her new novel. The setting of Say of What You See in the Dark returns the author to her native Northern Ireland in 1972, she said. "It is in a different ballpark, with a totally different tone as well," Logue said.

The two vignettes Logue selected for her reading depicted artfully crafted "v Cyclist," a fictionalized account of two incidental characters. The entire novel is comprised of brief portraits such as these, Logue said.

Next spring, Logue will teach fiction writing classes as a full-time faculty member at Columbia College in Chicago, Ill.

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Kwcy cited transportation, time, and location of the dress rehearsal and learning a new technical system as major concerns.

“We did encounter some difficulties because we were on campus,” she said. “It took us a while to get used to it, but it was worth it in the end.”

The audience warmly received the show’s emcees, Richele Dang and Sushan Park. The duo also emceed the show two years ago.

The Hawaii and Guam Clubs presented Island Festiva! which included traditional island dances, such as the hula. The Filipino-American Student Organization demonstrated Tongking, a national dance of the Philippines.

The Japan Club presented a combination of several dances featuring samurai, girls in traditional kimono garb and male club members in schoolgirl costumes. After the humorous, the Vietnamese Student Association presented a video they had made called “Visiting to Freedom: The Story of the Vietnamese Boat People.”

The Korean Student Association performed a traditional fan dance and “K-pop,” a Korean dance accompanied by music. The Chinese Culture Association then presented a ribbon dance. The Asian International Society gave a dramatic rendition of the traditional “Tale of the Butterfly Swords.”

There were also performancs by the dance groups Group ND and the First-Class Steppers.

“The acts were really great,” Kwcy said. “They were so well-prepared — people have been practicing since the beginning of the year — and they thank the people they haven’t seen in more than 3 years that clubs tried to do something different than they had before.

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Afghanistan

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Senators fight Medicare bill

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WASHINGTON — The Senate's struggle over the Medicare prescription drug program headed into a third day Saturday with a contentious debate that could determine whether the legislation moves on to the House, where the pro-drug bill majority awaits with a target date for final passage.

The struggle for control of the nation's health-care system is a major issue in November's congressional elections, with many Democrats predicting a re-election victory with the backing of a popular and controversial measure that aims to improve Medicare prescription drug coverage.

The Senate's vote on the bill will determine the fate of the measure, which has been fiercely opposed by the White House, where President Bush has called for a "comprehensive" plan that would provide prescription drug coverage to all seniors, including those on Medicare.

"The Senate needs to take a strong position on this issue," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, a Democrat from Massachusetts, in a floor speech earlier this week. "The bill is a clear, unmistakable victory for the American people, and it will be a clear victory for the future of our nation's health-care system."
Farms produce heritage turkeys for holiday

Associated Press

BONDVILLE, Ill. — As the bronze-colored turkeys strut about their yard, they fan their tail feathers and break into a simultaneous gobble, which echoes throughout the family farm. "They're gobbling all day long," said Esther Goija, who raises Narraganset and Bourbon red turkeys near Congerville, in Woodford County. Describing the taste, she sounds as if she's describing a glass of fine wine.

"It's a full-bodied and robust kind of taste, a completely different experience," she said.

But it's not that annoying," said 9-year-old Esther Goija, who along with her siblings own more than 100 turkeys raised by their family farm. "They're gobbling all day long." Esther and her younger siblings will soon provide her money to buy clothes, toys or anything else she wants. And she says that the one thing she wants most is to buy a turkey that buy one of the Goija's Bourbon red turkeys. "Most heritage turkeys are grown in the states. Many people are interested," Wotton said.

"They don't just want one breed of anything, whether they're interested in rare breeds or people we're going to get the best food that money can buy," Wotton said.

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One of the Goija's Bourbon red turkeys has raised this year were spoken for months in the family's yard. At about $5.50 per pound, more than three times the cost of a mass-production turkey, Deborah Boole of Cornell, in Livingston County, said she sold 25 heritage turkeys this year and easily could have sold twice that many.

"It's not just fear, it's panic," said Mexican City, historian Lorenzo Meyer. "We were supposed to be the ones moving ahead. We had free-market reforms, and now we're losing out to a communist-run country. In 500 years, this country has never been able to get ahead economically.


Mexico's frustration at being outmaneuvered in low-wage manufacturing has generated a rising tide of anger toward the Asian giant. Textile and apparel businesses have closed recently, including Botas Fox, the family business of President Vicente Fox. Shoemakers complain they are being driven out of business by cheap Chinese imports.

"We just can't compete with the labor costs," said Sandra Santamaria, project director for Mexico's Apparel Industry Chamber. "Labor in China costs 48 cents per hour, and in Mexico it's $1.20." Mexico has imposed dumping duties of more than 500 percent on Chinese apparel, but that hasn't stemmed the influx. Many Chinese goods are smuggled in or imported under labels from other countries. Not including these clandestine goods, China currently runs a trade surplus with Mexico of more than 55 billion.

Some Mexicans blame themselves. "We've never been able to defend ourselves against the American, or the Chinese," said one anti-import sign posted outside a Mexican clothing store. "But, then, we haven't seen any Chinese. All we see are disloyal Mexicans who don't want to pay for Mexican goods."

Fox, who has described Mexico as "an opportunity, not a threat," created a special anti-contraband police squad in October, but it remains to be seen how effective it will be.

In one recent raid in Mexico City, police rounded up Koreans — who allegedly run many of the import operations — and deported 11 of them, drawing complaints of discrimination from the Korean community.

Earlier this year, police raids on контрабанд markets in Mexico City earlier this year met with resistance from vendors who hurled sticks and stones and trashed vehicles to defend their merchandise.

Some have said it's not a bad thing that low-wage jobs are fleeing to China. "It forces Mexico to do more value-added, better-educated work," Deputy Economy Secretary Angel Villalobos said.

The Chinese have argued Mexico should improve its own products, rather than complaining about other countries.
Conseco sues former executive

Company seeks damages from ex-CFO Rollin Dick, threatens foreclosure on home

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS Conseco Inc. sued its former chief financial officer Friday, two years after he resigned, saying Dick owed from loans he took out to buy company stock before Conseco slid into bankruptcy.

The lawsuit seeks to recover $28 million in loans covering interest payments on the underlying $70 million Dick took out in loans in the late 1990s to buy company stock. It comes after talks to settle the debt out of court collapsed, and a month after Conseco filed a similar complaint against former CEO Stephen Hilbert.

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Michael Moore is a disgrace to the left. What is distressing in the extreme is the fact that few members of the left have come to terms with this. As a liberal who refuses to join the chorus of hooey, I'm a bit of an outsider. That might be because more or less, the only people with whom I share this less-than-reverential view of Moore are on the right.

This puts things in perspective, however. It sets up an apt analogy: I think the right views Moore in the same way that the left does Rush Limbaugh. And this is exactly correct; they're perfect counterparts. (Not quite Buckley and Vidal, but hey, that's what we're stuck with.) What unites Moore and Limbaugh is their trio of pathologies—greed, hypocrisy and the need for attention.

Moore's greed is intimately related to his hypocrisy. After all, he markets himself as a working-class hero, a man of the people. But his carefully-crafted folk-hero persona is at odds with his immense wealth, his palatial New York apartment and his daughter's attendance at one of the nation's most expensive private schools. If the charge of "limousine liberal" is leveled at anyone, it should be at Moore. I wonder just how much cognitive dissonance Moore experiences on a daily basis.

Or at the Oscars. The millions who watch the Academy Awards every year were forced to endure Moore's fratricidal tirade. Don't get me wrong; our politics are similar. But the way Moore goes about voicing his diest leaves a bad taste in my mouth. Why not criticize with class, as Adrien Brody did that night? Moore's Oscar speech felt like another advertisement for himself, much like his letter to Gen. Wesley Clark asking him to consider a presidential run.

Because of my many unassy experiences with Moore's fakey, I was reluctant to see "Bowling for Columbine." I skipped the check-a-block screenings held on campus last spring. Since then, a couple dozen people have told me it's right up my alley, that I absolutely cannot miss this one, that it's hilarious.

But I have to differ. His "documentary" feels like little more than a vehicle for self-promotion, a product with gun control as pretense. Gun control is secondary, of course, to the chief theme in all of Moore's work: Michael Moore is a hero. Maybe it's the shots of him accepting thanks after the K-mart protest. Or maybe it's the shots of him hugging victims.

Because the point Moore wants to drive home is that he truly is a hero, he ends up congratulating himself on screen constantly. What's much worse is Moore's playing fast and loose with the facts; there isn't room here to catalog all the lies and shortcuts and staged scenes in the movie. The big one—his "Open an account, get a free gun" segment was entirely staged. Add to Moore's frequent deceptions his facile conclusions, not to mention the exploitive means by which he arrives at them. The film trivializes the tragedy of Columbine. It is dishonest the whole way around and characteristically so.

If "Bowling for Columbine," his book covers and movie posters, his letter to Clark, his Oscar speech, half the title of his documentary "Roger and Me" and the whole of his book tour—"The Big One" don't adequately convey Moore's penchant for self-aggrandizement, then I don't know what will.

Greed, hypocrisy and the need for attention? These all square nicely in the entertainment industry. The industry, is, after all, an industry — profit's the goal, greed is OK. Plus, it's about image, not content — hypocrisy is apparently no big deal when the aim is to entertain, not to inform. And need less to say, the need for attention goes hand in hand with entertainment. To sum up, Moore and Limbaugh are entertainers, nothing more, whether they and their fans realize it or not.

What is frustrating though is that the vast majority of their fans do not realize they are merely entertainers. They treat them instead like bona fide political pundits, if not heroes of the right, or left-wing.

The only reason I can almost tolerate Moore is because he isn't Limbaugh—he's his counterpart. That is to say, he's a liberal, he brings attention to the liberal cause. But it's the wrong kind of attention; the left doesn't need its own Limbaugh, it needs authentic, credible voices. We shouldn't praise him for his "courage" if it's all in the service of self-aggrandizement and profit.

If you were wondering at first if "dis grace" was too strong a word, I hope that I have shown why it is perhaps too weak a word. Michael Moore is to be blunter, a cause of shame — the Oxford English Dictionary's definition. He is a pandering, narcissistic blowhard and not worth defending. The left needs to distance itself from Moore if it wants to salvage the credibility he seems so keen on eroding. I'm tired of his sensationalism and his sophistry. The liberal association with Moore is unfortunate and we deserve better.

BJ Strew is a junior English major.

Observer Poll

What are you doing for Thanksgiving?

Vote by 5 p.m. Thursday at www.ndsmobserver.com

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Hero-worship is strongest where there is least regard for human freedom."

Herbert Spencer

British philosopher
Diversity, inclusion are merely ‘buzzwords’ for conservatives

Compassionate conservation is the new buzzword surrounding the Republican Party. It has been designed to help those who have felt “left out” by the Republicans feel warm and fuzzy.

According to George Bush’s official re-election Web site, “in a compassionate society, people respect one another and take responsibility for the decisions they make in life.” However, in this presidency, actions speak louder than words. President George W. Bush and the Republican Party have made exclusion a social priority.

The Iowa Democratic Party Platform supports legislation that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identification and supports domestic partnership legislation.

On the Republican side, Bush has repeatedly made statements condemning lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered lifestyles. He has abolished the White House liaison to the gay and lesbian community established by President Clinton. He has publicly stated he would veto any law that abolished criminalization of private homosexual sex. If that is not enough, he opposes any legislation that would extend hate-criminalization laws to gays.

The Republican Party has come to be known as the “White Boys’ Club.” This nickname has been back for incident after incident. At the NAACP Conference in 2000, soon-to-be President Bush admitted: “The party of Lincoln has not always cared about the black man.”

The consecration ceremony, The Book of Common Prayer requires the following pledge, spoken and written, from the individual being consecrated: “I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church.” Since Robinson was consecrated, he has made no public statement that he is having a sexual relationship outside of marriage. He does not seek denial as sin, but does not want his relationship to be unquestionably contrary to Episcopal doctrine. What are unwed people supposed to conclude from this?

The church has decideded to elect an individual as bishop who has sex outside of marriage, and bishops promise to uphold the teachings of the church. Thus, by plain reason, we may conclude that sex outside of marriage is acceptable in the Episcopal Church.

It is true that Robinson has not had the opportunity to marry his partner, as they were turned down from changes to the law. Robinson and his partner have agreed to conform to the doctrine of the church, and George Bush did not make it clear when he was consecrated and does not now. He is knowing made a promise that he knew he could not keep.

Therefore, he should not have been consecrated, and he should not presently be recognized as a bishop. Should sex outside of marriage one day be accepted by the Episcopal church as moral or gay marriage one day be blessed by the Episcopal church, then having a homosexual bishop would be perfectly reasonable. But not now.

Show true African solidarity

I would like to commend the Notre Dame Interfaith student group for their inspiring prayer meeting “Pray with Africa,” held on Nov. 19.

Students responding to Pope John Paul II’s call for solidarity with Africa gathered to honor and pray for their brothers and sisters in Africa, not in charity but in solidarity. Song, prayer and a scripture reading all contributed to a healing and enriching experience. The event was a needed and important reminder of the suffering of the 70 percent of the world’s HIV positive people living in Africa. The meeting is a step towards a better understanding of the global market place, according to Omogo.

Africa’s future depends on a self-reliant civil society of non-governmental organization and religious and community-based organizations that can build consensus and harmony between disparate groups. One of the most useful ways the West can work in solidarity with Africa is to provide a stable forum for that debate to occur. This means listening to Africa — respecting African values, perspectives, hopes and grievances.

Let us continue to pray with Africa, but let us not neglect our history of meeting African hospitality with cruelty and profiteering. Let us listen to Africa and be a force for unity, not division, a force for peace rather than violence, a force for development rather than increased poverty.

This would be a more true expression of solidarity.

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Don’t panic ND

This is to our administration in response to the reports in the USA Today that Notre Dame is making advances towards joining the Big Ten conference in all sports, including football.

This is a terrible idea. For starters, it would totally destroy the idea that we play a normal schedule and that non-conference games would be taken up by traditional rivalries — USC, Navy — leaving no room for variety.

The best part about our independence is that we can schedule who we want, when we want. We don’t have to play Northwestern, Iowa, Indiana or Wisconsin every year.

I know that the BCS contract expires soon, and the fear is that we’ll be cut out of the money, or at least have our share diminished. So what? The $13 million we earned from our Fiesta Bowl trip would be the equivalent of not making a game and splitting our money 12 ways for 5 years. I think we can do better than 1 in 13.

Finally, the last time I checked, the Scarlet Knights were ranked No. 1 most popular college football program in America. Notre Dame football is special. Don’t rush into a decision to join a conference just because it’s popular.
Second city

Chicago serves as an exciting escape to many Notre Dame students

By KC KENNEY
Assistant Scene Editor

Emily Howald

Chicago is a great nightlife city. Even though you may be away from Notre Dame, you are still surround ed by Notre Dame graduates who have relocated and called the Windy City their home. Many bars are heavily populated with Notre Dame alumni who still have fun like they did in South Bend. If you are ever in the city and are in search of friendly faces, I would suggest heading to Johnny O’Hagan’s, as you would be sure to run into a pro-Notre Dame crowd.

And as for the shopping — Michigan Avenue is the primary place for upcoming Christmas presents. No offense to the Hammes Bookstore, but I know my family is getting tired of the usual Notre Dame bookstore gifts. Additionally, the entirety of downtown is lit up with Christmas lights, which gives the city more of a holiday feel than good ole South Bend radiates. If you can make a post-finals trip, I would recommend the new II M, which sadly replaced the infamous FAO Schwarz, Saxs and the little pumpkin store... I always has a line. Although there is great shopping downtown, fun in Chicago is not limited to Michigan Avenue. You can walk around at Navy Pier, visit the Shedd Aquarium, the Art Museum or any of the other little treasures that the city boasts.

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By MAUREEN BUSH
Scene Writer

Cheap Trick visited Elkhart last weekend at E1co Theatre and played acoustic sets for the excited crowd.

Cheap Trick dressed in suits similar to that of the Blues Brothers look to jam out with their fury, rock music that helped their listeners relive days from their youth.

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Johnson willing to reconcile with Bucs

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Keyshawn Johnson is still willing to play for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers — despite differences with coach Jon Gruden.

The star wide receiver spent his first Sunday since being deactivated in a television studio instead of on the practice field, where the Bucs prepared for Monday night's game against the Giants.

"I didn't ask to be sitting here with you guys," Johnson said during Fox's weekly NFL pregame show.

The Bucs deactivated Johnson for the remainder of the year last week, saying his desire to leave Tampa was a distraction to the team coming off three straight games.

Tampa Bay (4-6) has lost three straight games, and Johnson was frustrated with his role in Gruden's offense.

The two-time Pro Bowl selection said it was Gruden's decision to deactivate him, but that he shared responsibility for being shut down at a time when the Bucs seemingly need him most.

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Keyshawn Johnson unemployed wide receiver

The receiver approached Gruden and general manager Rich McKay last month after he had one reception in a 24-7 loss at San Francisco to tell them he did not wish to remain in Tampa beyond 2003.

He doesn't regret expressing his feelings, but said he should have let Gruden know he planned to spend time with his family in California rather than fly back to Florida with the team.

"I could have made a lot of things easier," Johnson said. "I should have went to Jon. I should have said, 'You know what coach, I'm going to stay with my family.'"

The receiver said his differences with the coach did not center on his desire to catch more passes.

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MLB

Rodriguez would accept trade

Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. — The many fans who sported blue No. 10 jerseys at the MLS Cup didn't go away disappointed.

Landon Donovan, who at 21 has become America's premier player, scored twice Sunday to lead the San Jose Earthquakes to a 4-2 victory over the Chicago Fire in Major League Soccer's championship match.

On a warm, sunny afternoon before a lively, capacity crowd of 27,000, Donovan became the first player in the MLS Cup's eight-year history to score more than one goal in the championship game.

"After the last two weeks, I have no emotion left. I'm so emotionally drained, it's hard to even celebrate right now," Donovan said, referring to San Jose's dramatic comeback in the earlier two playoff rounds.

Even the fans who weren't wearing San Jose jerseys with Donovan's number on them almost certainly were entertained by the action-filled match, which featured the most goals ever in the title game.

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The two goals give Donovan 10 goals in only 12 MLS play-off games. He led San Jose during the regular season with 12 goals.

His jersey was by far the most popular among the fans at the game, spanning generations as older men and women and young boys and girls wore No. 10 shirts.

He scored in the 38th and 71st minutes. Ronnie Ekelund's goal on a 22-yard free kick at the five-minute mark, and Richard Mulroney's goal in the 50th minute accounted for the other San Jose scoring.

DaMarcus Beasley scored for Chicago in the 49th minute. The Fire's other score was an own-goal when Evan Weaver's cross went off the head of San Jose defender Chris Haniy and into the net in the 54th minute.

When the game ended and confetti fell across the field, the San Jose players rushed together, bugging each other and jumping to celebrate their second MLS Cup championship.

The Earthquakes beat the Los Angeles Galaxy 2-1 on Dwayne De Rosario's overtime goal in 2001.

accept a trade to either the Boston Red Sox or the New York Yankees, The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

Rodriguez informed the Rangers of his choices, and the newspaper, citing an unidentified major league source, reported the shortstop chose Boston and New York.

Rodriguez has seven years left on a 10-year, $250 million contract. A clause in his contract prohibits the Rangers from trading him unless he agrees.

Rodriguez said at a news conference Friday in the Dominican Republic that Rangers owner Tom Hicks told him there were three possible scenarios — sticking with his contract, restructuring it or shopping him around.

The newspaper said that numerous baseball officials have confirmed the Rangers' claims that there are no serious talks for Rodriguez because of his contract.

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels has said a few inquiries about Rodriguez got no further that "kicking the tires," the newspaper reported.

Hart did not immediately return a telephone call to The Associated Press Sunday night.

This season Rodriguez hit .291, led for the major league lead with 47 homers, and led the AL in runs (124) and slugging percentage (.600). He had 118 RBIs.

Regarded by many as the league's best all-around player, Rodriguez became the first American League player to win the MVP while playing for a last-place team.

NF
McNabb leads Eagles past turnover-prone Saints

Philadelphia Eagles' quarterback Donovan McNabb eludes the grasp of New Orleans Saints' defensive end Charles Grant in a 39-20 Eagles victory at Lincoln Financial Field. (AP Photo/Matt Slocum, Pool)
Ravens quarterback Anthony Wright scrambles away from the Seattle Seahawk rush. Wright's Ravens came from behind to defeat the Seahawks in overtime, 44-41.
The Irish have some great assets as they contend with the nation's top talent, which has plenty of reason to take Notre Dame seriously. Hefele, who after running 2:02 for most of last season has emerged as the team's top runner, is coming off her individual victory at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional. The All-American runner is in a position to achieve the highest finish possible for a female Notre Dame runner at the national championship race. In 1999, JoAnna Deeter finished third.

Banning close to their top runner will be king and senior Gerry Meagher, who finished seventh and eighth, respectively. After that race, Connolly was also named Great Lakes Region coach of the year.

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING**

**Illness a factor in last-place finish**

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The women's swimming and diving team battled but was unable to overcome an ongoing rash of illness as the No. 19 Irish (4-1) finished ninth place at the regional championships last weekend.

The Irish return to action Dec. 4 when they host the three-day Notre Dame Invitational.

**FENCING**

**Individual competition provides experience**

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

There may be no "I" in the word team, but each member of the men's fencing team was competing for himself Saturday.

Sofia Ballon/The Observer

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Joyce gets first on-court action after injuries sidelined her last season

Joyce grabbed the lone ball, spotted up from 24 feet out and drained her third 3-pointer in less than five minutes in the second half of Notre Dame's 77-57 win over Valparaiso on Friday. You'll have to excuse her for shooting whenever she was open — even when she was from nearly five feet out and the 3-point arc. The senior had been waiting a long time to get back on the court.

Her first action since March 17, 2002 in the home-opener, and the shooting guard made the most of it. She hit all three of her 3-point attempts and, as Valparaiso coach Keith Freeman said after the game, "the pull in the court was exactly the Crusaders' hopes of winning.

"Joyce was the difference maker, not only making clutch shots but energizing her team-mates and fans in the Joyce Center. When the first 3-pointer went through with 14:09 left in the game, stem-faced Irish coach Muffet McGraw threw her hands up in the air and broke into a huge smile as her senior guard made her mark on the court with an equally large smile. That shot put Notre Dame ahead 46-43, its largest lead to that point in the game. On Joyce's next two three-pointers, the senior guard even looked like each shot switched through the net. Joyce's shooting has always been efficient. Keeping her shooting percentage over the extended period of time has been the problem. She played in 25 games as a freshman in 2000-01 and connected on 38 percent of her 3-point attempts, but a combination of injuries caused Joyce to miss 11 games that year.

She missed six more games because of an Achilles strain during her sophomore season and played just 24 games, starting eight. By the time her junior year arrived, Joyce had been fighting through nagging injuries in the off-season, including a hip pointer, stress fractures and heel and ankle problems. After taking with McGraw, Joyce decided to sit out last season to fully recover and be completely healthy for the 2004-05 season.

But injuries continued to bother the guard as she missed the first two games of this season because of calf tendinitis Friday night. Joyce finally got back on the court as a substitute to become one of the most chances. Despite barely practicing this season, she played solid defense and ran the complicated Notre Dame offense well.
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**ND WOMENS VOLLEYBALL**

**Swept away**

Loss in Big East final first home defeat in 62 matches

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN Sports Writer

What a difference a day makes.
Notre Dame registered 17 blocks, including eight in the first game to defeat Miami 3-1 Saturday, however, was another story. The Irish had only 12 blocks and were swept right out of the Joyce Center by Pittsburgh, 3-0 (20-30, 26-30, 29-31).

No. 17 Notre Dame lost a Big East match at home for the first time in 62 matches and the second time in Big East Tournament play since joining the conference in 1995. Notre Dame also lost its second straight match to Pittsburgh, the first coming exactly a week ago from Sunday.

"I think Pittsburgh played very well," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said.

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**HOCKEY**

**Power plays help with win, tie**

By JUSTIN SCHUVER Associate Sports Editor

Against the second-least penalized team in the CCHA, Notre Dame's power play came up huge as the Irish came away with three out of four possible points against Lake Superior State this weekend.
The Lakers, who have fewer penalties than everyone in the league except the Irish, gave up two power play goals and another shortly after an expired power play to Notre Dame, who defeated Lake Superior State Friday 5-3 and tied the Lakers Saturday 2-2.

"I thought our puck movement on the power play was very good," coach Dave Poulin said after Friday's game. "In tight games like these, you have to take advantage of your chances with the man-advantage."

The Irish also got a bit of offense from unexpected sources, as freshmen forwards TJ Jindra and Jason Paige each scored their first goal of the season Friday, and defensive Brent Lebda scored his first of the season in Saturday's tie. Jindra's senior makes stunning return".

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**CROSS COUNTRY**

**Seven to run in nationals**

By JOE LINDSLEY Sports Writer

The nation's 510 fastest and toughest long distance runners will compete in the national cross-country championships this afternoon in a city known, appropriately, as the "Gateway to the trails."
Notre Dame will send the No. 4 women's cross-country team and two individual male qualifiers to Waterloo/Cedar Falls, Iowa, a metro area in the rolling hills of northeastem Iowa, with 65 miles of trails.
While the race, however, will take place on just 6 kilometers of those trails on the Irv Warren Golf Course. The Irish hope the victory-laden course they have taken all season will culminate with a national title.
"As long as we can all take the course, we have a shot of doing really well," sophomore Stephanie Madia said.

Notre Dame hails from chilly northern Indiana and could have an advantage with cold weather in the forecast.
Seven Irish runners, led by sophomore Molly Huddle and senior Todd Mobley qualified independently. All runners who did not qualify will support their teammates.
"Although only the top seven will be racing, all 24 runners are making the trip to Cedar Falls," senior co-captain Katie Ellgass said.

In mid-October, the women finished third and the men ninth in the Pre-National Championships, with many of the country's top teams coming in to Cedar Falls. Today, the women are looking for the fall of such teams as defending NCAA champion Brigham.

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**ND WOMENS BASKETBALL**

**Women win ninth home opener**

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN Sports Writer

Before Friday's game against Valparaiso, head coach Muffet McGraw said that it would be a tough game despite the Crusaders 0-2 record.
Last season, the Irish didn't make a basket in the final 4:52, but held on to win 74-66. Two years ago, Notre Dame squeaked out a 42-35 victory only after outscoring the Crusaders 7-2 down the stretch.
But Friday was different, as the Irish improved their all-time record to 17-0 against Valparaiso.
Friday, Notre Dame dominated throughout the game, as they won 74-57, to extend their winning streak in home openers to nine games.
"I was really pleased with the win, tie".

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**SPORTS**

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING**

Texas A&M Invitational

The No. 19 Irish finished last of seven teams on the weekend.

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**FENCING**

Team splits squad at Penn State and Ohio State

The Irish excelled in individual competition this weekend.

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**MLB**

Will A-Rod be traded?

Who knows, but Alex Rodriguez has preferences if he does leave Texas.

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**NFL**

Keysthawn says he will play for Gues

The Buccaneers' deactivated receiver is growing apologetic.

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**NFL**

McNabb and Eagles smoke the Saints

The Philadelphia Eagles' win gives them an opportunity to take sole possession of first place in the NFC East next week with a victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT
2003-2004
Student government restructures
Bodies attempt to fix inefficiencies, affect change quickly

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

A common complaint about government is its inefficiency, and student government at Notre Dame is no exception. Scores of student leaders sit on panels like the Student Senate, Council of Representatives and Hall Presidents Council, and positive results can be few and far between.

Student leaders have garnered criticism for their apparent inability to affect University policy. In February, then-student body president Libby Bishop came under fire after her report to the University's Board of Trustees did not ask for the reinstatement of hall dances, commonly called SYRs. In May, student leaders met with the University's Board of Trustees, at which time the trustees criticized inefficiencies throughout the Student Union. In October, student body president Pat Hallahan returned to the trustees, asking them to add wider student representation to the Campus Life Council, but his appeal failed. Part of the problem is the duplication of effort. Some groups within the student union pursue similar goals but don't coordinate their activities. Multiple bodies — including the Office of the President, the Student Senate, the Council of Representatives and the Campus Life Council — work on policy matters. Since each body has a different composition, they tackle similar issues in different ways, which makes the potential for wasted effort significant.

Several groups, such as the Student Union Board and the Hall Presidents Council, handle campus programming. SUB's mission is to create high-quality campus-wide events, while HPC works with residence halls on their own programming. The system might look good on paper, but lack of communication between the bodies has led to failures. Student Union Board manager Charlie Ebersol said that students from each hall should have a place on the board, so that dorm concerns may be addressed in planning campus events.

"We need dorm representation on SUB, so we won't have David Spade on the same night as seven SYRs," Ebersol said, recalling less-than-stellar attendance at the comedian's show in October.

"It can't be instant gratification. We're setting a foundation and building from there." Jeremy Lao
student body vice president

"Each dorm is so unique that w hile
SUB should focus on campus-wide events, HPC should focus on hall programming, while HPC should focus on hall pro-
gramming," Lao said. "We're setting a foundation and building from there.

These changes come alongside another transition. In December, Hallahan will graduate, at which time Lao will assume the presidency. Some students, like freshman Chris Sebastian, were cautiously hopeful that the leaders' reforms would improve the quality of student life at Notre Dame.

"I'm sure they're working hard on it, but I haven't seen anything yet," Sebastian said.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT?

Gina Jardine
Junior
Le Mans

"I don't think of student government.

James Hill
Senior
Off-Campus

"I think they should leave 'Keenan Revue' alone."

Kathryn Conley
Senior
Le Mans

"I support student government, but I think they should leave 'Keenan Revue' alone."

Joe Fogarty
Senior
Off-Campus

"Uppity punks, the lot of them. I wish I was in student government."

Marissa Kirkman
Junior
Le Mans

"I don't think of student government."

Matt Geiger
Senior
Off-Campus

"Don't blame me. I voted Muto."

Staff
Maureen Reynolds
Annellese Woolford
Claire Heininger
Meghanne Downes

"Ask me after they make a decision about the 'Keenan Revue'. Yeah, Keenan!"
Members take time to develop issues, ideas
Divisions meet with administrators to effect positive change for student body

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

This year, the student government office on the second floor of LaFortune serves as a command- and-control center for a group of students working for their peers.

Members of several committees in the office of the Student Body President have spent the semester thus far in the offices of administrators and faculty, discussing issues pertinent to the student body. The committees have dealt with very prominent issues in the life of students, as well as other issues they believe will benefit students in the future.

The issue at the forefront of student body president Pat Hallahan’s campaign was TCE publication. To date, the Academics Division in Hallahan’s office has met with administrators and is discussing ways to go about making progress on this issue.

“We’ve been working more on the draft of the proposal, and fortunately the [University] Academic Council decided to form a subcommittee on TCE.”

Jeremy Staley, chair of the academics division.

However, nearly three months of work, the division has not completed its proposal for TCE publication. “We have examples of what other schools have done, and it’s really up to us to take off.”

The proposal will be submitted to the University Academic Committee’s task force on TCE’s. From there, the committee and faculty will review the proposal and decide what, if any, action to take. However, the first step will be presenting that committee with the proposal.

Changes to the TCE process will probably not be made this semester, as not enough progress has been made on the issues. Hallahan leaves his office in December after his early graduation, and he will likely not see the end result of this work. But if his administration wants to accomplish one of his important objectives before the end of their term, they must work a lot harder to effect change on this issue. If progress hasn’t made more quickly, it may be another year before students see changes to the TCE process.

One area where students are definetely apparent is with the Last Lecture Series. The Academics Division, according to Staley, worked to find professors who volunteered to speak, and the program has worked well so far this year 4.

The series has been occurring regularly in different dorms around campus this semester.

Most of the other projects the members of the Office of the Student Body President are working on are long-term projects, and no results are easily apparent.

The Diversity Division plans to begin a program entitled “Seven Spirituals” this semester. This program would allow for seven students from seven different dorms to meet, have a meat together and talk about current events.

However, no definite plans have been set, and time will tell if this program will come to fruition.

Tessa Garcia, chair of the Diversity Division, said that she researched a program over the summer called “Sustained Dialogue” that she would like to implement next semester.

“It is a student-run program in which faculty and students can get together and dialog,” Garcia said.

According to Garcia, she already has administration approval for the project, thus, all that remains is for the division to set it in motion. Hopefully, there will be results next semester.

The Service, Spirituality and Social Concerns Division has focused its efforts on establishing a service trip, similar in Appalachia, for those who cannot participate during the Spring or Fall breaks.

Student government members have met with administrators on these projects, but results will probably not be seen for some time.

The Office of the Student Body President has come up with several good ideas this year, but few of them have seen many, if any results.

The projects are inherently long-term, but with the end of the semester approaching quickly, the student government will not have much time during the spring semester to effect change.

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Successful Campaign Promises

Theology on Tap
Hallahan’s administration has implemented this program on Legends, as promised. This provides a setting where students can find speakers discussing issues related to spirituality and faith.

ND #1 in Service
Hallahan and Lao’s goal to make Notre Dame the top University for service is being helped along by their administration’s Service, Spirituality and Social Concerns Division. This group is formulating a program through which students can take a service trip during Senior Week if they cannot attend Appalachia during Spring or Fall break.

Coffee House Discussions
Hallahan’s office held a coffee house discussion with an exchange from Nigeria to help students hear his experiences and opinions on how relations between Nigeria, the United States and Africa can be improved.

Promises in Progress

TCE Publication
While the TCE process has not exactly succeeded, Hallahan’s staff has definitely gotten the ball rolling. TCE’s published. In response to their work, the University Academic Council has formed a TCE subcommittee to investigate making changes to the TCE process.

One Credit Courses
The Academics Division still has this on their list of things to do. They have had discussions with some administrators to see how more one-credit courses can be offered to students.

Alumni Mentoring
The University Affairs and Alumni Relations Division met with representatives from the Alumni Relations Office on campus to decide how best to go about setting up an alumni mentoring program. Watch for significant steps to be taken within the next few months.

Unsuccessful Campaign Promises

SYR’s in Residence Halls
During their campaign, Hallahan and Lao promised to fight to return the SYR’s to dorms, but not one word has been spoken about this issue this year. The administration probably realized this was a near hopeless cause.

New LaFortune Store
The runninggolds told students that they would like to improve LaFortune by bringing in a Blockbuster Video. Quite obviously, this has not happened either.
Hallahan reflects on semester, prepares for transition

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

Student body president Pat Hallahan entered his office last April with bold plans to help the student body. This fall, however, Hallahan realized that he would have to prioritize those plans, as his time in office was to be cut in half with his early graduation in December. Hallahan has spent the majority of his time this semester working to restructure an inefficient student government into one that works well and produces results more effectively. With this focus, some of the issues on which Hallahan campaigned had to be put on hold.

"A lot of the focus in my time has been on the Council of Representatives and the restructuring of student government," Hallahan said. "Some of the issues that we campaigned on, it would seem they have taken a back seat."

However, Hallahan has not spent all his time laying out the inner workings of the student government.

"I put a lot of emphasis on the Church in Africa Conference, and I took a lot of initiative with it," stated Hallahan, referring to the two-part conference, which began here this fall and will end in Nigeria in the Spring semester. Overall, Hallahan believes that the student government has made great strides toward greater efficiency so far this semester.

"We've made a lot of progress, but I think we're taking the right steps, and I think you'll see by March a structure where the policy bodies and programming bodies work together," he said.

"We'll be in a position to go to the Board of Trustees and tell them 'This is what you told us to do, and we want to get more involved at the University, work together,'" he said.

"I think we could have done a better job in all bodies to address more concerns and issues."

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"When it comes to the issues, I think we could have done more," Lao said. "I think these models may be. I'm sure there will be more to come.

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Pasatiempos is a photographic social documentary on life in the world's biggest border community and the traditions, culture, people and landmarks that have existed in this border community for decades. Chuy's project has also been made possible through a UROP grant from the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts.

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Monday, December 1, 2003
Riley Hall of Art
2nd Floor Gallery
The Faculty Senate has tackled many important issues this year, such as TCE's and the status of guest lecturers, but there are many issues at the forefront of campus life.

The Residence Life Committee in the Senate drafted a resolution to permit graduate assistant training procedures that, after approval by the Senate, they presented to the Campus Life Council. The resolution called for the CLC to establish a task force to investigate RA training, the Senate approved. Despite staunch administration support of its strategic plan, the RA training, the CLC sided with the Senate and established the task force.

The Residence Life Committee also authored the petition asking for the reestablishment of the annual ROTC Presidential Pass review and gathering the official door location. Senators gathered over 2,000 student signatures to present to Bill Kirk, associate vice president for student life.

In addition to issues that originate within the University, there are issues that are brought to the Senate by the community. As the RA training issue, Senators have shown that they are able to and do look at the University and find problems where improvements can be made.

Such an issue is the proposed women's resource center, brought to the Senate by the Women's Affairs Committee on Gender Issues. This committee has spent the semester researching other top 20 institutions to establish a platform from which to plan a women's resource center for this University.

"GLC was initially receptive," said Pangborn Senator Kaitlyn Redfield. "We've met with a lot of departments and clubs, and they've been very receptive." These administrators do have some reservations about the proposed center, however, if it is not a specific plan, for how these issues should be addressed on a Catholic campus.

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**CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL**

**By ANDREW THAGARD**

In the past, the Campus Life Council had a reputation for being unproductive and tending to focus on the same issues as other organizations and parts of student government rather than take initiative on its own. This year, however, things are beginning to change for the organization that brings together students, administrators and faculty to discuss important issues.

To date, CLC is working with Student Senate to draft a resolution supporting a proposed University women’s center and is in the process of investigating potential parking perks for on-campus students. Perhaps their most important accomplishment, however, is a resolution passed to form a task force to investigate issues surrounding the scheduling of programming and attendance policies. The issue was brought to the fore-front of the campus community when several RA’s either quit or faced termination because schedule changes and prohibitions kept them from attending all of the training sessions.

CLC's actions have increased respect among students, faculty and administrators, according to Pat Hallahan, student body president and chair of the organization.

"It's a good step to give CLC the ability to initiate on its own. It's responding to an issue that concerns the student community," Hallahan said.

By discussing issues together, the council has determined that they could accomplish things without always going through the formalities of passing a resolution.

"Everything isn't going to be in the form of a resolution," said Hallahan. Outside of their biweekly meetings with CLC, Student Senate, other campus organizations or task forces including Senior Privileges, Composition and Gender, the council has been fairly successful in pinpointing reasonable issues to focus on and taking the necessary steps to see that they are implemented.

**Seniors for seniors**

The Senior Privileges task force has been particularly successful in its attention on parking awards for on-campus students. The task force is looking into the possibility of either reducing or eliminating the parking fees paid by on-campus residents along with offering reserved spots for them in the D2 and I6 lots.

"The idea that we didn't want to create a senior privilege was that we can campaign for it as a "thank-you,"" said Heather Rakoczy, chair and rector of Pangborn Hall. "It's important for the University to show gratitude for keeping senior leadership on campus. We really need senior leadership in the halls, especially for freshmen."

So far, the group has shared their ideas with Rex Rakosak and Phil Johnson of campus security and Bill Kirk, director of Student Affairs. Kirk, according to CLC member Wyatt Maxwell, has taken initiative on its own. The task force is also investigating the sale and distribution policy of class rings. Members said they were concerned that advertising is being geared toward sophomores despite the fact that the privilege is traditionally reserved for seniors.

Finally, members are interested in the possibility of establishing a time at Legend’s for seniors to replace the void created when Senior Bar closed.

The Task Force has been successful in making progress toward their goals in part because they are reasonable, Rakoczy said.

"The students wanted to focus on issues that would have campus credibility and positive repercussions," she said.

**Exploring gender relations**

The Gender Relations task force is a new addition to CLC this year, replacing the Student Life Safety Committee.

"The issue that it wasn't as much of an issue as gender relations," said Emily Chin, a council member and chief of staff in the Office of the Student Body President.

The task force began the semester by comparing Notre Dame's gender relations environment to 15 peer institutions, including Duke and Boston College, with similar social and academic climates.

The group found that most of the other institutions had some kind of option for co-ed living which helped to foster stronger relationships between the sexes. As we are looking into the co-ed option and seeing if it is feasible for our University," she said.

More recently, the task force has committed to work with members of Student Senate to draft a resolution to Student Affairs increasing a proposed women's resource center.

**Defining CLC**

The final working committee of CLC is the Composition task force, which is charged with researching into the makeup of the council's representatives.

The task force was initially formed to gather information and generate discussion for student government's report to the Board of Trustees on possible restructuring of the organization.

"Our main purpose at the time was to get administrator, student and faculty discussion for our Board of Trustees meeting," said Jeremy Lao, student body vice-president and CLC member.

The task force will continue its investigation into next semester and collaborate with other branches of student government to work on changing membership composition in order to improve efficiency.

The investigation, along with other actions taken by CLC, is helping to redefine the organization and show the University community that it is willing and able to act rather than simply complain.

"It's better to be catching things early and bringing them up as issues instead of waiting for an issue to be implemented and then complain about it," Hallahan said.

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**COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**New body works to restructure, improve government**

**By MATT BRAMANTI**

As chair of the Council of Representatives student body president Pat Hallahan effectively sets the agenda for all organizations within the Student Union.

The council, previously known as the Executive Cabinet, is composed of the Student Body Vice President, the Chief of Staff, representatives from each class council, the Student Senate, the Financial Management Board, Hall President for the Council, the Student Union Board, the Judicial Board, and the Club Coordination Council.

A few of the council members have held special sessions to address the finer points of the student union constitution. In addition, jurisdictional squabbles have held up the work of the council.

The issue of off-campus students' representation has kept the council from wrapping up the new structure and moving on to addressing the issues.

"Student government has been very territorial," Hallahan admitted. "But we're starting to think outside our own organizations."

That spirit of cooperation is a far cry from the past year when student government, when the relationship between then-president Libby Bishop and the Student Union was at its lowest ebb as they battled over the Board of Trustees report.

**Communication**

Communication with the students has generally been good. The "Under the Dome" calendar, which provides a central Web-based platform for student events, has had mixed results. The only significant problem is that many clubs and students have not yet adopted the calendar, which is available on the "Popular Sites" box at the Notre Dame Web site.

Communication among student government leaders, however, is another matter. The council is intended to be a forum for student leaders to coordinate their activities and discuss issues of importance to the student body. For the past several weeks, however, that hasn't happened much.

The focus on restructuring the Student Union is simply a huge task, and it has taken priority over discussion of the issues.

**Representing student interests**

A key responsibility of any elected representative is to act as an advocate for the student body. Many of the student representatives believe they should work to be involved in policy-making activities on the university level. Issues like alternative housing arrangements, hazing and the alcohol policy really matter to students. "Students don't care what student government looks like," Hallahan said. "They care about the results that come out of it."

In dealing with University officials, those results have been largely absent. Last month, Hallahan and his vice president Jeremy Lao received a similar welcome from the trustees regarding a proposal to restructure Campus Life Council.

Hallahan characterized the trustees' responses to his presentation as "very honest" but "very harsh.

**Specific issues**

During their campaign, Hallahan and Lao pledged to work for the release of teacher-course evaluation results, and progress has been made toward this goal. The Academic Council approved the formation of a committee to review the process, and work will continue into next semester.

That question of representation of off-campus students in student government has been debated vigorously at council meetings. Some see the off-campus students as a completely different demographic than on-campus residents, while others want off-campus students to be represented just like any dorm. This infighting, however, has distracted the council from the safety and security issues that concern many off-campus students.

The creation of the Theology on Tap program at Legends has been a success. The events, which bring students and faculty together to discuss issues relating to faith and religion, have been well received. Cold beer, free snacks, stimulating conversation. What’s not to like?

The drinks are full price.

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Members of the Campus Life Council, led by student body president Pat Hallahan, discuss important issues at a recent meeting. The Council, among other things, will soon investigate RA training.
By AMANDA MICHAELS
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CSU plans events, sets goals

Thus far into the school year, the GSU has already made many efforts to improve the social, cultural, professional and intellectual lives of the graduate students — some of the most student organizations," said Sarah Blake, off-campus co-president and member of the FMB.

Starting in January, the FMB will take on its most involved and important task — the budget review process. The spending review itself will take place during the first week of December this year, and the allocation of funds occurs in March.

FMB president Don Norton said, "Every club and organization will submit a spending review to be reviewed and, according to the funds available, the FMB will begin planning the new year's budget — during this time, we also encourage student leaders to focus on proper and efficient money spending.

The FMB is also made up of the two assistant treasurers and the controllers or treasurers of the executive cabinet organizations in the FMB.

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HPC allocates money, supports

The Hall Presidents' Council began the year with a clear mission in mind. "We decided we had two goals: use all promising funding available to us, and plan quality events with the dorms," said co-chair Sarah Keefer.

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FMB disperses budget funds

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This year, the Financial Management Board has worked to effectively and fairly allocate money throughout the Student Government.

As with every year, the FMB has heard appeals for The Shirt Charity Fund and proposals for any budgetary expense over $500, including those for the Notre Dame Literary Festival and the Right to Life club.

"One of the projects currently being considered is the examination of the technology fund, and discussion regarding the most efficient way to allot the monies to benefit the most student organizations," said Sarah Blake, off-campus co-president and member of the FMB.

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Meet Matt Q. Public

Hello. My name is Matt. I am the Notre Dame student public. Much like a large majority of you out there, I do not understand the nuances of student government. Oh, sure, I read most of the Observer editorials and columns. But typically those radical ones which just happen to reflect from Father Edward Malloy. My personal favorites condemn the University for testifying a jaded and indifferent attitude in its student body. These well-written pieces get me thinking. I wonder, why can’t the students get a fair shake at this school? I question why I have my parents pay upwards of 35 g’s a year to attend a school that won’t let my representatives help determine my policies. I ponder as to why the SYR system was so unexpectedly torn from our grasp.

But then I finish my delicious fried chicken from Mike’s. I can’t wait to show The Observer on the table and go to my next class.

As Matt Q. Public, sometimes I sign petitions, and I always agree that the administration is suppressive. But essentially there is no substantial reason for me to put time and effort into believing in change that won’t happen. So I just don’t care. That’s just the way it is.

Now, I could go on and rave about how the lack of results has spawned an apathetic consciousness among the student body. But that is beating a dead horse. And poor Rusty’s been beaten enough times with reasons from the Board of Trustees. In the end, I just can’t think of it. If a dead horse somehow made its way into the residence room, the stench would drive away the unprepared administrators, and the students would finally have the majority. But then there goes the question. This is all going to change without the technicalities.

In reality, I’m not different from those people who are not participatory in student government. My resume is probably nonexistent, I’m not acquainted with parliamentary procedures, and I’ve got a lot more time on my hands to write silly columns like this one. But other than that, we all put our feet on the table and sit there. Local matter all possesses an odor and insert any other universalizing cliché you’d like. Our common trait lies in the inability to get any large issues of student interest into due consideration. Really all student government has on me is a gavel, and I’m working on that. Now don’t get me wrong. I am not a proponent of the argument that says student government is completely useless. Registering for English classes is useless. I’m sure student government does a lot of good things for the student community. But since I can’t think of any examples, I will cease with the vague, unsubstantiated claims and finally make a point. (Yeah, I know, bucking a trend on my part.)

Matt Mooney

Thumbs Up

To Pat Hallahan for noticing the inefficiency of student government and for proposing and implementing changes.

To a student government effort to fix deficiencies throughout the organization.

To Student Senate efforts to establish a women’s resource center.

To the Student Union Board for bringing diverse talent to campus.

To the Campus Life Council planning an evening of opera for the class of 2007.

To the Graduate Student Union efforts to make distribution of information to graduate students more efficient.

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To requirements for monthly club financial reports by the Executive Coordination Council for improved communication.

To arguments that delay progress throughout student government.

To the Student Union Board for not making lottery tickets available to Saint Mary’s students.

To disagreements in the Council of Representatives over off-campus students.

To the Campus Life Council for not forming a resident relations task force before this school year.

To Senate for failing to pass Hallahan’s Council of Representatives resolution, but passing one of their own with the same effect.

To the Office of the Student Body President for not having their TGE proposal prepared in a timely presentation.

To the Campus Life Council fortable the resolution to form an opera and Baroque task force to investigate RA training procedures.

To the Campus Life Council for not voting to provide more funding and administration members on the council.

To Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Sarah Brown for continued involvement with the Reading Day proposal.
**STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**

**Jablonski-Diehl works toward accomplishing goals**

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD  
Saint Mary's Teacher

Before becoming Saint Mary's student body president and vice president, Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Sarah Brown shared many similarities — and now, living in connected singles, they share a bathroom.

Both Jablonski-Diehl and Brown were orientation counselors, sophomore class presidents, Saint Mary's Judicial Board and the Volunteers in Support of Admissions program presidents, holding their current positions. In addition, Jablonski-Diehl served on her freshman class board and was student body vice president in the 2002-03 academic year.

After crossing paths through students, making students and working on a good work relationship, the two decided to campaign together for the 2003-04 year.

"Even just because she was sophomore class president before me, the transition time was a time where we really got to work together and get to know one another," Brown said.

Jablonski-Diehl and Brown centered their campaign on "Leadership That's Working." Although they were the only ticket competing in the race, both were aware they had challenging day and promises to keep.

"For me, [the biggest challenge] was that we were coming off of a year that we had done something huge," Jablonski-Diehl said. "Passing the study day was something that hopefully improved campus life." Jablonski-Diehl said. "I spend a lot of time on those meetings with students. That's probably one of the best parts of my job."

But, they say their biggest challenge is maintaining the oversight of projects, their missions and boards are working on — in addition to upholding their responsibilities as students.

"It's important for us to make sure that all of the different pieces feel like they're part of student government and feel that they're getting the support they need," Brown said.

Jablonski-Diehl sits on two boards and four to five committees, including the presidential! budget committee, while holds positions on four boards and all five academic committees. Despite their busy schedules, the two are currently working on a project with Technology, to establish a campus cable station expected to be online by the end of the year.

"I think we've accomplished a lot more than we thought we would last year," Jablonski-Diehl said. "What made Sarah and my goals a little different was that we had set some things we wanted to deal with, but they were sort of larger, general ideas that we wanted to get started. Our idea was to make sure that each commissioner had the appropriate support and that's gone better than I could have ever imagined. When you empower each of them with an individual project… they really run with it."

As president and vice president, Jablonski-Diehl and Brown have held true to their original goals. They have arranged student bus trips to Chicago beginning after the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing through next semester. They have brought the Saint Mary's-Northwestern football game back to LeMans Hall, as promised. They ensure that student government representatives are visible and available for daily contact. To help guarantee accountability, they regularly update news and information on the Internet and activities phone line.

"Instead of us putting out one huge project, we're doing a lot of smaller things that hopefully will improve campus life," Jablonski-Diehl said. "Our idea was to make sure that student government is respected not only by the students, but also by the administration and faculty as something that is recognized and that will work."

Brown anticipates running for student body president in next semester's election and hopes to continue what the pair has established over the past year.

"Building on the success of the individual projects of the commissioners and just keeping the structure of how things were run this year would be really helpful," said, "I think we've gotten a lot done that way."

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**Student Trustee**

Mahoney represents student voice among SMC trustees

By ANNIE BASINSKI  
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As the lone student on Saint Mary's Board of Trustees, Sara Mahoney said she chose voice for her peers to make change.

"I have a very unique opportunity to serve students and work with the other trustees," she said. "It is a very exciting position and I am able to represent students in the larger issues." After applying for the position of student trustee last fall, Mahoney was appointed to the position by President Marliou Eldred. Her term began last June and will end in April.

Mahoney, a senior, shares full-voting privileges with the other trustees. On the board, she serves as a member of the Student Life and Facilities and Grounds committees.

On the Facilities and Grounds committee, Mahoney has worked with the other trustees to develop plans for the on-campus apartments, which are now under construction.

The committee meets weekly to receive input and feedback from students on how to best make use of the space. Malhuson said one of her personal goals for the apartments is to ensure they promote social interactions, independent for seniors. She said she understands the importance of an environment that caters to the needs of the students who will live there.

"I want to be there to make sure things are going as planned and student concerns are not forgotten," Mahoney said.

Although the College does not require its Student Trustees to participate in BOG meetings, Mahoney believes that by taking part in student government, she can actively relay students' concerns to the Board of Trustees. Most recently, Mahoney worked with the trustees on the presidential search campaign. As student trustee, Mahoney will vote for candidates they believe will best serve Saint Mary's. Mahoney attended all forums for the four presidential candidates. She spoke with students after each forum to gain insight on their opinions about the candidates. Mahoney said she also watched on how students reacted to the candidates as they were speaking. She took notes on the candidates and plans to review the feedback forms completed by students after each candidate's visit.

"I want Saint Mary's to get a quality president," Mahoney said, "I take that job very seriously and understand that I must make a wise decision for the students."

Another of Mahoney's goals as student trustee is to foster diversity and community at Saint Mary's. By not singling out any particular group, but maintaining diversity through the creation of committees. Mahoney believes Saint Mary's will stay true to its mission.

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Career, Job and Internship Fairs 2003
University of Notre Dame
The Career Center

The job and internship search is far from over! Look at the following events to continue your search for permanent and summer employment opportunities!!!

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Chicago Career and Internship Connection
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 05, 2004 - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Location: AMA
8655 West Higgins Road
Chicago, IL
Website: http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/cic/chicago.html
Details:
♦ DEADLINE to register, upload and submit resumes for Chicago is December 1, 2003
♦ Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen Network in Chicago!
♦ The Chicago Career and Internship Connection blends the best of a career fair and a pre-screened interview event.
♦ Identify and interact with recruiters from fields including: advertising, biotech, engineering, healthcare, investment and commercial banking, consulting, law, public relations, publishing and more!
♦ Interview for post-baccalaureate and internship opportunities!

New Jersey Collegiate Career Day
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 07, 2004 - 9:30 AM-3:30 PM
Location: Browsers Commons & Rutgers Student Center
College Avenue - Rutgers University
New Brunswick, NJ
Website: http://careerservices.rutgers.edu
Details:
Rutgers University is hosting the 33rd semi-annual New Jersey Collegiate Career Day for anyone interested in working in the New Jersey or New York City areas.

About 150 employers will discuss current and anticipated openings with candidates in most career fields and academic majors, including liberal arts, business, science, and technical areas. Students from any college or university who wish to work in the New Jersey area are invited to attend.

Students can register online and submit a resume to be distributed employers from December 1, 2003 - January 9, 2004 online at http://careerservices.rutgers.edu.

Washington, DC Career & Internship Connection
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 08, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: National Press Club
529 14th Street
Washington, DC
Website: http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/cic/wdc.html
Details:
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Careers 2004 - Atlanta
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 19, 2004 - 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Location: Atlanta
Atlanta, GA
Website: www.careerconferences.com
Details:
Expect about 40-50 Fortune 1000 employers and a few governmental organizations attending the event. To register, login to www.careerconferences.com. The event is invitation only. Initial application deadline is November 28th, but you may apply up to December 19, 2003.

Hire Big Ten Plus
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 26, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: Virtual
Website: http://careercenter.nd.edu
Details:
Welcome to the HIRE BIG 10 PLUS Virtual Career Fair for Full-Time and Internship Opportunities! This is the largest virtual career fair for college students in the world. You're invited to browse the fair to check out what employers have to offer. Links to the registration interface can be found below every job description.
Interested students must email Lee Svetie at ssveti.1@nd.edu for application information.

2004 Winter Career Fair and Diversity Reception
Status: Confirmed
Date: January 27, 2004 - 4:00 PM-8:00 PM
Location: Joyce Center Fieldhouse
Website: https://careercenter.nd.edu/winterfair/2004.php
Details:
Register on-line for the largest Career Fair of the year for Notre Dame. In addition, be sure to attend the Diversity Reception 1:00 - 3:30 pm (EST) in Monogram Room located in the Joyce Center. We are currently seeking Corporate Sponsors for the Reception, which will include a student/employer business card exchange and networking event.

Indiana Journalism Job Fair
Status: Confirmed
Date: February 07, 2004 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: Ball State University
Muncie, IN
Website: http://careercenter.nd.edu
Details:
Meet and Interview with Newspaper Editors seeking to hire for FULL-TIME and INTERNSHIP Opportunities. Information about Participating Employers and Scheduling Interviews will be available from The Career Center after December 10. Contact Anita Rees for more information at arees.4@nd.edu.

log on at careercenter.nd.edu
STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

Board provides activities

By ANNELESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

Thanks to efforts made by Saint Mary's Student Activities Board, the excuse "There's nothing to do on campus," is no longer valid.

Headed by president Becca Doll, SAB is the planning board for student activities on campus. Though the board-sponsored events in the past as often as five times a week, it now strives to hold at least two each month on a consistent basis.

"SAB is always looking for bigger and better events," said President Doll. "I think that we've been able to provide services to the Saint Mary's community that have made it easier for students to become involved in activities on campus and hear new ideas."

So far this semester, SAB has sponsored a variety of events including Random Acts of Kindness day held last Monday, the annual "Hide Out," is no longer valid.

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"One of our major events this year is "Christmas Around the World," held in December and SAB's annual SMC Tostal in April, an event similar to Twilight Tailgate, but on a larger scale."

"Our goal is to finish the year off with a bang. Hansen said.

"We want to get the student body pumped to be Bellies. We do this by continuing to sponsor school spirit events, by continuing our traditional events and entertainment programs and by getting new people and new ideas involved."

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SAINT MARY'S STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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SDB acts on original goals

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer

"We really try to get a lot of student interaction, but we can only get what students are willing to give," she said. "Sometimes we distribute surveys to get a better feel for what students want us to do."

In addition to surveys, SAB advertises regularly around campus, on the Internet and through monthly issues of stall news.

"We've received a lot of positive feedback from both students and administration," said Saavedra. "We are doing some things differently from past years, and we're excited for the rest of the year."

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STUDENT ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Council links departments

By MICHELLE EGGERS
News Writer

"One of our major goals on our platform was to make more of a connection between the halls and Reslife," she said. "We want to make it easier for students to make that connection. Survey is a tool that we use to make the connection. Survey is a tool that we use to make the connection.

"I want to help students avoid making mistakes that I made in the past," said Doll. "I want to provide cohesiveness within the halls so that they can continue to succeed and go beyond."

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Saint Mary’s BOG holds true to its mission statement

By MEGAN O’NEIL
News Writer

It is written in the Saint Mary’s Board of Governance mission statement that, keeping students as its first priority, the board is committed to upholding the traditions of the institution while simultaneously pioneering change for the future.

With the College experiencing one of its most revolutionary years in recent history, the current board has held close to its promise.

Led by president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and vice president Sarah Brown, BOG has overseen and adapted itself to a variety of challenges the college has faced in recent months, including a major construction project and a presidential candidate search, all while keeping in close contact with the student body.

The preeminent student governing body on campus, BOG is composed of 26 officers and holds weekly Monday meetings. The group includes seven executive members, four class presidents and five various board commissioners. It is responsible for establishing budgets and overseeing the varies student government association constituencies, including Student Diversity Board, Residence Hall Association and Student Academic Council.

BOG officers have further proven their determination to be a visible and accessible body on campus by actively engaging with students on a daily basis. The board is well represented at every student event from pep rallies to chooral concerts.

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