Campaign strategies differ

Presidential tickets' publicity tactics reflect platforms, philosophies, plans, ideas

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Revisiting SMC dining

Well, it's been one year since my last visit to the Saint Mary's dining hall. Some of you may remember that my previous experience with food at our friendly sister college was less than stellar. But, beware of food poisoning. I and my gut are not ones to carry a grudge. I also figured that things may have changed for the better now that the old Noble Family Dining facility has been reduced to a gapping hole in the ground and replaced by a gleaming new building, also called Noble Family.

Indeed, I'm pleased to report that my experience at the new Saint Mary's dining hall was significantly better than my last. The food as it stands isn't great (certainly not as good as last year was with the desserts. And win a prize. After my prize went, you could kick a field goal instead of it and found that it tasted pretty good than last year. Maybe I just came in line for, so I didn't bother sampling it (I should've brought a press in it and found that it tasted pretty good.

My only disappointment over last year was with the desserts. Previously, the Saint Mary's dining hall featured gourmet cookies and brownies. Those desserts may still be there, but they've now been condensed into pudding form. This "pudding" looks like vomit, but tasted surprisingly better. It contained bits of cake and a lot of what I like to call "mystery prizes." One of my friends found a cherry in what I like to call "mystery prizes."

They also had a banana split bar that every girl at that college was in line for, so I didn't bother sampling it (it should've brought a press pass with me so I could cut in line). Friends at Saint Mary's tell me the food hasn't gotten any better than last year. Maybe I just came on the right day, but I thought everything was pretty good overall. Finally, I was impressed with the attempt to provide some entertainment during the meal. When I went, you could kick a field goal and win a prize. After my prize-filled pudding I opted out, but I appreciated the creative thinking.

Teresa Riva
Freshman McGlinn

"A fat-free chocolate bar or dead roses."

"A chewed-up dog toy because I got it in seventh grade from my 'boy friend.'"

"An Oreck vacuum."

"An STD."

"A dear John letter."

"A re-used promise ring."

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD YOU LEAST LIKE TO GET FOR A VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT?

IN BRIEF

Attend "Globalization and the Inequality between Nations," a lecture delivered by Amitava Dutt of the economics department at 4:15 p.m. this afternoon in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center. The lecture is sponsored by the Kellogg Institute.

Boxanne Varzi of New York University presents a lecture titled "Shooting Soldiers, Shooting Film: Sacred War, Sacred Cinema." The lecture is sponsored by the anthropology department and takes place this afternoon at 5 p.m. in O'Shaughnessy Hall, room 119.

Thomas Hall, an associate professor at the University of Illinois, Chicago will deliver a lecture titled "Preaching at Winchester in the Early Twentieth Century" tonight at 5 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

Enjoy an evening with L'Arche at the Center for Social Concerns coffee house at 6 p.m. The event kicks off with dinner, followed by presentations from L'Arche community members. L'Arche is a worldwide movement which focuses on building with persons with disabilities.

The Pasquerrilla East Musical Company presents "Wes Side Story" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall.

Laugh with your friends at "Student Stand-up Comedy Night" tonight at 10 p.m. at Legends.

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children to constructing bridges and controlling erosion at the YMCA Camp Eberhart. The majority of EPICS work is done on the local level, but it also has a nationwide partnership with Habitat for Humanity so new each satellite school running an EPICS program will develop separate projects with Habitat. The projects create an experience that should mirror work experience in the actual industry while providing a service to the community.

"We try to choose projects that have some meat to the engineering, and we've been trying to ramp that up to make the project more challenging. Then we find a faculty member that suits the project," Freeland said.

One of the reasons Freeland cited for changing the format of the program included the weight on faculty who are not paid for overseeing projects but instead take them on as overload. At the moment four faculty members coordinate approximately 70 students.

"The program has always been closest to students, but the demands on faculty are so high that it really takes someone dedicated to service," Freeland said.

In order for the EPICS program asked for more faculty volunteers to facilitate the program, but according to Freeland the response was minimal because faculty are already overburdened with teaching and research. Also, the engineering department has taken on several other service projects, and it is beneficial for the department to focus its energies on fewer programs. Freeland is in support of the structural changes that will be made to the program, but he says the way students earn credit for their work will change since now the courses will be offered through the Center for Social Concerns instead of the College of Engineering.

"The spirit of EPICS will live on, even if it the name doesn't," Freeland said.

In ending the relationship with Purdue that is part of the EPICS framework, however, the program will lose certain national sponsorship benefits that were secured for the service work, like software donated by Microsoft among others. Nevertheless, engineering students should be able to pursue service projects in the future, and Freeland doesn't see the Notre Dame initiatives, some of which have existed for three or four years, coming quickly to an end.

To learn more about the programs begun through EPICS, visit the Notre Dame website at http://epics.cse.nd.edu.

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LaFortune This was in response to the resolution passed by the Senate last week calling for renovation of the space.

Among the several suggestions were more seating, more comfortable couches or a room similar to the study lounge in the renovated library basement.

Senior senator Chuck Anthony reported that his dorm was concerned the lounge should remain a "presigious place" for the prospective students and their families who visit the campus.

Finally, in line with their concern for student feedback, senators unanimously approved a resolution for a "Student Union Senate Selection Box." The resolution recognized that the Senate has an e-mail account, nsenate@nd.edu, that is rarely, if ever, used, and it called for "the e-mail account to be made available for the student body at large to submit ideas and opinions to the Student Union Senate."

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campus, where a town bearing the university's name and partially owned by the institution will house 1,500 residents starting that same year. The town of Ave Maria will have the feel of an old European city, complete with a grand central church and plaza and adjoining streets lined with shops, restaurants and cafes.

"This is the first time someone has planned a new town around a college campus," said Nicholas Healy, a Notre Dame alumnus and president of Ave Maria University.

In the coming years, officials envision Ave Maria growing into a nationally renowned university with an undergraduate population of 5,000 and an NCAA Division I-A football team like that of its northern neighbor.

Emphasizing faith

They also remain committed to establishing a university with a reputation for upholding the Catholic faith and remaining loyal to the Church's teachings. Concerns and criticisms say today's leading Catholic universities have lost sight of in their efforts to achieve higher status within the academic community.

A study published in the "Catholic World Report," conducted by the Cardinal Newman Society, for example, surveyed students at 38 Catholic colleges between 1997 and 2001 and found that many who graduate from such schools are more inclined to develop pro-choice views and support legalizing gay marriages and less likely to attend Mass than before they started school.

Ave Maria University hopes to combat such statistics.

"Our intent is to be a great university that is capable of responding to the culture we're in," Healy said. "As Catholics, we need to respond to that from an intellectual level."

Central to Ave Maria's identity is its adherence to Eusebio Forti, a document issued by Pope John Paul II in 1990 that requires Catholic institutions of higher learning to remain true to their religious identity and committed to the Church's teachings. The university, for example, requires new theology faculty members to take an oath of fidelity to the Church's magisterium in the presence of a bishop and students are encouraged to take advantage of adoration, rosary recitations and daily Masses available on campus.

Challenging students

University officials, however, are quick to emphasize that their goal is to produce students who also challenge their faith, and this notion is echoed within Ave Maria's student body.

"They raise a bunch of committed adults and not clones," said Stephanie Galuszka, a sophomore at the university. "They teach you to be someone who can defend the Catholic faith, who also challenge their faith, and this is echoed within Ave Maria's student body.

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on attitude from other Catholic schools

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Kathleen Cummings, associate director of Notre Dame's Cushwa Center for American Catholicism.

"Ave Maria University is distinctive in that it's fulfilling a need. I think there are a lot of young American Catholics who want to go somewhere where (Catholics) isn't ambiguous," she said. "I think attending Ave Maria University is a counter cultural decision and that has great appeal among young Catholics today."

Applicants are also attracted to Ave Maria in part because of its low tuition compared to other private schools ($15,150 annually for tuition, room and board — half the cost of Notre Dame) and its location, Healy said.

"I don't know what your temperature is up there, but it's 70 degrees here, and the sky is clear," he said. "(Southwest Florida) is a very attractive area, and I think there is a great interest in an institution that is starting out unabashedly Catholic. A lot of students like being pioneers."

Feeling the cold shoulder

Ave Maria's reputation for being "revolutionary" in its approach toward Catholicism and the media's emphasis on this, however, hasn't exactly endeared it to the nation's established Catholic colleges and universities.

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"There aren't one narrowly defined template to what is a successful Catholic college or university," he said.

That may be true, Ave Maria University, however, with its emphasis on faith combined with a strong sense of community in a temperate climate, seems successful in attracting new students. The university announced a 30 percent increase in enrollment for the spring semester, and students like Matties and Galuszka couldn't be happier with their experience so far.

"It's got the right mix," Galuszka said.

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An artist's rendering of a streetscape shows what the planned town of Ave Maria may look like.

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Mass. court OKs gay marriage
State's highest court says civil union law discriminates against homosexuals

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders attorney Mary Bonauto speaks Wednesday at a GLAAD press conference. Earlier in the day, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court released its advisory opinion saying only full, equal marriage rights for gay couples would satisfy the state constitution.

The actual-puped opinion came a week before next Wednesday's Constitutional Convention, where the Legislature will consider an amendment backed by Republican Gov. Mitt Romney that would define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

But the soonest a constitutional amendment could end up on the ballot would be 2006, meaning that until then, the high court's decision will be Massachusetts law. Gay couples could get married in Massachusetts as soon as May, the deadline set by the court last fall.

"We're going to have to start looking for a band," said Ed Balmeri, who put down a deposit for a wedding after the opinion came a week ago.

The Supreme Judicial Court ruled in November that gay couples have a constitutional right to marry, and gave the Legislature six months to change state laws to make it happen.

The state Senate asked for more guidance from the court.

"The dissimilitude between the terms 'civil marriage' and 'civil union' is not innocuous; it is a considered choice of language that reflects a demonstrable assigning of same-sex, largely homosexual, couples to second-class status," the justices wrote.

At least one aspect of the case may still be subject to debate: Would marriages in Massachusetts have to be recognized in other states? Conservative leaders said they would redouble their efforts to pass the constitutional ban on same-sex marriages.

"This now puts the pressure back on the Legislature to do their job to protect and defend marriage for the citizens of the commonwealth to be able to defend the vote," said Ron Crews, president of the Massachusetts Family Institute.

The legal battle in Massachusetts began in 2001, when seven gay couples went to their city and town halls to obtain marriage licenses. All were denied, leading them to sue the state.

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Tyco reports jump in Q1 profits

Tyco International Ltd. posted a 23 percent increase in first-quarter net income as favorable currency exchange rates boosted revenue, despite rising costs for raw materials and labor.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Phil Frost said the results "reflect the strength of our core businesses and the impact of our cost management initiatives." The increase in first-quarter net income as favorable currency exchange rates boosted revenue, despite rising costs for raw materials and labor.

The company's earnings excluding one-time items rose 27 percent to $2 billion, or $1.38 a share, from $1.67 billion, or $0.94 a share, a year earlier. The results beat expectations of $2.56 billion.

Soap and Other Consumer Products

Colgate-Palmolive Co. posted a 7 percent rise in third-quarter earnings, helped by cost cuts and a stronger dollar, but the world's largest maker of oral care products was hurt by rising costs for wheat, corn and palm oil.

The New York-based company said earnings rose to $372 million, or 33 cents a share, from $348 million, or 31 cents a share, a year earlier. Sales climbed 3.4 percent to $2.19 billion.

The company said detergent maker Procter & Gamble Co. raised prices for Tide and other products to offset rising costs for wheat, corn and palm oil.

The company expects full-year earnings of $1.40 to $1.45 a share, excluding items, 5 to 6 percent below last year's results.

Software

Oracle ups PeopleSoft bid to $9.4B

Aided by Martha Stewart trial, Oracle said it would raise its hostile takeover offer for PeopleSoft Inc. to $9.4 billion, a 33 percent premium over PeopleSoft's closing price Tuesday.

The company said it would pay $11.50 per share in cash, or $9.4 billion, for PeopleSoft's 840 million shares. Oracle's previous offer was $8.6 billion for 745 million shares.

Oracle's bid comes three days after PeopleSoft's board rejected a hostile takeover offer from rival Peoplesoft Inc. for $8.6 billion, or $11 per share. Oracle is betting its offer will win over PeopleSoft's shareholders, who have balked at the deal.

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**Candidates**

**Who They Are**

Ryan Craft and Steve Lynch are both juniors from Keenan. Craft is a finance and psychology double major and Lynch is a political science major and ALPP minor.

- **Fun facts:** Ryan ran with the bulls in Pamplona. Lynch sampled his first-ever tamale in the dining hall on Monday.

**In Their Words**

- **Top Priority:** Installing a printing station in each of the residence halls. Students would be able to access their accounts from these stations and use them within the dorms, rather than having to go to one of the computer clusters across campus.
- **First Priority:** Ensuring that a 3-hole puncher and staplers are provided at each computer cluster for students to use.
- **Notable Quote:** "Our main concern is not the structure of student government. It’s more impacting students’ everyday lives," Craft said.

**In Our Words**

- **Best Idea:** The installation of printers in every dormitory. Such a development would be convenient and easy, and it would cut down on lines and waiting times in each computer cluster.
- **Worst Idea:** A shuttle service from the parking lot to DeBartolo. The distance from the lots to the building is hardly far, and the amount of time students would need to walk for the shuttle would probably surpass the amount of time needed to walk from their cars to DeBartolo. The idea is unnecessary, impractical and lazy.
- **Most Feasible Idea:** Staplers and three-hole punchers. The items are inexpensive and useful, and it is doubtful that the administration would oppose such a practical and cheap development for students.
- **Least Feasible Idea:** One shuttle to DeBartolo. The University would never supply such funds and expend such energy to transport students such a short distance.

**Bottom Line**

Craft and Lynch throw out some decent ideas, but their suggestions and their platform are exactly that — thrown out, not thought out or researched. The candidates do not seem particularly serious about their campaign, and they have no experience with student government — a major disadvantage, because they are uneducated about how to go about implementing their plans and ideas. As representatives dealing with the administration, they would be ineffective because they appear ill-informed and not serious. While their campaign focuses on basically attainable, simple, everyday goals, their lack of knowledge about student government ultimately hurts them.

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- **Fun facts:** Ebersol filmed a documentary this summer in Africa with Nelson Mandela. Leito enjoys playing ultimate Frisbee.

**In Their Words**

- **Top Priority:** Having the student body president appointed a member of the Board of Trustees. Ebersol said he can guarantee this platform promise and if he delivers, it will be a great boost for student-administrator relations.
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- **Best Idea:** Having the student body president appointed a member of the Board of Trustees. This ticket’s top priority is also its best idea because of the possibilities it could have for increasing awareness of student needs.
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Ebersol and Leito’s template is very extensive and the most researched of the four candidates running for student body president this year. But this expansive platform should not be seen as merely a set of unrealistic goals. Ebersol’s goals for last year’s elections were researched, though they were also lofty. However, this time Ebersol, Lynch and Leito have the necessary experience in student government to know what is achievable.

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<td>A student representative on the Board of Trustees to facilitate further discussion? Sounds like a good idea. Make sure to get the Council of Representatives and the Council of Representatives for effective. They are dedicated to continuing this year's work and making student government better.</td>
<td>They want to improve student appealing in the College of Letters &amp; in Letters to this level that exists in the College of Business. This is an ideal goal for a student government. It would greatly improve academic options for many students.</td>
<td>This ticket knew what would work and not be feasible. They throw ideas out and do not rely on big ideas. They have the work ethic and ability to see most of their ideas through to completion.</td>
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Ryan Craft and Steve Lynch are both juniors from Keenan. Craft is a finance and psychology double major and Lynch is a political science major and ALPP minor.

- **Fun facts:** Ryan ran with the bulls in Pamplona. Lynch sampled his first-ever tamale in the dining hall on Monday.

**In Their Words**

- **Top Priority:** Installing a printing station in each of the residence halls. Students would be able to access their accounts from these stations and use them within the dorms, rather than having to go to one of the computer clusters across campus.
- **First Priority:** Ensuring that a 3-hole puncher and staplers are provided at each computer cluster for students to use.
- **Notable Quote:** "Our main concern is not the structure of student government. It's more impacting students' everyday lives," Craft said.

**In Our Words**

- **Best Idea:** The installation of printers in every dormitory. Such a development would be convenient and easy, and it would cut down on lines and waiting times in each computer cluster.
- **Worst Idea:** A shuttle service from the parking lot to DeBartolo. The distance from the lots to the building is hardly far, and the amount of time students would need to walk for the shuttle would probably surpass the amount of time needed to walk from their cars to DeBartolo. The idea is unnecessary, impractical and lazy.
- **Most Feasible Idea:** Staplers and three-hole punchers. The items are inexpensive and useful, and it is doubtful that the administration would oppose such a practical and cheap development for students.
- **Least Feasible Idea:** A shuttle to DeBartolo. The University would never supply such funds and expend such energy to transport students such a short distance.

**Bottom Line**

Craft and Lynch throw out some decent ideas, but their suggestions and their platform are exactly that — thrown out, not thought out or researched. The candidates do not seem particularly serious about their campaign, and they have no experience with student government — a major disadvantage, because they are uneducated about how to go about implementing their plans and ideas. As representatives dealing with the administration, they would be ineffective because they appear ill-informed and not serious. While their campaign focuses on basically attainable, simple, everyday goals, their lack of knowledge about student government ultimately hurts them.

**Who They Are**

Ebersol is a junior film, television and theatre major, and lives off-campus. Leito is a sophomore an accounting major from Songfied.

- **Fun facts:** Ebersol filmed a documentary this summer in Africa with Nelson Mandela. Leito enjoys playing ultimate Frisbee.

**In Their Words**

- **Top Priority:** Having the student body president appointed a member of the Board of Trustees. Ebersol said he can guarantee this platform promise and if he delivers, it will be a great boost for student-administrator relations.
- **First Priority:** Hosting a presidential debate. Ebersol said that he intends to bring high profile politicians to campus this spring and that it is highly possible for Notre Dame to host a presidential debate. Though this idea seems great on paper, it seems to be both very lofty and the least reachable plank on this extensive platform.

**In Our Words**

- **Best Idea:** Having the student body president appointed a member of the Board of Trustees. This ticket’s top priority is also its best idea because of the possibilities it could have for increasing awareness of student needs.
- **Worst Idea:** Implementing a mid-semester Teacher Course Evaluation. Many students do not like filling these out at the end of the semester and having to do it twice will only create further frustrations. Also, the office that processes the TCEs will not be able to handle the overload.
- **Most Feasible Idea:** Placing dining hall menus outside the dining halls. This is relatively simple to do and easily their most feasible idea.
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Ebersol and Leito’s template is very extensive and the most researched of the four candidates running for student body president this year. But this expansive platform should not be seen as merely a set of unrealistic goals. Ebersol’s goals for last year’s elections were researched, though they were also lofty. However, this time Ebersol, including Leito, Leito have the necessary experience in student government to know what is achievable.

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- **Notable Quote:** "I feel really strongly about the things that we proposed. It is only worth talking about if you are willing to accomplish it," Ebersol said.

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ELECTION ‘04
Candidates

Who They Are
Mark Healy is a freshman from Zahm who intends to major in Electrical Engineering. Mike Healy is a freshman from Keenan who intends to major in American Studies.

In Their Words

♦ Top Priority: Making student government more accessible and open to student opinion. To accomplish this, the ticket plans to place an idea box next to the TCE drop box in DeBartolo Hall.

♦ First Priority: Establishing a transition team with experienced smoothie office.

♦ Notable Quote: "I really think it is time for student government to open its windows and let some fresh ideas in." said Mark Healy

In Our Words

♦ Best Idea: Establishing a DVD rental location on campus, probably in the LaFortune Student Center. There is clearly a market for an on-campus movie rental establishment and both students and a business would benefit from this idea.

♦ Worst Idea: Holding student forums to discuss controversial issues, such as the BOTC Pass and Review and CORE classes. Previous administrations have held student forums to talk about issues such as the new alcohol policy, which were sparsely attended and not worthwhile.

♦ Most Feasible Idea: Posing buyback book prices from the Notre Dame bookstore online. Buyback prices are known by the bookstore, and students would benefit greatly from posting them.

♦ Least Feasible Idea: Hot sandwiches and fountain drinks in Grab ‘n Go. Previous tickets have discussed overhauling Notre Dame Food Services, and this idea will not be feasible without raising the cost of meal plans.

Bottom Line

While some may scoff at the fact that this is a freshman ticket, Mark and Mike Healy (no relation) are serious about improving the amount of input students provide to student government. While they have not done enough research to overcome their lack of knowledge about Notre Dame student government. Being unfamiliar with past governments has led them to propose ideas such as creating student forums on key issues, a tactic that was unsuccessful for previous administrations. And while they also haven’t run their platform by key administrators to check its feasibility, they haven’t surprised if the Healy’s learn from their mistakes and are viable candidates in future elections, after getting more involved with student government.

Who They Are
Istvan is a junior from Morrissey majoring in aero/ast Engineering. Bell is a junior from Walsh majoring in chemical engineering.

In Their Words

♦ Top Priority: As their top priority, Istvan and Bell hope to bring dances back to the dorms. They suggest implementing a “pledge” system by which on-campus students sign a document stating that they will not participate in excessive drinking during in-dorm dances.

♦ First Priority: The candidates’ first priority is to establish an on-campus DVD rental store. As managers at the Huddle, they envision this as a prime location for the store. They have also begun discussion with Huddle general manager Jim Labella and claim he is receptive to the idea.

♦ Notable Quote: “There is no real fun aspect to a dorm like there was our freshman year,” Istvan said.

In Our Words

♦ Best Idea: The DVD rental store is Istvan and Bell’s best idea, simply because of the student demand that it would have on campus. It would be a beneficial option due to its convenience for students who prefer not to, or do not have the transportation to travel off campus.

♦ Worst Idea: The candidate’s worst idea is having student government provide marshmallows to seniors before home football game. Security sees the marshmallows as the problem — monitored distribution would fail to address the issue.

♦ Most Feasible Idea: In addition to being their best idea, the DVD rental store is also Istvan and Bell’s most feasible idea. The fact that they have already initiated communication with Jim Labella is a step in the right direction.

♦ Least Feasible Idea: The least feasible idea proposed by this ticket is returning SYR dances to the dorms. With the backlash the administration has received from students in regard to the existing alcohol/dance policy, it seems little is left to be done that will make a significant impact.

Istvan and Bell have the initiative to explore the best options for the student body. They present themselves in a professional manner, yet have no experience in student government on which to build their administration. Their platform outlines clear plans of action, but many of their ideas, like that to return SYR dances to the dorms, seem likely to become promises they can’t keep.

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<td>According to Healy, all student government meetings need to be open to the public. But with the dissolution of the Executive Cabinet and the acceptance of the Council of Representatives in the fall, this ship has already sailed.</td>
<td>Having the bookstore put book prices on the Internet before the semester ends, along with a list of books they would not buy back &amp; the list of closest idea to an academic policy in an idea to be implemented. They believe it’s too hard though. Since prices are already online, but at a later date.</td>
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**What's Happening**

**Friday 02 06**

**Mass for Peace**
First Friday dinner & discussion follows at CSC
5:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Celebration and Handbell Choir Tour
Roseville, St. Charles, & Chicago, IL
Friday, 10 p.m. - Saturday, 10 a.m.

**Saturday 02 07**

Encuentro Chicago
Trip to Pilsen, Chicago’s Latino community
Co-sponsored with Center for Social Concerns

**Sunday 02 08**

RCIA Session
10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
Coleman-Morse Lounge

LTR Pre-Retreat Plunge
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Lounge

Collegeium Musicum Concert
8:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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**Monday 02 09**

**RCIA Community and Study Hour**
6:00-7:00 p.m.
316 Coleman-Morse

**Tuesday 02 10**

**Campus Bible Study**
7:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

**Interfaith Christian Night Prayer**
Prayer service for Christian Unity
10:00 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Lounge

**Theology on Tap**
Is There Hope In Loss?
A gift Story with Jennifer Sims
10:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Legends

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**Wednesday 02 11**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 a.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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**Campus Peace Initiative**

**Mass for Peace**
~ Every Friday ~
5:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

On the first Friday of each month, the Peace Mass will be followed by dinner and discussion.

~ Join us tomorrow at the Center for Social Concerns ~

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Sacred Heart Parish Center
Asian and Asian American Student All-Nighter
Friday, 10 p.m. - Saturday, 10 a.m.

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**Asian and Asian American Senior Retreat**
Celebration and Mass for Peace

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**Freshman Retreat #52**
February 27-28
Sign up Deadline: February 9

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**The Miracle of Starbucks’s and a Stick**

by Chandra Johnson
Assistant Director, Cross-Cultural Ministry

He sent them out two-by-two. Six pairs of willing men pumped up to pound the pavement in search of a willing audience. They had a message to sell. It’s sort of like caucus canvassing. You knock on doors, hoping someone will invite you in for a cup of coffee and a conversation about your favorite candidate. That’s if you’re lucky. Or, they see you coming up the walk in your fluorescent knit cap and knobby flyers, and pretend they’re not at home. There’s always a risk when you share your thoughts and beliefs with other people. There’s no guarantee you’ll be received or even respected. So why do people continue risking being misunderstood and ignored?

Today’s gospel explains it: “Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick-no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic.” He knew what a tough job the disciples had taken on. Getting strangers to believe in the probability of their own healing is no easy task. But what’s most striking about Jesus’s sending is his understanding of human relationships. He knew by the time the disciples reached their destination, they would have had to depend on each other for emotional and physical stability. With no food, backpack, money, extra clothing, they would have to talk and craft what they were going to say and how to say it while they walked together. Perfect candidates for any Survivor series, they were on their own with a message and a set of instructions.

The Twelve drove out many demons and they assailed with all manner who were sick and cured them.” The disciples arrived at their respective destinations as a team well prepared to share a revolutionary message of love, hope and healing. Although inevitably most weren’t interested in what they had to say, the disciples persevered. The trip home was probably a blast as they shared the stories of how God had used them to restore the honor of many and improve their lives. But most of all, they returned home with a deeper trust and love for their friend. What Jesus said would happen happened.

Relationships begin with an initial conversation. The more we share about ourselves, the more we understand ourselves. Maybe that’s the scary part our knowing what we’re really made of. A risk, maybe, but it’s the chance worth taking if living is our goal. The disciples trusted the passion of Jesus’s resolve and began a journey inward to the vortex of their own convictions.

Movements begin with an idea and a willing community. I have enjoyed listening to the stories of students who traveled to the Iowa caucus, and how much fun they had. It wasn’t so much the purpose or platform. It was the camaraderie and common experience which drove them to public service. Sustained Dialogue will be launched this weekend at Notre Dame. The program is designed to get people talking to one another. Acting on belief means sharing what you believe and talking about what matters to you. This is the genius behind Jesus sending the disciples out two-by-two. If they survived the journey and remained friends, God would do the rest.

Maybe miracles are born in conversations shared over a cup of coffee, during a long walk or drive, or just sitting on a secluded flight of stairs. Giving voice to what moves you brings you closer to yourself. As we continue our winter journey inward, take advantage of the season walk or drive, or just sitting on a secluded flight of stairs. Giving voice to what moves you brings...
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Lao, student body vice president Emily Chinn and Chief of Staff Patrick Coker will today update the Board on their efforts to address those same concerns, focusing on developments such as their campaign urging students to vote and their full potential and their role in engaging student participation in the Church in Africa conference.

"We'll mention the structural changes that we've made," Lao said, adding that today's presentation will stand as a preview to the more complete spring report and to a proposal for a student programming endowment.

Lao also said that he and his team will seek the Board's perspective on how best to ask for additional funds.

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The Board of approximately 60 members meets three times each year to discuss university issues and proposals. At their meeting in October, Board members unanimously elected chairman Patrick McCartan, who will serve in the position until 2007. The Board also approved three major campus construction projects — the Jordan Hall of Science, the Don F. and Flora Guglielmino Family Athletics Center, and a new facility for the Notre Dame Security/Policing Department and campus post office.

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I can’t wait to show him around campus, let him see the JACC and then take him to eat in one of our dining halls. Oh wait, I can’t.

Why not? Perhaps because my 10-year-old brother, a week after witnessing Janet Jackson’s star-studded breast on national TV, couldn’t — too indecent.

There is obviously no use for him in these moments of dire need because people immediately call the maintenance crews, those men equipped with the necessary tools to actually fix things, unlike this man who, despite my various attempts to figure this problem out, probably has no tools at all. At that point in the game, he has clearly run his chance, his moment to shine, passed.

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Rev. Stephen P. Newton, CSC
Rector, Sorin Hall, 1989-2000

John Hibley
Super Bowl Bob Investigation Team

The right to bare

For the most part, I would agree with Professor Emily Phillips’ comments on the Super Bowl halftime show, suggesting that the partial showing of a woman’s breast is not that big of a deal. But two contrary facts prevent agreement.

1. A breast is not “genitalia.”
2. And more importantly, Janet Jackson did not show her breast.

Rather, it was exposed by Justin Timberlake, a man who had no business taking that action, even if with her “OK.” The message given is that a man can use a woman for his own purposes, with or without her approval. The next step is rape.

Ricky McRoskey
Sophomore
Knott Hall
Feb. 4

The maintenance man, preventing disaster before it starts

I know this might be on the inane side of things, but considering most of what I do involves a certain level of insanity, I thought I might comment on this particular aspect of everyday Notre Dame life.

Walking casually to class the other day, I noticed a truck passed by with the words, “Notre Dame Preventative Maintenance.”

Now, many of us might think there is nothing wrong with this truck, hoping the owner of such a truck is dutifully running around campus, protecting us all from the ruinous appliances present in the fair buildings in which we supposedly learn.

However, the phrase “Preventative Maintenance” raises certain questions.

Was I under the impression most people live according to the age-old adage, “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it,” despite the apparent misuse of gender?

However, the owner of said truck obviously has other ideas in mind. I must wonder, what does this man actually do all day long?

Obviously, there is no need for him when all things are working correctly. Does he have certain promotions, small angels, the flight of an eagle, or any sort of variation, that tell him when something might go wrong? Has this man unlocked the secrets of divine inspiration in the modern world? Does he sit in a locked office all day long, awaiting calls from mysterious people with “tips”?

Even when things do go wrong, what could he possibly do to prevent a window from breaking or a heater from shutting down?

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Consider the environment

Throughout the presidential campaigning, I have noticed a severe lack of emphasis placed on environmental issues and their solutions. In a recent on-line survey of the three top candidates, I found only one, John Kerry, who approaches environmental issues by focusing on environmental justice.

John Edwards has the poorest environmental policy, sticking to popular issues like ANWR while ignoring the poor and uneducated who suffer the worst effects of industry pollution.

Howard Dean is much better, focusing on health issues intertwined with environmental policy, but it is Kerry who states a federal obligation to the poor and minorities in his environmental policy.

I urge voters to consider environmental justice in their presidential choice. This is our generation’s civil rights movement.

Michael McReynolds
Senior
Steinald Hall
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I can’t wait to show him around campus, let him see the JACC and then take him to eat in one of our dining halls. Oh wait, I can’t.

Why not? Perhaps because my 10-year-old brother, a week after witnessing Janet Jackson’s star-studded breast on national TV, couldn’t — too indecent.

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Rector, Sorin Hall, 1989-2000

The right to bare

For the most part, I would agree with Professor Emily Phillips’ comments on the Super Bowl halftime show, suggesting that the partial showing of a woman’s breast is not that big of a deal. But two contrary facts prevent agreement.

1. A breast is not “genitalia.”
2. And more importantly, Janet Jackson did not show her breast.

Rather, it was exposed by Justin Timberlake, a man who had no business taking that action, even if with her “OK.” The message given is that a man can use a woman for his own purposes, with or without her approval. The next step is rape.

Ricky McRoskey
Sophomore
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Feb. 4

The maintenance man, preventing disaster before it starts

I know this might be on the inane side of things, but considering most of what I do involves a certain level of insanity, I thought I might comment on this particular aspect of everyday Notre Dame life.

Walking casually to class the other day, I noticed a truck passed by with the words, “Notre Dame Preventative Maintenance.”

Now, many of us might think there is nothing wrong with this truck, hoping the owner of such a truck is dutifully running around campus, protecting us all from the ruinous appliances present in the fair buildings in which we supposedly learn.

However, the phrase “Preventative Maintenance” raises certain questions.

Was I under the impression most people live according to the age-old adage, “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it,” despite the apparent misuse of gender?

However, the owner of said truck obviously has other ideas in mind. I must wonder, what does this man actually do all day long?

Obviously, there is no need for him when all things are working correctly. Does he have certain promotions, small angels, the flight of an eagle, or any sort of variation, that tell him when something might go wrong? Has this man unlocked the secrets of divine inspiration in the modern world? Does he sit in a locked office all day long, awaiting calls from mysterious people with “tips”?

Even when things do go wrong, what could he possibly do to prevent a window from breaking or a heater from shutting down?

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Consider the environment

Throughout the presidential campaigning, I have noticed a severe lack of emphasis placed on environmental issues and their solutions. In a recent on-line survey of the three top candidates, I found only one, John Kerry, who approaches environmental issues by focusing on environmental justice.

John Edwards has the poorest environmental policy, sticking to popular issues like ANWR while ignoring the poor and uneducated who suffer the worst effects of industry pollution.

Howard Dean is much better, focusing on health issues intertwined with environmental policy, but it is Kerry who states a federal obligation to the poor and minorities in his environmental policy.

I urge voters to consider environmental justice in their presidential choice. This is our generation’s civil rights movement.

Michael McReynolds
Senior
Steinald Hall
Feb. 3
ALBUM REVIEW

Twista dazzles but content fizzles

By KENYATTA STORIN
Scene Music Critic

Twista has finally returned with his third installment, Kamikaze. Although Twista may be a fast rapper, his rhymes lack content that would set him apart from others.

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Incubus returns to its roots

By BRIAN FOY
Scene Music Critic

Incubus will be getting back to louder, distorted roots. On Incubus’s latest release, the band has incorporated slower, more mellow songs while also returning to their louder, distorted roots.

Next Single off the disc, and at times it seems like it could have been said before at a slower pace. But this is not to say that the album does not have its moments. Undoubtedly, the best track is the sexy lead single “Slow Jamz,” with the help of acclaimed producers Kanye West, who even sings a little on the track. West produces a sweet, mellow beat with some creatively used Luther Vandross samples, which contrast well with Twista’s rapid flow and Junior Fox’s additional vocals. The drug anthem “Higher,” featuring Aaliyah, Left-Eye and Jam Master Jay, and the victims of September 11. The positive, feel-good “Sunshine,” featuring Anthony Hamilton, also offers a bright spot on the album.

Aside from the content, the other problem with Kamikaze is that the production is rather hit or miss, and except for maybe “Slow Jamz,” there is nothing particularly exceptional. Twista’s right-hand man, Toxic, produced nearly half of the album, and with the exception of “Get Me,” the results are regrettably your average run-of-the-mill stuff. Even Kanye West, best known for his contributions on Jay-Z’s hits “Takeover” and “Izzo (H.O.V.A.),” produces pretty tame beats on “Overnight Celebrity” and “One Last Time.”

Twista may very well be the fastest rapper in the business, perhaps even ever, but he still does not have what it takes to carry an album by himself. It is rare to find a rapper so astounding yet so restricted at the same time. He contrasts well with other rappers in guest appearances, but alone he becomes exposed as somewhat of a one-trick pony. Twista could have benefited from better production, especially from Toxic, but ultimately the flaws of the album are on him.

Kamikaze is like your average action movie: flashy and exciting the first time, but ultimately shallow and forgettable in the long run.

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It is evident from the initial track of A Crow Left of the Murder that Incubus will be getting back to louder and angrier roots. The album begins with distortion and seemingly space-age sounds of Incubus’ resident DJ Klimore. It is from this chaos that Einzinger’s simple guitar work slowly begins to build up with Jose Pasilla’s drums and Brandon Boyd’s now famous trademark croon.

The music of the initial track and lead radio single, “Megalomaniac,” appears to come from the same creative mind that produced Incubus’ first album, S.C.I.E.N.C.E. The verse of the song is heavily bass-driven with the guitar coming in and out until it drives the chorus home. It is also clear in the chorus of “Megalomaniac” chorus that Boyd is a much angrier man than the one who was saying “I’m not saying null...”

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A Crow Left of the Murder
Incubus

It’s a one hit wonder!

A Crow Left of the Murder shares qualities with their second release Yourself. The track “Flies” might very well be the next single off the disc, and at times it seems like it could have been lifted straight from their sophomore effort. The song begins with another clip from DJ Klimore before fading away to the riff of Einzinger’s guitar and Boyd’s vocals. Once the chorus begins, the introduction clip returns with the drums and bass crash in and heighten the already building song that only escalates as Boyd sings “My pen is a pistol.” However, the highlight of the track might very well be the bridge near the end of the song that allows each member of Incubus to showcase what he does best. The timing and musicianship are clear as the bridge feeds into the final verse and chorus.

A Crow Left of the Murder is everything that Morning View is not — and everything that it should have been. The former brings Incubus fans full circle as the boys return to their louder, distorted roots while expanding their sound to include slower, more mellow songs. The differences in the recording process are clearly for the better and A Crow Left of the Murder is so eclectic that it will appeal to Incubus fans both new and old.

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By JULIE BENDER
Scene Music Critic

 Always a sure bet with Folds

When something is good, why change it?
That seems to be the philosophy of the piano pop prince of the decade, Ben Folds. Throughout his time with his previous band, Ben Folds Five, Folds produced a savvy collection of quirky pop ballads that earned him a devoted fan base and placed his name on the charts as a quiet yet influential force in popular music.

Two years ago, Folds called it quits with his band mates and headed out on his own with just his piano in tow. His album to follow, Rockin' the Suburbs, allowed Folds to further explore his narrating lyric-al style and his punchy piano rhythms, but stayed true to his distinctive sound.

His live album, released in 2002, featured more of Folds in his own unique genre. The album showcased an array of songs from Folds repertoire, combining old favorites from the Five with his independent releases as a solo man. Keeping with his tried and true method of piano balladeering, Folds has added two new EPs to his line of album releases. The EPs, Speed Graphic and Sunny 16, contain more of the distinct pumping beats and witty lyrics that have dotted Folds' musical past. The results are quality songs that contain nothing new or daring, but still are of a high musical standard.

Speaking on his website about his decision to release his latest music via the Internet and on five-song EPs, Folds says, “Part of me thinks I’m an idiot for ‘wasting’ this recording on a limited release [EP], but I’m really into this method of recording and releasing quickly and making it all about music.”

Folds is certainly good about “making it all about the music.” Although the EPs do not prove to be his best work in recent years, the songs are still quite good and will be a hit with fans.

Speed Graphic opens with a cover of the Cure’s “In Between Days.” Folds treats the song in much the same manner as the original, though with a bit more optimism and piano, proving he really does know how to “all dressed up like the Cure.”

The second track is a Folds original, reportedly written only a week before recording. “Give Judy My Notice” has the lovely piano melodies characteristic of songs from the past like “Brick.” The song tells a tale of breaking up with Folds, seeming gentle and tender while “giving Judy his notice.” He does get his characteristic jibe in, however, when he sings with crass elegance, “Judy I won’t … follow you around and hold the door / I’m not sorry till you’re sorrier.”

The EP also includes fast and frenzied circular piano on “Dog” and a tune co-written with former Ben Folds Five drummer Darren Jesse, “Wandering.”

The opening track on Sunny 16 is perhaps the quintessential Folds number, sampling similar beats and themes from songs like “One Angry Dwarf,” “Happier,” and “Rockin’ the Suburbs.” The title of the song says it all: “There is Always Something Cooler Than You.” Fuzzy bass fills in the background as Folds chants, “Make me feel tiny if it makes you feel tall, / but there’s always someone cooler than you.”

On the song “All You Can Eat,” Folds tries his hand at politics, a rare theme for him that he manages quite well. The innocent-sounding melody is deceiving once the lyrics are heard. Folds takes jabs at SUV drivers, Wal-Mart, consumer culture and obnoxious people, in general, singing with his childlike frankness that they don’t care “just as long as there’s enough for them.”

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NBA

Martin's double-double lifts Nets over Heat

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kenyon Martin made his first All-Star start with 34 points and 13 rebounds, and the New Jersey Nets returned undermanned guard Rafer Alston in the fourth quarter.

Riley and assistant coach Darrelllus Hardaway Jr. called time on a 3-point shot by Alston in the fourth quarter. The Nets returned the favor on Wednesday, posting their sixth straight double-digit victory in a rough game that featured a flagrant foul and seven technicals, including two that caused the ejection of Miami's guard Rafer Alston in the fourth quarter.

But the Nets were the first to score after trailing the opening quarter, Martin made sure Miami never had a chance after the Heat cut a 17-point lead to seven at the half.

Martin, who sat on the bench most of the second quarter after picking up his second foul, dominated the third quarter with 14 points, five rebounds and two assists. He had 10 of the Nets' first 12 points and assisted on a 3-pointer to give him 20K points in his career.

The Nets took a 3-point lead at the half on a 16-footer from New Jersey's Richard Jefferson added 21 points, 14 rebounds and a key assist in the game's first three quarters. He tied it at 85.

A jumper by LaSalle Prewett with 2:59 left in the second quarter ended the lead before Stephen Jackson tied it at 89 seconds later on a put-back. Jackson has a season-high 13 points, six rebounds and nine assists for the Clippers, who have won three straight.

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Donyell Marshall had a season-high 32 points and 12 rebounds, and Paul Gasol made two baskets in the third quarter to lead the Memphis Grizzlies to a victory over the Washington Wizards.

Much of the second half was dominated by the undermanned Nets, who led the Wizards, but he took only one shot in the fourth quarter. Jerry Stackhouse, in his second game back after missing 45 games recovering from knee surgery, scored 19.

Much of the second half was one streak after another. The Wizards went 12-4 at the end of the third quarter to take a 13-point lead, but the Grizzlies answered with a 16-0 run to start the fourth. Later, a 7-0 Washington run cut the lead from nine to two, and Brendan Haywood tied the game on two free throws with 1:25 to play.

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Sunday, Feb. 8th:
4:00 p.m. Reckers Hospitality Room
Helena Maria Viramontes
Author of *The Moths & Under the Feet of Jesus*

7:30 p.m. LaFortune Ballroom
Jim Shepard
Author of *Project X, Vernon God Little, Nosferatu and his collection of short stories Battling Against Castro*

Monday, Feb. 9th
7:30 p.m. Oak Room
Chuck Klosterman
Author of *Sex, Drugs and Cocoa Puffs: A Low Culture Manifesto and Fargo Rock City: A Heavy Metal Odyssey in Rural North Dakota* Klosterman also writes for SPIN magazine

Tuesday, Feb. 10th
2:00 p.m. LaFortune Foster Room
Chuck Klosterman Creative Writing Workshop

7:30 p.m. Oak Room
Alisa Valdes-Rodríguez-NY Times Best Selling Author
Author of *The Dirty Girls Social Club*

Wednesday, Feb. 11th
7:30 p.m. Oak Room
Frances Sherwood
Author of *The Book of Splendor, Vindication, Green and Everything You've Heard Is True: John Hopkins among others.* She is currently on faculty at IUSB.

10:00 p.m. Legends of Notre Dame
Jennifer Sands at Theology on Tap
(see information below)

Thursday, Feb. 12th
7:30 p.m. DeBartolo 141 (Reception in DeBartolo Hall Atrium)
Jennifer Sands
Author of *A Tempered Faith: Rediscovering Hope in the Ashes of Loss*

10:00 p.m. LaFortune Basement
Acoustic Cafe featuring NDLF Student Readers

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Difficult 5-7 season hurts recruiting process

Winning only five games does not just mean another losing season for the Irish. Tyrone Willingham knows this now as well as anybody. The Notre Dame football team went 5-7 last year, and the effects of last season's performance on this year's recruiting are blatant and visible.

Sure, the Irish got their target at running back in Georgia's Gatorade Player of the Year Darius Walker. They got the athleticism of Anthony Vernaglia and the shiftiness of Justin Hoskins. The players obviously did not like what they saw. Two of the five top five national recruiting classes. This year's class might not make it into the top 25.

Starting a freshman quarterback and struggling to fill the holes in the offensive line and other positions vacated by graduating seniors, the Irish expected to have rough times through a tough 2003 schedule. The problem was that while Notre Dame was getting thumped at home by rival USC (45-14) and Southern powerhouse Florida State (37-9), recruits were in South Bend visiting and attending the games.

But last season's class of quarterback Brady Quinn and defensive end Victor Abiamiri was rated among the top five national recruiting classes.

Quarterback Brian Brohm and offensive linemen Jeff Byers and Allen Smith all visited on the weekend of Oct. 17. They witnessed a game between Notre Dame and eventual national champion USC. Brohm committed to Louisville. Byers went to USC. Smith eventually signed with Stanford.

The methods of the coaching staff came under heavy scrutiny as the months passed and numerous schools, before bowl week even approached, began to reach the double-digits in commitments while Willingham and his staff flirted with five or six players verbally committed.

Coaches weren't doing enough early, and fans complained. So the coaches invited players for visits during game weekends. That didn't seem to work either.

Willingham explained Wednesday that he believes the recruiting process must be thorough, and therefore sometimes slower, in order to correctly evaluate a prospect. The academic requirements of such an institution also have an effect.

That could be the case, but then why did Stanford get Smith over Notre Dame?

Why did Virginia, a rigorous academic institution, sweep corner Nate Lyles away from the Irish?

The common opinion said Notre Dame had lost many of its first options to competing recruiting efforts and had been forced to move to other options.

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Coaches likely would not and should not admit that any player was not a first option. Such an admission would hurt the health of the program.

But the reason so many players on the official recruiting list are listed at multiple positions — and the reason many of the players do not have the stats of high school standouts — is simple.

This is a class based solely on potential.

In a year in which Willingham and the Irish seemingly could not buy a win, they had trouble selling recruits as well.

No one knows for sure how the players in the class of 2008 will develop. Players like linebacker Abdel Banda and defensive end Justin Brown have been described as having "raw talent." Raw talent is good, if it develops.

It the talent does not develop, it is a waste of a scholarship.

"The potential is what it's all about," Willingham said. "And it's about really coaching and developing young people. Do you want to put your futures just in potential? No. Because at some point you've got to change that where it's got to be production."

The opinions of this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Pat Leonard at pleonard@nd.edu
Recruiting the
CLASS OF 2008

Thursday, February 5, 2003

Who's leaving
Twelve seniors have used their four years of eligibility and will not return.

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OL Jim Molinaro
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K Nicholas Setta

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Courtside of The News Star Ledger

Notes: 45 tackles, 10 for loss, two sacks.

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defensive back/special teams
5-10, 170 lbs.
Highland Park, Ill.
Loyola

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Notes: Rushed for 1,600 yards and 21 TDs.

Leo Ferrine
defensive back
6-0, 180 lbs.
Springfield, N.J.
St. Peter’s Prep

"He is very quick and has the athletic ability to be a solid cornerback."

Tom Lemming
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Notes: Made 58 tackles and five sacks as a defensive lineman.

Justin Hoskins
running back
6-0, 195 lbs.
Grand Rapids, Mich.
Creston

"He’s one of the top three athletes in the class, a running back or defensive back."

Tom Lemming
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Notes: Gatorade Player of the Year in Michigan ... 1,621 yards rushing, 19 TD’s.

Chauncey Incarnato
offensive lineman
6-6, 280 lbs.
Dover, OH
Dover

"Has good size. Will be a project but could turn out well. He is thin for his size."

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Junior Jabble
defensive back
5-11, 190 lbs.
Parlin, N.J.
The Hun School

"A good size back and a sleeper, he could turn out to be as good as Walker. He could play linebacker."

Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: Gained 1,200 all-purpose yards and scored 18 touchdowns.

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

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Highland Park, Ill.
Loyola

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Notes: Rushed for 1,600 yards and 21 TDs.

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Springfield, N.J.
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Notes: Made 58 tackles and five sacks as a defensive lineman.

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running back
6-0, 195 lbs.
Grand Rapids, Mich.
Creston

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Notes: Gatorade Player of the Year in Michigan ... 1,621 yards rushing, 19 TD’s.

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offensive lineman
6-6, 280 lbs.
Dover, OH
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Who’s leaving
Twelve seniors have used their four years of eligibility and will not return.

Offense
RB Julius Jones
WR Omar Jenkins
OL Jim Molinaro
OL Sean Milligan
K Nicholas Setta

Defense
DT Darrell Campbell
NG Cedric Hillard
DE Jason Sapp
LB Courtney Watson
LB Jaron Sapp
CB Vontez Duff
FS Glenn Earl

Notes: 45 tackles, 10 for loss, two sacks.

Abdel Banda
linebacker
6-2, 215 lbs.
Orange, N.J.
Delbarton

"Notre Dame loves him. They think he can contribute right away at linebacker."

Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: 1,904 yards and 17 touchdowns.

Darrin Bragg
quarterback
6-2, 185 lbs.
San Jose, Calif.
Bellarmine Prep

"He’s a better athlete than David Wolfe and not as tall, but he is very productive."

Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: 65 tackles and nine sacks.

Justin Brown
defensive end/linebacker
6-4, 225 lbs.
Clinton, Md.
Bishop McNamara

"He has good size and looked good in his senior year."

Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: 45 tackles, 10 for loss, two sacks.

Maurice Crum, Jr.
linebacker
6-1, 215 lbs.
Riverview, Fla.
Tampa Bay Tech

"Notre Dame likes his quickness to the ball."

Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: First-team all-state team ... 68 tackles.

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John Kadous
offensive lineman
6-7, 310 lbs.
Tucson, Ariz.
Salpointe Catholic

"A big, strong, ball-type of run blocker."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: First-team offensive lineman selection by multiple publications on the Arizona Class 5A all-state team ... played defensive tackle.

Terrail Lambert
defensive back
5-10, 190 lbs.
Oxnard, Calif.
St. Bonaventure

"He has speed and toughness. We should be very excited about Terrail."
Tyrone Willingham
Irish coach

Notes: Rated 85th out of ESPN.com top 100 players ... made 87 tackles, three sacks.

Brandon Nicolas
offensive/defensive lineman
6-5, 275 lbs.
Santa Ana, Calif.
Mater Dei

"A technically sound player who be a good guard in college."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: 52nd on Rivals.com Super West 60 team ... made 60 tackles, 17 for a loss, and five sacks senior season.

Ronald Talley
defensive end
6-4, 245 lbs.
Oak Park, Mich.
Renaissance

"He needs more consistency but has the tools to play right away."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: Made 80 tackles, 42 solo and 38 assists, and five sacks.

Anthony Vernaglia
linebacker/strong safety
6-4, 220 lbs.
Anaheim Hills, Calif.
Orange Lutheran

"You can think about him being a linebacker, a tight end, a strong safety."
Tyrone Willingham
Irish coach

Notes: Rated 95th on ESPN.com ... 631 yards receiving, nine touchdowns ... former basketball standout.

Christopher Vaughn
wide receiver
6-4, 205 lbs.
New Haven, Conn.
St. Thomas More

"He's big, fast, physical, strong and productive. He might be the best player in the class."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: 20 receptions for 650 yards, 14 touchdowns ... former basketball standout.

Darius Walker
running back
5-11, 200 lbs.
Lawrenceville, Ga.
Buford

"Should contribute as a true freshman. He's a prize catch and a blue-chip athlete."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: 63rd on ESPN.com top 100 national player list ... 2,406 yards rushing and 46 TD's ... broke Herschel Walker's touchdown record.

David Wolke
quarterback
6-4, 205 lbs.
Mt. Juliet, Tenn.
Smyrna

"A good player with a good arm who played in a shotgun in high school."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: Threw for 1,850 yards and 15 touchdowns, rushed for eight touchdowns.

Who might return
Nine seniors could apply for an additional year of eligibility due to being injured or sitting out a season.
QB Carlyle Holiday
LB Mike Goolsby
DE Kyle Buddinsack
DL Greg Pauly
DB Preston Jackson
TE Jared Clark
TE Billy Palmer
TE Gary Godsey

Who will not return
Two seniors have opted out of their final year of eligibility.
WR Ronnie Rodamer
SS Garron Bible

The last two years
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Trevor Laws
Brandon Nicolas
Linebacker
Nick Borseti
Ronald Talley
Mitchell Thomas
Defensive back
Isaiah Gardner
LaBrase Hedgemon
Freddie Parish Jr.
Offensive line
Ryan Harris
John Sullivan

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Anthony Vernaglia
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Tregg Duerson
Leo Ferrine
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Terral Lambert
Offensive line
Chauncy Incarnato
John Kadous
Marion Jones set to compete for first time since ‘02

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Marion Jones is ready to start her track career again.

That could mean bad news for the rest of her competitors.

Jones will run in the 60 meters Friday at the Millrose Games, her first competition in over a year since taking a leave to have her second child.

"No matter where I go in the world, the pressure would still be on in terms of the media world, in terms of me wanting to prove myself in the first competition," Jones said. "I decided, 'Why not test myself with some of the best in the world? Why not just go for it? I've never been one to run away from a challenge. I'm not doing it now.'"

Jones will face a top-notch field, including teenage sensation Allyson Felix. Last June, Felix broke Jones’ 200-meter high school record, finishing in 22.52 seconds.

In addition, world outdoor silver medalist Torri Edwards and Leroy Miller are entered in the field.

"I always seem to be the target," Jones said. "It's interesting, I see articles on Allyson. I see all the pressure that's coming upon her after running some great times last year. I say she's running some great times, Marion is 15-16 times for you to start running great times. Sometimes I use it as motivation to myself."

Jones had a baby boy last June, and went back on the track about a month later.

"Because she stayed in shape throughout her pregnancy, her first few practices were not too difficult. But she was desperate to get back onto the track because she missed the competition."

So two months ago, she turned to new coach Pfaff and said, "I'm missing that feeling of pre-race jitters, I'm missing the feeling of walking out there, the crowd going crazy, I'm missing the feeling of the athletes getting behind their blocks, I can't get that in practice."

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Track & Field

Daytona 500 will pay record purse

The season-opening Daytona 500 on Feb. 15 will pay a record purse of $19,927,313, an increase of nearly $2 million from last year's posted award.

It will be the biggest payout in stock car racing history, breaking the record of $14,030,129 set last year.

"The Daytona 500 is the ultimate prize in stock car racing," track president Robin Braig said. "It only stands to reason that the biggest race of the year command the biggest purse."

The race winner will take home a minimum of $1,391,730, with second place worth at least $986,325. The last-place finisher will earn a minimum of $177,058.

Indianapolis to regularly host Final Fours

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Lambert and Vaughn proved in a rough year for Irish recruiting that signing day can introduce some late bright spots. Lambert made 87 tackles, three sacks and one interception in his senior season at St. Bonaventure School in Ventura, Calif., returning the interception 92 yards for a touchdown. He was a first-team California all-state selection of the Los Angeles Times, and Lemming rated Lambert 85th in his top 100 national prospect list.

"We look at Terrail (Lambert) and say he has those skills to bring a linebacker's toughness to the corner position."

Tyrone Willingham
Irish coach

When you watched him in high school, he was a linebacker, yet he had all of the toughness, all of the foot quickness to be a great corner," Willingham said. "We look at Terrail and say he has those skills to bring a linebacker's toughness to the corner position."

Vaughn caught 20 passes for 650 yards and 14 touchdowns in his senior season at St. Thomas More in Oakdale, Conn. Lambert and Vaughn are late, solid catches for the Notre Dame coaching staff. Prior to their signing, running back Darius Walker and Justin Hoskins were two of the top recruits of the Irish class. Walker and Hoskins were the Gatorade Players of the Year in Georgia and Michigan, their respective states.

Linebacker/strong safety Anthony Vernaglia (95th) joins Lambert (85th) and Walker (63rd) in Lemming's top 100 national player rankings.

Lambert joins three other defensive backs in the present class in Treeg Duerson, Leo Ferrine and Junior Jabbie. Ferrine and Jabbie are perfect examples of athletes Willingham recruits in the hopes of molding the players to his system. Jabbie is a prep school graduate, one year removed from high school football and a year older than most other recruits.

Willingham acknowledged the year could give Jabbie an edge, but he denied recruiting players just because they are older and more mature.

"The player must meet the same set of criteria fas any other player," Willingham said. "But a year may help them grow, may help them develop, which puts them in a different area. It's not necessarily an advantage for us or the school, but it may be an advantage for the young man."

Jabbie received interest from Syracuse, Wisconsin, Boston College and North Carolina, though Lemming believes he could be a sleeper that this year's recruiting powers USC, Oklahoma and others overlooked.

Additional recruits include linebacker Abdel Banda, offensive linemen Chauncey Incarnato and John Kadous, defensive end Ronald Talley and quarterbacks Darrin Bragg and David Wolke.

Willingham also continued his habit of recruiting athletes who can play at multiple positions.

Last year, Ambrose Wooden (wide receiver/defensive back) and Tom Zbikowski (wide receiver/defensive back) came in at multiple position players.

This year, the Irish have several players listed at multiple positions, as well. According to Willingham, 6-foot-4, 225-pound Maryland player Justin Brown has the toughness to play defensive end along with the quickness to play linebacker.

Brandon Nicolas, from Santa Ana, Calif., may play offensive or defensive line.

Vernaglia is an all-around athlete.

Still, Willingham cannot guarantee how much or how soon this class will contribute.

"The question always arises as who will play," Willingham said. "I can honestly tell you, I have absolutely no idea. Some will play early. Some may play later in their careers. But that will all be determined by what they do on the field."

I am excited about the toughness and also the mixture that I think they bring in terms of being the type of student and person that we want at the University of Notre Dame."

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WOMEN’S TENNIS

Salas set to shine in final season of stellar Irish career

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Alicia Salas knew she didn’t belong on the sidelines. But as a freshman, the now nationally ranked senior didn’t make the starting lineup of the Irish tennis team. “I was always used to playing in high school, so not being able to compete my freshman year was frustrating,” Salas recalled. “I was sick of sitting on the sidelines.”

That was all the motivation she needed.

Over the summer following her freshman year, Salas played tournaments and honed her skills in preparation for an eventual sophomore season. Head coach Jay Louderback noted a significant change in her abilities. “She was very consistent as a freshman year, starting the season at No. 1 singles before returning to the No. 2 spot after teammate Caylan Leslie returned from an injury. Despite a shoulder injury later in the season, Salas finished with a 9-5 dual meet singles record and a 37-9 overall doubles record with current doubles partner Lauren Connelly. She finished the season ranked 98th, with a Big East Championship all-tournament team title to her name.

Now, as a senior, her coaches can’t praise her enough. “She has great control and placement; she can really put the ball anywhere she wants to,” assistant coach Michelle Dasso said. “She can move the ball on a dime and makes very few errors. It’s hard to beat her because of that.”

Salas’ success this fall bore witness to Dasso’s observation. This fall, she earned a 12-6 record, claiming eight victories over ranked opponents. Four of her losses came at the hands of top-10 ranked competitors. She has started the spring season strong, remaining undefeated after matches against Big Ten schools Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio State. This past weekend, she avenged her loss last season to Wisconsin’s Katie McGaffigan, defeating her rival 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.

Both Dasso and Louderback are confident her winning ways will continue. “I think she’ll do well this season,” Louderback said. “She’ll probably go quite a ways in the NCAA tournament. She’s competitive. She doesn’t like to lose.”

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Fellow senior captain Stefan Roca agreed with Dillon, saying these early sessions are a great way to work out the initial stiffness and get the full feel of the ring again. Newer boxers met the change in training with slight apprehension.

"It was kind of hard to get rid of the butterflies. And it’s nerve-racking to put the head gear on for the first time, but I love it now,” freshman Chris Calderone said.

Senior Don Zimmer, who is participating in his first Bengal Bouts, likened his first sparring experience to the first time he was in the ring. "It’s like when you first arrive under a lot of pressure and it’s nerve-racking, but it’s a head rush," he said. "I’m not sure if that’s from hyperventilating or getting popped in the chin.

These early sparring sessions mark a shift in intensity from earlier practices, and as newer boxers gain ring time, the battles in the Boxing Room will become more ferocious. A number of veteran boxers, including Larry Rooney and Bill Philip, said they were excited to be sparring again, as it is a nice change of pace from day-to-day training. Club co-president and senior captain Tommy Demko agreed and recognized a change in practice tempo.

"It’s a shift of intensity," Demko said. "Guys start practicing a lot harder when they realize what they have to do. They realize this is the next step.”

The onset of sparring has also added a number of items to boxing sheets, accumulation of dues and soliciting of ads, Boyd gives the approval of who gets in the ring.”

"It’s a lot more work,” Boyd said, as she printed off a sparring card and grabbed a ringing phone. "I basically have final approval of who gets in the ring.

When not sparring, the boxers practice their form and footwork under the guidance of the captains. First-year captain Billy Zizic said that, in his new role, he has taken on more instructing responsibilities.

"We’re trying to show the guys more than just fundamentals — combinations of punches, style rather than the typical Bengal Bouts style of two guys back on the ring," Zizic said. "The preliminaries will tell whether it all pays off or not.”

Zizic said this year’s group of boxers is a great group and his own skills have vastly improved as a result of instructing others.

"Sometimes the best teacher you can have is yourself, because you show a guy something, and it sinks in when you show him, “I can do that, too,” Zizic said.

When not in training, the boxers are actively selling program ads to family members, friends and local businesses. These program ads are a major source of revenue for the Bengal Bouts, and all boxers are required to sell at least one ad before their first sparring session.

Individuals or businesses interested in purchasing ads or going to the Bengal Mission Bouts can obtain ads and contact information at http://bengal@nd.edu. Individual boxers are also seeking donations and requests from interested parties.

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held Big East scoring leader Rebekkah Brunson (18.2 points, 11 rebounds per game) in check. She managed 12 points on 3-for-13 shooting. Six of her points came from the free throw line, and she only grabbed seven rebounds.

"I was really pleased with our defense once again to hold them to 52 — they scored 76 on us last time we played," McGraw said. "I really think that they have made a commitment to the defensive end of the floor, and I think it's one that we didn't make earlier in the sea- son." Earlier this season, the Irish were knocked off by the Hoyas (10-10, 4-6 Big East), despite holding a six-point lead with 55 seconds to go. Wednesday's game was sweet revenge for the Irish, who remained undefeated at home.

Notre Dame never trailed in the game. Teresa Borton hit a layup to put the Hoyas up 2-0 in the first 16 seconds, and they never looked back. Georgetown cut the lead to 29-31 with 16:59 remaining in the second half. But the Hoyas called a timeout and proceeded to go on a second half. But the Irish called a seconds, and they never looked away from us in the last two minutes. The Irish finally starting the second half on a 10-point run and upset Notre Dame 76-73. It was Georgetown's first win over Notre Dame in 18 years, and it sent the Hoyas, at the time 7-6 and 0-1 back to South Bend searching for answers to fix a season quickly sinking into mediocrity. Wednesday night, at the Joyce Center, Georgetown made another comeback by starting the second half on a 10-2 run to cut a 13-point Notre Dame halftime lead to five at 38-33 with 15:52 left. But this Notre Dame team wasn't the same one that imploded against Georgetown in early January. Irish coach Muffet McGraw called a timeout, and then watched her team score 22 of the next 30 points to bury the Hoyas en route to a 66-52 victory.

Irish finally starting to grow up

A month ago, Notre Dame led by six points over Georgetown with 55 seconds remaining in its first Big East game of the season. Then, inexperti- ence, immaturity and a collective mental and physical breakdown allowed George-town to fin- ish the game with an 11-2 run and upset Notre Dame 76-73.

Notre Dame dominated the Hoyas, 42-30.

"The team knows that we are starting our best five defensive players. And if they want to start, then they need to be better defen- sively," McGraw said. "I think you're seeing a much more intense, focused group on the defensive end." On the offensive end, guard Megan Duffy also scored in double figures for the Hoyas, adding 11 points and five assists. She was perfect from the line, hitting 6-of-6 attempts. Monique Hernandez added seven points and seven rebounds, in what was arguably her best game of the season.

Joe Hettler
Sports Editor

Teresa Borton

NOTRE DAME 66

GEORGETOWN 52

at the JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME (14-7, 7-2)
Washington 9-15, 9-24, Brunson 14-4, 2-5, 10, Severe 1-4, 0-2, Duffy 2-6, 4-6, 11, Hernandez 6-13, 0-2, 15, Taurasi 2-2, 2-4, 4, Gray 1-2, 2-4, 2-5, 0-0, 4.

GEORGETOWN (16-10, 4-6)
Brunson 3-13, 6-17, Taurasi 5-7, 3-11, Liskie 2-7, 0-6, Le Sueur 2-9, 1-1, 5, Fernandez 1-5, 0-0, 2, Tusaint-Rawles 1-3, 0-0, 2, Berggren 1-1, 0-0, 3.

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Notre Dame 36 30 66
Opponent 23 29 52

-3-point goals: Notre Dame 3-8 (Batteast 1-2, Duffy 1-2, Joyce 0-1), Georgetown 5-15 (Garvin 2-3, Liskie 2-7, Berggren 1-1, Jenkins 0-2, Bruza 0-1, Brunson 0-1). Faulted out: Bruza, Teague, Notte, Rabb, Taurasi, Severe.

-4- and -5 point goals: Notre Dame 0-0, Georgetown 0-1, Haskell 0-1, Tusaint-Rawles 0-2.

-2-point field goals: Notre Dame 38-53 with 15:52 left. But this Notre Dame team wasn't the same one that imploded against Georgetown in early January. Irish coach Muffet McGraw called a timeout, and then watched her team score 22 of the next 30 points to bury the Hoyas en route to a 66-52 victory.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Seventeen sign letters of intent with Irish

Irish still waiting for official word on Baker

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Terral Lambert did not follow his cousin's lead. Two years after California running back Lorenzo Booker reneged on Notre Dame and committed to Florida State on Thursday, February 5, 2004, Lambert chose the Irish over the Seminoles and became the 16th of 17 official signees for the Irish football class of 2007. 

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"This day has become, in most regards to some people, probably the most important day in college football," Willingham said.

The coach did not try to dispel rumors that this year's class is less impressive than those in past seasons, but Willingham did defend the efforts of his coaching staff.

"You have this year, a season that didn't quite meet our expectations," he said. "That is another reason why I think (defensive line) coach (Greg) Mattison, our recruiting coordinator and our staff did an excellent job in working through all of the difficulties in putting together a really solid class with some very special players in there."

The Irish recruited players from 10 different states: four defensive backs, three offensive linemen, three defensive ends, three linebackers, two running backs and two quarterbacks.

ESPN recruiting analyst Tom Lemming had the Irish class rated 27th nationally prior to signing day. With the signing of Lambert and Vaughn, Notre Dame could climb into the top 25.

BENGAL BOUTS

Spar for the course

Boxers take next step on road to Bengal Bouts by starting sparring duels

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

The newly re-matted ring in the Joyce Center Boxing Room began its speckling process as the first drops of blood from the 2004 Bengal Bouts season struck its surface Monday afternoon. The spots of crimson will continue to accumulate over the next several weeks as the boxers glove up for their first full contact sessions. These initial sparring sessions bring this year's boxers one step closer to the 74th annual Notre Dame Bengal Bouts Tournament which begins Feb. 25. Well over 100 boxers will participate in the charity boxing event this year, pushing their bodies and minds to raise much-needed money for the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

Experienced members of the boxing team welcomed the onset of the sparring process as an opportunity to polish skills that may have faded slightly and remind themselves of the full experience of the ring.

"Its great to get your head snapped back once or twice to get back to reality," club co-president T.J. D'Agostino said.

Dillon said that even experienced boxers will overestimate their abilities prior to their first spar of a new season.

"Everybody thinks they are better than they are until they get hit by a straight right hand in sparring," Dillon said.

Irish keep Hoyas on short leash

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

No. 23 Notre Dame showed Georgetown that the team's first meeting this season - a 76-73 Hoyas victory - was a fluke, as the Irish dominated the Hoyas 66-52 Wednesday night.

"I think we were a little unsure how to react at the end of the game, having more than a two-point lead," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Jacqueline Batteast led the Irish with 20 points on 8-for-15 shooting and nine rebounds, narrowly missing a double double, Batteast also had two blocks.

Notre Dame (14-7, 7-2 in the Big East) gave yet another stellar defensive effort, as they see HOYAS/page 26

Men's Basketball

Eagles soar, Irish stumble in 76-69 loss

By MATT LOZAR
Assistant Sports Editor

The backcourt switch is working for Chris Quinn but not quite yet for Chris Thomas. Quinn tied his career high with 25 points while Thomas went 3-of-18 from the field in Notre Dame's 76-69 loss at Boston College Wednesday night.

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey has talked about getting Quinn more time running the point for the Irish to take the pressure of Thomas, giving him the chance to roam free and get more looks.

But Thomas struggled for the fourth straight game, scoring 11 points. In those four games, Thomas has see EAGLES/page 25