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This coming Tuesday, Notre Dame students will have a choice of nine tickets for student body president. Each ticket shows a great deal of enthusiasm, and all the platforms have some excellent ideas. But one ticket stands out.

Scholastic endorses the ticket of Steve Viz and Chris Boron. Many of the candidates have excellent ideas, but Viz brings an exceptional savvy to the president's half of the ticket. Viz understands the way the Notre Dame hierarchy operates, and, far from being a liability, that understanding dramatically increases the efficiency of the student leadership.

As a student senator, Viz has shown the ability to get things done. This year, he worked to implement plus grades to the grading system and was one of the forces behind the student senate survey. Next year, with no incumbents among the five district senators, the students will need a president with the ability to direct student ideas through the proper channels. Viz has that ability.

The Viz/Boron ticket also presents strong understanding of the other side of student government, social programming. Chris Boron's experience with Junior Parents' Weekend and as sophomore class social commissioner gives the ticket the background to identify with the concerns of SUB and the classes.

But that's not to say that other tickets are not noteworthy. The Mary Berger/Mike Carrigan ticket is solid. And a number of candidates with no student government experience whatsoever still offer some worthwhile ideas. Unfortunately, visionary ideas can accomplish little when the knowledge to follow through on those ideas is missing. The Viz/Boron ticket does not promise the world, but what it does promise, it clearly can deliver.

Senate Selection

For the first time in years, there is a senate race for each of the five, newly restructured, districts. And that's great, especially considering that none of this year's senators are running for re-election. Out of the 11 candidates for senate in the five districts, Scholastic makes the following endorsements:

For District 1: Pat Kiernan, a junior from Holy Cross,

For District 2: Mary Feliz, a sophomore from Breen-Phillips,

For District 3: Matt Thiel, a sophomore from Dillon,

For District 4: Bob Huston, a sophomore from Flanner

For District 5: Junior Spero Karas for the off-campus students.

All five candidates proved their knowledge of the vagaries of student government workings. With the withdrawal of incumbent Sean Hoffman from the District 1 race, there is no chance for any returning senator. Thus, strong leadership, as demonstrated by Karas, will be very necessary next year if the Student Senate hopes to continue making progress on issues like plus grades.

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Long, long ago, in a land far, far away, the act of chewing gum was banned. The people felt slighted for all members of the community were adults of sound mind. In fact, all had been asked to join the community based on their achievements as youths and the wholeness of their character. However, the ban persisted with the elders claiming that chewing gum was base behavior and could only lead to the total destruction of the soul. Punishment for breaking the ban was severe: ostracism from the community.

Despite the constant admonitions of the elders, the people of the kingdom continued to chew gum with some vigor. It should be understood that the act of chewing gum was an extremely pleasurable experience for the people of this land. Further, we are confident that the elders in the community had never partaken, or so they vowed. For some chewing was an experience like none other in their lives. It was beautiful, exciting, and great exercise for the jaw muscles. For others, it bordered on the religious. Also, the animals of this distant world chewed gum every spring. Why couldn't the people? Many felt that it was their choice to masticate if they chose to do so and that perhaps personal chewing was none of the elders business. It was their own private affair and some felt they should be able to chew with whoever they wanted anytime they wanted. The elders disagreed and formed a small army, A.R.'s (arch-rivals), trained to search out and persecute such heretics.

In the eighty eighth moon of the reign of King Knom, a terrible epidemic broke out. It seems that careless gum chewing brought about a terminal disease: cavities. The people were frightened for they knew not the nature or origin of the disease. Meanwhile, a wise man came and consulted with the council of elders. He explained to them that cavities were the result of men among the community who chewed together, but added that new evidence was appearing everyday that women could also get cavities if they chewed with men who already had cavities. Knowing that the elders opposed gum chewing in the first place, the wise man begged them nonetheless to educate their people on the merits of Sugar-Free gum. He told them that the epidemic, or plague as some called it, would only get worse and that eventually the whole community could be wiped out by gum disease. The wise man begged them to take action immediately.

The elders were in a bind. On one hand if they told people about Sugar-Free gum, they would be forced to recognize a practice which was illegal and which they considered to be immoral. On the other, if they did not they would have to deal with the unknown consequences of extensive chewing of gum. In a secret meeting, the elders decided to do and say nothing. The wise man was banished from the land.

The people started to die, but the elders remained silent and kept the words of the wise man to themselves. Eventually the people and reign of King Knom vanished. However, the wise man and a small band of disciples who believed in his wisdom survived the epidemic and began a new kingdom that prospered in the truth, enjoyment, and safety of Sugar-Free gum.
The Milk of Human Unkindness

A new Pennsylvania law imprisons people who steal milk crates up to a maximum of 90 days College Press Service. The prospective milk-crate thief is typically a college student because "they find milk crates so versatile," according to Dawn Brydon of the Milk Industry Foundation. It seems that the program has had difficulty getting off the ground. In California, where similar legislation exists, a person went into a police station to file a complaint on someone using milk crates and the policemen were using them to file police records.

Students at most Catholic campuses in the U.S can learn about the 'harsh realities of AIDS' but can't buy condoms on campus, according to the College Press Service. The periodical quotes Dr. James Moriarity of 'Notre Dame University' as saying that "AIDS is the polio of the 1980's. It has kids scared to go out, scared to develop relationships." These problems are the reasons that Notre Dame now gives students brochures that talk about condoms. At Notre Dame, Dr. Moriarity and his colleagues "discuss AIDS in the context of sexually transmitted diseases. We don't educate for promiscuity or encourage pregnancy, but we deal with the facts, with the harsh reality." With traditional Catholic doctrine calls the use of any contraceptive devices sinful, only last month did the American branch of the Church officially say that Catholic students could even learn about condoms. In response to the claim, one student commented, "I really don't think that it holds any water."

The University of Texas is unable to curb hazing until it can break a "conspiracy of silence" among greek pledges. "Hazing is like prostitution or pornography. It is a consensual activity, and this makes it extremely difficult to deal with," said UT law professor John Ratliff in a College Press Service Report. Until students' attitudes change, universities are going to have a tough time trying to stop hazing, alcohol abuse, and disruptive behavior among greeks. In a related issue, Texas' anti-hazing law may be in violation of the Fifth Amendment and therefore unconstitutional, according to the legislator who drafted the bill. The law states that anyone with first hand knowledge of hazing must report it or face criminal charges. The issue came up when a Southwest Texas State University student was charged in part for refusing to admit he was involved in a hazing activity after he was found lying in a ditch wearing blue jeans soaked in motor oil.

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Notre Dame Heads to the Polls

Tuesday, Notre Dame students will exercise their right to choose their representatives to the administration. The race for Student Body President, Vice-President and Student Senators began last Tuesday at midnight. Sunday, the presidential candidates will face-off in a debate in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

SCHOLASTIC interviewed all the office-seekers over a two-day period. Each candidate was asked the same questions, with a few variations for the would-be senators. What follows is an edited transcript of those interviews. The SCHOLASTIC panel was comprised of Kathleen McKernan, Maggie Sieger, and Andy Hilger.

Junior Mary Berger, the Foreign Relations Commissioner in the Student Government Cabinet, is running for Student Body President. Berger is a Features columnist for The Observer and a WVFI newscaster. Running alongside Berger, is Sophomore senator Mike Carrigan. Carrigan is also involved with the Logan Center in a volunteer role.

What are your two main goals?
BERGER: Mike and I want to make this the best year ever for students. First we're going to do that by improving the life of the students both in and out of the classroom. Like a guide to the professors and courses that will directly affect and change and improve students' lives. Our second goal would have to be to reach out to all the students who have a lot of ideas and talent. Something I want to do is have student forums and go out to the dorms once a month. The students should feel comfortable coming to us and saying I like this and I don't like this. Basically we just want to try to get the ideas that students have and their suggestions for how things can be changed, pool their talents and make things happen.

What is the Student Body President's relationship with the administration?
CARRIGAN: We have a sort of unique ability to get things done in working with the administration. I brought up the issue (of plus grades) in the student senate. I got behind a survey and found that there was tremendous student support. Now we're on the
verge of getting the first change in the grading system. We see ourselves therefore, as working for the students with the administration. It's important to represent the interests of the students to the administration. We know that the administration will be coming to us so we want to represent the average student, what we see as being in their best interests.

MIKE CARRIGAN  MARY BERGER

How do you see your relationship with the student body?

CARRIGAN: We want to achieve what the average student wants. We have a lot of great ideas for improving the academic life. We have a lot of ideas for improving the life on campus. We've talked to cable companies about the possibility of installing cable and it is a real possibility. We have some great ideas to make every day life easier for the students. We want to achieve those things and we think we do have the unique ability to make great ideas into great realities. That's how we see our relationship with the students-- representing those ideas and achieving them. We should share the problems with the students and bring them to the administration and fix them.

What strengths will you bring to the Student Body President's office?

BERGER: I think our ability to really make things happen. I created the new cabinet position in student government with the foreign study programs. Students in the programs can vote now in the elections. We sent newsletters to people in the foreign study programs. We can just really make things happen. We'll explore every avenue.

CARRIGAN: I just want to emphasize that we do have the ability. We do have the experience and dedication to make these great ideas--like plus grades--things that people want but assume something can't be done. The other significant advantage we have is that we both have student body experience.

What are your weaknesses?

BERGER: Probably that we're reluctant to take no for an answer. If it's something we really believe in, we'll push it as hard as we can, put in as many hours as we have to, and keep working at it to make it happen.

CARRIGAN: Something we know that the students want we'll fight for because it's our job.

What should be the goals of the Alcohol Awareness Task Force and the new office of Alcohol and Drug Education?

BERGER: We all participate in alcoholic activities but I don't think anybody thinks that's the only way. We've got a lot of ideas for non-alcoholic ideas and events but I think it's an issue that definitely has to be talked about.

CARRIGAN: The student body is real touchy on alcohol issues. You need to be realistic, which can have a couple of implications. First of all, you need to be realistic that drunk driving and other problems associated with drinking can kill. We need to increase education; it's easiest to do that with freshman as they come on campus. The other thing you need to be realistic about is that students enjoy functions such as SYRs that do involve alcohol. I think that it's important to promote alternatives, but we also need to remember the social aspects that we need to preserve. Things that preserve dorm unity need to be preserved.

What do you propose to do about off-campus security and Notre Dame student relations with the Northeast neighborhood?

CARRIGAN: A lot has been said about improving relations with South Bend. I think the only way to improve our relation with the community of South Bend is in reaching out to the residents, and I also think that's the way to improve security. If we can get students to volunteer their time to go out and paint houses, to help out elderly people-- to shovel...
their walks. I think there will be a tremendous improvement in security because neighbors will care and keep an eye on things for them. We'd like more positive interaction than police breaking up parties.

**What do you see as the biggest problem with residence life and how do you propose to alleviate it?**

CARRIGAN: Student government has not really addressed residence life problems. A lot of little things could really improve dorm life. We'd like to work with the administration so that the rectors are a little more equal and fair in their enforcement of policies. We'd like to have more competition between the dorms and quads-- which will promote unity.

BERGER: Our goal is to make sure student government works to make changes across the board.

**How will you, as Student Body President, respond to student objections to the honor code?**

CARRIGAN: The Honor Code is a perfect example of how student government should get involved. Students are not given enough input on the code. Freshman are shown a video on the Honor Code that assumes they will participate. On a touchy issue such as the Honor Code, we think that we need to represent the students, formulate the student objections, bring them to the administration, and express the objections of the students-- which I think are very legitimate. Students should not be forced to have to rat on other students and they deserve some input. I think we could represent that input and demand that the administration listen.

**Grace Hall President Tom Doyle is running for Student Body President and has been involved with the Grace Hall Judicial Board. In addition, Doyle, a junior, has worked on a Board of Trustees Report. Mike Paese, the vice-presidential candidate on the ticket, has also worked on a Board of Trustees Report.**

**What are your two main goals?**

DOYLE: I think that our two main goals are really summed up in the type of approach we would like to take. What we'd like to do is take a good thing and make it better. We would really like to address several issues. The first set of issues are student needs, student wants- trying to make student life a little bit easier.

PAESE: It's a multi-level approach that Tom is speaking about. Practicalities that make life easier- I think that's the first type of response that we want to make. Transportation is something that is really needed. Student Government should be the focus of that. Secondly, legal counsel for students that would have a problem. Other things would be a 24 hour student lounge where students can go. Those type of specific issues that students need and they should look to Student Government to do. Our second goal is communication and that Notre Dame should be on the cutting edge of political and social issues. Student government should be the place where that happens. We think that the students really have to know what's happening in Student Government and we also need to increase communication between the administration and the student body.

**What is the Student Body President's relationship with the administration?**

DOYLE: We feel that the administration is a great place for students to be able to expand and get things done. We don't feel that the administration is necessarily a body to be worked against. What we'd like to try and do is develop a working relationship.

PAESE: They're not out to get us. They have their specific ideologies and we have ours. We want to go out and talk to them as colleagues and really work with them.

**How do you see your relationship with the student body?**

DOYLE: That's the exciting part. That's the easiest part. We feel that's the strength of our team together. Just the relationships that we currently have and the
exciting possibilities of working with new students. We believe that Student Government is the students.

PAESE: We should be completely visible. I want somebody to look me in the eye and say, “That’s right, or that’s wrong.”

DOYLE: Our whole feeling is that we should be very in touch with the student body- as we feel we are now.

What strengths will you bring to the Student Body President’s office?

DOYLE: The specific strength that we bring to office is a team. We have worked well in the past as a team.

PAESE: We don’t think that this experience should be a time for us to get to know each other. We’ve worked on a lot of things together. There’s not a thing that we don’t know how each other thinks on it.

DOYLE: Even though we’re very close, at the same time we represent different groups from campus. We feel we have a wide base, a good representation of campus.

What are your weaknesses?

DOYLE: I’d have to say that sometimes we’re a little overzealous. We believe in ourselves and we believe in the student body. Whenever you take a chance on something, it really opens you up to sort of a dangerous position.

What should be the goals of the Alcohol Awareness Task Force and the new office of Alcohol and Drug Education?

DOYLE: It really gives us a unique opportunity and what’s come of that has been fantastic. Here we have non-alcoholic alternatives for social functions.

PAESE: We’re the academic world and alcohol is a part of it. I think alcohol on this campus used responsibly is definitely what we want to do. A balance of non-alcoholic events along with the SYR’s and the formals that are great. In the last two years we’ve seen, for the first time, a counselling center at Notre Dame becoming a really important part. Now we have resources where they’re given an office and publicized. That has to be continued. I think Student Government should be right out in front supporting the alcohol awareness thing, providing publicity and should be out there planning and helping organize things with the halls.

DOYLE: Specifically, I think that that office is a step in the right direction because, no longer does it take a problem and try to hide from it, or try to force us into a dance on Stepan Court. It’s a positive step in the right direction because they’re treating us as responsible students and they’re taking responsible steps- making information available as well as positive social alternatives.

What do you propose to do about off-campus security and Notre Dame student relations with the Northeast neighborhood?

PAESE: Number one, we have to recognize that the mayor that was just elected is a graduate of Notre Dame. That is an excellent opportunity to really work with him to get increased police patrols where the Notre Dame students are. We’d like to provide legal counsel with the student government in the sense of putting a lawyer on retainer where, if there’s a violation done to them, they can go somewhere. Moreover, more lighting and students getting involved in the community (would be positive steps).

DOYLE: We feel that we can organize off campus students and students on campus well enough to act as a powerful body. A body that deserves serious response. Collectively we feel that we do deserve serious response.

What do you see as the biggest problem with residence life and how do you propose to alleviate it?

DOYLE: Given the alcohol policy, social alternatives is what has to be stressed about residence life. We think that there are creative social alternatives.

PAESE: When you can take a hall identity and bring it out to campus- that is really interesting. Not only do all of these things have to be continued but really worked on. There are people out there that have zillions of ideas. Well, let’s go find them.

How will you, as Student Body President, respond to student objections to the honor code?

DOYLE: The honor code in principle is good. It’s good because it stands for the same sort of things that the students who come to a University like Notre Dame stand for- things like honesty and integrity. There are a lot of practical difficulties. At the same time, looking at the values underlined in the honor code, we feel, yes, it’s a good thing.
Chris Johnson, a two year football player and current graduate assistant strength coach, is running for Student Body President. He is a junior and a Government Major. Joe Shank, his running-mate, is a fourth year Arts & Letters / Mechanical Engineering major and has been involved in Stanford Hall with various roles as a commissioner.

What are your two main goals?

JOHNSON: I think our first main goal is to improve relations between the student body and Notre Dame security. You talk to a lot of the students and security has a negative connotation in their minds. That's a thing we could change. In relation to that, improving the relationship between the student body and the office of student affairs. There isn't any communication at all. There's a policy that is somewhat of a double jeopardy here. Students go off campus and they get in trouble. We're definitely not condoning that, but then they're paying the penalty with whatever authority they're getting in trouble with, then they're coming back here and Goldrick's slapping them with a fine. I haven't found a person on this campus that agrees that that's a good policy at all.

What is the Student Body President's relationship with the administration?

SHANK: I think we just need to open up the communication lines and hear from the students more and relay those messages to the administration - try to get the things done that need to be done.

JOHNSON: Everybody talks about the Notre Dame family a lot and it is different here. But in a lot of ways we really don't reflect that. The students are pulling somebody one way, the administration is pulling them another way and the student government is trying to be in between and their getting pulled both ways. I've been involved in organizations before where it hasn't been like that. The students should be able to look at the administration and think, "We're all working together." Right now I just don't think there's that feeling at all.

How do you see your relationship with the student body?

SHANK: I think that C.J. (Johnson) and I are really diverse in our ways. I think we really know a lot of people on campus.

JOHNSON: I think that's going to be our strongest proponent. Together, I think we see almost every aspect of Notre Dame student life. Working in the weight room, I hear everybody's moans and I also hear the praise that they come out with about this school. I really feel that I'm not alienated to anybody at all. When I turn and think, "What about the minority interests?" Like it or not, most of the minorities on this campus are athletes. I know the minorities interests too. I'm friends with them. I hear what's on their minds so I think I could really pull a lot of the minority interests into it too.

What strengths will you bring to the Student Body President's office?

JOHNSON: I know that a lot of them (the other candidates), are people that have been involved with student government and Joe and I haven't. I look at it as being fresh blood and we haven't been stuck in a situation where we've been spending that four or five hours a day in Student Government. We're just regular students. We've been away from that. So we've been on the other side. Also, I think we may be a little bit more eager to get involved with this. Our biggest strong point might be our drive. It's going to be new. It's going to be exciting for us.

SHANK: I think that it will help us that people won't see us as "politicians." Maybe the people will find it a lot easier to talk to us and not think that we're just standing there because it's our job.

What should be the goals of the Alcohol Awareness Task Force and the new office of Alcohol and Drug Education?
JOHNSON: It should be just that—education. Everything should be accelerated.

SHANK: I think with the deaths that we've had over the last couple of years people are really being a lot more careful.

JOHNSON: The awareness has just skyrocketed this year alone.

What do you propose to do about off-campus security and Notre Dame student relations with the Northeast neighborhood?

SHANK: What we need to do is improve relations with the South Bend Police Department. We just have to try to make them more aware of what the students really want them to do.

JOHNSON: I think that the new Student Government is going to have to sit down with the sheriff and some of the members of the South Bend Police Department. What do you see as the biggest problem with residence life and how do you propose to alleviate it?

SHANK: A bunch of people from a dorm, whether it be men or women, get together at a function, and somebody ends up calling it a Grace function or a Stanford function. Somebody finds out about it and they lose their SYR. I don't think that's right. You've got a whole dorm being punished for the actions of a few people. I think that your dances and other social functions in these dorms are very important. I don't think there's enough of them. Why take them away? I think that there's other ways to put the foot down and get the awareness of the kids. People want graduated meal plans. We want the same options as off-campus meal plans—where you can buy a five meal plan or a fourteen meal plan. Another thing with residence life is that I think a lot of people aren't happy with the laundry service. It's a nice service to have. You automatically pay this fifty dollars for the laundry and a lot of kids don't end up having it done. They're out this fifty dollars for a service they're not using. A lot of the women want the option. A large percentage of the women probably won't use it but they'd like that option.

How will you, as Student Body President, respond to student objections to the honor code?

SHANK: This campus is a democracy. Let's vote on it.

JOHNSON: I think that that's an issue that deserves a lot of re-evaluation. I haven't met a student here that believes that it'll work. I personally don't feel that it will work. It's nice, but it's not realistic.

MICHAEL KEEGAN LAURIN DODD

Junior Mike Keegan of Alumni Hall is running for Student Body President. He has been a member of both the Freshman and Sophomore Advisory Council. Keegan's running mate, junior Laurin Dodd, is also from Alumni Hall. Dodd has been quite active with Bengal Bouts.

What are your two main goals?

KEEGAN: I would say our main goal is to increase communication between students and student government. We feel in the past that student government has gone about this in the wrong way, by waiting for students to come to them.

DODD: We want to take an active approach. We created this idea called the "Student Input Counsel" where we go out to the students and get their ideas first. So that we would work off the students' ideas, not just our own.

KEEGAN: It would consist of Representatives from each dorm—we'd have no say at all. The dorm rep would survey the students and then present the ideas to us before the summer. We'd
then take the ideas and work them through during the summer. It would be in place throughout the year.

What is the Student Body President’s relationship with the administration?

DODD: We aren’t going in looking for conflicts. We know you have to co-operate with them to get things done. But, if a conflict does arise between the students and the administration, we’re not afraid to bring the students’ opinions right to the administration and stand up for it. We’re not going to back down.

KEEGAN: Student Activities, Hall Presidents’ Council, student body, they’re all working for the same needs; they’re serving the students.

How do you see your relationship with the student body?

DODD: We consider the student body as our friends. We won’t put ourselves above the student body in any way. We’d continue to be friends with everyone we know and friends with everyone we meet.

KEEGAN: We understand that the student body has a lot of ideas and that they want them implemented. We feel we have to take an active role in bringing the students into student government.

What strengths will you bring to the Student Body President’s office?

KEEGAN: I think our biggest strength is that we understand that student government is run for the students and not for ourselves. Also, I’ve had experience in the past on the Freshman Advisory Council, Student Senate Advisory Council. So, what I bring to student government is a knowledge of how it works along with the understanding that I’m here to serve the students.

What are your weaknesses?

DODD: My biggest weakness is that I don’t have any experience with student government at Notre Dame. But I see it as a strength in that I don’t have any preconceived notions about how the job should be done.

What should be the goals of the Alcohol Awareness Task Force and the new office of Alcohol and Drug Education?

KEEGAN: They should promote responsible drinking. They should work with the students, BACCHUS, the administration, because in working together, they find out all the ideas. All the groups should work together to promote responsible drinking and educate the students.

What do you propose to do about off-campus security and Notre Dame student relations with the Northeast neighborhood?

DODD: We’d like to establish a community council with members from off-campus, who know off-campus students’ needs. We’d like to see them work with the South Bend police and the mayor, because those people know how South Bend feels.

KEEGAN: In addition, we’d like to get a list of where all the students live off-campus. Most of the security problems occur over breaks. We’d present it to the police and ask them to go by just a little bit more often.

What do you see as the biggest problem with residence life and how do you propose to alleviate it?

KEEGAN: We feel the halls are the place where friendships are formed. They don’t have the funds and support they need to produce the events they want. We’d like to have student government interact with the Hall Presidents’ Council and maybe create some more funds for the halls.

DODD: We want to give the halls more money to do what they want to do.

How will you, as a senator, respond to student objections to the honor code?

KEEGAN: Student government has an academic advisory council that sits with the administration and different faculty members. If people had realistic objections to the honor code, we’d present them. But, I don’t know how much we’ll be able to change. I don’t feel right now that the objections are that strong to it.

Matt Micros is a junior American Studies major. The off-campus resident is running for Student Body President. His running mate, Pat Sheehan, also resides off-campus and is a Civil Engineering major.

What are your two main goals?

MICROS: We want to come up with goals we can accomplish during the next year. The kind of
short-term goals that will affect the students. Things that will make life easier, for example, the whole checkmark system and all the hassles of registration. Smaller things that are feasible. Concerts on the quad, making An Tostal a more united thing. Getting a bigger-name band for it.

What is the Student Body President's relationship with the administration?
MICROS: I think reasonable goals they're open-minded. Some times it doesn't seem that way, but they are. It's sort of tough to judge.
SHEEHAN: When you come right down to it, the administration is in charge. What they say has a lot of effect on the student body. And what the students say does affect them. We just have to get our ideas, present our case to them, try to make them understand, and try to work with them. The key is to work with them, not shove against them.

How do you see your relationship with the student body?
SHEEHAN: That's the key. We don't see ourselves as politicians at all. We're students, coming out to do a job. We've been there so we know what's going on, how students feel. The whole strength of our campaign is based on student input.
MICROS: A lot of people have given up on student government and that's part of why we're running, we want to voice student opinion. And, get the students involved again.

What strengths will you bring to the Student Body President's office?
MICROS: I think it's interaction with the students. I feel we're just two students who've been here three years. We know how people feel about certain situations about as well as anyone. We're willing to do the job.

SHEEHAN: We'll help people who have ideas for changing things. We can change things, get more social events, get people involved, because we know what people want. We're students, not politicians.

What are your weaknesses?
MICROS: Probably our inexperience. We were disappointed in student government, like everyone else. So, we decided to do something about it this year. But I don't see how it could hurt us. Everyone here is intelligent enough to know what has to be done. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication, and experience won't give you either of those.

What should be the goals of the Alcohol Awareness Task Force and the new office of Alcohol and Drug Education?
MICROS: To keep an eye on the student body. Obviously, students at this age are responsible enough to look out for themselves. But sometimes we all need help. With things like drunk driving and all. That's one of the things we'd like to do--expand the Buzz Bus service to houses and bars so that it would be available if anyone wanted it. No one goes out to get drunk and drive, but sometimes it happens and so, if there was some alternative, you wouldn't have to drive.

SHEEHAN: They seem to be concerned with preventative stuff. That's good. I'd rather see alternatives to drinking and stopping things like drunk driving instead of punishing after the fact, which the administration seems to do a lot of now.

What do you propose to do about off-campus security and Notre Dame student relations with the Northeast neighborhood?
MICROS: Try to encourage students to get to know their neighbors. Tell your neighbors when you're having a gathering, ask them to tell you if it's getting out of hand. I think one of the big problems with living off-campus and (with off campus) parties is parking. Too many people wandering around, cars blocking both sides of the street.

SHEEHAN: Having a neighborhood watch program would help. Getting to know your neighbors is part of that. Having a program where students drive around for an hour and check the houses is an idea, too. Sometimes the police are the problem: they don't really care or there aren't enough of them or they get into a routine that is predictable.

What do you see as the biggest problem with residence life and how do you propose to alleviate it?

MICROS: It's a little restrictive until you get used to it. You don't know everything that's expected of you. It's a problem of adjustment. Once you get used to it, you know how much you can get away with.

SHEEHAN: The fines that are handed out. $200, $300 fines are a large amount. I think they're too large for what's being done. Maybe an automatic $25 fine and then more concentration on community service. More work in the dorm. The fine hurts for a little while, but the student and the rector could get more out of community service.

How will you, as Student Body President, respond to student objections to the honor code?

MICROS: It depends on the objection. If someone is objecting to it because they didn't study for a test and they weren't able to cheat their way through it because of the honor code, I don't have a lot of pity for them. I don't like the idea of pitting the students against each other. It divides us.

SHEEHAN: It's built into the honor code that one person has to tell on another. But, that's an administrative policy right now, and as much as we'd like to change it, I don't think we're going to be able to do a lot about it. We'll just present student feelings about it to the administration and hope they listen.

Ellen Nichols, the current Junior Class President and a Student Body Presidential candidate, has been involved with the Sophomore Advisory Council and was the Community Service Chairman during her Sophomore year. David Lese, currently the vice-president of Grace Hall, and Treasurer of the Glee Club. He is running along side Nichols for Student Body Vice-President.

ELLEN NICHOLS

What are your two main goals?

LESE: One thing that first came to my mind was the problems that surfaced this year between the Student Union Board and the Student Government and it created kind of a tension among the Student Government as a whole. So the first thing is probably to try to unify the students who are working for the student body and to get them working in the same direction.

NICHOLS: I guess our second one would be regarding student concerns-- and that's our top priority. Everybody can say they're dedicated, but we plan to go above and beyond that. The thing that we would like to do is, instead of working for the administration, or working for the students, we want to work for the students and for the student's concerns, the little things that affect the students. I think our highest priorities are student concerns and what they're affected by. We have something that is a possible solution. What we would propose to do would be to have a periodic forum. Have it in one of the dining halls twice, maybe three times a semester and have people come in, if they want, and be able to ask people from student government what's going on with things and air their opinions.

What is the Student Body President's relationship with the administration?

NICHOLS: I feel that if we're working for the stu-
students, we should represent the students' opinions and not give in directly to the administration. I'm not saying that we're going to be rebels and go against the administration, because that's not it at all. I think everybody needs to work together, but I think our first priority is what the students think.

How do you see your relationship with the student body?

LESE: I would like to think of our team as friends with the student body-- not president and vice president of the student body. We're going to act as sort of a liaison between the students and the administration.

NICHOLS: We see the student government as a progress-oriented organization. We see our role as working towards concerns of students and not programming things. One thing I think there is a very serious problem with, is communication in student government this year. It's really hard for students to be able to voice their opinions and what they want to do.

What strengths will you bring to the Student Body President's office?

NICHOLS: We would be dedicated and have the energy to do the dirty work and the little stuff that has to go on in order for things to be done. I think that's one thing we have to offer. I know we are completely willing to spend as much time as we need to, in order to accomplish our goals for this year and to really offer what we think is a good program for the students.

What are your weaknesses?

LESE: I would say personally my lack of experience upon this scale as far as the type of authority I'm going to have. Stepping into the office will be a big change.

NICHOLS: I think my biggest one would be frustration, because, after this year, it's been really hard sometimes. People are sort of apathetic towards what goes on because of things that happened in the past. I think sometimes I get frustrated when things aren't going as smoothly as I wish they would.

What should be the goals of the Alcohol Awareness Task Force and the new office of Alcohol and Drug Education?

NICHOLS: I think it's essential to have some place like that on campus and I think the role of it is to assist people who admit that they have a problem. I see it as a place where students can go if they need help. I don't think that office should be used to tell students how to socialize on weekends. I don't think that the administration can put out a big hand.

What do you propose to do about off-campus security and Notre Dame student relations with the Northeast neighborhood?

LESE: The obvious thing is that there has to be some kind of a relations program with the South Bend community. As far as the security itself, I think we should talk to the South Bend Police Department itself. After we get the input from them we can offer advice, telling them what we think can be done.

NICHOLS: One of the main things we want to do is "leadership with action." It has to be a happy medium where the police patrol, and work with the students.

What do you see as the biggest problem with residence life and how do you propose to alleviate it?

NICHOLS: One thing that I see as obvious is the unification between the quads and the dorms. I think there's a problem in-between dorms.

LESE: There's just not enough interaction between the two (quads). If we could pull something just to bring them together.

NICHOLS: One thing that we were thinking about is, in Fall, for the Miami game, having a University-wide homecoming. We think this could be a thing to unify the campus.

How will you, as Student Body President, respond to student objections to the honor code?

LESE: What we'd like to do is get some input from faculty and students who have been in honor code classes and see what the overall feeling is about it. If the students are strongly objected to it, I think there obviously has to be something done. Sometimes people feel violated by this strict honor code. You have to listen to them and see what they have to say, taking note of the way they evidence their pros and cons. If we would feel the same way, then we'd take that up with the administration. If we find something striking that [the administration] hasn't realized when they instituted the program, then maybe they'll listen and see what we have to say.
Bill Pelino, a junior Accounting major, is running for Student Body President. Pelino has been active in Saint Ed's Hall Council. His running-mate, Dana Togni, is also a junior and is Badin Hall's vice president. Togni has been involved as a Hall Commissioner.

What are your two main goals?

PELINO: I would say increase campus activities. Work with SUB to really increase campus activities—bands on the quad, perhaps a homecoming, a spirit week. That's our first priority.

TOGNI: Probably to help support other groups on campus in ways that they need support. For example, hall council: going to Hall President's Council. Seeing what we could do to help them in their goal or the BCAC. Seeing what their needs are and how Student Government could help them achieve what they want to do. So, not just for student government but as a facilitator for other groups on campus.

What is the Student Body President's relationship with the administration?

PELINO: I see as us as a mediator between the administration—working to achieve as much as we can for the students while realizing the mission of the administration—because they have their goals too. I really feel that we have to work with them to accomplish a lot for the students.

How do you see your relationship with the student body?

TOGNI: Student government, I see as more service-oriented. It needs to be one where students feel like they can go see you and also that you can go to them and see what they would like.

What strengths will you bring to the Student Body President's office?

PELINO: I've got a high energy-level, a lot of ambitions, a lot of things I want to see done next year. I really think we can work well together to accomplish these things.

TOGNI: I'm more of an internal-type of person—more of a one-to-one type of relationship, in terms of knowing the students and trying to get things done. I think to counteract Bill's high energy-level, I might be able to listen a little more.

What are your weaknesses?

TOGNI: I've had a tendency to probably care too much and not always realize when it's okay that something doesn't come together exactly. Or, when you have it planned exactly and it ends up happening another way. Sometimes, I probably haven't understood that that's fine until afterwards.

PELINO: I would say I'm a little overzealous at times— a little over-anxious. Sometimes I push a little too hard to get things done. I would see that as a weakness but otherwise I think they balance each other out.

BILL PELINO

What do you propose to do about off-campus security and Notre Dame student relations with the Northeast neighborhood?

TOGNI: That's a top issue, especially when you consider crime and the problems with off-campus parties and people's homes being broken into. It's got to come from the students. It can't just be Student Government. It can't just be someone from student government, because then it won't happen. I think our job is going to be to facilitate meetings between neighbors and the other students and to help students to also realize that, while they may like to see a reduction in crime, also it takes two.

PELINO: With the new mayor being an alumni of
Notre Dame, I think we can work well with him. He'll understand the student's point of view a little better than the past mayor did. Hopefully, he'll increase security a little bit while still not impeding on the student's personal lives. If they want to have a small get-together. We don't want the security to interfere with that.

What do you see as the biggest problem with residence life and how do you propose to alleviate it?

PELINO: I think we're pretty happy on campus right now. As far as residence life-- I wouldn't force the administration to change too much. I think we've got it really good here.

TOGNI: I think the next three or four years, the thing that's going to effect the most people is the fact that Carroll's closing down, Holy Cross is closing down, and the two new dorms are being opened. Those are where residence life is really affected. Building up the new dorms and helping people change to other dorms. That problem is where I see the most adjustment.

How will you, as Student Body President, respond to student objections to the honor code?

TOGNI: I can understand why there's objections on the part of upperclassmen. Freshmen came in with the idea. So, probably the next two years will be really tough for upperclassmen. As long as they don't force it upon the upperclassmen, which they're not doing so far, I think we can get through it without there being too many problems. If you came in with it, then it would be interesting. I think we would have a task force to see how it was working.

Chris Rado, a Finance major, is running for Student Body President. The junior, a resident of Keenan Hall spent last year studying in India. Russ Hines, the vice presidential hopeful on the ticket, junior architecture major has been involved with Holy Cross Hall.

What are your two main goals?

Rado: We've been talking about a Notre Dame U.S.A. thing. Not just something for publicity. A key word here is visibility. Around this area Notre Dame is really big, and with the football fans around the country, but if we could get the visibility of the student body itself, make them something special, not just the football team. But so few people in the East and the West see Notre Dame as a major school, not just a football school.

What is the Student Body President's relationship with the administration?

RADO: I understand that one of my jobs would be as a liaison between student body, student government, and the administration. I don't think it would be an adversarial relationship. I think it would be more of us working with the proper administrators to get what we want done. More like a working relationship.

How do you see your relationship with the student body?

RADO: I didn't want to use a cliche but we're like "the average Notre Dame student." We're on the outside. A lot of people don't know what's going on. I would picture our relationship as being brought out of the student body not only getting higher visibility
with the students but do things for them that they would realize and appreciate. If (Student Government) wasn’t so much a separate entity, we would be a lot closer to the student body.

**What are your weaknesses?**

RADO: Because we aren’t involved in student government, some people might see that as a weakness, but, it means we can see what’s wrong with student government; we have a fresh perspective and I think that’s a big asset.

HINES: Since we don’t have any experience, at first, getting started, getting to know the people who are already involved (will be a weakness). I don’t think that’s a real weakness, because we’ll have from the election to the time we take office to learn. I can’t think of any big weakness that we have.

RADO: I think the longer you work with the administration, the easier it is to get what you want and to find out who to go to. I think that’s a weakness. It’ll take us a longer time to find out how things work.

**What should be the goals of the Alcohol Awareness Task Force and the new office of Alcohol and Drug Education?**

RADO: I’d say that there is a bad drinking problem at Notre Dame. When I was applying to this school, I heard two things: I either heard about the football program or “that’s a big drinking school.” I think Notre Dame has a stigma attached to it about drinking. (The alcohol policy) is there to cut down on the abuses that the students put on the system before it was instituted--massive parties in the dorms, property damage. There is in fact a drug problem at Notre Dame, a lot more than people realize- you just can’t ignore it- and alcohol is going to creep up on us and destroy Notre Dame. I think it’s a problem that we need to address. I don’t know what their approaches are with the program, but I’m in full force for that. I’m not in full force for making stricter rules and tighter controls on social gatherings. We can’t take away from the social element. A lot of people criticize that-- the way it is now.

HINES: I think a goal for them should be just to have everyone aware that there is a problem. I’m not so sure about what the drug problem is, but there is a drinking problem. If it’s your birthday, nine or ten people are going to tell you to drink a beer. That’s not bad, but some people have a problem. To make people aware, that’s a first step.

What do you propose to do about off-campus security and Notre Dame student relations with the Northeast neighborhood?

HINES: One thing, maybe more control off-campus—that’s a pretty obvious suggestion. House-sitting was one thing I thought of to help out with that.

RADO: That house-sitting idea is a fantastic idea. Say you go out for spring break, if I was living off-campus, I would pay somebody to stay in my house, just to watch it.

HINES: I think it could be a voluntary thing, not paid in a money sense. I think off-campus, it’s hard to guard (the houses) every day, the houses are so spread apart. It’s one thing to guard the apartment complexes, but the houses, it’s hard to have some control. Maybe something similar to the South Bend Crimewatch, a student Crimewatch.

HINES: This is all part of the Notre Dame, U.S.A. thing. Notre Dame, has good connotations. But, when people say South Bend, they kind of look down upon it, but I don’t think it should be that way. I think Notre Dame could help South Bend in a way. If somebody would supply the materials to renovate buildings and then have students go volunteer to go renovate buildings in the South Bend area.

RADO: We have social volunteering, this would be like commercial volunteering.

HINES: If we could involve South Bend with us a little more, show that we care about giving them a better connotation with what people think of South Bend. That way, the people might have a better attitude towards us. Maybe they won’t think so negatively of us.

RADO: There hasn’t been a great portion of complaints tied to the police breaking up parties and all that. I agree that we were abusing neighbors’ rights and privacy. As far as that, I think we should be held accountable for it, but I think the reaction we received from the local authorities was a bit strong. There were even some complaints of misuse of power.

**What do you see as the biggest problem with residence life and how do you propose to alleviate it?**

HINES: We’re at a turning point in Notre Dame’s history, with the two new girls’ dorms, the conversion of Howard, and the closing of Holy Cross and Carroll. Maybe a strong identity within the halls, but also a connection from one hall to another. To get the halls involved with one another is necessary. It’ll
make the community tighter, more unified between North and South quads.

How will you, as Student Body President, respond to student objections to the honor code?
RADO: On principle, I don't think that the honor code works. I think just because other universities have it, it's not a good reason for us to implement it. There are going to be people who are going to get away with cheating because others aren't going to want to run and tattle-tale. If I ever had a chance to vote on it, I'd vote against it. I don't think it's the student's job to proctor exams.

HINES: Once it's in, I think there should be a vote again, after a couple of months, to see how people like it. If it's not working, it should go.

Steve Viz, now in his second term as a senator, is running for Student Body President. He is currently the Executive Coordinator of the Junior Parent's Weekend. The vice-presidential candidate Chris Boron, is currently on the Sophomore Advisory Council and is the Junior Parents' Weekend Sophomore Chairman.

What are your two main goals?

VIZ: Our main goal would be to accomplish our little goals. We're not going to come out and tell you that we're going to have lofty or nebulous-type goals. To achieve the goals that we know through experience in student government can realistically be attained. Things that can be achieved in a short amount of time and will affect the vast majority of people's everyday life. Along those lines, such things that we derived from the student survey.

Also, we're going to try to stress, and I think we can stress it more than anyone else, fiscal responsibility. You have to be responsible, you have to know where that $35 everybody pays in student activity fees is going. From each student it amasses well over $400,000 that the student government, especially the student body president and vice-president, are entrusted with.

What is the senate's relationship with the administration?

VIZ: Our role with the administration is essentially going to be one of exemplifying student opinion. One thing that the student senate did this year that was done well was the student survey. Sure, it has flaws, but it really provided the means by which we could go to an administrator and show them concrete results. We can show them "Here, 83% of the students think we should add a plus grade to the grading system." One thing you have to bring to the administration is credibility in your leadership and some means of showing it.

STEVE VIZ

What strengths will you bring to the Student Body President's office?

VIZ: Our overwhelming strength has to be experience, and a diversity of the ticket. Chris has a strong basis with social-type programming. I have more student government background. From day 1 freshman year to being elected student senator, to being re-elected last year.

BORON: We're by far the most experienced ticket and that, I think, is really essential to doing well in office. If you don't know what's going on, if you don't have the least inkling of what needs to be done and when, you're going to spend your whole time in office, just figuring out what needs to be done, and by the time you figure out what needs to be done, you won't have time to do it.

What are your weaknesses?

VIZ: It's hard to critique yourself. If this is a weakness: overoptimism. Maybe the feeling that we can do more than we can. I think that's the way you have to go, even if it leads to your downfall. You can't sit back and think "It can't be done, so we're not even
dedicated even at the expense of your own social life.

What should be the goals of the Alcohol Awareness Task Force and the new office of Alcohol and Drug Education?

VIZ: All those offices are great, and they're conceived with the highest intentions. But they have to do something more than educate. It's more than just awareness. The alcohol policy is not going to change. They can try to facilitate social events without alcohol.

What do you propose to do about off-campus security and Notre Dame student relations with the Northeast neighborhood?

We have to realize that Notre Dame security can't be expected to handle off-campus crime, and you also have to realize that the South Bend police has limited resources. There has to be more of a cooperation between off-campus students and their neighbors or off-campus students themselves. That has to be facilitated. That might be a lofty goal, but that's the best we can accomplish. We can't say we're going to finance 500 extra policemen for South Bend or that kind of thing. It has to be a self-initiated thing for the people involved.

What do you see as the biggest problem with residence life and how do you propose to alleviate it?

BORON: The number of freshmen in study lounges. That has just been a major problem. Especially with the girls. Obviously something can be done. We'd like to work with the office of admissions. Another thing is to facilitate easier switching from dorm to dorm. If you're not happy where you are, you should be given the right to move to a new dorm without having all the problems of regulations.

VIZ: There's some inconsistency in the way the rules are enforced. All of it goes along the lines of the personalities of those who do the enforcing. But there should be some effort to enforce the rules, especially with regard to alcohol and parietal violations, in some sort of consistent and equitable manner.

How will you, as Student Body President, respond to student objections to the honor code?

VIZ: That's one of the things that we'll really work for. We can already see that the student reaction is very, very negative. Maybe not the to the concept of it, but the implementation. I think it puts an undo burden on students. It needs to be addressed with the people in the provost's office.

Mark Chapman, a sophomore from Fisher Hall, is running for district 3 senator. He has been involved with the senate through the Senate Student Advisory Council.

What are your two main goals?

I have two primary goals: to continue the push for plus grades, to try to expand D6 parking area. Also, along with that, to have more security in the parking areas because too many people have cars that are broken into.

What do you see as the particular needs of your district?

The parking in D6 and D1. We need more lighting and more security. We need to expand. I'd like to re-open up the faculty dining room for studying areas. I'm going to try to open up the Oak Room area for an extra hour of studying at night. That's basically all the South quad needs, then you have the basic things like improve unity and interhall interaction.

Are you in favor of closing North Dining Hall to South Quad Residents during finals?

No, I'm not. Not at all. Even though North is being reconstructed. Many North quad people eat at South (Dining Hall), and it's very overcrowded. But still, that doesn't mean that much. The problem is when you study, you like to go to North dining hall just for a quick dinner, after studying at the library. I'm very much opposed to closing NDH to South quad residents during finals.

What strengths will you bring to the senate?

My major strength is that I stand up for what I believe in and a diligence in getting student opinion known. I'm going to try to stay unbiased and propose what the students believe. I'm very much familiar with the way the senate operates; I've been involved in the senate advisory council for the past two years. I'm serving on the Sophomore student council. I know how Mike (Carrigan, current senator)'s job works and I know the things he needs.

Kevin Crooks, a junior PLS major, is running for off campus senator (District 5).
What strengths will you bring to the senate?

CROOKS: I think my main strength is a year of living off-campus. I think I can represent them well.

How will you, as a senator, respond to student objections to the honor code?

CROOKS: I have some objections to the installation of the honor code myself. In the Program of Liberal Studies, we're trying to set up our own honor code. We all feel like the way the University has it set up is almost insulting. You have to go into class and sign a piece of paper.

What do you see as the particular needs of your district?

CROOKS: Just trying to feel like you're more a part of the University and getting involved with more of the things that go on—other that just parking your car by the stadium, walking into your classes and then going home every day. You tend to feel a little distant from the University at times.

Mary Feliz is a sophomore majoring in Graphic Design and Advertising. She is a member of the Multi-Cultural Council and the Sophomore Advisory Council.

What are your two main goals?

MF: One would probably be communication between the senator and the district that I am going to represent. I think that there's a need for the students to know what's going on. A lot of that has not been done, and I hope to improve that. Also, just to more or less be there for my district and also to be there for the school. There's a lot that needs to be done and I think that the reason why I'm running is to get someone in there that's concerned for the students and get a voice, a strong voice, for the students.

What strengths will you bring to the senate?

MF: I always believe the character of myself and just a very strong and real sincere voice to the senate from the students. I would, more or less, be a bridge to the senate from the students so that I would be able to bring what they're concerned about and just strong confident feelings from the students to the senate.

What do you see as the particular needs of your district?

MF: Right now, I would say the North Dining Hall needs a lot of improvement. As far as parking, we're going to need a lot more parking. There's even talk of a garage going up.

Are you in favor of closing North Dining Hall to South Quad Residents during finals?

MF: No, if they (South Quad students) are over there, I believe there needs to be another solution. Maybe opening the hours for eating longer or giving a better traffic system within the cafeterias.
SENATE ELECTIONS

Bob Huston, a District 4 candidate for senator, is a sophomore who has been involved with College Republicans as well as Toastmasters.

What are your two main goals?
BH: What I’d like to see accomplished, especially up in the North, with the addition of the two new girl’s dorms, there’s going to be a big parking problem. It’s already bad up there. What’s going to need to be done is paving over part of white field and increasing the size of D2 North. The second thing I’d like to see done is something that was mentioned last year, and that would be the meal card. There’s a system at San Diego State which gives you a certain dollar credit with the meal card such as for lunch you have a three dollar credit and for dinner, a three-fifty credit. Anything you charge beyond that you pay in cash. So we could use the existing system here at Notre Dame and apply that to what we have here.

What strengths will you bring to the senate?
BH: I think one thing will be the amount of time that I am willing to spend, and will be able to spend working with the senate. It’s a very time-consuming job and I’m willing to put that time in.

What do you see as the particular needs of your district?
BH: Stepan courts, outside, are going to have to be repaved. There are some nice cracks in there and such and hopefully, when they repave that they’ll repaint it and put in a three-point line-- which may seem a little silly but it’s part of the game of basketball.

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Spero Karas, a junior running for District 5 senator, majors in Psychology/ Pre-Med.

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What are your two main goals?
Well, first -- more integration of the off-campus student in on-campus life. I’d like to set up a kind of off-campus information bulletin, or maybe a place in LaFortune where off-campus students can meet.

On a smaller scale, I’d like an extension of the buzz bus lines to Campus View and Turtle Creek apartments.

What strengths will you bring to the senate?
A hard-working, realistic attitude towards things and an ability to talk with people my age, administration, and members of the student senate.

What do you see as the particular needs of your district?
Integration of off-campus and on-campus life. A better rapport and representation for off-campus students.

Are you in favor of closing North Dining Hall to South Quad Residents during finals?
Personally, I’m not. We’re all in this together. It is crowded. Misery loves company. We’re all in the same boat. What’s the big deal?

Pat Kiernan, who is running for District 1 senator, is a junior Government major. He is a Holy Cross Commissioner and has worked with the Student Senate Advisory Council.

What are your two main goals?
PK: First of all, a change in the “in loco parentis” policy. I think there’s some definite legal questions about that. It sounds dangerously close to a restrictive covenant. I’d meet with some lawyers and University administrators and discuss just what the implications of such a policy are.

The second goal concerns the recently instituted honor code. I think it’s a good idea in principle, but I have some objections with the way the University implemented it. I would ask for a student referendum to see if all students agree to the honor code in principle. Then, I’d ask the senate to appoint a student committee, independent of the administration, to study honor codes around the country.

What strengths will you bring to the senate?
I think my interest. I’ve been involved in Notre Dame student government in some fashion every year that I’ve been here. My experience, too. I’ve been involved at the hall level, the district level, and also campus-wide events. I think I have a broader
range of experience than the other candidates. I have some fresh ideas.

What do you see as the particular needs of your district?

PK: Other than my two main goals, I think we need more lighting. There are only two lights all the way out to Holy Cross. Better security, improved walkways, nuts and bolts stuff.

Freshman Maeve O'Donovan is running for district 3 senator. She was a senator for all four years of high school and in her junior year, O'Donovan established a SADD chapter in her school.

What are your two main goals?

The first goal I have is that as a freshman, I really wanted to get involved at Notre Dame. I'm in a bunch of clubs right now, but I want to see how it works behind the scenes. Because, I was in student government in high school and I got to know the administration and they knew me and we were able to talk about things on a casual basis. I know that they took a sincere interest in my opinion, rather than just some kid who, out of the blue, pops up with some question. So, I guess one of my goals is just to get to know the administration.

The second one I have is: I want students to have a choice for either coed or single-sex dorms. I think that it's a real educational experience and some people want coed; they feel that it's a better environment for them. I'd like to work to make that a choice.

What strengths will you bring to the senate?

Well, I've had lot of past experiences in leadership positions and committee work. I was head soccer coach for a little girls' soccer team for four seasons and it just took a lot of time and energy. When I was in high school, I co-founded a SADD chapter. We hadn't had one, and we wanted to establish one before there was a tragedy.

I really know how to work together with people and how to get things accomplished.

What do you see as the particular needs of your district?

Being a freshman, I'm not really sure what the district wants. I'm not completely aware of everything that's going on at Notre Dame.

Are you in favor of closing North Dining Hall to South Quad Residents during finals?

I don't know, I think it's only fair that people have the opportunity not to walk all the way across campus. If it's really a problem, then they should have some way of regulating it or plan ahead for the extra people.

Tom Rask, who is running for District four senator, has been very active with the Student Union Board as well as the American Lebanese Club Board.

What are your two main goals?

TR: My two main goals for next year are to improve student life in my district as well as on the campus level. As far as district, I see several problems that have arisen of late that are influencing the campus but are also influencing greatly the district. Problems such as D2 parking. We need to either expand the lot or look to go with a new one. We need to improve snow removal and we need to improve maintenance to take care of those potholes out there, as well as take care of security. Having a car being broken into within viewing distance of a dorm is ridiculous. We either post a manned security station there or work towards some kind of a security system in terms of a gate or a fence. As far as activities, I'd like to better the quad.

Mod quad, my district, is not known for anything in particular. We'd like to better that situation-- put forth a better image. Maybe have a Mod quad talent show or put out Mod quad boxers. I'd like to better campus life in general. If that means working on issues such as the grading system, or things that would make things better for everyone, I'd be more than willing to look into that.

What strengths will you bring to the senate?

TR: I believe, in this case, experience (is my biggest strength). I've served on the Student Union Board. I've served on the American Lebanese Club Board and I've done a lot of things on campus that give me a chance to see what people want. Through that
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What are your two main goals?

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What strengths will you bring to the senate?

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What do you see as the particular needs of your experience, I understand, to a certain extent, how things function in government. I have a little bit of a step up as far as not coming in and being a newcomer. I've sat in on several senate meetings. That experience will help me. Aside from experience, I'd say campus life, being involved as a student is good.

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Music/Tim Adams

Killingdozer: Huber Rock

Probably the record I've enjoyed the most in recent weeks (outside of the reissue of Charles Manson's Lie album and the new double LP compilation by G.G. Allin called Dirty Love Songs) is by a trio from Madison, Wisconsin, named Killingdozer. Cool name for a band, taken from some trashy made-for-TV movie in which a bulldozer somehow comes to life and starts slaughtering people. So cool a moniker that there have been, at various points in time, up to three Killingdozers -- one from France (now defunct), one from New York City (which lost in a "battle of the Killdozers" and subsequently changed its name to Sharky's Machine), and of course our heroes, the Real Killingdozer, from the home state of such wonderments as mass-murderer Ed Gein, Huber beer, and cheese curds.

At any rate, the band's new album, Little Baby Buntin', is a rich, solid chunk of twisted Americana, another fine collection of stories both dire and more dire -- an even further backwoods take on Creedence Clearwater Revival, if you will.

Previously Killingdozer has plun-
dered -- with more cockeyed reverence than believe me -- the images and works of such cultural icons as CCR (in their cover of "Run Through the Jungle"), Burl Ives (their last EP was called Burl), Lynyrd Skynyrd (in a mammoth, drawn-out version of "Sweet Home Alabama"), Ed Gein (in a song named after the man, wherein bassist Michael Gerald sings the line, "Ed Gein, he's a ladies' man"), and even Neil Young (in their half-speed version of "Cinnamon Girl").

This time 'round, the band covers Neil Diamond's "I Am, I Said," and updates CCR's "Cotton Fields" hick-style in a tune called "Cotton Balls." The Diamond song is done in a suitably melodramatic way, with anthemic blasts of keyboards and cymbal-crashing serving as a backdrop for Gerald's gravel-voiced interpretation, which really is a gas to hear. With the Creedence thing, somehow I don't think the line, "Papa got himself run down by a train/ I shot him in the guts to end his pain" popped up in the pretty acoustic strum of the original, but that's just Killingdozer's style.

But it's their original songs and stories that make Killingdozer something much more than a mere comedy act, freak show, or lame cover band. The trio is able to capture the trailer-park mentality of lower-class, non-cosmopolitan America like no other band, filtering through arresting tales of people whose lives extend no further than their dead-end jobs and dead-end marriages, and whose train in life never did come in and likely never will.

Don't get me wrong, though: Killingdozer injects every song on Little Baby Buntin' with a darn good deal of humor. Black humor, admittedly, but humor nonetheless. If you can laugh at a line like, "Everyone but my old man was blown to Kingdom Come/ He was left with a face that looks like chewed bubble gum," then you and Killingdozer might get along just fine.

Before I forget, the soundtrack to Less Than Zero is the best movie score I've heard in eons. Sure there are some clunkers, but the other stuff is worthy of your dough. Great songs from LL Cool J and Public Enemy (rap's hottest group), Slayer with a version of "Inna Gadda Da Vida," the Bangles with one of 1987's best major-label singles, and even some decent material from Roy Orbison, Joan Jett, and ex-Misfit Glenn Danzig. Despite the presence of the incredibly dorky Poison, I'd say this attempt at collegiate hipness is, yeah, pretty hip.
**HOCKEY**

The hockey team improved its record to 21-2-2 this week with a sweep of Air Force at the JACC. It was the 12th win in a row for the Irish who are still hoping for an NCAA bid.

The team will finish its eight-game homestand tomorrow and Saturday night when it takes on Villanova. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

In both games this past weekend, the Irish had to come back to win. Friday's game saw the Falcons take a 3-0 lead only to have Notre Dame score three goals in a four minute span to tie the game.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

The women's basketball team split a pair of games against nationally-ranked opponents this past week. First the Irish lost to the fourth-ranked and defending national champion Tennessee 91-71 on Wednesday, but then bounced back to upset 17th ranked Duke on Saturday 78-66. The Irish stayed close until midway through the second half when the Lady Vols pulled away. SANDY BOTHAM led the Irish with 20 points and 7 rebounds. HEIDI BUNEK and LISA KUHNS had 17 and 16 points respectively. Against Duke the team led 39-32 at halftime and then hit 25 free throws in the second half to hold off the Blue Devils. The win marked the first time in history Notre Dame has defeated a top 20 team. Freshman SARA LIEBSCHER and Kuhns led the Irish with 19 points each. The Irish will play host to Detroit tonight at 7:30 p.m. and Dayton Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the JACC.

**WRESTLING**

The Irish wrestling team pulled off its biggest upset of the year this past Saturday when it defeated 18th-ranked Nebraska 21-18.

The keys to the victory were CHRIS GENESER'S final period pin of Tucker Thompson at the 177-lb division, and TODD LAYTON'S upset of 8th-ranked Keenan Turner at 150 pounds. Tomorrow night the Irish take on 16th ranked Ohio State at the JACC. The team then will face the Olivet Comets on February 16th.

**MEN'S TENNIS**

The men's tennis team will play Eastern Michigan on Sunday at the Eck Pavilion at 3:30 p.m. The Irish are 4-0 on the year after destroying Toledo 9-0 last Saturday.

Number two seed BRIAN KALBAS won his match over Todd Dominika, whom he lost to last year. Also recording a victory was senior captain DAN WALSH who won 6-0, 6-2 despite spraining his ankle during the match. Walsh remains undefeated this year at the No. 4 spot.

**TRACK**

The track team competed in the Meyo Invitational this past Saturday. TOM KRAUS won the shot put with a throw of 16.44 meters.

In addition, JOHN COLE took first in the high jump clearing 6-10. That was his season's best and it makes him the third highest jumper in Notre Dame history. The Irish will travel to Cedar Falls, Iowa for the Central Collegiate Conference meet tomorrow and Saturday.

**WOMEN'S FENCING**

The women's fencing team finished off its regular season this past week by posting a 4-1 record for the week. In a 13-team meet at home this past weekend, the Irish fell to Wayne State on Friday, 11-5, but then rebounded on Saturday to defeat Ohio State, Northwestern, Case Western Reserve, and Oakland. Sophomore ANNE BARREDA and freshman LYNN KADRI will compete at the National Olympic Fencing Championships in Cleveland, Ohio Feb. 13-15.

**MEN'S FENCING**

The men's fencing team improved its record to 22-0 this past week, recording seven victories against Wayne State, Ohio State Northwestern, Chicago, Michigan, Case Western Reserve, and Oakland. The team has now won 97 consecutive meets and 119 of their last 120 dual meets. Among the Notre Dame fencers posting undefeated records this week were PHIL LEARY, LESZEK NOWOSIELSKI, and TED FAY.

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING**

The women's swimming team enjoyed two lopsided wins this past week, defeating St. Louis, 94-16, and Oral Roberts, 94-17. The Irish did not fare as well against their other opponents, dropping two close 128-140 meets against Eastern Michigan at home and Ball State away.

The team will close out the regular dual-meet season against Illinois-Chicago tomorrow at 6 p.m. and against Cleveland State on Saturday at 2 p.m. Both meets are in the Rolfs Aquatic center.

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The Irish won two meets comfortably over St. Louis, 98-15, and Oral Roberts, 67-44, this past week. However, Ball State defeated the Irish, 91-126 on Saturday. Notre Dame's ADAM HIRSCHFELD qualified for NCAA regional diving competition this week by scoring 308.70 on the one meter board, a new university record for the event.

**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

**SARA LIEBSCHER**

Liebscher, a freshman from Davenport, IA, made the most of her first starting assignment for the Notre Dame women's basketball team on Saturday. The 5-8 forward scored 19 points, hitting 6-of-7 shots from the field and 7-of-8 free throws to boost the Irish to a 78-66 upset over No. 17-ranked Duke. Liebscher's 19 points tied for her team lead on the night with teammate Lisa Kuhns.

**TED FAY**

Fay, a junior fencer from Oakland, N.J., posted a perfect 10-0 mark in the epee as the Notre Dame fencing team beat all seven of its opponents last weekend. Fay's effort, which included two wins over Wayne State, propelled the Irish to their 57th consecutive victory and their 22nd this year without a loss.
A Dream That Won’t Die

Although chances are slim the Irish team will get a bid to the NCAA tournament, it kept the hope alive with a stunning sweep of Air Force

BY MIKE WIEBER

Head coach Ric Schafer stared blankly at the ice at the end of the second period in Saturday’s game against Air Force. His Notre Dame hockey team trailed the Falcons, 2-1, after a sloppy forty minutes of play, and Schafer’s posture betrayed his displeasure. The 20-2-2 Irish needed to beat fellow-independent Air Force if they wanted to keep alive their chances of a bid to the NCAA tournament next month at Lake Placid, N.Y., and so far something was wrong. Schafer paused while his team straggled off the bench and into the locker room, waited, and followed them in. Then, Mount Schafer erupted.

“It was one of the first times I’d ever seen him mad,” said senior center and co-captain Mike McNeill, choosing not to elaborate. “Let’s just say he was stressing out. Basically he said, ‘C’mon, let’s see who can get us going.’” Whatever Schafer told his team, McNeill definitely got the message. The seasoned veteran skated out in the third period, and quickly set up a goal to tie. His slap shot from the point deflected off the skate of teammate Pat Foley and slid into the Falcon net.

Good enough for the angry coach? “Yes,” McNeill joked. “After that, he knew we were all right.” The spark set the Irish rolling as, even though Air Force scored once more to regain the lead, Notre Dame attacked until the end and got two more to pull off the 4-3 victory. Tim Kuehl got the game winner at 2:08, moments after defenseman Foley had notched his second goal of the period to tie the game at three a piece.

Schafer’s blowup could be expected. After transforming the Notre Dame hockey program from a weak and inconsistent club into a disciplined and potent skating power in his first season at the Irish helm, Schafer had numerous reasons to demand a victory over the Falcons. The NCAA bid is a longshot, he is the first to admit, but the possibility is there. In

Notre Dame’s 5-4 and 4-3 wins over Air Force were sparked by a relentless attack on offense and the solid goaltending of Lance Madson (below).
addition, the crowds at the JACC have been packing the rink, and Schafer has worked hard at attracting the always-finicky hockey crowd back to the Notre Dame ice.

"I will remember these wins for a long time," Schafer said after Saturday's victory. "Air Force is one of the better teams we've played, if not the best. The NCAA bid is still unlikely, I know, but we needed to win to have a chance and we did."

"Coach really wanted us to look good for the crowd," said junior center Brian Montgomery, taking notice of the 2,322 fans that attended Saturday's contest. Large crowds will be crucial to the growth of the young Notre Dame program as administrators watch carefully to decide where to plant their limited number of athletic scholarships. Montgomery, and all the Irish players, seem to know this. "At home, in a big series like this, it was time to wake up," Montgomery added. "Coach just wanted to tell us in his own way."

Schafer, however, will have a hard time telling his team the bad news if the NCAA does pass up his squad. The Irish worked very hard to turn their fortunes around after a dismal 1986-87 campaign, and played consistently in rolling to their current 21-2-2 mark, their second best start since the early '80s when the team stopped playing the big Division I powers. The squad will host a weak Villanova team at the JACC this weekend, before heading to Michigan-Dearborn for a difficult two-game set the following weekend. The Irish season ends March 4-5 with the ACHA playoffs also at Dearborn, Michigan.

"The worst is by no means over. We still have Michigan-Dearborn and Lake Forest coming up," added Schafer. But as for this week's competition, Schafer remains calm since the weekend brings in a weak Villanova team to the JACC. Schafer wouldn't even comment about the strength of Villanova's hockey team, except to laugh and say, "Let's put it this way, Villanova is a good basketball school."

The lack of competition, though, should allow the rookies a little more time on the rink this Friday and Saturday. After keeping the benches warm over the tough Air Force weekend, Schafer predicts the team's younger members will finally get to play. "The junior varsity players will have the chance to shine," he said. "I'm going to mix the lines up."

Schafer won't deny the team's likely fate this year, despite its overwhelming success. Since the Irish hockey squad never faced the number-one ranked team of the independents, Merrimac, and Notre Dame's strength of schedule was not on par with theirs, Schafer admits its "unlikely" that the selection committee will select his squad. "Merrimac would have to stumble in the next few weeks," he concluded.

Does this mean, however that the Notre Dame hockey team is safe from any more flare ups from its fiery coach? Not a chance, according to Montgomery. "We have an attitude now that we know we can win every game we're in," he said. Maybe next year, with better competition on the schedule, Schafer will be able to convince the NCAA tournament selection committee as fully as he has Montgomery and the rest of the Irish hockey squad. 

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More Than a Game

Attending a Notre Dame hockey game these days can be an unusual experience

BY NICK CAPECE

Last Saturday evening, the Notre Dame hockey team played its biggest game of the season, a game the Irish needed to win to assure a chance for an NCAA bid. That chance, though admittedly small, had been kept alive the night before when the Irish rallied from a three-goal deficit to stun a tough Air Force team, 5-4. The Falcons, who also were competing for a postseason bid, were certain therefore to be up for Saturday's game. Thus, donning the warmest clothes I could find, I braved the -20 degree wind chill to see the Irish battle Air Force at the JACC.

Approximately 3,000 other curious hockey fans had the same idea. Arriving five minutes before game time, I picked my way through the mass of people and found my place in the small press box up high over center ice.

As I settled into my seat, the public address announcer began to introduce the Irish players - Montgomery, McNeill, Kuehl, Leherr and Madson - all names which were fast becoming recognizable in Notre Dame varsity athletics. Then, a hush fell over the arena as Peter "The Whip" Abowd was introduced. As the fans began to chant his name, "The Whip" proceeded to play his musical rendition of the National Anthem, a rendition which seemed to combine the sounds of the traditional organ with those of a high-tech synthesizer. It was definitely unusual, but the crowd loved it.

Finally, it was game time. After huddling up for team pep talks near their respective benches, the Irish and the Falcons skated out and readied themselves for the face-off. I watched with interest as Irish goalie Lance Madson used his skates to shave the surface of the ice in front of the net. Expecting a barrage of shots from the Falcons, Madson knew he couldn't afford to lose his footing and slip. Then, as the loud cheers from the Irish fans echoed through the arena, the puck was dropped and they were off.

Period one proved to be a defensive battle, as the checking on the boards became intense. As the puck slid behind the Irish net, a Falcon skater rushed to get his stick on it. A loud "thud" echoed across the rink as Irish defensemen Mike Leherr shouldered the unsuspecting Falcon into the boards. The cheers rose from the crowd. A guy below me yelled, "Clean his clock! Make him feel it!" As the Irish cleared the puck off the ice, the plexiglass was still shaking from Leherr's ambush.

The action continued, but by the end of the period, no goals had been scored. The crowd was getting a little restless. They wanted some offense, some goals. Except for section 3 of the grandstands, which was all Notre Dame students, the rest of the spectators were a little too mellow. Larry the Zamboni driver, however, did his best to excite the crowd. Complete with his tuxedo and top hat, Larry backed his "ice monster" out onto the ice, and proceeded to circle the rink. As he drove along the boards, Larry waved to the crowd and gave hi-fives to the students who reached over the dividing plexiglass. As he made his last trip around the ice, he reached down into a small box, picked up some candies, and threw them to the mass of outstretched arms. The cheers went up from the students as the newest Notre Dame celebrity directed his unwieldy Zamboni machine off the ice.
As the teams took the ice in the second period, the crowd started to emerge from its silent shell. Chants of “Go Irish!” began in section 3 and spread ever so slowly to the other sections. The Irish began the second period with 1:34 left in a power play that carried over from the end of the first period. Just as the crowd was starting to make some noise, however, they were silenced once again as Air Force scored two quick goals in the opening minutes of period two. A sense of desperation fell over me. The Irish couldn’t afford to get behind too far, I thought to myself. “The Whip” tried his best to get the Irish psyched by playing his version of Queen’s, “We Will Rock You.” Surprisingly, the Irish responded quickly. Notre Dame made some brisk passes in front of the Falcon net before Irish center Bob Bilton deflected a shot into the goal. The crowd erupted in applause as the Irish skaters swarmed Bilton.

The defensive battle continued through the second period. “Oohs” and “Aahs” echoed through the cold arena as Irish goalie Lance Madson continued to deflect Falcon shots. The crowd emitted chants of “Air Puck!” “Air Puck!” as the Irish forced the Falcon wingmen to shoot wide of the net. A group of teenagers sitting along the boards in front of me began to bang on the plexiglass as the Falcon skaters passed by. When the second period came to a close, however, Notre Dame was still down 2-1. The crowd was once again silent.

Nevertheless, the fans were not denied their entertainment. A puck shoot-out sponsored by Barnaby’s Restaurant and the Bertles Mazda dealer was held between the second and third periods. Four winners, selected by ticket number, were pulled from the crowd to try their hand at scoring a goal from center ice. To make the feat more difficult, a wooden board with a tiny puck-sized opening was placed in front of the net. The prize for scoring a goal through the small opening: free one-year use of an 1988 Mazda sports car.

The first contestant was a boy who looked no older than six or seven. After catching sight of the boy’s small stature, the crowd began to hoot out phrases that could be summed up as, “Give him a break! Let him shoot from the blue line!” To the surprise of the crowd, the boy unleashed a brisk shot that came very close to scoring a goal. The next two contestants, two men, shot the puck wide of the net and received a barrage of hushed boos from the crowd. The crowd erupted in applause, however, as the special contestant for the night, Larry the Zamboni driver, was introduced. Larry turned out to be the worst shot of them all. Nevertheless, his adoring fans chanted his name, and he acknowledged them with a wave of his hand.

After Larry had gotten back to work and refurbished the ice with the Zamboni, it was time for the Irish to show what they were made of. They had come back from deficits before on this surprising 20-2-2 season. Why not tonight? With their backs against the wall, Notre Dame responded in the final period. As the seconds ticked off the clock, the Irish raced to set up a play in front of the Falcon net. Passing the puck around, the Irish searched for some daylight between the Falcon defenders. Finally, team co-captain Mike McNeil saw an opening and launched a blazing slap shot at the Air Force net. The puck found the skate of Irish defenseman Pat Foley and deflected into the goal. The crowd rose to its feet in jubilation. The score was now tied at two.

Unfortunately, the celebration did not last long as the Falcons came right back with another goal to put the Irish in a hole once again. No cause for alarm. They can come back, I thought to myself. The Irish did. Once again, Pat Foley came to the rescue, launching a slap shot from the point that sneaked its way past the Falcon goalie. The game was tied at three. As the checking continued at a furious pace, the question - “Would the game go into overtime?” - ran through my mind. As the clock reached 2:08 remaining in the period, right wingman Tim Kuehl calmed my anxiety, at least temporarily, by scoring the go-ahead goal for the Irish. The arena exploded in celebration once again. The Whip’s “We Will Rock You” blared from the speakers overhead.

Two more minutes to go. Could the Irish hold on? The Falcons decided to apply the pressure by pulling their goalie out of the net and adding an extra attacker, a common last-ditch strategy. Facing the five-on-six disadvantage, the Notre Dame defense buckled down, denying the Falcons a clear shot at the Irish net. Madson deflected several shots, while many others went wide. As the game clock reached ten seconds, the fans started a countdown. Finally, the Irish managed to clear the puck out of their end and “iced” the victory. As the buzzer sounded, the Irish skaters swarmed around Madson in wild celebration. Their dream of an NCAA bid was still alive.
Final Word

Looking Back

By Pat Cooke and Laurie Bink

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