It's Fish By A Landslide!

Jim Fish was elected Student Body President by a landslide yesterday, although he receives less than the 54% (4095) he captured every hair but one and one step to the east. Senator Morse (D-95) and Senator Manning (D-28) finished second. Fish polled 1544 votes (out of 3450 cast) to Dunn's 818. In the election's biggest surprise, write-in candidates and ballot babblers accounted for 315 of the votes cast. Larryjoyce, a resident entry ran into the race as a present candidate, received 723 votes. No exact tally was made of votes for candidates other than Dunn, Fish, and Manning. The official Election Committee estimates that 335 students ended either blank or maximum 114 votes or blank in such names as Sen Green, the Dynamic Action Committee, and the number of "un-votes" was estimated at 76.

In a close vice-presidential race, Bob Moran defeated Lehmann, 1896 to 1450, Moran carrying the middle of the campus to victory.

Senator Larry Joyce, who put on a very good campaign, I was thrilled but just I'm a little disappointed in thinking of all the work ahead for next year," Morse admitted. "I was very concerned when the VP results looked close. Fish will announce his choice for secretary and treasurer and for the student government council before Easter vacation. He will not outline and accept applications beginning this week.

By halls the vote went as follows: For Fish, Dunn, and Joyce, in Alumnus 87, 40, 79, Bedini 85, 55, 18, Pamplona 33, 19, St. Mary 90, 83, 17. The results are: For Dunn and Joyce, in Alumnus 94, 73, 18, Bedini 13, 79, Pamplona 91, 83, 17, St. Mary 87, 56, 19, Zahn 92, 89, Off campus 65, 39, 18.

In the vice-president race, voting for Moran and Lehmann was even. In Alumnus 158, 74, Bedini 109, 66, Pamplona 155, 63, Zahn 108, 65, Farley 145, 90, Fish 81, 69, Pamplona 33, 19, Zahn 90, 54, Off campus 68, 50, Zahn 87, 50, Pamplona 143.

One lone vote was counted by Larry Joyce, who suggested there were "some complications in some of the results, but no real candidates." Although he would not elaborate his charge, one of his campaign managers complained of the several thousand copies of the official Bulletin that were stolen and destroyed. He claimed, by a rival candidate, he also complained of the last-minute detection of President campaign manager, Howard Dooley, who began actively campaigning for Fish, he claimed, when the election's result is said to be coming obvious.

Joyce was nevertheless satisfied with the results. "I think it's a fairly strong indication that area students are unhappy with the present administration," he said. "I think we can initiate some reforms and forward freedom movement on campus."
Victory For Fish

Jim Fish has won. Showing almost a two to one preference for Jim over the other two candidates, the student body has demonstrated that they want a proved administrator as Student Body President. More significantly, the students have revealed their choice to follow the established path of student-administration relationships, rather than the revolutionary approach advocated by the write-in candidate Leszy Joyce.

However, by writing in candidates on almost 1000 ballots, the student body has also displayed a dissatisfaction with the past student government. This Leszy Joyce and company could garner 31 per cent of the vote clearly indicates that at least certain elements in the student body are reexamining their environment and the role that student government plays in it.

Jim Fish has received a clear mandate from the students to represent them, but he has also been presented with the demand that student government reevaluate its function at Notre Dame. In the past student government has been criticized as meaningless in the face of administration resistance to change. Jim Fish has been given the chance to prove that this does not have to be the case. This can be the year when the administration-student relationship takes a big step forward under a progressive leadership. Jim Fish must provide this leadership if he is to live up to the confidence placed in him by the student body.

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In March 31st issue of the VOICE, a letter appeared suggesting that the Honor Concept was ineffective because of its proscriptive orientation -- it supports the administrative system, and individuals don't cheat because they fear being turned in -- and because moral principles can not be crammed into a person's system of values. There is some truth in these assertions, but I object to Mr. Zemmer's limited viewpoint. I look on the Concept from a different and more significant perspective.

The justification of honor in an academic community is self evident. What would the classroom situation be like if everyone cheated; or let's ask the question more relevant to us, how do we reconcile the academic integrity of our school with the fact that many students are dishonest? The Honor Concept was brought to Notre Dame because of this contradiction.

As Mr. Zemmer said, honor can't be forced into a person's value system, but it can be presented. It is the general responsibility of the community, the specific responsibility of the Honor Council, to present the understanding and feeling for honor to those students who are dishonest. Of course, the choice of acceptance remains with the individual, but a significant step has been taken in the face of presentation.

Possibly Mr. Zemmer would object, saying that the individual will learn nothing from his encounter with Honor. From concrete experience, from the two cases I've worked on as a member of the Honor Council, I know this is untrue. I have no way of calculating the extent of the effect, but I know honor is now more relevant for the people involved. In this general aspect, the Concept finds its justification on the individual level, for it can be an important part of the development of the person's value system.

Whether the individual or community purposes of the Concept will ever be realized is directly dependent on the people who work with it. All students can make some contribution to Honor, and I would encourage those with the requisite time and commitment to apply to the council before April 7th (Room 81, Notre Dame).

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NOTES

Comments...
The Irish offense is expected to be strong and skilled. They have lost their top two forwards from last year, but the returning seniors including Bob Trost and Dan Collins are expected to step up. Additionally, the freshmen including Bill Brown, Kevin Capps, and Mark Farrell have shown promise in the fall. The Irish defense, led by senior goalkeeper George Tencza and junior goalie Bob Trost, is also expected to be strong. They lost four meets for Notre Dame, notably the Notre Dame Invitational, where they placed third. The Irish are also preparing for the Notre Dame Invitational on April 18 before the home opener. The Irish are looking to build on their success from last year and are expected to compete well in the conference and nationally.