

The Notre Dame DISORIENTATION MANUAL™

A guide to what's really going on...



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Why Disorientation?

Welcome to God's University. You'll have a great time here and are welcome so long as you are white, catholic, straight, male, rich, believe everything the Pope says, like being treated as a child by the administration, and don't ask tough questions.

If not, well then it's too late to transfer and at least you got away from your parents.

Fortunately there are a lot of great people at Notre Dame, both students and faculty. We hope you will consider devoting time to working for justice, educating yourself and your friends, and making this University the greatest in the world (or at least the greatest in North-Central Indiana).

You've heard the hype, but as you will soon learn not all is well on campus. This guide shall break some of the myths and tell the truth as best your humble guide writers have been able to learn for themselves. We urge you to join the *resistance* and fight for democracy, diversity and justice on campus and beyond.

In the next few months you'll begin to experience Notre Dame for yourself. As you do, you may find yourself struggling to compare the administrative propaganda, with things as they actually are. Whether you have just arrived or whether you've been here for years you'll find that this can be confusing, eye-opening, shocking, troubling, infuriating -- at the very least disorienting.

-Aaron Kreider-



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But Why Should I Be Active?

But surely we aren't serious? Isn't ND a loving family of caring Catholics? Where is this 'oppression'? Unfortunately our experience has proved otherwise. We and many students before us have seen the Administration blatantly squashing students' rights, supporting homophobia, acting in complicity with the military, refusing to work for multiculturalism, denying workers their rights, and neglecting the environment.

If you care about social justice, if any of the issues in this guide touch your conscience and heart, then please take action and get involved. Being active is as simple as contacting a group and expressing your desire to get started. No past experience is required. And our community and greater society could really use your help!

My aim is to agitate and disturb people.
I'm not selling bread, I'm selling yeast.
(Miguel de Unamuno)

Student Rights (none)

Since Notre Dame is "private" students do not have the legal right of free speech, but the moral right still exists. Unfortunately ND has an extensive array of rules that make activism difficult. Regular people who are just trying to organize a rally, pass out a piece of paper, form a club with their friends, or put up a poster have all got into "trouble" for their efforts to do good. And this happens far too often for it to be random incidents. Try to be an activist on campus and you'll run into problems. The following information comes from personal experience and duLac 1999/2000.

Free Speech A-Zs

- *Assembly* — You are not allowed to hold a meeting, even in your dorm room, unless your student group is recognized.
- *Association* – The Administration reserves the right to deny clubs status and thus severely infringes on their ability to operate. An organization and all its members must follow the mission of the university and moral teachings of the Catholic Church (as arbitrarily defined by the Administration). For over twenty years the Administration has refused to recognize a gay, lesbian, and bisexual student organization (formerly GLND/SMC, now OUTreach ND). It took the Progressive Student Alliance six months to get recognized. Recognition is first handled by Student Activities and then, if denied, it can be appealed to Student Affairs. Don't even think of starting a pro-choice club (duLac 161).
- *Electronic Communications* – the University reserve the right to read your email and all your files stored on the AFS network (duLac 181). You cannot use the university's network to violate the mission or values of the university. Ex. A private email message (or a public webpage) advocating contraception or the pro-choice position would violate duLac (duLac 179).
- *Leafletting* – Probably requires pre-approval from Student Activities. They'll probably require you leaflet from a fixed location, at a fixed time (and reserve the space in advance). Otherwise security might nab you (yes, just for passing out pieces of paper).
- *Petitions* – Requires pre-approval from the Dir. of Student Activities. Must petition in a pre-approved location at a pre-approved time. Asking a friend to sign a petition (in your dorm or elsewhere – if it isn't pre-approved) violates the rules (duLac 159 under 'Solicitation').
- *Posting* – Requires pre-approval from Student Activities and official organization status (duLac 153).
- *Protests* — Unrecognized student organizations are banned from holding demonstrations. Failing to register your protest with the vice-president of Residential Life can lead to a threat to your organization's status (as it has for Pax Christi, Amnesty International, and the College Democrats all since 1995 -- see duLac 155). ND Security often attends rallies. Fieldhouse Mall requires five working days advance notice for reserving it (makes last-minute protests harder).
- *Speakers* – there is a good open speakers policy, but you need to get a contract signed by a ton of people (incl. Student Activities, Student Affairs) even if you aren't paying the person anything.
- *Surveys* – whether of students on campus, or people totally unrelated to ND – you need approval of Student Affairs. Ex. if you are surveying your neighbors on your block at home about having a July 1st party, you need permission from Student Affairs or you violate the rules (duLac 158).
- *Unauthorized Publications* (newspapers, magazines, etc) – require pre-approval from Student Activities (duLac 163).

Stories of Media Censorship

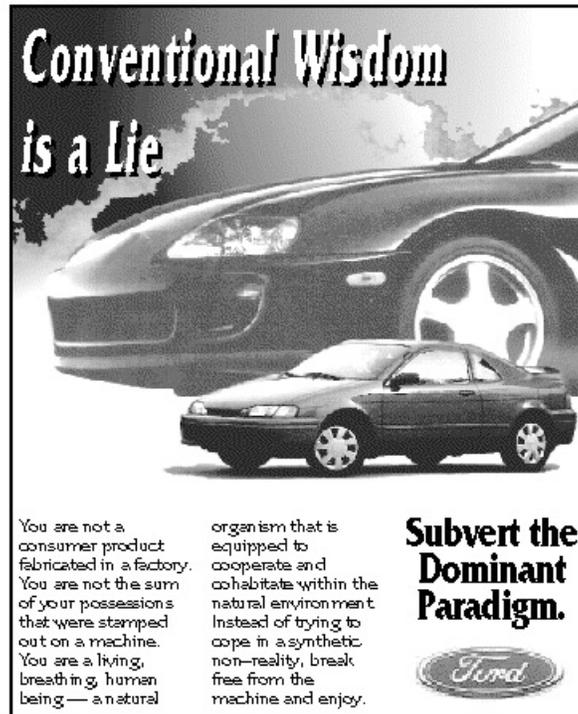
1985/86 – Student managers of WSND and WVFI resigned after they were banned from playing a public service announcement for GLND/SMC. The next intern student manager for WSND was fired for playing it, and Student Activities took intern control of the station.

1986/87 – A *Juggler* piece of art was censored for being too erotic. *Scholastic* reprinted the censored art and Student Activities shut them down, changing the lock to their office. (note: the *Juggler* is a student-run literary and arts publication)

1990 - *Scholastic* Editor Andrew Hilger noted of his position, “It always needs to be in the back of your mind that the university owns the magazine and can shut it down anytime”.

1995 – Student Activities threatened to shut-down *Scholastic* after the Gipper ran a column on the Administration. After negotiations *Scholastic* was allowed to continue publishing.

Ongoing – OUTreach ND is not allowed to advertise in *The Observer*. This varies from a partial to total ban.



**Conventional Wisdom
is a Lie**

You are not a consumer product fabricated in a factory. You are not the sum of your possessions that were stamped out on a machine. You are a living, breathing, human being — a natural organism that is equipped to cooperate and cohabitate within the natural environment. Instead of trying to cope in a synthetic non-reality, break free from the machine and enjoy.

**Subvert the
Dominant
Paradigm.**



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Where's the Democracy?

Students and faculty have very limited power. Major decisions are ultimately decided by the Officers of the University (vice-presidents, president, and deans) or the Board of Trustees (rich donors, religious, and other conservative-administrative flunkies). The Board of Trustees are appointed by a self-perpetuating body called "The Fellows" (which consists of six CSC priests and six lay persons – of which only one of the twelve is a woman). The president must be a Holy Cross priest from Indiana (and thus for the foreseeable future – male). Students and faculty have no votes on either body, and must rely upon our advisory power and our ability to raise hell if we are to be heard.

Often the Administration will vote down issues that have gained 90% support in the Faculty Senate, Student Government, and Graduate Student Union or plainly refuse to hear them. For instance in 1995 GLND/SMC recognition was favored by the above bodies 30-3-4, 14-1-1, and 21-0-2 respectively, only to be vetoed by the Officers.

Who's got the Power at ND

Student Senate – Advisory power. Very limited real power. Historically organizes social activities, passes resolutions that are generally ignored, biannually presents to the board of trustees (ignored again). Addresses minor issues like Saferide, ATMs, laundry in mens' dorms, etc.
Online at <http://www.nd.edu/~students/>

Faculty Senate – Advisory power. More symbolic power than Student Senate. Can put items on the agenda of the Academic Council. Historically more liberal than the students and very much at odds with the Administration (Ex. voted 'no confidence' in Fr. Malloy several years ago).
Minutes and Agenda available at: <http://www.nd.edu/~facsen/>

Student Activities – Supervises student organizations and tries to ensure that all the unjust rules are followed to the letter. Quite possibly more a tool of the Officers than an independent source of power. Operates under Student Affairs.

Student Affairs – Body of appeal for students and organizations who feel wronged by Student Activities and handles judicial proceedings. They've refused to recognize GLND/SMC.

University Officers (aka 'The Administration') – Consists of all the vice-presidents, the president, and the deans. There are twelve officers in total. Decides upon things with memos and in other secret proceedings that are never revealed. They hold the real power at Notre Dame.

Board of Trustees – Primarily a combination of very wealthy donors (including CEOs) and religious people. Conservative.
An online list of trustees is available at: <http://www.nd.edu/~psa/trustees.htm>

Fr. Richard Warner – Director of Campus Ministries, advisor to Monk, and rumored power behind the throne.

President Fr. Malloy (aka ‘Monk’) – Overthrew the Hesburgh regime in the mid-80s and disliked by the many who preferred his predecessor. A little incompetent.

The Fellows -- Six Holy Cross Indiana priests and six laypersons (including only one woman). They are a self-perpetuating body that appoints the Board of Trustees and chooses the President. President Malloy is also a Fellow.



Seven Ways to Overthrow the Administration

Heterosexism

The University reserves the right to discriminate against gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. For over ten years students and faculty have worked to include sexual orientation in the university's nondiscrimination clause. We want to send the signal that discrimination is not tolerated. In March 1998, Theatre professor Fr. David Garrick resigned because he felt that the university discriminated against him since he came 'out', and to protest the administration's refusal to include orientation in the nondiscrimination clause. Since then the Student Government and Faculty Senate have strongly supported the change, and it narrowly passed the Academic Council despite the opposition of Fr. Malloy. Students mobilized around the issue hoping that the Trustees, at their Feb. 1999 meeting, would accept the Academic Council's resolution -- only to find out after the meeting ended that the decision had already been made in December in a private meeting of the Board of Fellows whose results had been withheld for almost two months!

The Administration contributes to a climate of homophobia by refusing to recognize a student-run gay lesbian bisexual organization. Despite numerous resolutions by the faculty, student governments, and the Campus Life Council in support. Despite rallies with up to 500 people that got national and international attention (especially in Jan. 1995 when GLND/SMC was kicked out of the counseling center where they'd been meeting for nine years). The Administration tried first to deny that there were lgbt students on campus, then it tried to treat (or counsel) them as individuals, and finally it recognized the need for a group but decided that it should be controlled by campus ministries, rather than the students themselves. The unrecognized student-run group (OUTreach ND), persists and still holds meetings, despite the oppression.

Absolutely, any Catholic institution or agency must have as its explicit policy a statement prohibiting discrimination of any kind.
(Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton)

If you have any doubts about whether a Catholic institution ought to recognize a gay, lesbian, bisexual student group -- ask yourself why over 35 Catholic universities and colleges have already done so?

- To name just a few:
- Loyola University in Chicago (it took an attempted suicide before the group was recognized!)
 - Catholic University
 - DePaul
 - Georgetown
 - College of Holy Cross
 - Loyola University (in New Orleans)
 - St. Ambrose University
 - The College of St. Catherine
 - St. Edwards University
 - Santa Clara University
 - Seattle University



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Sexism

It wasn't until 1972 that women were admitted to ND, and only a few years ago that a quota that limited the number of women who could attend was removed and gender parity reached. Still only a little over 20% of professors are women and there has *never* been a woman student body president. Since 1972 there have been nine or ten different feminist organizations on campus, showing a very high turnover rate that might well be due to the patriarchal climate.

The latest group, the Women's Resource Center (WRC) was founded in the fall of 1993 to provide information to women and men about eating disorders, rape, sexuality, health issues, etc. WRC was staffed by student volunteers since the university refused to establish a professional center. In the Spring of 1998, the WRC was intentionally set-up by pro-lifers who found out and then told Student Activities that the WRC had both pro-life and pro-choice information. Student Activities questioned WRC members, waited until the semester was over and students were gone, and then put the WRC on a two-year probation requiring that they have regular meetings to ensure compliance with the university's mission and remove all pro-choice information. WRC members were both pro-life and pro-choice. The moral is that a student organization is not even allowed to be neutral on abortion. No free speech at this campus! As if that wasn't enough the WRC was even informally threatened that it had better remove information on contraception and sexuality, however this threat was later withdrawn. Due to Faculty Senate pressure the probation was lifted over the summer of 1999 (one year early).



PRIVILEGE

A poem for men who don't understand what we mean when we say they have it.

privilege is simple:

going for a pleasant stroll after dark,
not checking the back of your car as you get in, sleeping soundly,
speaking without interruption, and not remembering
dreams of rape, that follow you all day, that woke you crying, and
privilege

is not seeing your stripped, humiliated body
plastered in celebration across every magazine rack, privilege
is going to the movies and not seeing yourself
terrorized, defamed, battered, butchered

privilege is

riding your bicycle across town without being screamed at or
run off the road, not needing an abortion, taking off your shirt
on a hot day in a crowd, not wishing you could type better
just in case, not shaving your legs, having a decent job and expecting to keep it
not

feeling the boss's hand up your crotch
dozing off on late-night buses, privilege
is being the hero in the TV show not the dumb broad,
living where your genitals are totemized not denied,
knowing your doctor won't rape you

privilege is being

smiled at all day by nice helpful women, it is
the way you pass judgement on their appearance with magisterial authority,
the way you face a judge of your own sex in court and
are overrepresented in Congress and are not strip searched for a traffic ticket
or used as a dart board by your friendly mechanic, privilege
is seeing your bearded face reflected through the history texts
not only of your high school days but all your life, not being
relegated to a paragraph
every other chapter, the way you occupy
entire volumes of poetry and more than your share of the couch unchallenged,
it is your mouthing smug, atrocious insults at women
who blink and change the subject-politely-privilege
is how seldom the rapist's name appears in the papers
and the way you smirk over your PLAYBOY

it's simply really, privilege

means someone else's pain, your wealth
is my terror, your uniform
is a woman raped to death here or in Cambodia or wherever
wherever your obscene privilege
writes your name is my blood, it's that simple
you've always had it, that's why it doesn't
seem to make you sick at stomach,
you have it, we pay for it, now
do you understand
-D.A. Clarke from Banshee, 1981-

Ten Social Justice Issues Worth Fighting For

Militarism

One of the most blatant violations of ND student rights happened in 1969 when the Administration suspended ten students for peacefully protesting a Dow recruiter (Dow was making *napalm* for use in Vietnam). The Sixties campus peace movement succeeded in de-emphasizing the ROTC program, but ROTC still has over 400 students. Historically Notre Dame has had the largest number of students on ROTC scholarship in the nation. But when is the last time the US has fought in a 'just war'? (Hint: you aren't allowed to attack or even injure civilians). And remember that Catholic Teaching only allows people to participate in the military if the war is 'just'. If our university followed Catholicism then we would teach students to refuse to fight when wars are unjust. Some students think that teaching people how to kill has no place at an institution of critical thought and Catholic morality.

Currently Notre Dame has several million dollars of research contracts sponsored by the Army, Navy, and Air Force. If you're interested in knowing more, contact Aaron Kreider who has summaries of the contracts from a Freedom of Information Access request. One interesting past award (1981) was to examine "Blast, Fire and Wind Effects in an Urban Setting Due to a Nuclear Explosion" for the Defense Nuclear Agency. Hmm! You might support ND becoming a research university, but do you want us researching how to build better war machines, and develop more 'efficient' ways of killing?

"...there comes a time when we must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but we must do it because conscience tells us it is right."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.-



Economic Justice

Our university does not know which and how much ND apparel is being made in sweatshops. It is preventing the efforts of human rights organizations to improve the workers' conditions by refusing to publically disclose a list of facilities and addresses where our apparel is made. Also, so far it has refused to promote a living wage for workers despite the Church's teachings which clearly require this. Unsurprisingly as in 1978 the Administration showed total disrespect for workers' rights when it successfully defeated an attempt to unionize (grounds keepers and cafeteria workers). Also staff and part-time faculty are paid very poorly. President Malloy has refused to appoint any student activists to the anti-sweatshop taskforce and Notre Dame is currently participating in a flawed monitoring system (the Fair Labor Association) that lets corporations that benefit from sweatshops have veto power in deciding what a sweatshop is! Meanwhile Notre Dame makes about four or five million dollars per year off the sweat of mistreated workers who produce ND apparel.



Environment

The Administration uses 100% virgin paper (endangering forests), when it could buy paper with 20% or 75% post-consumer waste for a couple dollars extra per student. Between 1991 and 1995 our coal power plant exceeded the permitted EPA's particulate emission levels by up to 18 times, and it failed a sulfur dioxide test in 1995. The EPA fined Notre Dame \$250,000 for emitting as much as 400 tons of particulate emissions, and 500 tons of sulfur dioxide above its limit. Also Notre Dame does animal testing in the Reyniers Germfree Life Building.

Multiculturalism

"There's nothing covert about wearing black face, there's nothing covert about soul food dinner with black balloons and watermelon, there's nothing covert about a swastika as a symbol at a multicultural festival, or a professor saying that blacks were better off as slaves, there's nothing covert about those incidents".

-SUFRR spokesperson Robert Price, spring 1991-

We need more racial diversity in the student body, faculty, administration, and curriculum. In 1969 the basketball team threatened to boycott if the administration didn't act to diversify, and it worked! In 1978 students sat on the steps of the administration building. In 1991 Students United For Respect protested and eventually peacefully occupied the Registrar's office for 11 hours. In 1997/98 students expressed their concern at a racist cartoon, stood-up to Malloy, and developed a series of demands regarding the lack of racial diversity. The university has gone from 1 or 2% students of color in the late Sixties, to 15% today but there is still room for improvement. It is clear from the repeated signs of student discontent and action that additional work to fight racism is necessary.

Twelve Reasons to Get Involved

White Privilege

1. I can—if I wish—arrange to be in the company of people of my race most of the time.
2. If I should need to move, I can be pretty sure of renting or purchasing housing in an area which I can afford and in which I would want to live.
3. I can be pretty sure that my neighbors in such a location will be neutral or pleasant to me.
4. I can go shopping alone most of the time, pretty well assured that I will not be followed or harassed.
5. I can turn on the television or open to the front page of the paper and see people of my race widely represented.
6. When I am told about our national heritage or about "civilization," I am shown that people of my color made it what it is.
7. I can be sure that my children will be given curricular materials that testify to the existence of their race.
8. If I want to, I can be pretty sure of finding a publisher for this piece on white privilege.
9. I can go into a music shop and count on finding the music of my race represented, into a supermarket and find the staple foods which fit with my cultural traditions, into a hairdresser's shop and find someone who can cut my hair.
10. Whether I use checks, credit cards, or cash, I can count on my skin color not to work against the appearance of financial reliability.
11. I can arrange to protect my children most of the time from people who might not like them.
12. I can swear or dress in second hand clothes, or not answer letters, without having people attribute these choices to the bad morals, the poverty, or the illiteracy of my race.
13. I can speak in public to a powerful male group without putting my race on trial.
14. I can do well in a challenging situation without being called a credit to my race.
15. I am never asked to speak for all the people of my racial group.
16. I can remain oblivious of the language and customs of persons of color who constitute the world's majority without feeling in my culture any penalty for such oblivion.
17. I can criticize our government and talk about how much I fear its policies and behavior without being seen as a cultural outsider.
18. I can be pretty sure that if I ask to talk to "the person in charge," I will be facing a person of my race.
19. If a traffic cop pulls me over or if the IRS audits my tax return, I can be sure I haven't been singled out because of my race.
20. I can easily buy posters, postcards, picture books, greeting cards, dolls, toys, and children's magazines featuring people of my race.
21. I can go home from most meetings of organizations I belong to feeling somewhat tied in, rather than isolated, out-of-place, outnumbered, unheard, held at a distance, or feared.
22. I can take a job with an affirmative action employer without having coworkers on the job suspect that I got it because of race.
23. I can choose public accommodation without fearing that people of my race cannot get in or will be mistreated in the places I have chosen.
24. I can be sure that if I need legal or medical help, my race will not work against me.
25. If my day, week, or year is going badly, I need not ask of each negative episode or situation whether it has racial overtones.
26. I can choose blemish cover or bandages in "flesh" color and have them more or less match my skin.

Corporatizing ND

There is a massive trend towards privatizing, commercializing, and corporatizing education. However there are major conflicts between the values of profit making exploitative corporations and those of a university. Unfortunately Notre Dame is becoming increasingly privatized and more dependent on large corporations who practice social injustice. Because of money the Administration fails to side with justice, whether in the case of nondiscrimination, sweatshops, or other issues.

Adidas

Sponsors our sports program. Adidas has bad labor practices, though probably not as bad as Nike.

“Our” Bookstore

Well it’s actually operated by Follett. In April 1999, after two years of Follett management they had made so much money that they gave ND a million dollars to endow a professorship! Note that Follett has a seat on ND’s anti-sweatshop taskforce and is *also* donating money to the university.

Burger King

Just arrived last Fall. Everyone knows Burger King will increase the religious devotion and commitment of the student body to social justice. NOT! But no one dares to oppose the spread of multi-nationals. Is this just the beginning, a trial case that will see a further wave of fast-food outlets storm campus?

CBLD

They have a monopoly on student long distance phone calls and charge students 50-150% more (depending on when you call) than the lowest competitor’s rate. Charges South Bend customers less than ND students.

Corporate Research

When the university gloats about all the research we are doing, remember that much of it is for large corporations or the military. Grants are published every two months in ND Report (available in the library).

Microsoft & Corel

Last Fall, Notre Dame signed a contract with Microsoft and Corel that allows students to buy software (like Office, Windows NT 4.0, Windows 98) at very discounted prices (\$10 for a year-long license).

But in exchange for what? What does Microsoft and Corel stand to gain? Is it just that they want more market share? Did ND pay Microsoft \$200,000 to \$400,000 for the ‘privilege’ of aiding the Microsoft monopoly?

(Estimate based on the fact that the Cal State system paid \$8 million for 4 years of Mmicrosoft.)

NBC

The huge football contract.

Possible Targets for Corporatization

Our Dining Halls — Don't be surprised if the administration tries to privatize the dining halls. Marriott dominates this business.

Our Notre Dame Student ID. Many schools are turning their IDs into credit cards (promoting consumerism, loans at super-high rates, supporting big banks, etc). Already the school can monitor when you enter certain dorms, eat meals, log onto computers, and your library books.

Beverages. Lots of schools are signing deals with either Pepsi or Coke, giving them a campus monopoly and advertising rights in exchange for money.

Campus Services. The university might fire some of its employees (Ex. grounds maintenance) and get outside contractors to do it with lower-paid workers for less cost.

Students are not products



Teachers are not tools



The University is not a factory



But why would the Administration do such terrible things?

The Administration needs to maintain control of the University so that it can follow the wishes of the rich donors (alumni and others), whose conservative values do not match those of the student body. To stay in charge, the administration must try to limit student activism, and act in accordance to the conservative and homophobic beliefs of its donors. Many of whom, like Edward Debartolo who gave \$33 million in 1989 (who has since died and turns out to have had mob connections), give millions of dollars and outweigh smaller donors by the factor of a thousand. In 1998, 3% of the donors, giving an average of \$500,000 each, were responsible for 60% of the money the university received. By maximizing its donations and revenues, it maximizes the endowment (now almost \$2 billion), and its pay-out allowing it to attract more students and increases its US News and World Report Ranking (currently around 18th). The rankings fail to include any measure of justice or diversity.

Finally, like with any value system, there are competing schools of thought as to what Catholicism is. Our administration has one interpretation and acts on that. By contrast if you follow the Catholic Worker movement or Liberation Theology, then you might well decide that oppression is sin, God is on the side of the poor and oppressed, and that you should work for the end of all oppression.

Getting Beyond the Campus

Notre Dame should be a safe-space for progressive activism. Most of the duLac rules against activism should be removed. Students should be free to protest on campus a war in Middle East, an execution at the Michigan City prison, welfare reform that will hurt the poor, human rights abuses in Latin America, or any of the other possible off-campus issues that could arise. By doing so we can inform the rest of the campus community and pressure politicians to achieve progressive social change.



How can I be active?

Protest Rules

“All demonstrations must be registered in writing with the Assistant Vice President for Residential Life and also must observe the following rules:

- A. All demonstrations must be peaceful and orderly.
- B. Only members of the University community may organize or lead a demonstration on campus.
- C. Demonstrators may not impede the freedom of the University community.” (duLac 155)

To register a protest, demonstration, vigil, etc -- contact Asst. VP. William Kirk (1-6144, 316 Main Bldg) or by email (kirk.1@nd.edu). Include the date, time, location, purpose, sponsoring group or individual, and promise to abide by the rules in duLac. So long as you are peaceful, give advance notice, and don't interfere with any other events, you should not have a problem. Fieldhouse Mall must be reserved five working days in advance with Student Activities (though you can try to get it at the last minute if needed). An individual can organize a protest without belonging to any official student group.

Posting

Get the poster stamped by Carol in Student Activities office. Then photocopy it. Generally poster anywhere you see posters (don't poster outside on posts or trees or in Debartolo) within reason. The official rules are to only poster on bulletin boards, and this was actually enforced against a couple groups last Spring. PSA wasn't allowed to poster for two months because we were 'caught' posting where everyone else did. Maximum size 23 x 17.

Leafletting

Can be good to get out the notice cheaply about your event or piece of info. Generally (though not always) tolerated, despite being against the rules.

Chalking

Used by students to publicize protests and write messages (mostly birthday greetings), chalking is a good way to get noticed. Not explicitly permitted or banned by duLac, though you might want to avoid security just in case. Definitely not allowed for unrecognized organizations. You can buy sidewalk chalk at Osco. Very cost-effective.

Advertising

A full-page Observer ad is around \$360. A half-page is about half that and so on... 3 days advance notice is required.

Room Reservation

You need group status and five working days notice (first get advisor's signature, then student activities, then the registrar).

Getting Media

You organized the big protest to save the whales, so you want media attention to tell everyone in South Bend (and/or ND) about their plight. Generally send press releases with the basics (press contacts, what, when, where, why, who, how many people) a week ahead (so they can put it in their schedule) and then a day or two ahead of the event. If they don't come, you can still send a release saying what happened – and they might use that. Call to confirm that they got your press release and answer any questions they might have. Media is one of our best allies in the struggle for peace and justice. The Administration does not enjoy it when it's money-grubbing (profit before students) ways are exposed.

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http://www.natcath.com/



Where can I get involved?

Progressive Student Alliance

The Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) not only wrote this wonderful guide, but is also the most *ACTIVIST* student organization at ND! We're always willing to assist another organization or person with whatever justice issue that fires them up (as time and resources permit). The PSA works for social justice on campus and beyond. We have opposed the US bombing of Iraq (and the sanctions), supported the WRC, organized to get sexual orientation included in Notre Dame's nondiscrimination clause and are working to ensure that ND apparel is not made in sweatshops. Last semester we received a large amount of local, national, and even international press (See <http://www.nd.edu/~psa/ndc.html>). And we've only started!

<http://www.nd.edu/~psa>
Aaron.Kreider.1@nd.edu (4-4346)
Email List: <http://listserv.nd.edu/archives/nd-psa-l.html>

The Progressive Student Alliance opposes all forms of oppression and is working for social justice by raising awareness of social issues, cooperating with existing groups, empowering students, and encouraging action.

[Here are some other good organizations:](#)

Amnesty International Matthew Monberg.

College Democrats Generally partisan politics, though has been active in support of gay rights. Jay Smith.

La Alianza <http://www.nd.edu/~alianza/entrance.htm> Ometeotl Acosta

NAACP Against racial discrimination. Charlyn Henderson

OUTreach ND The original and only student run lesbian, gay, bisexual organization. Support, social events, education, and activism. Unrecognized.
PO Box 194, Notre Dame, IN 46556. 236-9661 (24 hour recorded info-line)
Website: <http://www.outreachnd.org/>
Anne Geggie or Jeremy Bauer

Pax Christi Peace group opposing the School of Americas and raising questions about the presence of ROTC on campus. Elizabeth Moriarty or Sheila McCarthy.

Right to Life One of the larger activist organizations on campus, though generally not progressive on other issues (with some important exceptions). Organizes many events and participates in annual March for Life in DC. Laura Antkowiak or John Linn.
<http://www.nd.edu/~prolife/>

Students for Environmental Action

Environmental issues. Last year worked on getting the university to buy recycled paper. Ramin Skibba. Email list: <http://listserv.nd.edu/archives/ndsea-l.html>

Women's Resource Center

Student run by volunteers, open 1:00-7:00 PM, Sunday to Thursday.
Located on the third floor of Lafortune Marnie Bowen.
Tel: 1-9028 <http://www.nd.edu/~wrc/>

Non-Student Organizations

Center for Social Concerns

Hosts a number of social and service student organizations. Sponsors services projects and several *awesome* experiential learning courses (one week during fall and spring break).
<http://www.nd.edu/~ndctrsc/>

Common Sense Progressive Notre Dame newspaper. Three times per semester.
Contact: Paul Ranogajec (ranogajec.1@nd.edu)

Gender Studies Another very progressive department on campus.
<http://www.nd.edu/~gender/>

Kroc Institute Started with \$6 million from the wife of the founder of McDonald's they have a good Peace Studies program (both a masters for graduate students and an undergraduate concentration). <http://www.nd.edu/~krocinst/>

Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA)

Promotes diversity on campus. Works with student organizations and sponsors programs and events. <http://www.nd.edu/~omsa/> Second Floor of Lafortune

Right Reason is a far-right campus publication which produces two to three issues per semester. Two years ago their motto was: "not peace but the sword". They receive several thousand dollars a year in funding from the Bradley Foundation, which funds conservative student papers around the U.S. They are ardently pro-life, conservative Catholic, and heterosexist. With varying levels of stridency they are also racist and sexist. They have spent pages upon pages lambasting the WRC, the PSA, and gay rights. <http://www.rightreason.org>

Beyond Campus

Locally you might want to get in touch with Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Citizens' Action (community activism group), the Michiana Coalition for Peace and Justice (anti-war), the living wage campaign (trying to get South Bend to adopt a fair wage for its city workers), the St. Joe Valley Greens (environmental activism and they also run Third Party candidates in local elections), and read "Around the Bend" (progressive community newsletter).

Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (GALAND/SMC) A 750+ member alumni group supporting OUTreach ND and increasing the visibility of LGBT alumni.

<http://www.galandsmc.org/>
email: galandsmc@aol.com

Notre Dame PeaceNet International

Working for peace, networking alumni, trying to establish a Chair in Catholic Nonviolence at ND and the eventual abolition of ROTC on campus.

Contact Chairs: John Finnegan, johfinn@epix.net (717-675-4482)
or Frank Carver ipsinlet@lightlink.com (607-387-6140)

PSA Alum

If you are interested in networking with progressive ND grads and keeping tabs (and/or supporting) campus activism then join the not-yet-functional PSA Alum network. As it is in initial stages, we encourage interested people to signup for either the regular or moderated PSA email list. Once we get a substantial number of people, we might produce short newsletters and/or email summaries of our activities. Unlike the already existing networks, this one widely targets ALL forms of oppression (whether heterosexism, racism, economic injustice, sexism, war, etc).