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Class of 2007 arrives on campus

Larger classes may impact University's identity

By SHEILA FLYNN News Writer

The two largest classes in Notre Dame's history will coexist at the University this academic year, and a continued trend in increasing class size could have significant implications for the University's future, the administration said.

"We expect our second largest class, close to 2,000 students," said Angie Chamblee, associate dean of First Year of Studies. The biggest recorded freshman group, she said, arrived two years ago with 2,038 students.

Assistant director of admissions James Riley said the Class of 2007 applicant pool of 12,100 exceeded last year's by nearly 2,000 — an increase that could be the result of stepped-up recruiting efforts. The higher number of applicants allowed the University to be more selective in the admittance process, Riley

"I think with the caliber of students we admitted this year, the word is out that Notre Dame is a unique and challenging environment," Riley said.

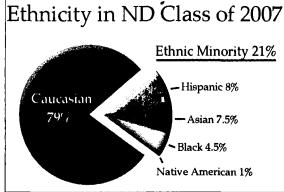
The average accepted student in the Class of 2007 had a grade point average of 3.8 and average SAT score in the upper 1300s. The freshman class includes several valedictorians and one student who earned perfect scores on both the SAT and ACT exams,

But the larger size of the entering class is not related to the increase in applications. The

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Karla Bell, a Walsh Hall Freshman Orientation commissioner, assists a freshman by unpacking her belongings from her van.



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Notre Dame Class of 2007 shows rise in ethnic diversity

By MEGHANNE DOWNES News Editor

When the 2,002 incoming freshmen arrive this weekend, they will constitute the most selective and racially diverse class in Notre Dame's history.

Dan Saracino, assistant provost for admissions, said the applicant pool for the class of 2007 contained over 12,000 applicants, with less than 30 percent accepted. The average SAT score for admitted students rose nine points from 2002 to

The number of applicants overall increased by 24 percent from the class of 2006 and the number of minority applications increased by 40 percent.

Saracino attributed the rise in minority applications to increased recruiting, summer programs and the hiring of Tyrone Willingham as the head coach of Notre Dame's football team.

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Saint Mary's increased recruitment boosts freshman enrollment

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD Saint Mary's News Editor

After employing a new tactic to boost enrollment numbers, Saint Mary's College welcomes a freshman class of more students with better academic credentials to its community this weekend.

Admission Office received 1,014 applications for admittance and accepted 828 students, 403 of which are officially enrolled to begin their first year as full-time students. In comparison to last year's class size of 376, enrollment is up by seven percent, said Mary Pat Nolan, director of admis-

'In fact, we exceeded our goal," Nolan said.

Four of the 403 women are international students, repre-

senting Guatemala, the Ivory Coast, Latvia and Uganda. One transfer student from Northern Ireland will also begin her studies at Saint Mary's this fall. The minority population of the freshman class is an estimated eight percent, with Hispanic students constituting the largest percentage.

The Admission Office utilized a new tactic to engender such an enrollment jump. It produced a series of "V-Mag" magazines delivered via the Internet to all accepted students. The series highlighted successful alumnae of the College, financial aid and affordability, the nature and benefits of a Catholic women's college and the relationship between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

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Summer reading required for ND frosh



Incoming freshman John Meiser unpacks his summer reading assignment after moving into Knott Hall.

By JOE TROMBELLO News Writer

In between internships and reality television, the Class of 2007 had another task to occupy their summer vacation: required reading.

For the first time, incoming Notre Dame freshmen completed assigned reading in preparation for an academic convocation titled "The United States and the Middle East: Do We Face a 'Clash of Civilizations?' Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College did not require the assignment or a similar task for their freshman classes.

Scott Appleby, professor of history and director of the Kroc

Institute for International Peace Studies, will moderate the Sept. 23 convocation discussing Seyyed Hossein Nasr's book "The Heart Of Islam: Enduring Values for Humanity" and four supplementary articles.

Appleby said the reading requirement and convocation will introduce incoming freshman to how scholars analyze issues such as the tension between the United States and the Middle East.

'The idea behind the summer reading requirement and academic convocation was not to provide even one percent of the knowledge of the Middle East that professors ... provide in their courses — that would be impossible in so short an

Transfers welcomed during orientation

By CLAIRE HEININGER News Writer

As 2,000 freshmen descend on campus this weekend, about 160 transfer students will be familiarizing themselves with campus and, for most, their off-campus housing as well.

Each transfer student enters with sophomore or junior status, depending on their previous college experience. This semester, 159 transfers plan to enroll at Notre Dame — 106 as sophomores, 52 as juniors and one as a first-semester senior. The total number of incoming students increased by about 20 from last year, said Michael Gantt, University's coordinator of transfer admissions.

"Our transfer students come from all over," Gantt said. "It's always fun to see where they come from community colleges, fouryear schools and schools which specialize in one particular thing. We also get

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Inside Column

Frosh-O for Dummies

Cut the next 500 words out and hang it right by your desk. Despite the insuf-

ferable horde of brochures, speeches, lectures and pamphlets you'll receive this weekend, this is your definitive guide to life at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. First, right now,

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Andrew Soukup

Editor in Chief

and dorm, then affix the paper to your shirt. Putting the name of your intended major (also known as the academic discipline from which you intend to change) is optional. See how well you can interact with your fellow freshmen without having to ask for the answers to those four questions.

Second, who do you think probably enjoyed their college experience someone who spent hours in the library studying minutiae to get a 4.0, or someone who took time to talk with professors to actually learn the material? You're here to get an education, not to get good grades. There's a big differ-

Third, by going to school in South Bend, you unintentionally became a member of the illustrious Midwest. In this land of rolling hills and lovely winters, you'll quickly discover that we play card games called "euchre" and drink fluids called "pop." If you don't like it, get used to it.

Fourth, figure out what you like to do, and then join the organization for that activity. Getting involved with a group outside your dorm is the best way to meet people. And it gives you something to do besides playing solitaire on your computer.

Fifth, if you haven't already, download AOL's Instant Messenger. There's nothing quite like sending messages to your roommate who is sitting four feet away from you — it preserves the vocal cords for Notre Dame football games.

Sixth, congratulations on being valedictorian/class president/National Merit Finalist in high school. Just remember that yours is the most selective class in school history, and the person you're tooting your horn to is probably just as qualified to be here as you are.

Seventh, please vacuum your room once in a blue moon, please take your laundry out of the machine within a minute after it's done and for the love of God, please flush the toilet. Your dorm mates (and the janitorial staff) will thank you.

Eighth, you're a freshman. That of silly mistakes, not know where buildings are and preach from your soapbox. Don't worry about us upperclassmen silently chuckling in your direction; you'll be joining us in a few years.

Ninth, you're on your own here. Your parents might want you to spend lots of time studying, but you don't have to. Your friends might want you to party eight nights a week, but you don't have to. You're in college now, which means you're supposed to be independent and responsible.

Finally, make your own friends, and don't seek out the cliques that you loved as a high school student. Learn how to do things on your own, not have Mom do them for you. Pick a major you like, not one you think you need in order to make a six-figure salary. And if you don't know something, feel free to ask any question of anyone.

Just don't ask why we call it pop.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN?

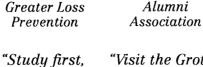


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"Visit the Grotto ... lots. That's the only thing that got me through my freshman year."

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4:30 to 6:00 p.m. *Information Fair, Debartolo* Classroom Building

7:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Movie: "Knute Rockne: All American," LaFortune Student Center 8:00 p.m. Students Meet with Rectors and Hall Staff

9:30 to 11:00 p.m. Jazz Coffeehouse, La Fortune Student Center Ballroom

10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. DomerFest, Joyce Center Fieldhouse

Sunday

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Concourse of Joyce Center

10:00 a.m. Eucharistic Liturgy, Joyce Center 11:30 a.m. Box Lunch, Joyce Center

Noon to 1:15 p.m. Spirit of Notre Dame, Joyce Center

Monday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enrollment, On Web 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Academic Life at Notre Dame Discussions

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. LaFortune Student Center Open House

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. Classes Begin

Saint Mary's College

Today

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Social Realities Part II 10:00 a.m. Health and Wellness/Multicultural **Affairs**

10:00 a.m. Information Technology Orientation, O'Laughlin Auditorium

Noon Orientation Picnic, Library Green 1:30 p.m. "Life at a Women's College" Presentation, O'Laughlin Auditorium 2:30 p.m. College Open House, Angela Athletic Facility upper level

4:30 p.m. Orientation Mass, Angela Athletic Facility lower level

7:30 p.m. Orientation Counselor Group Meetings 8:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days," Madeleva Hall Carroll Auditorium

Sunday

10:45 a.m. Brunch, Noble Family Dining Hall 12:45 p.m. SAT II Foriegn Language Test 4:00 p.m. Orientation Counselor Group Meetings 8:00 p.m. Jamaica Shaka, Library Green

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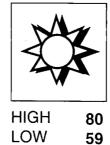
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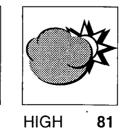


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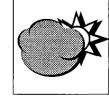
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SMC freshmen greeted with new campus developments

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD Saint Mary's Editor

Development on the Saint Mary's campus holds great promise for its incoming students, both this year and beyond, as a result of the continuation of the College's Master Plan.

Two main components of the plan are slated for completion by 2007, with a third estimated to be significantly under way. In addition to the recently constructed Noble Family Dining Hall, freshman students will be among the first to utilize a large portion of the Master Plan facilities as they come to fruition.

'Saint Mary's is continuing to move forward in very positive and innovative kinds of ways," said Linda Timm, vice president for Student Affairs. "This incoming class will really have seen the benefit of the new facilities and how they all tie in together: the variety of places that students will be able to gather, to eat, to socialize and to use technology.

Most incoming students are already aware of the additions that will be made during their time at Saint Mary's, Timm said. Tour guides have recently been explaining the locations and expected time frame of changes to visiting stu-

dents and their families.

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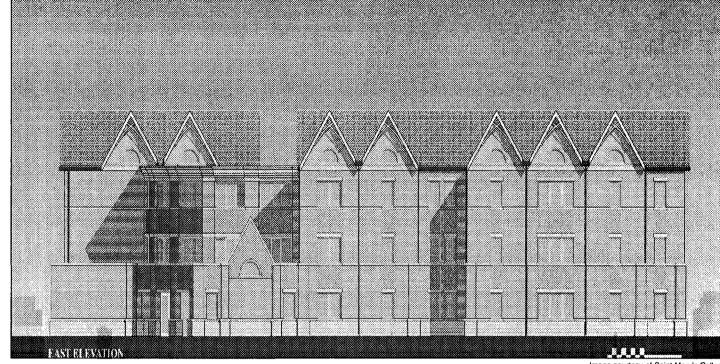
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an on-campus, apartment-style housing complex, scheduled for occupancy in fall



The addition of an on-campus, apartment-style housing complex, scheduled for occupancy in fall 2004, will mark the second phase in Saint Mary's Master Plan for construction of new campus facilities.

2004, and a multi-purpose student center with a projected completion date of January 2005.

Groundbreaking for a new academic building is the third phase of the Master Plan that students are likely to see, Timm said, although no date can be set until all funding for the project is received.

"The College has secured a significant portion of the funding, but until we have it all committed, we can't begin that project," she

Despite the uncertainty of this third

phase of the project, Timm said that Saint Mary's students will see an unprecedented amount of activity on campus throughout the academic year. "These next 18

months or so are going to be dusty, noisy and, at times, a

little inconvenient, but the end result for those first two projects really are going to be such a wonderful addition for our students," she said.

Administrators expect the academic interior of Saint Mary's to grow along

with its physical exterior. Timm said she anticipates the academic curriculum as

a whole to expand, providing an increase in programs over the next four years.

"I really-think we have some great opportunities, not just for students, but for the rest of the college community to experience," she said. "It'll be interesting to

see how the culture of the campus begins to shift. This class can look forward to a lot of exciting changes.

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Orientation activities prompt discussion of campus issues

By NATALIE BAILEY News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Activities and Orientation Committees have been busy preparing Orientation 2003 in hopes of easing the transition from high

school to college for students and parents of the Class of 2007.

Many first-vear students will already have most necessary

completed before arriving on campus Thursday — the result of a summer pre-orientation program that Saint Mary's developed over the last three years.

This year, we expanded the program to include academic advising along with sessions regarding information technology and student employment, which gave us additional flexibility with our traditional fall orientation program," said Georgeanna Rosenbush, director of student activities.

The committee anticipates that this year's changes will allow for needed free

t i m e throughout fall orientation, giving students and parents an opportunity to take care lastminute shopping, room organization and other

activities common to the weekend.

Helping to facilitate the transition into college for students and their families, the committee will also work to provide education about contemporary social realities, ranging from alcohol to security to date rape.

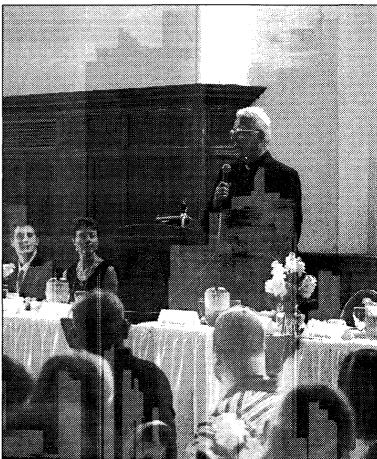
This year, there is a new session in the program entitled, "Sex Signals." The program consists of improvisational comedy and has been educating Saint Mary's women in past years on issues related to the dating scene, specifically date rape and sexual assault. However, this is the first year that "Sex Signals" will be presented during orientation weekend.

"Sex Signals will give both parents and students a provocative look at the issues of dating, sex and, ultimately, date rape on college campuses and will explore how mixed messages, gender role stereotypes and unrealistic fantasies contribute to misunderstandings between the sexes," Rosenbush said.

Other traditionally popular events are also on the schedule for students, including Taste of Saint Mary's, held Friday at 9 p.m. and the Jamaica Shaka, held Sunday at 8 p.m.

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LESSONS FROM MONK



Father Edward Malloy, University president, speaks to transfer students Thursday at a luncheon held in South Dining Hall.

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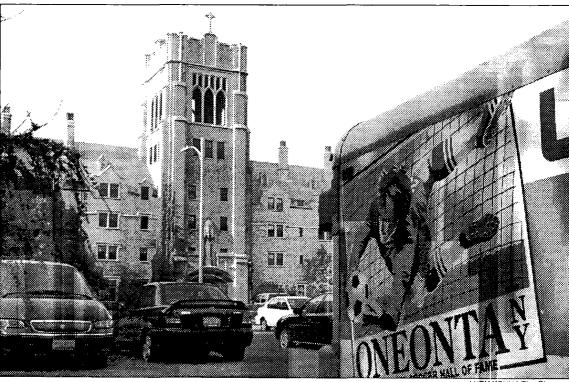
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Program aids academic adjustment at Saint Mary's

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD Saint Mary's Editor

In the midst of a sometimes unsettling shift after high school, first-year students often find themselves unsure of what to expect as they advance to the realm of college and university life.

To make the transition more comfortable for incoming students, Saint Mary's Office of Academic Affairs combats uncertainty by implementing a flexible procedure to help counsel their academic paths.

The office encourages firstyear students to take between 16 to 18 credit hours in the fall semester to assist in a productive transition from high school to college.

While they are able to select from a curriculum offering various course options, all freshmen are required to enroll in a minimum of four classes as components of the College's general education program. General education courses that students typically choose in their first year include a foreign language, writing, math, humanities and social science.

Students are encouraged to enroll in classes they find interesting during their first semester, said Susan Vanek, director of the Office of First Year Studies.

"We advise students to take

what they're interested in because it does make the transition easier," Vanek said. "The first year for students can be a little overwhelming. They all do fine in the end, but sometimes it would be easier and less overwhelming to start with courses they like."

Vanek said that students should wait until the spring semester or their sophomore year to take increasingly difficult courses.

"Something that might be difficult for them may be easier for them later when they develop more college-level skills," she said.

With that in mind, the First Year of Studies office allows students the flexibility to design a fairly personalized schedule with a variety of courses to complement the two courses that all freshmen are required to complete by the end of the spring semester.

One such course is the Writing Proficiency, popularly referred to as the "W." Saint Mary's requires that all students, regardless of major, must complete the course before graduating. The Writing Proficiency is obtained after enrolling in a designated course and, upon completing the course, submitting essays and work from the semester for professor review.

If a student does not pass the review, they are given an opportunity to enroll in other designated courses until successfully obtaining the proficiency. This is one reason why the Office of Academic Affairs highlights to students the importance of getting an early start, Vanek said. A second reason, she said, is the preparation that it gives to basic collegiate level writing skills and to the advanced writing proficiency, completed in a student's third or fourth year.

"In all courses at Saint Mary's, students are going to be writing." Vanek said. "It's essential to good communication and good thinking, so we think it's important for them to hone in on their writing skills early because they're going to be doing more and more of it. It's such a basic requirement; that's why we recommend it the first year."

A final requirement for freshmen is an Introduction to Information Technology course that meets twice each semester. The course is designed as a seminar/workshop that introduces students to and provides awareness of campus technology.

These requirements, coupled with general education and elective courses, are what

Vanek and others in Academic Affairs said lead first year students to successful academic careers while students at Saint Mary's.

"We try to emphasize in the first year that the general education program is a wonderful basis for choosing majors and for beginning this broad based background, where students are learning to analyze and develop different skills."

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Computing sessions required for freshmen

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

The proliferation of viruses and worms on computers connected to the Internet has prompted both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's to schedule mandatory computing sessions for first-year students.

"It is primarily an awarenessraising session on viruses and threats and how to compute safely on the network," said Gary Dobbins, director of information security for Notre Dame's Office of Information Technologies.

The 15-minute sessions at Notre Dame will be held Aug. 25 in DeBartolo Hall at Notre Dame and in O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

Worms in the past have spread widely across both campus networks. Officials will instruct students on how to install AntiVirus software and other techniques to keep their computers safe.

The Blaster worm, which exploits a vulnerability in the latest Microsoft operating systems, has the potential to infect computers that have not been patched once they connect to the Internet. To respond to this threat, Notre Dame has prepared a limited number of patch CDs that will be available.

Keith Folkes, director of information technology at Saint Mary's, said the College's technology orientation will also address the issue of file sharing.

Notre Dame's session will not directly discuss illegal file sharing but will instead address the security implications of installing peer-to-peer file-sharing applications.

The Recording Industry Association of America has begun to issue subpoenas to determine the identity of persons who are using illegally-obtained, copyrighted files, with the intention of filing lawsuits against these users.

In the past, both schools have been issued "cease and desist" orders, which require that users possessing copyrighted files delete them. In these cases, a student's identity was not disclosed. However, a subpoena requires that the school turn over the name of the user, which would put the offender at risk of legal action.

Notre Dame chief information officer Gordon Wishon said that, while the University's responsible use policy has not changed, the climate of the music industry targeting file sharing has changed.

"We are advising all students to think very carefully about the degree to which they put themselves at legal risk by downloading or sharing copyrighted files," Wishon said.

For more information about file sharing on campus, see the article next week in The Observer.

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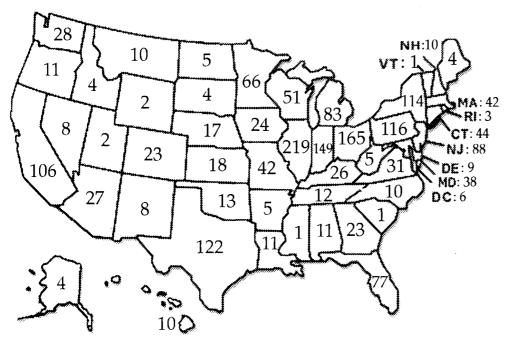
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Diversity

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"I think the 'story of Notre Dame' is reaching a much more diverse population than it had before," said Saracino. "To hire a black football coach—that says something to the ethnically diverse population."

Ethnic minorities compose 21 percent of the incoming class with 4.5 percent, 8 percent, 7.5 percent and 1 percent being black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American respectively.

Saracino said Notre Dame's freshman classes are historically strong with academic ability and geographic diversity, whereas ethnic minority diversity was an area where Notre Dame has been weak. Minorities accounted for 17 percent of Notre Dame's undergraduate students in the spring 2003 semester.

"We are great in so many areas but ethnic minority isn't where it should be," Saracino said. "Being a residential campus, education is not just limited to the classroom."

Class of 2007 facts:

- ♦ The median SAT range was 1300 to 1460.
- ◆ Twenty-two percent of enrolled freshmen are children of alumni.u Seventy-one percent of the class of 2007 par-

ticipated in at least one varsity sport and eight percent of the class will play a varsity sport at Notre Dame.

- ◆ Thirty-six countries are represented in the class of 2007, with international students making up four percent of the class.
- ◆ Fifty-six percent of applicants ranked in the top five of their class.
- ◆ Twelve freshmen earned perfect scores on either the SAT or ACT.
- ◆ Twenty percent of incoming freshmen are children of educators.

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Transfer

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quite a few from Holy Cross and Saint Mary's."

Similar to applicants for the incoming freshman class, transfer applicants must endure the rigors of the application process and meet climbing admissions standards.

"Transfers have high grades," Gantt said. "Typically, it's the students who have a 3.5 or higher."

Unlike an applicant for the freshman class, transfers must apply to the colleges they want to enter. Gantt said the college makes a decision based on the compatibility of the transfer's courses to the college's curriculum. Transfer students must then complete at least half their degree requirements at Notre Dame to earn a diploma.

Recently, the most challenging part of the transfer process has been the search for local housing. The steady increase in the size of the freshman class, as well as the trend of fewer juniors and seniors moving off-campus, combined to make most dorms at or very near their capacity.

"The housing office has done everything they can," Gantt said. "They've turned study lounges into dorm rooms. Unfortunately, most of the transfer students will still be living off-campus."

The Office of Residential Life and Housing attempts to assist the transfers who must seek off-campus living arrangements by referring them to University's off-campus housing department. Mark Witschorik, a student transfer co-commissioner at Notre Dame, said the housing crunch is often the most difficult thing to explain to arriving transfer students.

"They expect to live on campus, and it's always a disappointment to tell them otherwise," Witschorik said.

Witschorik and Ashley Bentzlin-Smith, a student transfer co-commissioner, designed an orientation program to ease transfers' adjustment to life on campus and selected a committee to run activities that is comparable to a typical dorm's Frosh-O itinerary.

"Our major activities are called Huddles, which are mixers that help make the scramble to meet people a little more focused," Witschorik said.

Transfer students also attend scheduled programs with their advisors, as well as a parent-student luncheon in South Dining Hall on Thursday with University President Father Edward Malloy and other administrators.

"They explain what the Notre Dame environment is all about," Witschorik said. "We hope this whole weekend will help smooth the transition — give transfers a home base right away to relate to."

Holy Cross and Saint Mary's also will welcome 26 and 22 transfer students respectively.

Sheila Flynn contributed to this article.

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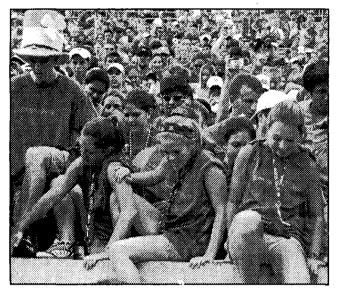


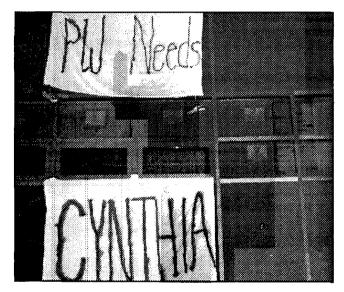
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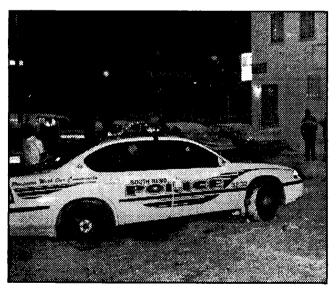
Sea of Green overtakes the Stadium. Assistant rector terminated. Saint Mary's security scandal. Boat gets busted.

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By MEGHANNE DOWNES News Editor

Sea of Green

The winning enthusiasm and spirit of the Sea of Green flooded Notre Dame last fall. Students, alumni and fans followed the Notre, Dame football team as they returned glory to Notre Dame Stadium under the guidance of new coach Tyrone Willingham.

At the beginning of the season, several sports analysts dismissed the team and Notre Dame entered many games as the underdog. But Willingham and his players made the Irish a force to be reckoned with and climbed the polls by winning their first eight games before falling to Catholic rival Boston College.

Though the season was a roller coaster of emotions for many fans with careless fumbles, unexpected victories, losses to Boston College and USC, fluctuations in poll standings and the possibility of a BCS berth, the legendary Notre Dame spirit did not disappear on football weekends. Fans donned this year's green Return to Glory shirt and waved their green signs. Football players wore green jerseys against Boston College as Willingham requested that the sea of green take the Stadium by storm. Enthusiasm for the season built up, as students and fans took the Sea of Green on the road and followed the team to games against Michigan State and Florida State.

As December approached, fans waited anxiously while praying that winter break would include a trip to Tempe, Ariz.; Miami, Pasadena, Calif. or New Orleans. However, hopes of a BCS berth were dashed with late season losses. With the team headed to the Gator Bowl against North Carolina State, the spirit seemed to have run out, but loyal fans supported their team and cheered in Jacksonville, Fla. as the Irish fell to the Wolfpack 28-6.

PW assistant rector dismissed

The abrupt departure of Pasquerilla West assistant rector Cynthia Phillips left many lingering questions for Pasquerilla West residents and other assistant rectors who wondered about their own job security.

Sister Sue Bruno, Pasquerilla West rector, asked Phillips to leave in October. Though Bruno declined to comment, Phillips said she was removed after Bruno requested the two share a "closer relationship." Phillips maintained she supported Bruno's leadership and never had a conflict with her.

The Office of Residence Life formally removed Phillips as AR in November, following a series of meetings, but she retained her employee benefits for the remainder of the academic year.

Phillips, a second-year law student, was honored with the Distinguished Notre Dame Woman Award in April for her contributions to the Notre Dame and South Bend community.

ResLife changed the AR contracts for next year after reviewing the events that occurred in the past academic year, said Bill Kirk, vice president for Student Affairs. The new contracts, which are renewed by semester and provide a more detailed definition of the AR's role, state that contracts may be terminated with or without cause and disputes between an AR and the University will be settled via arbitration. ARs who are terminated without cause will receive benefits for the remainder of the semester.

Saint Mary's Security

Amidst security department changes and improvements, Saint Mary's suspended security officer Belinda Rathert because her college transcripts were reportedly not on file.

The College suspended and banned Rathert from campus while it investigated whether she misrepresented herself to the College. Rathert questioned the professionalism of the manner in which the situation was handled and maintained that she contacted College officials in order to turn over her transcripts. At the time, College officials stated that Rathert had not turned over her transcripts.

In November, the suspended officer said she filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity the College for sexual harassment for the freshman.

and discrimination, unequal wages and a hostile work environment.

Police flood The Boat Club

On a chilly January morning, The Boat Club, students' underage drinking haven, faced a similar fate as that of Finnigan's Irish Pub in 2000, as Excise Police and South Bend Police busted the bar.

Over 200 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students waited in line for hours as police, assisted by Notre Dame Security Police officers carrying student directories, verified the identification of patrons and issued citations.

Though Saint Mary's students did not receive punishment from the College, Notre Dame students were fined monetarily and ordered to complete service hours in addition to the fines and service hours they had to complete for Saint Joseph

While many cited students believed they had put The Boat Club bust behind them, Millennium Entertainment Inc., the club's owner, sued each cited student in small claims courts for damages of \$3,000. The suits alleged that the defendants misrepresented themselves to the nightclub in order to gain entrance.

In an unrelated bar bust, Excise Police raided The Library Irish Pub in April and issued 51 citations, many to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students. The Library was raided two years ago when it was called Finnegan's and has changed ownership since the previous bust. It is unclear whether the owners of The Library will also file suits against cited individuals as Millennium Entertainment did this April.

Freshman dies

Freshman Chad Sharon was found dead Feb. 12 under the Angela Bridge after being reported missing Dec. 12 by Fisher Hall staff because he did not return to his residence hall that weekend. Friends said they last saw Sharon around 2 a.m. at a party on Corby

Sharon did not show up for any f hie finale Commission and intended to sue police began an extensive search



Oct. 5: "Sea of Green" at Stanford game

Dec. 12: Notre Dame Freshman Chad Sharon reported missing by Fisher Hall staff



Jan. 25: Police bust The Boat Club and over 200 citations are issued

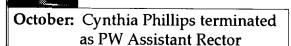
December

February: Student Senate & ND student body President Libby Bishop dispute over the content a Board of Trustees Report

October

November

Nov. 7: Saint Mary's Security Officer Belinda Rathert suspended





January

Feb. 12: Construction workers find Chad Sharon's body under the Angela Bridge

February

Jan. 16: Father Scully confronts reporters at a Mass for Chad Sharon

Jan. 17: Four assailants mug a Keenan freshman three blocks south of campus returning from The Boat Club



Freshman drowns. Students participate in protests. Saint Mary's reading day passes. Saint Mary's president retires.

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During their search for Sharon, police discovered a Madison Center employee who may have talked to Sharon outside the hospital around 4 a.m. the morning after his disappearance. The employee said that an individual closely matching Sharon's description asked for directions to the nearest convenience store. The hospital worker directed the student to a local 7-

The investigation expanded to include searches of the area and the nearby Saint Joseph River, using dogs and helicopters, but turned up few additional leads.

University officials offered a \$25,000 reward, which was later increased to \$50,000 with the help of local businesses, to encourage anyone with information about Sharon to come forward.

Sharon's parents visited campus in January to meet with investigators and students who might have been unwilling to speak with

The search ended when local construction workers found a body floating under the Angela Bridge that was later identified as Sharon's. Though the river had been searched, police speculated that the body had been dislodged from elsewhere in the river by high winds the day before. An autopsy and blood tests later revealed that Sharon's blood alcohol content was 0.224, although it could have been lower at the time of death, and that foul play was likely not involved. For Sharon's family and friends, these unfortunate developments finally brought some closure to months of uncertainty, and hundreds of members of the Notre Dame community joined the Sharon family for a memorial Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart February 25.

Saint Mary's president retires

Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred officially announced her retirement March 5.

Eldred became the 10th president and first laywoman president of the College upon her inauguration in 1997.

Since then, she helped to improve Saint Mary's itself, along with its relationship to the local community.

With Eldred's supervision and initiative came the development of the College's Strategic Plan to improve the curriculum, technology and diversity of campus.

Eldred also headed the development of the Master Plan, a renovation and construction effort to update facilities and meet the growing needs of the college community at large.

Eldred secured a \$12 million grant loan from Lilly Endowment, Inc., which provided crucial funding for the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership that opened in 2001. The Center is believed to be the only of its kind in colleges and universities across the country.

Efforts such as these helped Saint Mary's earn the reputation as the nation's premier Catholic women's college. The College has received a number-one ranking for Midwest Liberal Arts Colleges by 'U.S. News and World Report" for five of Eldred's six years at the helm of the College.

"My experience at Saint Mary's has been fantastic," Eldred said. "It has been a privilege to lead this College to the next level; to work with our faculty and staff to provide the highest quality education possible for the talented students who come to [Saint Mary's]."

Eldred agreed to hold her position at the College until the Board of Trustees names her successor, which is expected to occur at some point in the 2003-04 academic

Saint Mary's Reading Day

After a 10-year student government-led struggle, Saint Mary's Academic Affairs Committee finally approved the proposal to add reading days to the College's finals schedule.

The approval will now allow Saint Mary's students the opportunity to work on projects, meet with professors and prepare for exams the Friday before finals week.

War in Iraq

While New York, Chicago and London erupted in anti-war and peace protests, Notre Dame and Contact Meghanne Downes at Saint Mary's students voiced their mdownes1@nd.edu

opinions, as well.

Several students traveled to New York and Chicago to participate in protests while others organized forums and demonstrations on campus

Hundreds of students and faculty members, including Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of Notre Dame, signed an anti-war petition started at Notre

Pro-war, anti-war, pro-troops and pro-peace voices could be heard on both campuses.

Though it is unclear whether anyone from the Notre Dame or Saint Mary's communities died in Operation Iraqi Freedom, several Notre Dame professors were sent to fight. A 2000 Notre Dame graduate, Dustin Ferrell, was severely injured in a humvee accident in Iraq and is recovering in the United States. He was awarded a Purple Heart for his efforts.

Scully resigns

Following a reported leadership crisis in the University, Father Timothy Scully resigned as executive vice president at the May Board of Trustees meeting. A committee formed to investigate Scully's behavior was scheduled to deliver a report at the meeting.

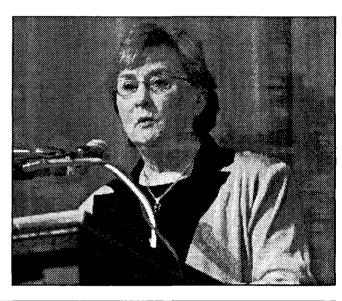
His resignation followed a January incident where he accosted a reporter and cameraman from WNDU-TV in the Fisher Hall parking lot before a Mass for thenmissing freshman Chad Sharon. WNDU-TV is owned by the University and Scully was director of operations for the station. The cameraman said Scully smelled of alcohol when he approached them and told them to move their vehicles. Reporter Bonnie Druker filed a report with NDSP and later withdrew her complaint after Scully

Scully will remain as a political science professor at Notre Dame.

Teresa Fralish and Anneliese Woolford contributed to this arti-







March 22 and 25: Mens and Womens basketball reach Sweet 16 of NCAA Tournament

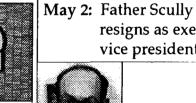
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March 5: Saint Mary's president Marilou Eldred announces her retirement Apr. 22: Owners of The Boat Club sue cited students



Apr. 25: Police raid the Library Irish Pub, 75 citations are issued



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March 19: The nation goes to war in Iraq as students voice their opinions

Reading Day proposal

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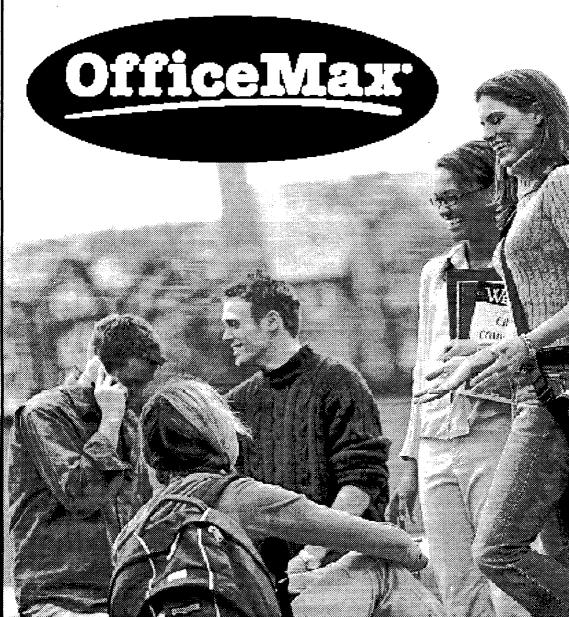
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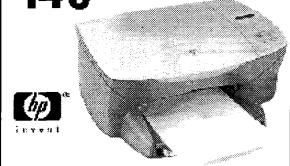
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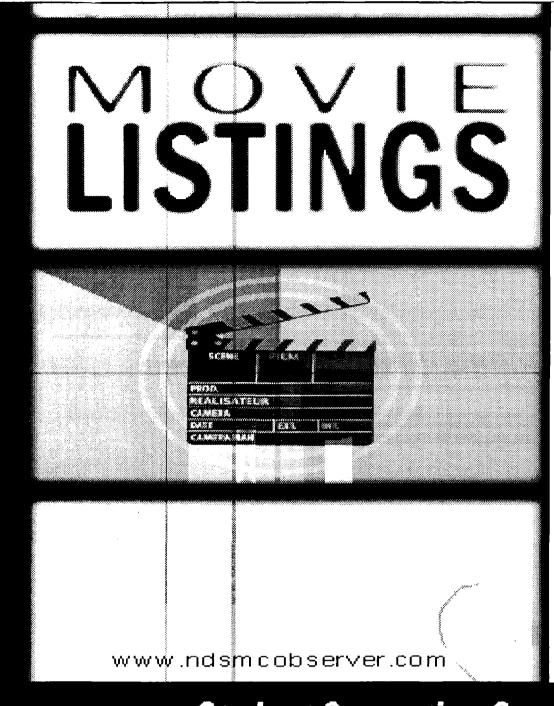
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"It's something we're seriously considering doing again," Nolan said. "In terms of other things we did, I think that was the most unique and cuttingedge. There was one other college in the country that used the strategy, and that was Georgetown, so we were very excited to be able to participate in the project."

In Nolan's opinion, the magazine was well received by both students and parents of the class of 2007, and Saint Mary's is looking forward to welcoming the class into its community.

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Ten women in the class of 2007 were the valedictorians of their high school graduating classes and six were salutatorians.

The median SAT verbal score for the class ranged from 500 to 610 and the SAT math score was between 510 and 610.

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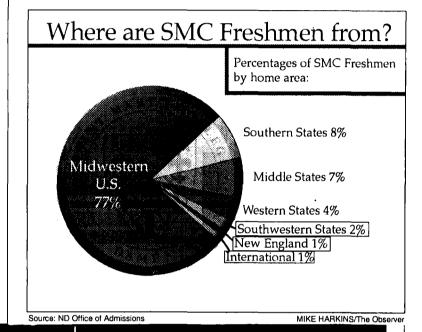
The average high school grade point average for the class was 3.69, an improve-

ment from last year's 3.66.
The incoming students represent 35 states, with 29 percent concentrated in Indiana and 72 percent concentrated in the Midwest, including Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Ohio.

"I think this group of women represent a geographic diversity that will demonstrate a wealth of experience," Nolan said. "There is a wide range of gifts and special talents in these women and we're very excited that they're all here."

Natalie Bailey contributed to this story.

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Student Computing Services

Events Schedule

ResNet Configuration Fair

Learn how to configure your computer to connect to the student residence network

Solutions Center Back-to-School Sale

Purchase laptops and computer accessories at Notre Dame's on-campus computer store

Information Fair-New Students

Attend this Q&A on Saturday, August 23, 4:30p to 6:30p in Rooms 116 and 117 DeBartolo Hall.

Members of the Off staff will be on hand to answer questions on student computing at Notre Dame.

IT Security Sessions-New Students

Mandatory 30-minute IT Security Information Sessions will be held for incoming students on Monday, August 25th in Rooms 126 and 129 DeBartolo Hall.

Sessions will start every 15 minutes during the periods 9:30a to 11:30a and 1:00p to 4:30p. All incoming students are required to attend.

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6p—10p North Quad

Monday August 25

10a-1p Main and South Quad

2p-5p West Quad

6p-10p Mod Quad

Tuesday August 26

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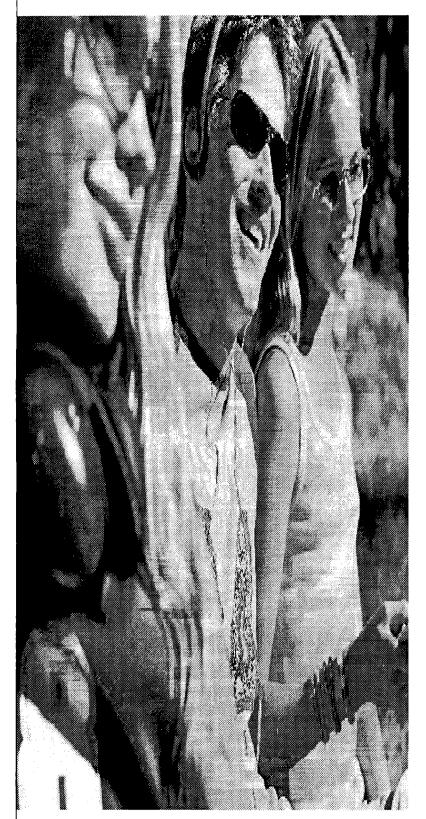
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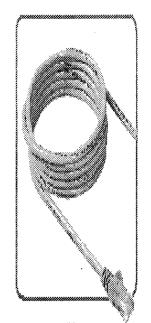
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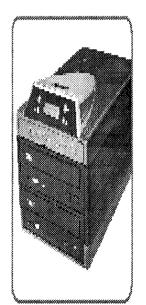
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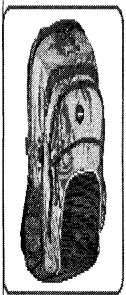
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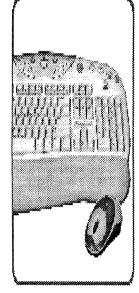
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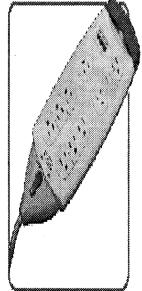
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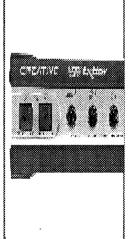
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Office of Undergraduate Admissions accepted the same number of students as last year but experienced a confirmation rate of 59 percent — the highest in the past few years, Riley said. More students are choosing to attend Notre Dame than ever before, and therefore the class-

es are larger than expected.

"These, right now, look like aberrations, Chamblee said of the exceptionallarge freshman and junior classes.

"Down the

road, the University will have to look at housing and decide if the present configuration will accommodate this if we have four years in a row," Chamblee said.

But even with just two larger classes, the housing situation has been tight. Dormitories have had to convert study lounges into rooms and force triples, and more transfer students have been denied oncampus housing, said Scott Kachmarik, associate director of Residence Life and Housing.

"The raw number of people living off campus is higher than it has been, say, four years ago," Kachmarik said. "But if they weren't living off campus, I don't know where else there is.

Maintaining the community in terms of numbers is one thing, but maintaining the community in terms of quality is another."

Kachmarik said occupancy has been near or at 100 percent in recent years and the University is looking into a strategic plan that includes the construction of additional dorms within the next few years.

But housing and residential issues are not the only aspects of the University affected by ris-

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ing enrollment numbers.

If enrollment continues to grow, student-professor ratios and class sizes will subsequently change.

"In terms of classes. we've been

very fortunate in that we have been able to place all students in classes and, in most cases, their first or second request," Chamblee said. "What implications it will have in the future, the colleges will have to answer.

Regardless, though, she said new rules and procedures cannot be based on the current large freshman and junior classes; she said the trend should be studied for five or 10 more years.

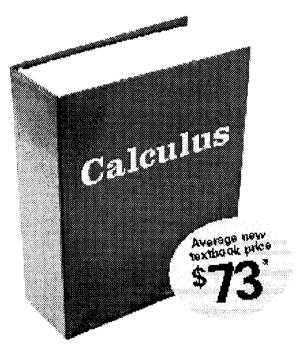
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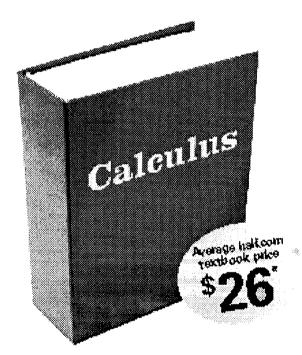
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JUST HANGING AROUND



Army ROTC cadet Peter DeMoss of Williamsburg, Va. is pulled back across a rope bridge over Saint Mary's Lake, Freshman cadets arrived at Notre Dame earlier this week and participated In several activities, which included the rope bridge, climbing wall exercises, flying in an Apache helicopter and examining weapons.





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The learning experience

Welcome to college. By now you are supposed to have moved into your dorm and "settled in" (with the exception of that poor guy whose belongings flew off the top of his parents' minivan on the Ohio

Turnpike). Of course, being settled in just means that all of your things are in one room and that you have sheets on that room will feel like home and you will all its quirks,

your bed. By the end of the year, have adjusted to whether that be

coming to terms with the fact that it is smaller than a prison cell, learning to coexist with the 500 ladybugs that invade it or being able to ignore the bird that repeatedly flies into the window at six every morning.

Scott

Brodfuehrer

Managing

Editor

But what is supposed to happen between now and then? Obviously college is a learning experience otherwise your parents wouldn't have shelled out more than 30 grand for you to come here. Sure, you will have taken around 30 credits of classes, but a year of college is about much more than learning in the classroom

By the end of the year, I'd wager that most of you have learned other lessons. You will have learned how to live with another person, how to deal with conflict, how to deal with failure for the first time when that first math test gets returned to you, and how much alcohol you can drink before you get sick (sorry hall staff, but it happens).

Look at your four years at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's as one big learning experience, in and out of the classroom. And it's a learning experience that you get to direct. Sure, those that have gone before you have loved Notre Dame football and dorm spirit and alumni all ages —

from those who graduated last year to those who are in the plaid pants would love for you to continue those traditions.

But you don't have to do what they want. Your

parents may want you to become a doctor or a lawyer. But you don't have to do what they want. Your section mates may want you to go out drinking. But you don't have to do what they want.

This is your college experience. Use these four years to find out what you want to do and what you like. Don't feel that you have to follow the paths that those before you set. The worst thing that could happen in your four years here would be for you to leave with a major that you don't like and hating the time you spent here (I promise these people will be in the minority). The best case scenario would be for you to have loved your four years here and be excited to enter the work force, but of course sad to leave.

So now that I've told you to define your own experience, here's two big ways that those before you have

made their experience the best.

Study Abroad: There's so much more in the world than Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Studying abroad will give you a small taste of it and expand your horizons in four months more than you can imagine. And you'll return to campus appreciative of the wonderful opportunities you

> Dorms and Involvement: The dorms at Notre Dame are great. They are unlike ones you would encounter anywhere else in the country with all classes and people who are happy to be there (for the most part). You'll almost certainly meet

a majority of your friends in your dorm and spend a lot of time there. As you will soon learn, for most at Notre Dame (especially guys), dorm pride is big. But there are many other activities on campus that you can get involved in. Seize the opportunity to get participate in them, too — you will meet even more people and hopefully really enjoy them.

Best of luck in the next four years. It will be a journey mixed with bumps, bruises, joy and elation. Keep on trucking through it all and cherish every minute. You'll be a senior before you know it.

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Applications are currently being accepted for copy editors, illustrators and columnists. Please contact Teresa Fralish at viewpoint.1@nd.edu to apply.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

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"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

> Mahatma Gandhi Hindu nationalist leader

Presidents welcome freshmen

Welcome to Notre Dame. We have a beatiful campus and a talented faculty. I am sure that you will grow in every way as a thoughtful and reflective person preparing to make your way in the world. We are also proud of our residence tradition on campus

and the many activities available for you to use your God-given talents in leadership and service.

It is my hope that during your time with us you will make some of the best friends of your life. We welcome students from every state in the union and from a wide array of foreign countries and cultures. We are enriched by the different experiences and perspectives that you bring to our common life.



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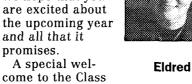
I will have the privilege of teaching some of you in my seminar class. Others I will come to know through my residing in Sorin Hall. I hope to have a chance to interact with all of you in some way or another during your time at Notre Dame.

Once again welcome to Notre Dame. I trust that this will be a great year for all of us. All best wishes as you make this important transition and may God bless our life together

> Father Edward Malloy President Notre Dame Aug. 20, 2003

Welcome back to Saint Mary's College for the 2003-04 academic year. After a summer at home with your family and friends, we are delighted to have you back on campus. Faculty,

administrators, and staff have been preparing for your arrival and we hope that you are excited about the upcoming year and all that it promises.



of 2007 and to our transfer students. Your time at Saint Mary's will expand your horizons and challenge you. You will learn to think critically and creatively during your time here.

I look forward to meeting each of you this year and to our continued strong relationships with the Notre Dame and Holy Cross College.

> Marilou Eldred President Saint Mary's Aug. 20, 2003

Student Affairs extends blessing

I would like to extend to you a warm welcome on behalf of all of us who work in the Division of Student Affairs, the Offices of Alcohol and Drug Education, Campus Ministry, the Career Center, Counseling Center, Health Services, International Student Services and Activities, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, the Office of Residence Life and Housing, Security, Student Activities and the staffs of your residence halls.

Although we provide a variety of services, we share a common desire to do everything we can to help facilitate your intellectual, spiritual and personal growth.

We extend a special welcome to our new students, first-year students, transfer students and new graduate and professional students. We welcome back the sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as the returning graduate and professional students.

As a community, we draw our strength from the unique and diverse gifts offered by each of you. We hope that all of you, both those who are new and those who are returning, will be able to achieve the goals you set for yourselves this year.



I hope that I will have the opportunity to come to know as many of you as possible in the months ahead. Until I am able to greet you in person, please know that you have my very best wishes for a year filled with all God's blessings

Father Mark. Poorman Vice President for Student Affairs Notre Dame Aug. 20, 2003

The best time of your life

There are two things that an incoming college freshman inevitably hears before he or she ever steps foot on campus:

1. "College is the best time of your life."

2. "These next four years will fly by."

Whoever gave you this advice — whether your parents, a friend or a random person you can't remember at your graduation party — is right. Add me to that list.

I don't quite know how and when it hap-

pened, but somewhere along the way I found that I am having the time of my life and could barely catch my breath to realize it before entering senior year.

Anneliese

Woolford

Saint Mary's

Editor

I can still remember my first day at Saint Mary's like it was yesterday — meeting my roommates and deciding whether or not they looked anything like the pictures they sent, unloading bag upon bag of bulk food after my mom went a little overboard

went a little overboard shopping at Sam's Club, the first meeting with Rebecca, our RA, and wondering "what are parietals?" No wonder my parents were so eager for me to go here.

Later that night, a group of guys from St. Ed's clad in yellow T-shirts escorted about 50 of us to Stepan Center for "Domerfest," where I met one of my now best friends as he dragged me over to dance with him. Aside from visiting my brother when he went here, it was my first real Notre Dame experience ... one I could call my own.

It's funny how the smallest things can stick with you, but they stick with you for a reason. Of all the memories accumulated over the past three years, both good and bad, I wouldn't trade a single one.

It's impossible to know what these next four years of your life have in store. It's impossible for me to tell you. You can try to map out your entire college experience, but I guarantee it'll turn out to be something completely different.

My best advice is to savor every minute and to take advantage of the opportunities that come your way. Trust me, there will be plenty. Go out on a limb and meet new people; experience new things. The South Bend community — more specifically Notre Dame and Saint Mary's — will become home for four very important, challenging and

exciting years of your life four years that seem like

So what your parents and everyone else said is true.
Things happen differently for different people, but college will be the best time of your life and it will fly by.
Hopefully you can take my word for it until

now when you can admit it yourself.

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SMC willing to help

On behalf of the Student Government Association and the entire student body — welcome to Saint Mary's.

Orientation weekend is undoubtedly one of the most exciting and monumental weekends of your life — and also incredibly hectic. You are beginning your college career and also learning your way around a new place. You have already received, and will continue to receive, lots of information and paperwork. The most important thing to remember is that every single person here at Saint Mary's, from your fellow Belles to the faculty and administration, is always willing to help you out with anything.

You may contact your Student Government representatives in lots of ways — by calling the office at 284-5373, visiting the office in 304 Haggar College Center, e-mailing us at bog@saintmarys.edu, instant messaging at SMCBOG or by just stopping us around campus. We are hard to miss in our polo shirts.

We invite you to become fully immersed in campus life. Involvement at Saint Mary's extends from the classroom to the athletic field and from clubs and organizations to attending our many plays, lectures and performances. Doing well in class is recognized as being very important here at SMC, but even higher regarded is the integrated learning experience that comes from being actively involved on campus. Activities Night on Wednesday, Sept. 3 is a perfect opportunity to get in on the action.

Please feel free to approach either of us at any time with any questions you have or just to say hello and introduce yourself – we look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl Saint Mary's student body president Sarah Brown Saint Mary's student body vice president August 20, 2003

The Notre Dame student government was invited to write a letter for this edition, but did not submit one to The Observer by the publication deadline.

Beware ResLife

You will dread it. You will despise it. You will come to fear.... the Office of Residence Life and Housing. And not just because they won't let you triple bunk.

You have dreamt for 18 years of that distant world of individual freedom, that world where laundry did not have to be done, where money was not a problem — not one that you would acknowledge, anyway —and where the only responsibility you had was to have fun.

Well, it's here. You have the power to do whatever you want with your life. Want to lift weights?

There are two athletic facilities. Want to study in a quiet place for that big test on Monday? Go to the Hesburgh Library. Want to go to a Flipside event? Don't. They aren't fun.



Pat Leonard

Sports Writer

believe you can have just as much fun without alcohol in a social setting. Sobriety is cool.

As much as I would like to support this cause due to its moral soundness, most students

Flipside is led by admirable students who

would and do "respectfully disagree."
So this is where ResLife (many students' affectionate name for the organization) comes in.

They agree with Flipside, wherein lies the problem for many drinkers, or, in their words, "raging alcoholics." Watch your back and keep a copy of du Lac handy at all times. You never know when you may be breaking a rule, crossing the line or — gasp — having fun.

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So be yourself

Bienvenue! Willkommen! Many of you haven't the slightest clue as to what these words mean. Have no fear, you will soon learn. The University requires most of you to take three semes-

ters of foreign language during your tenure here, business and engineering

majors being

David Barrett

Viewpoint Columnist

the exception. Those who do have to take the standard three might be fortunate enough to have already earned credit towards them by scoring well on placement tests. Kudos to those fortunate few. Regardless, you will graduate from Notre Dame with a debatable level of proficiency in some unnamed foreign tongue.

Bienvenue? Willkommen? Well, I don't speak French or German. But luckily enough, devoted study to beginning and intermediate level Español has taught me their Spanish equivalent,

Bienvenidos. Bienvenidos amigos. Welcome to Notre Dame.

If all goes as planned, you will learn many great and not so great, quite pointless in fact, things during your years here. One of them is the absolute buttpain that is nine credits of language. Clearly, the administration takes seriously its language requirement.

In my opinion, this most ghastly initiative is probably in response to the administration's complete inability to lure true diversity to these lush lawns and hallowed halls. They thus compensate for this lack of diversity by creating their own in turn, substituting the real deal Spanish caballeros with aspiring Spanish speakers like myself If only they carried it through

On my first day of introductory Spanish, my maestra told me and my fellow classmates that we would learn just three things that semester. First, we would learn how to make a most delicious salsa. Next, we would learn how to dance a most delicious salsa. Finally, we would learn lots and lots of vocabulary such that we might be able to simply sit there and talk about delicious salsa. And did we ever. Whew, we did.

So yeah, you'll learn at least one great thing here. It might be Spanish. might be Latin, or might just be salsa, but it will be great.

Another thing you will learn here will carry you far beyond the fine aroma and intoxicating rhythm of delicious salsa. It might take you a few years and might sound a bit cliché, but if you are lucky, you'll learn how to be yourself.

I remember those last few weeks before freshman year. I thought a fresh pair of cargo khakis, or perhaps a pair of faded, ultra-hip flair jeans would assure me unparalleled popularity amongst my freshman peers. I'd be the cool kid with the sweet jeans. You may have already noticed, but trendy clothes aren't going to set you apart. Your all-American looks and values won't either. No, here we're all great looking and God fearing. Take a look around, or at least this way. Right here, yea, what's happening? Call me sugar.

You have to find something else to set you apart. Or better yet, hold onto that something else that always has. Doing your own thing is probably a large part of what got you here. It wasn't just the 4.0, the 1500, or the legacy, it was the extra-curriculars and the intangibles. Whether it was playing the flute or prancing around in a little tutu, whether you liked it or you hated it. Try not to lose it.

Feel free to throw away the flute if

you can't play it like you used to or get rid of the tutu if it just doesn't fit you anymore. Just make sure you do it because you want to and not simply because everybody else is doing it. Be yourself — you are a lot cooler that

> long time to finally realize that being 'cool" is simply doing your own thing. There's something cool about that kid who volunteers and volunteers and volunteers. There's something cool about the kid who writes poetry and the kid who stays up all night

It took me a

playing guitar. There's even something slightly cool about the kid who plays the flute. I stress slightly. So, from language requirements to salsa to

going to learn a lot about yourself and a lot about your school. It is both easy and fun to nitpick about the school's few shortcomings, but now is not the time.

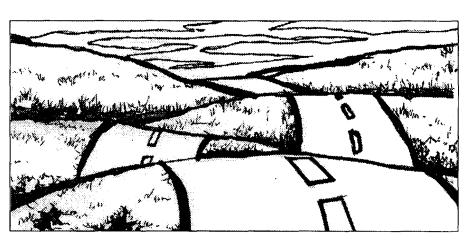
being yourself, you are

Now is the time to get psyched about Notre Dame. It is time to skip classes, slam beers and stumble home. It is time to go to the chapel, ace your tests and help the homeless. Not the time to nitpick.

I love to nitpick, but Notre Dame is totally awesome. It's easy to say, tradition, religion and so on. But it is so much more than that. It's the whole package, language requirements and all. Take any of that away and it's no longer Notre Dame. You'll see. You're going to love it. Just be yourself.

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The purpose driven life

In four years you won't be the same person. That dynamic change begins

You hit the ground running as a freshman. You break away from the tragedies and glories of high **Andrew** school and find **DeBerry** new ways of connecting to old friends and

family. You're

freer to be an

Viewpoint Columnist

individual and to focus more on your character than your reputation. The independence can be disorienting, and students at Freshman Retreats describe similar struggles finding their way, whether in studying, activities, dating, partying or prayer.

This is a key year to ask the bigger questions, to ask why often and dig deeply to determine even one's purpose for living. Scripture says simply that our ultimate purpose is to love God and each other. But determining how can be more difficult.

Underclassmen are challenged right off to choose a major. Three questions must be asked. What are you good at? How can that bring you joy? And how can that be used to help others? The world has never had you before. You are needed to bring together unique talents and passions in a way never seen before.

You may find many of your answers early in the Center for Social Concerns. The CSC is one little building with a global reach. Discover inside life-saving work that satisfies the heart by joining diverse volunteer organizations that come together at the CSC. Find support for an activity you want to pursue. Learn about opportunities for student leadership. Or check out the service-learning immersion experiences over school breaks. Drop in for a visit, even if you don't think you're "into" service. Too. many seniors graduate regretting not having been more involved at the Center

The spirit of this place will also leave an indelible mark on you. You quickly learn that no school can match the Irish spirit. That energy takes root in our school's unshakable faith. During good and bad moments, on momentous and ordinary days, in times of decision, worries, fierce anger, or delirious happiness, sit in the quiet of a chapel or the Basilica and listen to the secrets God whispers through the peace within. Or take refuge in the heart of our campus, the Grotto. Discover why Doctor Dooley's words on plaque nearby, taken from his 1960 deathbed letter, asks, "Do the students ever appreciate what they have while they have

The Grotto is also where you will

meet with your class one last time four years from now on the Thursday night before Graduation. In that gathering are likely to be friends you'll keep for life, friends who may be in your wedding and maybe even the one for whom you'll say, "I do."

Parts of life here you don't like will shape you also. Generations preceding you complained about the weather, the administration, rules, a lacking cultural diversity, a difficult dating scene and the infamous p-word. Yours will too.

Maybe you will find inspiration in Notre Dame's own beginnings. Father Edward Sorin dared parching frosts, malaria, cholera, food shortages and financial problems in beginning. Then a 1879 fire reduced most of his lifework to ashes. One account recalls Sorin's reaction: "There was absolute faith, confidence and resolution in his very look and pose. 'If it were all gone, I should not give up!' were his words in closing. The effect was electric."

In another account Sorin says, "I came here as a young man and dreamed of building a great university in honor of Our Lady. But I built it too small, and she had to burn it to the ground to make that point. So, tomorrow, as soon as the bricks cool. we will rebuild it, bigger and better than ever."

Now our university is a renowned bastion of education and values. Our mission statement declares that the University seeks to cultivate in its students "a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice and oppression that burden the lives of so many.

If we graduate with a primary focus on having a successful career and a comfortable life, we are not worthy to call ourselves alumni of Notre Dame. The founders and leaders have worked too hard, hoped too much and given too much life to the character that is the cornerstone of this University for us not to follow.

As Gaddi Vasquez, the director of the Peace Corps, recently said, "You can be the generation that makes service to others a way of life and not a condition of having extra time on your hands. You can be the architect of hope for those with the greatest needs in our society and throughout the world."

In you, the Class of 2007, is the power of mind and soul to make this happen. May God's passion fill each of your days here and may His purpose drive your every step.

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Stepping out

An incoming student's survival guid

By KC KENNEY, CHRISTIE BOLSEN and SARAH VABULAS

Assistant Scene Editor, Assistant Scene Editor, and Scene Editor

One of the most important things to learn after eating the food at the prestigious dining halls of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's is where to go for some real food. We eat very well for college students who don't mind having three-day old cold pizza, but when you want to try a little more familiar fare, you need to know your options. Between South Bend and Mishawaka, there are plenty of places other than the dining hall to get some nourishment.

The Staple of Any College Diet

Pizza is as important to a college student as getting good grades, and many of your old favorite establishments have shop around here.

Bruno's Pizza: A local joint, Bruno's is in both South Bend and Mishawaka and is a great place for both dining out and ordering in. They serve dinner from 4 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and Friday and Saturday from 4 to 11 p.m. For delivery, make sure to call at least a half an hour before closing. Call (574) 273–3890.

Domino's Pizza: Of all your options, this is the closest to campus. Until Sept. 1, they deliver on Mondays through Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m., Friday from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m., and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 12 a.m. As of Sept. 1, their schedule changes and they are open an hour later every day, except for Sunday. Call (574) 271–0330.

Marco's Pizza: With great cheesy bread and decent subs, Marco's is more than just a pizza place. They deliver Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Call (574) 243-1122.

Papa John's: This is the most popular pizza place to your average Notre Dame or Saint Mary's student. You'll likely find at least one in your dorm every weekend. They've got the latest hours in the area, an obvious plus for late-night snacks. They deliver Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 a.m., and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 1 a.m. Call them at (574) 271–1177.

Pizza Hut: As classic as they get, Pizza Hut is familiar to just about everybody. They claim to have "the best pizzas under one roof." They'll deliver from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Call (574) 273–9944.

Late-Night Cravings

Nothing helps better on those late nights than keeping up your strength. And even if you get your homework done by six every night, sometimes it's fun to get out on the town and exercise your freedom. When it seems like most of the world is asleep, there are a few places

still going strong to offer you a place to hang out. The Huddle is open until 2 a.m. and Recker's is 24-hours, but when you want to get off campus, where do you go?

Denny's is well known for serving breakfast at any time, but they have a broad menu overall. The local Denny's is at 52626 US Highway 33, just north of Saint Mary's and the toll road ramp. Steak 'n Shake is on the corner of Grape and Douglas, just a few miles east of campus. It's well known for its thick shakes and famous "steak burgers." Denny's and Steak and Shake are both open 24 hours.

Nick's Patio is also open 24 hours a day. It specializes in American grill food, has a nice atmosphere and fairly decent food. It's a nice place to gather with friends when you need to get away; located on Ironwood, it's a pretty convenient spot. Another local late-night place is The White House Restaurant, also known as Fat Shirley's. Nick's, it offers runof-the-mill

American dishes. It's a bit more of a drive than Nick's, located out on the corner of Mishawaka and Twyckenham Dr. The restaurant is renowned as being filled to the brim with "character." But when you're hungry for spaghetti at 5 a.m., you probably won't be

If you haven't learned already, you will soon come to realize that, for late-night Mexican food, nothing is better than Boracho Burrito. Located at 1724 N. Ironwood Dr., it's just a stone's throw from campus. Started and run by two Notre Dame graduates, it is a very student-friendly business ready to cater to your burrito needs. They're open on Sunday and Monday till 2 a.m. and the rest of the week until 4

a.m. **Ethnic Food**

The Golden Dragon Restaurant: The quickest and cheapest Chinese food near campus located on 3302 Portage Ave., this restaurant is offers delivery until closing. They are open Monday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call (574) 243–8800 to place an order.

Hanayori of Japan: This is a really fun Japanese restaurant, where you get to see all of your food prepared right at your table! Located on Grape Rd., the prices are fair and the night is guaranteed to be an awesome experience.

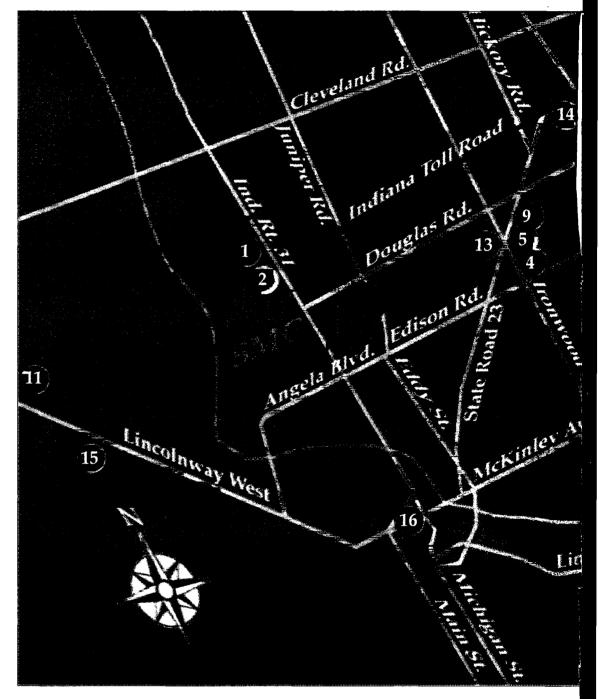
The Malabar: Located on the corner of 1640 South Bend Ave. adjacent to campus, The Malabar serves delicious but moderately pricey Indian food.

Siam Thai Restaurant: Just minutes from the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses, Siam offers a great environment in which professional and novice Thai connoisseurs can enjoy good food. Siam is located at 211 N Main Street in downtown South Bend.

Star of India: Located at 620 W. Edison Rd. near Grape, Star of India has decent and cheap Indian food. They have an excellent lunch buffet from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for just \$6. Don't forget to try one of their delicious mango shakes to complete a great culinary experience.

Those Old Familiar Places

If you're looking for those old familiar chains that you remember from your home town, have no fear. Grape Road has a strip of restaurants with national names that you should recognize: Olive Garden, T.G.I. Friday's, Outback Steakhouse, Chili's, Lone Star Steak





Steak 'n Shake, on the corner of Grape and Douglas, stays open 24 hours for late-night dining near campus.

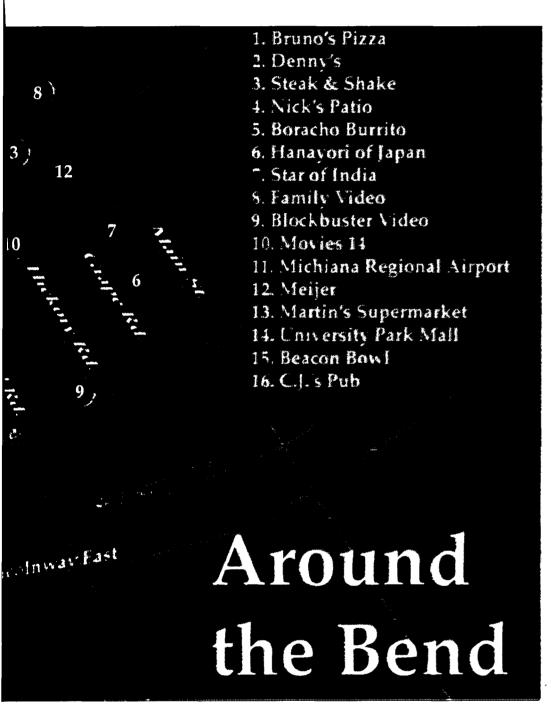
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House and Don Pablo's.

Movies

A classic form of entertainment found anywhere is the two-hour divulgence into the lives of people, or even animals, which provides students relief from the hustle and bustle of everyday stresses. Whether actually going out sounds appealing, or simply dashing into the movie store to rent that film you've been dying to see, South Bend provides.

Family Video can be found on Main Street near Wal-Mart. Blockbuster Video has two locations in the area. One is on the corner of Hickory and McKinley and the other can be found on the corner of Ironwood and State Road 23. With all these locations, one is bound to find the movie selection to satiate even the most random desire.

But if you feel like actually getting out of those pajamas and associating with people, the movie theater is a great way to spend some time. Movies 14 is on the corner of Hickory and Edison; it typically plays all the mainstream movies and has a student discount when you show your ID. Showplace, a bit of a longer drive, has some of the same movies, but also features less mainstream films for the artistically-inclined. Showplace is south on 31 on Chippewa Road across from Chippewa bowling ally, another hot spot for some good times with fellow students.

In and out of South Bend

The airport covers all needs as far as traveling. It

serves as not only an airport, but also as a bus and train station. With flights to Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Atlanta, getting out of the Bend to wherever one needs to go is not difficult.

For all the breaks, one can take a taxi to the airport, get a nice friend to drive or take a direct bus from campus to Chicago, making holiday transportation easier and, many times, less expensive.

The local bus system is called Transpo and students without cars can utilize it to get to the mall and other places throughout the city. Maps and schedules are posted at the bus stops across campus.

Shopping

Incoming students who are accustomed to big-city shopping will find South Bend sadly lacking in this area, but most students who aren't used to picking out clothes in Mall of America-type shopping centers will find the Bend more than adequate for average store runs. You'll find all your basic needs such as groceries, dorm room supplies and furniture, drinks and SYR gifts.

For everything you needed to pack but forgot, or for everything that wouldn't fit into your overstuffed family

van, Meijer and Target are the answer for all-purpose necessities like futons, shelving, alarm clocks, fans, CD's, posters, muffin tins and just about anything else your heart desires. Target is also stepping it up in the coolness factor, with designers like Todd Oldham selling

brightly-patterned dorm décor that might make your tiny cubicle look better.

Both stores are also handy for grocery runs, as is Martin's Supermarket. Even though there is never a pressing need for on-campus students to stock up on groceries, there are always snacks or soft drinks offered in a greater variety than the Huddle. Meijer is conveniently located at 5020 Grape Rd., Target at 1112 Scottsdale Mall and Martin's at 314 N. Ironwood.

For clothes shopping, University Park Mall has a variety of stores including The Limited, Lerner, Express, American Eagle, Abercrombie, Marshall Field's, Gap, Banana Republic, B. Moss and other non-clothing stores for jewelry, accessories, toys and other fun buys. UP Mall is also located on Grape Road, and a bus from Library Circle goes directly there.

Road Trips

If you've already adopted an apathetic attitude toward classes by the time the first study days of your freshman year roll around, some road trips may be in order. There are also options close enough to be manageable as weekend trips on non-football weekends, for activities like concerts or legal drinking for 19-year-olds.

The possibilities in Chicago are endless and include parks, shopping, restaurants, museums, music and nightlife. The drive is less than two hours on 180-90, or you can take the South Shore Train if you don't want to worry about parking. Speaking of the shore, there's even an accessible beach for those missing the water. A trip to the Dunes is only an hour away, and you can even stay to camp for a small fee.

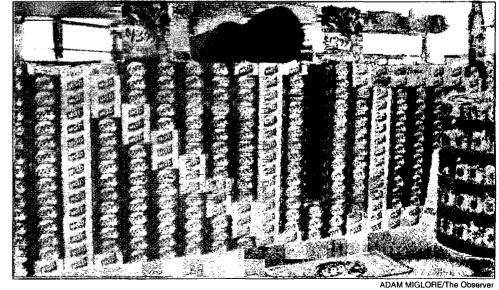
Farther away but just as full of possibility, if not more, is Windsor. Two years until you're legal? Take a trip to Canada for gambling and nightlife, where the legal drinking age is 19. There are also more cultural attractions like galleries, monuments and amusement parks, all only four hours away. Also quite a drive, but well worth it for thrill seekers, is Cedar Point. Located in Sandusky, Ohio, Cedar Point has roller coasters that put other amusement parks to shame, and the park stays open on weekends well into the fall. Check for times before heading out, at www.cedarpoint.com.

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Should you need immediate medical attention, the closest hospital is St. Joseph's. Most likely, the on-campus University Health Services will be able to meet your needs. The Health Center is open at all times, while physicians are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday. The Health Center, open 24 hours, is located near the main building.

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Meijer, located on Grape Road, uses clever advertising and recreational drinks to welcome back "ND" students.

Nowhere else but Notre Dame

There are several places to worship on Notre Dame's campus — in the dorm chapels, at the Basilica and inside Notre

Dame Stadium. It's at these cherished grounds that Notre Dame's student body gives thanks to their saviors Jesus

Christ and

Knute

Rockne.



Joe Hettler

Sports Editor

From Notre Dame's first football game - a loss to Michigan in 1887 — Irish fans have been obsessed with the pigskin. This is a place where the forward pass and four guys on horses became part of college football history. A place where opponents enter as No. 1 but leave with dashed hopes and a blemished record. A place where football means more than a 100-yard field and two goal posts - it means tradi-

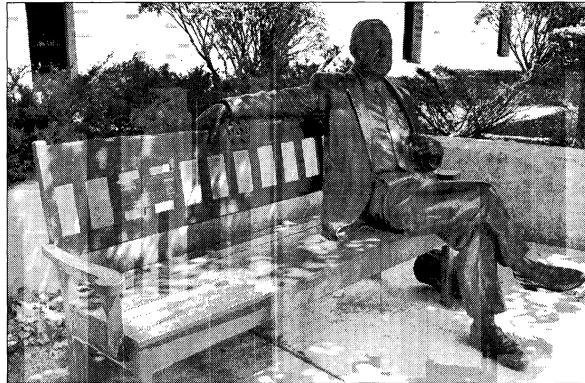
Just look around campus and you'll see how football has meshed itself into many aspects of Notre Dame.

The library's mural was supposed to depict the Word of Life, with Jesus teaching his disciples on the 132-foot building. But when Notre Dame students looked at the mural, with a huge picture of J.C. and his hands raised, facing the end zone of Notre Dame Stadium, it became too clear — The Savior of the World also did a side gig as a referee. Hence, "Touchdown Jesus" was born.

Jesus isn't the only Biblical figure that has roots for the Irish. Directly beside the library is a sculpture of Moses created by Josef Turkalj. The sculpture is supposed to be Moses chastising the Israelites who had fallen into idolatry in his absence. Therefore, Moses' hand is pointed straight into the air to proclaim there is only one God.

But the fact that he's facing Notre Dame Stadium disproves this theory. Instead, Irish fans know what Moses is really proclaiming — Notre Dame is No. 1.

Only at this place does a dri-



Moose Krause, Mr. Notre Dame, sits on a bench outside the Joyce Center. Krause played football under legendary coach Knute Rockne and was Notre Dame's athletic director from 1949-81.

ving wind die down for Irish kickers (just ask Harry O). Only here can you find a priest calling for a fair-catch (Corby Hall) or see where Reggie Brooks caught the game-winning 2-point conversion in the famous "Snow Bowl" in '92. And only here can you see the steps where George Gipp supposedly caught pneumonia (Washington Hall), inspiring Rockne's timeless "Win one for the Gipper" speech.

It's here where you can walk between the Joyce Center and Notre Dame Stadium and take a picture with a man that didn't lose a football game for more than four years. Or go across the street to sit beside Mr. Notre Dame himself, Moose Krause. Inside the Joyce Center, you'll see the Walk of Fame with everything from bowl trophies to classic

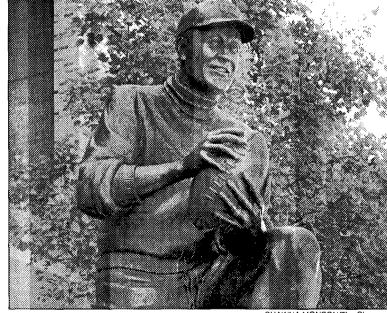
pictures. It's here where dorms have tryouts and cuts for their respective interhall football teams. Where these teams play in full contact, usually have at least one coach and several referees at games and compete for a chance to play the championship game inside Notre Dame Stadium. Every Sunday, hundreds of students flock to the interhall fields to watch their friends and roommates knock each other

Football is more than just football at Notre Dame. Even though the school didn't invent the game, it has embraced it during the past 100 years. The game has become a significant chunk of its history. It's made heroes out of 19-year old kids and 154-pound coaches that speak with a lisp (Lou). It's changed the face of the University for the better. It's become synonymous with the words Notre Dame.

But with all this, we should still keep one thing in mind -God might not care who wins college football games on Saturdays, but His mother sure does.

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Notre Dame coaching legend Frank Leahy takes a knee next to Notre Dame Stadium. Leahy won four national titles with the Irish.



Moses is portrayed with one finger raised toward the heavens, signaling Notre Dame's domination.

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Notre Dame Opponent Preview

Michigan offense is strong, but questions persist on 'D'

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan hasn't played in the Rose Bowl since Jan. 1, 1998, when they beat Washington and earned The Associated Press' national championship.

If Michigan doesn't go to the Rose Bowl this season, it will have gone six years without a trip to Pasadena, Calif., for the first time since 1965.

Michigan's offense is expected to be dominating.

Four returning starters on the offensive line will be in front of quarterback John Navarre, a 29-game starter, running back Chris Perry, coming off a career year, and receiver Braylon Edwards, whose production

matched his talent last season.

If Michigan can find serviceable replacements for tight end Bennie Joppru and fullback B.J. Askew, it could have one of the best offenses in team history.

There are question marks about the defense, however.

Carl Diggs is one of the many linebackers coming off injury, and just four starters return to the defensive line and secondary.

Safety Marlin Jackson, cornerbacks Markus Curry and Jeremy LeSueur along with defensive end Larry Stevens will be counted on to be standouts.

Another question on defense is how — or if — Jackson will be punished by Michigan coach Lloyd Carr for pleading guilty to aggravated assault earlier this month in a plea agreement.

The Big Ten's preseason defensive player of the year, who moved from cornerback to safety, was accused of striking a man in the right eye with a bottle. He said he punched the man, but did not strike him with a bottle, and Carr said a lie-detector test supported Jackson's claim.

Michigan State

Michigan State hopes this is the year of the comeback for the Spartans.

The team is coming off a horrible season on the field and an embarrassing one off it.

Quarterback Jeff Smoker is back as the starter after a substance-abuse problem cut short his junior season. And running back Tyrell Dortch hasn't played in nearly two years after breaking his right leg in gruesome fashion.

The Spartans started last season with hype and high expectations, with some even believing they could wind up at the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1988.

Michigan State was ranked 15th after a 2-0 start, but finished 4-8 overall — its worst record in 11 years.

Coach Bobby Williams was fired with three games remaining as his program collapsed against opponents and was in internal disarray.

Smoker was kicked off the

team with five games left in the season, and his family later announced he was seeking treatment for substance abuse. Running back Dawan Moss, a captain, was arrested and later spent time in jail for driving under the influence and attempting to elude police after Michigan handed the Spartans a 49-3 loss, their worst defeat since 1947.

USC

After six years of uncharacteristic mediocrity, Southern California suddenly returned to national prominence last season as one of college football's elite teams.

The Trojans appear to have the talent and depth to stay there.

But as always, there are questions, especially at quarterback, where they have to replace Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer.

And recent history says Pac-10 teams without significant experience there fall short.

Third-year sophomore Matt Leinart is expected to start Aug. 30 when the eighth-ranked Trojans open at No. 6 Auburn.

Leinart hasn't thrown a pass that counts since high school, but as USC coach Pete Carroll put it: "Matt comes in as our leader. It's his job to lose."

The Trojans were 11-2 last season, winning their last eight games after a 30-27 overtime loss to Washington State that cost them the Pac-10 title.

Before the winning streak, USC was 9-8 under Carroll and 40-37 since the beginning of the 1996 season — a major comedown for a school with eight national titles and 28 Rose Bowl appearances.

The Trojans demolished UCLA, Notre Dame and Iowa in the Orange Bowl in their last three games and finished fourth in the final Associated Press poll.

Fourteen starters return including six on a defense that figures to be among the nation's finest

Florida State

Media favorite Bobby Bowden hasn't been quite as approachable lately.

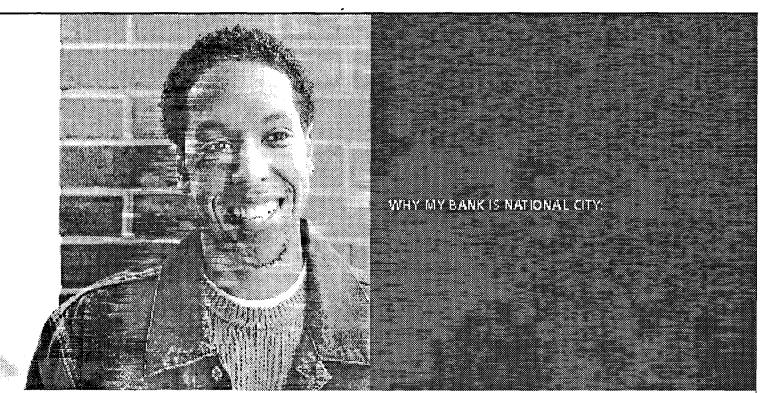
The 73-year-old Florida State coach has endured the gambling trial of former quarterback Adrian McPherson, been swindled out of \$1.6 million by his eldest son and taken hits by some who believe he's lost control of the storied football program — on and off the field.

Bowden even told his secretary he wasn't returning calls — for the entire summer.

How about his team, which has lost a total of nine games the last two seasons and been bumped from the list of perennial Top 10 teams?

The Seminoles have won 10 of 11 ACC crowns since joining the league in 1992, but the dominance appears to be ending. North Carolina State, Maryland and Virginia should challenge Florida State for the league championship in 2003.

Florida State's inconsistency the last two seasons has come on defense and from the quarter-back position, two areas where the Seminoles have excelled for most of Bowden's 27 years in Tallahassee. The defense will see 10 starters return this year.



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CHECKING OUT THE TEAMS

Football

In their second season under. Duff look to anchor the squad coach Tyrone Willingham, the Irish look to build on the success of 2002, in which the team finished 9-3 and earned a Gator Bowl berth.

Last season, the Notre Dame defense propelled the team to an 8-O start with a tenacious style of play that forced turnovers and put points on the board for the sometimes sluggish offense. With eight projected starters returning on defense, the unit should be a pow-erful force. Preseason All-Americans linebacker Courtney Watson and defensive back Vontez

Offensively, the Irish will look to continue their progress in implementing Willingham and offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick's style of play that they brought from Stanford last year, Quarterback Carlyle Holiday, leading rusher Ryan Grant and wide receivers Omar Jenkins, Maurice Stovall and Rhema McKnight return for the Irish. Running back Julius Jones, who was dismissed from the University after his junior year for academic reasons, returns to bolster the Irish backfield this season.

Players to Watch

Quarterback Carlyle Holiday returns for his second year under Willingham and Diedrick's revamped Irish offense. Tailback Ryan Grant was last season's leading rusher with 1,160 yards, but will likely share time in the backfield with Julius Jones, who returns to Notre Dame

Linebacker Courtney Watson and cornerback Vontez Duff lead an experienced Irish defense.

ND Women's Basketball

After an up-and-down regular season, the Irish women's basketball team peaked at the right time and found themselves in the Sweet 16 for the seventh time in the last nine years.

Now the Irish want to take that momentum into the 2003-04 campaign when they return six major contributors from last season's team. Coach Muffet McGraw and her staff brought in three freshmen who should fill in the holes from last year's team

The Irish will look to preseason Wooden candidate Jacqueline

Batteast and fellow juniors Teresa Borton and Katy Flecky to contribute even more than in the past.

Senior guard La Tania Severe is a floor general and the only senior starter from last season's team. She played well in the NCAA Tournament and could be the key for the Irish.

Notre Dame also has the advantage of hosting the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament. If they can qualify for the dance, they will likely have the advantage of playing their first two games at home.

Players to Watch

Junior forward Jacqueline Batteast struggled in the NCAA Tournament, shooting very poorly. She will need to become a more con-

sistent scorer for the Irish to reach their potential.

Sophomores Megan Duffy and Courtney LaVere had outstanding freshman seasons and they could have breakout years to develop into premier collegiate players. The duo might take Notre Dame from a good team to an elite team.

Fencing

The most recent Irish program to light up the big No. 1 sign atop Grace Hall will be looking to relead.

Nittany Lions from 1996-2000 and were third in 1995, 2001 and 2002.

With the Irish and Nittany Lions this year after losing many stars from its 2002-03 national championship team.

Sophomore Alicja Kryczalo became the first fencer in school history to win the individual national title in her first two years at Notre Dame. Overall, the Irish had a school-record 11 All-Americans en route to accumulating 182 points. and defeating rival Penn State by three. The victory was even sweeter, as the Irish finished behind the

With the Irish and Nittany Lions competing for the crown late in the second day, Kryczalo defeated All-American Iris Zimmerman from Stanford to clinch Notre Dame's first national title since 1994. First-year head coach Janusz Bednarski was able to give the Irish their first title since 1994.

Ozren Debic and Jan Viviani graduated and became the 10th and 11th fencers in school history to earn All-American honors four

Players to Watch

The "A-Team" of foilists Alicja Kryczało and Andrea Ament have earned first-team All-American accolades in their first two years with the Irish. Ament finished second as a freshman and third last year.

Epecist Michal Sobieraj lost a tough championship match and finished second in the country. On the foil squad, the Irish will look to fifth-year senior Porest Walton to join junior Derek Snyder and continue to give the Irish one of the top foil teams in the country.

Men's Basketball

The Irish will need to replace two key starters in guards Matt Carroll and Dan Miller from a squad that reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament before bowing out to Arizona, Notre Dame got a big boost in June when point guard Chris Thomas decided to remove his name from consideration in the NBA Draft and return to Notre Dame for his junior season.

Players who came off the bench last year, such as guards Torrian Jones and Chris Quinn, center Tom Timmermans and forward

Jordan Cornette, will need to step into the spotlight to fill some vacancies in the starting lineup.

Incoming freshman guard Colin Falls has already received hype as a type of player to fill the shoes of the departed Carroll, and he may see significant playing time in the 2003-04 season.

Seniors Jones and Timmermans and juniors Cornette and Thomas will serve as captains for the Irish in their fourth season under coach Mike Brey.

The Irish kick off play in 2003 with a fall break trip to Barbados.

Players to Watch

With the graduation of Carroll and Miller, this is undoubtedly point guard Chris Thomas' team. After the junior decided to skip the NBA draft, Brey named him one of four captains for what will most likely be his last year with the Irish. Forward Torin Francis grew into a solid interior player last year as a freshman, averaging 11.1 points and 8.4 rebounds a game. The Irish will need continued progress from the young big man to establish a consistent interior game.

ND Women's Soccer

After injuries plagued the team through much of the 2002 season, the Irish finished the year with a strong kick in the NCAA Tournament, advancing to the round of 16 before being knocked out by Stanford 1-0 by a Cardinal goal with just nine minutes left.

This season, the Irish hope to remain healthy to contend for a national title Notre Dame returns a group of experienced starters to help them towards that goal.

Right back Candace Chapman, who earned All-American honors last year and was named Big East

Defensive Player of the Year, returns for the Irish.

Offensively, forwards Amanda Guertin and Amy Warner should again prove a formidable scoring

The Irish will again have a challenging regular season schedule, following coach Randy Waldrum's theory that you have to play the best teams every year. The Irish travel to take on Stanford and 2002 NCAA runner-up Santa Clara. Notre Dame will also host perennial powers Michigan and Connecticut at Alumni Field in 2003.

Players to Watch

Right back Candace Chapman is regularly considered one of the best defenders in collegiate soccer. The junior was an All-American last year and is one of the elite players in the nation.

Forwards Amanda Guertin and Amy Warner should prove a formida-ble scoring tandem for the Irish in 2003. The seniors led the team in scoring last year with 35 and 26 points, respectively. The pair has a combined 64 goals in their careers with the Irish.

SMC Golf

broken records and first place fin- of 315. ishes for the Belles.

In the fall season, Saint Mary's won five consecutive tournaments and captured the MIAA crown, while placing four golfers on the All-MIAA squad. During that span, the Belles set a new school record for single-day scoring with a 323 team total.

In the spring season, Saint Mary's saw even more success as the team placed fourth at the NCAA D-III Tournament, while then-sophomore Stefanie Simmerman captured the

The 2002-03 season was one of national title with a four-round total

This year, the Saint Mary's season is again full of promise as the Belles return all five members of their fourth-ranked squad from last

While expectations will be high after a total of sixth first place finishes last year, the Belles should again find themselves at the top of the MIAA. The Belles will likely again make a run at the team national title with their five top golfers returning for the 2003-04 seasons.

Players to Watch

Stefanie Simmerman should be the leader of a strong Belles roster. The junior is coming off an individual national championship she captured last May. All of the other four members from that Belies squad, which finished fourth in D-III last year, return this season.

Senior Liz Hanlon, junior Chrissy Dunham and sophomore Meg Mattia earned All-MIAA honors during the fall 2002 season along with Simmerman in helping the Belles capture the MIAA title.

CHECKING OUT THE TEAMS

Boston College Connecticut Georgetown Miami **Notre Dame** Pittsburgh Providence

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ND Volleyball

After graduating only two seniors, the Irish enter the 2003 season looking to advance past the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1994. Last year, the Irish hosted the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament but lost to Michigan State in the

In the preseason poll of Big East coaches, the Irish were predicted to finish first in the conference. Outside hitter Emily Loomis and middle blocker Lauren Kelbley were named to the all-Big East First Team.

A key component of the team last year was the impressive blocking by the front line. Middle blocker Lauren Brewster finished fourth overall nationally with 1.68 blocks per game.

Coach Debbie Brown's team schedule includes nine matches against 2002 NCAA Tournament

Men's Soccer

The Irish enter the 2003 season ranked 12th in the NSCAA/adidas poll, their highest preseason ranking in program history. Notre Dame returns nine starters from a 2002 squad that finished 12-6-3 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Irish must overcome the loss of leading scorer Erich Braun, who graduated last May. Forwards Justin Detter and Devon Prescod will be counted on to provide the scoring threat for the Irish this season.

The midfield will be anchored by three-time captain Greg Martin and Chad Riley, Notre Dame's leading returning scorer.

Goalkeeper Chris Sawyer returns to the net for the Irish with a .99 goals against average in 2002.

The Irish will again face a challenging schedule during the season as six of their opponents are ranked in the preseason top 25.

Hockey

The Irish endured a roller coaster season in 2002-03, which ended with yet another appearance in the CCHA Super Six. The Irish were climinated in the first round of the tournament for the fourth straight year, a 3-2 loss to Ohio State.

This year, Notre Dame must replace its captain and number-one defenseman Evan Nielsen. The quartet of Tom Galvin, Neil Komadowski, Brett Lebda, and T.J. Mathieson will all be seniors and should provide the Irish with one of its deepest defensive corps ever.

Offensively, the trish return one of the leading scorers in the nation last year in forward Rob Globke. Morgan Cey will return in goal for Notre

Coach Dave Poulin's team plays a difficult nonconference schedule this year, including games against perennial powerhouses Boston College, Cornell and Wisconsin.

Men's Cross Country

In 2002, the Irish had to make up for the loss of top runners Ryan Shay, who had graduated, and Luke Watson, who had used his four years of eligibility. Despite those needs, several younger members of the squad stepped into the void, as the Irish carned a 22nd-place finish at the NCAA

The top two runners through most of the season for the Irish were then-freshman Tim Moore, who paced the Irish at the NCAA meet with a 63rd-place finish, and then-junior Todd Mobley, who came in 80th.

In addition to Moore and Mobley, the Irish return most of those members from the 2002 squad, including senior David Alber, junior Ryan Johnson and sophomore Eric Morrison.

Notre Dame hosts a pair of meets in the fall with the National Catholic Championship Sept. 19 and the Notre Dame Invitational Oct. 3.

Women's Cross Country

The 2002 season was a banner year for the Irish women's squad. The team earned a third place finish at the NCAA Championship meet, its best in the program's 15-year history. Earlier in the season, the squad captured its first Big East Championship and later placed first at the Great

Yet there is still room for improvement as four of the team's top five finishers from the NCAA Championship meet return for the 2003 season.

The young but formidable Irish squad is lead by a pair of All-Americans in sophomore Molly Huddle and junior Lauren King. Huddle finished sixth at the national meet in 2002, just 12 seconds off the first-place pace. King was right on her heels in the meet at 19th, as was the case for most of the season.

Sophomores Loryn King and Stephanie Madia look to add depth to the Irish roster.

Men's Golf

With a roster loaded with freshmen and a lone senior, the Irish struggled at times through the 2002-03 season. But in the 2003 Big East Tournament, the Irish played to a second place finish as they hosted the event at the Warren Golf

While senior Brandon Lunke has graduated, the Irish will return a young but experienced squad for the 2003-04 year. Sophomore Scott Gulstalson, Mark Baldwin, Tommy Balderston and Eric Deutsch finished last year as four of the top five golfers for the Irish.

Guistaison was the medalist for the Irish during the year with a 75.03 scoring average and rounded out the year with a second place individual finish at the Big East Tournament,

While the team plays several events in the fall, the main season for the Irish occurs during the spring, when the Big East Tournament is held.

ND Women's Golf

And a child shall lead them.

That was the theme of the 2003 Big East Tournament as the Irish captured their first conference title on the strength of then-freshman Katie Brophy's 54-hole total of 229, which was good enough to tie for first in the conference championship.

Brophy, who was also last year's scoring leader for the Irish at 78.65 shots a round, returns with fellow sophomores Lauren Gebauer and Suzie Hayes.

Seniors Shannon Byrne, who placed third last spring in the Big East Tournament, and Rebecca Rogers should provide plenty of leadership for the younger members of the squad, as the pair played more rounds last year than any other returning players.

The Irish lose only Terri Taibl to graduation for the upcoming year.

SMC Cross Country

The highlight of 2002 Belles season came as Saint Mary's hosted the MIAA Jamboree Sept. 21, and the Belles runners were finally able to compete on their home course in front of their own fans and fellow students.

This season, the closest thing the Belles will have to a home meet will be the National Catholic Championships, hosted by Notre Dame Sept. 21, but that doesn't mean the Belles have nothing to be excited about for the upcoming 2003 season.

The Belles have an experienced rester of runners returning from a squad that struggled at times last year. Seniors Jackie Bauters, Jessica Kosco and Erin Thayer and sophomore Laura Ficker return for Saint Mary's as the teams most

Bauters and Ficker were the only two Belles to place in the top 50 at the MIAA Championships

SMC Volleyball

The Belles finished 2002 with a 7-21 overall record and only 1-13 in the MfAA Conference. but coach Julie Schroeder-Biek sees no reason

After all, the Belles return several key players including outside hitter Alison Shevik, who paced the team in kills and digs last season and middle hitter Ellise Rupright, who led the Belles in hitting percentage.

In addition, Saint Mary's should get a boost from incoming freshman outside hitter Kristen Playko and sophomore transfer Michelle Turley, who comes to Saint Mary's from D-I Marist College.

The biggest loss for the Belles will be setter Bridget Wakaruk, who led the team in assists last season. For that reason, Schroeder-Bick focused on setting in summer practice to prepare for her team's Aug. 30 debut.

SMC Soccer

Last season, forward Jen Concannon was one of the most dangerous scorers in the MIAA, finishing third in both goals scored and points in the conference. This year, the quick-footed junior hopes to improve her team's success in the wins column, as the Belles finished 7-10-2 and 5-7-2 in the MIAA for fifth place in 2002.

Concannon should be aided by forward Wendy Irvin, who was second on the team in points scored with 19 and was named to the All-MIAA

Returning to secure the midfield for the Belies are sophomore Carrie Orr and junior Emily Wagoner, who had four and three goals, respectively, in 2002.

The Belles have one void to fill in the backfield. where they must replace departed senior Lynn Taylor, who started 17 games in 2002 and earned all-MIAA Second Team honors.





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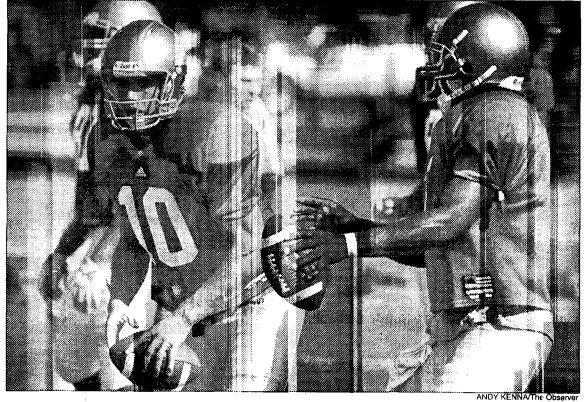
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Quarterbacks Brady Quinn and Carlyle Holiday participate in throwing drills during a recent practice. The Irish are preparing for their home opener against Washington State Sept. 6. The team had a 10-3 record last year during coach Tyrone Willingham's first season.

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the future.

"They have to rise from the bottom to the top, and that's not a bad thing," Willingham said. "They have a chance to turn a momentary negative into a positive."

For now, however, freshmen scramble to earn time on a practice field that belongs to a team gearing up for its Sept. 6 season opener against Washington State.

Last year, only receivers Maurice Stovall and Rhema McKnight saw action as freshmen. A man who says the best players will play, Willingham said he expects some freshmen will see playing time this fall, but he's reluctant to discuss specific players.

Still, the Irish have a talented crop of recruits entering Notre Dame this fall. Olsen was one of the nation's most sought-after tight end recruits and Dublin, Ohio, quarterback Brady Quinn was ranked 20th on ESPN's list of the top 100 national recruits.

Other freshmen who could

see some playing time this year include defensive linemen Victor Abiamiri and Trevor Laws and defensive backs Freddie Parish and Tom Zbikowski.

"It's tough for every freshmen coming in, no matter where you go and what you're like coming in here," Olsen said. "It's a whole different game from high school, from the speed to the size of the guys to the complexity of the offense.

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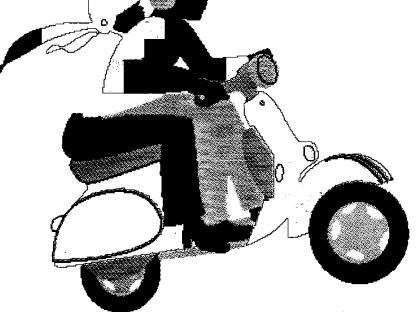
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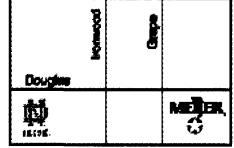
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ND Women's Basketball

McGraw thinks freshmen will add depth to this year's team

By JOE HETTLER Sports Editor

The 2002-03 women's basketball team had several weaknesses last season. They weren't aggressive at times, they didn't pass well and they played poor defense during the first half of the season.

But the Irish hope the additions of three talented freshmen will solve all those problems.

Crystal Erwin, Susie Powers and Breona Gray all signed with the Irish last year, and coach

Muffet McGraw said the trio should fill holes from last season's squad that finished 21-11 and lost in the Sweet Sixteen to Purdue.

"All three bring something different and something

that we needed," McGraw said. "We're really excited for this

Erwin is a top 10 to 15 recruit. according to several women's basketball recruiting publications. The 6-foot-2 California native averaged 22.6 points and 14.5 rebounds per game during her three-year high school career. Erwin also owns school records in points and rebounds and was named a USA Today Super 25 Team selection.

"[Erwin] brings an aggressive attitude and a fearless, physical presence to both ends of the floor," McGraw said. I think she's going to be a great rebounder and she's going to score. I expect that she's going to contribute pretty quickly and we're really looking forward to that.'

Powers brings the Irish great passing ability as well as versatility. She's a player that can shoot, run the floor and find the open teammate. While averaging 11.5 points and nearly seven assists per game for her high school team in Colorado, the guard was a part of three state championships.

"Probably our biggest weak-

"This is as much

depth as we've ever

had."

Muffet McGraw

coach

ness last year was assist-toour turnover ratio,' McGraw said. "So I really hope she is one that can feed the post and really help us in transi-

Gray was the last to sign and

gives the Irish an the outstanding defender. McGraw believes Gray will improve the Irish on the defensive end of the floor and in transition. She averaged 16.3 points and 6.0 rebounds during her four-year high school career.

"[Gray] is a really quick, great defender. She can really guard and run the floor and she wants to play up-tempo, which will help our running game," McGraw said.

While her team has been improved by the three acquisitions. McGraw is quick to point out that the 2003-04 team won't

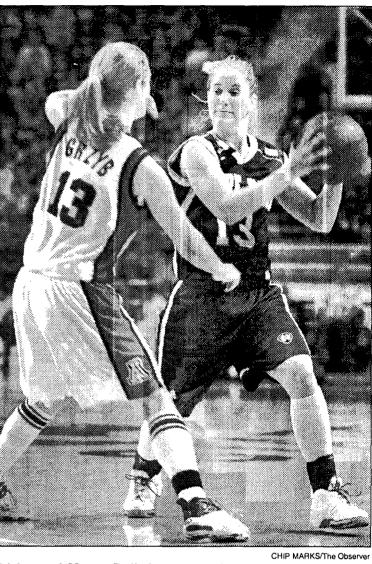
rely on the freshmen as much as in recent years. Notre Dame returns six experienced players from last season, in addition to Jeneka Joyce and Monique Hernandez. Joyce sat out last year with nagging injuries, while Hernandez did not participate on last year's team, after being on the roster the previous two

"We're really in a good situa-tion," McGraw said. "We don't have to rely on the freshmen immediately and I think the freshmen are going to push the veterans for playing time ... This is as much depth as we've ever

Senior La'Tania Severe, juniors Jacqueline Batteast, Katy Flecky and Teresa Borton and sophomores Megan Duffy and Courtney LaVere will make the Irish an experienced club. All six of these players played significant minutes for the 2002-03 Irish and each started on numerous occasions. With the addition of three talented freshmen, McGraw can't help but be excited for the start of the season.

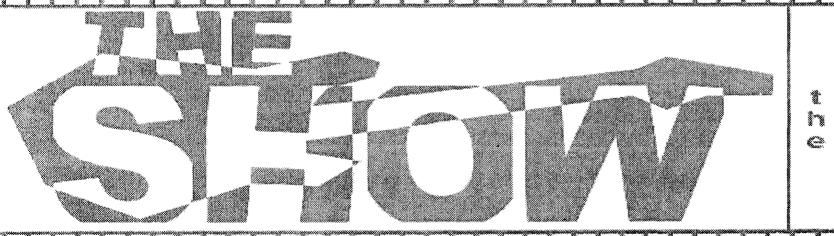
'We really saw our potential at the end of last season and it really gave us a shot of confidence," McGraw said. "There's a lot more excitement. But nationally, there's a lot of good teams out there so we really have to get our work ethic and work hard towards our goals."

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Irish guard Megan Duffy looks to make a move in the team's first-round NCAA Tournament game against Arizona. Notre Dame advanced to the Sweet Sixteen before losing to Purdue.

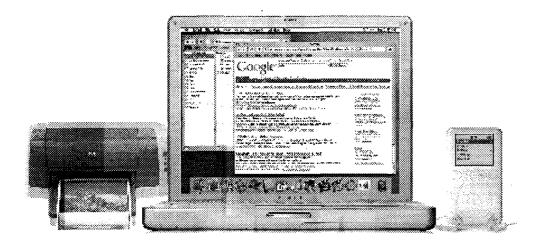
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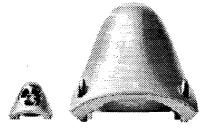
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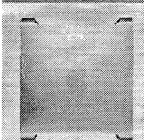
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said, "I think it gives the freshmen a better chance to play, because they're not competing for just one particular position."

Of Krivacek, Waldrum said that she brings size to the midfield position, something that previous Irish teams have been lacking.

Freshman goaltender Nikki

Westfall should add depth in net sive tandems, and midfielders for the Irish, backing up last Randi Scheller and Kimberly year's starter

"This class has been

great. They've got us

all very excited around

here."

Randy Waldrum

coach

In addition to the vaunted freshmen, the Irish also feature an accomplished veteran core of six seniors.

Erika Bohn.

Forwards Amanda

Guertin and Amy Warner could be one of the nation's best offen-

Carpenter add veteran leadership to a deep Irish midfield.

Fifth-year play-Vanessa Pruzinsky was injured all of last season, but will return this year and should be used in a variety

of positions. The final senior, defender Melissa Tancredi, will be the elder statesman on a talented defense pair that also features talented junior Candace Chapman.

Both Chapman and Tancredi were members of the Canadian under-18 national team.

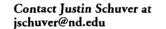
This Irish team looks deep on paper, but so did last year's squad. Injuries took their toll on the Irish in the 2002-03 season, but Waldrum believes that adversity may have been a good

"There were several times throughout the season where our team could have just quit, but they didn't," he said. "I think that shows a lot of our charac-

Injuries and bad luck could still play a factor for the Irish this season, but Waldrum believes his team is much more suited to deal with such problems now.

"The problem with last year was that we just didn't have the depth," he said.

But with a mix of both accomplished veterans and anxious youth, depth shouldn't be a problem any more.





Irish midfielder Randi Scheller heads a ball during a recent practice. The team enters the season ranked No. 10 in the nation and looks to make a run at a national title.

Mary Boland and Kate Tulislak run through drills during a recent practice. The Irish return many players from last year.

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Men's Cross Country

Healthy Irish return six of seven top runners in 2003

By JOE LINDSLEY Sports Writer

After losing only one of their top seven to graduation, the Irish harriers are planning to be in Cedar Falls, Iowa, for the national championships come November.

Last year, the Irish finished 22nd after just barely qualifying for the NCAA title race.

'Our expectations are that we return to the NCAAs, like we did last year. We graduate only our seventh man off of that team [John Keane]," Irish coach Joe Piane said.

Piane, who is entering his 28th season at the helm of the Irish, believes the team has several promising prospects for the empty slot among the team's top runners.

Junior Sean O'Donnell, who has "trained exceptionally well," according to Piane, posted an 8:25 performance in the 3,000-meter run at the Big East track championships last spring. Additionally, Kaleb van Ort looks to be another contender for Notre

"[Van Ort] had a very nice track season, but struggled in cross country, frankly because he was sick" Piane said. "One of those guys certainly can replace our seventh

The Irish have one very promising incoming freshman who is expected to compete with the team's best talent.

Freshman Kurt Benninger, a two-time member of the Canadian national cross country team, competed in the world cross country championships and was a silver medalist in the recent Pan Am Junior Championships, during which he completed the 1,600-meter race in 3:49

Irish All-American Todd Mobley, after suffering an injury last fall that seemed to have a negative effect on his teammates morale and performances, is completely healthy as he enters his senior season. Mobley finished 80th, and 61st in team scoring, at the NCAA Championships last year. The Irish will also count on sophomore Tim Moore, who led the Irish at nationals last year with his 63rd-place finish.

"I think we'll have a much better year when everyone knows that you have a healthy Todd Mobley, Tim Moore and Kurt Benninger up front," Piane said. "That's got to inspire everyone to run well. As a team, we're going to do exceptional."

Another reason for a positive outlook for the upcoming season is the fact the Irish will be competing for the Big



Brian Kerwin runs toward the finish line at the Big East Championships last November. The Irish return six of their top seven runners for the 2003 season.

East Championships at Van Cortland Park in the Bronx, N.Y. The Irish have a history of struggling during the alternate years that the conference championship is held in

Boston, while they have captured several conference titles in the Bronx.

Notre Dame's season begins Sept. 5 with the Valparaiso Invitational. As this is not an

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Men's Basketball

Brey eager to work with incoming freshman class

By MATT LOZAR Associate Sports Editor

Mike Brey hasn't seen his three incoming freshmen participate in on-campus summer scrimmages, but the reports

from his team captains leave Brey eager to begin practices. And this year, the fourth-year head coach of the Irish will be allowed to participate in those practices sooner.

Under NCAA regulations, Brey cannot have direct on-thecourt contact with his team over the summer. Notre Dame's four captains — seniors Tom Timmermans and Torrian Jones and juniors Chris Thomas and Jordan Cornette — kept Brey informed about what happened in the pick-up games and

how the new blood fit in with the returning players.

This season, Brey will start practices with his players a month earlier than usual. Once every four years, the NCAA allows a school to participate in a foreign tour. Over the October semester break, Brey and the Irish will be off to Barbados for their first trip abroad since

"The nice part about doing the foreign tour during the school year is that the incoming freshmen are here so we can take them on the foreign tour," Brey said. "If it was during the summer, then [freshmen Colin] Falls, [Russell] Carter and [Omari] Israel would not be able to attend it. Usually, I can't watch our team until mid-October.

Brey knows what he has in his core players, but the September practices will allow Brey and his staff to do a num-

ber of things experiment with new lineups, observe the improvement of the returning players and actually run the freshmen through college-level practices.

Every player participated in the summer scrimmages,

including junior Chris Thomas, who enrolled in summer school and came back to the Irish after withdrawing his name from the NBA Draft on June 16.

To replace senior captain and dead-eye shooter Matt Carroll, Brey is looking to the 6-foot-4 Falls from Loyola Academy in Park Ridge, Ill. Falls left Loyola as the school's leading scorer (2,045 points), and at the top of the school's record books in three-pointers (209), free throw percentage (.840) and

rebounds (569). Last season, Falls averaged 25.0 points, 7.0 rebounds and 4.0 assists a

"I think Colin Falls really impressed our captains with his overall feel for the game. Then you add that he is a really great shooter with deep range," Brey said. "There is certainly a need for that after losing Matt Carroll. I think a guy like Colin can become very important for us as the new face we need the most."

During the summer sessions, Falls felt the biggest on-court difference between high school and college was an obvious one the pace of the game.

"It was a really good experience to meet all the players and get to play with them," Falls said. "I knew what kind of role I would play, but the players are faster, bigger, stronger and quicker. I kind of knew it was coming, but that was definitely

> the biggest change.

Carter finished his high school career his school's second all-time leading scorer and was an all-state first-team selection. He averaged 30.0 points, 1 1 . 2 rebounds and

3.4 assists as a senior.

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Mike Brey

coach

"I think it was a good breakin period for Russell Carter. I think he learned how to play at this level, with the intensity,' Brey said of the summer practice. "He isn't the No. 1 option anymore as he was in high school.

"He has an athletic body, similar to a Jones, can really defend, and has the ability to score. He scored a lot of points in high school.'

Israel is the third freshman from the Class of 2007, but Brey is considering putting Israel on a five-year plan similar to sophomore and similarlynamed sophomore Omari Peterkin. Israel tore his anterior cruciate ligament in January and missed the remainder of his senior season. Brey will determine what to do with Israel when the team practices next month.

As practice is scheduled to begin in a month, Brey will have more time to find replacements for Carroll and departed guard Dan Miller's outside shooting. Meanwhile, the freshmen will have more time to get ready for when the games really count.

"One of the new faces is going to have to be in there whether it is Russell or Colin. I don't know if they have to start. We asked a lot out of Chris Quinn last year and he delivered,' Brey said. "Whether he played 20 minutes one night or six, he always came to play. We need one of our freshman stars to have that maturity level and give us that.

"Maybe two of them will give that to us over the course of the season, and I think that is where the foreign tour helps us, it allows us to pick up some experience. It almost gets them a season under their belts before the season starts.'

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SMC Soccer

New head coach, returning players have high hopes

By PAT LEONARD Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's soccer team returns its leading scorer and brings in a new coach to open the 2003 season. The new blend of coach and players will meet its first test on Aug. 30 at Marietta College versus the State University of New York.

Coach Peter Haring, in his first year as head coach of the Belles after working as an assistant at Valparaiso University, has an impressive resume that includes leading the girls MSA Mystique Premier U-17 team to a 20-7-2 record in two seasons. Haring was in charge of "keeper training, recruiting and strength and conditioning" at Valparaiso.

"I'm definitely excited," Haring said. "I'm coming into a good situation because the team has so much depth with so many returning players."

The Belles return their top offensive players from 2002. First team all-MIAA forward Jen Concannon tallied a team-high 30 points and 12 goals last season.

"A player like Jen Concannon is going to add a lot of leadership and bring a new level of intensity," Haring said. "Returning players bring experience."

The Belles lose second-team all-MIAA sweeper and "field general" Lynn Taylor to graduation, but they return numerous starters and have solid talent in the incoming class.

"With Taylor leaving, [sophomore] Carrie Orr [ten points, four goals] will be taking over that role," Haring said. "That will be one of the more important roles on the field this sea-

son, as Carrie tries to fill some big shoes."

Other returning players include second-team all-MIAA senior forward Wendy Irvin (19 points, nine goals) and junior midfielder Emily Wagoner (nine points, three goals).

Despite the positives created by many returning contributors, Haring says the most significant addition to this year's team is its depth.

Incoming freshmen like outside midfielder Megan and attacker Carolyn Logan are making an immediate impression. Ashley Hinton and Colleen Courtney will add much needed depth to the defense.

"Now we just have to piece all this together and make it work," Haring said. "The team has a lot of potential to do a lot of good things and make a strong bid for the conference title"

The Belles finished below .500 overall and in league play with a 7-10-2 record (5-7-2) last season.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles train in off-season, add transfer from Marist College

By PAT LEONARD Sports Writer

Saint Mary's coach Julie Schroeder-Biek could have frowned on her team's 7-21 record last season.

She could have worried over its 1-13 MIAA conference record

Instead, the Belles' coach is all smiles over her players' off-season work ethic.

"Last year we were still in the early stages of rebuilding the program," Schroeder-Biek said. "The focus was on improvement, and we did not pay as much attention to the record. But we made big improvements individually."

Aware of — but not haunted by — the results of the 2002 season, the team is now more focused than ever.

"The returners showed great commitment over the summer. They came back in great shape and ready to compete," she said. "Now, the incoming freshmen are following their lead and working at their pace."

It has been quite a pace.

In fact, a handful of freshmen e-mailed their summer workouts to Schroeder-Biek as proof of their dedication. In particular, incoming freshman Kristen Playko has impressed the coach. An all-state outside attacker and state champion from Norwalk, Ohio, Playko has entered preseason practice "really strong."

Perhaps the most significant addition to the team is that of sophomore transfer Michelle Turley from Division-I Marist College. Turley will play several different positions in practice before coaches decide where she will play when the season begins.

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While the freshmen and transfer become acclimated to team play, the returning starters must take charge as they have in the preseason.

Outside attacker Alison Shevik led the team last season in kills (180) and digs (350). She and players like 5-foot-10 Ellise Rupright, the team leader in attack percentage (.205), aces (45) and total blocks (88), will be the leaders.

Not returning to the team is assist leader and setter Bridgette Wakaruk, who had 554 assists last season but plans to transfer to another school, according to Schroeder-Biek.

The main focus, then, will be

replacing Wakaruk.

"[Junior] Stacey [Stark] filled that role last year. She had never played setter before, but she has very good control," the coach said. "This year we are trying to use her in the right side attacking position."

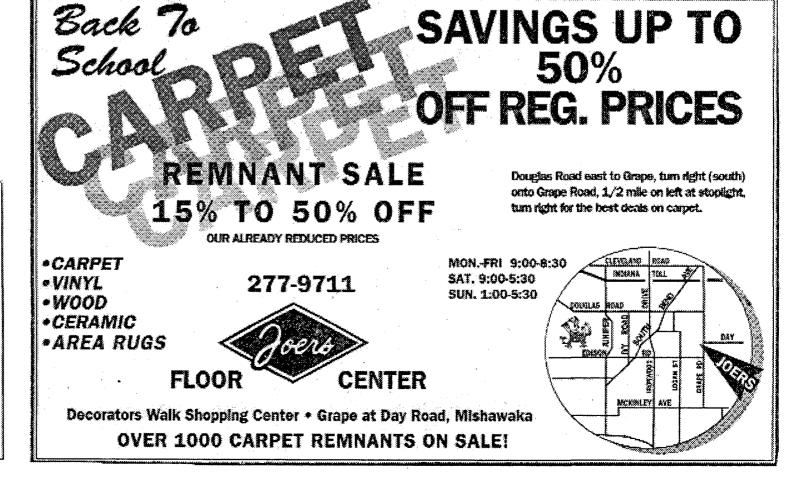
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Notre Dame goalle Christopher Sawyer deflects a shot during a recent scrimmage. The Irish enter the season ranked No. 12 In the nation, after finishing No. 24 last season.

Women's Cross Country

Irish aiming high in '03

Huddle, King lead pack of returning, experienced runners

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After a season in which the Irish achieved their best-ever performance by claiming third at the NCAA championships, Notre Dame has high expectations for the approaching fall season.

Especially promising for the team is that out of the top five runners at that race, only one of them, Ana Morales, was a senior. The Irish will retain, among others, their top duo of Molly Huddle and Lauren King.

Huddle earned her first

and King her second All-America honor at the national title race last year in Terre Haute, Ind. as they led the Irish with their 6th and 14th place finishes, respectively. Throughout the '02 season, Huddle and King were atop the Irish lineup, though not always in the same order.

Huddle's finish at the national championships, just 12 seconds behind individual champion Shalane Flanagan of North Carolina, was the highest for a female Irish runner since Joanna Deeter's third place finish in 1996. Like Huddle, Deeter was a freshman at the time.

King also had impressive accomplishments last fall, including her victory at the Big East Championships, which was the first Irish individual title in that event

since 1995. The duo, along with Stephanie Madia, Katie Wales and Jean Marinangeli, gave Notre Dame women's cross country its first ever Big East conference title in the program's 16-year history.

The Irish still have a few weeks before their fall season is inaugurated with the Valpraiso Invitational Sept. 5. Notre Dame will likely have its first taste of national championship caliber competition Oct. 3 at the Burke Memorial Golf Course when the Irish host the Notre Dame Invitational. Last season, the Stanford Cardinal, who finished second at the NCAA Championships, took the title at the annual Irish Invitational.

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nine starters from a year ago and adds a highly touted freshman class.

Irish coach Bobby Clark, in his third season with the Irish,

will open the season with the Irish ranked 12th in the National Soccer Coaches Association

America/adidas preseason poll,

Notre Dame's highest preseason ranking ever.

"That's what other people see," Clark said. "We've built up our stock, and now people think we can be good, but we have to keep making deposits."

Keeping with the head coach's metaphor, midfielder Greg Martin would perhaps be the team's accountant. Martin, a senior, will hold the duties of captain for the third straight year.

"[Greg is] a special leader," Clark said. "We've got a very strong senior class this year, as well, and I think that should help

him."

"It's obviously a great h o n o r," Martin said. "It's a great group of guys. I hope to bring vision and organization to this team both on and off the field." In addition

to Martin and the six other seniors, junior goalkeeper Chris Sawyer will also play an important role on the team. Sawyer was named the Big East preseason goalkeeper of

Last year, Sawyer started 16 of the 21 games in goal for the Irish, and collected a 0.99 goals against average and .754 save percentage, allowing 16 goals and making 49 saves

Forward Justin Detter and midfielder Jack Stewart also earned preseason all-Big East honors. Detter was the third leading scorer on last year's team, with 19 points (six goals and seven assists).

The Irish lost last season's scoring leader Erich Braun to graduation, and it will be up

to Detter and the other Irish offensive players to help make up for the loss. Braun tallied 12 goals and three assists last year, for a total of 27

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"It's always tough when you lose good players," Clark said.

The Irish open the season Saturday with an exhibition match against No.11 Saint Louis and then begin regular season play at the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic in Bloomington, Ind., on Aug. 29 against Alabama-Birmingham and Aug. 30 against No.17 California.

The regular-season home opener will be against Big East rival and fifth-ranked Saint John's, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m. In their first three games of the regular season, the Irish

will face two r a n k e d teams and one that just missed being ranked.

"You always want to find the best teams you can play," Clark said.

Martin and the other seniors hope that the third

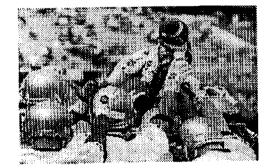
year is the charm for Clark, who took Dartmouth and Stanford to the NCAA Tournament earlier in his coaching career.

"I think we want to win it more for [Clark] than for ourselves," Martin said. "We seniors know it's our last chance to win it for him."

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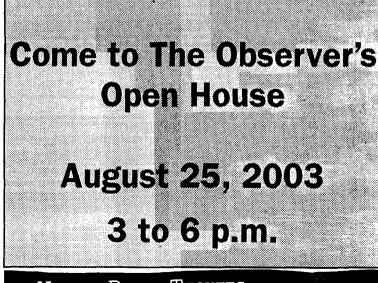
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish looking to rebound from last year's disappointing finish

More experience, new faces hope to take Irish to the next level

By MATT LOZAR Associate Sports Editor

After ending its season in disappointing fashion by losing in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at the Joyce Center, Notre Dame coach Debbie Brown only lost two seniors to graduation and gained one new face for her 2003 team.

Last year, Brown needed to give two of her six freshmen heavy minutes on the front line. The experience gained by Lauren Kelbley and Lauren Brewster, who each started all but three matches throughout the fall season, and by other current sophomores in the spring season gives Brown a more experienced squad right from the start in 2003.

"It's huge, and that's important," Brown said. "I think in particular, Lauren Kelbley and Lauren Brewster come in with significant playing time, Meg Henican played in pretty much every match in a lot of different pressure situations, Kelly Burrell and Carolyn Cooper played a lot in the spring and Carolyn improved a lot. All are coming in much better players.

The only freshman joining the team this year is Danielle Herndon from Plant City, Fla. Even though Brown only has one new face on a team returning almost all of its players, she isn't shy about her plans for Herndon.

"We are going to throw her right in there," Brown said. "She plays libero for us. There are obviously some changes, but she has adapted well. She is really fast, and I feel she can be put in right away.'

In 2002, Keara Coughlin and Janie Alderete primarily played the libero position for the Irish with Henican and

Jessica Kinder also seeing some action at the back row spot.

This season, Brown plans to keep Kinder and Henican at their outside hitter positions

and work Herndon with converted middle blocker Kelly Corbett.

Another change for the team this year is the use of a rotation system with two setters. Burrell joins captain Kristen Kinder as the other setter. This change gives Brown a more flexible team and allows the Irish to take advantage of their many skilled front-line players. In 2002, the Irish ranked second nationally as a team in blocks per game.

'We have some front row players that are exceptionally strong at the net," Brown said. "It allows us to play those players, makes our block stronger and makes us a better team."

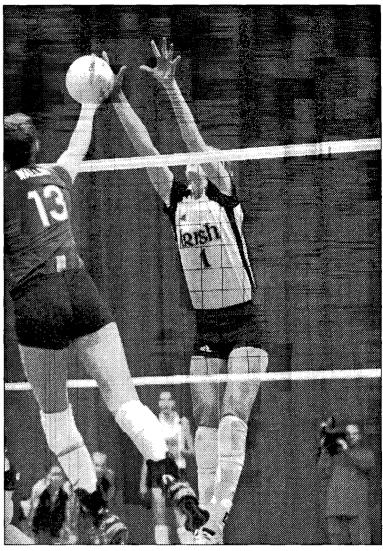
Brown still feels her team hasn't gotten tired of seeing the same faces on the practice court day after day. With the season starting next weekend, against three teams ending 2002 in the top 25 and two of those teams advancing to the

quarterfinals of the NCAA "We have a lot of things Tournament, to work on and areas to Brown knows her team still

has to finetune some things with a tough opening weekend schedule.

"We have a lot of things to work on and areas to improve," Brown said. "We still have high energy, good concentration and focus. We are glad to open up the season, but not right now since we still have some things to work on "

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Notre Dame's Emily Loomis goes up to attempt a block against Michigan State in the NCAA Tournament at the Joyce Center. The Spartans eliminated the Irish from the tournament.

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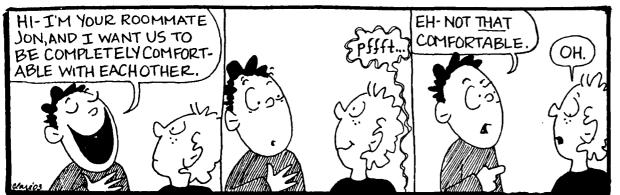
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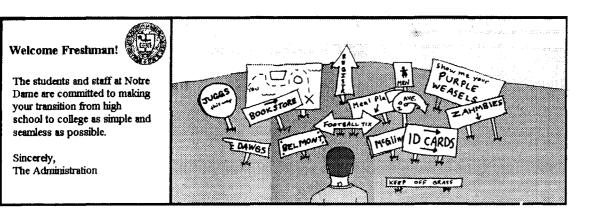
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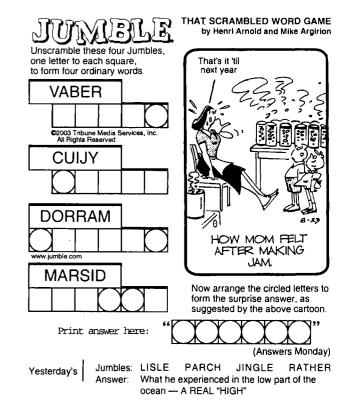
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FOOTBALL

Playing by the rules

New regulations make all players report on same day

By ANDREW SOUKUP Sports Writer

Greg Olsen arrived on campus two weeks ago, carrying plenty of advice on what to expect in fall football camp from his older brother Chris.

But when Chris — now a sophomore backup quarterback came to Notre Dame last fall, he and the rest of his freshman class practiced for three days before the rest of the team arrived.

During that time, the elder Olsen had a handful of practices where he could attempt to digest the 400-plus-page playbook before getting thrown into the fire and toward the bottom of the depth chart.

His younger brother, a tight

end, did not have that luxury.
A series of NCAA rule changes designed to prevent heat-related problems involving athletes went into effect this year. While most of the changes dealt with the amount of time a team can spend practicing in a day and the number of two-aday practices that can be held, one clause removed the traditional orientation period for freshmen football players.

So when Greg Olsen and the other 21 freshmen first stepped onto a practice field Aug. 4 wearing a gold helmet, they were joined by their upperclass teammates - each of whom had a much better understanding of how Notre Dame football

Your adrenaline was kind of pumping because you were thrown in there with the other guys, and it was like it was going 90 miles an hour, just trying to figure out where you were supposed to line up that first day," Olsen said. "It was kind of hectic, but it was also exciting at the same time."

Irish coach Willingham has adopted a waitand-see approach before voicing an opinion on the new practice regulations.

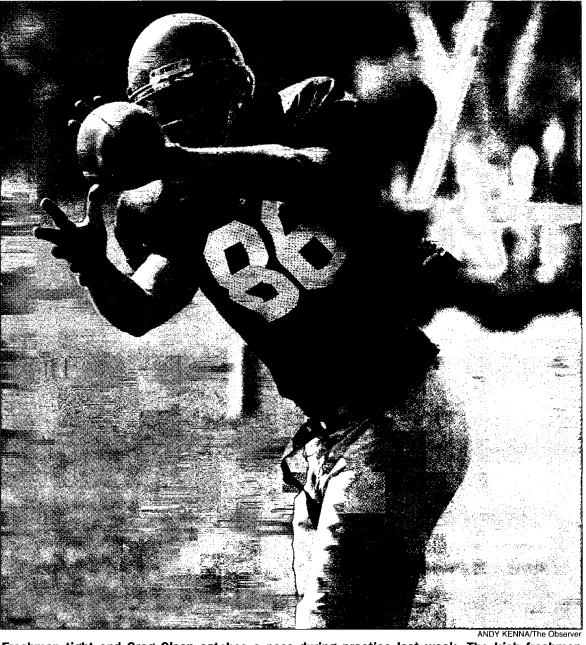
But he acknowledged that the new rules hamper freshmen participation in practices and make it tougher for them to play snaps in practice.

'At least before, there was a part where they had a chance to improve themselves on their own before the rest of the team arrived," Willingham said. "Now, you don't have a chance to gain some of that confidence.

The NCAA did allow for teams to hold one three-hour practice for freshmen separate from the rest of the team - a far cry from the four practices previous freshmen enjoyed.

But in trademark Willingham fashion, the Irish coach believes the adversity the current crop of freshmen faces may become advantageous in

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Freshman tight end Greg Olsen catches a pass during practice last week. The Irish freshmen could not report before upperclassman this year, like they had previously.

Men's Soccer

Irish ranked No. 12 to begin '03 campaign

By JUSTIN SCHUVER Sports Writer

That "other" football team at Notre Dame isn't bad this vear, either.

Soccer, known throughout the world as football, is one of the most international of sports games. It makes sense, then, that a school whose nickname is the Irish should compete in the sport.

And Notre Dame not only competes; they've been competitive as well in recent years. Last year, the Irish advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament before losing 1-0 to perennial powerhouse Indiana.

This year, the Irish hope to improve even more on last season's 12-6-3 regular season record. The team returns

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Women's Soccer

Waldrum optimistic about season

By JUSTIN SCHUVER

In 2002, the Irish may have hurt their bodies, but they didn't hurt their postseason

Last year, the team overcame a slew of injuries — players missed 64 games due to injury to advance to the NCAA Tournament, only to lose a $heartbreaker\ to\ top\text{-ranked}$ Stanford in the third round. The game was tied until Stanford scored in the 81st minute to earn a 1-0 win over the Irish.

That kind of determination Jill Krivacek. didn't go unnoticed.

Notre Dame comes into this season ranked 10th in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America preseason poll, partly due to a recruiting class that was ranked fifth in the nation by Soccer

'This class has been great," coach Randy Waldrum said of his 10 freshmen. "They've got us all very excited around here.

Waldrum especially lauded the play of Illinois natives Jen Buczkoswki, Kim Lorenzen, and

The three were part of the Illinois team that won the 2003 Olympic Development Program national title. Interestingly enough, the Illinois team defeated a team from New Jersey, which featured another Irish freshman this year, midfielder Lizzie Reed.

Waldrum that said Buczkowski "can play anywhere," and that Lorenzen can also play several positions with

"When you're versatile," he

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach Muffet McGraw believes her team is as deep as ever and that depth should help the Irish this season.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Chris Thomas returns for the Irish as the team looks ahead to a difficult schedule and a promising

SMC SPORTS

The Saint Mary's volleyball team hopes to improve after a tough season in '02. Meanwhile, the Belles soccer team is eyeing a championship.

ND VOLLEYBALL

The team returns nearly everyone from last year's Big East title squad and aims for another title

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