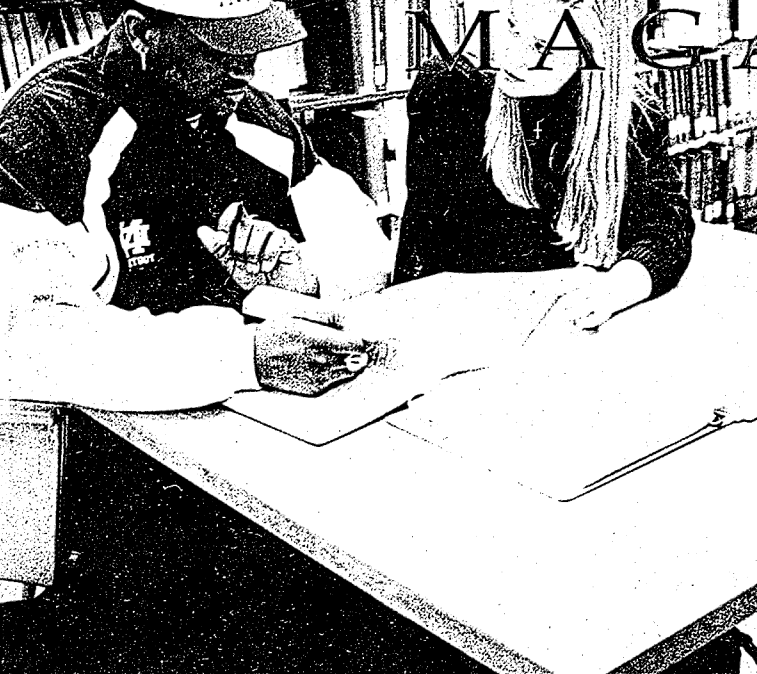


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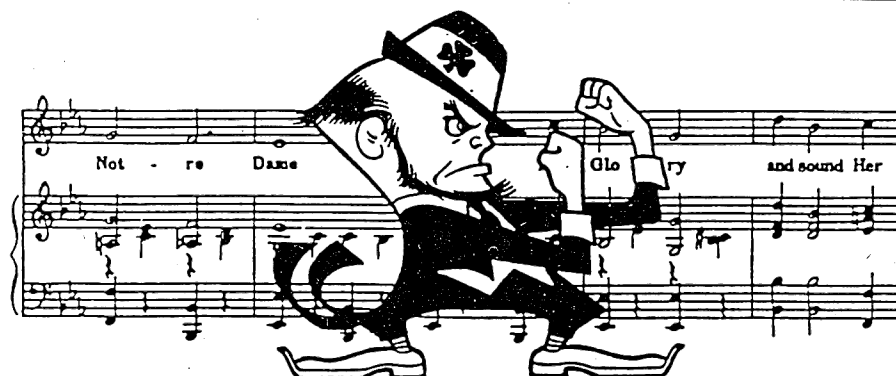


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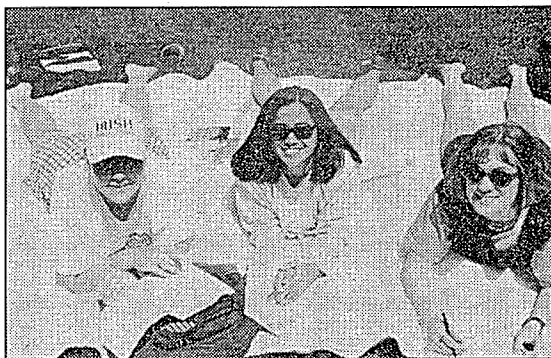
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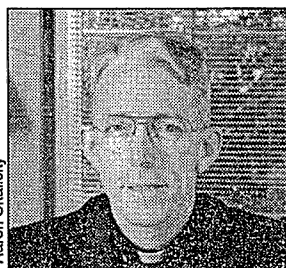
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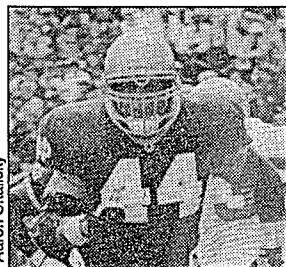


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Your New Home

I'll never forget the first day I accidentally called Notre Dame "home." My mom just about flipped. "What do you mean 'you can't wait to go home?!'" she exclaimed. "This is your home."

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Over the next four years, you too will learn to love Notre Dame. You will learn to love the way the golden dome glistens in the sun on bright fall days, the silent peace on the paths by the lakes, the squirrels which are tame enough to eat from your hand.

But more than anything else, Notre Dame is the people. Your roommates, your professors, your rector... These people, and the things you learn from them, you will take with you for the rest of your life. Cherish them all.

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We hope that this issue will help to quell some of the fears you must have about next year. Some of the stories offer helpful advice, while others are mostly for your entertainment. So sit back, relax and take a look. Have a great summer, and we'll look forward to seeing you next year.

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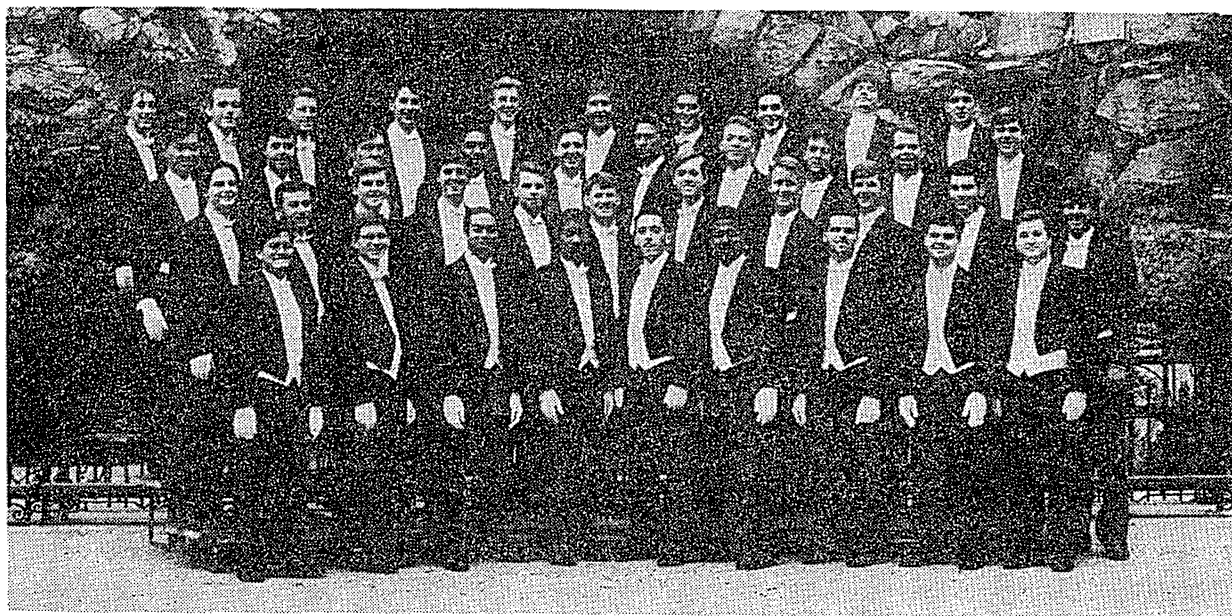
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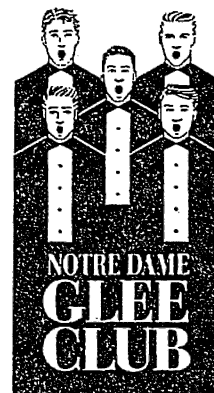
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Looking Ahead ...



Crews finish work on the new business building.

The Changing Face of Campus

Notre Dame is renowned for its gorgeous campus, complete with striking architecture and vibrant landscaping. Now the scene upon arriving on campus includes fences, scaffolding, bulldozers and cement trucks. Welcome to the Notre Dame construction site. Three big projects are currently underway and work will continue over the next few years.

Early in the spring of 1995, construction crews broke ground for two new men's dorms. Keough and O'Neill Halls, named after generous donors, will be located on the south end of campus, on land previously occupied by the university's golf course. Each dorm will house approximately 275 men. When they open in fall 1996, the first residents will be drawn from Grace Hall, one of the high-rise dorms built in 1969.

At the center of campus, the first comprehensive exterior renovation of Notre Dame's 116 year-old golden-domed Main Building has begun. The \$5 million project, which is

expected to last 12-16 months, will include the restoration and cleaning of the building's 4.3 million bricks, replacement of the roof, painting, window replacement and minor electrical and mechanical modifications.

Many of the university's administrative offices are located in the Main Building, but renovation work is not expected to affect daily operations within the building. Interior renovation is scheduled to begin in the summer of 1997. At that time, some offices will be moved to the vacated Grace Hall.

A project which is to be completed over the summer of 1995 is construction of a new Business Administration Building. The building is located on the developing DeBartolo quad. Scheduled to open in fall 1995, the building will be utilized mostly by MBA students. Like its neighbor, the DeBartolo classroom building, the new business building will be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. □

The Voice of ND

Jonathan Patrick and Dennis McCarthy took over as student body president and vice-president April 1, 1995, and will hold the posts through March 1996. Their intent is to increase student input, and implement a number of new projects and programs.

Patrick and McCarthy's goal is to become the "Voice of ND." They plan to gather student input through a new e-mail forum and greater use of surveys. In addition, they have promised to respond to every student's comment quickly, in order to increase student participation in Student Government. They also support the conversion of the campus radio station, WVFI, to an FM station.

Student government supports student interests by taking student concerns directly to the administration. Its staff members are always looking for new people to join and strengthen the ranks. □



Student leaders are excited for next year.

News Briefs

Looking Back ...

Changes at the Top

This year, Timothy O'Meara, who has served as Notre Dame's Provost since 1978, announced that he will step down on June 30, 1996. "I'm leaving the position because I'm old," explained O'Meara, who will be 68 years old at the time of his resignation. He will then remain on faculty as provost-emeritus and a professor of mathematics until 1998.

The provost is the second-ranking officer of academic affairs in the university, under only the President himself. The provost is in charge of making academic policy and curriculum and hiring, firing and guiding members of the faculty.

A six-member search committee made up of professors from a variety of areas and one student representative is currently assisting in the process of selecting the university's next provost. The committee was appointed and is being assisted by the university's Academic Council. President Malloy is the chair of the committee. They will receive and consider nominations for provost from the university's faculty and other sources.

A number of other changes have also occurred in the Office of the Provost recently. Three of the four associate provosts have turned in their own resignations. Fr. Timothy Scully, C.S.C., replaced Fr. Oliver Williams, C.S.C., as associate provost and was also made a vice-president of the university. Moreover, Associate Provosts Roger Schmitz and Isabel Charles have recently completed their terms. □



Students protest in support of a gay and lesbian student group.

Clashing With the Administration

Early this semester, the administration suddenly informed leaders of Notre Dame's homosexual student group that they could no longer use the University Counseling Center to hold meetings, since the group is not officially recognized by the university. This sparked a wave of controversy about the university's policy regarding homosexual groups.

Many campus organizations made public statements in support of GLND/SMC. In addition, over 300 individuals showed their agitation with the administration through three protests early this semester.

As the controversy heated up, media coverage exploded. On campus, a series of open letters to the Notre Dame community appeared. Statements from the Office of Student Affairs, Campus Ministry and GLND/SMC served as a dialogue of sorts and provided fuel for the fire.

The *Observer* was filled with editorials and letters to the editor. Alumni, represen-

tatives from other universities and homosexuals around the country wrote to express their opinions. The *South Bend Tribune* covered each new step in the battle. The story broke in other publications around the country as well, including the *Chicago Tribune* and the *New York Times*.

GLND/SMC has dedicated itself to meeting the needs of gay and lesbian students on campus. They continue to meet, even without official university approval. And they continue to try to educate the Notre Dame community.

Since spring break, the roar of conflict has subsided slightly. Activities and discussion have taken an inward turn in order to protect the people directly involved. Both sides have found supporters and protesters, and neither side declared itself the victor. Until the administration, GLND/SMC and the student and faculty bodies find common ground, this issue will no doubt again arise under the dome. □



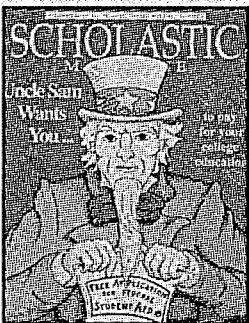
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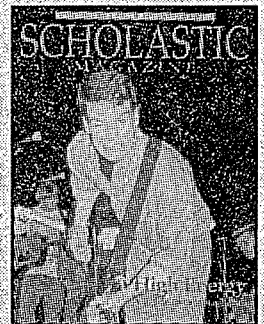
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The Dark Side of the Dome

Tales of haunted halls, supernatural bells and secret tunnels shroud Notre Dame in mystery

by Mark J. Mitchell IV

If you have a grandfather who graduated from Notre Dame, there is little doubt that he sparked your imagination with stories of the university. Even if you do not have relatives to regale you with university legends, a campus tour will supply you with several bits of university lore.

While these tales add color to the university's history, some of them bend the truth a bit. *Scholastic* has tried to get the stories behind the legends and the secrets.

Hauntings

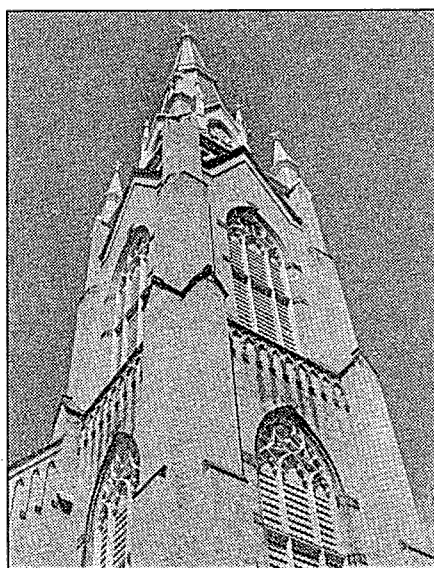
Some of the favorite Notre Dame tales revolve around the reputed ghosts of the campus. The most popular story is about the Ghost of Washington Hall who has supposedly haunted the old theater since 1886. In that year, a steeplejack was killed in a fall from the fly loft high above the stage. Since then, students and professors have reported hearing voices, loud thuds and music coming from the stage area, according to Tom Barks, the manager of Washington Hall. Barks added that he puts no stock in the haunting tale, saying that all the noise is probably attributable to echoes and pipes.

Supernatural Forces

Sacred Heart Basilica is also the center of a popular campus legend. According to legend, one of the Basilica's bells named after Saint Anthony of Padua weighs over

three tons. When it was first rung in Sacred Heart in 1875, it reportedly broke the wooden beams supporting it. It was then hung with metal beams, and it pulled the beams out of the wall again.

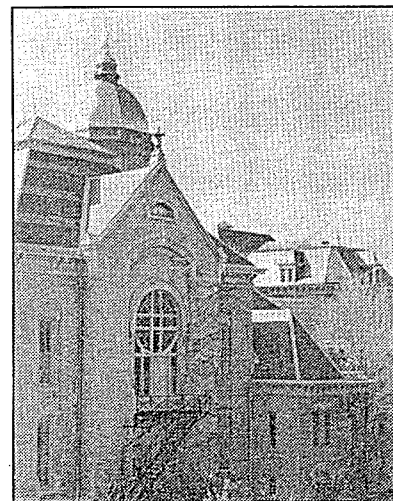
So the Saint Anthony bell was allegedly left resting on a platform high in the tower, never to ring again. But its famous low ring can be heard from time to time across



The ringer of Saint Anthony's bell is rumored to be the saint himself.

the campus. Supposedly, the great bell rings only when Saint Anthony of Padua himself strikes it, and if you hear the deep gong of the bell and you say a prayer to Saint Anthony, your prayer will be answered.

In reality, there is such a bell in Sacred Heart. It weighs 7,000 pounds and hangs on its own rack. According to Brother



Both the Main Building and Washington Hall are veiled in mystery.

Dennis, the Basilica sacristan, the Saint Anthony bell rings only a few times each year on the most important and solemn occasions. Because it is the loudest and biggest bell in the Basilica's tower, when it does ring, it can be heard across the campus.

Hidden Floors

The Main Building carries with it many legends of its own. Most of them center around its reputedly condemned fifth floor. Though visitors cannot go up to the fifth floor, it is only closed, not condemned. There is no access because, without an elevator, it is too difficult to put offices up that high.

The fifth floor also holds the entry to the hidden staircase to the balcony inside the dome. Hidden ladders lead all the way up to the pedestal under Mary's feet.

Secret Tunnels

Miscellaneous legends surround the secret tunnel system that runs all over the campus. The tunnel system provides every building with heat, electricity and phone service.

Exits to the tunnels are scattered around campus. Students are prohibited from entering the securely locked tunnels because of the danger of electrical shock from the wires and the chance of collapse in some of the older sections.

The catalogue of legends about Notre Dame could stretch on indefinitely. You will hear hundreds of tales in your four years here; and you'll probably tell them all to your grandchildren. □

Family Portrait

A guide to a few campus personalities

by Michelle Crouch

The Man In Charge

Rev. Edward A. "Monk" Malloy, C.S.C., is in his second five-year term as the 16th president of Notre Dame. Formerly a member of President George Bush's Advisory Council on Drugs, he was recently appointed chairman of the new Commission on Substance Abuse at High Schools. He is also a founding director of the Points of Light Foundation, a national initiative to promote community service.

Father Malloy has been a faculty member in the Department of Theology since 1974, and he continues to teach today. He resides in Sorin Hall, one of very few university presidents in the country who lives in a dorm with students.

An Emeritus Extraordinaire

Rev. Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., retired in 1987 after serving as Notre Dame's president for 35 years. He spends much of his time traveling, making speeches and fulfilling his obligations as a member of a number of international organizations.

Despite these obligations, Father Hesburgh is still involved with Notre Dame students. He can be found making guest appearances, lecturing in classrooms and presiding over liturgies in the residence halls. In addition, he chairs the advisory committees of two of the University's academic institutes.



Father Hesburgh is probably most well-known for his public service career. He has held 15 presidential appointments over the years, involving him in major social issues such as civil rights and atomic energy. He is also a leader in the field of education, as reflected in his 127 honorary degrees, the most ever awarded to a single individual.

Contrary to the rumor that Father Hesburgh lives on the 14th floor of the library named after him, he actually resides in Corby Hall, the residence of many Holy Cross priests.

The Woman Who Makes the Rules

The vice president of student affairs, Professor Patricia A. O'Hara is the woman who makes many of the decisions that affect Notre Dame students. She sets the agenda for and makes decisions about campus ministry, campus security, student activities and residence life.

Consequently, her relationship with students is bittersweet, as many students associate the Department of Student Affairs with discipline and punishment. "That comes with the territory," said O'Hara. "Part of our work is with rules and expectations, but there is so much more to what we do, from Campus Ministry to student activities to counseling."

O'Hara tries to maintain contact with students, spending time in each dorm at least once a year, and working personally with the resident assistants and student government. She also continues to teach two classes in the law school.

O'Hara was awarded this position in June 1990, becoming the first woman to serve as an officer of the university.



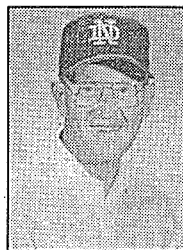
"Lou"

When Lou Holtz came to Notre Dame to take over as the head football coach in 1985, no one knew for sure what was in store. It did not take long to find out.

After only two years under his guidance, the Irish earned an invitation to the Cotton Bowl. It was their first New Year's Day appearance in seven years. The next year, in 1988, Holtz produced a national championship.

Indeed, in his ten seasons at Notre Dame, Holtz has repeatedly proven that he has made the Fighting Irish squad one of the best in college football, and the future looks promising for football. This year's freshman recruiting class has been billed as top in the nation.

Probably the most telling aspect about Holtz's success as a coach is the students' undying loyalty and respect for him. This is evident between the third and fourth quarters of every football game, when thousands of students hold up their hands to form the letter "L" and chant the name "Lou" over and over, to the tune of *The 1812 Overture*.



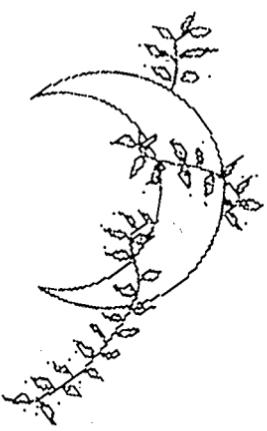
Dean of Freshman Year

Dean of the Freshman Year of Studies Eileen Kolman spends most of her time doing everything she can to make the adjustment to college life easier for the freshmen.

Under Kolman's guidance, the Freshman Year of Studies assigns each freshman an adult advisor and a peer advisor. Kolman advises about 50 students herself.

The department offers sessions in test preparation, note-taking and time management. Moreover, they will find a tutor for any freshman who is having trouble in a class. Through these and other programs, Dean Kolman helps make the transition to college much easier. □





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You've packed your entire life into six boxes and a couple of suitcases. You've heard all the advice you can handle from your well-meaning parents and all-knowing older friends and siblings. No matter how prepared you are, however, questions about daily life at Notre Dame remain. You are not alone. In an attempt to provide some of these important details, *Scholastic* has compiled this list of the important facts of life at Notre Dame to help you survive your first year.

1. Starting Out

Freshman Orientation will be your most entertaining, carefree and hectic time at Notre Dame. Between the Graffiti Dance, where you meet other freshmen by signing their shirts, theme parties, cook-outs, Mass, moving in and saying good-bye to your parents, there is little time for homesickness. Enjoy every minute of this chance to socialize and meet new people before classes start.

2. Braving the Elements

No matter what corner of the world you come from, you'll never be prepared for the weather at Notre Dame. The days of Freshman Orientation and moving in are traditionally hot and humid, so take advantage of the opportunity to dress in shorts and sandals. The summer weather ends quickly, though the days of fall are often pleasant. Always be prepared for rain, no matter what the weather reports say and no matter what the sky looks like. Never forget to

pack an umbrella, and if you do not own a pair of waterproof shoes or boots, now is the time to invest. When winter arrives, it settles in for a long stay. The first snowfall can occur as early as November, and the campus usually does not thaw out until March. A good pair of warm snow boots are imperative, and it's also a good idea to bring along all the wool sweaters, gloves and scarves that you own. You will need them sooner than you think — no one wants to get frostbite while cheering in the student section at the football games.

3. Food for Thought

After the hot and tiring task of setting up their rooms, most students waste no time in finding their way to the dining halls. There are two dining halls on campus, North Dining Hall and South Dining Hall, each offering a variety of choices. You can eat at either location, but most students choose to frequent the one closer to their dorm. You will quickly learn your way around the salad bar, pasta bar, deli line, pizza line, dessert display and cereal counter. Although the choices are certainly not always appealing, at least there is variety. And if you happen to miss the dining hall hours of operation, various fast foods are available in LaFortune Student Center. Unfortunately, students are not permitted to use their meal cards at these locations; cash must be used instead.

4. Dining Out

Inevitably, you will get tired of the loud atmosphere and institutional food in the dining hall and find your way to the local restaurants. Macri's Deli is a popular local sandwich spot. In addition, TGIFriday's, Don Pablo's, Chi-Chi's, Olive Garden and Colorado Steakhouse are all close to campus. South Bend has a few formal restaurants as well, such as the Landing, the Emporium, the Wharf and Tippecanoe Place. For obvious reasons, most students wait for their parents' first visit before going to these expensive restaurants. Of course, ordering in is another popular option. Papa John's and Bruno's are two favorite pizza places that will deliver to your dorm, and other restaurants also have delivery or carry-out services.

5. Weekend Escapes

Weekends offer the perfect opportunity for students to escape from the tedium of schoolwork. In the fall, bus trips to some of the away football games offer students the chance to visit other college towns. Once the football season is over, many students travel via the relatively affordable South Shore Railroad to Chicago and to Michigan City, an outlet shopping location.

6. Shopping Around

Speaking of shopping, the University Park Mall is close by, and there is a bus that runs from campus to the mall every half hour during the day. Meijer is another favorite shopping place for many students, offering everything from food and household products to hardware, music, books and electronics. On campus, there is a convenience store in LaFortune Student Center, and the bookstore has a limited amount of drug store products, as well as various school supplies and anything you'd ever need with the Notre Dame logo on it.

7. Hitting the Books

No matter how anxious you may be to get a jump on your reading for the first semester, don't buy books until you have your first class, as professors may make last-minute changes to the book list or syllabus. Before you go to the bookstore, check posted lists of used books for sale. This can save you time and money, but make sure that the used books are the right editions before you pay for them. When you do finally brave the bookstore, be prepared to wait in long lines and to spend most of your summer earnings in one trip. The bookstore does offer used books in certain titles, however, and lines are usually shorter in the morning.

8. Dollar Sense

If it seems like you will be spending a lot of money in the first few weeks of school, don't worry. It slows down once you have everything you need for your room and your classes, and after you have bought your football tickets. What should you do with the money left over? There is a branch of Society Bank in the LaFortune Student Center, and a branch of the Federal Credit Union just behind campus, both of which offer several savings and checking options.

9. Keeping in Touch

One way to save money is to open an e-mail account. All students receive their account information in the mail, and opening an account is as easy as taking that information to a Macintosh or PC computer cluster, where a friendly computer consultant will help you with the next steps. If your high school friends do the same thing at their respective colleges, and if your family has an on-line service, you can reduce your long-distance phone bill to practically nothing. E-mail is also a great form of procrastination when that huge paper is looming.

10. Getting Involved

Other sources of diversion available to all students are the various clubs and organizations at Notre Dame. Watch for signs within the first few weeks of school advertising Notre Dame's annual Activities Night. This is an opportunity to meet representatives from many different organizations, and to sign up for those organizations that particularly interest you. There is virtually something for everyone.

11. A Sound Mind in a Sound Body

For those of you who want to keep in shape, there are several exercise options on campus. The Rockne Memorial gym offers a pool, a weight room, racquetball courts and a basketball court for students to use free of charge. There is an indoor track in both the Loftus Sports Center and the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center, while Rolfs Aquatic Center has an Olympic-size pool with

a diving well. Notre Dame also has indoor and outdoor tennis courts, a nine-hole golf course and many playing fields and jogging routes. For those looking for organized exercise, the RecSports department offers various classes and also plans interhall competitions.

12. The Balancing Act

No matter what diversion you choose, schoolwork must remain a priority. The Freshman Year of Studies provides free tutoring for those who request it, and they also have an advising program to assist freshmen in picking classes and thinking about a major.

13. Taking the Night Off

Central to social existence at Notre Dame are SYR (Screw Your Roommate) semi-formal dances and formal dances. Each dorm typically has one SYR and one formal each semester. When held in the dorm, the decorations and preparations that precede the dance are entertainment in themselves, making for a memorable day of bonding with your section-mates. Notre Dame men usually bring flowers for their dates, while the women often buy small gifts for their dates.

14. Lights Out

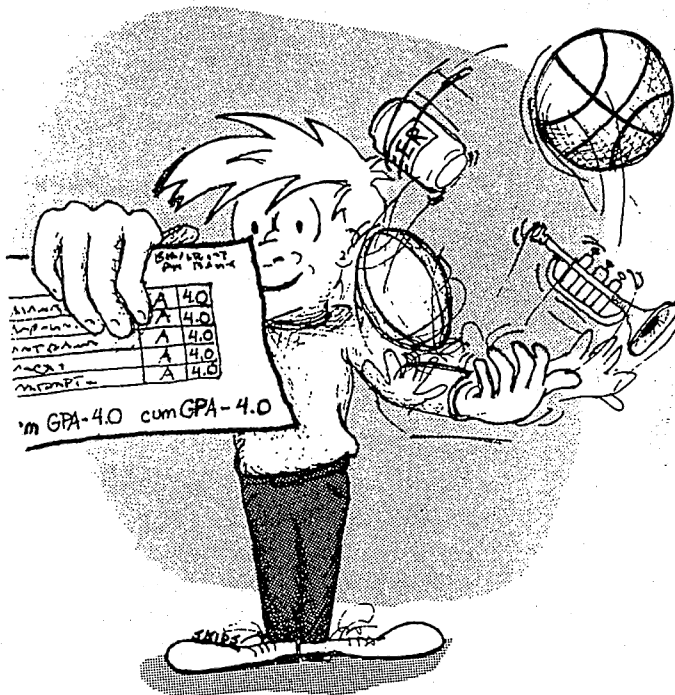
If you haven't heard the term "parietals" yet, learn it now. Parietals, which are the visitation

hours at Notre Dame, require that students be out of the opposite sex's dorms by midnight on weekdays and by 2:00 a.m. on weekends. There are 24-hour lounges in all of the dorms, however, so that co-ed studying and socializing don't always have to end. Parietals are taken seriously at Notre Dame, and the consequences for violations can be severe.

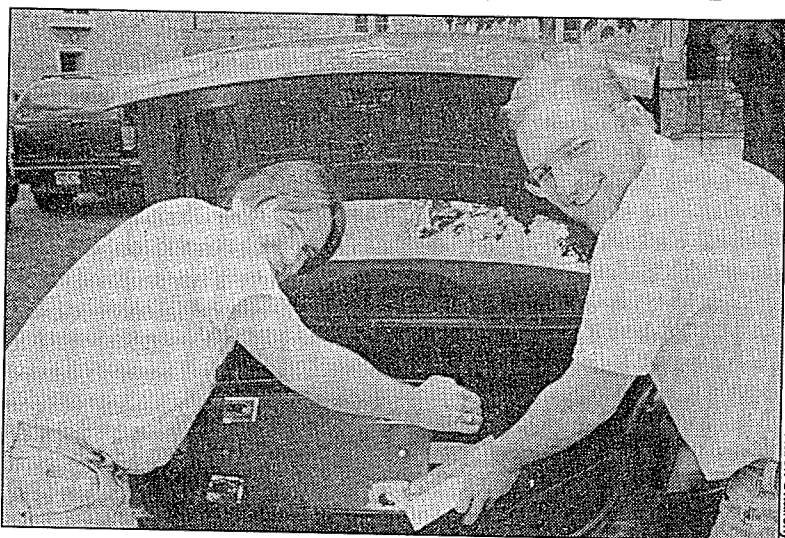
15. The Joys of Communal Living

Despite all of mom's advice and warnings, no student can escape getting sick while at school. Stress, bad weather, minimal sleep and close contact with other students lead to many colds and cases of the flu. Notre Dame's infirmary has both doctors and nurses on staff, as well as a pharmacy, but there is often a long wait to be seen. Unless you are seriously ill, it is probably a better idea to keep your own supply of medications, stay in bed when you get sick, and call home if you need more attention than your roommates are giving you.

Your first days here will no doubt involve a lot of exploration and trial and error. *Scholastic* hopes that by answering some of the questions you have now, you can be even more excited about embarking on the years ahead of you at Notre Dame. □



Packing 101:



Fr. Tom Gaughan, rector of Stanford Hall, helps junior Brian Anderson unpack his car.

*A crash course
on the basics you will
need to get through
your first semester
at Notre Dame*

by Kristin Alworth

Lists. They consumed every open inch of my desk, dresser, mirror, car dashboard, and all other available surfaces the summer before I was to leave for Notre Dame. Unfortunately, when the time came to transport all of my belongings, I quickly learned that all the items I had listed took up two cars and about three dorm rooms.

It is tempting to bring all of your earthly possessions to college, but most Notre Dame dorm rooms are downright tiny, not to mention that you will be sharing that room with at least one other person. So here are some packing tips and a little common sense to help you prepare to make the great migration from home to college.

Furniture

Deciding what to bring for your dorm room can be a particularly frustrating issue, especially since you probably have not seen your dorm room and have never lived in a dorm. One of the biggest questions is to loft or not to loft. A loft is an

elevated bed that leaves space open underneath for furniture. A loft can be a hassle to construct, yet many students find that the space they gain makes the agony of assembly worthwhile. Loft kits can be purchased relatively inexpensively at stores like Builders Square. The university does regulate what kind of lofts you can have in your room, however, so you will want to look into those rules beforehand.

Many students also opt to bring furniture to their dorm rooms. All dorm rooms come equipped with beds, desks and a wardrobe to store your clothes in. One useful addition to these basics are bookshelves to provide storage space for everything from food to school books. Couches, bean-bag chairs and fountains are also popular items, since they are more comfortable than sitting on the floor. Remember to check the size of your room before investing in big furniture, though, because it may take some creativity to fit that comfortable chair into your tiny dorm room. Carpeting is a must in the dorms, unless you want to live with cold hard tile floors all year. Again, you will probably want to wait to buy carpet until you have seen your room, as Notre Dame

dorm rooms come in all shapes and sizes.

Appliances

It is also a good idea to bring some of your conveniences from home. A stereo or tape player is practically essential, and make sure you stock up on CDs and tapes; students generally find South Bend radio lacking. Most students also choose to bring a refrigerator, which is useful for keeping both beverages and late night munchies cold. A TV and a VCR are nice additions to a dorm room, but they are not really necessary. All of the dorms have at least one TV lounge, so you don't need your own TV to catch your favorite programs. Coffeemakers or hot pots can be a valuable convenience as well, to make coffee or to heat water for tea, hot chocolate and soup on chilly winter days. A fan, or even a couple of fans, are crucial if you are going to be living in an older dorm, since they are not air-conditioned and are stifling in hot weather. If possible, you really should talk to your roommate before spending a lot of money on large items for your room, since you will not want to duplicate.

The issue of whether to bring a computer

is a difficult one to solve. There are numerous computer clusters on campus, some of which are open 24 hours a day, with both Macintoshes and PCs. The cluster computers are hooked up to the Internet, and many have CD-ROMs. If you plan to use the cluster computers, however, expect to wait in order to use a computer or to plan your schedule around the busy hours at the clusters, particularly around midterms and finals. If you intend to pursue a major that involves a lot of computer use or essay writing, a computer can be a great convenience, but not a necessary one. One suggestion is to try the clusters for a semester before purchasing a computer.

Personal Touches

Though you probably will not care if your room looks like those in *Better Homes and Gardens*, some skilled decorating can personalize a dorm room and make it much more inviting. The overhead lights in Notre Dame rooms are often dim and will make your room look like a cellar, so pack some lamps before you come to school. A desk lamp is a must for studying, while floor lamps can brighten a room tremendously. Free-standing halogen lights are very popular. A dorm room will also look pretty bleak without something on the walls. Posters and pictures, whether they depict your favorite music group or a beloved impressionist artist, add a lot of character to a room and help muffle echoes. Creative touches

Necessities:

- camera
- umbrella
- waterproof shoes
- heavy coat
- crates/organizers
- stamps and envelopes
- an alarm clock
- a stain stick/quarters/
detergent/fabric softener

Leave at Home:

- microwaves/toaster
ovens/hot plates
- telephones/answering
machines
(dorm-issued phones have
university voice-mail)
- vacuum
- waste basket

like Christmas lights and plants also jazz up a room. Curtains make a room feel more homey, but many of the dorms already have curtains on the windows, so you will probably want to see your room first.

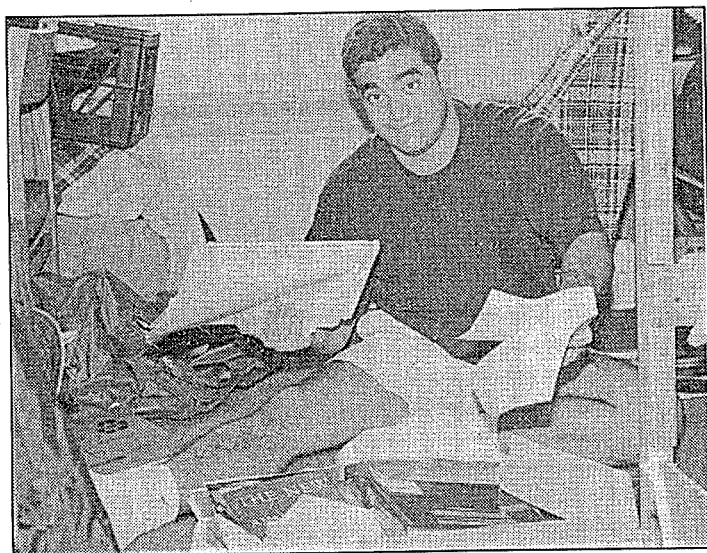
If you forget something at home or want to wait until you arrive at Notre Dame to purchase something for your room, South Bend has plenty of discount stores where you can purchase furniture, electronics and other items at reasonable prices. On campus, the Student Union Board sponsors a "Fall Mall" at Stepan Center at the beginning of the semester. They sell everything from furniture and posters to plants at reduced prices. You can also rent a refrigerator for the year at Fall Mall. Keep in mind, however, that if you plan to have a refrigerator in your room all four years, it may be cheaper in the long run to simply purchase one. In addition, there is a poster sale each fall in LaFortune Student Center.

Odds and Ends

Apart from furnishings, there is a variety of miscellaneous items that you will need for dormitory living. Since you will have to trek down the hall to take a shower, a robe and a shower caddy are important. Many students also wear flip-flops in the showers, since they are not always the

cleanest place for bare feet. A big laundry bag or basket, a stain stick, laundry detergent and lots of quarters are necessary if you plan on doing your own laundry. For those who have not yet conquered the washing machine and dryer, St. Michael's Laundry provides an on-campus service that will pick up your laundry each week if you choose to pay for their semester-long services. St. Michael's also has a dry cleaning service available to all students, regardless of whether or not they use the weekly laundry service. Also, you will need to bring hangers for your clothes, unless you plan on folding everything. As far as bedding and linens go, you will need to bring sheets, towels and probably a comforter. The university provides a blanket, a mattress pad, and a pillow, but these items can be old, worn and stained, so you may want to buy those for yourself. A few dishes, some silverware, and cups or mugs also come in handy, but they are not necessary. An alarm clock, preferably a loud one, is necessary to wake you for those dreaded 8:00 a.m. classes, and a backpack will get you and your notebooks to class. Toiletries can be purchased on campus, although many believe prices on campus are higher. It is much more economical to stock up on shampoo, soap and other items at home, where you have a better selection than at the bookstore.

No matter how many lists you make, you will inevitably forget something. One of the joys of dorm living, however, is being able to share or trade virtually everything with your roommate or neighbors. And if they can not meet your needs, your family is just a phone call or a care package away. □



Aaron Skalicky

Your room will probably look as chaotic as Junior Eric Paredes' for the first week or so.

ND Speak

A Crash Course in Campus Lingo

by Bridget Bradburn

Although students come to Notre Dame with a variety of accents, slang words and expressions, everyone eventually adopts many words and phrases that are unique to Notre Dame. Here is just a sampling:

DOMER: Any Notre Dame student, past or present. This term, of course, comes from the famous Golden Dome, visible from virtually all points of campus.

SMiCK: Any student from Saint Mary's College. Also used to refer to the school itself.

SOUTH QUAD: The quad consisting of Alumni, Dillon, Fisher and Morrissey men's dorms, and Pangborn, Lyons and Badin women's dorms, as well as THE

ROCK, South Dining Hall and the Hammes Bookstore.

GOD QUAD: The oldest quad on campus, consisting of Walsh and Sorin Halls, as well as the Administration Building, Sacred Heart Basilica, Washington Hall Theater, LaFortune Student Center and the Crowley Hall of Music.

NORTH QUAD: The quad consisting of women's dorms Cavanaugh, Lewis, Breen-Phillips and Farley, and men's dorms Zahm, St Edward's, Keenan and Stanford, as well as North Dining Hall and Field House mall.

MOD QUAD: The newest quad on campus, consisting of Flanner and Grace (THE TOWERS), two men's dorms, and women's dorms Siegfried, Knott, Pasquerilla West (PW) and Pasquerilla East (PE), as well as the Hesburgh Library.

CARROLL HALL: The dorm that

doesn't seem to be on any quad. Instead, it is a beautiful location by the lakes, making for a long walk for the residents of Carroll whenever they want to go anywhere.

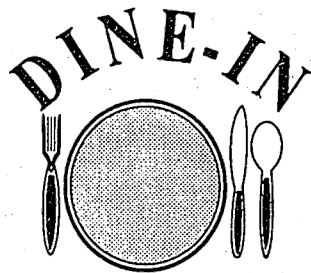
THE ROCK: The Knute Rockne Memorial Gymnasium, named after Notre Dames most famous and legendary football coach.

FOOD SALES: The snack bar areas found in many dorms that are open during the later evening hours to satisfy the demands of the late-night munchies induced by studying.

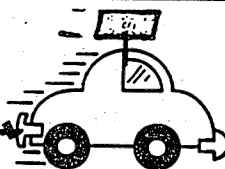
TURTLE CREEK, CAMPUS VIEW, LAFAYETTE SQUARE: A few of the apartment and townhouse complexes, inhabited by many Notre Dame seniors.

THEME DINNERS: The attempts of the dining halls to offer unique eating experiences to the students. A Candlelight Buffet is offered after all home football games, and other recent themes have been Circus Lunch, Hawaiian Luau Dinner and Puttin' On the Ritz Dinner.

D.A.R.T.: Direct Access Registration by Telephone. This can be a great source of frustration for students as they attempt to choose their classes within a 15-minute period, while listening to a computerized voice on the telephone. □



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Service with a Smile

A great number of Notre Dame students participate in some type of community service activity. Here's a look at what you can do to get involved

by J. Michelle Cox

Imagine throwing a party for someone you do not even know. You bring a box full of gifts. When you hand the presents to the lucky recipient, the person surprises you by bringing out an even larger box full of more gifts and gives them to you.

This strange scenario is similar to an experience shared by the many people who are involved in service work at Notre Dame. Through the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) on campus, about 2,000 students each year are involved in some sort of service work. These people return feeling that they were the ones who learned something. They were the ones who were served well by the experience. They were the ones who received the gift.

Monique Garcia, a senior who did a summer service project at a medical clinic in Joliet, IL, is one of these students. "This summer was the most rewarding time of my life. It was actually a paradox. In giving gifts, I was given an even greater gift in return — an experience that will last a lifetime ... I learned how to celebrate life."

Much of what the CSC does is celebrate life. The small

building nestled next to the library is a lifeline for Notre Dame. The thrust of the center is providing opportunities for service and justice work.

"As a Catholic university, we strive to incorporate our beliefs into everyday situations. The work of the center is an attempt to link theology and life," said Fr. Don McNeill, director of the CSC since its inception.

Part of the beauty of the center's offerings comes in the variety of projects which are available. Students can stay on campus, venture into South Bend, travel to another state or journey to a foreign country. Each experience involves service work, justice awareness, academic analysis and personal

reflection.

The urban plunge is one of the most long-standing and popular programs. The plunge is a 48-hour immersion over Christmas break in inner-cities around the country. Students observe and work with individuals, agencies and parishes that are striving to meet the needs of the poor. Since 1974, a total of 4,110 plunges have been made by Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

"The urban plunge gives students an inside look at city poverty and personalizes it. It really helps build awareness as they meet people who are trying to help solve the problems of the world," said Sue Cunningham, who coordinates urban plunges and summer service projects.

Summer service project participants live and work at sites sponsored by alumni clubs around the country for eight weeks. In the summer of 1994, 142 students participated in the program. A summer service project gives students the chance to work in an established service agency, to discuss social concerns with alumni and to continue their education outside the classroom. "There are so many advantages," said Cunningham.

Senior Brian McConville, who did a project in Miami, FL, agreed: "I was looking for something besides the normal summer job ... I knew I wanted to work with teenagers. I knew I wanted to be in a different part of the country and experience a different culture. I knew I wanted to broaden my horizons and challenge my beliefs. The summer service project could do all that for me."

Other popular experiential learning immersions, in which about 2,600 students participated between the fall of 1990 and the spring of 1994, are the numerous fall and spring break seminars. Possibilities include performing manual labor at a variety of sites in Appalachia, studying cultural diversity in Chicago and discussing current events and political trends that involve social concerns in Washington, D.C.

Sophomore Anne Marie DeLuca, who participated in the migrant worker seminar in Immokalee, FL, over



Brent Tadsen



Aaron Skalicky

Senior Bill Sterba signs a summer service contract with Program Coordinator Sue Cunningham.

spring break, found the total immersion in another culture a highlight of her experience. "I learned to appreciate the differences between people and gained confidence in my ability to get to know a person who seems very different from me on the surface."

Junior Jenny Robinson worked in Appalachia over spring break. "I had a very good experience. This was partly due to the team work that was involved. Everyone in my group really came together."

"Student empowerment is an important involvement in these programs," added Jay Bradenburger, coordinator for experiential learning and justice education. "They get an idea, develop it creatively, and then help immerse other students in the experience."

While school is in session, Notre Dame students are continuously involved with service work in the South Bend community. Students may become involved in causes ranging from adult literacy and disability services to homelessness and tutoring.

One means of soliciting student involvement is through the dorms. Each dorm has a team of community service commissioners that is responsible for letting the dorm know about service possibilities and for organizing projects. "Dorm service projects are great opportunities for bonding between the guys at the same time that we're helping someone else," said Mark Shean, service commissioner for Keenan Hall.

The academic arena is another important aspect of the center's mission. Many of the center's programs are offered for credit and involve reading and writing assignments. Additionally, faculty are encouraged to incorporate social concerns in their teaching, research and advising.

"It is one of the center's goals to have people in all disciplines aware of how they can tie social concerns into any work they are doing," explained Kathleen Maas Weigert, faculty liaison and academic coordinator.

As many students get involved in social service during their time at Notre Dame, it is only natural that these people want to continue their endeavors. About 10 percent of each graduating class decides to do service after graduation.

Since its opening, the CSC has reached thousands of individuals. It has provided students with opportunities to come in contact with, and gain an understanding of, the community around them. It has facilitated the integration of faith and academics. It has enhanced the university's mission.

As Weigert described it, "The CSC is like a revolving door. It is not necessarily the place where service happens, but it is a place where we both bring people in and send people out. We're constantly encouraging people to go into the community and experience. We're constantly inviting people to come back into the center and reflect." □

CSC at a glance

Urban Plunge: a 48-hour immersion in an inner-city over Christmas break
Summer Service Project: an 8-week project with a social service agency sponsored by alumni clubs around the country

Break Seminars: held during one-week breaks twice a year. Opportunities include:

- perform manual labor in Appalachia
- live and work with migrant workers in Immokalee, FL
- serve and observe poverty in Mexico
- study cultural diversity in Chicago
- study peaceful philosophies on the nonviolence seminar
- discuss current social concerns issues in Washington, D.C.

Student Groups: ongoing projects in the local area, focusing on a variety of issues including:

- adult literacy
- criminal justice
- disability services
- the environment
- housing and homelessness
- multicultural groups
- older adults
- peace movements
- school age children and tutoring
- women's and children's concerns

Post-Grad Service: full-time service commitments after graduation. Some examples are:

- campus opportunities like Alliance for Catholic Education
- faith-based programs like Holy Cross Associates
- national projects like the Peace Corps

Academic Offerings: these class sessions integrate spiritual and intellectual concerns:

- CSC courses like "Social Concerns and Leadership Issues"
- follow-up discussion sessions and classes after service work
- "Theology and Community Service" with Fr. Don McNeill

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Campus Watch

BY THE GIPPER

Attitude, Allegations and Innuendo

Greetings, incoming students! Let the Gipp here be the first to welcome you to Notre Dame. Since you do not know who the Gipp is, he'll bring you up to speed. But first, he should take care of one informality that you have no doubt already caught on to: he always refers to himself in the third person. The reason for this does not lie in some form of schizophrenic disorder, but rather in a tradition that started for no apparent reason. This Gipp doesn't know why the tradition started, but it sure makes writing this column a real pain. Just deal with it.

THE SCOOP

Now, let's bring you up to speed. *Campus Watch* is an anonymous column dedicated to bringing you, the reader, the humorous, the out of the ordinary and the potentially scandalous events that occur at Notre Dame. This has made the Gipp Numero Uno on the administration's Top Ten Most Wanted list. Apparently, they do not like the incriminating rumors that sometimes make it into the Gipp's column. The powers that be even threatened to shut *Scholastic* down unless the Gipp revealed his identity and his sources. The end seemed imminent until someone decided to remind them that this was post-Revolutionary War America with something called a Constitution containing something called the First Amendment. God, I love this country! In the end, good prevailed, the evil forces were vanquished and the Gipp rode off into the sunset. It was all very dramatic. So now, the Gipp charges on.

JUST FOR STARTERS

Even though Notre Dame is THE greatest university in the world, there are some things the Gipp thinks you should know. The Gipp may sound bitter, but there are certain aspects of Notre Dame that are going to be a constant source of complaints

for years, until you are finally lulled into an apathetic trance. So to brace you and save you from potential shock, here are a few of them:

Parietals

Ah, yes! This is the topic which will forever be hated and debated but never abolished. For those of you who don't know, parietals are those pesky little rules that state that members of the opposite sex cannot be in your room after 2:00 a.m. on weekends and midnight on weekdays. Apparently, the administration believes these to be the witching hours when innocent Catholic boys and girls become raging bundles of hormones hoping to indulge in sin and sex. Every year we hear rumors that the issue is under consideration. Yeah, right. If you just ignore these nasty rumors, you won't feel as let down when nothing results from the "negotiations." The Gipp has just two words for you: off campus. But, hey, at least someone always makes a bundle with the ever-present "Sex Kills ... So come the Notre Dame and live forever." T-shirts.

Ethanol

Somewhere outside campus there is an ethanol plant which, well, produces ethanol. Unfortunately, one of its by-products is a very distinct and mind-numbing stench which becomes particularly poignant in cold or rainy weather. Since that's the scope of South Bend's forecast, it becomes pretty much a constant. Don't worry, you'll get used to it and the occasional dizziness which it sometimes causes.

Weather

Many of you will be fooled when you first arrive here in what would appear to be sunny, balmy South Bend. Well, let the Gipp be the first to inform you that after about the second week of classes, the sun



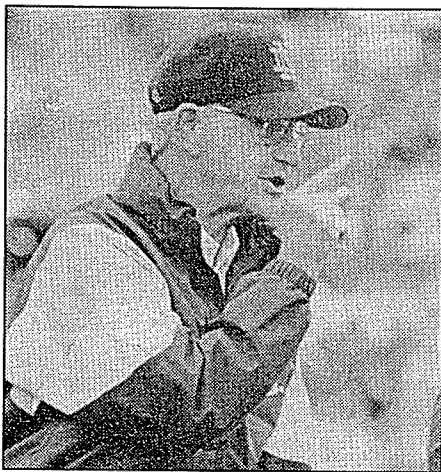
Who is the Gipper?

will disappear, never to be seen again until around Easter Break. It will be replaced with dark, ominous clouds which dump precipitation on the Notre Dame campus every other day. Add to this scenario winters which have been known to inflict frost bite on students simply walking to class. University of Hawaii this ain't.

The Bookstore

This is a constant gripe for all students—especially pre-med and engineering majors. The Gipp isn't saying that the Hamme's Bookstore is some scandalous, money-making machine which bleeds the student body dry, but he is telling you new students to warn your parents that they may have to take out a second mortgage on the house. Oh, the bookstore does let you sell your books back to them at the end of the year, but those \$80 books are then worth only \$15. What's more, that same book will be resold at \$75 next year. The Gipp must apologize for this diatribe—he's just bitter that he couldn't even buy a pack of cigarettes with the money he got back for his books.

The Gipp knows this column seems a little bitter, but he warned you. He must say that he wouldn't go to school anywhere else. For starters, we've got football, tradition and tailgating, which is considered a sport here. The Gipper could go on, but he doesn't want to sound like some sappy little tour guide inundating you with plugs about his/her school—you probably have had your fill of them. So, incoming Domers, be young, have fun, drink, uh, Pepsi? Anyhow, one more thing—if you notice anything amusing or out of the ordinary when you are here, don't hesitate to inform the Gipp. That's why I'm here. Good luck! □



by Shannan Ball

The 1994 preseason rankings placed a talented Notre Dame squad at number two, fostering expectations of another fantastic year of Irish football. But, "Sometimes things just don't fit and that's what happened," said Notre Dame Head Coach Lou Holtz. "Last year was disappointing not just in record but in the way we played." The loss to Michigan in the first home game of the year started a downward spiral that ended in disappointment as Notre Dame posted a record of 6-5-1.

This spring the Irish have undergone the arduous process of rebuilding. "No one on the team wants to go through another year like that," explained senior fullback Marc Edwards. "We're trying to put last year behind us and get back to Notre Dame football."

According to Holtz, the team has already demonstrated the discipline and determination needed for a strong team. "I've really been pleased with how spring practice has gone. I think the first team will be solid. They've stayed healthy, they've worked hard, and they're getting better," he said. Throughout spring practice the individual players have started to solidify as a unit and, according to Holtz, the results have been encouraging. "The most pleasant surprise has been Robert Farmer. He is a very talented individual who has been very impressive, especially recently." Farmer will add depth at tailback, the position also played by Randy Kinder, who is still recovering from a knee injury that occurred last season. He is expected to be back at 100 percent by the fall.

Leading the offense will be quarterback

Return to Glory

After a disappointing 1994 season, Lou Holtz welcomes the consensus number one recruiting class and awaits a shot at redemption

Ron Powlus, who will have a year of experience under his belt. He threw for 22 touchdowns last season, a Notre Dame record. Powlus also threw 10 interceptions however, and doubts still remain.

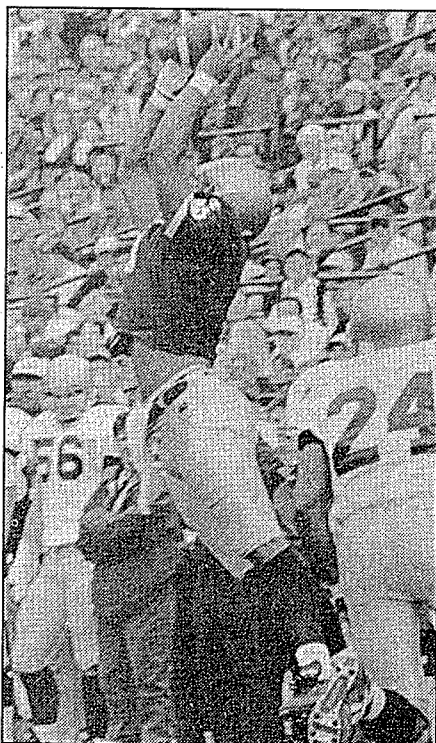
Last season he missed the protection of a solid offensive line and a consistent running

had an outstanding year, but quarterbacks are judged by how many championships they've won. I don't know what more he could do individually, so now it's how well the team is going to do," commented Holtz.

In the Blue and Gold game, Powlus established fifth-year senior Charles Stafford as another receiver. The duo connected for a total of five touchdowns, the only points scored in the game. Mayes, who suffered a sprained shoulder in the first half of the game, remains an important part of the Irish offensive lineup, as he and Powlus are expected to connect often in the coming season. "Both those guys, Charlie Stafford and Derrick Mayes, make it so much easier on me," Powlus said.

In addition to finding a new receiver, Powlus can also look to more strength from the offensive line as they continue to establish themselves as a unit. Last season, Holtz started 11 different offensive line combinations in 12 games. To make the lines more cohesive, the first team faced the second team in the Blue and Gold game. "The more they play together, the more they will appreciate each other," Holtz said. "We've seen the offensive line finally start to come together in practice this spring and we expect good things. How good remains to be seen."

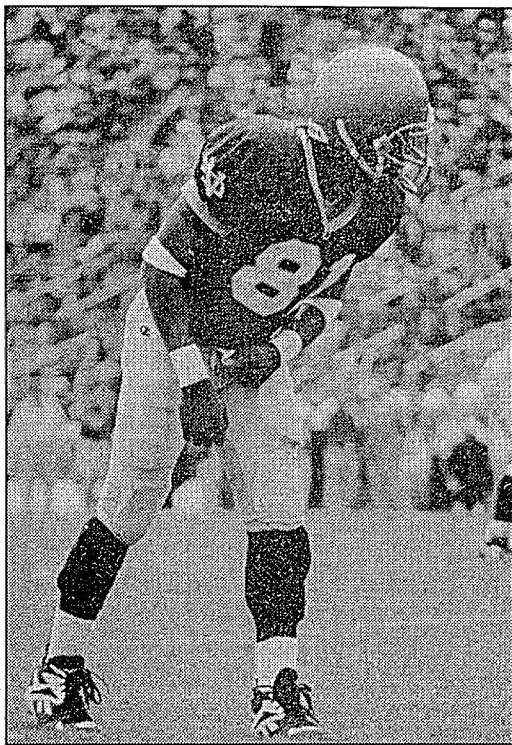
Guards Ryan Leahy and Jeremy Akers are expected to make a significant impact, as is center Dusty Zeigler. After adding the efforts of Farmer and Kinder to the mix, the talent and potential are present for excellent play. "The line's really coming together. I'm excited. I'll play a role running the ball and if everyone plays their role, we'll be fine. We have high expectations," said Kinder. Farmer elaborated on those expectations, noting, "One of our goals is to have



Aaron Skalicky

Split end Derrick Mayes makes another highlight reel catch. The split end set the Notre Dame single season record for touchdown receptions with 11.

game as a result of injuries to seniors Lee Becton and Ray Zellars. The lack of a solid receiver to play opposite Derrick Mayes was also a factor. With an improved offensive line and healthy players, Powlus should have an opportunity to shine. "Ron really



Stan Evans

Fifth-year senior Charles Stafford, now number 81, was the star of the Blue-Gold game with five touchdown receptions.

the best offensive line in the nation."

The defense is also hoping for great things in the coming season. Outside linebacker Bert Berry, the defensive MVP of the Blue and Gold game, gained valuable experience last season and will be expected to lead the defense along with Paul Grasmanis at nose guard. Also anticipated to step up with valuable contributions will be the defensive tackles, Melvin Dansby and Renaldo Wynn. "Berry and Wynn have both made a great deal of improvement. Their progress is encouraging, and we will look to them for good things," said Holtz. He praised linebackers Kinnon Tatum and Lyron Cobbins as well: "Those two linebackers probably run better than any linebackers we've had at Notre Dame in quite a while."

The secondary has

been a problematic area in the past few years, and this spring the Irish were forced to deal with the loss of Bobby Taylor, who left for the NFL after his junior season. However, the future looks brighter. "I'm very pleased with the play at secondary," said Holtz, citing safeties Jarvis Edison and Brian Magee.

Shawn Wooden will be one of the cornerbacks, but the other spot has been up for grabs, creating one of the most interesting rivalries on the Notre Dame squad. Sophomores Ivory Covington and Allen Rossum, who are close friends, will vie for the starting position. Rossum ran track this spring and finished sixth in the 55 meters at the NCAA Championships. Covington, however, has logged 30 minutes of game time. The coaching staff looked to the Blue and Gold game to find their second cornerback, but neither sealed the position.

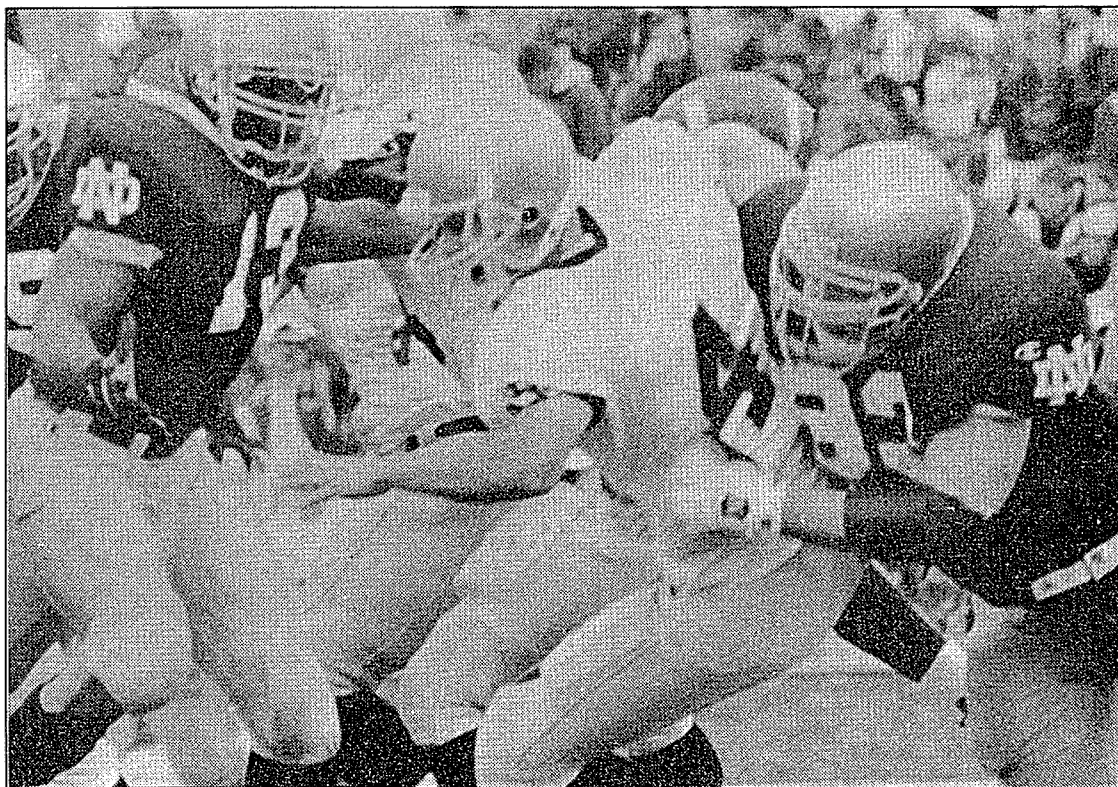
The Blue-Gold game usually provides a view of what is to come, but Irish fans were anxious when at halftime the scoreboard read 0-0. Unlike in the past, when the two teams were evenly split, this

year, the Blue team was comprised of all the starters. Holtz had said, "Our first teams look promising, but we lack depth." Lackluster performances from both teams had Notre Dame fans fearing a repeat of last season. At halftime, the Gold team (consisting of the second team) was mysteriously given 21 points in an effort to wake up the Blue offense. It worked and the Blue, behind the efforts of Powlus and Stafford, emerged victorious by a score of 35-21. "I was disappointed in the sharpness and crispness of the first half. In the second half we played much better," said Holtz.

Although it does not go in the record books, the Blue and Gold game is preparation for the coming season, which will pit the Irish against several top teams.

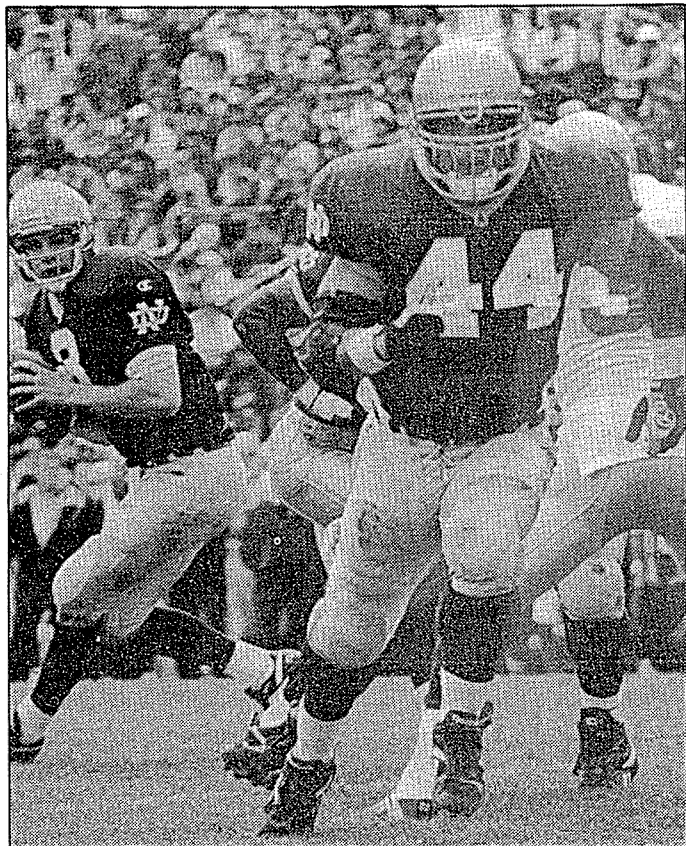
Notre Dame is ranked eighth in the pre-season polls. Just below the Irish at number nine is USC. Ohio State, Washington and Texas round Notre Dame's top twenty opponents. "Everyone we play will play well, because Notre Dame is the biggest game on their schedule," said Holtz. "I don't worry so much about our opponents but more about us winning and how we play."

A crucial game will be against Purdue in West Lafayette, the second game on the Irish schedule. "I'm concerned about us



Aaron Skalicky

Senior Defensive end Paul Grasmanis sacks Wade Smith, knocking the ball loose, as Bert Berry pursues. Berry was the Defensive MVP of the Blue-Gold game.



Stan Evans
Ron Powlus rolls out to his right and looks for Marc Edwards in the flat. The two juniors will be counted on to help lead the offense.

winning a couple close games early on and getting some momentum and confidence. If we'd won against Michigan, who knows what could have happened," Holtz said.

The players see the schedule as an opportunity to avenge last year and reestablish Notre Dame football as a top power. The early games will be looked to as a way of establishing the leaders on the field. Holtz has already expressed the need for leadership, and the players have responded. "Just because you're not a captain doesn't

mean you aren't a leader," Edwards noted. Stafford added, "Leadership has got to come from everyone on the team."

Leadership will be especially important with the number of talented incoming freshman. Notre Dame had the top recruiting class in the country, and they will be expected to make an impact and provide the depth that is currently lacking. According to Holtz, there is not one incoming freshman without a chance to earn a letter. "It's a difficult transition between high school and college and some adjust quicker than others," said Holtz. "The earlier they play, the quicker they will mature."

Perhaps the most heralded arrivals in the class of 1999 are Kevin Kopka and Hunter Smith. It is hoped that both will provide the Irish with a better kicking game, which has been a glaring weakness for the Irish.

Holtz is eager for the new talents to arrive so he can assess where the Irish stand and focus on making the necessary preparations for the season. In his words, "we're not as good as we want to be, we're not as good as we should be, we're not as good as we ought to be, but thank God we're not as bad as we used to be." □

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You think that because you can't throw a football like Ron Powlus or kick a soccer ball like Cindy Daws, your athletic career is over? Think again.

by Jake Schaller

Under the gaze of Touchdown Jesus, in the fabled Notre Dame Stadium, in front of a rabid crowd two teams in full football gear square off. It is fourth down and long, and one of the teams lines up for a field goal attempt. Digging into the trenches, the defense rushes in and blocks the kick, sending half of the crowd into hysterics.

If I told you that those two teams were Notre Dame and Michigan, you probably would believe me. But what if I told you that the two teams were not varsity squads, but Zahm and Morrissey, two interhall teams? At any other college campus in the country, this scenario would seem almost

impossible. At Notre Dame, it's a reality. With interhall sports ranging from football to floor hockey, Notre Dame boasts one of the most extensive recreational sports programs in the country.

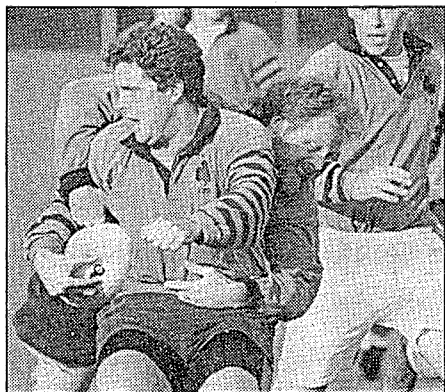
Almost 80 percent of Notre Dame's student body played a varsity sport in high school, but few can play varsity in college. As a result, many former high school athletes fear the end of their competitive sports careers. But at Notre Dame, these students have the opportunity for a new beginning. "Not only was I able to continue playing sports that I played in high school, I also started playing some other sports that I always wanted to play," said junior Matthew Campbell. RecSports also helps students to stay in shape.

What really separates Notre Dame's

RecSports from other campus' programs, however, is the interhall rivalries. Teams are made up of members of the dorms and even off-campus students. This means that when two teams clash on the athletic field, the pride of the dorm is at stake. A match-up between Alumni and Dillon or Zahm and Keenan can mean bragging rights for the semester. Don't be surprised to see 300-500 fans at these games.

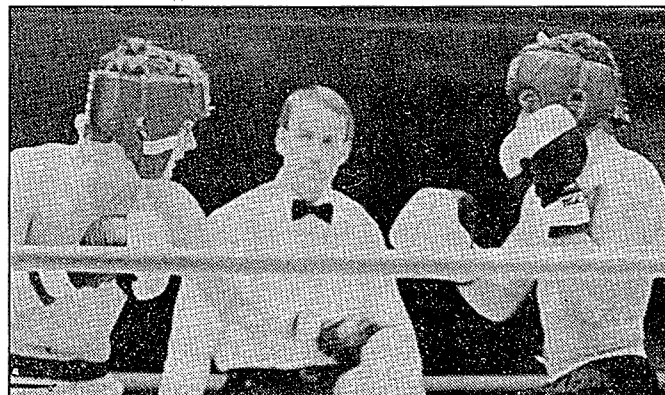
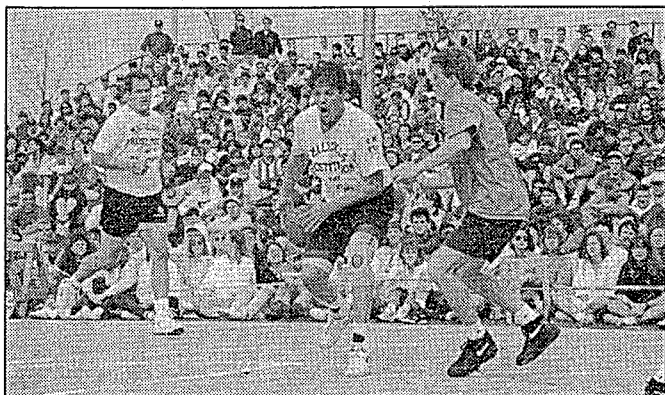
Club sports offer additional opportunities for student athletes at Notre Dame. These are non-varsity athletic teams that compete against other schools.

So even if you can't run the 40-yard dash in under five seconds, and you can't throw a football like Ron Powlus, your athletic career doesn't have to end at Notre Dame. □



In addition to the many RecSports activities Notre Dame has club teams, like the Rugby team (left) and the Ski Team (right).

Other students try boxing in Notre Dame's Bengal Bouts (below right), and almost everyone plays Bookstore Basketball (below left), the world's largest outdoor five-on-five tournament.



The Big East, new coaches and new records all made 1994-95

An Eventful Year

1. The Big East: Starting next year all athletic teams except football and hockey will join the Big East Conference. Football will remain an Independent, while hockey will remain in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

2. New Athletic Director: After serving Notre Dame Athletics as the Athletic Director since 1987, Dick Rosenthal retired. He will be replaced by Michael Wadsworth.

3. Irish Football Stumbles: *The Sporting News* named the Fighting Irish their pre-season 1994 number one team, and expectations ran high. Nobody expected that the Irish would finish the season unranked with a disappointing 6-5-1 record. Except, perhaps, Lou Holtz. The coach's traditional bad-mouthing of the Irish was for once on target, as Notre Dame ran up their worst record since Holtz's arrival in 1986.

by Jake Schaller

4. Women's Soccer Second in Nation: The women's soccer program continued to shine, finishing the season 23-1-1 and advancing to the finals of the NCAA Tournament, where they fell to North Carolina.

5. Baseball Gets New Manager: After eight years as the Irish skipper, Pat Murphy departed for Arizona State. Paul Mainieri replaced him.

6. Schafer Resigns, Poulin Hired: After a disappointing season, Ric Schafer resigned as coach of the Hockey team. Dave Poulin will take the helm next season.

7. Irish Lacrosse Wins First Ever Tournament Game: Notre Dame's Lacrosse program made a huge step on May 13, when they won their first tournament game 12-10 over Duke.

8. Irish Football Signs Number One Class: There is already optimism about next season, as new recruiter Bob Chimel helped corral the consensus number one recruiting class.

9. Records Broken: Graduating Senior Forward Letitia Bowen set Notre Dame's All-Time Rebounding Mark, and finished her career with 999 total.

Senior Split End Derrick Mayes broke the Notre Dame Single Season Touchdown Reception record, catching 11 on the year.

Graduating Senior Randy Colley broke the Lacrosse All-Time Notre Dame Assist record. Colley also owns records for career points and career goals.

10. Taylor Leaves, Mayes Stays: Junior cornerback Bobby Taylor decided to forego his senior year and enter the NFL draft. Much to the delight of Irish fans, however, Mayes decided to stay. □

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We invite you to join us for any or all of these activities. You can do something every day or just once a semester. You **don't** need to know anything at all about Mary. (I can attest to that, because a year ago I knew absolutely nothing about Her, including how to pray the rosary). To get involved sing up with us at activities night in August, or call Dave Eichstadt, Danny Eisenbacher, or me, Tony Pillari. Oh, and if you get a chance, put in a good word for me with Mom.

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COMMUNICATION AND THEATRE

WASHINGTON HALL--Bruce Auerbach, Director of Theatre of Notre Dame Communication and Theatre, has announced that the annual reception for students interested in theatre will be held **Wednesday, August 23, at 6:00 P.M.** in Washington Hall. Students interested in acting, directing, sets, costumes, lights, management, or theatre as a major are encouraged to attend.

Theatre at Notre Dame is open to all students--majors and non-majors--who wish to participate. A wide variety of activities is available including: acting, scenic design and construction, costume design and construction, lighting design and execution, marketing, directing and stage management. There are theatre opportunities to fit every schedule and level of talent. If you have a willingness to learn, you are qualified.

Becoming involved in theatre is an excellent way to meet new people, make new friends, and have a great time while involving yourself in the creation of something special on campus.

This season, the Department of Communication and

Theatre (COTH) will present a mainstage season consisting of four plays and many other acting and directing projects. Mainstage productions this season will be:

The Imaginary Invalid

Six Degrees of Separation

Christ's Passion; Medieval Mystery Plays

In addition, ACTORS FROM THE LONDON STAGE will tour to Notre Dame to present *Macbeth*. Acting and directing projects are showcased at the end of each semester. All of these projects will need a great amount of student support. There are positions for all who wish to participate.

Auditions for the first two plays of the season will be held **Wednesday, August 23 and Thursday, August 24 at 7:00 P.M.**

If you cannot attend the reception, but wish to be involved or have questions about the program, please call Bruce Auerbach at 631-5957.

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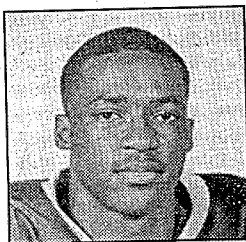
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Athletes of the Year

- Compiled by Jake Schaller

Fall



Derrick Mayes: Notre Dame's Most Valuable Player for the 1994 campaign, this senior from Indianapolis, IN, was also the leading receiver for the Irish. Mayes hauled in 47 receptions, the most by an Irish player in 17 years, for 940 yards. The split end also broke the single season touchdown reception record with 11.



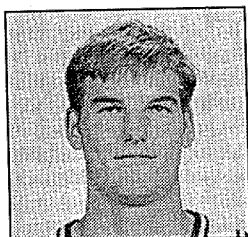
Jen Renola: A junior goalkeeper from Los Gatos, CA, Renola was named to the 1994 National Soccer Coaches' Association of America first team. She posted 15 shutouts, a school record, and finished the season with a 0.641 goals against average. Renola had a career-high 11 saves in the tie against North Carolina.

Top Newcomer



Holly Manthei: This sophomore from Burnsville, MN, was selected for the National Soccer Coaches' Association All-America second team. Manthei had nine goals, and led the nation with 30 assists.

Winter

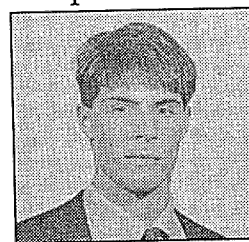


Pat Garrity: This 6'9" forward from Monument, CO, was only a freshman, but his play symbolized the impending resurgence of the Notre Dame men's basketball team. Garrity truly came of age in Notre Dame's loss to Duke. Matched up against Duke's senior center Cherokee Parks, Garrity scored 27 points and pulled down eight rebounds.



Letitia Bowen: This graduating senior co-captain from Buchanan, MI, was a leader for the Irish all season. The forward became Notre Dame's all-time leading rebounder, and finished her career with 999. In addition to breaking the rebounding record, Bowen became the tenth player in Notre Dame women's basketball history to reach 1,000 points.

Top Newcomer



Matt Eisler: Notre Dame's sophomore goaltender from West Milford, NJ, earned a Central Collegiate Hockey Assoc. Player of the Week Award, and was also a star in the team's upset of Michigan.

Spring



Randy Colley: A tri-captain of the Irish Lacrosse team, this Wilton, CN, native led the Irish to their first ever NCAA tournament victory. The attackman had five goals in the win over Duke. Colley led the team in points for the fourth consecutive year with 62 in the regular season, and broke the all-time assist record to accompany his points and goals records.



Terri Kobata: A senior from Villa Park, CA, this pitcher led the Irish to their third-consecutive Midwestern Collegiate Conference championship and was named the tournament MVP. Kobata was 4-0 during the tournament, allowing no runs, while striking out 28 batters in 23 innings. After the tournament, she was 22-3.

Top Newcomer



Alex Cade: This sophomore goalie from North Potomac, MD, compiled a regular season save percentage of 64.8, and had a 6.75 goals against average. He had 16 saves in the tournament win over Duke.



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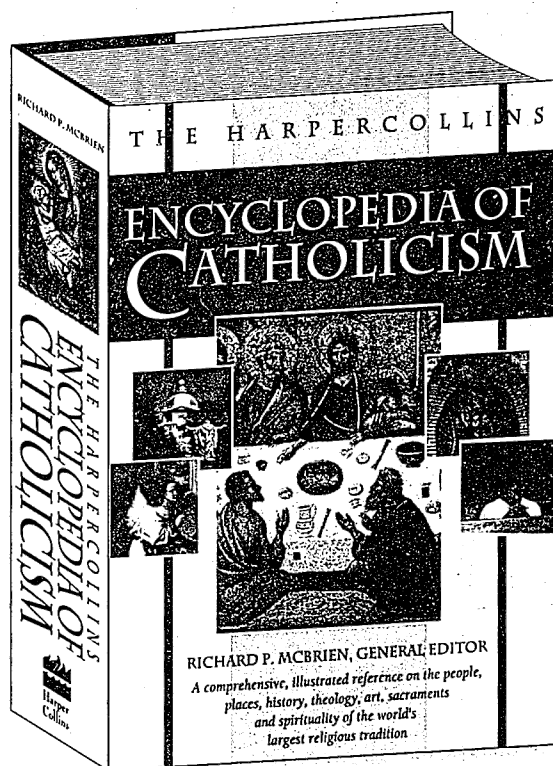
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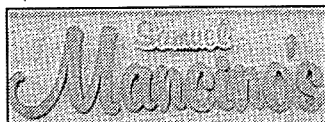
1995 Best of Michiana

Because you're probably new to the cultural epicenter of the Notre Dame area, Scholastic presents our choices for some of the best our city has to offer. From restaurants and night clubs to shopping and culture, here are some hidden secrets and old favorites that prove there's more to Michiana than meets the eye.

Video Store Morris Classic Video gives you two movies for two days for two bucks, even the new releases. Two easy. (51333 US 31 N)

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Place for Sandwiches After You've Gone to Macri's Mancino's tasty grinders on fresh bread fill you up without emptying your wallet. Great lunch choice when you're tired of chicken patties. (St. Andrew's Plaza on Edison)



~ ~ ~ Aaron Skalicky

Jazz and Oysters on the Half-Shell The Madison Oyster Bar serves up the best of both, often drawing jazz and blues acts from Chicago. (421 E. Madison)

Carnivore Dream Come True Eddie's Steak Shed is great if you're the kind of person who enjoys steaks the size of your body in a hardy Hoosier atmosphere. Bring cash — Eddie's doesn't take credit. (12685 Adams Rd., Granger)

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Quintessential Italian Food The Sunny Italy Cafe has been around since the '20s. Homemade fare tells why, and vinyl tablecloths add to the ambience. (601 N. Niles) Also worth checking out: Cosimo and Suzie's by Town & Country. (2446 Miracle Ln., Mishawaka)

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Beach The secluded Lake Michigan beach makes the 40-minute drive to New Buffalo

well worth it, especially for anyone tired of the view of the steel mill at the Indiana Dunes.

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Hiking Trail Weather permitting, try walking the river path starting at St. Joe's High School and ending at the boat house.

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Ambience and Beer The Mishawaka Brewing Company combines a cozy, rustic atmosphere with good food and, of course, beverages. Try some of the homemade seasonal brews, or take a case or keg home (but not to campus). MBC also sports a friendly homebrewing shop for the budding braumeister. (3703 N. Main, Mishawaka)

Fries CJ's spicy fries are the ideal afterlife for potatoes. (417 N. Michigan)

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On-Campus Cinema The Snite Museum. From *Casablanca* to *Pulp Fiction*, the Snite offers something for every taste with culture and a sound system that doesn't make the actors sound like they're gargling. Shows on Mondays, Tuesdays and weekends for \$2.

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Off-Campus Cinema For three bucks (with student ID), you can't beat the price of a first-run feature at the State Theatre (214 1/2 S. Michigan). The 100 Center Cinemas in Mishawaka offers similar bargains. (100 Center, Mishawaka)

Late Night Hangout Meijer. Where else can you get bulk food, lawn furniture and plumbing supplies at 4 a.m.? Don't be frightened when you first walk in – that's not customs, it's the mass of checkout lanes. (On Grape Rd. You can't miss it.)



Aaron Skalicky

On-Campus Coffee For 50 cents get a large cappuccino from the vending machine in the basement of LaFortune. A decent cup of java at a price you can't beat.

Off-Campus Coffee A tight race between Lula's across from the 'Backer, the cool board games at Café Capote (100 Center, Mishawaka), and the new Cap'n Cino's which promises to stay open later than the bars (corner of Edison and SR 23).

Getaway for the Physically Uninhibited Sunny Haven Recreation Park, Inc. Granger's one and only family nudist park. For more info write Box 100 SB, Granger, IN 46530. Color brochure upon request.

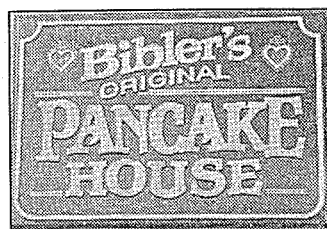
Country & Western Bar Heartland downtown offers a fresh alternative to typical rock 'n' roll bars with a lot of space inside to roam. (222 S. Michigan)

Cultural Intrigue The Morris Civic Auditorium downtown gives South Bend residents the chance to catch Broadway touring companies and cultural film fests. (211 N. Michigan)

Thin Crust Pizza Forget about Papa John's. Go to Rocco's and eat the best pizza surrounded by pictures of the Pope. In a cozy trailer-like atmosphere. (537 N. St. Louis Blvd.)

Deep Dish Pizza Rathskeller is one of the best-kept treasures south of town. The spinach pizza rivals Chicago's, and you're served in a medieval cellar atmosphere. Sorry, no Pope photos. (100 Center, Mishawaka)

Sunday Brunch You'll leave Bibler's Original Pancake House so full you'll want to skip the sundae bar. Apple Pancakes as big as your head and reasonably priced. (1430 N. Ironwood)



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Burger Oaken Bucket's patties rival CJ's (the perennial off campus burger favorite). The wooden panelling and white Christmas lights, as well as a beautiful river view, capture the essence of South Bend. (1212 S. Ironwood).

Cheesy High School Evening Out Putter's wraps up every high school weekend you could never have. Features mini golf, video games, a laser tag arena and murals capturing the seasons of Michiana. (2500 Miracle Ln.)

Night Out with the Guys For those over 21, Beacon Bowl can't be beat for booze and bowling. For underage students, it can't be beat for bowling and the original Ms. Pacman. (4210 Lincoln Way West)



Shoe Store Money pits, trivia questions and surprise discounts: Shoe Carnival's frenzied buying atmosphere delivers everything its name promises. (5924 Grape Rd.)

Indian Cuisine The Malabar offers authentic cuisine with nightly menu changes. (1709

South Bend Ave.)

Vegetarian Paradise

Cornucopia offers selections from chicken and shrimp to vegetarian delights. Vegetarian chili, freshly squeezed apple juice when you order and great hummus, too. (303 S. Michigan)



Aaron Skalicky

Personal Care Salon Salon Nouveau's specialty is hair design, but they offer everything from stress relief to aromatherapy to solar nails. Party packages, too, so you can plan that next birthday now. (1357 N. Ironwood)

Golf Course Juday Creek is fairly challenging, complete with plenty of water and some beautiful scenery. The new Blackthorn course by the airport promises to be a strong contender. (14770 Lindey Dr., Granger)

Fresh Bread The Great Harvest Bread Company offers the tastiest, including specialty Italian loaves that will make your mouth water. (5932 Grape Rd., Mishawaka)

- Compiled by Chris Blanford and Miranda Sanford

Prerequisite: Film 101

*A brief description of ten films essential for
Notre Dame social survival*

by Chris Myers

We here at *Scholastic* are determined to make your transition from high school to college painless as possible. We've provided you with all the information on what to bring, what to leave at home, what to expect when you get here, and now, what to watch. Yes, seeing the right movies before you get here is essential for campus social survival. To be left speechless after someone asks your favorite scene in *Holy Grail* is more than a mere conversational faux pas — it could forever seal your fate as social reject. While we recommend you don't go overboard and start renting arthouse movies named after colors or containing the word "Papaya," (God forbid you start to sound like a film school dweeb) we do ask that you check out the following list of movies over the summer so you can be prepared to answer such pressing questions like, "Who's cooler, White or Pink?" Our top ten choices:

1. ***The Star Wars Trilogy***. George Lucas' sci-fi, intergalactic epic should be at the top of your list. Multiple viewings of it in dorm rooms throughout the year create some of the most identifiable film talk on campus. Overlooking the now-retro special effects, those dopey Ewoks in *Jedi* and all of Mark Hamill's "acting," the trilogy presents topics and ideas that can easily be incorporated into any theology, philosophy or literature class. Classic.

2. ***National Lampoon's Animal House***. Sophomoric humor at its primitive best. From the opening motto, "Knowledge is Good," this senseless, panty-raiding, beer-guzzling, food-fighting film is closer to Notre Dame than any administrator would be willing to admit.

3. ***Caddyshack***. Another senseless, sophomoric comedy dealing with the complex relationship between working toward a college scholarship and golf. Rodney Dangerfield has yet to get a better role than the obnoxious, insult-spewing Al Czervik. Crude, offensive and funny as hell. Why women don't get this movie is beyond any man's comprehension.

4. ***Rudy***. *Hoosiers* on the football field — at Notre Dame! Saccharine-sweet, beat-the-odds story is strictly of the been-there, done-that variety, but beautiful footage of Notre Dame makes fun for repeat viewing. A definite must-see to understand the "now he's a janitor" jokes on campus at every mention of the word "Ruettiger."

5. ***Reservoir Dogs* and *Pulp Fiction***. Too complex to explain in one paragraph. Hollywood golden-boy-of-the-month Quentin Tarantino's one-two cinematic punch has caused pages of the Internet to swell with idle chatter over how Mr. Pink was killed and the symbolism of Ezekiel 25:17. The ear scene, adrenaline shot, tipping debate, foot massage conversation... if you don't get it, it's just not worth trying to explain.



Rudy: A definite must-see for any Notre Dame Freshman.



Reservoir Dogs and Pulp Fiction

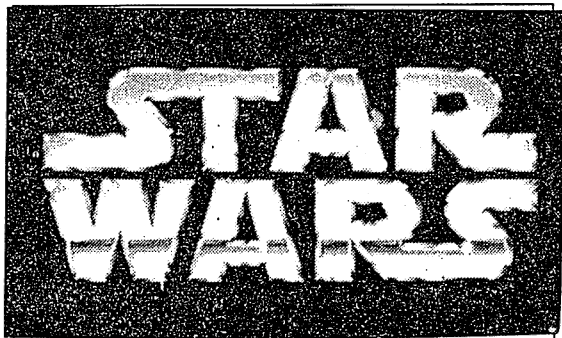
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6. *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. Possibly the highest laugh-per-minute ratio of any existing movie. From knights who say "nee" to deadly rabbits, every scene is instantly recognizable at the first drop of a line. Some consider it high comedy, others a pointless waste of time. You decide.

7. *The TNT Late Night Classics*. At two a.m. every Saturday, TNT shows either one of two movies: *Strange Brew* or *Clash of the Titans*. Both are bad, have cheap special effects and more camp than a Boy Scout Jamboree. Face it though, Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels have nothing on Rick Moranis and Dave Thomas, and I have but two words for *Jurassic Park*'s T-Rex: the Crackon!

8. *The Graduate*. Story of Benjamin Braddock, a college grad student who "comes of age" over the summer (Read between the lines on that one). Dustin Hoffman's genius-turned-slacker plays closer to Generation X-ers than Ethan Hawke and Matt Dillon combined. Unceremoniously spoofed in *Wayne's World 2*, the film is just as relevant now as it was 25 years ago. Anne Bancroft



The Star Wars Trilogy

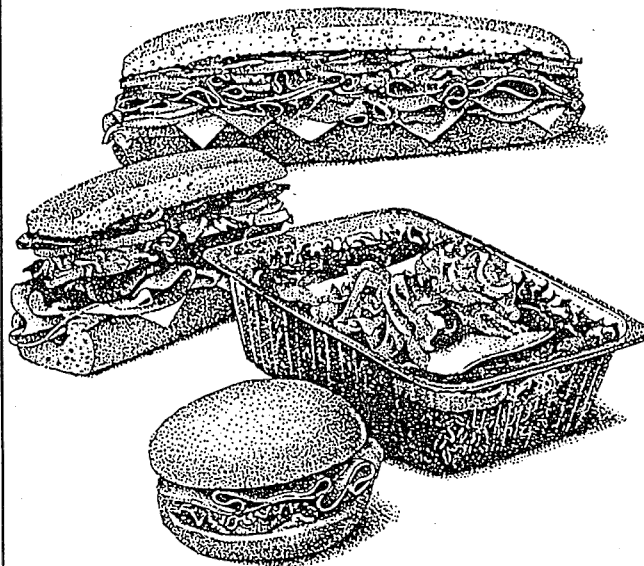
presents topics and ideas that can easily be incorporated into any theology, philosophy or literature class.

putting on her stockings is reason enough for the rental.

9. *Dead Poet's Society*. Peter Weir's preppy Shakespeare movie is perfectly suitable for every taste. Robin Williams has since reduced himself to dressing in drag, but his dramatic turn in *DPS* earned him a deserving Oscar nomination. Literate, stylish and smart, this is a thinking man's date movie. You'll laugh, you'll cry, etc., etc.

10. *Knute Rockne, All American*. Beating *Rudy* to the punch by almost five decades, this is the original Notre Dame nostalgic Win One For The Gipper movie. Classier and more heartfelt than *Rudy*, *Knute* is actually a worthwhile rental for any college football fan. Greatest difference between the two: *Rudy* went on to do *Encino Man* with geek-boy Pauly Shore, The Gipp became president with geek-boy George Bush. Need I say more? □

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Cheap Advice

Entertainment Weekly magazine may not exactly be Ann Landers or Dear Abby, but it seems some Hollywood players take their advice at face value. After critics trounced 1993's *Amos & Andrew*, the magazine made a crack that its star, Samuel L. Jackson, should fire his agent.

Well, apparently a few weeks after that statement ran, the editors at *EW* received an angry letter from a particular agent complaining that Jackson, in effect, took their

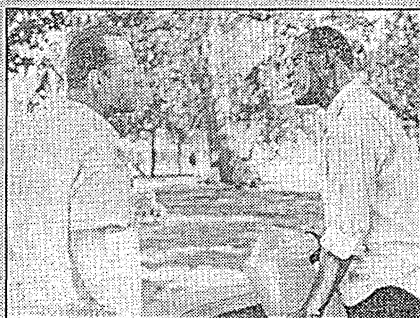
advice. But if you look at Jackson's track record since then, *Menace II Society*, *True Romance*, *Jurassic Park* and, of course, an Oscar nomination for *Pulp Fiction*, who can blame him?

I bring this up for the sole reason that, in addition to this summer's *Die Hard With a Vengeance*, Jackson starred in April's *Kiss of Death* along with Nicholas Cage, his co-star from *Amos & Andrew*, proving once again that Hollywood is a small town after all. □

Making a Stink

Julie A. Bauman's 12-year-old daughter has a small town in Massachusetts in an uproar. Her mother overheard her listening to the sweet sounds of the L.A. punk band, Butt Trumpet. Mrs. Bauman described the group's album, affectionately entitled *Primitive Enema*, as "sexually explicit, disgusting and vulgar — audio porn." (If you can't trust a name like Butt Trumpet, who can you trust?) Mrs. Bauman confiscated the group's tape from her daughter. But the town is now in a titter over whether to ban the album or not, after Bauman brought a petition before the City Council.

Mrs. Bauman, I've got some advice for you — lighten up! It's natural to be taken aback by any punk group, but Butt Trumpet's songs cover important social issues such as group sex, funeral crashing, drug addiction, bodily functions, dirty underwear and feminine hygiene. At that rate, the band will be a household name before we know it. □



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This Summer's Best:



Film

While this summer doesn't look to have a mega-blockbuster hit like *Forrest Gump* or *The Lion King*, it does have its share of could-be breakout hits. My two cents say that Warner Bros' *Batman Forever* is one of them. Boasting a cast of Jim Carrey, Tommy Lee Jones, Nicole Kidman, Chris O'Donnell and Val Kilmer as the caped crusader (taking over for stuffy Michael Keaton) can this one miss? Holy commercialization Batman, No!

Although Kevin Costner's \$180 million *Waterworld*, dubbed *Fishtar* by some critics, looks like campy fun, it also looks to be swimming with the fishes come August.

If you're looking for heros, however, try Sylvester Stallone in *Judge Dredd*. With a diverse cast that includes Stallone, Armand Assante, Rob Schneider and Joan Chen (Mind you - it's diverse.), think *Bladerunner* meets *Demolition Man*.

Album

How bad is Michael Jackson? Time will tell, depending on how well *HIStory* sells this summer. Featuring some of his greatest hits, plus new cuts (including a duet with sister Janet) the dual disc will prove if Jackson can still Thrill 'em. Despite the mass popularity of grunge, rap and Butt Trumpet, Mike should pull through easily because, well, he's doin' it for the kids!

Video

Catch up on all the non-*Gump* Oscar noms. *The Shawshank Redemption*, *Quiz Show*, and *Bullets Over Broadway* are all fantastic, but I like *Nobody's Fool* with Paul Newman, who was unbelievably passed over for Best Actor. Oh yeah, *Pulp Fiction* comes out in August too.



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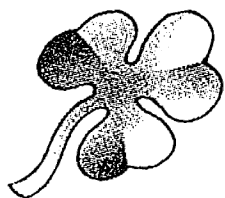
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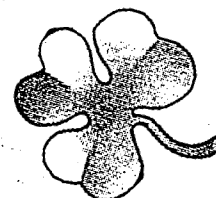
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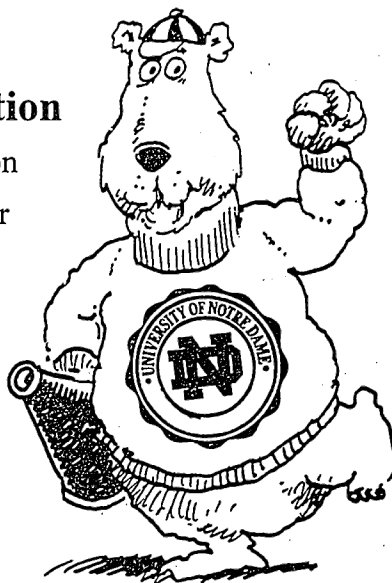


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The Shadow

In a story played out between minor prophets, one student who has seen the dark side of communal living tells his tale

By Habukkuk

And behold a pale horse, and he that sat upon him, his name was Death, and hell followed him.

— Rev. 6:8

Sometimes when I lie awake at night I can see his evil smile, his pearly-whites glistening in the light of the moon and the acrid stench of onion breath lingering in the air as tears stream down my face. I hear him whisper softly, "Room-mate—Room-mate—be—my—friend," a monotonous chant that pounds my brain like a tiny hammer, pushing me toward the frayed ends of sanity.

"DEVIL, BE GONE!" I yell into the darkness. I wish it were only a chance nightmare, soon to be forgotten. But alas, these scars run deep.

As an incoming freshman, I was bombarded with propaganda regarding the "Spirit of Notre Dame," a place so harmonious that students often frolic with deer on the quad, and if tired, a baby squirrel might curl up in your lap. A naive freshman, I blindly bought into this spirit. In turn, the spirit gave me a cell block for a room and a roommate whose high school class voted him Most Likely to Receive a Restraining Order.

I arrived on campus early, courtesy of NROTC orientation, and got situated before my special buddy showed up. Oh, the excitement, the fervor! I eagerly awaited my roommate's arrival, anticipating the wonderful memories that would surely come as a result of male bonding. After a delightful dinner, courtesy of the dead Colonel who does chicken right, I returned to find the room destroyed, but still without a roommate. Boxes, a pre-McCarthy television

and an inordinate number of obscure books littered my happy haven. Since no one was around, I decided to browse through my roommate's wealth of literature, pausing briefly to enjoy such classics as *Footwear of the Incas* and *Advanced Cat Grooming*. Now more of a mystery to me than ever, I pondered the student behind the books.

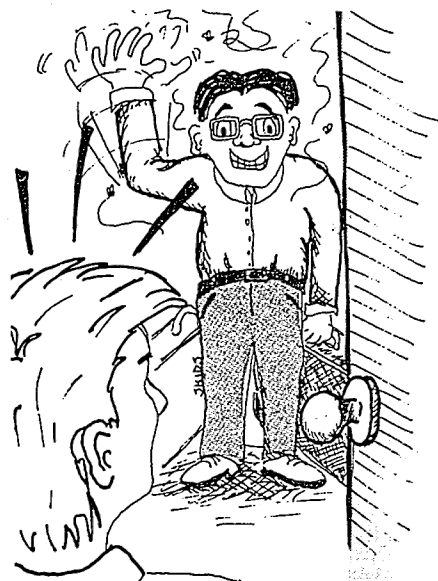
That mystery was unveiled in its entirety an hour later as I had the fortune to meet his entire family. Walking into my room, I waltzed straight into a scene from the Partridge Family. Little kids, big kids, a mom and a dad were all enjoying a beautiful family moment when I interrupted them. I scanned the crowd and soon figured out who the 18 year-old was among the group. To break the awkward silence I introduced myself.

"Hi, there. I'm Habakkuk." (I have replaced the names of the involved parties with those of minor prophets.)

"I'm Zephaniah," he responded in a quiet, unenthused voice. Because my roommate was not the social bumblebee I had hoped for, his parents came to his rescue by means of small talk.

The next day, as Zephaniah's parents left, I didn't notice the "Good Luck" signs that Zeph's siblings hung out the window of their family truckster nor the miniature horns that had begun to sprout from his head.

Once on his own, Zephaniah followed me like a faithful dog, never speaking, but constantly on my heels. I searched for some subject that would spark his interest, but even the story about my cat's fur ball puking problem died a quick death. He was my shadow, and only when I went into the bathroom did he reluctantly leave me alone. If, by chance, I managed to elude him, he immediately went back to the room, an instinctual reflex that amused me to no end. Yet, as the school year wore on, he became



increasingly harder to evade, a gnat whose intolerable presence left me angry at the world.

At the same time, this gnat had a fetish for onions to such an extent that I allowed for a three-hour dissipation period after meals before attempting to go back to the room, where he was usually catching an episode of Jeopardy! Even to this day, Alex Trebek is the only person I know who could bring a smile to Zeph's face.

But there is nothing that annoyed me more than his compulsive desire to rearrange the room. In total, we went through six entire room overhauls, completely conducted by him and always to my complete surprise. At one point, he put the bunk across the middle of the room, effectively dividing our nine-foot wide room in half. Because he gave me the half with the sink and the door, I forbade him to walk onto my side, thereby trapping this Bob-Vila-on-speed in his own creation. For him, it was a decorating flaw that drove him nuts. For me, it was a small victory in a year of pain.

By and large, Zephaniah plagued me like a popcorn kernel shell stuck between my molars. Yet I managed to survive, passing the torch to another unsuspecting person. It is a plague that I wish upon no one, but if you do end up with a roommate from the underworld, keep your head up and never forget the words of Nietzsche, "That which does not kill you only makes you stronger."

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One Last Look Around

by Katie E. Wiltout

"My room is not dominated by any one aspect of my personality; instead it is a sampling of the kind of person that I've become through my high school years. It is interesting to think of the changes the next four years in my life will bring, and how those changes will be reflected within the walls of my dorm room."

I wrote that paragraph four and a half years ago as part of my application to Notre Dame. Browsing through some old files the other day, I came across the application. The manually typewritten personal statement made the application look older than its four and half years. I marveled at how much even my signature has changed. As I face graduation, it is time for me to stop and take a look around before I leave.

In the personal statement of my Notre Dame application, I described my room and how it reflected the person I was. I named some of the books on my shelf, the cassettes in my stereo, the posters on my wall. I explained where the furniture came from and who made the quilt on my bed.

In the last paragraph of the essay, the one excerpted above, I wondered what my dorm room would look like in four years. I think I already sensed how many changes I would go through in college. My room, I assumed, would manifest those changes. The book titles would change, old posters would be replaced by new, the cassette collection would grow.

None of that has happened to the extent that I expected, although change has thoroughly colored me. But I have not had a single room whose walls could reflect the subtle alteration of my character. In college, the opposite happened — the rooms I've occupied have affected me on the inside.

To begin with, I pictured a dorm room as relatively static and stable for four years. As I was growing up, the papered, poster-covered walls and wooden floor of my room were a physical sanctuary for me as well as a mental haven. During the changing decor of my youth, that fact was a constant.

College changed all that — mostly by assigning roommates who would claim the same 13' x 8' space as their home, too. It was an unsettling experience for me to be forced to find refuge somewhere outside my room. As roommate squabbles escalated freshman year, I spent less and less time in my room. By the end

of the year, it was simply someplace to sleep. That I had changed was obvious — but the walls of my room did not reflect it.

I also never expected to live in many different rooms with many different people. Traditionally, Notre Dame students stay in the same dorm for four years. I thought I would be no different.

Once again, I was wrong. I moved from a cramped triple in an old dorm to a more spacious double in a new dorm between freshman and sophomore years. Junior year was an even bigger adjustment. I left the protective environment of campus housing for a flat in the middle of London. More important than gaining five rooms was gaining seven roommates, all new acquaintances.

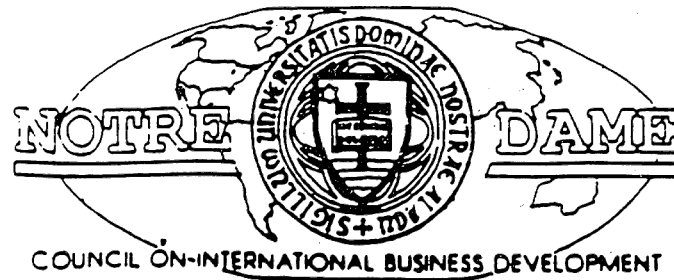
I did not change the room where I slept for four months or the flat we inhabited in London. It bears no marks of my personality or time there. But those walls, bare though they may have been, affected me. They silently observed me test my independence, hesitatingly at first, then more strongly with each passing day. The walls stayed firm as my mind was stretched, opened and infused by my encounters with another culture and history.

And then we moved out, as quickly and noisily as we had moved in. I found it disconcerting to leave London so easily. Simply packing up two suitcases was not enough of a transition.

I wanted our moving out to mirror the semester. But it would have taken too many tractor trailers to fill if physical possessions were the only measure of whom I had become in the course of a semester. I learned that a room or house or apartment is not static and stable, though its solid walls offer protection and security. It is more than a showcase of cherished objects, a place to display likes and dislikes.

A room creates space for living, and life cannot be displayed by photographs or cassettes. It exists in actions and interactions, in raucous conversations around the dinner table or hushed late-night talks in the kitchen. When I leave Notre Dame next week, the walls of my room will be blank and foreboding. Only my mind will remember the assortment of places I've lived and the dozen people who accompanied me. The rooms will remain, ready for the infusion of freshmen and the life they bring with them. □

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