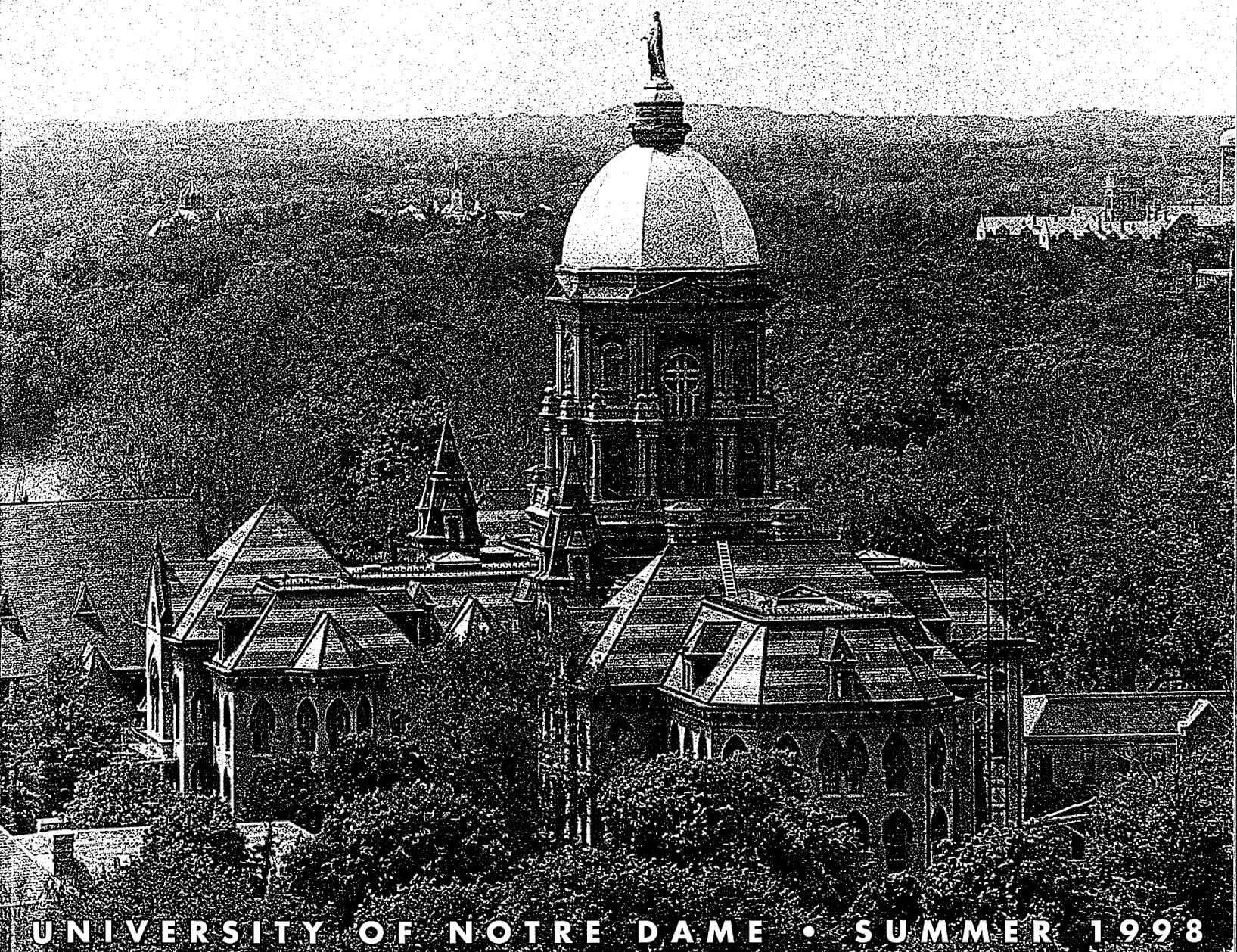


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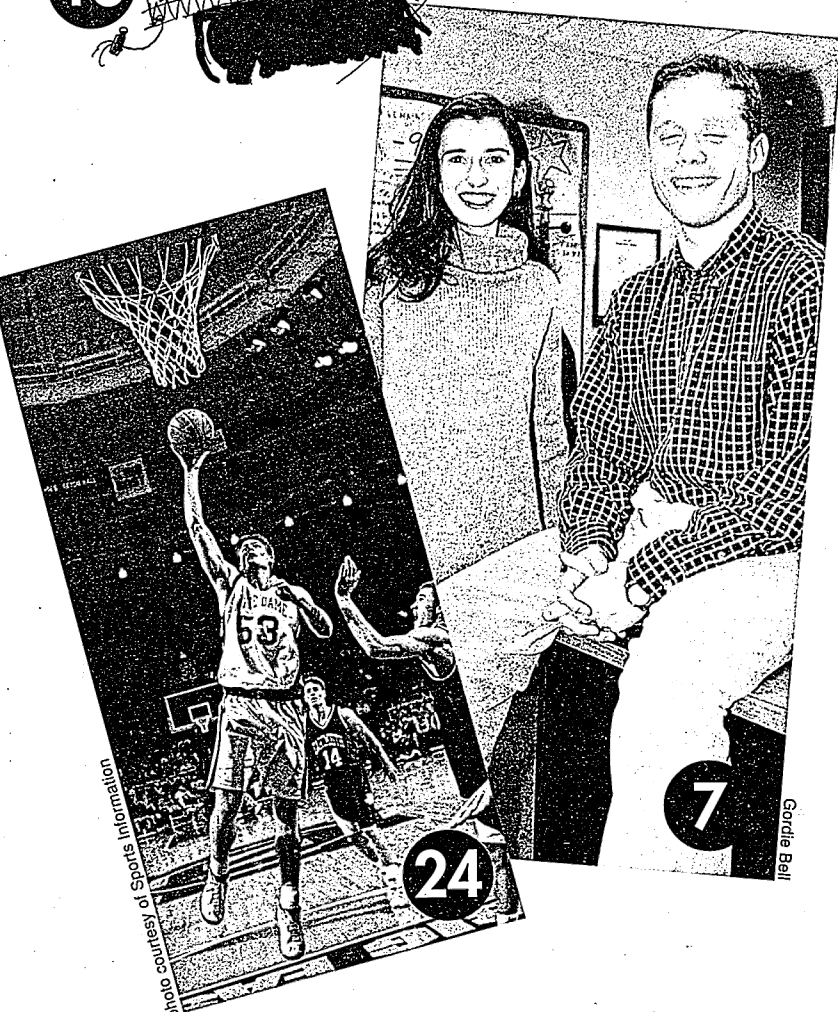
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Welcome home — for the first time

You've gone through birth, infancy, childhood and adolescence so far. Get ready for the next step.

Independence is about to begin. Though the transition is relatively gradual at Notre Dame (rectors, parietals, etc.), it can be a rough process wherever you are. The first few weeks can be difficult, they can be eye-opening and they can be both. You've heard it before and you'll hear it again (about 1,000 times): it's what you make of it.

My first night was spent cowering in a corner. My parents had left and two of my roommates had arrived. They unpacked their crates, set up their computers and settled down to a late-night chat about girlfriends, hometowns and, of course, football. I was too chicken to open my mouth. Eventually I did, and my roommates became like family, the dorm became my home, and the Golden Dome became the obnoxious lawn ornament in my back yard. The same will happen to you. It might take a few weeks, months or even years, but most of you will eventually settle rather nicely into life at Notre Dame. And though ours is not a perfect community, chances are, you'll learn to love it.

The Issue

The Freshman Survival Guide contains everything you'll need to know. Everything. Don't listen to your parents, girlfriends, boyfriends or high school teachers.

Just read *Scholastic*. During your perusal of the next 32 pages you will be brought up to speed on campus news, sports and all the prerequisite Notre Dame entertainment. Our Campus Life section offers some tips for packing, dealing with roommates and just generally getting along in college, starting on page 12. To learn how to "do" South Bend check out page 26, and for some words of wisdom from a graduating senior, see the Final Word on page 32. And if you insist, go ahead and listen to your parents for other advice.

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W. Patrick Downes

Editor in Chief

100 Years Ago: A Growing Campus

In the August 1898 edition of *Scholastic Magazine*, the editors looked forward to the coming academic year by describing some of the changes to campus:



The new athletic hall will be formally opened in September, and at last Notre Dame will possess a gymnasium which will compare not unfavorably with those of the heavily endowed and state-aided secular colleges. A complete system of cold storage will also replace the old ice-house. The students' store has been enlarged and renovated, and a large force of men has been busy during the summer months preparing for the influx of students in September.

This year offers just as much excitement. Another new gym, the Rolf's Sports Recreation Center, opened in March, and a new bookstore will open sometime next semester. The gym mentioned above, the Fieldhouse, was used until 1968 and, after a fire, was razed.

—BC

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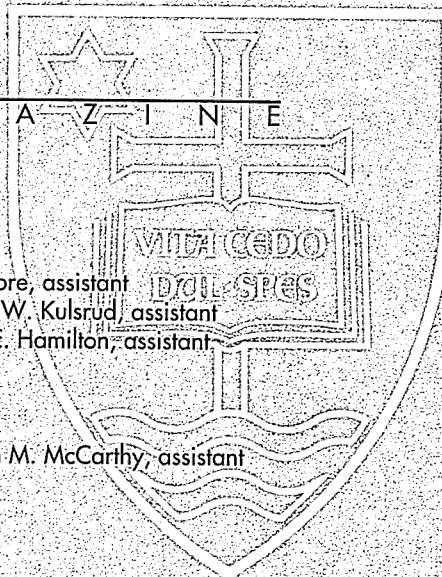
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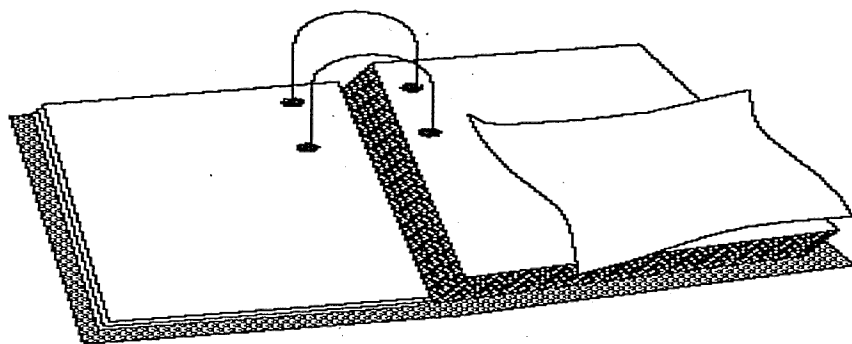
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A Gameday Guide

Surviving the first football weekend

Six times a year, the population of South Bend doubles for a simple football game. A Notre Dame football weekend is quite an experience, and something for which you must be prepared. Here's what you'll need:

Elbow pads: Trying to weasel your way through a mob of 100,000 is not a simple task. And if you're planning on visiting the bookstore during a football weekend, here's a tip: don't. Fans line up hours in advance for a shot at that all important seat cushion — ND Logo affixed, of course.

Ear plugs: The band is everywhere on football weekends. At 4 p.m. on Friday, they march from Bond Hall, the architecture building. The next day, they do it again with a noon concert on the same steps. Then they march to the stadium and play throughout the game. The band is always a treat, but, needless to say, the flute section gets a little overwhelmed — hence the ear plugs.

Body paint: Spirit is a must during a football weekend — unless you're a cynical senior or an anemic alum. The pep rallies, usually held in the Joyce Center the night before the game, give students a chance to come together, listen to celebrity speakers and cheer on the team. For the big games, you'll want to get there early.



FLUFF FIGHT. Though it's particularly vicious in the senior section, beware the halftime marshmallow melee.

An empty stomach: Tailgating, tailgating, tailgating. For many this is the highlight of the football weekend. Alums park their minivans, open the trunk and hand out brats, burgers and beer to willing students. Students are generally willing.

Comfortable shoes: You'll be walking around campus for hours before the game, tailgating, touring and people-watching. Then you'll stand on a six-inch wide board for four hours. If you sit down, except at halftime, your name will be anathema.

The Shirt: Available everywhere. This year it's an olive/slate/grayish color. \$14. Proceeds go to charity and university clubs. Everybody wears it at the first game. Don't be left out. It's also useful for absorbing goo during the halftime marshmallow melee.

Lozenges: You'll yell. You'll yell at the pep rally, at the game and at the refs. 80,000 throats were never so sore.

Tickets: You'll need the booklet and an ID to get into the game, but seating is a free-for-all — within your section. Whatever you do, don't leave them in your top drawer.

— Patrick Downes

JUDGMENT CALLS

New Burger King



The Notre Dame Food Services burgers served in LaFortune will be replaced with Whoppers. If only they'd replace the Beef Turnovers in NDH.

Graffiti Dance



Your T-shirt will collect more names than you did in your high school yearbook.

Jim Colletto



Nobody thought Adolf Hitler would get elected to a second term either.

Class of '02



Four years go by in a flash. Don't forget to reserve your tickets for graduation now.

Q&A

10 Questions with



Sister Sue Bruno

Dorm Life: Animal House or Alcatraz?

Many a freshman comes to Notre Dame with visions of Animal House, but when they discover that being a Domer means living in a single-sex dorm with a rector and parietals, they think they've been sentenced to four years at Alcatraz. But Sister Susan M. Bruno is here to tell you that you needn't sign your transfer papers yet. As she enters her sixth year as rector of Pasquerilla West, this long-time Chicagoan has a few words of wisdom that will both dispel many rumors about dorm life and lead to discussion about why Michael Jordan is the greatest player in history.

What's your job description as a rector?

Well, rectors try to look out for the academic, spiritual and emotional needs of the students, but we're also kind of landlords and landladies who keep an eye on the plumbing, furniture and look for missing materials. Then there's the festivities, the picnics, barbecues and dances we help students organize.

So what's the one misconception incoming freshmen have about rectors?

They think we're their Mom and Dad rolled up together — and that our main job is as disciplinarians, you know, to keep an eye on them — but actually less than 5 percent of our time and energy goes to discipline.

What do you think about the graffiti dance?

I'm a big supporter of the graffiti dance. Freshmen wonder if they'll be accepted, but once you get out there you meet all

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kinds of folks — it's strange, but countless friendships that last four years are made there. In fact, one of my RAs is engaged right now to a man she met at that dance.

What's a good place to take the parents out to eat during orientation weekend?

Papa Joe's in Mishawaka is great for Italian food. They don't rush you out of there so you can sit and talk for two or three hours.

The "Freshman 15": Fact or fiction?

Fiction — though for some it's definitely fact. But usually they'll put it on the first year and lose it the next.

Dating at ND: Fact or fiction?

I tend to find that for the women of this dorm who feel good about themselves, they make friendships that develop into relationships. But, some students feel awkward with the opposite sex at first. When it's that first dance and you have to find someone to ask, there's a lot of stress.

Besides the social scene, what's the biggest adjustment freshmen have to make?

The idea that there's a code here, socially, blows them away — but fitting in is really the most difficult thing.

So who's going to win the NBA finals?

Welllll, Michael Jordan and the Bulls, obviously. I may be prejudiced because I am from Chicago ... but I think MJ is the greatest player ever to put on a uniform — plus he's a great role model for our young people.

Don't you think the refs give him a few too many calls, though?

I don't know, I can't really be too objective about that. Probably not, but it does level off. I mean, look at Rodman last year. Every single call went against him because he was Mr. Bad Boy. So it all evens out with the Bulls.

One more question about ND: How many years does it take kids to learn the Alma Mater?

It varies from dorm to dorm, but our girls have the freshmen up at 7:00 a.m. the first day singing it outside and then at 7:30 the morning of the first football game all around campus. ... So my girls in P.W. will learn it fairly quickly.

—Zac Kulsrud

SANCTIONED GRAFFITI

Fun and Games

Orientation weekend is full of it — fun, that is

When you arrive on campus late this summer, a gang of T-shirt clad perclassmen will immediately descend on your car. They will surround you, seize your belongings and hustle you to a bare room. Scary as this may be, it should not alarm you. Those strangers emptying your trunk constitute the Freshman Orientation Staff, and they will be your first contacts at Notre Dame.

For nearly all freshmen, being away from home in unfamiliar surroundings is a frightening prospect. Fortunately, the activities during freshman orientation offer informal ways to meet the people in your dorm and around campus. Most of the activities are enjoyable, although some will make you feel like you are back in junior high. As goofy as they may be, though, these activities ease the transition from home life to that of Notre Dame. Here are some of the events to look forward to:

Ice Cream Socials: Usually held in front of the sponsoring dorm, they challenge fresh-

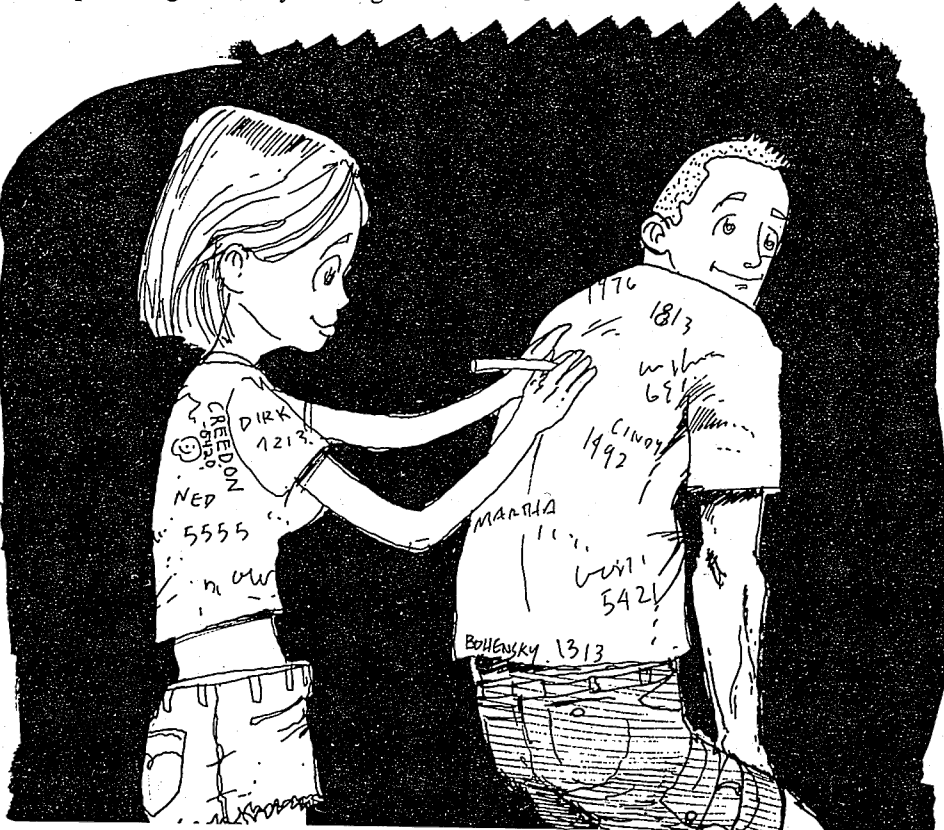
men to make friends while stuffing their faces with melting, sugary goodness.

Mixers: Typically, the dorms from each quad get together, hire a DJ and give freshmen a chance to dance and mingle in the summer air.

Tie Exchanges: Every guy from the participating dorm places his tie in a box. The ties go over to a girl's dorm where each girl picks out one to wear. When the dorms meet, each guy tries to find the girl wearing his tie — and hopes that she likes him as much as she likes his taste in clothing.

Graffiti Dance: The biggest event during freshman orientation — all the freshmen gather carrying markers and wearing white T-shirts. During the dance, if you see someone who interests you, ask if you can sign each other's shirts. It's a good idea to bring two different markers to use when people ask if they can sign your shirt: one color for those you want to remember and the other for the ones you would rather forget.

—Jim Pastore



Power to the People

Through their efforts this year, Student Body President Peter Cesaro and Vice President Andréa Selak seek to “put students first”

BY JIM PASTORE

Most of us arrive on campus each fall with some sense of what we hope to accomplish in the coming year. We plan to get involved in campus life, improve our grades or perhaps find a major. Very few will arrive with such a clearly determined set of goals and such a precise plan for achieving those goals as Student Body President Peter Cesaro and Vice President Andréa Selak. As he looks ahead to the challenges that await, Cesaro notes that the emphasis of this year's Student Union will be “putting the students first” — which was their campaign slogan.

In order to achieve this goal, Cesaro and Selak have formed two new departments in the Student Union: an Administrative Department and a Transportation Department. The Administrative Department will focus on issues such as revisions to *du Lac* and improving faculty-student relations, while the Transportation Department will address parking and other transportation issues.

With the Administrative Department, Cesaro and Selak hope to implement a number of changes which they feel will bring professors and students together outside of the classroom. One change involves a monthly lunch program. By sharing a meal

once a month in the dining halls, students and professors will be able to meet in an informal setting. The Administrative Department will also look into reviving the Hall Fellows Program. The program had been instituted by an earlier administration but was not a priority for later student administrations and eventually disappeared. Under this program, each dorm is “adopted” by a professor who volunteers for the position. Hall Fellows would attend dorm functions, present lectures to the dorm and provide academic advice to the students within their adopted dorm. “We’re hoping to make up a manual or listing of concrete things that a Hall Fellow can do because I think that was one of the weaknesses [of the program] in the past,” says Selak. She feels that interaction between students and professors within the dorms would broaden the learning experience to include settings other than the classroom.

The second of the new departments, the Transportation Department, plans to increase the reliability of SafeRide, which provides free transportation back to campus for students out at bars or off-campus parties. In the past, the service has been available only on Friday and Saturday nights. This year, however, the Student Union will extend the hours of operation to Thursday nights. “In

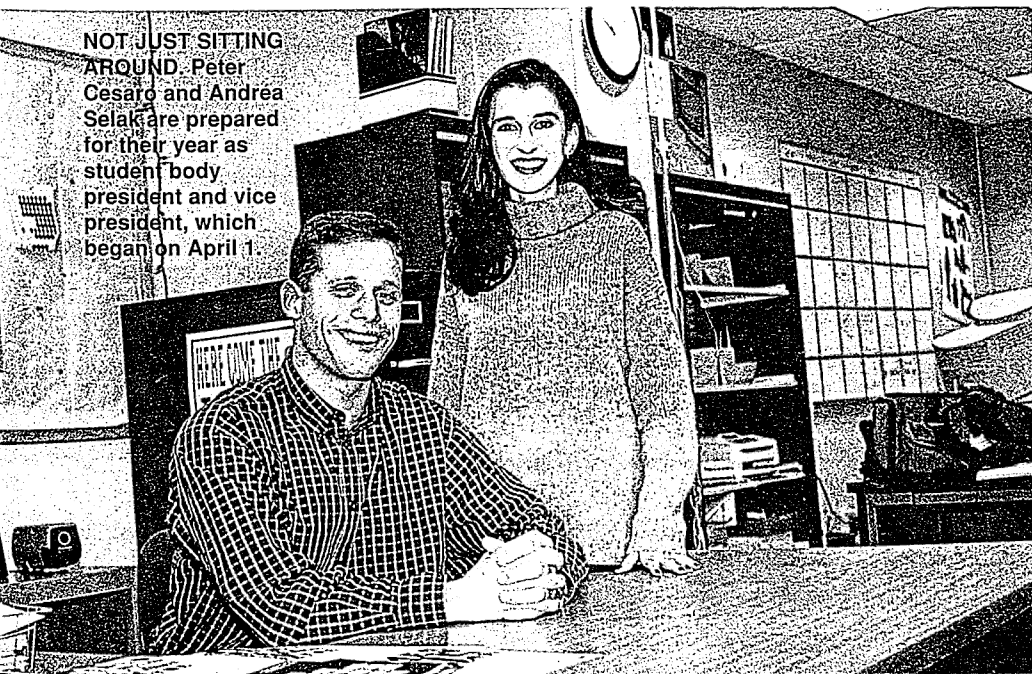
reality, a lot of people go out Thursday nights and it would be used a lot,” says Selak. In addition to increasing the days of operation, the dispatchers will now be paid for their work. “By paying these coordinators, the service will become more reliable,” says Cesaro. According to Selak, “Running it every weekend is key. ... If someone is going out and relying on SafeRide to take them back, and it’s not running, we’ve let down the students.”

The Administrative and Transportation Departments, along with the entire Student Union, will emphasize reacting to student input. This year’s administration hopes a number of new programs will increase communication with the student body. Each Thursday, the Student Union will publish a list of upcoming campus events in *The Observer*. Cesaro and Selak hope that coordinating this effort with the clubs and organizations on campus will keep students informed about the activities that each club offers. In addition, Cesaro and Selak will personally attend a Hall Council meeting at each dorm. They feel that this will lead to a greater amount of communication between individual dorms and student government. At the meetings, each dorm’s government will be able to make direct requests to the student body president and vice president. The meetings will also allow Cesaro and Selak to keep the dorms up to date on the Student Union’s future plans.

Cesaro and Selak also plan to encourage discussion on multicultural and gender issues within the dorms. “We’re taking the steps to create a type of presentation by working through the halls, taking it to the grass-roots level,” says Cesaro.

Many of their plans are ambitious, but Cesaro and Selak remain confident in their ability to successfully complete their agenda. “We’ve done all these mission statements and lists of our short-term and long-term goals. We’ve got them all written down on paper,” says Selak. “We’re ready to come back here in August and get right back to where we left off in May.” □

NOT JUST SITTING AROUND. Peter Cesaro and Andréa Selak are prepared for their year as student body president and vice president, which began on April 1.



In the News

Scholastic looks at the top stories and issues from the past year that will affect you in the next

BY PATRICK DOWNES

In the outside world, presidents were being shamed, Popes were visiting Cuba and Unabombers were being tried. By all accounts, it was an eventful year. And in Notre Dame, Ind., the same held true.

It was a year of big stories at Notre Dame, and many of these issues will continue to affect students in the coming year — freshmen included. So here's a recap of the top five issues in the news this past academic year.

1 Gay Rights

Father David Garrick didn't believe he was being treated fairly. And after being denied the opportunity to say Mass or hear confessions at the Basilica for several months — ostensibly for the poor quality of his sermons — he had had enough. In March, Garrick, a priest, professor and celibate homosexual, resigned in protest.

That was the spark that ignited the debate this year.

Two years earlier, it was the university's refusal to recognize Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (GLND/SMC) as an official student organization. Last year, it was the university's refusal to include sexual orientation in the nondiscrimination clause.

Whatever the catalyst, gay rights has been the issue at Notre Dame in the 1990s. And very few things have kept the student body, faculty and administration more polarized.

Advocates of gay rights want the nondiscrimination clause in *du Lac* (the rulebook) and other official university publications to include sexual orientation. They also want the university to grant GLND/SMC all the rights and privileges of a recognized group (the right to meet on campus and to receive university funding, for example) and they want to eliminate what they feel is an atmosphere of homophobia.

Opponents believe that GLND/SMC en-

dorses homosexual sex, and that the university's Catholic affiliation should give it the right to withhold sponsorship of any group that endorses a position contrary to Catholic teaching.

The catechism of the Catholic Church holds that homosexual orientation is not wrong, but that homosexual activity is.

Last year, the university responded to student and faculty outcry over the matter with a statement called the "Spirit of Inclusion." The statement held that Notre Dame would welcome its gay, lesbian and questioning students with compassion — but it did not offer legal protection to them.

The details are endless; the debate is fierce. Look for this issue to explode once again next spring, after the campus' collective attention turns away from football.

2 Recalling the President

He missed the Beginning of the Academic Year Mass. He arrived a day late for a leadership retreat. He was accused of drinking in his office in LaFortune Student Center and of bringing alcohol along while dispatching SafeRide — a student government-sponsored taxi service. All of these things were reported in *Scholastic's* "Campus Watch" column, and along with charges of fiscal irresponsibility and general incompetence, all appeared as complaints on the petition to recall the student body president from office.

Student Body President Matt Griffin was



IN THE HOTSEAT. Student Body President Matt Griffin was no stranger to controversy this year.

shocked when senior Jeremy Lingenfelter began circulating the petition last December, but Lingenfelter didn't have any patience for the man who, in the words of the petition, was guilty of "Incompetent and Negligent Performance."

According to the year-old Student Union Constitution, Lingenfelter needed to collect the signatures of 15 percent of the student body for the issue to be brought before the voters. Lingenfelter insisted that he collected enough signatures for the petition, but nothing materialized. Griffin's term expired three months later without further ado — but the incident was to have lasting effects.

The issue highlighted the question of the ethics, responsibility and image that a student body president should present. Some felt that a president should be a model citizen, someone to whom students would look up and administrators would respect. Others thought the president is first and foremost a student, and should be allowed (if of age) to enjoy a drink now and then. Most of the candidates in the student body election that followed the controversy advocated a middle ground. Eventual winner Peter Cesaro said, "I think that holding the job does come with some responsibility and you should be able to represent the students ... But you should be able to go out and have a burger at CJ's [a local bar] ... without any undue criticism."

3 Bridget's Busted

"What's your birthday?"

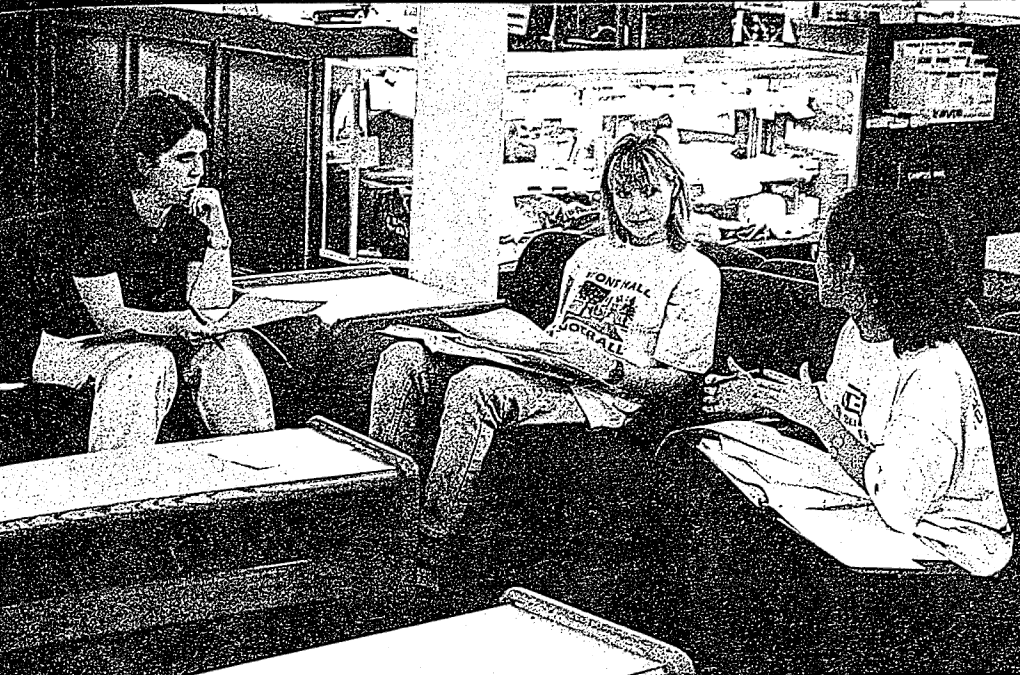
"Uhh, March ... something."

"Close enough."

Time and again, after countless exchanges like the one above, the bouncer would return a dubious ID to some jumpy freshman and admit her into the crammed barroom.

For 25 years, Bridget McGuire's Filling Station, affectionately dubbed Bridget's, had been a notorious haven for underage imbibing. But no more. In January, police came knocking on Bridget's doors for the last time. Roughly 165 underage students were cited and eventually ordered to perform community service and pay fines. The bar, which was owned by State Representative B. Patrick Bauer, was closed permanently.

Some speculated that Notre Dame's administration was behind the bust. The university had been buying the surrounding property, and has looked into purchasing the bar's property, which is just blocks from



file photo

CRAMMING CRAMPED. LaFortune Student Center offers space for both studying and socializing, but many feel it is insufficient.

campus. But Assistant Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk assured the Campus Life Council that no undue influence with the police departments, state or local, was exercised.

Whatever precipitated the bust, Notre Dame's drinking culture suffered — but not permanently. After the bust, underage students eventually found ways to drink again. Some of the other local bars have relaxed their security, and according to one anonymous bustee: "We've gone to dorm parties or to people's houses off campus."

4 Social Space

Social space. It's a nebulous concept that includes space in dorm lounges, LaFortune Student Center or anywhere else students congregate to study, party or just hang out. Many think there isn't enough of it, and that students drink to excess, either in bars, off-campus apartments or their own dorm rooms, as a result.

With this in mind — and after years of complaints from students, faculty and other administration — the university finally decided to do something about the lack of on-campus social space. Last year, a consulting firm, Center Concepts and Design (CCD), came in to assess the need. The firm conducted a survey, and looked into options that may include constructing a new building or expanding an existing one.

No projects are in the works yet, but if anything comes of CCD's assessment, future classes may have more construction, and possibly more social space, to deal with.

5 Generations

Money makes the world go round, and Notre Dame is no exception. Generations is the largest-ever fundraising effort by a Catholic university, and it is nearing completion. Generous benefactors are lining up to finance everything from buildings to books, and the efforts of the university's development office are paying off. As of last May, the university had raised \$636 million of the \$767 million dollar goal. They expect to exceed that goal. By way of example, \$767 million could buy 2 BMWs for every one of Notre Dame's 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

Of course, Generations won't directly affect incoming freshmen. There will be no shiny new car waiting in your dorm room. But the fundraising drive should enrich your college experience — literally. The steady flow of contributions is putting more books in the library, endowing more professorships and scholarships and funding the construction and renovation of countless campus buildings.

As Father Edward "Monk" Malloy says, "Money alone doesn't make a great Catholic university ... but you can't have a great Catholic university without sufficient resources." □

Also Making Headlines:

The trend in minority enrollment is downward, and many feel that the lack of diversity in the student body and faculty is one of the major problems continuing to plague the university.

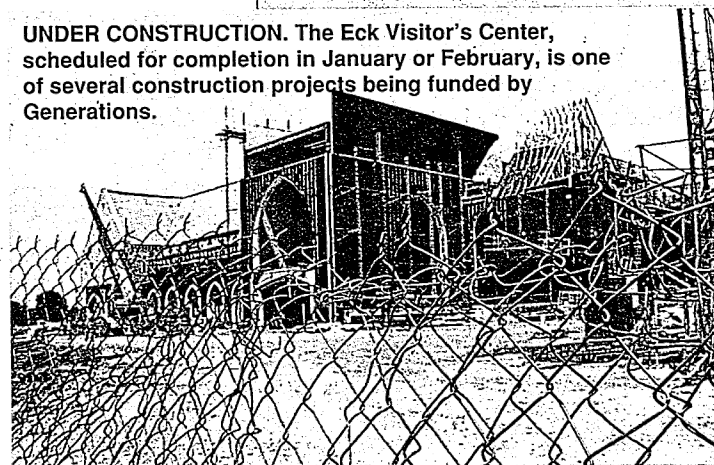
Early in the year, the **Syner/Fuller incident** led to bad blood on both sides of U.S. 31, the road that separates Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. Notre Dame sophomores Catherine Syner and Stacey Fuller wrote a letter to the editor of *The Observer*, the student newspaper, and blasted Saint Mary's "parasites" for their use of Notre Dame resources. Outcry ensued and the "debate" raged.

When Indiana Lieutenant Governor Joe Kernan was selected as the speaker for Notre Dame's 153rd commencement ceremonies, not everybody was happy. Senior Class President **Beth Nolan's comments** that the lieutenant governor would be fine for IU or Purdue, but that Notre Dame deserved a "national" speaker, were broadcast across the state. Though Nolan may not have meant that Notre Dame was better than Indiana or Purdue University, that didn't stop an editorial in the *Indianapolis Star* from labeling her comments "breathtaking arrogance."

One of the banes of your college existence will be **construction**. The stadium is finished, but the Dome, the Eck Visitor's Center, the Coleman-Morris Student Center and the Performing Arts Center will all be cloaked in scaffolding for at least part of your tenure.

— by Patrick Downes

UNDER CONSTRUCTION. The Eck Visitor's Center, scheduled for completion in January or February, is one of several construction projects being funded by Generations.

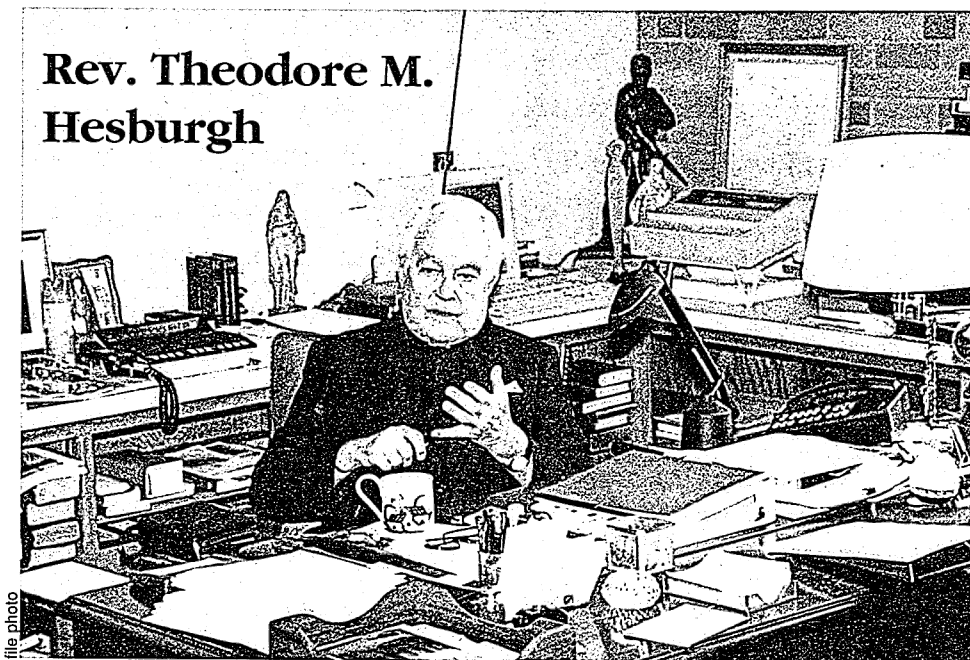


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Meet the Family

Your guide to a few campus personalities

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh



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BY MICHELLE CROUCH AND
LAUREN WINTERFIELD

"Monk"

Father Edward A. "Monk" Malloy, CSC, is in his third five-year term as the 16th president of the university. 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.

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

Ted the (former) Head

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

Despite these obligations, 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 best-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 by the fact that he holds more honorary degrees than all but one individual.

Contrary to the rumor that Father Hesburgh lives on the 13th floor of the library named after him, he actually resides in Corby Hall, though he does have an office in the library.

Patty O'

As vice president of student affairs, Professor Patricia A. O'Hara makes many of the decisions that affect Notre Dame students. She sets the agenda for Campus Ministry, Campus Security, Student Activities and Residence Life.

Consequently, her relationship with stu-

dents is bittersweet, as many students associate the Department of Student Affairs with discipline and punishment. "That comes with the territory," says 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 teaches two law classes.

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

Coach Davie

Former defensive coordinator Bob Davie was named head football coach of Notre Dame six days after the legendary Lou Holtz stepped down on November 18, 1996.

In his first year as head coach, Davie tried to focus more on the students and the players. This was a change from the Holtz regime, which was dominated by Holtz's strong presence. Davie formed a committee that aims to increase involvement by the students and fans at pep rallies and games. "Although Notre Dame students are probably the best football fans in the country, it still takes someone to get students going," he says.

After achieving mixed results in their first season, Davie and offensive coordinator Jim Colletto hope to find success with a return to the option offense, which best suits the style of new starting quarterback Jarious Jackson.

Coach Bob Davie



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NOTRE DAME

Film, Television and Theatre

WASHINGTON HALL — Donald Crafton, Chairman of the Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT), has announced that the annual reception for students interested in film, television or theatre will be held **Wednesday, August 26, at 6:00 P.M.** in Washington Hall. Students interested in filmmaking, video/film production, broadcasting, stage acting, directing, scenery, costumes, lights or stage management are encouraged to attend. Following refreshments, there will be a brief informational meeting to discuss ways to become involved in departmental activities.

Theatre at Notre Dame is open to all students — majors and non-majors — who wish to participate. 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 Film, Television and Theatre will present a mainstage season consisting of four plays as well as many other acting and directing projects. Mainstage productions this season will be:

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

Getting Wrecked

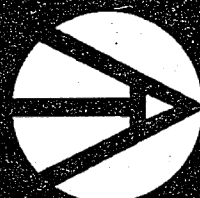
The Angels' Cradle performed by Theater Grottesco

The School for Scandal

In addition, FTT will host a residency by THEATER GROTTESCO, sponsored by the Paul M. and Barbara Henkels Visiting Scholars Series. 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 26, and Thursday, August 27, at 7:00 P.M.

If you cannot attend the reception, but wish to be involved or have questions about the program, please call Tom Barks at (219) 631-5956.



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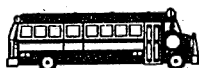
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PACKING 101

A crash course on the basics you will need for your first year

by Kristin Alworth

Lists. They consumed every open inch of my desk, dresser, mirror and even my car dashboard the summer before I left for college. Unfortunately, when the time came to transport all of my belongings, I found that everything on those lists would take up two cars and about three dorm rooms.

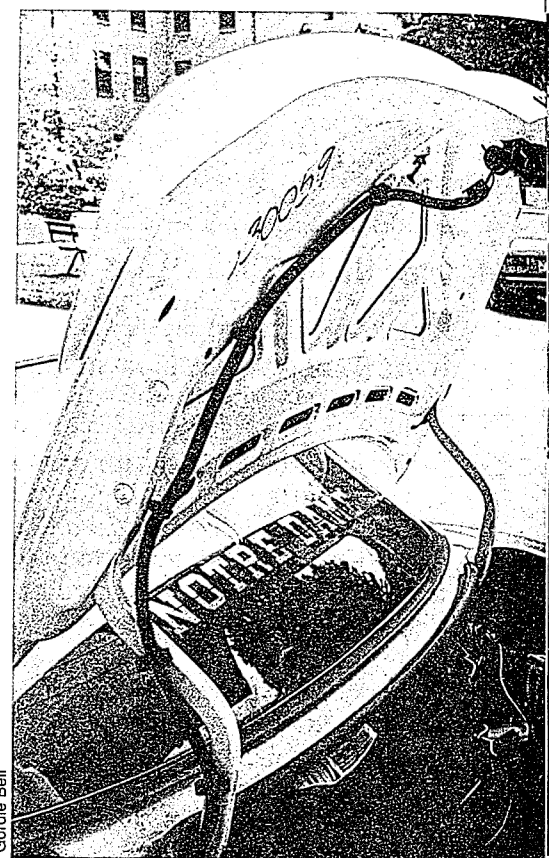
It is tempting to bring all of your earthly possessions to college, but most dorm rooms are downright tiny, and you have to take into consideration the fact that you'll be sharing that room with at least one other person. Here are some packing tips and a little common sense as you prepare to make the great migration from home to college.

FURNITURE

Figuring out how to arrange furniture in a dorm room usually requires a magician. Many students make extra space in their rooms by constructing lofts, an elevated bed that leaves open space underneath. Lofts can be a pain to construct, but the added space can make the trouble of assembly worthwhile. Loft kits can be purchased relatively inexpensively at stores like Lowe's. The university regulates what kind of loft you can have in your room, and the regulations vary from dorm to dorm, so you need to look into your dorm's rules

before constructing one.

All dorm rooms come equipped with beds, desks and a wardrobe or dresser to store your clothes, but most students bring extra furniture. Couches, bean-bags and futons are popular, since they are a lot more comfortable than sitting on the floor. Carpeting is another necessity in the dorms, unless you want to live with hard tile floors through the year. You'll probably want to wait to buy carpet until you have measured your room, since dorm rooms come in all shapes and sizes.



Gordie Bell

ELECTRONICS

Electronics are an important source of entertainment in dorm rooms. It is a good idea to bring a stereo because some students find South Bend radio lacking. A TV and a VCR are nice additions to a dorm room even though cable isn't available, but all dorms have TV lounges with cable so you can still catch your favorite programs without making an expensive investment.

There are numerous computer clusters with both Macintoshes and PCs on campus, some of which are open 24 hours a day. The cluster computers have on-line access and CD-ROMs. However, if you plan to use the cluster computers during especially busy times of the year like midterms and finals, expect to wait in line.

Most students bring or rent a refrigerator, which is useful for keeping those beverages and late-night snacks. A hot-pot is a nice addition too, since it can make everything from hot chocolate for cold winter days to macaroni and cheese for more creative chefs. Also, fans are crucial during the first few weeks of school if you are living in an older dorm without air conditioning.



ON THE MOVE. Cars are jam-packed as students make the great migration in August.

down the hall to take a shower, a robe and a shower caddy are important items. Many students wear flip-flops in the showers because they are not always the cleanest place to put your bare feet.

As far as bedding is concerned, you will need to bring sheets, towels, blankets and pillows as none of these is provided by the university. Some dorms have extra long beds, so you may want to wait to hear from your rector before you purchase a new sheet set.

A laundry bag or basket, a stain stick, laundry detergent and lots of quarters are necessary if you plan on doing your own laundry. For students who have yet to conquer the washing machine, St. Michael's Laundry provides an on-campus service that will pick up your laundry each week if you opt to pay for their semester-long service. St. Michael's also has a dry cleaning service available to all.

You will need to bring hangers for your clothes. Crates and other organizers are also useful for increasing storage space in your room and can be a good place to stash heavy winter clothes during the off-season. An alarm clock, preferably a loud one, is also necessary to wake you up for those dreaded 8:30 classes.

South Bend has plenty of discount stores, such as Meijer, if you forget something. The Student Union Board (SUB) also sponsors a "Fall Mall" at Stepan Center, where they sell and rent various items at reduced prices.

There is really no need to agonize about forgetting something as you prepare your own list of things to bring to college. Your neighbors and friends will probably be happy to loan you that obscure tool or reference book on the one

occasion you really need it. And your parents are only a phone call and a care package away. □

Don't FORGET

- camera
- umbrella
- crates/organizers
- alarm clock
- stamps and envelopes
- stain stick, quarters and detergent
- sheets and towels
- shower caddy
- a good fan

Leave HOME

- iron
- phone and answering machines (dorm-issued phones have voice mail)
- vacuum
- wastebasket
- microwaves, toaster ovens and hot plates
- pets

decorative TOUCHES

A little bit of decorating can personalize a dorm room and make it inviting. The overhead lights in most rooms are dim and will make the room look like a cellar, so pack some lamps. A desk lamp is a must, while floor lamps can brighten a room tremendously. Free-standing halogen lights are also very popular, though some schools have banned them as a fire hazard. Posters and pictures, whether they are of your favorite music group or a Monet print, add character to a room and help muffle echoes. Creative touches like Christmas lights and plants also jazz up a room.

odds and ENDS

Apart from furnishings, there are many miscellaneous items that you will need for dormitory living. Since you will have to trek

Perfect STRANGERS

Getting along with an assigned roommate is a unique aspect of the freshman experience

BY ALLISON FASHEK

Never before has a computer held so much control over your life. The computer that randomly assigns roommates for Notre Dame freshmen may provide you a year of happiness or disappointment. There will be few times in your life when you will be forced to live with a total stranger. This is one of them. But it's not as scary as it sounds.

There are typically three categories under which roommate relationships tend to fall, ranging from "we're inseparable" to "computer malfunction." You should view getting to know your roommate as an opportunity to share your everyday experiences with someone, an important part of the college adventure. Whichever situation you find yourself in, remember, it is up to you to make the best of it.

You Complete Me

This category is for those students who find a long-lost brother or sister in their roommate. Upon meeting, the two find they have everything in common, including a love for country music and racquetball. While unpacking, they discover they own matching lava lamps. Even their bedspreads coordinate. They will go to every meal and party together, walking around as though attached at the hip, laughing at the same stupid jokes. They will

rarely fight, even during the weeks of midterms, finals and room picks, and will probably become godparents for each others' children. If you find yourself in this category, you are somewhat rare, but also extremely lucky. If this is not your situation, don't fret. Undoubtedly, you will still find this type of friendship with someone on campus, just not with your roomie.

I'm OK, You're OK

This is probably the most common category for roommate situations. So you're not best friends with your roommate — no one said you had to be. You still get along. You hang out on the weekends sometimes and you have fun spending time with each other. But you have more fun hanging out down the hall or downstairs with another group of people.

Having a best friend who lives down the hall, or even in another dorm, can be a major asset. Sometimes it's important to get out of the room for a little while, whether for a change of scenery or even for a temporary refuge. As you start class and become involved in activities you will find people on your own with whom you will enjoy spending time. But you also have a good friend in your roommate and have the opportunity to get to know his or her friends as well. This is a great way to meet a diverse group of people.

It Wasn't Meant To Be

Some people just weren't meant to live together. This is another rare situation, but it does happen. Certain roommates do not get along. This is no reason to panic or call home in tears. You can have a great freshman year, no matter whom you room with. A roommate is someone to share living arrangements with — anything more or less is up to you. If anything, this situation should encourage you to be more outgoing, to meet more people in your dorm, your classes and your extra-curricular activities.

Whether you are best friends or just acquaintances with your roommate, the key to the survival of the relationship lies in communication, compromise and respect. It's always better to try and talk to your roommate about a problem before it grows out of proportion. He or she may have no idea that a problem even exists.

The bottom line is that roommate assignments are totally random, just the luck of the draw. Worrying about your future roommate is about as futile as worrying about the weather. When you walk into your room for the very first time and set eyes on your new roommate, keep in mind that he or she has the same worry about getting along with you.

What happens next is up to you. □

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Campus by the Gipper Watch

Greetings, freshmen and not-so-fresh-men! Let the Gipp take your tender young hands in his and lead you on a guided tour of America's favorite multinational corporation/institution of higher learning. By the time this lesson is over, you will be wise in the ways of Notre Dame, displaying just a little bit less of that wide-eyed optimism that upperclassmen and administrators alike find so sadly amusing. Let's begin with some proper introductions.

Hello, My Name Is ...

The Gipp would like to introduce you to the Gipp. Although he does refer to himself in the third person and has been known to

years here the Gipp will be one of the best friends you have. Notre Dame administrators want you to think they are your friends, but as soon as the next tuition increase comes around you'll learn that they only love you for your money. The school newspaper, *The Observer*, is your friend, but it's that one friend who talks to himself and whom teachers describe as "a little slow." And your roommates may seem nice, but you should keep in mind that they are much more likely than the Gipp to throw up on your bed.

As your new best friend, the Gipp reminds you that you can tell him anything. Your tips make this column what it is, so feel free to pass along word of strange happenings, rumors, potential scandals or anything else your heart desires. You can reach the Gipp by e-mail (gipper.1@nd.edu) or by phone (1-7569). Short of tarring and feathering, this is your most effective means of establishing justice,

ensuring domestic tranquillity and otherwise sticking it to the man.

Cats and Dogs

One of the most puzzling problems facing the university's theology department is the

mystery of South Bend's weather. It's hard to believe that a benevolent God could be responsible for the darkness that envelops northern Indiana for most of the year. The Gipp is suspicious that this barrage of cold rain and snow is the deity's way of getting revenge on Indiana for having the strongest KKK presence in the nation. But because the Gipp remembers from Theology 100 that no human being can understand God's will, his main concern is preparing you for what you are about to experience during South Bend's interminable winter. Just remember this: most people think Hell is hot. It isn't. It is windy and freezing and is open for business from September through March at the most famous university in America's second-least educated state. And out here we don't call it hell; we know it as the South Bend winter.

This Is My Body ...

Notre Dame likes to remind its students that they are part of a family. Maybe it is fear of incest, then, that makes the administration so interested in keeping you from really "getting to know" your fellow students. Should you break from Notre Dame tradition and actually attempt to have intercourse, social or otherwise, with a member of the opposite sex, keep parietals in mind. Parietals are the deadlines by which guys have to be out of girls' dorms, girls have to be out of guys' dorms and any non-Catholic ideas that might promote positive gender relations have to be tossed out the window. Either get used to them, get used to the idea of expulsion or get looking for an off-campus house or apartment as soon as possible.

Some Parting Words

Now that two of the Gipp's favorite subjects — the climate in South Bend and the climate in Notre Dame students' pants — are out of the way, he wants to leave you with a few final dos and don'ts. On any trip to the dining hall, remember that you live 1,000 miles from any ocean. So for your own good, DO beware of the shrimp poppers. DON'T bet your beer money on the football team winning a championship anytime soon. Most important, children, DO hold onto your sense of humor. You'll need it. And when you hear something worth repeating to everyone, remember who gave you the best advice you got all summer. Tip the Gipp. □

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brandish weapons at members of opposing sports teams, he is not to be confused with ESPN's weirdly obsessive sports fan The Rick. The main difference is that whereas The Rick is a creepy loner, the Gipp considers all of you his friends. In fact, during your

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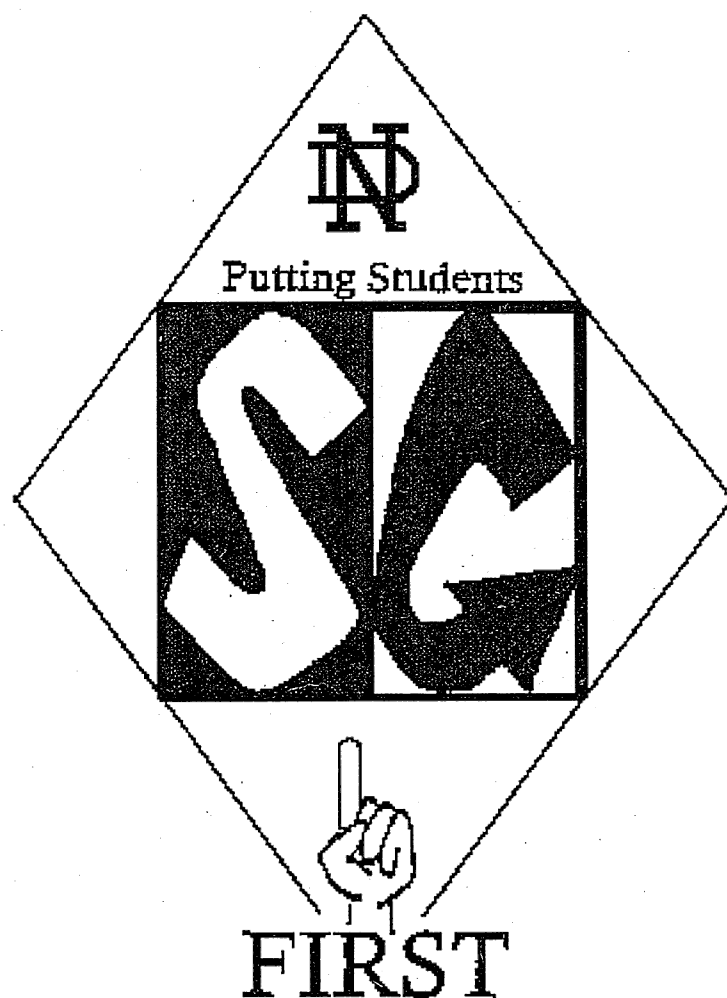
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THE FRESHMAN 15

Our survival guide will answer all of your questions about life as a Domer except how to fit Friends, ER and a 10-page paper into one night

BY BRIDGET BRADBURN

You've packed your entire life into six boxes and a couple of suitcases. You've heard all the advice from your well-meaning parents and all-knowing older friends and siblings. But no matter how prepared and eager you are to embark upon four years of unlimited fun and work, questions about daily life at Notre Dame undoubtedly still linger. You are not alone. To provide information about some of these important details, *Scholastic* has compiled a list of the answers you will need to survive your first year at Notre Dame.

1. Starting Out

Freshman Orientation will be your most

entertaining, carefree and hectic time at Notre Dame. From the Graffiti Dance, where you meet other freshmen by signing their shirts, to scavenger hunts and cook-outs, to moving in and saying goodbye to your parents, there is little time for homesickness. Enjoy every minute of this chance to meet people.

2. Braving the Elements

No matter what corner of the world you come from, you will not be prepared for Notre Dame weather. The days of Freshman Orientation are traditionally hot and humid, but this pleasant weather ends soon. You will quickly learn to be prepared for rain, no matter what the weather reports say or what the sky looks like. And you will need your winter clothing sooner than you think. The first snow can come as early as October, and the campus usually does not thaw out until March.

3. Food for Thought

After settling into your room, you will no doubt wonder about the means of satisfying the most basic college student need: eating. North Dining Hall and South Dining Hall both make valiant attempts to offer a variety of culinary delights. Although the choices are sometimes less than appealing, the freedom to have less-than-balanced meals is a definite bonus. If you decide to skip the dining hall, various fast foods are available at the Huddle in LaFortune Student Center. The university will be adding other fast food establishments like Starbucks and Burger King in the fall. In addition, most dorms have food sales during prime study hours.

4. Dining Out

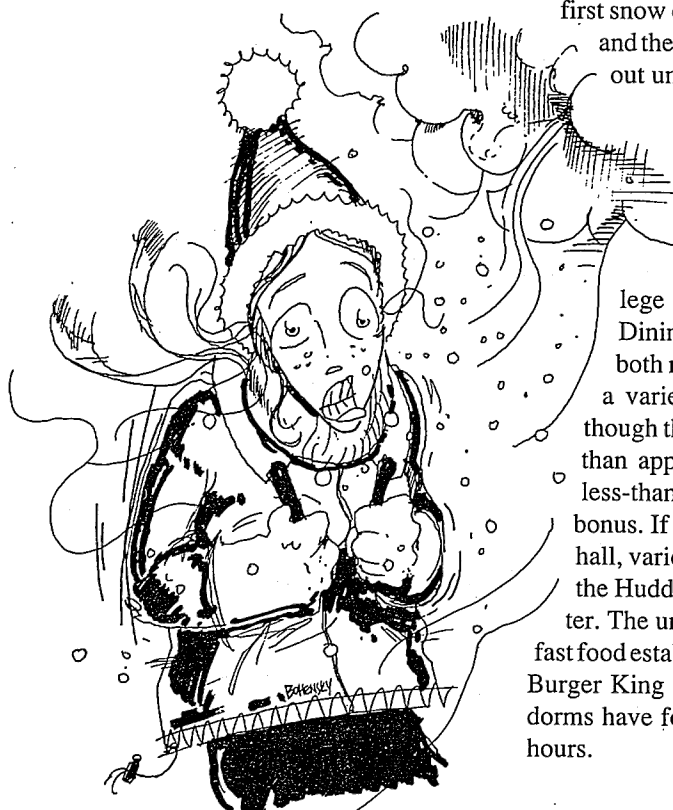
Inevitably, you will get tired of dining hall food and find your way to local restaurants. South Bend and Mishawaka have plenty to offer. Macri's Deli is an affordable sandwich spot, in addition to TGIFriday's, Don Pablo's, Olive Garden and Outback Steakhouse, which are close to campus. South Bend has a few nicer restaurants including the Landing, The Emporium, The Wharf and Tippecanoe Place. Of course, ordering Papa John's pizza is always an option, but for better quality pizza, try Rocco's or Bruno's, both traditional hang-outs for Domers.

5. Weekend Escapes

Weekends offer the perfect opportunity for students to escape from the tedium of schoolwork. In the fall, bus trips to 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. In February, the freshman class usually sponsors a class trip to Chicago, a great opportunity to bond with friends and make new ones as well.

6. Shopping Around

University Park Mall is close by, and there is a bus that runs from campus to the mall every half hour during the day for the low fare of \$1.50 round-trip. The 24-hour Meijer store is a favorite shopping place, offering everything from frozen pizzas bites to TVs. 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 could ever want plastered with the Notre Dame logo.



7. Hitting the Books

Wait until the first day of class to buy your books, as professors tend to make last-minute changes to the syllabus. Before you go to the bookstore, check posted lists of used books for sale — but remember to make sure they are the right editions. When you do brave the bookstore, be prepared to wait in long lines and spend most of your summer earnings in one trip. However, the bookstore does offer certain used books and lines tend to be shorter in the morning.

8. Dollar Sense

If it sounds like you will be spending a lot of money in the first few weeks of school, don't worry. The spending will slow down. For the money left over, there is a branch of Key Bank in the LaFortune Student Center, and a branch of the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union (NDFCU) just behind campus, which offer students savings and checking options. And for those instant-cash needs, there are several ATM machines on campus. One is in the basement of LaFortune and another is at Gate 10 of the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center, both serving Key Bank. There is another one at the bookstore, serving NDFCU, and a fourth in the basement of the library that serves 1st Source Bank.

9. Keeping in Touch

One way to save money and keep in close contact with family and friends is to activate your e-mail account. Just go to a computer cluster, where a consultant will help you open your account free of charge. Students who purchase ResNet equipment for their computer from the campus Computer Store will have access to e-mail and Netscape from their dorm room.

10. Getting Involved

Beyond e-mail, other sources of diversion are the various student clubs and organizations. Watch for signs during 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 that interest you.

11. A Sound Mind in a Sound Body

For those who are concerned about keeping in shape, there are several exercise options on campus. The Rolfs Sports Recreation Center, which opened last February, offers a modern alternative to many of the

older fitness options on campus. In addition to an indoor track, basketball courts and a weight room, Rolfs offers a roller-hockey rink, ping-pong and pool tables and a fitness-counseling center. The Rockne Memorial offers a pool, a weight room, racquetball courts and basketball courts. There is an indoor track in both the Loftus Sports Center and the Joyce Center. The Rolfs Aquatic Center holds an Olympic-size pool with a diving well. The Eck Tennis Pavilion and the golf course are other sporting options. For those looking for organized exercise, the RecSports department offers various activities.

12. The Balancing Act

No matter what diversions you choose, schoolwork cannot be neglected. There are several services available specifically to freshmen to help balance these time demands. The First Year of Studies provides free tutoring and an advising program to assist freshmen in picking classes and a major.

13. Taking the Night Off

Central to social existence at Notre Dame are SYRs (Screw Your Roommates) semi-formal and formal dances. Each dorm typically has one SYR and one formal each semester. When held in the dorm, the decorating before the dance is entertainment in itself, providing a memorable day of section bonding. It is traditional to bring your date a small gift, ranging from flowers to a crazy trinket. Typical SYR attire at Notre Dame includes khaki pants, a tie and a blazer for the men. For the ladies, a short, semi-formal dress is the norm.

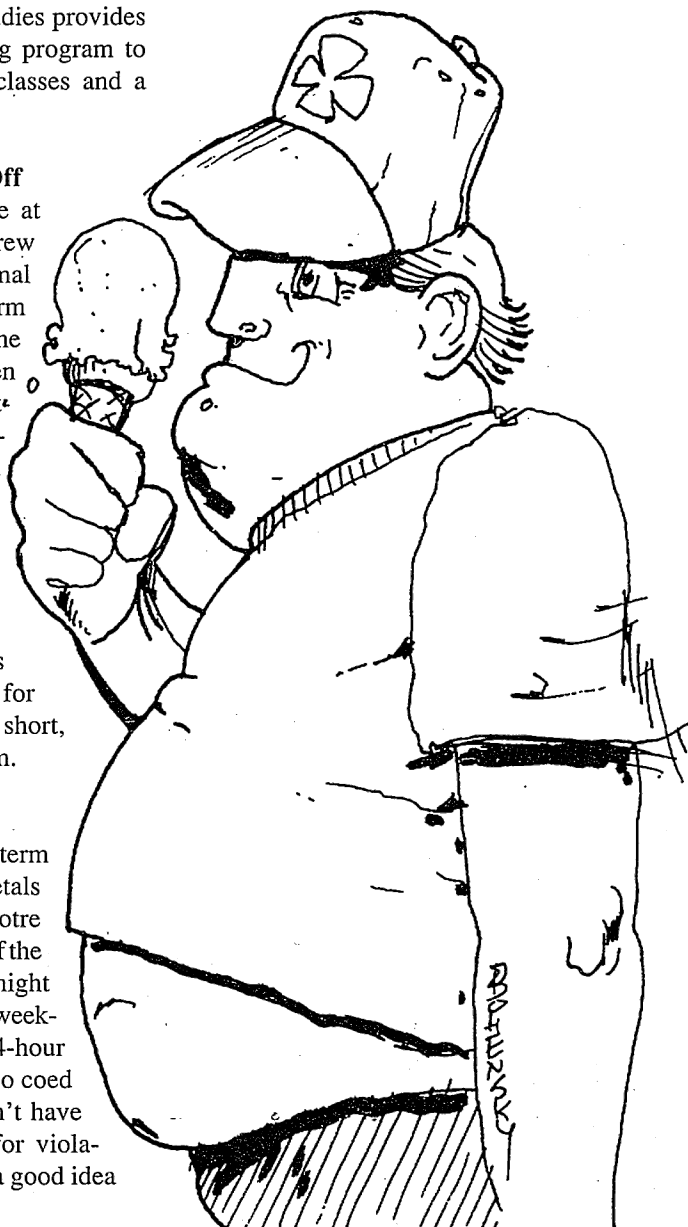
14. Lights Out

If you haven't heard the term "parietals" yet, learn it. Parietals are the visitation hours at Notre Dame. Students must be out of the opposite sex's dorms by midnight on weekdays and by 2 a.m. on weekends. However, there are 24-hour lounges in all of the dorms, so coed studying and socializing don't have to end. The consequences for violations can be severe. It is not a good idea to test these rules.

15. The Joys of Communal Living

No student escapes getting sick. As a preventative measure, free flu shots are offered during the year. But the combination of little sleep, lack of exercise, unbalanced meals, stress, bad weather and close contact with other students can lead to many colds and flus. The infirmary has doctors and nurses on staff, as well as a pharmacy. But unless you are seriously ill, it is a better idea to keep your own supply of medication, stay in bed when you get sick and call home if you need a little extra attention.

There is no experience common to all Notre Dame freshmen. Everyone's first days involve a great deal of exploration and a lot of trial and error. But the more questions that can be answered before arriving on campus, the more excited you can be about embarking on the first of your years at Notre Dame. □



A FRESH START

Bob Davie hopes for a better season with a bumper crop of highly ranked freshman recruits

BY TOM REPETTO

It was just 10 seasons ago that the Irish dominated then undefeated West Virginia 34-21 in the Fiesta Bowl to claim their record 11th national championship. At the school that has produced more national champions and more Heisman winners than any other, winning at least nine games a season and qualifying for a major bowl is supposed to occur as often as student tuition is increased (that is, every year). After last year's disappointing 7-6 finish, the Notre Dame football team is looking to return to the level of success that football fans expect.

Coach Bob Davie took a major step in improving the future of the program by landing a top-notch recruiting class this spring. The class was rated fourth by ESPN and third by the majority of other college football analysts. Although rated behind Michigan and UCLA, Notre Dame recruited more Top 100 players than any program in the country. According to ESPN, Notre Dame signed 10 of the best 100 high school prospects, while Michigan and UCLA landed seven each.

"The overall depth of this class is impressive," says Davie. "Down the line at every position we have guys that can step in and make an impact."

At the quarterback position, Arnaz Battle should provide a spark for the offense. The 6'1" quarterback from Shreveport, La., has

tremendous speed with a 4.46 in the 40-yard dash and arm strength that produced 30 touchdowns in his high school career. Arnaz's specialty is running the ball. He ran for 2,731 yards and 46 touchdowns in high school. With skills comparable to current Irish quarterback Jarious Jackson and former quarterback Tony Rice, Battle should make a good fit for the offense.

"Everyone just raves about Arnaz down in Shreveport," Davie says. "He's a scholar-athlete with great character."

Another position the Irish focused on

year, earning him a spot on the USA Today All-America First team. He is among the top five sprinters in the country with a 10.62 in the 100 meters, a particularly amazing time considering his 230 pounds.

Davie comments, "Mike came from a great program at Mater Dei and just has outstanding athletic ability. His speed is real good for his size."

At tailback, the Irish landed a surprise named Tony Fisher. Ohio's "Mr. Football," Fisher was expected to sign with Ohio State, but it was the Irish who attracted him. At 6'1", 205, Fisher rushed for 4,250 yards in his high school career, averaging 11.7 yards per carry his senior season. He is big, strong and elusive in the open field.

The addition of depth to the receiving corps was a high priority in recruiting. Javin Hunter and David Givens give the Irish two quality receivers to complement Battle. Hunter, a 6'1" receiver from Country Day High School in Michigan, has a knack for making big plays. "Javin will really help us with his speed and his ability to catch the football," Davie says. "He could develop into a big-play receiver." He averaged 20.3 yards per catch in his high school career and had 15 TDs. Hunter

could also make a contribution as a kick returner; he brought back seven kicks for touchdowns in his prep career.

David Givens is tentatively listed as a receiver, but he could play any number of

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was fullback. After landing two of the top fullbacks in the nation, Tom Lopienski and Mike McNair, the running game should get a boost. Lopienski, whose father was a defensive back from 1972-75, has size (6'0", 238) and strength. His 4.55 speed should also make him tough to bring down.

Mike McNair, from Mater Dei High School in California, ran for a school record 2,671 yards and 33 touchdowns his senior

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positions. Givens is one of the top all-around athletes coming out of high school, with experience at quarterback, tailback, receiver, defensive back and kick returner. At 6'0", 210, this native of Humble, Texas, benches an impressive 375 pounds.

Davie adds, "David is one of the most mature young men I've met. He's such a good athlete, and he can fit in to any number of positions."

The Irish signed two giants for the offensive line in Jordan Black and Ryan Scarola. Both listed at 6'5", 320, Black and Scarola should add depth to a strong offensive line. Black flattened defenders last year playing in a tough conference in Texas. Scarola, like Lopienski and line recruit Sean Mahan, is the son of a former Notre Dame football player.

On the defensive side of the ball, Carlos Pierre-Antoine was the most talked about player signed by the Irish. At 6'2", 244, Pierre-Antoine dominated opposing high school offenses at inside linebacker. He was a USA Today Second Team All-American. "We were after this guy since day one," Davie says. "He's an excellent student and he's big and strong."

Rocky Boiman, a strong safety from Ohio,

impressed coaches at last summer's football camp and was offered a scholarship. Big for a safety, Boiman could fit in as a linebacker. Wherever he plays, he is a hard-nosed defender who likes to hit. His 163 tackles and six interceptions last year earned him honors as the top player in Cincinnati.

After losing cornerbacks Ivory Covington and Allen Rossum to graduation, the Irish needed to recruit defensive backs that could help out immediately. It made sense that the Irish would try to sign Rossum's cousin, Clifford Jefferson. Jefferson is a First Team All-American rated by many as one of the top defensive backs in the country. His 15 career interceptions stand out almost as much as his ability to stuff the run.

Jefferson is the type of physical corner that defensive coordinator Greg Mattison is looking for. Davie says, "Clifford is a fine cover corner and he has a great personality. He might be able to contribute right away."

Donald Dykes should also fill in nicely in the secondary. From the same high school as Irish sophomore Brock Williams, Dykes is tenacious defensively. This 5'10" defensive back could help contribute at either corner or safety.

With Hunter Smith in his final season and

Irish placekicking having problems recently, the Irish have given a scholarship to local kicker David Miller of Granger, Ind. Accustomed to kicking in adverse conditions, Miller should fit in during late season games where poor weather can play a factor.

All of the recruits have had great numbers coming out of high school and possess a great deal of potential. Davie is cautious, however, about speculating on how good the players will be. "It's early to tell whether these guys will play at the level that we think they can, but with the overall depth of this class, the coaching staff is feeling good."

The new football class will face tough competition throughout its four years. Games this year against Michigan and Arizona State as well as future games against Nebraska, Tennessee and Florida State will challenge the Irish. The road will only get tougher for the incoming freshmen. But the potential for this class, considering its depth and quality at so many positions, is virtually limitless. If the recruits live up to the hype, there may not be many 7-6 seasons in the near future. Optimistically, the class of 2002 should help restore Notre Dame football to its familiar place among the elite programs in the land. □

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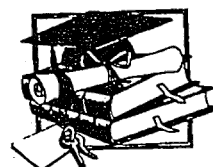
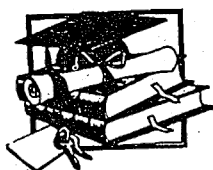
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The BIG 10

Scholastic ranks the 10 biggest highlights and lowlights of the '97-'98 season

by Corey Spinelli

1. The False Start

The much-anticipated first football season under new Head Coach Bob Davie quickly turned sour following a shaky victory in the home opener against Georgia Tech. Notre Dame then dropped four consecutive games. After a win over Pittsburgh, the squad hit rock bottom when its third listless performance in Notre Dame Stadium resulted in a 20-17 defeat at the hands of their archrivals, the USC Trojans. The 2-5 start was attributed to injuries at key positions, an inability to stop the run and the questionable play-calling of new offensive coordinator Jim Colletto. A departure from Lou Holtz's run-oriented philosophy proved detrimental to offensive output, as an offense which returned nine starters averaged 10 fewer points per game.

2. A Husky Surprise

The most successful team on campus for the past few years had yet another impressive season, finishing 23-1-1. Led by senior co-captains Holly Manthei, a four-time All-American, and Kate Sobrero, a three-time All-American, the Irish soccer team cruised

through the regular season undefeated and claimed the Big East championship with a 6-1 thrashing of Connecticut. In an October matchup at Notre Dame against number one

North Carolina, the second-ranked Irish stormed back from a 2-0 deficit to tie the game in the second half behind goals from freshman phenom Anne Makinen and sophomore Jenny Heft. Severe lightning halted the game and left soccer fans waiting for the NCAA tournament to see who would prevail in the most hotly contested rivalry in women's soccer. The Irish and the Tar Heels, who have dominated the sport for the past four years, easily advanced to the Fi-

nal Four in Greensboro, N.C., but a shocking 2-1 semifinal loss to Connecticut eliminated Notre Dame and prevented a showdown with eventual champion North Carolina. The Irish placed Sobrero, Makinen and sophomores LaKeysia Beene and Jen Grubb on the All-America First Team and return virtually their entire lineup next season.

3. How Sweet It Is

The women's basketball team followed up its 1997 Final Four appearance with a

surprising run to the '98 Sweet 16. The Irish fell out of the top 25 early in the season as they struggled to replace All-Americans Katryna Gaither and Beth Morgan for the bulk of the campaign. After receiving an at-large bid to the Big Dance as a nine seed, the Irish knocked off SW Missouri State 78-64 and then defeated number-one seeded Texas Tech 74-59 on their home floor. The win was the first in the program's history over a team nationally ranked in the top five. The Irish led their next opponent, the Purdue Boilermakers, 56-40 with 13:17 left to play in the second half, but fell 70-65. The experience gained in the tournament bodes well for next season, as Head Coach Muffet McGraw returns seven of her top eight players.

4. Everybody's All-American

Senior forward Pat Garrity, Notre Dame's mainstay on the basketball court for four years, capped off his brilliant college career in fine fashion. Number 53 etched his place in the record books with a 2,085 total points, good enough for third on the all-time list. He averaged 23.2 PPG and 8.3 rebounds per contest during the '97-'98 campaign. Garrity was chosen Second-Team All-American by the Associated Press and earned GTE First Team Academic All-America honors for the second consecutive year. The 6'10" biology major will undoubtedly survive if his NBA career should ever stall, as Garrity maintained a 3.8 GPA during his time in South Bend.

5. The Long Ball King

Junior catcher Jeff Wagner shattered the Irish home run record of 38, previously held by Mike Amrhein and Frank Jacobs, in Notre Dame's 33rd game of the season against Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The right-handed hitter from Louisville, Ky., posted an impressive .417 batting average and drove in 114 runs in his first two seasons. A unanimous first team Big East selection his sophomore season, Wagner led the Irish to the Big East regular season championship and back to the NCAA Tournament in '98.

6. Fire On Ice

The men's hockey team advanced to the CCHA playoffs in '97-'98 led by the play of frontliners Brian Urick, Aniket Dhadphale and Steve Noble. The Irish finished the year with a 18-19-4 record. Senior goalie Matt Eisler broke the Notre Dame all-time career saves mark and stopped 124 of 133 shots in playoff action. The Irish twice defeated



WALK THE WALK. The excitement behind Coach Davie's first year died quickly when the team started the season 1-4.

Stan Evans

eventual national champion Michigan before falling 4-3 to the Wolverines in the deciding game of their playoff series. A strong sophomore class led by US National Team members Ben Simon and Joe Dusbabek hopes to propel Notre Dame into contention for the CCHA title next season.

7. Five Against One

That was often the case during the '97-98 men's basketball season, where Irish forward Pat Garrity could not overcome a glaring lack of support to lead Notre Dame to post-season play. Though the 13-14 Irish defeated top 20 foes West Virginia and Syracuse, their inability to consistently shoot from the perimeter plagued head coach John MacLeod's squad throughout the season. Losses to Big East cellar-dwellers Seton Hall and Rutgers ensured that the Irish would once again have a seat in front of the television for the postseason. The loss of Garrity and the transfer of quality shooting guard Keith Friel will force Notre Dame's incoming freshmen recruits to contribute extensively if the Irish are to have any chance at competing in the Big East next season.

8. The Courageous Finish

Just when the football season appeared headed into the tank, strong senior leadership and a renewed commitment to the running game enabled the Irish to win their final five regular season games and qualify for a bowl. The streak was highlighted by a dominating 24-6 victory in Baton Rouge over the 10th-ranked LSU Tigers and a last-minute 21-14 win over West Virginia in quarterback Ron Powlus' final home game. Senior kicker Scott Cengia's field goal as time expired allowed the Irish to squeak by Hawaii 23-22 and finish the regular season 7-5. However, a lackluster showing in the Independence Bowl resulted in a 27-9 loss in a rematch against LSU. Bob Davie and Company must improve immensely if Notre Dame is to advance to a major bowl next season. In addition to highly-touted Arizona State, all six teams that defeated the Irish in '97 appear on the '98 schedule, which begins with the home opener against defending co-national champion Michigan.

9. Chopped Sticks

Another squad with high expectations for the '98 season was the men's lacrosse team. Fresh off the heels of an NCAA Tournament appearance, the Irish entered the spring ranked 13th in the country. Returning All-



FRESHMAN PHENOM. Freshman center Ruth Riley helped the Irish to the Sweet 16 of the Women's NCAA tournament. She and guard Sheila McMillan(3), who will be a senior, will lend experience to next year's team.

Americans Alex Cade, Jimmy Keenan and Chris Dusseau figured to lead the Irish deep into the post-season. In perhaps the most disappointing performance of any Notre Dame team, the lacrosse squad dropped four of their last five games and finished their underachieving season a dismal 6-6.

10. Primetime

That's the name of the 1998 Bookstore Basketball Champions. As every freshman will soon learn, the Bookstore Basketball Tournament is four weeks of no-holds-barred outdoor hoops. 625 teams entered the tourney, with participants ranging from

members of the varsity football and basketball teams to Father Malloy. The Final Four is played on the Saturday of the Blue-Gold game in April, with the championship held the next day. The number-one seed in the 27th annual tournament, Primetime (composed of five non-varsity athletes from Stanford Hall) outlasted Mickey's (a team featuring punter Hunter Smith and offensive lineman John Teasdale) 21-13 to claim the championship trophy. Primetime will be looking to repeat as champions in '99, as they return all five starters including last year's MVP Raam Jani and two first team All-Bookstore members. □

Athletes of the Year

Allen Rossum – Football

The cornerback/return man was one of the few bright spots on a disappointing team. During the year, the senior co-captain and three-year starter averaged 28.5 yards per kickoff return. He holds the NCAA record for the most returns for touchdowns with nine. Rossum's game-saving tackle on the final play against Navy and interception return for a score against Hawaii helped the Irish qualify for a bowl game.

Honorable Mention: Autry Denson, Bobbie Howard, Ron Powlus (Football); Ryan Turner (Soccer)

Jaimie Lee – Women's Volleyball

The senior outside hitter was an honorable mention All-American selection. The two-time Big East player of the year led the Irish with 131 kills for an average of 4.55 kills per game, the second best all-time total for the Irish. She also led the Big East with a .451 hitting percentage.

Honorable Mention: Anne Makinen, Kate Sobrero, LaKeysia Beene (Soccer); Angie Harris, Lindsay Treadwell (Volleyball)

Rookie: Anne Makinen – Women's Soccer

The freshman midfielder from Finland led the Irish in goals (23) and points (58), helping the women's soccer team to a 23-1-1 record and an NCAA semifinal appearance. Makinen was named most outstanding player of the Big East Championship. A finalist for the Hermann Award given to the nation's best player in women's soccer, Makinen was also selected as a first-team All-American in '97.

Honorable Mention: Meotis Erickson, Kelly Lindsay (Soccer); Jabari Holloway (Football)

Pat Garrity – Basketball

The senior forward was named a second-team All-American and the GTE Academic All-American of the Year during his final collegiate campaign. He led the Irish in scoring (23.2) and rebounding (8.3) and was the third highest career scorer in school history with 2,085 points. The First Team

All-Big East selection ranked sixth nationally in scoring his junior year.

Honorable Mention: Aniket Dhadphale, Matt Eisler, Ben Simon, Brian Urick (Hockey)

Sheila McMillen – Basketball

McMillen led the team in scoring, averaging 13.4 points per game, and was influential in helping the ninth-seeded Irish advance to the Sweet 16. The junior guard set a Big East tournament record with eight three-pointers in a first round victory over St. John's.

Honorable Mention: Mollie Peirick, Ruth Riley (Basketball)

Rookie: Ruth Riley – Basketball

The freshman center was named to the Big East All-Rookie Team after averaging 7.4 rebounds and 11.5 points per game during the regular season. Riley was the leading scorer in four of the team's last five games. In Notre Dame's three NCAA tournament games, she averaged 18 points and 7.3 rebounds per game.

Honorable Mention: Martin Ingelsby (Basketball); Mark Eaton (Hockey)

Luke LaValle – Fencing

The junior captain won the national championship in sabre, Notre Dame's first individual championship since 1990. He defeated Mike Golia of Penn 15-11 in the final to claim the title. The two-time All-American finished the season with a 44-3 record.

Honorable Mention: Alex Shilliday, Brant Ust, Jeff Wagner (Baseball); Ryan Sachire (Tennis)

Linda Gallo – Swimming

Gallo was named most outstanding swimmer at the Big East Championship, paving the way for Notre Dame's second straight league title. She won Big East titles in the 200, 500 and 160 freestyle, the 200 medley relay and 800 freestyle relay. The senior garnered All-America honors at the NCAA Championship in the 500 freestyle (16th overall) and 1,650 freestyle (ninth).

Honorable Mention: Magda Krol (Fencing); Jennifer Hall (Tennis)

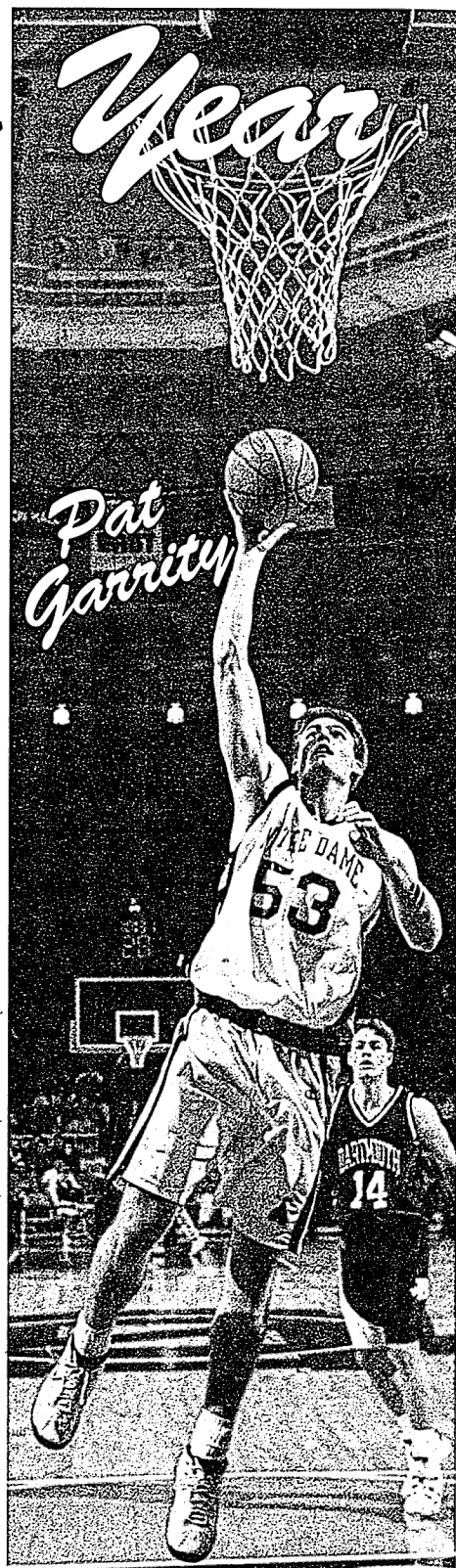


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Rookie: Michelle Dasso – Tennis

In her first year of collegiate tennis, Dasso played in the number-two spot in singles for a majority of the season. She won her first 20 dual matches of the season and was ranked 16th nationally in singles play. She had a 37-6 mark and won 21 of her 23 dual matches during the regular season.

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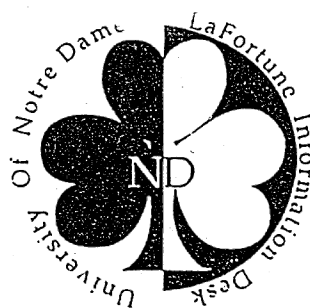
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How to Do South Bend

A few hidden spots of the town you'll call home

BY AARON NOLAN

Those of us who have attended this university long enough realize that South Bend is neither the Spring Break capital that Daytona Beach is nor the cultural mecca that London or Paris is. One might say that besides the occasional monster truck rally or WWF event, the entertainment potential of this city is virtually nil. The fact of the matter, however, is that beneath the daily hustle and bustle of this small Midwestern city lies a latent party town. The only problem is trying to pick and choose from the best in South Bend night life. So we at *Scholastic* have assembled this list of things to do in South Bend for you to get a better idea of the unlimited possi-

bilities the Greater Michiana area has to offer the next time you go out for a night (or day) on the town.

Try the **College Football Hall of Fame**. This place can keep you occupied for the whole day, so make sure you plan ahead. There are hundreds of things to see and do here including the 360 degree theater, where you'll feel like you are a part of the game. Check out the Hall of Champions, where you can view displays of the inductees and interactive kiosks. Maybe the Training Center is more your style. You can test your agility, practice passing at targets and hit tackling dummies and blocking sleds — just about everything except suit up for a game. “Going to the Hall of Fame really gave me a chance to look back on the rich

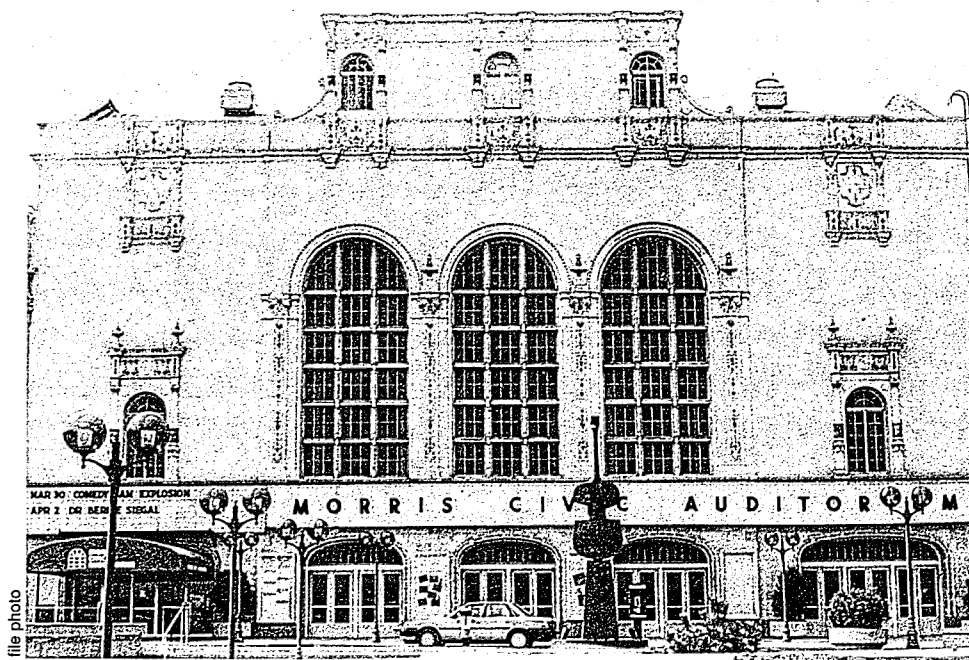
tradition of the sport,” says rising senior John McCarthy. All told, the Hall is a great place to soak up some sports history with a couple of fellow football fans. (111 S. St. Joseph Street)

If you find yourself in the mood for a good caffeine buzz, pay **Lula's Cafe** a visit. It's practically right on campus and is a more laid-back alternative to the bar scene. Lula's is a carbon copy of *Friends* hangout Central Perk — but don't expect to find Monica and Chandler hogging all the couch space. Instead, a jolly constituency of latté-guzzling Domers can be found there playing checkers, reading poetry or just engaging in friendly banter. This is a great place to unwind after a long week of classes, and the coffee isn't bad, either. (1631 Edison Road)

When life at college gets you down, the **St. Joseph's County Public Library** is the perfect place to kick back. It sounds crazy, but it's amazing what a nice, quiet library can do to calm a student's frazzled nerves. Sit back in one of the library's 57 Barca-Loungers and leisurely read the newspaper or magazine of your choice. A silent and carefree refuge away from the pressures of school. (304 S. Main Street)

The **Morris Civic Auditorium** is a decent place to catch touring Broadway shows and concerts, although it is undergoing renovation until the Spring of '99. Try one of South Bend's numerous charming fringe theaters such as the **Wagon Wheel Theater**, **Dunes Summer Theater** or the **Canterbury** instead. These theaters offer the most for your money: a good view, comfortable seating and quality musicals, comedies and dramas. Since 1995, these theaters have presented *A Chorus Line*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Our Town*, *Guys and Dolls* and

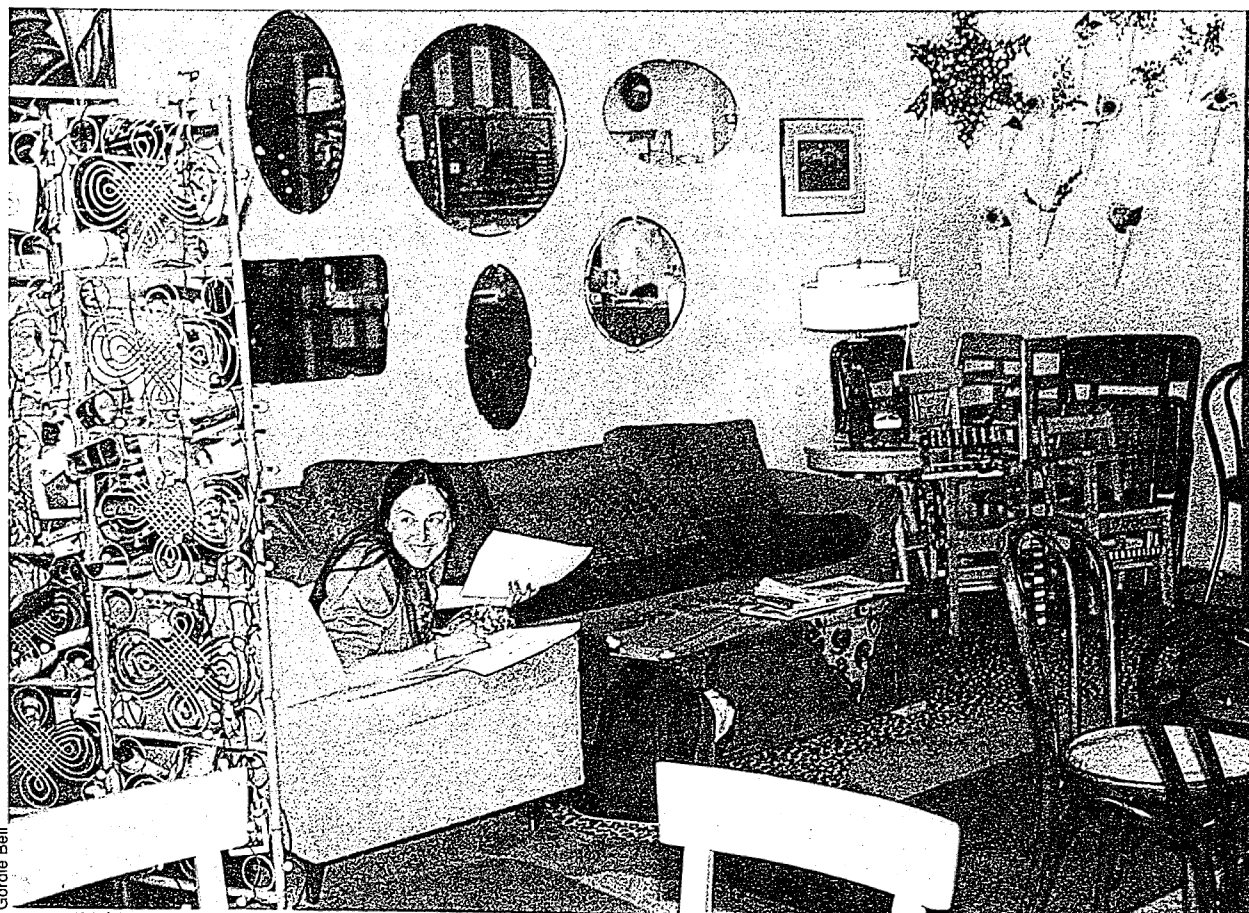
MORRIS LESS. The Morris Civic Auditorium in downtown South Bend will be reopening in the spring of 1999.



many others. Overall, they're more entertaining and economical than trekking out to Chicago.

Relax at the **Golden Gate Spa** in Michigan City whenever the pressures of classes and exams make you feel like one big knot of stress. Let any one of the spa's "professional American and Oriental masseuses" rub their way to a healthier you. This den of delicate digits will have you moaning for more. (1304 Franklin Street)

With luck, this list has given you an idea of what Michiana really has to offer. The good news is, this is only a small taste of the cultural smorgasbord that is South Bend. □



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Seen & Heard

A list of television, movies and music that any self-respecting Domer should know

by Brian Christ, Chris Myers and Aaron Nolan

Television

The Jerry Springer Show: Forget Oprah and Rosie O'Donnell — Jerry rules at Notre Dame. The Jerry Springer show offers great insight into the sexual peccadillos, bizarre habits and all-around weirdness of those who don't go to Notre Dame. In place of Oprah's guest stars, this show gives "real" people the opportunity to sort out their problems in front of a live studio audience. Those big guys in the front rows aren't audience members, though — they're the guards who break up the inevitable fist fights and chair throwing.

Party of Five: A touching look into the lives of five orphaned siblings who rely on each other to make it through some tough times.

Party of Five will certainly become the most watched FOX weeknight television show on campus. It's the perfect show to watch in a dorm room full of other *Party* addicts and is sure to perpetuate many a heated dispute. Will Griffin and Julia's marriage work out? Will Bailey and Sarah ever end up together? You'll have to see for yourself.

South Park: Unless you're suffering from explosive diarrhea, you'll probably take quite a few study breaks to head to the section lounge to watch Comedy Central's highest-rated program. If you don't already, you will probably know every episode by heart by the end of the year, but it's still fun to watch Kenny die and Cartman gain weight. Yeah, I want Cheezy Poofs!

Movies

The Star Wars Trilogy: George Lucas' sci-fi, intergalactic epic should be at the top of your list. Multiple viewings in dorm rooms throughout the year spark some of the most identifiable film conversation on campus. Disregarding the now-retro special effects, those dopey Ewoks 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.

Scream & Scream 2: The two highest grossing horror movies of all time and great films for snuggling close on the couch before parietals roll around. A bunch of high school students (college freshmen in the sequel) run from a masked killer with a lust for blood. Even if you've seen them before, these movies still offer some fear-inspiring surprises that are great for boring nights in a dorm room.

Rudy: *Hoosiers* on the football field — at Notre Dame! This saccharine-sweet, beat-the-odds story is strictly of the been-there, done-that variety, but the campus footage makes for fun repeat viewing. Unless your parents have already made you watch it with them 100 times, this is a must-see.

Tunes

Reservoir Dogs and Pulp Fiction soundtracks: It is a little-known fact that a Notre Dame dorm party is not permitted unless a song from one of these two soundtracks is played. Whether you are "Hooked on a Feeling" or "Stuck in the Middle," these songs are probably the most overplayed on campus next to the "Notre Dame Victory March."

Dave Matthews Band: The slow tempo of a snare drum ... a saxophone joins in ... a violin starts fiddling away. It could only be one song — Dave Matthews' "Ants Marching." Many students find this odd combination of instruments and the whiny-voiced "Dave" (as he is avuncularly dubbed by students) simply annoying. There are, however, 20 times as many students who think he's really cool. Whether you like him or hate him, get to know him. He's as inevitable as death and taxes. □



USE THE FORCE: The Star Wars Trilogy should be at the top of your list.

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◆ HEY FROSH

How to tackle the ND experience (and entertain your friends, too)

Out of Bounds (see below for definition) is supposed to cover entertainment, but unfortunately it's too early in the school year for stuff like that. So we're gonna go with the biggest source of entertainment coming to campus right now: the freshmen.

While many people give freshmen advice on how to be entertained on campus, few people mention how entertaining the frosh are. Admit it: the whole freshman experience is just plain silly. The new backpacks, the directions to DeBartolo, the freshman orientation activities — it's funny, that's what it is. And those are just the times when you're sober!

Freshmen are entertaining to young and old alike. To other ND students, because they remind them of the way they used to be; to family and friends, who are watching their little babies grow up before their eyes; and even to other freshmen, who don't realize that they're all having the same experience. Watch a movie and you'll

laugh for two hours; watch a frosh and you'll be entertained for a semester.

Just like a movie, not all freshmen are entertaining. Huge classes, strange neighbors and a sense of loneliness intimidate everyone entering college. This usually results in a lack of confidence, which in turn results in a desire to return home or at least stay inside all semester. Every freshman has the opportunity to be entertaining, but few realize this potential.

The freshmen to watch for are the ones who take chances. Ones who get out and introduce themselves to strangers. Ones who balance study and partying so that they complement each other. Ones who immediately get involved in clubs. Freshmen who spend every waking hour longing for home are a dime a dozen — it's the ones who get involved who stand out. Sure, you might make a total fool of yourself along the way, but being a fool is almost as important as being able to laugh at yourself.

Somewhere between a semester and a

year each freshman blooms from the seedling of a high school senior into the full-grown blossom of a Notre Dame student. The calls home get less frequent, the number of friends grows, the sense of loneliness is eclipsed by being one of community, and the desire for late night Domino's reigns supreme. This is the point where the freshmen get *really* entertaining: when all the upperclassmen and adults have to watch with envy as the new freshmen begin making the most of their four years at Notre Dame.

So here's another bit of advice about the Notre Dame experience from all of us at OOB: relax. The Notre Dame community will reach out to make you feel welcome. All we ask in return is a little entertainment — try to give something back during your freshman year instead of watching it go by. Remember, laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and we'll all laugh anyway. Or something like that.

OUT OF BOUNDS

◆ HELLO, MY NAME IS ...

Welcome One and All, Old and New

Somewhere amid all the farewells to family and all the hoopla of preparing to go away for school, you've probably never heard of the most vital part of the Notre Dame experience: *Out of Bounds*. That's right — the very article you're reading right now is probably the best-kept secret at the university.

Out of Bounds is a column published by *Scholastic*, the Notre Dame student magazine, which arrives at the dining halls every other Thursday evening. Unofficially, *Out of Bounds* is whatever the heck we decide it is.

A lot of entertainment issues, a dash of sarcasm and a sprig of parsley combine

every week to dish out this little slice of heaven. From time to time we even write stuff that people want to read (but don't count on it). In short, *Out of Bounds* is one of many reasons to pick up *Scholastic* — so whether you're a bright-eyed, bushy-tailed freshman or a jaded senior, keep coming back for more! □

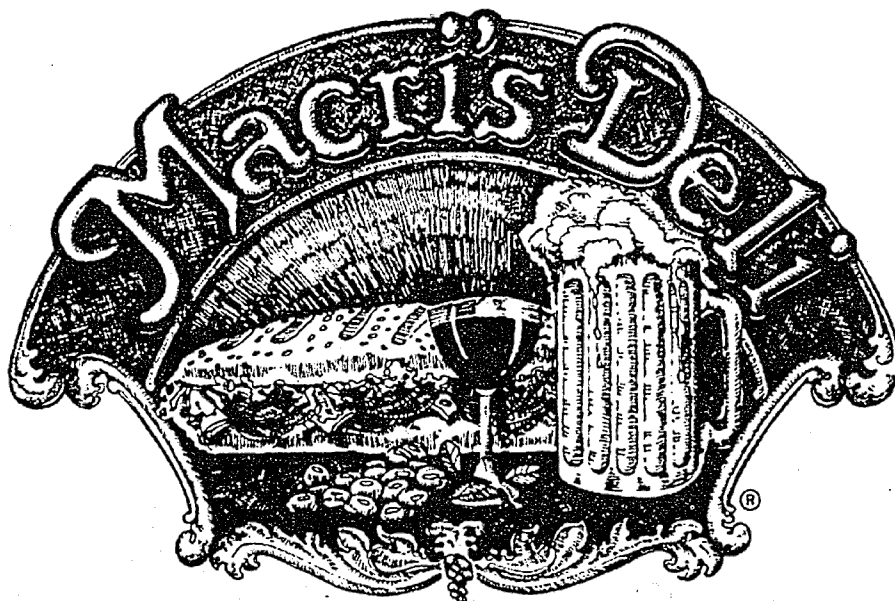
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Don't expect to live the life of Zack and Slater when you move in

BY KARA ZUARO

It still shocks me that *Saved By the Bell: The College Years* only lasted one season on prime time. The theme song was catchy, the characters were refreshingly one-dimensional, and the studio audience generated the most enthusiastic hoots and hollers that I've ever heard. After a year at Notre Dame, I realize how well that show prepared me for my college experience. Sure, there were a few slightly unrealistic aspects of Zack and Kelly's California U, but on the whole, it was a lot more realistic than you might think.

First of all, the *Saved by the Bell* (SBTB) gang is kind of like a family. Out here, folks take the family idea pretty seriously. Contrary to what some of you skeptics are thinking, the Notre Dame family is not just some advertising ploy. It does exist, and like any other family, it's a little bit dysfunctional. Sure, you've got some positive points: the grandma-like lunch ladies in the dining hall who remember your name (or at least read it off your ID card before they swipe it). And you've got a rector or rectress in each dorm to serve as a parental authority figure. The problems set in when you get into the Big Brother and Sister assignments. At some point you will be assigned a Big Sibling from your brother or sister dorm. These Big Siblings do not want to counsel you. They want to see if you're cute enough to take to their next SYR. Do you want to know how many giggly girls I've heard declare, "I'm going to a dance with my Big Brother this weekend"? I didn't think so.

On SBTB, the gang is disappointed when they find out that there's no drinking allowed in their dorm. Here, a lot of kids are disappointed when they find out about our alcohol restrictions. I don't know what the deal with that is because I've only got a couple of girls in my section who are over 21, but every Saturday and Sunday morning, there is this mysterious mountain of empty Budweiser and Rolling Rock cases sitting atop our section recycling bin. Of course, I know now that these empty boxes are just the special gifts we get from the Beer Fairy for being so good all week. Sometimes the Beer Fairy sends other blessings, too, such as bestowing my roommate with the power of song. On some weekends, she stumbles into the room in the wee hours of the morning and starts rapping the *Fresh Prince of Bel Air* theme song. Of course, like all fairies, the Beer Fairy has a mischievous side. Sometimes she makes people sprawl across the floors of strange rooms with their heads in puke-filled wastepaper baskets. It's a good thing you're reading this because they never really warn you about the Beer Fairy on SBTB.

Now, there are a few aspects of life under the Dome that don't fit in with the SBTB life-style. For one thing, at California U, nobody's parents ever come to visit. Here, somebody's parents are always snooping around. Keep in mind that your parents might not come back, or worse yet, cut your cash supply, if you scare them by letting them in on your deviant college ways. Just the other day I was walking to class behind a pair of parents who were apparently a little shaken up.

"Well," said the dad, with a touch of worry in his voice, "Brian seems very comfortable after his first year here."

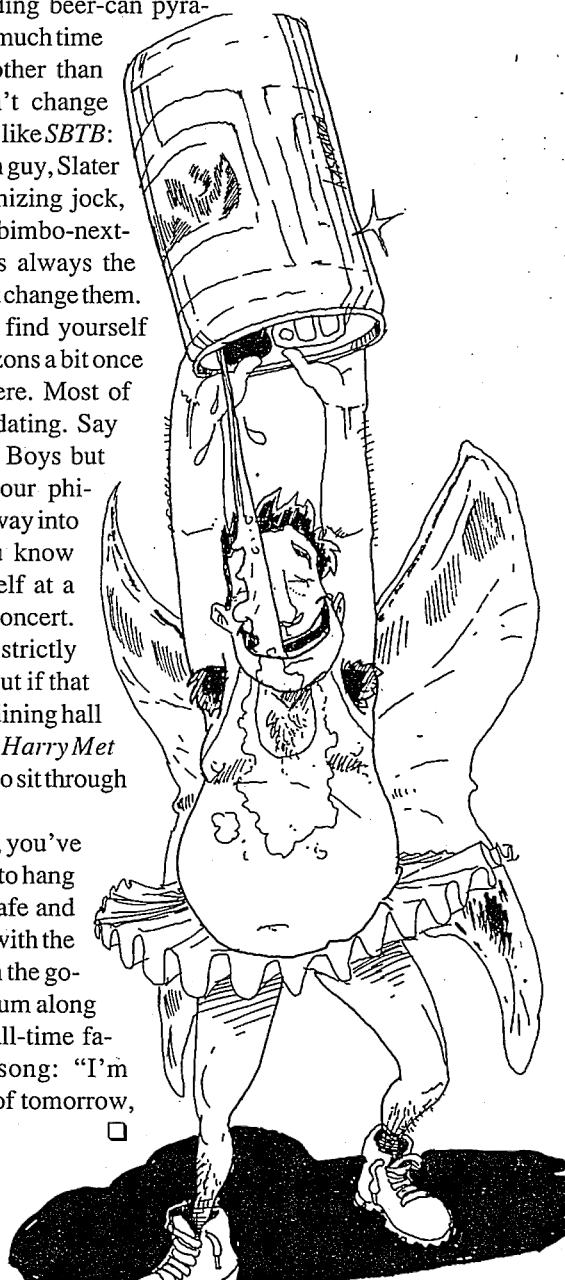
"He was always such a good boy," added the apprehensive mom. "Seems well adjusted," declared Dad. "Got some friends. Comfortable with his surroundings. Grades are good."

"But honey," said mom in a hushed voice, stopping short and turning to face her husband, "When did he start collecting shot glasses?"

Silly parents. I took it upon myself to inform them that not everyone who collects shot glasses uses them for drinking. Besides, Natty Light is much cheaper than hard liquor, and it comes in cans.

Kids might develop a few bad habits that range from spending too much time building beer-can pyramids to spending too much time at the library. But other than that, most kids don't change too much. Again, just like SBTB: Zack is always the fun guy, Slater is always the womanizing jock, Kelly is always the bimbo-next-door, and Screech is always the geek. College doesn't change them. Of course, you may find yourself expanding your horizons a bit once you get settled in here. Most of this has to do with dating. Say you like the Beastie Boys but there's a cutie in your philosophy class who's way into country. Before you know it, you'll find yourself at a Brooks and Dunn concert. Or perhaps you're strictly into action movies, but if that dreamboat from the dining hall asks you to see *When Harry Met Sally*, you'll manage to sit through it, I'm sure.

Whatever the case, you've just got to remember to hang in there, develop a safe and healthy relationship with the Beer Fairy, and when the going gets tough, just hum along to the lyrics of my all-time favorite TV theme song: "I'm standin' at the edge of tomorrow, today."



Don't Blink

by Lauren Winterfield

Four years ago, a friend who stood where I now stand offered me a piece of parting wisdom. He said, "Don't blink." Sure, yeah, whatever, I thought. Four long years of college stretched before me and I hoped only to be spared from this sappy senior's sentimentality. His reflective mood clashed with mine as an energetic freshman ready to take on the world, or at least the world of Notre Dame. But four years later, his words are still with me. I go back to them often when it hits me how quickly things change and how unprepared I feel for them to do so.

Just days shy of graduation, I am about to leave the place you will arrive at shortly. Four years older and, hopefully, wiser, I hope to be able to answer some of the innumerable questions that lurk in

every soon-to-be freshman's mind. But to be honest, you will ask yourself far more questions than you can ever answer during your college years. Some of those questions will challenge you to the

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core of your being and may eventually make you look at life differently. Some of them will be more like trying to decide if you want to order your late-night snack from Papa John's or Pizza Hut. And some others will be in between, but still pretty important: choosing classes and roommates, deciding whether to live off-campus or on. Regardless of the overall importance of the question you are grappling with, you will always be thinking about something. And that, as you will soon discover, is a pretty cool thing.

Never again will such constant stimulation — mental, physical, spiritual or emotional — be presented to you or, more often than not, thrown at you. Before you even think you've settled into your dorm room, you will be attending your first home football game, tailgating, scoping out a potential SYR date in the dining hall and taking tests. You'll go home at Christmas and realize that you never did unpack that last box that's been sitting in your room

all semester, and you rearranged your room about six times since your parents left on orientation weekend. Your clothes will be permeated with dining hall odor, you might not have too many pairs of underwear left, and you almost definitely will be suffering from a sleep deprivation more severe than you ever imagined. Despite the seeming discomfort of the circumstances and the sheer pleasure of returning once again to the comforts of home, you will eventually realize that it's just that disorder — that randomness of life, that *discomfort* — for which you will long most when you leave.

Anything can happen during the next four years. You'll soon discover that the most significant changes you'll see are ones that you could not even articulate now. As a potential math major, you may find that poetry is your passion. You may rule the school by your senior year or you may leave it before you get there. You may leave forever, you may spend a year traveling around Europe. You may participate in a Summer Service Project that opens your heart to the possibility of doing post-graduate service work. You might fall in love, you might have your heart broken, you might not even speak to a member of the opposite sex. Whatever your path, that's okay. Just keep following it and be open to the miraculous potential around you.

While you may feel okay with who you are and where you're going by senior year, you may be more confused than you were when you got here. But as my very wise friend also said, "We don't go to college to become *something*, we go to become *someone*." You will never again have a period of time as intense as your college years to examine who you are and who you want to be. And that burgeoning self-awareness happens without your even realizing it. It happens both because of and despite late nights in the library, overindulgence in alcohol, fights with roommates and a diet almost entirely void of nutritional value. It is that unsettledness that allows you to create strong bonds with others and to take the chances that allow you to go to the places you never thought possible.

You might not always view this process as fun as you go through it, but it really is. You inevitably view it that way when it's over, so savor it while it lasts. □

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