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Building Your Own Hype

t didn't seem possible that it could be as great as everyone said it would be. For months, anyone who had heard the name "Notre Dame" felt the need to tell me about the majesty of the place — it was the place of legends and fables, history and myth. It was a university larger than life itself.

Three years ago, as I stepped onto campus for freshman orientation, the bar had been set very high. Those first few weeks offered dozens and dozens of choices — different people, different activities, different groups — a thousand roads of possibilities, with the correct path seemingly a secret shrouded in mystery. It wasn't just majestic, it wasn't just larger than life; it was overwhelming.

Finding the quintessential Notre Dame experience is like searching for a needle in a stack of identical needles. A really, really big stack. If you spend too much time looking for it, it will pass you faster than you realize. It's pointless to even try. Eventually I discovered that the right path was whatever path I decided to take.

Notre Dame isn't just about football, Catholicism, values, family or friends. That may be its backbone, but Notre Dame, at its core, is about opportunity. Its about the options open to you, the paths available. Hopefully, *Scholastic*'s guide will help you sort through the stack of needles and make sense of your new home faster than you can say "Go Irish!"

Underneath the myths, below the legends, beside the majesty is one of the greatest opportunities of your life. The Notre Dame experience isn't about buying into the hype. It's about building your own hype. And, of course, having fun along the way.

Awkward Self-Promotion

Of course, one of the coolest and hippest places on campus is right here in the basement of South Dining Hall — the offices of *Scholastic*. You won't find a friendlier group of people on campus, and we're always looking to add new members to the family. Whether you were editor of your high school publication or are simply interested in getting involved in student media for the first time, we'd love to hear from you. Look us up at Activities Night or just swing by and say hello. We aren't as scary as we look.

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Learn Your Irish Vocabulary

A lexicon of key words you'll want to know when arriving on campus

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Bengal Bouts: annual student-run boxing tournament that benefits charity. Bookstore Basketball: the largest 5on-5 outdoor basketball tournament in the world, held every spring on courts around campus.

CoMo: the Coleman-Morse center, which offers study space and free soft drinks. **D6**, **D2/D2000**: student parking lots located near South Quad and North Quad, respectively.

DART: the system by which students register for classes. Now on the Internet, it gained the nickname from the days of telephone registration.

DeBart: Debartolo Hall; located next to the stadium, it is the most frequently used classroom building on campus.

Dogbook: the photo directory of Notre Dame and St. Mary's freshmen; a traditional aid for finding blind dates to dances. **Grab 'n' Go:** take-out dining-hall meals in a paper sack. Just don't take more than five items.

The Huddle: a convenience store in LaFortune Student Center.

IrishLink: online system for accessing academic information, such as semester grades and available courses.

JACC ("Jack"): Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center; home of basketball and hockey games as well as other campus events.

LaFun: LaFortune Student Center; contains many services for students — laundromat, computer cluster, travel agency and barbershop — as well as Burger King, Subway, Starbucks and Sbarro.

Main Building: home of the Golden Dome; located on God Quad, it's the university's administrative headquarters. O'Shag: O'Shaughnessy Hall; home of the College of Arts and Letters.

Parietals: dorm visiting hours that permit members of the opposite sex to be present only during certain times of the day. Rally in the Alley: a very large party in the "alleys" of Turtle Creek; occurs during the first weekend of the school year in August and on the last day of classes in May. Reckers: a 24-hour restaurant located

behind South Dining Hall. **ResLife:** Office of Residence Life and Housing; the most despised compound word on campus, it's where you go if you break parietals — or any other rules. **The Rock:** Knute Rockne Memorial; an

old exercise facility on South Quad.

Rolfs: modern exercise facility on the east side of campus.

Stepan (Center): a hideous geodesic dome building on the north end of campus (not to be confused with Stepan Chemistry Hall).

Stonehenge: war memorial fountain at the south end of North Quad; a popular location for many unofficial freshmen orientation activities.

SYR: officially called a "theme dance," "Screw Your Roommate" got its name from the legendary ritual of setting up one's roommate with a date from the Dogbook; in danger of extinction due to the new alcohol policy.

Touchdown Jesus: officially known as the Word of Life Mural, a famous mosaic on the south wall of the Hesburgh Library.

Turtle Creek: apartment complex popular among ND seniors; located very close to campus, it's a traditional party haven for freshmen.



Margaret Laracy, a psychology major and Catholic studies minor, had a lot on her college plate. The New Jersey native was known as everything from Lewis Hall 'prom queen' at her sophomore formal to a student leader at the Center for Social Concerns ... all while she was making the grade with a 3.97 GPA. Scholastic caught up with Margaret to find out the secret to her success.

Did you always see yourself as a Domer? I didn't grow up in a Notre Dame family so it wasn't something I always thought of myself doing, but everything I found out about Notre Dame I really loved. It just seemed like the right place for me.

When you do have free time, what do you do?

I like to go out with my friends! I like to go to the bars, to parties ... when I was living on campus, I loved dances. Also on campus, I work at the CSC as a liaison to social concerns commissioners in the dorms, and I also served on the student advisory board for the CSC. I've done other things, like teach English as a second language.

What is your favorite "brain food" to snack on while studying?

Wheat Thins and cheese ... haha, yeah!

Do you have a song that helps you get psyched to succeed?

Bruce Springsteen ... the new album now, *The Rising*.

LISTENING "Class? Screw Class." psychology professor "That's politically incorrect to say anyone is 'stupid,' right? Well, I'm saying it!" - political science professor "Good afternoon, my inferiors." anthropology professor "Perhaps Mario and Luigi had a past troubled with drug addiction." - film professor, on the abundance of mushrooms in the Super Mario Bros. games 'Why are we doing this? To be candid, I don't really know." - lab professor, regarding a four-hour lab

HEYYOU! Tenal lacadoralismos laces co discillation contraints (c) SCHOLAST@ND.EDU LET YOUR YOURS HERE 127 Years Ago An Ideal Freshman n September 6, 1876, Scholastic "ventured on giving a little counsel ... to those who begin their college life this year." The freshmen will be "placed in the midst of comrades hailing from all parts of the country ... They have good and bad qualities, both of which may exercise some influence on his conduct in life." Each student should only "endeavor to cultivate the friendship of such as may be distinguished for their virtue and intelligence." Like the good and bad companions, there are good and bad inclinations: "If he would become an estimable and accomplished man, faithful to the duties of life, he must follow faithfully the promptings of his good inclinations and banish at once those of the bad." The administration strongly adheres

to this severe philosophy. Now is the time to begin the banishing, so as to arrive on campus prepared to become "an estimable and accomplished man."

– Meghan Gowan

How has your involvement with service impacted your experience here at Notre Dame?

It shaped me in a lot of ways. It's really connected me with the community, and to just understand how people live and learning how we're all called to serve and serve each other. It's sort of like being in a relationship with people that live different lives.

Is it hard to balance work, extracurricular activities and time with friends?

It is hard, but I think you can strike a balance. Even though sometimes I've really been overwhelmed, overall I don't have any regrets about how I spent my four years here. I think that I've been able to do a lot and I think Notre Dame offers people that.

How do you procrastinate? C'mon ... I know we all do!

Oh let's see ... Usually just talking. I can get so easily distracted if I am studying somewhere and there are a lot of people there.

Can you tell me one of your most treasured ND moments over the past four years?

That's really hard. I'm going to give two different aspects: getting up early in the morning at Turtle Creek for 'kegs and eggs' (on football weekends) and on the other side, the Notre Dame Encounter retreat.

What will you do now that you are entering the real world?

Next year I'm going to be doing service. I'm going to be living in a L'Arche community — it's a living community with mentally handicapped people. I'll be at the Washington, D.C. location. Probably, in another two years, I'll go back to school.

How can the Class of 2007 make the most of their years here?

I think you just have to take advantage of everything. You shouldn't let other opportunities slide for any reason, for academics, for social life. There's so many ways to be formed and to learn and grow here — and have fun.

– Tracy Evans

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If you get tired of constantly repeating your name, dorm and hometown, try making up a new alias each time.



ALCOHOL POLICY

The new hard-alcohol policy ban forbids even 21-year-olds to indulge. Those of you who dreamed of acquiring expansive liquor cabinets in your room now that you've left the nest must go elsewhere.



NEW ROOMMATES

Sometimes they turn out to be your best friend, other times, your worst enemy. Either way, play nice: They'll be taking your phone messages.



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From CDs to paper towels, extension cords to throw rugs, this place sells everything you've ever wanted — and more.



PARIETALS

Sure, they make gender relations awkward. But you won't have to worry about finding excuses to leave a party early, and your roommate can't sexile you from your room for too long. Well, legally at least.

CHEER, CHEER FOR OLD NOTRE DAME!

Fight Song and Alma Mater

The songs you'll need to know for the first home football game.

any incoming freshmen have the luxury of already having the Fight Song and Alma Mater ingrained in their minds since birth. Perhaps your mother was an alumna and sung you to sleep with the Alma Mater. Or perhaps you grew up in the South Bend area and have attended numerous Masses at the Basilica or the Grotto.

But for most freshmen, the first time they hear such songs will be during their first pep rally or the opening school-wide Mass. Here, *Scholastic* gives you an introduction to the lyrics that, by the time you graduate in 2007, you'll know as well as your own name.

The Fight Song

Honored by college football as "the greatest of all college fight songs," the "Notre Dame Victory March" was written by two Notre Dame graduates — brothers Michael Shea, a priest, and John Shea, a monogram winner in baseball — in 1908. It was first performed on campus in the Main Building rotunda on Easter Sunday in 1909. Memorize the song now and you'll save yourself some flack from upperclassmen come the first home football game. (Hint: You *really* only need to know the chorus.)

Rally sons of Notre Dame: Sing her glory and sound her fame, Raise her Gold and Blue And cheer with voices true: Rah, rah! for Notre Dame We will fight in ev'ry game, Strong of heart and true to her name We will ne'er forget her And will cheer her ever Loyal to Notre Dame.

Chorus:

Cheer, cheer for Old Notre Dame, Wake up the echoes cheering her name, Send a volley cheer on high, Shake down the thunder from the sky. What though the odds be great or small Old Notre Dame will win over all, While her loyal sons go marching Onward to victory.

Notre Dame, Our Mother (The Alma Mater)

The Notre Dame Alma Mater is performed at the end of every football game at Notre Dame Stadium, win or lose. It was written in 1930 by Joseph J. Casasanta, a 1923 Notre Dame graduate, in honor of the dedication of Notre Dame Stadium — the House that Knute Built. The song also is sung at the end of every Mass at the Basilica, proving that, at the university that is home to Touchdown Jesus and First-down Moses, it is virtually impossible to separate religion and football.

Notre Dame, our Mother, Tender, strong and true, Proudly in the heavens, Gleams thy Gold and Blue. Glory's mantle cloaks thee, Golden is thy fame, And our hearts forever, Praise thee, Notre Dame; And our hearts forever, Love thee, Notre Dame!

DomeLights COMPILED BY MEGHAN GOWAN

Source: Bob Mundy, director of admissions

You're a very lucky / intelligent / athletic / talented / well-rounded incoming freshman. Seriously. Way back in December there were a whole lot of you. And now just the strongest, wisest and bravest remain.

Compared to:

12,095: Number of applicants for 2003-2004 freshman class

- 3,000: Number of Early Action applicants
- 1,960-1,975: Number of spots available in class

1,400: Number of Early Action applicants accepted

 ${\bf 50}:$ Number of additional students accepted to replace students who change their mind over the summer

10: Number of students, on average, who defer enrollment one year

8,578: Number of applicants five years ago for 1998 - 1999 freshman class 3,587: Number of applicants admitted 5 years ago

1,940: Number of students enrolled in 1998 - 1999 freshman class



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WASHINGTON HALL--Mark Pilkinton, Acting Chair of Notre Dame Film, Television, and Theatre (FTT), has announced that the annual reception for students interested in film, television, or theatre will be held **Wednesday, August 27, at 6:00 P.M.** in Washington Hall. Students interested in any aspect of theatre or film production--acting, directing, scenery, costuming, lighting, management--are encouraged to attend.

Notre Dame student films are showcased each year at the extremely popular annual film festival. Many FTT student films have won awards at national film festivals, and a collection of the best Notre Dame films is available in national distribution.

FTT has a terrific relationship with area television stations, and many students have earned internships in a variety of production areas. WNDU, the local NBC affiliate, is owned by Notre Dame and provides television professionals who teach some Notre Dame classes.

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

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This season, FTT will present a mainstage season consisting of five plays and many other acting and directing projects. Mainstage productions will be:

Measure for Measure, Tartuffe, The Glass Menagerie, Romeo and Juliet, and Arms and the Man.

Measure for Measure and *Romeo and Juliet* will be performed by ACTORS FROM THE LONDON STAGE who will conduct residencies sponsored by the Henkels Lecture Series. All FTT projects will need student involvement. There are positions for all who wish to participate.

Auditions for the first two plays will be held Wednesday, August 27, and Thursday, August 28, at 7:00 PM. First year students are encouraged to audition.

FTT activities are 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.

If you cannot attend the reception but wish to be involved or have questions about film, please contact Jill Godmilow at Godmilow.1@nd.edu or Ted Mandell at Mandell.1@nd.edu. If you are interested in theatre please contact Kevin Dreyer at kdreyer@nd.edu.



ANNIEROBINSON, JIMRYAN AND EILEENVARGA

University Mourns Tragic Passing of Student

n February 12, 2003, South Bend police recovered the body of missing Fisher Hall freshman Chad Sharon from the St. Joseph River after a construction crew spotted the body partially submerged in the water. An autopsy revealed that Sharon died from drowning and not from foul play, as had been previously suspected.

Sharon had been missing since the early hours of December 12, 2003, when he left an off-campus party on Corby Street alone and on foot at approximately 2 a.m. The last known contact with Sharon was at approximately 4 a.m. that morning, after Sharon asked an employee at Madison Center Hospital for directions to the nearest convenience store. The employee said that Sharon's breath smelled of alcohol but said that Sharon did not appear overly intoxicated.

Fisher Hall staff reported Sharon missing on December 13 after he failed to return to his room. Notre Dame Security Police, along with local and state authorities, launched an investigation into his disappearance that included helicopter and dog searches of the St. Joseph River and the surrounding area. University rewards for information leading to Sharon's safe return reached \$25,000, and ten local South Bend companies offered an additional \$25,000. NDSP asked for assistance from the FBI in investigating possible connections between Sharon's disappearance and recent disappearances of other male college students in the Midwest, though none surfaced.

After the discovery of their son's body, Steve and Jane Sharon, though saddened by their loss, were thankful for closure to the uncertainty they had experienced over the previous two months. They expressed gratitude to the Notre Dame community,



SMILING CHAD The University community mourned the loss of freshman Chad Sharon.

particularly to Sharon's friends in Fisher, who provided kind words and encouragement throughout the search.

Friends said Sharon was a high achiever. He had been the Student Body president of his high school in Wisconsin, and he was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by his class. It had been Sharon's dream to attend Notre Dame, and he earned a full scholarship to the university. Fisher Hall residents recalled Sharon's thoughtfulness, love of computers, and perpetual smile, which earned him the nickname "Smiling Chad" within the dorm.

Several hundred members of the Notre Dame community attended a memorial service held for Sharon in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on February 26.

Students Arrested in Local Bar Bust

n January 24, 2003, in the first of two large bar raids this past school year, Indiana State Excise Police, busted The Boat Club, a popular student tavern close to campus. Two hundred thirteen Notre Dame and St. Mary's students received "minor in a tavern" citations, a Class C misdemeanor, and some were cited for carrying false identification. The indicted students faced repercussions from both the state and the Office of Residence Life and Housing. Court penalties usually reached \$500, but most of the minors were able to receive pretrial diversion, which involved paying a lesser fine and doing community service hours. Similarly, typical fines from Residence Life ran from \$150-200, but some students were given the option of service in place of payment.

The bar was fined \$1,000 per offense and faces a possible loss of its liquor license.

The Boat Club was long thought to be a safe drinking refuge for underage students. Some students were shocked at the sudden raid of the bar, while some believed it was long overdue. Wry eulogies for Boat Club were composed, such as when the student-run website NDToday.com offered commemorative t-shirts sporting the slogan, "Come sail away with me."

The end of the year saw a resurfacing of the Boat Club debacle when owner



HOLLOW SEAS Since it was raided in January 2003, Boat Club, a popular student bar, has had its fate in limbo.

Mike McNeff, brought lawsuits into the St. Joseph County Small Claims Court requesting \$3,000 in damages from each underage student who used false identification to gain entrance into his establishment. The charge alleges that those cited at the bar caused legal and financial burdens on The Boat Club. It also says that students misrepresented themselves by signing slips of paper that falsely testified to their true ages. Student government officials held an informational meeting for the students in an attempt to provide them with access to legal advice. Hearings for the lawsuits are scheduled for early August.

On April 25, The Library, another popular bar among students, found itself in trouble with the State Excise Police. Officials cited 75 underage students for "minor in a tavern" violations and for presenting false identification. This is the second time the bar was busted, the first being in October 2000 when it was called "Finnegan's" — a name still used by students today.

Budget Cuts Halt Campus Construction

he university was forced to make across-the-board budget cuts for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, due, in part, to the economic recession and the \$200 million decrease in the university's endowment. The cuts were implemented at the request of the Board of Trustees who, during its February meeting, recommended that Student Life and Academic department budgets be cut 5 percent and that other department budgets be cut 7 percent. The budget cuts reverse the university's decade-long trend of increasing expenditures 12 percent each year.

While layoffs are not specifically man-

dated by the new budget, each department is responsible for adapting to the percentage decreases, and some departments may find it necessary to downsize. University libraries have been forced to decrease expenditures by six percent. Library officials plan to meet the decrease by eliminating subscriptions to journals aside from those most commonly used by students and faculty. They will also be more selective in purchasing books.

Many plans for construction were halted as a result of the economic downturn. The university was forced to cap the foundation for a new security building and post office and to delay plans for expansion of the law school and construction of a new on-campus hotel. The university plans to continue construction of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, and university officials says they will give the buildings that affect student life first priority for construction.

Despite the budget cuts and delays in construction, the Board of Trustees raised undergraduate tuition by 6.5 percent to \$27,170 for the 2003-2004 school year. The increase well exceeds the university's target increase of only 5 percent per year.

University Executive Vice President Resigns

fter an investigation by the university Board of Trustees into allegations regarding his behavior, the Rev. Timothy Scully, C.S.C., announced May 2 his resignation from the position of university executive vice president. His resignation is effective June 30.

Scully will remain a Fellow and Trustee of the university, and will also continue to teach as a tenured political science professor and serve as the chair of the board of the Alliance for Catholic Education. First appointed to the position in May 2000, Scully was widely regarded as a possible successor to current university president Rev. Edward A. "Monk" Malloy, C.S.C.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve as an officer of the University for the past nine years," Scully said in a statement. "My first love has always been teaching, research and pastoral ministry. I'm excited at the prospect of returning full time to those pursuits."

His decision came a few days after the trustees convened on campus to review a report filed by a committee designated to investigate Scully's past behavior.

On Jan. 16, Scully was involved in a confrontation with a reporter and cameraman from the university-owned television station WNDU (where Scully is a board member), as the pair were covering the Fisher Hall mass for then-missing Notre Dame freshman Chad Sharon.

The incident prompted allegations from the cameraman that Scully had accosted them and that his breath smelled of alcohol. The reporter, Bonnie Druker, filed a police report with Notre Dame Security and Police on Jan. 17, but later retracted the complaint after an apology from Scully.

University spokespeople would not comment if the incident had any influence on Scully's decision.

While Scully's statement, and university spokesman Matt Storin did not specifically address Scully's reasons for resigning, the *South Bend*



Tribune quoted unnamed sources in the university administration who claimed that several high-ranking officials demanded Scully's resignation. The *Tribune* claims that Malloy threatened to leave the university if Scully did not resign.

Malloy publicly praised Father Scully's service: "His tenure has been marked by his creative thinking, his wise business sense and his enduring commitment to the Notre Dame community."

As executive vice president, Scully spearheaded the development of several campus construction endeavors. Scully also played a significant role in increasing the number of Notre Dame students studying abroad and in improving facilities and resources in many abroad locations.

A committee of the Board of Trustees will find a successor and recommend a candidate for election to the board. \Box

Economics Department to Split in Fall

n late March the University's Academic Council voted to split the Economics Department into two departments with separate faculty and one undergraduate major. The change will be effective July 1.

The new departments will be named the Department of Economics and Econometrics and the Department of Economics and Policy Study. The focus of the Department of Economics and Econometrics will be mathematical economics, also known as neoclassical economics. The Department of Econometrics and Policy Study will focus on heterodox economics, a more conceptual field of study.

Each department will work as a separate unit, with its own faculty, funding, and standards. Undergraduate students will continue to be offered a single Economics major; however, as a result of the split, graduate students will have to choose a department to specialize in after taking a battery of core economics courses.

The Department of Economics fared poorly in the last U.S. News and World Report rankings of economic departments nationwide, finishing in the fourth quartile. Some suggest that this was due to the department's previous emphasis on heterodox economics, which some consider to be outdated. The split is intended to allow for the development of mathematical economists at the University while retaining the faculty interested in heterodox economics.

There was some dissent among students following the announcement of the split. Students worried that the heavily mathematical Department of Economics and Econometrics would abandon the study of social justice issues, a staple of the previous Department of Economics; however, Richard Jensen, head of the Former Department of Economics, said that both departments would study social justice issues, simply in different manners.

Another worry was that the relatively unexpected split would set a precedent for other University departments. There was, however, little dissent among faculty at the University.

Though some faculty worried that the new department would restrict academic freedom, the proposal for the split passed overwhelmingly in the Academic Council, with 39 members in favor of the proposal and only three against it.





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Faces to Remember

The Rev. Edward A. "Monk" Malloy currently is serving his third five-year term as president of Notre Dame. He is the university's 16th president, a position that he has held since 1986. He has served as a professor of Theology since 1974. Malloy is remarkably accessible for a university president, as he conducts a freshman seminar each semester, resides in Sorin College (an undergraduate residence hall) and



even plays an occasional game of basketball with students. He received undergraduate and graduate degrees in English from Notre Dame, a second master's in theology while studying for the priesthood and a doctorate in Christian ethics from Vanderbilt University. He also has received countless awards, including 12 honorary degrees.

Malloy currently is co-chair of the subcommittee on college drinking of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (a component of the National Institutes of Health), and chair of the National Commission on Substance Abuse and Sports for the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse.

The Rev. Mark Poorman now is beginning his fifth year as vice-president of student. affairs, a position in which he oversees several programs including Campus Ministry, Student Activities, multicultural and international student affairs, Notre Dame Security/ Police and the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ResLife). When he accepted the position in April of 1999, he said that his new responsibilities gave him a chance to "serve



[the] students," a task which he admits is "at once daunting and exciting."

Controversy swirled around the student affairs vice president last year when he abruptly announced changes to the alcohol policy, banning in-hall dances and consumption of hard alcohol on campus.

Prior to serving as vice-president, Poorman was an associate director of Campus Ministry, rector of Dillon Hall and a priest-in-residence in Grace Hall before that building was converted into offices. Poorman received his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and a Master of Divinity from Notre Dame. He later earned a doctorate in Christian Ethics from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Cal.

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and international public service. He has held 15 presidential appointments involving many of the major social issues including civil rights, peaceful uses of atomic energy, campus unrest, treatment of Vietnam offenders, Third World development and immigration reform. Among the recognition that he has received are the Congressional Gold Medal and the Medal of Freedom.

Despite his many commitments, "Father Ted" still finds time to connect with students, often guest-lecturing in the classroom and presiding over Mass in residence halls. His presence is ubiquitous — the library, center for international studies and the public service program all bear his name.

Perhaps no one has caused as much hype on campus over the past two years as head football coach Tyrone Willingham. A veteran of 25 seasons of coaching experience at the professional and collegiate levels, he arrived at Notre Dame in December 2001 following a seven-year tenure as head coach at Stanford University. Many Irish faithful and college football analyists believe that Willingham's coaching ability combined with Notre

Dame's academic institutes.



Dame football's recruiting power could soon make for a national championship team.

Under Willingham, Notre Dame football "returned to glory" last fall, winning its first eight games against such high-profile teams as Michigan and Florida State. Though the team struggled through the second half of the season, Willingham's 2003 recruiting class has been ranked by many among the top in the nation.

"Ty," as many students call him, was also named Home Depot Coach of the Year for his succes with the team this season. Many Irish football fans also look forward to Willingham's continued use of a "West-Coast" offense - an offensive scheme that relies on a successful passing game - a vastly different style from predecessor Bob Davie's emphasis on rushing.

If you'd like to meet both student and faculty members of the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs and find out more about resources available to **gay, lesbian, bisexual, and questioning students** on the Notre Dame campus, please join us.

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Meet the Prez

Newly-elected administration seeks to make a difference in student life

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hen Pat Hallahan and Jeremy Lao ran for student-body president and vice-president this past winter, they campaigned under the slogan "Students First," promising to benefit students in all aspects of campus life.

Almost six months after they were elected in a hotly-contested campaign, Hallahan and Lao still hope to stick to their original vision for the Notre Dame student body, despite the thick red tape that often surrounds such positions. While leading the student body from the second floor of LaFortune (the location of the student government office) is no simple task, the two are prepared for the challenges that lie ahead, holding a combined five years of experience in student government.

Hallahan is a rising senior from Sorin College who hails from Vineland, N.J. He majors in political science and history and served as chief-of-staff under former president and vice-president Libby Bishop and Trip Foley.

Lao is a rising junior from Stanford Hall originally from Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a finance and Chinese double major and has worked in student government since his freshman year. This past year he served as sophomore class president.

Although Hallahan and Lao have only served in their current positions for under two academic months, they have already faced a significant setback in trying to implement their campaign promises. As one of the central planks of their platform, the two promised to fight for the return of in-hall dances, a long-standing tradition that ended in the spring of 2002 when the Office of Student Affairs announced that dances could no longer be held inside the dorms. Despite their intentions, a resolution to reinstate in-hall dances failed in the Campus Life Council this past April.

Hallahan and Lao are still hopeful, however, and plan to continue working on the issue, particularly by addressing a concern from dorm rectors that residence halls do not have adequate space in which to hold the events. During the election, Hallahan and Lao named as one of their top priorities raising Notre Dame to No. 1 in US News and World Report's ranking of top service universities. In pursuing this goal, the two hope to increase the number of available service opportunities and support creative channels through which students can more

easily find sites and projects which match their interests.

Particularly important to their service platform is working with the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) to tackle the issue of van usage for student transportation to and from sites.

Vans have become increasingly difficult and too expensive for students to use for service projects, says Lao. "We want to show the CSC that there is still significant student interest in using the vans and that we need to create ways to make them more accessible," he adds.

Hallahan and Lao also hope to develop programs to reach out to local high school students. Although they do not yet have definite plans to accomplish this, Lao says they are considering a program which would involve university band members sharing their musical abilities with local high schoolers. "We want to built ties with the South Bend community and break down the bubble," he says. "We want to make sure that the university is still committed to serving the South Bend community."

Also important to the new president and vice-president is the publishing of Teacher Course Evaluations (TCEs) in which students rate the professor and material for each course. They hope to make the responses available to students, allowing for more informed decisions when registering for courses. "This is something that our peer schools do, so we think it's a fair request and a good idea," explains Lao. They also want to create more networking opportunities for students by developing an alumni-student mentoring program.

Hallahan and Lao plan to expand the student body's knowledge about world issues, specifically by encouraging students



MR. PRESIDENT Student-body president Pat Hallahan (*left*) and vice-president Jeremy Lao look to have an impact in all aspects of student life.

to get involved in the Church's international "Call to Solidarity with Africa" conference to be held next year. They hope to arrange for Nigerian students to visit Notre Dame during the American portion of the four-day conference and for Notre Dame students to visit Nigeria when the conference moves to Africa. They also hope to facilitate the creation of new one-credit courses focused around several important world issues.

Other proposed changes include working with the Student Union Board (SUB) to create better social programming and attract bigger names for campus entertainment, encouraging increased diversity awareness and dialogue through more diversity-focused retreats and lectures, and releasing student government financial records to show students how their money is being spent.

The two also have some pearls of wisdom for the incoming freshmen. "Try to lead a well-balanced life — academically, socially, spiritually, physically" says Lao. "Learn as much as you can in college ... find opportunities and take advantage of them ... and don't forget to have fun!"

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Pack it up. Move it Out.



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t's time to begin that daunting task of packing. "Where do I start?" you ask. Never fear. Whether you're a listmaker or a bag-stuffer, *Scholastic* has the low-down on dorm room necessities.

When you arrive on campus, don't be discouraged by the looks of your room. While they come with the standard desk,bed and closet, empty dorm quarters tend to resemble prison cells. Be sure to bring plenty of posters, pictures and even Christmas lights to spice up the walls. Most rooms have a single overhead light fixture and fluorescent lights over the sink, so a floor lamp does wonders. You also will want a desk lamp and maybe one to clip onto your bed for late-night reading.

Speaking of sleeping, the beds do not come with linens, so make sure you bring some fun bedding — sheets, blankets, pillows, etc. - whatever will make you feel comfortable. Some dorms have beds that can be bunked while others have modular furniture, which means you can bunk your bed on top of your desk and wardrobe. If your dorm does not have modular furniture and you would like to loft your bed, you can purchase a loft kit at a local hardware store when you arrive. If you do not have a handyman moving you in, store employees often will assemble it for a fee. But if you're really feeling adventurous, you can even try building your own from scratch.

To make your crib homier, you might want to bring a couch or futon. If space, money or transportation is a problem, canvas lawn chairs or bean bag chairs are clutch. You may also want carpet or rugs to cover the hard floor. Room dimensions vary, so it would be wise to wait until you get here to buy floor coverings.

Pack a shower caddy to tote your soap and shampoo to and from the community bathrooms. A robe or large towel and shower shoes (i.e.,-flip-flops) also are necessary.

As far as laundry goes, you can do it yourself or use St. Michael's Laundry Service. Most dorms have coin-operated washers and dryers, but some do not. St. Michael's is an on-campus laundry service that will pick up your dirty clothes, wash them and return them for a fee. If you decide to do your own, bring rolls of quarters, a laundry basket or bag to haul your duds to the laundry room, detergent, stain remover and a drying rack for clothing you'd rather not shrink.

One of the most important decisions will be whether to bring a computer. Some students prefer to write papers and e-mails from the comfort of their rooms, but if you choose not to bring a computer, you can use one in a computer cluster on campus, some of which are open 24 hours.

As far as entertainment goes, bring whatever tickles your fancy. Most students bring televisions for those much-needed study breaks. If you and your roommate are movie addicts, you may want to bring a VCR or DVD player, since rooms have no cable. A CD player will give you a little musical variety — South Bend does not have many quality radio stations. Get in touch with your roommate to divvy up the more expensive items you'll share.

For those few hot nights at the beginning and end of the school year, you may want to bring a fan or two. Aside from West and Mod Quad dorms, most are without air conditioning. A fan might also come in handy in the winter when the heat is on full blast and you're a littletoo toasty.

Each room has a phone complete with voicemail, call waiting and three-way calling. You might want a cordless phone, though, for those late-night conversations when your roommate is trying to sleep.

As far as wardrobe goes, there are a few must-haves. Don't forget warm clothing for the infamous South Bend winter. You'll need a warm coat, gloves or mittens and a hat if you don't want to freeze. Bring a raincoat, umbrella or poncho for rainy walks to class and football games. A swimsuit is a must for the mandatory swim test that all freshmen take at the beginning of the year. Each dorm will have a couple dances — both formal and semi-formal — each semester. Pack a fun dress or two or a jacket and tie or suit for such occasions.

If your suitcases are stuffed, or if you forget something, not to worry. Although South Bend may not be a buzzing metropolis, it does have plenty of retail stores. And if you absolutely must have your favorite teddy bear or your bottlecap collection, Mom and Dad are just a phone call and a care package away.





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Inside you will find a bed, a desk and a roommate. Have a good year!

It may be true that at some universities there exist gigantic supercomputers (the kind which fill whole rooms) whose sole purpose is to match incoming freshmen with a roommate of compatible sleeping and study habits, musical taste and neatness factors. Alas, at Notre Dame there is no such system. Roommate pairings are randomly selected, and you will not be receiving any sort of personality questionnaire to feed into any supercomputer, as some of your high school friends have.

But, fear not. The indiscriminate process of the ResLife Office is not without its merits. For many of you, college will be your first experience living in the same room with another human being. Even for those who currently share rooms with siblings, your dorm situation will be much different. It is no longer feasible, for example, to resolve every disagreement with a punch in the arm or relentless teasing. While the RA one door down has taken the place of your parents and is there to help you with your problems, you'll find that banging on the wall and constant finger-pointing will get you nowhere. Rarely, however, will a situation arise which needs more than a little heart-to-heart talk.

Rooming with a complete stranger is a unique opportunity. Your freshman year will perhaps be the first time in your life where you are given the resource and reason to adapt to life with another person. Despite Notre Dame's unsystematic approach, you'll find that you are more capable of dealing with a shared room than you think. What's more, the amount of influence you currently have on the matter is, well, none. Fretting about your future roomie is a waste of your precious summer time, so don't lose sleep over it.

The spectrum of roommate relations can be divided into three simple categories. Note: remember that your roommate-tobe is probably reading this same thing right now. You both have the opportunity to make your living situation as comfortable as possible.

Kindred Spirits

You may move in on your first day, meet your roommate and pledge your eternal friendship to him / her within an hour. Or the engagement may take a couple weeks. In either case, count yourself among the lucky if you find a best friend in your roommate. You'll both love John Mayer and hate rap. You'll own the same shower sandals, and you'll have more fun playing in the box your Gateway was shipped in than actually using the computer. Within a month, you'll know each other inside and out.

While rare, this situation is certainly possible. Always having someone around with whom you enjoy spending time adds to your comfort level, and you'll likely meet people together and share a good number of friends. Beware, though. Don't box yourself in during freshman orientation weekend. Use it as a chance to meet as many fellow students as possible. Remember to be your own person, and for goodness' sake, don't pass up a chance to play volleyball with your brother-sister dorm because you and your roommate are busy battling it out on the X-box.

I'm OK, You're OK

Maybe the most common situation for roommates, there is absolutely nothing wrong with not asking your first-year roommate to be best man or maid-of-honor at your wedding. Your roommate is nice, considerate, relatively neat and gives you your space. Whatever the personality may be, it's not difficult to live with this person. In this scenario, you'll both make friends of your own, but have pizza and watch a movie together every once in a while. At the very least, you'll have a comrade to join you as you head to the dining hall those first few nights, or to throw a Frisbee on the quad after class.

You'll get to meet all of your roommate's friends, and you can introduce him or her to yours. Failing to achieve communal nirvana in your own room will send you down the hall, to another floor or to another dorm for your best friends. The more effort you make, the more people you meet, the more likely you are to make those life-long friends.

It Wasn't Meant to Be

Sadly, some roommates just don't get along. You may verbally argue on several room-related points, or your roommate could be so inconsiderate that you actually look forward to parietals. Whatever the case may be, don't hesitate to ask your RA for advice. The worst rooming situations can warrant room changes, but this scenario is rare.

On the bright side, you will have an especially strong impetus for making friends outside the room, and a good reason to get involved in extracurricular activities. Don't let the person you share a room with taint your overall college experience.

Chances are, despite your assigned roommate, your first year at Notre Dame will be among the greatest of your life. Take heart in the fact that your future roommate has the same reservations you might have about living with someone you've never met. To ensure a good year, be yourself, be considerate and, perhaps most important of all, keep your mess confined to your side of the room.





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elcome, freshmen. This is the one and only legendary Gipper, your source of needlessly dirty but humorous tales over the next four years of your life (or five years, if you are one of the lucky few who realize two months into your life here that Miller Lite makes for much more interesting Wednesday nights than studying). As all you lazy legacies may know, the Gipper writes a column in every issue of Scholastic detailing the recent trials and tribulations across campus. The Gipper gladly accepts tips from any willing source, and encourages every rat, leak and roommate-traitor out there to tip early and tip often. I know you Gipplings are being choked by the heavy anticipation of finding out more about Uncle Gipp and your new home, so the Gipp has taken the time to anticipate your important questions:

Who is the Gipper?

No one knows. So don't bother trying to find out.

Can I, as a lowly freshmen, tip the Gipp? Yes. Since nothing is more fun than laughing at other people's problems, the Gipp can guarantee that you'll never forget the look on your friend's face the day he opens up this very magazine in the dining hall and realizes all the chuckles he hears are aimed at him. And you'll remain completely anonymous; the Gipp *never* reveals a source. Just drop the Gipp an email at gipper@nd.edu or call the Scholastic office at 1-7569 (you'll learn how to operate our abbreviated phone numbers soon enough).

The Gipper cannot operate without your help, and you'll soon learn that you cannot live without the Gipp's sinister humor, near-clever puns, and disgustingly brutal character assassinations of those who were victims of juicy tips. So, you see, you scratch the Gipper's figurative back, and he'll scratch yours. Just one more thing to point out — the Gipp never prints a lie, so try to provide a way for him to verify all your outrageous claims.

What makes for a good tip?

Use this as a litmus test: If it's an act or occurrence that you wouldn't want others to learn about if it happened to you, then it's tip-worthy. The Gipp understands that we all have different barometers for humor, so just send it whatever you got and ol' Gipp will sort 'em out.



Can I really drink as much alcohol as I want at ND?

Absolutely. Drinking beer freely in dorm rooms is as much a part as Notre Dame as football, Jesus and stagnant, smelly air. However, the Gipp needs to make two important points: First, the administration passed new a new policy last school year that outlawed hard liquor on campus. To what degree RAs will actually enforce this rule is still up in the air, so play this one by ear. Second, women's dorms are much more strict when it comes to liquor (and everything else for that matter — so the first time you hear the dorm PW and the word "prison" mentioned in the same sentence, don't laugh. It's not a joke.), so the Gipper encourages all you wild girls to hop over to your nearest men's tavern to pound a few.

Is there anything to do in South Bend? 'Cuz you know, when I came for my visit last year, it looked pretty —

Sorry to cut you off, but the Gipp's heard this one many times before. Unfortunately, the ever vigilant South Bend Police and Notre Dame Security/Police busted the two most popular underage watering holes this past semester. So the future of freshmen bar nights in the 'Bend is presently unclear. The optimistic Gipp always tries to see the beer glass as half-full, so he assumes that a new teenage pub will pop up sooner or later. As long as there are thirsty spoiled brats willing to blow through Daddy's money, there will always be some pathetic townie willing to get them drunk.

Will I, um ... you know ... get laid?

Okay, that's a tough one. Compared to the average college, the Notre Dame community is about as sexually active as ... well, any institution where people don't have sex. The administration will do anything and everything in its power to keep you pleasantly celibate. Dorms are under the jurisdiction of infamous and illogical rule of parietals, which as your dictionary can tell you are "the rules governing the visitation privileges of members of the opposite sex in college residences." At Notre Dame, that means no hanky-panky after midnight on weekdays and 2 a.m. on weekends. That's right, you'll actually be forced to leave your adversarial gender's halls after a certain hour. I know this might get your hopes down, but fortunately for the Irish men, God provided the gift of ... ah, we'll save the St. Mary's jokes for later.

Rest assured, this is the only time you'll ever see your Gipp sink to a Q&A format. The next time we meet, we'll be able to upgrade to the more sophisticated medium of gossip. Enjoy the rest of your summer, boys and girls, and get ready for a four-year vacation from reality. Stretch out your livers and say goodbye to your flat stomachs and cable television. And, for the love of God, remember to tip the Gipp.



"THE BANNER" The Vermin of Carroll Hall may live all the way across the lake, but that doesn't stop them from showing off their spirit in a big way, and by "big" we mean 30 feet by 90 feet.



Welsh Family: Welsh Fam is home to the Whirlwinds and the women's interhall sports champions this past year, who dominated in lacrosse, soccer and basketball, to name a few. The dorm organizes one of the more unique events on campus: the Welsh Family Feud, a game-show style competition that pits dorms against each other, part of a spirit week full of events centered around dorm pride. Also in the spring, the Whirlwinds also host a Dancea-thon to raise money for diabetes patients.

Keough: The

Kangaroos put on the annual Keough Chariot Race, for which each dorm builds its own chariot to win fame, Ben Hur-style. For their White Wedding Dance — with themes such as "Pirates" and "Mafia"—the men of Keough nominate one 'Roo from each section to compete for the title of Captain Keough. Every spring Keough holds AussieFest, a cookout with live music and a volleyball tournament with an Australian twist.

McGlinn: With a mascot close to the Leprechaun's heart, the Shamrocks of McGlinn are best known for their Casino Night, where they host a night of gambling and games. Each Shamrock invites up to five friends who can buy raffle tickets and place bets with fake money. All proceeds from the event (real money, this time) benefit the Catholic Workers House.

O'Neill: Built as the first male residence hall on the West Quad in 1996, O'Neill has been home to some of the most active and rowdy men on campus ever since. Known as "The Angry Mob," the men of O'Neill show their dorm pride marching loudly toward pep rallies and in signature events like the Miss ND pageant.

bizarre.



Sorin College: University President Monk Malloy lives in this men's dorm, the oldest residence hall on campus. It became a "college" in the 1960s, when the Otters seceded from the university to protest Notre Dame's stance on the Vietnam War. Sorin hosts an off-color talent show on one of the first home football weekends each year.

Walsh: Not to be confused with Welsh Fam, Walsh Hall was named for Notre Dame's sixth president, who is credited with instituting the university's first intercollegiate football team. The Wild Women host the Walsh Wild Week in the fall, involving a series of competitive and not-so-competitive events, culminating in a Mr. ND Pageant and the Walsh

Hall Fall Frolic. The Frolic is a dance for which the Wild Women dress up as Britney-esque Catholic schoolgirls.

Lewis: Lewis Hall is the largest women's dorm on campus, and its residents, the Chicks, participate in the 5K Chicken Run to kick off their spirit week. Each resident anonymously invites a date to the Chicks' signature dance, the Lewis Crush, which polishes off the week of dorm activities. The lucky gentlemen have their names published in the campus newspaper and show up at the dance hoping to be claimed by a hot Chick. St. Edward's: St. Ed's is the oldest building now used as a dorm, although it didn't become a residence hall until 1929. The Steds hold an annual event called Founders Day, which includes a 5K run that has raised money for many charitable causes, including the post-9/11 run raising funds for New York firefighters and their families. The dorm is also home to the St. Ed's Players, who put on a play each year at Washington Hall.

Carroll: Overlooking St. Mary's Lake from the west edge of campus, Carroll Hall offers quite possibly the best view of all the residence halls. Located far from the rest of campus, the Vermin enjoy a close-knit environment, as Carroll has the fewest residents of any dorm. "A Carroll Christmas," featuring a tree-lighting ceremony and performances by university choirs, is the hall's signature event. Carroll kicks off spring finals week with Fusic, a day of food and live music. The Vermin also have won the Fisher Regatta four years running.



Cavanaugh: The women of Cavanaugh have an annual Father-Daughter Weekend in the spring, during which dads become dates for a dance at the College Football Hall of Fame. Co-hosts of the Winter Carnival, the "Chaos" work with Zahm to bring a petting zoo and other kid stuff to campus. Each winter, they also put on a spirit week leading up to their Snow Ball, an annual formal dance held in LaFortune.

Zahm: The most infamous dorm on campus, Zahm transforms its incoming freshmen into loyal, mischievous Zahmbies. Before the first pep rally each year, the men of Zahm perform the Torquemada (a ceremony mysteriously kept under wraps). Their Decade Dance each February is always good for a laugh, as Zahmbies and their dates dress up in throwback outfits. Zahm is also home to the weekly Spanish Mass.

Keenan: Connected to Stanford Hall by the beautiful Chapel of the Holy Cross, the Keenan Knights distinguish themselves with their signature event, the wildly successful Keenan Revue. A sellout crowd attends this collection of original student comedy every February. The Knights have been awarded Men's Hall of the Year and Hall of the Year two out of the last three years, and took home two interhall sports championships last year.

Stanford Hall: The 2001-2002 men's inter-hall sports champions, the men of Stanford live directly across the quad from North Dining Hall. The Griffins were once known as the Studs, but changed their mascot in tribute to former rector the Rev. Robert Griffin, C.S.C. Every spring they host the Benefit Bash, a late-night event including concerts and food, with proceeds supporting an orphanage in Chile.

Farley Hall: Farley Hall, home to the "Finest" women on campus, has been a women's dorm since ND went coed in 1972. Farley plans on welcoming its residents back in the fall with a Welcome Home BBQ on the Quad. Pop Farley week, which culminates with a dance, is perhaps the best-known event of the Finest, who decorate their hallways to correspond with the dorm theme. Farley has a secondary mascot, the dorm dog, Farley, a cute little Pekingese who barks at boys after parietals.

Breen-Phillips Hall: The Babes of BP raise money each year for diabetes patients with their Meal Auction. Students or faculty members bid to eat with campus celebrities who have volunteered for the event. In the winter, Breen-Phillips provides relief from the cold with its Beach Week.



Siegfried: The Ramblers of Siegfried Hall compete annually against Knott in the Flanner Cup, a week's worth of events including tug-o-war matches, arm wrestling and relay races. The week culminates with a dance co-sponsored by the two men's dorms. Siegfried also sponsors the annual Rambler Scrambler, a putt-putt tournament on the quad. The ever-athletic Ramblers also are the titleholders in both interhall football and basketball.

Knott: Known for their perhaps overly enthusiastic support of the ND women's volleyball team, the Juggernauts easily are spot-

ted in their orange and black attire. Each spring, they hold Knott on the Knoll, an afternoon of free food and entertainment from campus bands.

Pasquerilla West: Nicknamed PW or P-Dub, this dorm is home to the Purple Weasels. The women of PW take pride in their strong athletic tradition, winning the interhall softball championship and taking second place in womens' first annual interhall basketball this year. Next fall, an old rivalry will be rekindled with the Who's the Better Pasquerilla? contest which will be held annually. It is a week of activities, such as an ice cream eating contest, with PE that will culminate in a Mod Quad Dance. In the spring, Queen Week, an intradorm event, fosters intersection competitions and ends in a dance, where one girl from the winning section is crowned Queen.

Pasquerilla East: PE is the home of the Pyros and the Pasquerilla East Musical Company (a.k.a. Pemco), which stages a complete musical every February. This troupe's history includes productions of *Godspell, Guys and Dolls, Damn Yankees*, and *Into the Woods*. This year's play will be *West Side Story*. PE is also proud to be the defending female interhall football champion.



Alumni: Conveniently located at the intersection of God Quad and South Quad and known to its residents as "The Center of the Universe," Alumni Hall is home to the Dawgs. Each spring, the Dawgs host the Wake, an event steeped in tradition and shrouded in mystery. This past year, Alumni Hall captured 6 interhall sports championships, including the beloved Dawg hockey team, whose games feature costume themes and songs. Alumni Hall's biggest rival is its immediate neighbor, Dillon, and this fall, the rivalry will be re-ignited with Rivals Week, during which Alumni and Dillon will compete in different sports.

Dillon: The largest dorm on campus, housing over 350 of the most desirable men at ND, Dillon was voted Hall of the Century. Its signature events are the Dillon Pep Rally, which is hosted before the first football game, and Opening Day, a weeklong event to celebrate the start of the baseball season. The annual Pep Alumni Holl Brown Fisher: You'll know Fisher Hall by the gigantic green 'F' on the front of the building. Every spring, Fisher hosts the Fisher Regatta, a campus-wide boat race on St. Mary's Lake. Each fall the Green Wave hosts a 50-hour roof-sit where the RAs and students from around campus take turns sitting on Fisher's roof for charity. As the brave souls do their sitting, Fisher has events for the weekend, and make fun of the residents stuck outside on the roof. Plus, Joe Montana lived there.

Pangborn: Pangborn Hall sits on the far west end of South Quad. It hosts Phoxy Facts (a trivia contest) and a 3-on-3 volleyball tournament in the spring. Next year, if all goes as planned, Pangborn will incorporate the spring events into a dorm spirit week along with a new event, the Phox Carnival.

Lyons: Easily recognized by its famous arch overlooking St. Mary's Lake, this women's dorm sponsors the Mara Fox Fun Run every fall, in honor of a freshman resident killed by a drunk

Rally satirizes life at ND and includes keynote speakers, ND cheerleaders and Dillon's honorary freshman, the Teen Wolf.

driver in 1993. Money raised from the event goes to a student scholarship fund. The Lyonites host a beach-themed dance each fall, complete with grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts.

Morrissey Manor: Last year, Morrissey began a new tradition known as Manor Unplugged, which showcases the musical talents of its residents. The Manor hopes to move the event onto the quad, expanding it to include a campus-wide golf tournament. The men of Morrissey also plan to show off their brute strength in traditional Gaelic contests this fall.

Howard: The ladies of Howard put on a marshmallow roast to celebrate the first snowfall of the school year (arguably the only time that the arrival of snow is welcomed). Room decorations are a big deal for the Ducks, as they compete against each other in an annual Parade of Rooms. Every fall they host the Howard Ho-down, a semiformal dance to kick off the school year.

Badin: The home of the Bullfrogs is the second-oldest dorm at Notre Dame. In the spring, the women of Badin host a campus-wide karaoke and dance competition, the Badin Spring Breakdown. Contestants are judged on accuracy, style and performance. Their scores from the first round qualify them for a chance to spin the karaoke "Wheel of Death" to compete for gift certificates at local restaurants.



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YOUR GUIDE TO **CLUBBING** AT NOTRE DAME

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Afraid you'll be bored in college? Never fear: ND has something for everyone! In high school you were captain of the basketball. team, president of student council, a member of the Spanish Club, a volunteer at the local hospital and a lifeguard at the pool. Well, maybe you didn't do all those things, but now you're here, and you begin to wonder what you are going to do with your time besides study Scholastic enlisted the help of the Club Coordination Council to get a ampling of clubs on campus Here's a look at the results

ATHLETIC

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Notre Dame offers a wide variety of athletic opportunities even if you aren't a varsity athlete. Playing interhall sports can be an exciting way to compete for your dorm, or you can join a club team and travel around the country.

Students addicted to speed can join the **Cycling Club**, which does mountain bike racing in the fall and road racing in the spring, or the **Ski Club**, which competes in both giant slalom and slalom events in Michigan, Wisconsin and Canada.

If you get your kicks from heights rather than speed, check out the **Climbing Club**. It sponsors rock-climbing trips to places like the Red River Gorge in Kentucky, and it provides all the necessary gear and training for participants of all levels of experience.

The field hockey team was started two years ago. It offers both men and women of all skill levels a chance to participate. The team practices four days a week in the spring and fall and competes against other club teams in the area.

If you are a horselover, Notre Dame has several equestrian clubs. The **equestrian team** takes weekly lessons at stables located about 15 minutes from campus. Riders of all levels are welcome to join, and do not need to own a horse. The team participates in competitions sponsored by the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association throughout the year.

If steer-wrestling, goat-tying and bull-riding are more your style, then you might want to check out the **Rodeo Club**. Students formed the club to educate others about rodeo, giving them the opportunity to work toward competing in a particular event.

For those who would rather play in water than on dry land, Notre Dame has a few excellent aquarian "clubbing" opportunities. The Notre Dame Sailing Club, which practices on St. Joe Lake on campus and at a nearby lake in Michigan, races throughout the Midwest and the nation. The men's water polo team is consistently one of the top performers in the Midwest. Its official season is in the fall. Team members travel to places such as Florida for their more relaxed spring season.

The women's water polo team, drawing women from both Notre Dame and St. Mary's, has won the Regional Midwest Championship three of the last four years, and placed fifth at Club Nationals in 2000.

Frozen water is good, too. The Figure Skating Club started up in 1999 and was recognized as the athletic club of the year for 2001-2002. The team skates against varsity and club teams, and they have competed at two national championships, achieving eighth place in 2000 and seventh in 2002. The women's club hockey team will play around 30 games this year, their first year in existence.

The 73-year-old **Bengal Bouts** boxing tournament offer an opportunity for men with varying levels of experience to compete to raise money for Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. If you are into boxing and happen to be female, check out the **Women's Boxing Club**, a recently formed group.

The Women's Running Club was named the 2000-2001 athletic club of the year. They compete in road races in the area, roughly 10 per year, and sponsor two big events: the Aloha Run and the Relay for Life, on-campus races that raise money for charity.

If you like running around in bare feet and leaping through the air, the **Ultimate Frisbee Club** could be for you. The team competes at tournaments nationwide.

Or you might want to try the **Gymnastics Club**, which welcomes athletes of many experience levels. In the spring semester, the team travels competes against other gymnastic clubs throughout the country. In spring 2003, the club won the gymnastics national championship.

On a more local scale, the Notre Dame Pom Squad is a group of 14 women from Notre Dame and St. Mary's, dedicated to enhancing the spirit of Notre Dame through the performance of dance routines. The Pom Squad performs at pep rallies, basketball halftimes and campus-wide and dorm functions such as the Notre Dame Activities Night and the Dillon Hall Pep Rally.

ACADEMIC

Academic clubs offer a wide range of activities in fields ranging from anthropology to engineering.

The Marketing Club provides the opportunity for marketing majors to interact with each other and professors through social, spiritual, educational and service-oriented events, including guest speakers, career days, educational trips and barbeues.

The Entrepreneur Club is an active group of individuals who plan to start or have already started their own businesses. Throughout the year, the "E-Club" travels to national conferences, sponsors campus speakers, guarantees internships and job opportunities for club members, and prepares members to write business plans and compete in competitions.

One of the largest student organizations at Notre Dame, the Student International **Business Council** (SIBC) is the only one of its kind in the nation. Open to all majors, the SIBC is dedicated to providing students with real-world professional experience and international development. Every summer, the SIBC sends dozens of students around the world on

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international summer internships and teaching positions.

The **pre-vet club** of Notre Dame offers an opportunity for any student to learn about and interact with animals. It also provides a fun and supportive forum and source of information for students interested in attending veteranary school.

If working with humans is more your style, the Pre-Dental Club at ND is a premed style club designed to give those students considering dentistry a more in-depth view into the profession. They bring guest lecturers to campus, including local dental professionals and admissions representatives from a number of different dental schools. Club members are also provided with the opportunity to shadow local dentists in the South Bend area.

Like the Pre-Dental Club, the **Pre-Physi**cal Therapy Club is an academic club that seeks to give support and guidance to students who want to attend a graduate school physical therapy program.

The Society of Women Engineers works to foster a sense of community among women in engineering through social activities, career aid, service and academic support.

The Computer Applications Honor Society serves as the honor society for Arts and Letters students who have Computer Applications (CAPP) as a second major. Many majors also have their own clubs. The **Anthropology Club**, for example, aims to establish connections between the students and faculty within the department. These clubs generally are open to everyone, but students within the major are especially encouraged to join.

ETHNIC

Although the university has an essentially homogenous ethnic body, there are a number of student organizations dedicated to expanding awareness and support of other cultures.

One of the largest ethnic clubs on campus is La Alianza, which formed five years ago when several other groups merged. It educates students through programs that include Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations and the Latino Formal.

The Korean Student Association (KSA) plans to reach out to a broader spectrum of people on campus this year and provide more opportunities for exposure to the Korean culture. The Asian American Association (AAA) of Notre Dame proudly celebrates Asian American heritage through fellowship, service, and events that showcase the unique values of various Asian cultures. They hope through their efforts to positively reflect the essence of being Asian American. Na Pua Kai Ewalu, also known as the

Hawaii Club, works to share the culture of Hawaii through various social and educational activities, including a luau each spring. Open to all students, the club also acts as a support system for students from Hawaii, especially for incoming freshmen, who are 5,000 miles away from home.

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There are a variety of other ethnic / language clubs, including the Russian, Italian and German clubs. The Russian Club sponsors museum trips, ethnic dinners, movies and other events. The Italian Club's activities include regular opportunities to eat and practice speaking Italian, cooking classes, monthly movie nights, trips to Chicago's Italian neighborhood and two sports tournaments each year. Next year, they have been specially invited to four evenings at the Lyric Opera in Chicago. The German Club's two yearly highlights are Ok"domer" fest and a trip to Chicago's famed Christkindlmarkt.

Perhaps the most interesting ethnic club is the **Texas Club**, which boasts 500 Texan students. The club organizes dances, rides to and from the Lone Star State and an alumni network.



few weeks to juggle. Nuff said.

In September, the Swing Club will start a series of "East Coast" swing dancing lessons. The club currently has about 50 to 75 members who come weekly for two hours of lessons and dance time. The class is geared toward beginning dancers, but they do have student instructors who work privately to challenge and teach intermediate and advanced dancers.

The **Dome Yearbook** is always looking for writers and photog-raphers to help with spreads. The time commitment is very flexible and although experience helps, it is not necessary.

Those interested in public service should look into the **College Democrats** and **College Republicans**, who hope to raise political awareness and participation among university students. This fall the College Democrats will be working on a campaign for the U.S. Congress and organizing a voter registration drive.

Notre Dame has a few martial arts clubs. The Aikido Club practices Aikikai-style Aikido, a vigorous, noncompetitive martial art suitable for people of all ages and ideal for those interested in self-defense and conflict resolution. The Notre Dame Martial Arts Institute (NDMAI) teaches the unique techniques and applications of Vee Jitsu Ryu Jujitsu and Chung Do Kwan Tae Kwon Do. Students who begin as

freshmen can reach the rank of black belt in both arts by the end of their junior year.

ND's World Tae Kwon Do Club is a recreational club that provides the opportunity for anyone to learn an ancient Korean martial art that teaches power, strength, flexibility, and athleticism. Taught by seventh-degree black belt Master Soon Pil Hong, a veteran coach of numerous Olympic athletes, the students of Tae Kwon Do learn sparring techniques and self-defense tactics such as joint locks and the manipulation of pressure points.

The university bands include the marching band, several concert bands, jazz bands, and brass and percussion ensembles. Tryouts for the bands are open to all students, undergraduate and graduate, who are enrolled at the University of Notre Dame, St. Mary's College and Holy Cross College.

If you've been bitten by the performing bug but don't play an instrument, there are a number of acting and singing groups on campus. The Farley Players, the St. Ed's Hall Players, and the Pasquerilla East Musical Company (PEMCo) are a few of the groups that put on student productions each year. Harmonia is a newly established female a cappella group with about 15 members from the ND community, which hopes to record a CD in the spring. Notre Dame's all-male choir, the Glee Club

has a strong fraternal atmosphere and focuses on vocal technique and style. The group performs on campus and travels extensively in the US and abroad.

The Chess Club meets biweekly to increase student interest in chess while providing challenging games for players of all strengths. They also teach chess to younger children in the South Bend community and form a four-member team to travel to competitions.

SERVICE Students looking to

volunteer in the South Bend community have many options.

Members of Circle K completed more than 7,000 hours of community service in the Greater South Bend area this year. The club offers around 20 projects covering a wide range of interests, from playing with animals at the Humane Society to working at the Juvenile Justice Center. This is the kind of club to join if you can't decide what kind of service you want to do.

The nationally renowned South Bend Center for the Homeless always welcomes student assistants, and Foodshare is a Notre Dame service club that delivers leftover dining-hall food to the center and other homeless shelters in South Bend.

SuperSibs matches ND students who have disabled siblings with children from the South Bend area who also have a disabled brother or sister. Club members provide friendship and support for the children based on their own experiences.

A campus chapter of the international **Best Buddies** organization pairs Notre Dame students with a developmentally disabled adult from the South Bend community to establish a one-on-one friendship.

Students involved in the Logan Recreation Club have the opportunity to form friendships with individuals who have developmental disabilities by sponsoring and participating in weekly activities like bowling, Saturday recreation and dancing.

The Neighborhood Study Help Program provides volunteer tutors to local schools and community centers with children in need of academic assistance. **Campus Girl Scouts'** goal is to bridge the gap between participating as a girl scout and volunteering as a troop leader. They host activities for local troops as well as perform their own service activities.

On campus, **C.A.R.E.** (Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination) is a student-awareness group aimed to prevent rape and help those affected by rape and sexual assault to deal with the overwhelming consequences. They sponsor a Sexual Assault Awareness Week in the fall and host speakers and other events during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, in April. The ND/SMC Peace **Coalition** is sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns and was started by a group of students critical of the War on Terrorism. The World Hunger Coalition is dedicated to raising awareness of hunger issues and raising money to support hunger relief efforts worldwide. The WHC annually raises about \$20,000 for donations to hunger organizations throughout the world with the Lunch Fast, in which students sign up to give up one meal a week from their meal plans.

A health-related organization is the First Aid Services Team. The team serves as the first level of the emergency medical system for events and athletics on campus. Team members hold Red Cross certifications in standard first aid and CPR for the professional rescuer.

The Community Alliance to Serve Hispanics works with local community centers and offers a number of opportunities for students to serve as translators and English-language instructors to the Hispanic community.

RELIGIOUS

The group **Iron Sharpens Iron** is an interdenominational, student-led Bible study that seeks to foster solid Christian relationships and to challenge and encourage students to grow in their faith through fellowship, praise and worship, Biblical teaching and prayer.

Campus Fellowship of the Holy Spirit is an ecumenical Christian group similarly dedicated to building up faith and friendship through weekly meetings, small groups and parties. The Knights of **Columbus** is a Catholic men's organization focused on service to the community and loyalty to the Church. At Notre Dame, they are dedicated to the principles of the nationwide Order through many activities, the most notable being their Steak Sales, which raise \$40,000 annually for charity.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) is an organization open to all Christian traditions that focuses on fellowship, faith-sharing and Christian living. They hold weekly Bible study meetings, church visits, retreats, shared meals and other activities.

For Muslim students seeking fellowship, support and prayer opportunities, the Notre Dame United Muslim Association (NDUMA) helps them to continue on their faith journey.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart also has a number of ministries open to new members. Their choirs include the Folk Choir, the Liturgical Choir and the Women's Liturgical Choir. If you would like to be in a choir but sing like Scuttle from The Little Mermaid, you can join the Handbell Choir. Also, the Basilica is always looking for new readers, Eucharistic ministers, and acolytes (altar servers), so if you are interested, keep an eye open for announcements about training.

LEADERSHIP/ PROGRAMMING

Addicted to student government? You can continue to get your fix in college.

Notre Dame's Student Union consists of several groups. The Office of the President is a group that represents the student body to the university administration, and also provides direct services to students.

The Student Senate, consisting of one senator from each dorm, also serves as a voice for students. The Judicial Council provides peer advocates to students facing disciplinary hearings.

The Student Union Board (SUB) plans campus-wide events, including movies and concerts. Each class has a council that also plans events. Freshmen can get involved in student government by running for their class council in the fall, joining the staffs of the Office of the President, SUB or one of the Senate's policy committees.

FlipSide is a student-run group whose purpose is to program weekly events on Fridays and Saturdays that do not involve alcohol, such as dances, bowling, ice-skating, mini-golf and trips to Chicago. The events are open to all students and hope to provide alternatives to drinking on campus.



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Did anyone call 411? Artificial advice for superficial problems

Dear Diotima,

I feel ready to separate from my family and my many high school friends, but I cannot fathom how I will be able to fully flourish without the companionship of my Persian cat Maxi. Maxi and I have been best buds ever since I was five years old and rescued her limp body from the rain gutter behind the Osco and nursed her back to health. When I come home from school Maxi perks me up with her smiling cat face. She sits on my lap while I do homework, and even curls up next to my face while I sleep so that I won't have bad dreams. My home is over an hour and a half away in Gary, IN. Diotima, how can I keep a connection to thirteenyear-old Maxi when I live on the Notre Dame campus?

> Mari Misser - Maxi Misser

Dear Maxi Misser,

Every incoming freshman faces some sort of separation anxiety. Many have a hard time saying goodbye to a high school sweetheart, a favorite grandmother or, perhaps, a tender sibling. You are not unique simply because your attachment is to an elderly cat. I suggest that you find unique ways to spend quality time with Maxi before you leave, in case she dies while you are away at school. Take her on walks around the block or invite her to join you in the shower. You might even want to braid her fur and take a lock or two with you to school. When you move into your dorm, you can create a small altar near your desk with cat fur, several pictures, and a favorite toy or two. Wear a large button of Maxi's profile on your shirt during "Frosh O" with the friendly instruction, "Ask me about Maxi." Within a few days, conversation about Maxi and a newfound affection for the local squirrels will surely to melt your sorrow away.

Dear Diotima,

I have lived in Ness City, Kansas for my whole life. The last time I left was when I was seven and drove with my family a few hours to my Great Aunt Javjay's funeral in Wichita. Last week. I found out from the Office of Residence Life and Housing that my new roommate is from New York City. I have learned a lot about what they call "The City" from watching

the boob tube. I know that city-dwellers are real sophisticated, order takeout in the middle of the night, and some are in gangs. As a country mouse from Ness City, how do you suggest I broaden my horizons so that I can converse comfortably with my new roomie Andrew, while establishing boundaries to protect my small town purity?

<u>CONFUSED</u>

– Confused in Kansas

Dear Confused in Kansas,

To begin, I would like to make a sweeping generalization: College is a time of corruption, and few graduate unscathed by sin. That said, this summer is a fantastic time to become more cosmopolitan while fortifying your innocence. Buy New York City guidebooks from your local independently owned bookstore. Learn about the multi-cultural population, delis and Central Park. Watch a few of the milder episodes of "Sex and



the City," and then go immediately to confession. Once you arrive on campus, place, in a prominent location in your dorm, a large statue of Dominic Savio, the patron saint of juvenile delinquents. Refer to St. Savio as your "third roommate." When Andrew swears, does not observe his Sunday obligation, or wanders in drunk and sweaty, sternly rebuke him, point to the statue, and say "tisk tisk blasphemer — what do you think Dominic, our third roommate, would have to say about your behavior?." To induce further psychological disturbance, whenever he enters the room, mumble, "get behind me Satan," under your breath. If Andrew does not react positively to your corrective instruction, feel justified in lighting prayer candles near his books, bed, or other flammable possessions.

Dear Diotima was written by Meghan Gowan. This is the first and last time the column has appeared in print. It is intended to induce a small amount of laughter to calm the common case of incoming freshman anxiety.

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Willingham Turns ND Football Around

he hiring of Tyrone Willingham as head coach brought hopes of a "Return to Glory" for the Notre Dame football program. And he delivered just that. A 10-3 finish and ten weeks in the Top Ten did much to return the golden luster to the helmets that the team so proudly wears.

With wins over Maryland and Purdue, the 2-0 Irish then hosted the tenth-ranked Michigan Wolverines. The game was characterized by sloppy play from both squads, as each team committed four turnovers. Notre Dame, however, got the upper hand when freshman defensive end Jason Tuck was held by a Michigan lineman in the Wolverines endzone. The penalty resulted in a safety being awarded to Notre Dame, which turned out to be enough for a 2-point winning margin, 25-23. Senior cornerback Shane Walton intercepted a pass on Michigan's last minute drive to send the student section rushing from the stands down to the field in celebration.

The Michigan State game the following week proved to be even more heart-stopping than the Michigan game. With sophomore quarterback Carlyle Holiday out with a

separated shoulder, it appeared certain that Michigan State would defeat Notre Dame for an unprecedented sixth straight season. But with 1:15 remaining, backup sophomore quarterback Pat Dillingham found senior flanker Arnaz Battle on a seemingly harmless short route over the middle. Battle, however, broke free and scampered 60 yards downfield for the game-winning touchdown, 21-17.

On the last Saturday of October, the Irish (7-0) faced their biggest challenge of the season thus far and completely outmatched the 2002 ACC Champion Florida State Seminoles. The Irish scored a touchdown on their very first play from scrimmage and never looked back, winning 34-24 to move to the No. 4 spot in the country.

The following week against Boston College, however, the National Championship talks died when Notre Dame was humbled, 14-7. Championships are won in November and the Irish peaked in October. An 8-0 start and talks of a National Championship, however, brought back much of the Notre Dame football prestige in Willingham's first season, one not to be forgotten.



MIRACLE MAKER Arnaz Battle takes Dillingham's pass into the end zone for a key victory against Michigan State.

Basketball Makes it to Sweet Sixteen

he men's basketball team had an outstanding season this year. It started off the first week of December with what might have been the most impressive week of college basketball by a single team all season. The Irish first beat thirteenthranked Marquette at home, then traveled to the MCI Center in Washington, D.C. for the BB&T Classic. They beat ninthranked Maryland in the first game of the tournament and followed that victory with a win over second-ranked Texas. This single week of basketball propelled the Irish from the swarms of unranked teams to the tenthranked team in the country, making it the third-biggest single-week jump in the polls

in college basketball history.

Notre Dame continued to play solid basketball and on February 9 it met the Pittsburgh Panthers in a close game. With 32 seconds left Pittsburgh senior Brandon Knight hit his only shot of the game, a threepointer to put the Panthers up by a point. It was clutch time for the Irish. With seconds remaining in regulation Thomas passed off to freshman Torin Francis, who was cutting down the lane. Francis hit a lay-up with 0.6 seconds to win the game 66-64. Moments later the entire student section was on the court congratulating its team on a well deserved victory.

The Irish carried this success into the

big dance where they earned a No. 5 seed in the West Region. In the opening round game, Thomas got a small piece of a lay-up attempted by a University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee player that would have ended the season for the Irish. Then in the second round the Irish stepped up their defensive intensity and marched past No. 4-seeded Illinois, 68-60. This gave Notre Dame its first Sweet Sixteen appearance since 1987. Unfortunately that is as far as the Irish would go this year, as they lost to the Arizona Wildcats in the Sweet Sixteen, but this year's men's basketball season still remains one of the most memorable in recent history.

Track Record Smashed

n February 8, 2003 Notre Dame senior Luke Watson was the star of one of the most incredible mile races in NCAA history. On that day the Loftus Center on the Notre Dame campus was the site of the Meyo Invitational track meet. The mile race had been shaping up to be a good one, but nobody would have ever guessed that it would be this good. The pace was lightning fast from the gun and didn't slow down for just less than four minutes later.

Watson won the race with a time of 3: 57:83, the fastest mile time in the entire world this year at that point in the year and a new Notre Dame record. Not only did Watson finish in less than four minutes, but so did four other competitors. All four of the other racers finished faster than anyone in the world had, but not faster than Watson. \Box



ELEMENTARY Watson smashes the record.

Fencing: Nat'l Champs

fter finishing either second or third in the nation for every year since 1995, the Notre Dame co-ed fencing team finally was able to defeat Penn State to claim the program's sixth NCAA Championship, their first since 1994. Notre Dame entered the championship with the topranked men's team and the third-ranked women's team. After Saturday's events, the Irish were in the lead, but the top four teams, including St. John's, Ohio State and Penn State, were separated by only four points.

The men's round-robin matches on Sunday morning increased the Irish lead to four points over SJU, six over PSU and ten over OSU. Sophomore Michal Sobieraj finished first in the men's epee and senior Ozren Debic finished fourth in the men's foil. In the women's roundrobin bouts, sophomores Andrea Ament and Alicja Kryczalo finished third and fourth in the foil, respectively, to help lead the Irish to a 182-179 victory over defending champion Penn State.

Cross-Country Finishes Third

he third-place finish for the women's cross country team is the highest in the program's fifteen-year history. Freshman Molly Huddle ran to a sixth-place finish, just 12 seconds off the winning pace, and earned All-American honors. Sophomore Lauren King placed 19th and also earned All-American honors.

Head coach Tim Connelly is pleased

about his team's performance and notes that with such a young squad, "The future is very exciting. We had only one senior in our top five today. The future looks great." Senior Jennifer Handley finished 52nd while freshmen Loryn King and Stephanie Madia finished 56th and 58th, respectively, to round out the top five finishers.

Baseball in World Series

railing 3-2 in the bottom of the ninth inning, the Irish were on the verge of elimination from their second appearance in the College World Series. But a one-out triple by Steve Stanley started an unforgettable rally for Notre Dame. With Stanley on base, Steve Sollman then singled up the middle to drive in one run and tie the game at three. Brian Stavisky then belted a 1-2 pitch over the right field wall to win the game, 5-3. "I knew I hit it hard," Stavisky said. "When it went up into the stands it was the best feeling I've ever had on a baseball field." For the first time ever, the Irish reached the 50-win mark and still remained alive in the College World Series.

Women's B-ball Excels

The Notre Dame women did not have their best regular season in recent years, but they made up for it when tournament time rolled around. The Irish earned only an eleven seed and were underdogs from the get-go. They faced sixth-seeded Arizona in the first round and outlasted them 59-47. This set the Irish up for a second round battle against third-ranked Kansas State. The Irish again defied the odds, beating KSU in its own arena, 59-53, to advance to the Sweet Sixteen.

Women's Tennis Wins Big East Championship

And So On ...

Softball Wins Second Straight Big East Championship

Women's Golf Wins Inaugural Big East Championship

Is there anything to do around here?

KARAZUARO AND RYANGREENE

elcome to South Bend, the city that sleeps. A lot. If you're looking for a lively, exciting town to paint red, don't hold your breath. But while the surrounding area is hardly a wealth of entertaining possibilities, campus life can more than make up for any such shortcomings. Here's a handy guide of what to do on those otherwise dull weekends.

SCREEN AND STAGE

NDcinema

You can catch the cream of Hollywood, independent and international films in the Hesburgh Library auditorium every Thursday night. Recent films have included *Apocalypse Now: Redux, Best in Show* and *Bowling For Columbine*, and each feature is preceded by a short student film. Formerly known as Cinema at the Snite, this new project is sponsored by the Department of Film, Television and Theatre. Admission is free.

SUB Movies

The Student Union Board shows 3dollar movies every Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. While it also shows older, second-run films, it tends to focus on larger Hollywood hits, like Spider-Man, Sweet Home Alabama and Jackass.

Student Film Festival

Every January, the films made by Notre Dame's film-production stu-



OFF BROADWAY Notre Dame offers a variety of live theater, including Mainstage productions at Washington Hall. Here, Tom Connor plays Callimaco in a performance of Niccolo Machiavelli's *The Mandrake*.

dents are showcased for three nights at the Snite, courtesy of NDcinema. Consider this your chance to check out the films before they hit the indie film-festival circuit. This must-see event promises controversy, art and even a few laughs.

• Theatre

From classical tragedy to lowbrow comedy, Notre Dame's got it all. Washington Hall hosts many performances during the year, including recent works by Mainstage productions (run directly by the Dept of Film, Television and Theatre), including Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. Next year they will present Moliére's *Tartuffe* and Tennessee William's *The Glass Menagerie*. Notre Dame also hosts a variety of other shows via student-run groups including The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company, Student Players and St. Edward's Hall Players.

LIVE MUSIC AND MEDIA

AcoustiCafé

Every Thursday night at LaFortune Student Center, the Student Union Board hosts an open-mic night for student solo musicians and campus bands. Whether you've got a hankering for some John Mayer and Norah Jones covers or you just want to check out the original music produced by campus talent, this event is free for everyone. If you're interested in performing yourself, SUB has open signups each week.

• An Tostal

Yet another SUB-sponsored event, An Tostal is Gaelic for "The Festival." In years past, this springtime celebration has involved all kinds of events to help blow off school stress before the onslaught of finals. Favorite aspects of An Tostal include blow-up Sumo-wrestling suits, velcro walls and those bouncy things that you used to jump on at carnivals as a



ROCKIN' THE DOME Live music is available on campus in many forms, from nationally-recognized acts like Everclear (left) to campus bands such as those featured at Nazz, a music competition held every spring.

kid. Live music is also featured.

Concerts

Not a heck of a lot of bands pass through South Bend, but you can count on Notre Dame to line up a show on campus every now and then. Recent performers have included Everclear, Guster, Glave, G. Love & The Special Sauce, and Better Than Ezra. Great bands should continue to invade campus on August 30 with the year's kickoff event, Student Activities' "The Show." Also keep your eye out for concerts at the JACC, courtesy of local radio stations. Past years' offering have included John Mellencamp, Toby Keith and U2.

• Collegiate Jazz Festival

This competition between college jazz bands from all over the country draws a lot of attention from jazz enthusiasts nationwide, including Branford Marsalis, who made an appearance at the festival a few years back.

• NAŻZ

No one seems quite sure what the name means or where it came from, but this SUBsponsored battle of the Bands takes place on campus every spring. The contest features both solo guitarist and group competitions. Crowd appeal is among the judging criteria, so fans and friends flock to the event to support their favorite talents.

• WVFI

The Voice of the Fighting Irish, WVFI, can be accessed from the Internet at wvfi.nd.edu. The student-run radio station features a wide range of music, from indie to oldies to mainstream.

• WSND

Coming to you straight from the radio tower in O'Shaughnessy Hall, WSND, at 88.9 FM, plays classical music by day and varied student programming by night. • NDTV

The newest addition to student-run media, Notre Dame Television runs a 30-minute, bi-weekly news-magazine program, highlighting campus news, sports, entertainment events, and more. Catch it every other Thursday on AT&T local access cable channel 3.

ARTS AND LITERATURE

Sophomore Literary Festival

For one week each February, a committee of sophomores hosts nightly readings from notable writers, with one night set aside for student writers to read their own work. Going into its 37th year, it has featured such legendary writers as Kurt Vonnegut, Ralph Ellison, Arthur Miller, Joyce Carol Oates, Tennessee Williams, John Irving and Tom Clancy.

• The Visiting Writers Series

The Creative Writing Program, a graduate program at Notre Dame, also hosts a number of writers throughout the year. These readings don't tend to get a great deal of press, so look around the hallways of O'Shaughnessy for posters, or check out the English department's calendar of events at www.nd.edu/~english/ calendar.html.

Snite Museum

The Snite is open Tuesday through Sunday, and admission is free. It tends to be one of Notre Dame's less-traveled treasures, though many students and professors attend the opening of the spring exhibit where the MFA and BFA students showcase their work.

If all entertainment options fail, you're going to have do it yourself. Though this list may seem extensive, it's almost guaranteed that you're going to hit a few gray and dismal Saturday evenings here in South Bend. But you'll soon find out that Notre Dame isn't so much about the things you do as it is about the people you meet. When your calendar is empty and the snow is piled up outside, there's nothing like an impromptu dorm-room luau or something as simple as hot chocolate and videos with your new friends. Freshman year can be the best of times and the worst of times, but a little creativity can go a long way. It can save a lot of money, too.

Of course if all else fails and you find yourself spending your Friday nights staring at the wall, you can always apply for a job at *Scholastic*.

Welcome Home

t is an honor to be among the first to welcome you to the University of Notre Dame. On behalf of all of us who serve here, we look forward to your arrival and hope that you will soon feel comfortable calling this place home.

I am blessed to have experienced life at this University from a variety of vantage points - as a resident assistant, assistant rector and rector; as a graduate student and as a faculty member in the Theology Department; as a seminarian and as a priest; and in various administrative roles, including my current responsibilities as Vice President for Student Affairs. One of the few experiences I haven't had here is the one on which you are about to embark: that of a firstyear student at Notre Dame. That said, I have lived in undergraduate residence halls for most of the last twenty-five years, and I'm presently a proud resident of section 4A in Keough Hall. I hope you'll indulge me a bit as I offer a few nuggets of wisdom, such as they are, that I've picked up along the way.

As a student, approximately twenty hours of your day will be spent outside of class. Without detracting from the many opportunities for intellectual engagement at Notre Dame, you will soon realize that much of your education - and perhaps some of the most important lessons you learn - will happen outside of the classroom. We offer 283 student clubs and organizations. You can take classes in SCUBA

diving, jazz dance and Tae water polo, lacrosse and broomball. You can tutor children, work with homeless adults and teach CCD.

You'll make life-long friends here, Kwon Do. You can play people who will be attendants in your wedding and godparents to your children.

Fr. Mark Poorman is in his fifth year as Vice President of Student Affairs, overseeing offices like Campus Ministry, Student Activities, multicultural and international student affairs, Notre Dame Security Police and the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

While I hope you will take advantage of the myriad opportunities to enrich your life, I have two words for you: Choose wisely. In order to earn a place in Notre Dame's class of 2007, you already have demonstrated that you are among the brightest, the most talented, the most creative and the most capable of impressive accomplishment and high achievement. In joining a community of 10,000 students who share these same qualities, it becomes all too easy to perceive a "normal" day's schedule as one that includes three club meetings, a team practice, a study group gathering, a choir rehearsal and a retreat planning meeting, all before closing the day by writing a philosophy paper which is due early the next morning. Although such an ambitious agenda may result in a lengthy — if not meaty — resume, it is neither a healthy nor pleasant way to spend the next four years. I want to encourage you to

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by Rev. Mark Poorman, C.S.C

concentrate on the quality of your experiences, rather than the quantity. In the end, you will gain far more satisfaction from meaningful involvement in two or three activities than from trying to experience every single opportunity that Notre Dame will offer you.

The university's mission statement says that "residential life endeavors to develop that sense of community that prepares students for subsequent leadership in building a society that is at once more human and more divine." The residential experience is one of the distinctive features at Notre Dame. Ten years after graduation, when you run into a fellow alum, the first question asked will be, "What hall were you in?" You'll make life-long friends here, people who will be attendants in your wedding and godparents to your children. These bonds are built on a foundation of shared worship at hall Masses, of common panic over the first chemistry final, of conversations lasting well into the night about everything from the meaning of life to which SYR gift is most likely to make your date realize that you're the one with whom he or she was meant to be. The relationships forged with a sophomore from California who lives down the hall, with a rector who offers guidance, with a friend who shares your interest in salsa dancing, will shape your experience at Notre Dame. Remain open to the possibility that first impressions are not always best impressions. Expect to meet people who think differently, act differently and pray differently than you might. Take a chance on inviting some of those people out for coffee or to the dining hall.

I'm sure you're receiving all kinds of advice from your counselors, your older siblings and your parents on how to make the most of college. I, too, will offer a few simple pleasures around here that I hope you try before you graduate:

- Play on a Bookstore Basketball team.
- Order Papa John's breadsticks at 2:00 a.m.
- Light a candle and pray at the Grotto.
- Walk around the lakes.
- Ask a faculty member to lunch.
- Scream yourself hoarse at a football game.
- Go on a retreat.
- Check the view from the library's 12th floor.

The next four years will be some of the most memorable of your life. You are about to begin an incredible journey; the options are endless, so choose wisely and favor quality over quantity when it comes to activities and experiences. I invite you to enjoy the rich possibilities that await. Welcome to Notre Dame!

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