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Notre Dame Class of 2009 shines as 'strongest ever'

Incoming freshmen boast high academics, varied involvement

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
News Writer

During a year when everything from the president of the University to the head football coach to the dean of First Year

of Studies has changed, one thing has been constant — Notre Dame freshmen continue to get stronger academically.

The class of 2009, comprised of 2,000 students selected from an applicant pool of 11,316, is as unique and talented as ever before, said director of admissions Dan Saracino.

"It sounds like an old record, but this class is stronger than ever," he said. "In terms of

academics and in terms of broad diversity this class is the strongest ever."

The class comes to Notre Dame in a time of transition, with University President Father John Jenkins having taken office July 1, and new football coach Charlie Weis set to coach his first game Sept. 3. In the First Year of Studies program, theology professor Rev. Hugh Page takes over for

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NOTRE DAME CLASS OF 2009

Enrollment: 2,000
Average SAT: 1379
Average ACT: 31.3

21.9% are ethnic minorities.
22% are children of alumni.

The average student ranked in the top 5.5% of his or her high school graduating class.

Source: Notre Dame admissions

GRAHAM EBETSCH/ObsERVER Graphic

Stores revel in college shopping rush

Target, Meijer, TJ Maxx, other retailers stock up for move-in weekend

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

The Seus women are power shoppers, and South Bend is loving it.

"Gosh, it's all a blur. We did 90 percent of it today," exclaimed Saint Mary's freshman Maureen Seus, referring to her family's pursuit of the perfect dorm room furnishings for her and sister Chrissy, a Saint Mary's sophomore.

The Seus family left their home in southern Oregon and came back to South Bend days early to do their shopping here. They've already hit Super Target, Meijer and TJ Maxx.

While not everyone may subscribe to the Seus' "shop-til-you-drop" plan of attack, the mad rush to snatch up the best dorm room deals in the South Bend area annually as college students return for the school year.

"Second to Christmas, it's pretty much our busiest season," said Renee Stevens, assistant manager of the

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Meredith Thornburgh, left, a first year law student at Notre Dame, shops with her mother at Bed, Bath and Beyond Thursday. Businesses in South Bend are boosted by move-in weekend.

Residence halls fill to capacity

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

In recent years, Office of Residence Life and Housing assistant director Scott Kachmarik has been faced with a dilemma — not enough beds for Notre Dame's annual influx of freshman students, which forces his staff to scramble to utilize every inch of dorm space.

But this year's biggest-yet overflow may carry weightier consequences than squeezing three freshmen into a converted study lounge.

"There is nothing left to 'create'," Kachmarik said. "We are maxed out of every available bed space on campus. This year we have hit our peak."

Additional assistant rectors

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Saint Mary's sees rise in talented freshmen

SAINT MARY'S CLASS OF 2009

The average GPA ranges from 3.36 to 3.97.

The average ACT ranges from 23 to 27.

The average SAT ranges from 1070 to 1220.

Most of the freshman ranked in the top 22% of their high school graduating class or better.

Source: Saint Mary's admissions

GRAHAM EBETSCH/ObsERVER Graphic

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Recovering from a significant drop in enrollment last year, Saint Mary's welcomed an academically strong and geographically diverse first year class of 379 students to campus this weekend.

Members of the Saint Mary's class of 2009 hail from 33 different states. While Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio once again topped the list, there were also impressive numbers of students coming from Pennsylvania and Florida, said Dan Meyer, vice

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New class arrives on campus

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

The last time Jonathon Metallo visited Notre Dame, the high school senior found a cold, grey day in February. But as he checked into Morrissey Hall Wednesday, the sun was out and the freshman was full of enthusiasm for band tryouts and the Notre Dame experience.

"I'm a little nervous but looking forward to it," he said. "I'm ready to start classes and meet people."

While the vast majority of Notre Dame's 2,000 incoming freshmen arrived on campus Friday for Freshmen Orientation, some students began their collegiate careers



JUSTIN RICE/The Observer

Members of Pasquerilla East's orientation committee help move a new freshman into the dorm Thursday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

In good company

What a year to be new to Notre Dame. You've got company unpacking your suitcase and hooking up your laptop — and I'm not just talking about the roommates and dorm-mates who will be chanting and sweating by your side all weekend. This company is on the ornate fourth floor of the Main Building, where new University President Father John Jenkins is settling into his office and his influence. It's on the famed field of Notre Dame Stadium, where new Head Coach Charlie Weis is breaking in his vocal chords and his team.



Claire Heininger

Editor in Chief

Yeah, sure, you say. "I have as much in common with those guys as parietals do with sense." You're partly right. You have something they don't. Breathing room. As the new president and new coach embark on their first year, they'll have dozens of trustees, thousands of alumni and countless more fight song-breathing Notre Dame enthusiasts looking over their celebrated shoulders and shining a spotlight of scrutiny on their actions, words and intentions. You, on the other hand, are free to make your share of inconspicuous — and glorious — mistakes. If they mess up, they're whisked unceremoniously out of their honeymoon period. If you mess up, you've got a great story. I'm not saying there's no pressure. You're part of the smartest class in University history, and I bet most of you didn't come to Notre Dame expecting to throw those achievements away. But you'll never be brand new again, and a few harmless rookie mistakes couldn't hurt. So get lost on the way to DeBartolo. Twice. Splurge consistently at LaFortune, and watch your waistline expand and your Flex Points dwindle. Pronounce LaFortune "Law For Toon," while you're at it. Get caught sleeping in class. Take embarrassing pictures. Throw a cramped dorm party, or 20, and always run out of beer. That's what freshman year is for. Even at perfection-obsessed Notre Dame — especially at perfection-obsessed Notre Dame — that's what freshman year is for. Take it from a classic Domer perfectionist who would never live her freshman year again but wouldn't change a thing — you'll learn infinitely more from one year of college mistakes than from four years of high school striving. You're not perfect, and this year won't be, either. Embrace it. Father Jenkins could raise tuition, and he'd have students groaning. Charlie Weis could punt on fourth-and-short, and he'd have fans booing. But you could spill your tray in the dining hall, and leave your friends laughing. Unlike your counterparts getting comfortable under the Dome and in the house that Rockne built, you can get away with being new in town. So mangle the football cheers beyond recognition. Procrastinate for days. Run out of spending money by Thanksgiving. You'll never again get to enjoy the best part of being new — being so wrong, and so right.

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



Colleen Loris
sophomore Cavanaugh

"Beware of quarter dogs."



Fritz Shadley
sophomore Siegfried

"Don't be a facebook stalker."



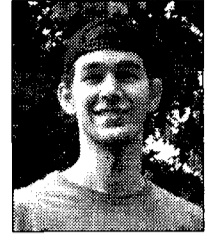
Emily Kennedy
sophomore Howard

"Become friends with at least one duck."



Catherine Pinnaro
sophomore Pasquerilla East

"Don't break parietals your first night here."



Nick Chambers
sophomore Alumni

"Don't know a girl's name? Nod and smile."



Erin Greenberg
sophomore Welsh Family

"Don't take too much advice."

ORIENTATION WEEKEND

<p>NOTRE DAME ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES</p> <p>SATURDAY, AUGUST 20</p> <p>1:00 PM- OFFICIAL ORIENTATION JOYCE CENTER</p> <p>3:15 PM- PARENT ORIENTATION JOYCE CENTER</p> <p>8:00 PM- MEETINGS IN HALLS WITH RECTORS AND HALL STAFF</p> <p>SUNDAY, AUGUST 21</p> <p>10:00 AM- EUCHARISTIC LITURGY JOYCE CENTER</p> <p>11:30 AM- BOX LUNCH JOYCE CENTER</p> <p>12:00 PM- THE SPIRIT OF NOTRE DAME JOYCE CENTER</p>	<p>SAINT MARY'S ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES</p> <p>SATURDAY, AUGUST 20</p> <p>12:00 PM- ORIENTATION PICNIC LIBRARY GREEN</p> <p>2:30 PM- OPEN HOUSE NOBLE FAMILY DINING HALL</p> <p>4:30 PM- ORIENTATION MASS ANGELA ATHLETIC FACILITY</p> <p>SUNDAY, AUGUST 21</p> <p>10:45 AM- FAREWELL BRUNCH NOBLE FAMILY DINING HALL</p>
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Source: University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College. GRAHAM EBETSCH/Observer Graphic

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
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ROTC branches greet freshmen with drills, training

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

While most Notre Dame and Saint Mary's freshmen were greeted Friday by exuberant Frosh-O squads spouting dorm cheers, 66 students began their orientation earlier in the week with commands from their Officers in Charge.

From physical training (PT) exercises to pizza parties, marching drills to movie nights, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) orientation provided freshmen with both a foundation of military knowledge and an opportunity to bond with some of their fellow ROTC students before school begins.

Students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross, Indiana University South Bend, Valparaiso University and Bethel College converged on the Notre Dame campus, which is home to three branches of ROTC. The Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC branches each held their own freshman orientation, complete with different rules and varying activities. Navy students arrived Friday, while Army and Air Force students arrived Monday.

Though times and tones varied between the branches, all ROTC freshmen engaged in physical training and learned about military rules and customs. Many activities were led by ROTC upperclassmen who had undergone similar orientations in years past.

"I thought it was a challenging week as a freshman, and so it's interesting to be on the other side," said Dyan Guthrie, a sophomore in Navy ROTC. "While the freshmen might feel as if the world is coming to an end this week, as staff we know that everything serves for the purpose of making them strong leaders and good naval officers."

Courtney Collins, a new member of the Army ROTC, said that the orientation

served as a warm welcome to school. She was less than thrilled, however, with the timing of some orientation events.

"The last two days have been the longest days of my life," she said Tuesday. "We wake up at 5:15 a.m. for 5:30 a.m. PT."

That intensity is deliberate, said Lt. Theresa Brown, who runs the Army's ROTC freshman orientation.

"It's basically a crash course on what we do in the army," Brown said. "They learn the basic skills needed to be a soldier. They take the APFT [Army Physical Fitness Test], and if they pass, they are given a scholarship."

Brown also emphasized the social bonding that occurs during orientation.

"It's what finally brings classes together," she said. "These are people from around the country who will go on past college [in the armed forces]. It's a chance to get 23 friends right away, friends who will become your family away from home."

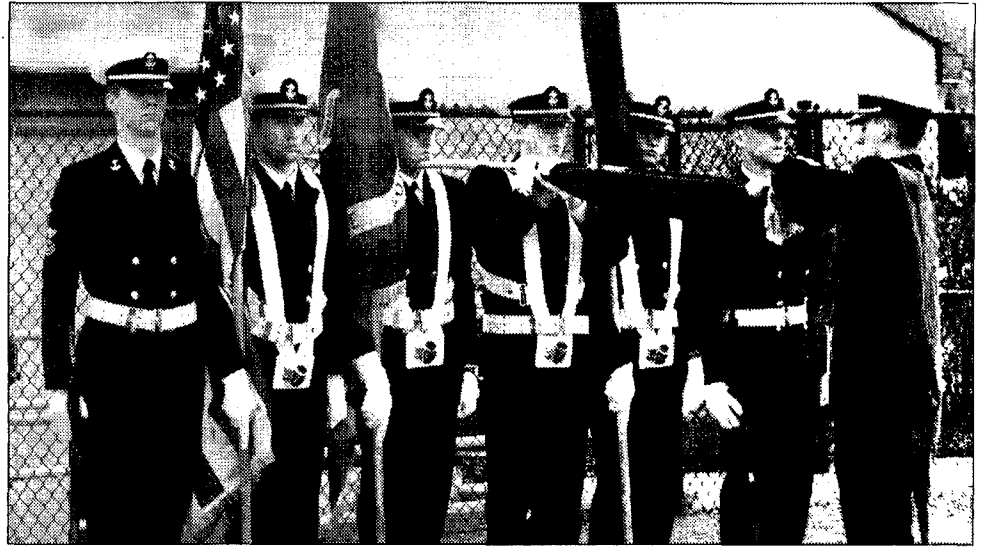
The Navy ROTC has 25 male and five female freshmen midshipmen. Air Force ROTC welcomed 10 male and five female freshman cadets to its corps. Army ROTC now includes 12 male and nine female freshman cadets.

"So far [orientation] has been lots of fun," said Brittany Shelton of Air Force ROTC. "This is a good way to transition into the school year and the ROTC program."

Orientation was a time for the ROTC upperclassmen to familiarize the freshmen with rules and drills, but it also provided the new students with a chance to make friends for the coming years.

"This is the time for them to bond and get to know each other," Air Force cadet Jen Sayers said.

Before students are able to begin the ROTC program at Notre Dame, they go through a detailed process to gain accept-



Observer File Photo

ROTC cadets stand at attention at a baseball game last March. Freshmen in the program participated in intense training this week.

ance. Each branch of ROTC then uses its own system to award student scholarships.

For the 2004-05 school year, 20 to 25 percent of the 120 Air Force ROTC cadets were on full-tuition scholarship, according to a Feb. 23 article in The Observer. The scholarships are awarded based on high school records and academic standing. Another quarter of Air Force ROTC students are given an 80 percent scholarship, and the remaining 50 percent receive half tuition scholarships, said Colonel Mike Zenk, department chair of aerospace studies.

Naval ROTC does not award partial scholarships — students are either on scholarship or they are not. These scholarships cover tuition, mandatory fees, a monthly stipend and \$600 a year for books. There are currently five cadets in naval ROTC participating without a schol-

arship.

Army ROTC is unique in that all students in the program receive full scholarships to match the yearly tuition, even with yearly tuition increases, said Major Gary Masapollo, battalion executive officer of the Army ROTC program at Notre Dame, in the Feb. 23 article.

While Notre Dame students are given full tuition, scholarships for women participating in Army ROTC from Saint Mary's are capped at \$20,000, Masapollo said.

Kelsey Larson, a freshman Army cadet, praised the orientation experience.

"It involves great ways to meet new people, like when we get off from doing the ropes course," she said. "We get to meet our classmates before classes start."

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Summer reading not a requirement for ND Class of 2009

First Year of Studies breaks two-year pattern, instead encourages freshmen students to attend September inauguration

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Though Notre Dame's incoming freshmen have plenty to do to prepare for college life, they have one less thing to worry about now that summer reading material is no longer required.

For the past two years, the First Year of Studies department has required soon-to-be Domers to read a specified book in preparation for an academic convocation in the fall. The assigned literature was also integrated into the curriculum of many First Year Composition classes.

But this year, the September inauguration of new University President Father John Jenkins is slated to include a forum similar in style to past freshmen academic convocations, so the reading requirement was waived.

The event, which will be hosted by former NBC Nightly News anchor Tom Brokaw, will also include "intriguing guests from several countries and various religious backgrounds," said Kevin Rooney, associate dean of FYS.

"We decided not to run a similar [academic convocation] this fall," Rooney said. "Instead, we will be helping to build interest in this exceptional event."

A First Year Studies letter mailed this summer recommended incoming freshmen to read selected writings from some of the guests of Father Jenkins' inauguration posted online, Burdin said.

Last year, every member of the class of 2008 received a summer mailing contain-

ing "The Vanishing Voter: Public Involvement in an Age of Uncertainty" by Thomas E. Patterson. Students were asked to read the book as well as partake in online message board discussions about related concepts and ideas prior to arriving on campus in August.

In September, FYS invited the Class of 2008 to attend a convocation at the Joyce Center. "Election 2004: A Watershed?" was designed to give students a venue to speak with Patterson about the upcoming presidential and congressional elections.

Contrary to the University's wishes, some freshmen did not read the book, let alone attend the consequent event. An estimated two-thirds of the crowd that did attend "Election 2004: A Watershed?" left the convocation early during the question-and-answer session, according to a Sept. 3, 2004 article in The Observer.

Sophomore Pat Tennant chose to read "The Vanishing Voter" before coming to Notre Dame "mostly because it was required and also because it was nice having something to read during [summer] work."

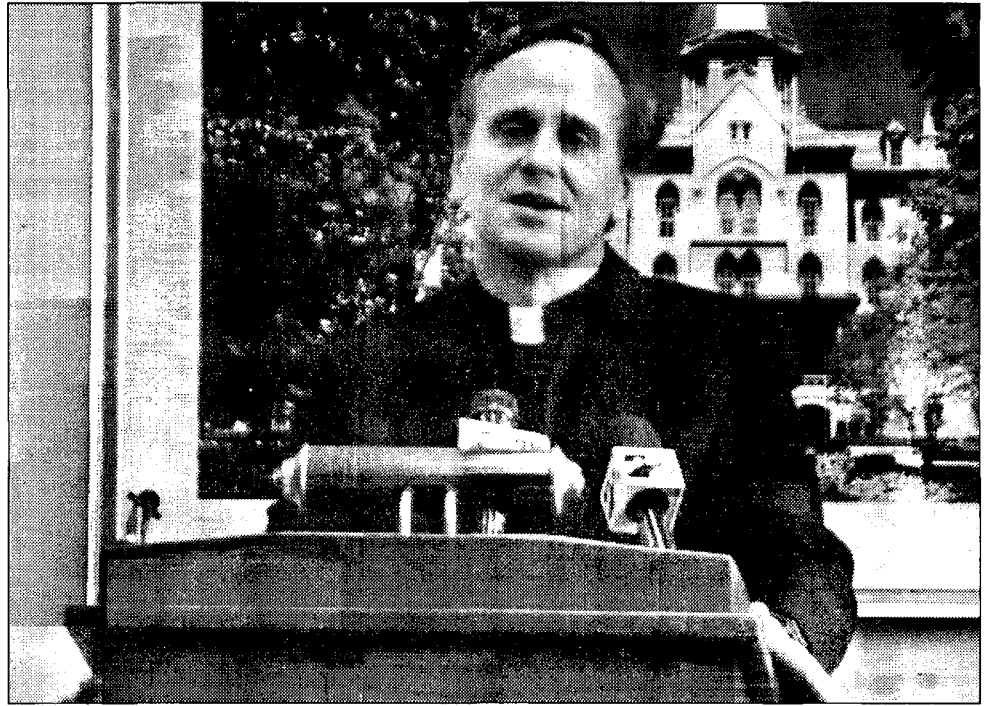
"I don't know if it was a worthwhile experience," Tennant said. "There were some ideas I found interesting, but I can't say it influenced me in any particular way."

Other students, like sophomore Kate Dugan, read parts of the book but were turned off by its subject matter.

"I started to read the book, but I am not that interested in politics so I just read enough to get the general idea," said Dugan, who did not attend the convocation and estimated that only half of last year's

"We will be helping to build interest in this exceptional event."

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associate dean
First Year of Studies



Observer File Photo

University President Father John Jenkins speaks at a press conference following the announcement of his nomination in April 2004. His September inauguration will feature a format similar to past academic convocations held for first year students.

freshmen class read some portion of "The Vanishing Voter."

"Very few of my friends actually completed the book," Tennant said.

Incoming Notre Dame freshman Taylor Burdin was not aware that summer reading had been required in the past, as he received no instructions this year.

"The only people that I know of who [received notice about summer reading] were those students in the Honors Program," Burdin said.

Students invited to the Honors Program have always received a summer reading list from the University, Rooney said.

Future summer reading assignments and convocations hinge on the outcome of this year's events.

"We will evaluate the success of [this year] and then think about the best way to provide an interesting intellectual experience for next September," Rooney said.

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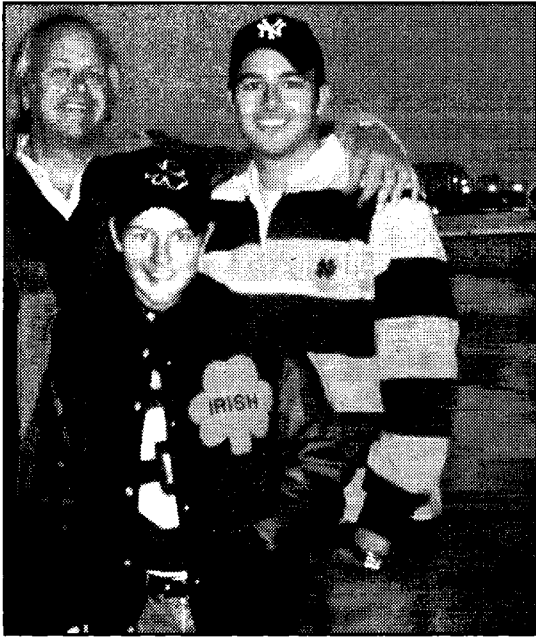
Basement of South Dining Hall

Food will be served.

Muslim professor's visa revoked. Ebersol, dad hurt in plane crash, brother dies. Provost leaves for Wake Forest.

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By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
News Writer

Tariq Ramadan's visa revoked

Tariq Ramadan, a prominent but controversial Muslim scholar scheduled to teach at the University last fall, had his visa revoked by the State Department July 28 and as a result did not come to Notre Dame.

Ramadan was hired last spring to raise the profile and diversify the curriculum of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and was initially granted a visa after passing a thorough investigation by both the Department of Homeland Security and the State Department.

Dean Boyd, Homeland Security spokesman, did not comment on the specifics of the decision made about Ramadan, a Swiss citizen, and University spokesman Matt Storin said he did not know why Ramadan was not allowed in the country.

Ramadan had been accused by Jewish groups in France and the United States of spreading anti-Semitic and Islamic militant ideas. Kroc director Scott Appleby said it seemed as though the visa revocation was a last-second political move by Ramadan's opponents.

Then-University President Father Edward Malloy expressed frustration about the situation. Notre Dame was not given a reason for the denial of the visa, and Malloy said Ramadan was not informed either. However, a senior government official was anonymously quoted in The New York Times, saying that the recommendation to revoke the visa was not based on Ramadan's beliefs, but on "his actions." Storin said he did not know what actions the official was referring to.

The scholar reapplied for a work visa to teach at Notre Dame after he was encouraged by the University to do so, but resigned from the faculty Dec. 13 with no word from the State Department with regards to his visa.

SafeBus plan does not come to fruition

Despite student government's efforts, SafeBus, a key component of then-student body president Adam Istvan and vice president Karla Bell's administrative plans, did not materialize.

The proposal was that a University-sponsored bus, SafeBus, would shuttle students to and from off-campus locations. Initially, the proposal called for the bus to run from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. on 30-minute intervals and make approximately 10 stops on campus and at various bars and apartment complexes.

Istvan and Bell took this proposal to the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees, where it was met with harsh criticism. The Board questioned the timing, feasibility and logistics of the SafeBus plan, saying that Istvan and Bell should not have broached the topic with trustees before pursuing the plan through usual student government and University channels.

Trustees also said the proposal sounded too much like other van systems that failed in the past at Notre Dame. They cited concerns of student behavior on the buses as well as the question of who would staff them, saying that the University and Notre Dame Security/Police could not tolerate underage drinking.

After the Board of Trustees meeting, Istvan and Bell took the Board's suggestion to pursue a contract with a private bus company, contacting Transpo, which currently provides bus service to students. However, this never materialized, and SafeBus fell by the wayside, mostly due to liability issues.

Ebersol family involved in plane crash

Notre Dame senior Charlie Ebersol survived a November charter plane crash that killed his youngest brother Teddy, 14, and two crewmen and injured his father, NBC Sports Chairman Dick Ebersol.

The crash happened during takeoff in Montrose, Colo., as the Ebersols were returning to South Bend Nov. 28 after a gathering at the Notre Dame football game that Saturday against the University of Southern California, where son Willie Ebersol, 18, is a freshman. The family had stopped in Colorado to drop off Dick Ebersol's wife, actress Susan Saint James of the 1980s television series "Kate and Allie."

The private jet, carrying six people, crashed during takeoff from Montrose Regional airport, which is located approximately 185 miles southwest of Denver and serves the Telluride Ski Area.

The plane skidded sideways after impact, ripping off the cockpit and one of the wings, an eyewitness told the Associated Press.

Teddy Ebersol was ejected from the plane and died instantly, Montrose County Coroner Mark Young told the Montrose Daily Press, and Dick Ebersol was pulled out of the wreckage by Charlie Ebersol.

Teddy Ebersol's body was found the Monday after the crash underneath the wreckage following an extensive search of the wooded crash site, Young said.

Charlie Ebersol, 21, played a vocal role in Notre Dame student government, twice running for student body president and losing by narrow margins in 2003 and 2004. During the 2003-04 term, he served as manager of the Student Union Board and was a member of the Council of Representatives.

Dick Ebersol, 57, became president of NBC Sports in 1989, and most recently worked with Notre Dame football to nationally televise home games on NBC. In December 2003, he, athletic director Kevin White and Malloy worked to a sign a contract extension through 2010.

Notre Dame makes controversial football coaching change

For the first time ever, Notre Dame fired its football coach before his original contract expired, ousting Tyrone Willingham after three seasons at the

helm of the Irish Nov. 30.

Willingham, the first black head coach in any sport at Notre Dame, was fired by Notre Dame's senior leadership after a 21-15 career record.

The firing of Willingham sparked much debate on campus, including a protest by approximately 30-40 ethnic minority students on the steps of the Main Building. They carried posters reading "\$ cost ND its integrity," "Never before, never again" and "We want Ty back."

Chandra Johnson, assistant to Malloy, shaved her head to protest the firing, saying she would remain bald until the Irish win a national championship. She said the firing process was flawed and that as a result, diversity at the University will suffer. T-shirts critical of Notre Dame and in support of Willingham were also distributed.

Malloy said he was embarrassed to be the president of Notre Dame after Willingham was fired, saying that he did not make the decision to terminate the coach. Malloy and then-University President-elect Father John Jenkins had a policy in place which dictated that decisions that affected Notre Dame post-July 1 (Jenkins' takeover date) would fall to Jenkins.

New England Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weis was hired Dec. 12 to replace Willingham after a widely publicized coaching search. Weis, a 1978 graduate of the University, balanced both jobs until after the Super Bowl, which the Patriots won.

After Weis was hired, Malloy said the new coach had his full support.

Hatch to take over at Wake Forest

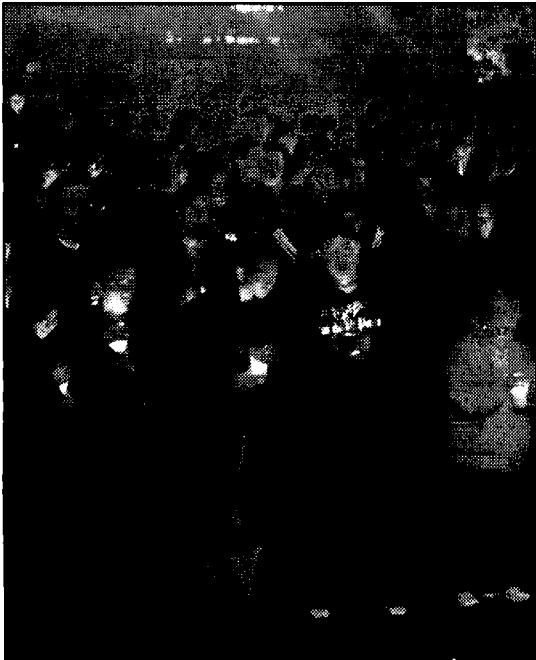
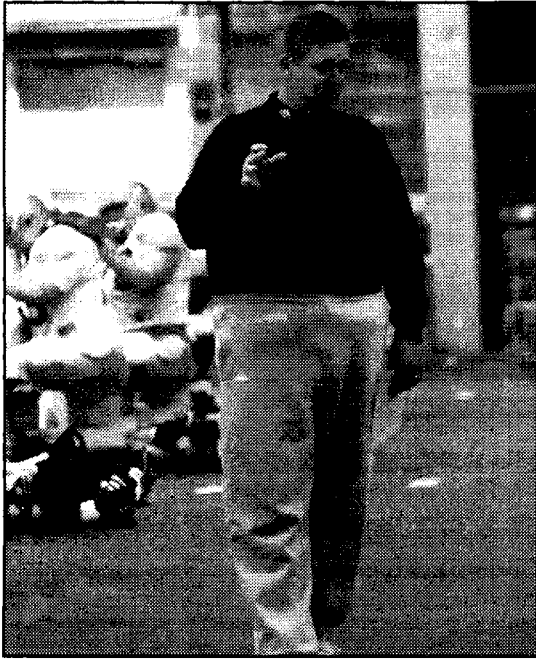
University Provost Nathan Hatch, the second-ranking officer in the Notre Dame administration, said in January he would leave the University July 1 to become the president of Wake Forest University.

Hatch, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1975, has overseen Notre Dame's academic affairs as provost since 1996. He replaces Thomas Hearn, Jr., who announced his retirement from Wake Forest last April after serving as president since 1983.

Hatch cited the fact that Wake Forest has a similar environment to Notre Dame as one of the factors that attracted him there. The University, located in Winston-Salem, N.C., has an enrollment of 6,500 students, smaller than Notre Dame, but has religious roots, as it was founded as a Baptist institution but became independent in the 1980s.

Hatch served as the associate dean of the College of Arts and Letters from 1983-88 and the acting dean in 1988-89. He was also elected as the University's vice president for graduate studies and research in 1989 before he became provost.

Jenkins named Thomas G. Burish, president of Washington and Lee University, the new provost on July 21. Burish, a Notre Dame alumnus, was also



Summer 2004 - Notre Dame decides not to renew the athletic department's \$50,000 yearly sponsorship agreement with Taco Bell because of concerns raised by the Progressive Student Alliance.



August 2004 - For the second straight year, Notre Dame tops the Princeton Review's "Alternative Lifestyles Not An Alternative" category.

August 2004 - Due to rising numbers of both seniors staying on campus and accepted female freshman, most women's dorms faced an overcrowding crisis this year. Subsequently, the Office of Residence Life was forced to convert every available study lounge into a livable space and raise many double occupancy rooms to triples.

Sept. 30, 2004 - First Year of Studies Dean Eileen Kolman announces she will retire in June after her third five-year contract expires.

Oct. 7, 2004 - The Board of Trustees harshly questions the timing, feasibility and logistics of student government's Notre Dame SafeBus proposal. The idea was one of the major platforms of the leadership of student body president Adam Istvan and vice president Karla Bell.

Nov. 27, 2004 - Notre Dame's football team is defeated by USC 48-10. It is widely reported that the loss prompted a meeting with University President-elect Father John Jenkins and selected members of the Board of Trustees to discuss the possibility of a new football coach.

2004 July 28, 2004 - The State Department revokes the visa of Tariq Ramadan, a prominent but controversial Muslim scholar scheduled to teach Islamic philosophy and ethics this fall at Notre Dame. Compiled from Observer reports



Sept. 12, 2004 - Ryan O'Connor, a 2002 Notre Dame graduate, was struck and killed by a car driven by a Saint Mary's sophomore when he ran into the street after leaving a local bar.



Sept. 16, 2004 - A University-issued van driven by a freshman on the Irish men's golf team is hit and totaled by a semi truck on Interstate 80, injuring one of the six team members in the vehicle.

Nov. 8, 2004 - A male is reported to be in Pasquerilla West during the hours of 7 and 8 a.m., apparently vandalizing the dorm with obscenities and frightening several residents.



Nov. 28, 2004 - Notre Dame senior Charlie Ebersol survives a plane crash that injured his father, NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol, and killed his youngest brother Teddy Ebersol, 14, and two crewmen in Montrose, Colo.



Trustee charged with domestic battery. Dome begins regilding, seniors speak out. Monk remembered in last year.

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appointed a professor of psychology. He will be responsible for all academic matters as the second-ranking official at the University.

Trustee charged with battery, resigns post
Former Notre Dame football All-American and trustee Dave Duerson was charged with assaulting his wife Feb. 3 at the Morris Inn and as a result resigned his post on the Board of Trustees.

Duerson, a University trustee since 2001, voluntarily resigned his post after the incident and is also no longer the president of the Monogram Club, where his term was set to expire in June.

He was charged with two counts of battery and two counts of domestic battery, each a class A misdemeanor.

According to the prosecutor's supplemental affidavit on the case, Duerson allegedly struck his wife, Alicia Duerson, and pushed her out of their hotel room early that morning. She was treated at a local hospital and released.

The Duersons were on campus for the winter Board of Trustees meeting, and Dave Duerson, a member of the Board of Student Affairs, Committee and Audit Committee, did not attend either of the trustees' scheduled sessions.

Dave Duerson deferred his initial court date for the misdemeanor assault charges until April 28.

Dave Duerson, a 1983 Notre Dame graduate, is the founder, president and CEO of Duerson Foods, LLC, a high-volume meat processor for major restaurants and retail chains. He entered business after winning two Super Bowls in the NFL with the Chicago Bears (1985) and New York Giants (1990) and earning NFL Man of the Year honors in 1987.

Dave Duerson also received the prestigious Sorin Award from the Notre Dame Alumni Association in 2001.

He is well-known on campus for his pointed remarks about Notre Dame football, criticizing the administration for the firing of Willingham. Before that, he was part of the Monogram Club's letter to the University that criticized the way the football program was managed.

Transition occurs at the top of the Church

Pope John Paul II passed away in April after 26 years at the helm of the Catholic Church, and Notre Dame honored his papacy with memorial services across campus. The pope, who was well-known for his World Youth Days, was honored in rosary prayers, Masses and vespers at Notre Dame.

Students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's who were studying abroad flocked to St. Peter's Square to witness John Paul II's last days.

John Paul II was remembered at Notre Dame for his worldliness and his many travels. Notre Dame professors were featured in major publications as well as on major networks to talk about John Paul II and to ponder his successor as the papal conclave met.

Father Virgilio Eilzondo, a visiting professor in Notre Dame's Latino studies depart-

ment, recounted his visit with the pope in 1987 in San Antonio, Texas.

Notre Dame had University representatives at the funeral in Rome — the Superior General of the Congregazione Di Santa Croce, Very Reverend Hugh Cleary, his two assistants and Father Carl Ebey, the procurator general of the Congregation.

Eventually, the traditional white smoke arose, and German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was chosen as the 265th pope. Taking the name of Benedict XVI, the new pope was seen by Notre Dame and Saint Mary's professors as a very conservative choice.

Ratzinger was described as a Vatican insider by some professors, and others saw him as an intellectual person and a thoughtful, spiritual individual.

Dome regilding sparks debate

Notre Dame announced March 4 that the Dome was going to be regilded for the 10th time in school history. The project, with an initial cost of \$300,000, was necessary due to the deteriorating conditions of the Dome, according to University officials.

The fact that the process would not be completed until this fall prompted a severe backlash from the senior class, as many students were upset that the Dome would be covered in scaffolding for their May graduation.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves initially said there was no other way to do the repairs, saying that the landmark suffered structural damages and needed immediate attention. Senior class president Darrell Scott met with Affleck-Graves in late March with a proposal to take down the scaffolding one week before graduation day, allowing the Dome to be visible for commencement, then rebuilding the scaffolding. Scott estimated this would add two weeks to the process.

However, Affleck-Graves said the contractors estimated it would push the regilding back past the deadline of Oct. 1.

Then on April 7, it was announced that the scaffolding would be partially removed in time for graduation so that the Dome itself could be visible. As a result, workers would work longer hours to ensure an Oct. 1 completion date.

That compromise was what Scott and student body president Adam Istvan initially requested, but due to a miscommunication, Affleck-Graves thought they wanted the scaffolding removed from the drum of the Dome as well.

He continued to work behind the scenes and eventually came up with this compromise, which Scott, Istvan and the senior class appreciated and welcomed.

After the agreement was reached, NDSP began an all-night guard at the base of the Main Building due to reports that students were climbing the scaffolding. Officers cited safety concerns as their main reason for doing so.

The Dome was finished in mid-August and scaffolding continues to come down as students arrive on campus.

New Student Center opens at Saint

Mary's

After months of anticipation, the new Student Center opened at Saint Mary's March 13.

The three-story building houses more than a dozen offices, including the Shaheen Bookstore, First Source Bank, campus ministry and meeting rooms and conference rooms for student groups such as student government, the Blue Mantle and a work area for The Observer. There is also a new women's resource center to supplement the current LeMans Hall space.

Construction began in early 2004 on the Student Center, and work on the interior was almost finished in February. Students now enter the dining hall through the main entrance of the Student Center.

The new bookstore in the Student Center is twice the size of the old one, and as a result, students should expect to see double the merchandise.

The Student Center is also home to a cyber café, where students have wireless Internet access. The café has grab-and-go style meals as well as an outdoor patio facing LeMans.

In addition to these offices, the Student Center is home to the President's Dining Room, which has space for dining with about 60 visiting dignitaries and guests, a preparation area for catering and a terrace.

Monk honored in final year as president

In his last year at the helm of Notre Dame, Malloy was remembered fondly by students, faculty and administrators.

At the end of March, Malloy was honored for his commitment to diversity with a reception in the Hesburgh Library. Malloy, who took office in 1987, was honored for his efforts to increase diversity at Notre Dame, as the presence of minority students on campus body increased from 7.7 percent in 1986 to 16.6 percent in 2004, according to statistics provided by the Office of Institutional Research.

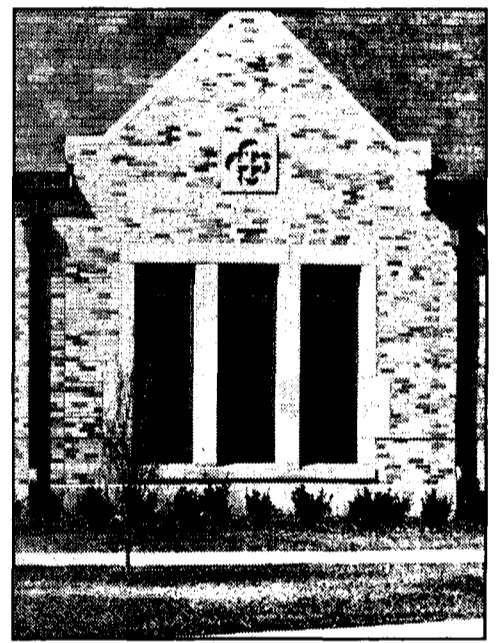
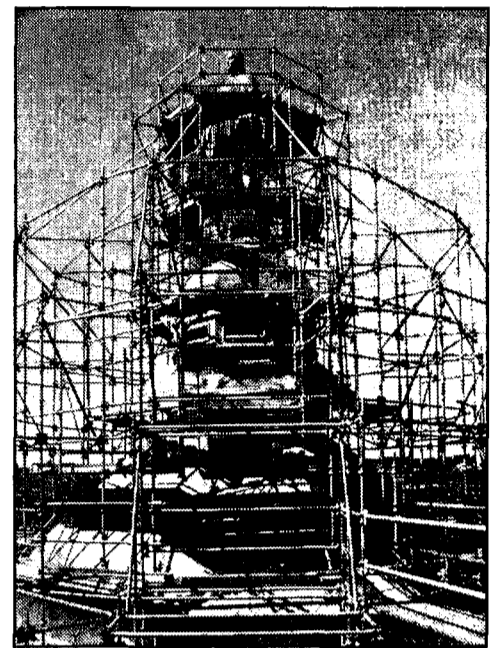
Malloy was also honored at a farewell Mass April 17, when all dorm Masses were cancelled so that students could attend the campus-wide Mass. More than 3,000 people gathered in the Joyce Center to honor Malloy.

During the Mass, Malloy spoke of the historical significance of the presidential transition between him and Jenkins, as it is only Notre Dame's second in the last 53 years.

Student body president Dave Baron paid tribute to Malloy on behalf of the students, presenting three images of Malloy. The first was a gatekeeper, saying Malloy made the campus a welcoming place. The second was a cardboard cutout of Malloy playing basketball for Notre Dame, carried by senior class president Darrell Scott. The final was Malloy's nickname, "Monk," which Baron used as a symbol of his spirituality.

Jenkins took over as University president on July 1.

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Nov. 30, 2004 - For the first time ever, Notre Dame fires its football coach before his original contract expired, firing Tyrone Willingham after three seasons. The firing of Willingham, Notre Dame's first black head coach in any sport, sparks controversy on campus with students and faculty.

Dec. 14, 2004 - New England Patriots offensive coordinator and 1978 Notre Dame graduate Charlie Weiss is hired as Notre Dame's 28th head football coach.



Feb. 10, 2005 - Notre Dame announces a 7 percent tuition increase for next year, an increase of \$2,622. Saint Mary's will increase tuition next year by 4 percent.

Jan. 14, 2005 - Keough freshman Dan Kish, 19, dies in an Indianapolis hospital after complications during heart surgery to implant a pacemaker.

Jan. 21, 2005 - University Provost Nathan Hatch, the second-ranking officer in the Notre Dame administration, is named president at Wake Forest University after 30 years at Notre Dame.



March 4, 2005 - President George W. Bush speaks about Social Security at the Joyce Center in a non-University sponsored event.

April 5, 2005 - Faculty Senate announces the formation of a committee tasked with creating a new mechanism for students to review courses.

April 19, 2005 - Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger is elected successor to Pope John Paul II and takes the name Pope Benedict XVI.



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Feb. 8, 2005 - Student Government launches a free, one-month trial of the College Readership program. The New York Times, USA Today and the Chicago Tribune were made available to students. Each day in 14 locations on campus.

Feb. 16, 2005 - Vagina Monologues author Eve Ensler speaks on campus, triggering protests.

April 2, 2005 - Pope John Paul II dies after a 26-year term as pope. Students abroad in Rome flock to St. Peter's Square, and the University sends representatives to the funeral.



April 22, 2005 - Assistant Director of Notre Dame Security/Police Chuck Hurley is fired by the University for allegedly being untruthful in an investigation in which former Notre Dame trustee Dave Duerson was charged with an incident at the Morris Inn.

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Shoppers

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Mishawaka Super Target. "It's a huge upswing in a small time."

Stevens said Super Target prepares by designing a staffing plan months in advance, examining what areas were hit hardest by last year's flood of students, then deciding what merchandise to stockpile.

"We'll see about a 25-30 percent bump this week and next," said Tim Corbett, store manager for the Grape Road Meijer. "We turn around and re-merchandise the store almost exclusively for the college students."

Corbett referred to last Thursday through this Monday as the "five day swing," Meijer's busiest sales period.

"It's up there with Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas," he said. "It's very, very strong for the categories it impacts."

Store managers have been smart about loading their shelves with anything and everything the average college student could need.

"Really, what you're looking at is anything you'd take to set up an apartment," Corbett said. "It's laundry baskets, light bulbs, Brita water filters, beanbags, U-locks..."

"Of course, the basics for school, pens and papers," Stevens said. "For our college students, it's the futons, the body pillows ... our body pillows are flying off the shelves."

Even small businesses are getting in on the action. Gwen Addis, assistant manager for the Futon Factory, said she sees a definite sales increase each year.

"We buy more [stock] in general, more less expensive options, because the students already have so much expense," Addis said.

Some stores also expand their hours for the move-in period. Shirley MacDonald, office manager of the Grape Road Bed, Bath and Beyond, said the store opened earlier and closed later the past few days.

"We normally close at 9:30, but this is to accommodate these kids," MacDonald said. "Because that's when everyone usually hits town."

Most stores have taken some measures to attract students. Some are to be expected, like nationwide advertising campaigns; others are a little more surprising.

Take goldfish drag racing, for example.

"There's two rain gutters [where the goldfish are dropped]. People pick their goldfish and can win tickets to a drag race," Corbett said of Meijer's somewhat bizarre event, held for the second time this year. Meijer has also offered events like rock wall climbing, T-shirt tie-dyeing and gummy worm and sundae eating contests.

Despite the extra effort required, store managers say they enjoy the annual student swarm, citing the accompanying spike in sales.

"It's always good when the college students come back," Stevens said. "It's just a little bonus. They shop our clothing more. It's probably good for most South Bend-Mishawaka businesses."

Corbett said the period gave Meijer a chance to customize its business.

"We really pride ourselves on becoming a destination point for students," he said. "If you aren't on top of your game, it shows pretty quick. You get to be more of an entrepreneur, and that's one of those things we really like."

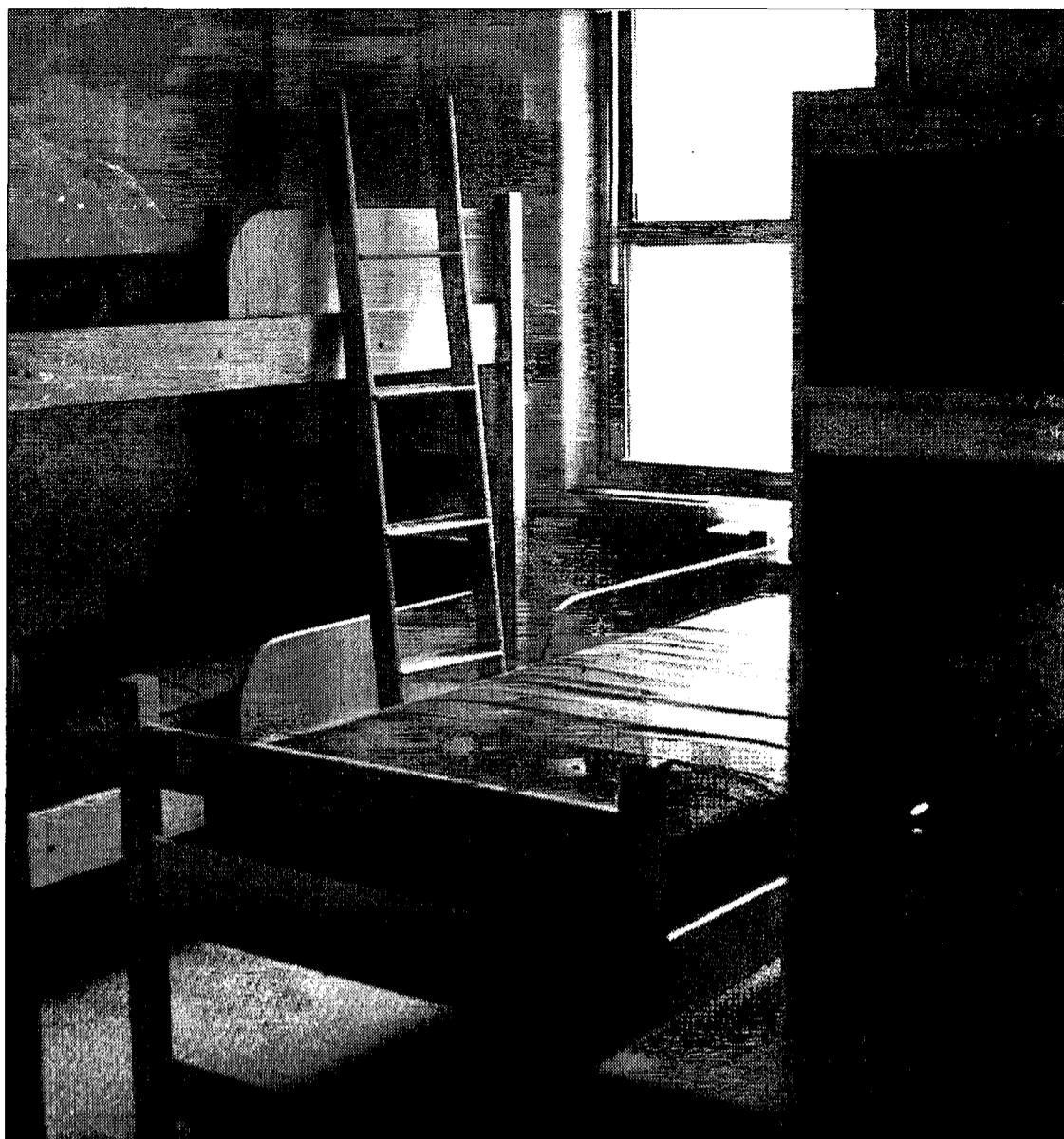
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Pangborn Hall converted a former study lounge into a quint because of lack of space in the female dormitory. The housing crunch has reached a peak this year and, if overcrowding continues to rise, the Office of Residence Life and Housing said they will be forced to make significant changes.

Dorms

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in some dorms, slightly increasing enrollment and the University's 96 percent retention rate from freshman to senior year are responsible for the bed shortage, Kachmarik said.

For now, Residence Life has managed to make room by converting study lounges into

living space, changing double-size rooms into triples and converting former study lounges that housed three students last year into space for four.

But if the overcrowding continues to rise, the Office of Residence Life will be forced to take more drastic measures, Kachmarik said. "We may have to do a lottery for seniors to determine who can live on campus," he said.

Scott Kachmarik
assistant director
Residence Life and Housing

And while creating ever-more cramped quarters is

working for the short term, Kachmarik says new dorms are needed to permanently solve the problem. The University's strategic plan, released last November, outlines the construction of four new residence halls within the next 10 years.

The new dorms would be built not so more students could attend Notre Dame — the University is committed to maintaining its current enrollment — but rather to relieve the overcrowding problem.

"Enrollment has been growing by 10 or 12 students every year, but that adds up," Kachmarik said. "Students want to live on campus. But the reality is that we need students to eventually move off campus. I need at least 1,600 students every year to move out of their residence halls."

Last fall the overflow was experienced mostly in the 13 women's residence halls, but this year, the 14 men's dorms are just as full.

Of the men's dorms, Keough and O'Neill have experienced the overflow most this year, Kachmarik said.

Father Peter Jarret, rector of Keough, said this year his dorm will reach its highest population since its construction in 1996. Thankfully, the dorm was built to adapt to overcrowding, he said.

"The study lounges in Keough and O'Neill were built to be converted [to dorm rooms]," Jarret said. "They are pretty much the same size as doubles so space wise it's not really an issue."

Jarret said the students seem more or less unaffected by the increasing number of residents in his hall.

"They take it in stride," he said. "The more the merrier."

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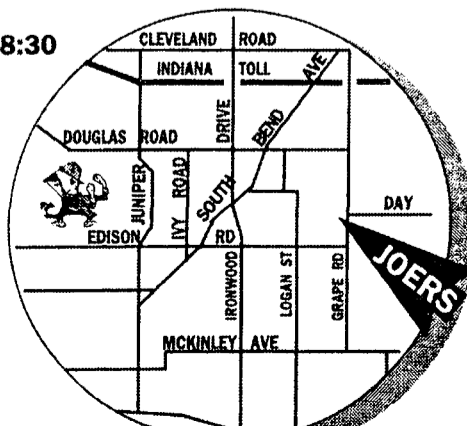


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Move-In

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days earlier because of obligations to athletics, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) or band.

Dorm rectors have been doing their best to ensure that the freshman transition goes smoothly for both early and standard arrivals.

Welsh Family rector Candace Carson prepared a packet for the freshman that includes the hall weekend schedule, the University orientation schedule, hall staff information, tips on room configurations, conversation guidelines, this season's football schedule and a list of local taxi numbers.

Carson also gives each student and her parents a copy of her business card, complete with hall staff names and numbers on the back.

"We greet not only the girl but also her family," she said. "We want to make everyone feel comfortable. We take the name Welsh Family seriously. We are a family. Notre Dame is about community, and that starts in the hall."

Dorm Freshman Orientation staffs have also been preparing throughout the summer for the weekend's events.

"We'll be there with a big smile and a helping hand. We'll show them the ropes," said Emmanuel Zervoudakis, a Dillon junior.

Zervoudakis' Freshman Orientation memories include a "Braveheart" night when Dillon freshmen ate stew with their hands and then engaged in a water balloon fight. Fellow Dillon junior Joe McKenna remembers running through the fountain.

While freshman Sarah Schreiber has wanted to attend Notre Dame from an early age, she acknowledged that leaving home for college brought with it mixed emotions. The change was eased by phone calls received from people in both Farley Hall and the band, she said.

"I want to be [with the band] on the sidelines," said Schreiber,

a Las Vegas native whose biggest concern about Notre Dame is the weather.

"I'm worried about the winter," she said. "I've also never had humidity before."

Avery Ambrose, a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago, will also be in for a change of climate. Part of the three percent of students in the Class of 2009 from outside the United States, Ambrose selected Notre Dame for its history and reputation in athletics.

"I want to have fun and get my degree," he said.

Freshmen in the ROTC program moved in for the second time on Wednesday, when they transitioned to their own dorms from temporary housing.

Ken Shamrell and D.J. McGill were more than happy to move into their Siegfried double after a stint in Keenan, which housed ROTC male freshmen.

Shamrell, a Vancouver native, described the transition as "glorious."

Incoming freshmen at Saint Mary's expressed many of the same emotions as those at Notre Dame, emphasizing the difficulty of gathering up all their belongings and moving them into a dorm room.

Becca Mason described the frustrations of packing her clothes, posters, pictures and stereo for the drive from St. Joseph, Mich.

"The hardest part about packing was just getting everything done," she said. "I wanted to wear some stuff, but it was already packed. My mom was getting angry at me."

Neither Mason nor classmate Alicen Miller described their farewells as overly emotional. Miller and her mother drove from Indianapolis to Saint Mary's in a car packed full of all her college necessities. She arrived at school early due to commitments with the Saint Mary's cross-country team.

"I'm ready to be out of the house," she said. "I get along with my family and whatnot, but I am ready to move on."

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president for Enrollment Management.

The median GPA for first year students ranges from 3.36 to 3.97, Meyer said, and the average high school class ranking is the top 22 percentile. The median ACT score ranges from 23 to 27 and the median SAT score is between 1070 and 1220.

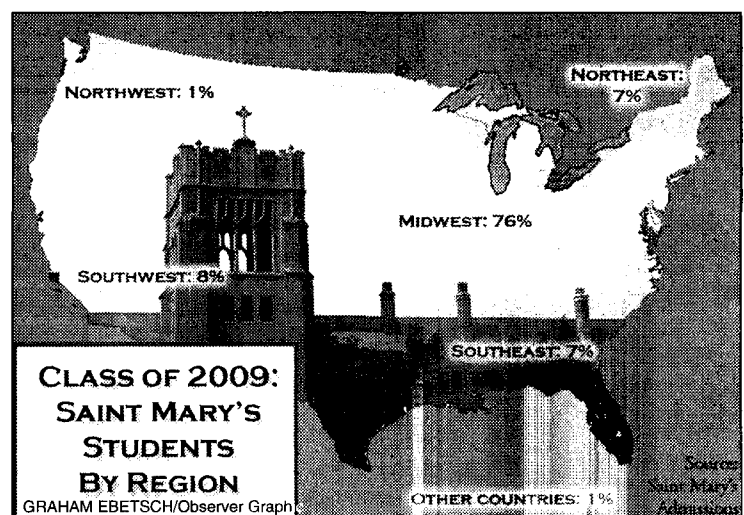
The incoming class also includes 18 high school valedictorians and one salutatorian, Meyer said.

Academically, the class is comparable to those of past years, said interim director of admissions Mona Bowe.

"It is very similar as the last two years, a little bit stronger," Bowe said. "The median scores are a little higher. I am very happy with the quality [of the class]."

Roughly one third of the class have mothers who graduated from Saint Mary's, a typical figure, Bowe said.

An unusually small Saint



Mary's first year class last year, composed of just 352 students, caused concern on campus and forced admissions counselors to intensify recruiting methods.

"We did a second push with applications right after the beginning of the year [in January] and that worked," Bowe said.

The admissions office targets a special group of students and gained 38 more women for the class, Bowe said.

Admissions counselors also kept in much closer contact with applicants and potential applicants throughout the winter and spring, Bowe said. Targeted high school seniors who did not initiate communication with the school themselves were called or sent information.

New facilities on campus, including the Noble Family Dining Hall, Opus Apartments and the Student Center served to attract potential students to the College, and feedback after campus tours was strong, Bowe said.

Bowe said that Saint Mary's is competing for a very small pool of students. Less than five per-

cent of the total college applicants nationally are interested in attending a women's college, she said.

"Most of the students who apply to Saint Mary's apply in spite of the fact that it is a women's college, not because it is a women's college," Bowe said.

Saint Mary's applicants rarely apply to other women's colleges but rather to large coeducational schools, both public and private, Bowe said.

While Bowe said she is confident in the progress the admissions office has made, she and her colleagues will continue to refine their recruiting efforts.

"I think we need to focus more on transfers," Bowe said. "This year we have 33. I think that is an area where we can improve."

International students is another demographic the College needs to emphasize, Bowe said. The class of 2009 has only one foreign student, an unusually low number.

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Year	Enrollment
2000	438
2001	441
2002	376
2003	403
2004	352
2005	379

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 Freshman Orientation staffers, such as those from Zahm Hall, placed signs around campus to guide freshmen to their dorms.

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Dean Eileen Kolman, who retired last spring after 15 years at the helm of the program. There is even a new entrance to campus.

"It's an exciting time to be here," Saracino said. "What I would say to a first year student is to look what you're a part of right now. From the new entrance to the campus, to the new Dome, to the new president, to the new provost, to the new dean of the First Year of Studies, to the new football coach — you're part of an exciting transition at Notre Dame. It's a great time to be at Notre Dame."

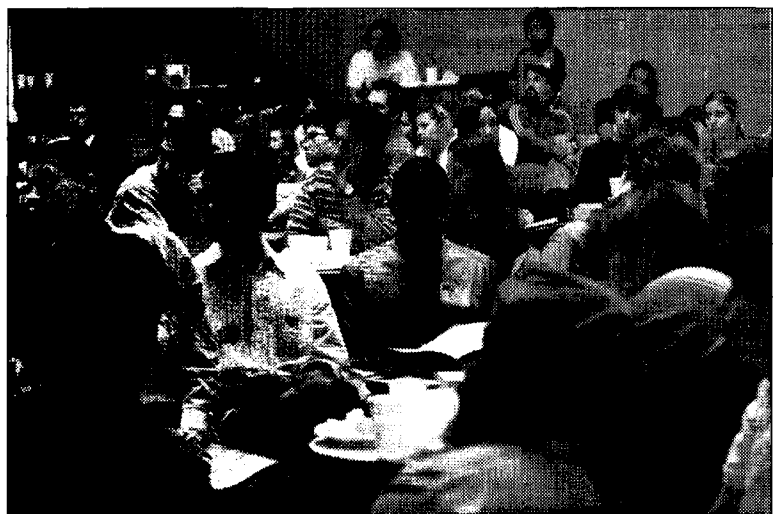
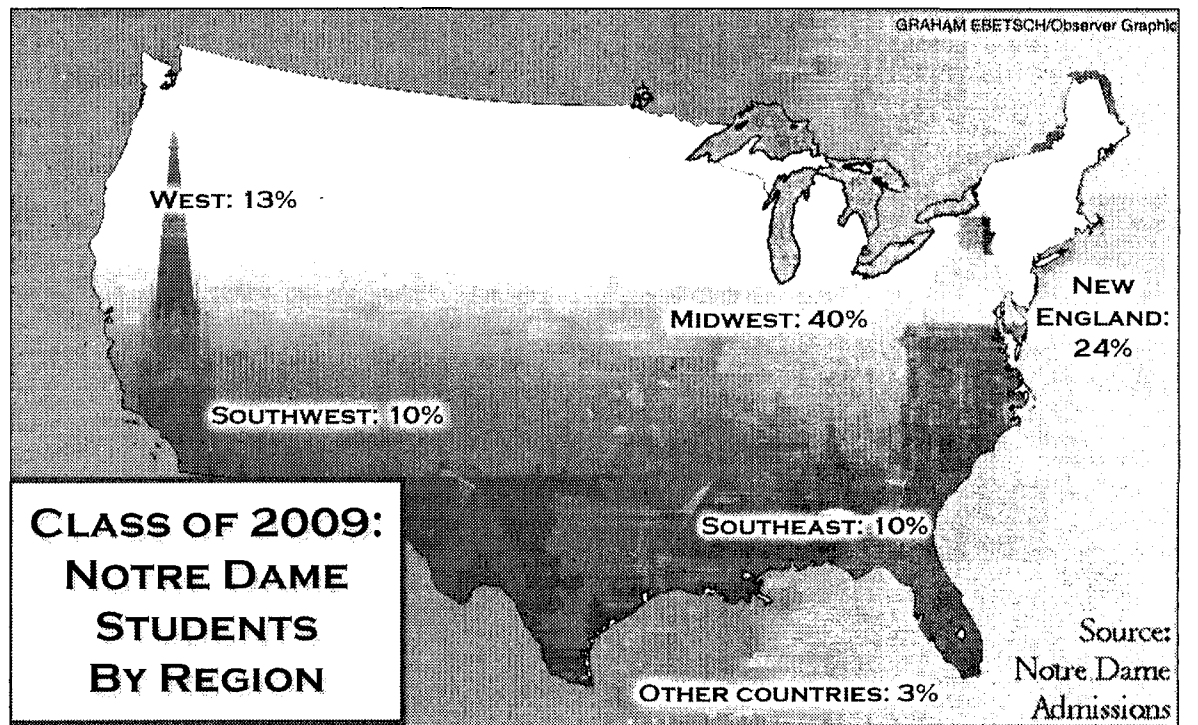
But even with these changes at Notre Dame, the Class of 2009 is similar to previous classes in its involvement. Eighty four percent of students

were involved in community service and 72 percent earned at least one varsity letter in high school.

"We look at the same measures," Saracino said. "The class is a little bit stronger across the board. To achieve those goals we really are denying students that are one-dimensional. When we select a class it's really a thoughtful process — we're not just looking at one thing."

One quality of this class, however, that disappointed Saracino was diversity, as 21.2 percent of incoming freshmen are of an ethnic minority background — a figure that has stayed relatively constant the past two years.

"That is a disappointment because we want it to grow; we don't want it to be stagnant," Saracino said. "When we are reaching out to get the best students that we can academically and extracurricular-



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Notre Dame freshmen from foreign countries listen at the international student orientation Thursday at LaFortune Student Center.

ly and we definitely want to reach out to increase ethnic students — more black students especially. We did not see at all an increase in the number of black students — and that's not acceptable."

Saracino said that he hopes with more aggressive recruiting these talented students will want to come to Notre Dame.

The following facts help paint a picture of the class of 2009:

- ◆ Fifty-one percent were involved in the performing arts in high school
- ◆ Thirty-nine percent were the captain of at least one sport in high school
- ◆ Forty-six percent were involved in student government

◆ Thirteen percent were editors of high school publications

◆ Seven percent were either senior class or student body presidents

◆ Seven percent are first generation college students

◆ Six percent were Eagle Scouts or won the gold award

Because of this involvement, Saracino said it's difficult to identify one specific thing that makes the class of 2009 different.

"I don't think I can think of one thing that makes them stand out," Saracino said. "They each have their own stories — each class has some things that make them special. Each class has its own character, but I think the character will play out during the course of their experience at Notre Dame."

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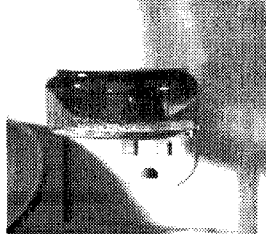
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Students will be seated by class. Each student may bring up to SIX applications. You MUST have a lottery number in consecutive numerical order with your group in order to be able to sit with them.

The starting lottery number will be drawn at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, August 22. E-mail and phone announcements will be made following the lottery of the number. The sequence number can also be found at sao.nd.edu after 9:00 p.m. To reflect the smaller class size, Law/MBA/Grad students will have a separate lottery number.

STEP 3 Purchase your season tickets at the Stadium Box Office

Guidelines for Ticket Distribution Schedule:

- If your number is within:
- * 400 of the selected number, show up at start time
 - * 400-800 of the selected lottery number, show up 20 minutes past start time
 - * 800-1200 of the selected lottery number, show up 40 minutes past start time
 - * 1200-1600 of the selected lottery number, show up 1 hour past start time
 - * 1600-2000 of the selected lottery number, show up 90 minutes past start time
 - * If you have no seating preference or no lottery number, show up 3 hours after start time

Check calendar below for start times by class

Bring Ticket Applications and I.D.s. Cash or checks only. Checks must have the student's phone number on them! Each student may bring up to six I.D.s.

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday
<p>9:00am-5:00pm Lottery sequence numbers available at the Notre Dame Stadium Box Office. You MUST have a lottery sequence number in consecutive numerical order with your group to be able to sit with them. (i.e., If you plan to sit with 10 friends, you must have 10 sequential lottery numbers.)</p> <p>8:30pm Lottery number drawn. Email and phone announcements will be made to notify students.</p>	<p>8:00am SENIOR start time for ticket purchases at the Notre Dame Stadium Box Office.</p>	<p>7:00am JUNIOR start time for ticket purchases at the Notre Dame Stadium Box Office.</p> <p>1:00pm Law/MBA/Grad start time for ticket purchases at the Notre Dame Stadium Box Office.</p>	<p>7:00am SOPHOMORE start time for ticket purchases at the Notre Dame Stadium Box Office.</p> <p>1:00pm FRESHMAN start time for ticket purchases at the Notre Dame Stadium Box Office.</p>

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MON 8/22
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Juliana Theory

THUR 9/1

Taste of LaFortune
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LaFortune Ballroom

SAT 9/3 7:00 pm
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King of TV
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SAT 9/17
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The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs welcomes the Class of 2009.

What is the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs?

**THE STANDING
COMMITTEE ON
GAY AND LESBIAN
STUDENT NEEDS**

We members of the Standing Committee are administrators, gay and lesbian students, and faculty who are a resource in identifying the ongoing needs of our gay, lesbian, and bisexual students. By implementing campus-wide educational programming on gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues, the Committee strives to eliminate homophobia and make Notre Dame a place that accepts and prizes the uniqueness of all its students. For more information, consult our web page: www.nd.edu/~scglsn

Current student members:

- ▶ Guillermo Alfaro *5th-year, Architecture Major*
- ▶ Joanna Basile *Junior, English and Gender Studies Major*
- ▶ Jim Fobert *Senior, Political Science and German Major*
- ▶ Andy Magee *Senior, Organ Performance and Computer Science*
- ▶ Tiffany Thompson *Senior, Accounting Major*
- ▶ Chris Vierig *Junior, Political Science and Film, Television and Theater Major*

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- WHO:** Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and questioning first-year students at Notre Dame
- WHAT:** Drop-in Reception
- WHEN:** Monday, August 22nd, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** 316 Coleman-Morse (3rd Floor Lounge)
- WHY:** Come meet student 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.

For more information, please visit our web site: www.nd.edu/~scglsn.
Check under "Current Events."

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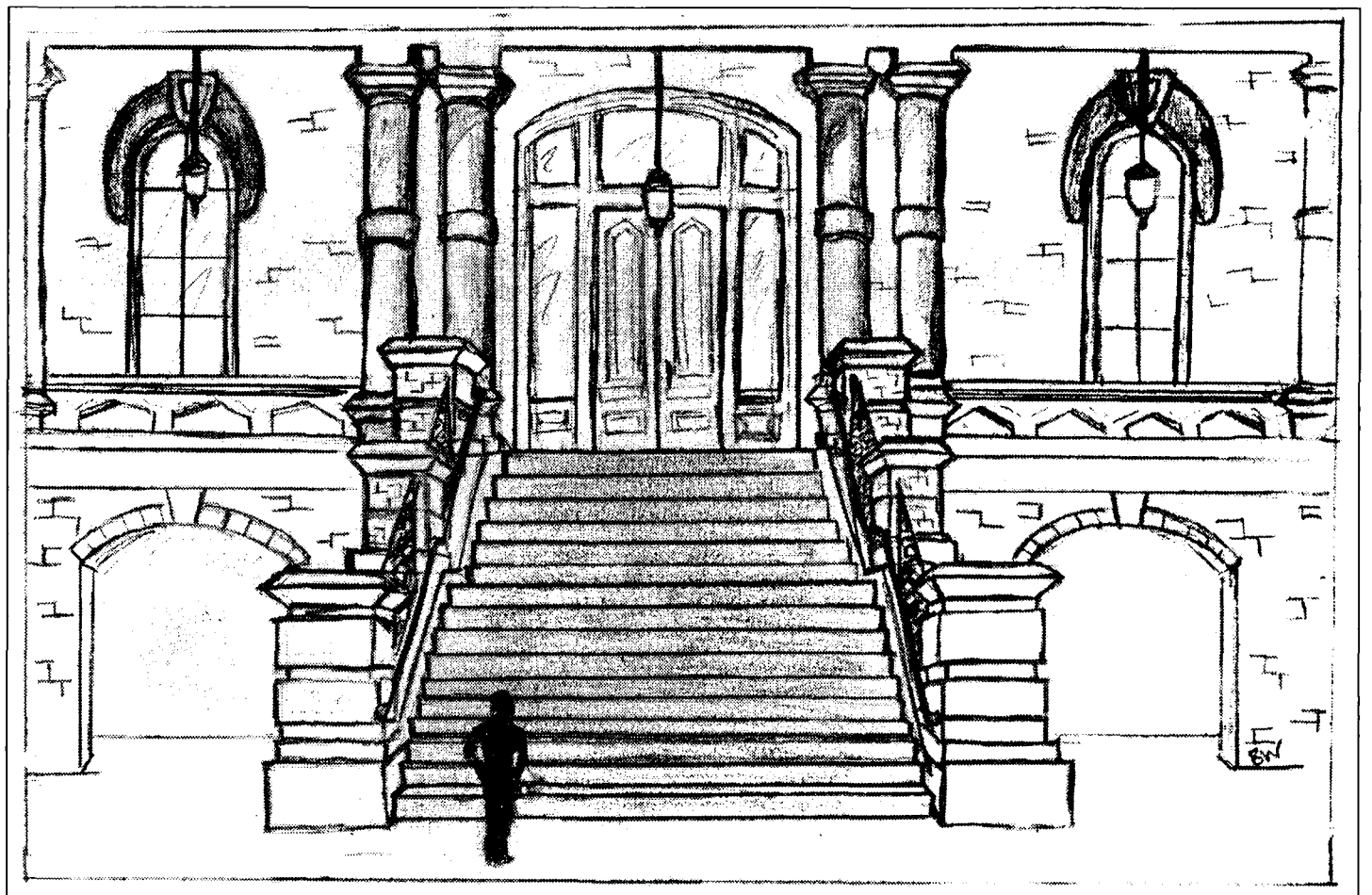
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Maturity will come, but it can wait

The first day I arrived on Notre Dame's campus my freshman year, I did my best to do things differently.

Standing in front of the Main Building, I looked at the intimidating steps that led to the main entrance and remembered what countless classmates and upper-classmen had already told me: undergraduates who walk up those steps risk not graduating.

It's a silly legend, I told myself. A stupid superstition.

So, with the spirit of Rocky in my Philadelphia-born blood, I walked to a plateau I had never imagined would be in reach. I turned and there I was, looking at God Quad, with Washington Hall and LaFortune Student Center on my left, the Basilica and Sorin Hall to my right.

There were no fist pumps, and there was no "Eye of the Tiger" song playing in the background, just a quiet confidence that no one could stop me from doing anything.

And that's when it hit me. I shouldn't have done it. Or should I have?

The overriding theme at that point in my life was its inconsistency. I'd make decisions, then regret them. Make others — for different reasons — and be content.

That's how it is when you're a freshman, and by the time you get to senior year, those regrets disappear.

There are aspects of Notre Dame that will excite you, places that will intimidate you, rules you'll disagree with (trust me) and people you'll love.

You'll take classes that you'll wish you'd never signed up for, and you'll have class with teachers who will become good friends.

And all it means is that you're growing up, nothing more or less.

Be confident and mature, but also be whimsical and carefree.

I have friends who are pre-med majors. I have friends who accidentally have lit cookies on fire in the

microwave.

I have friends who have graduated in three years. I have friends who have taken a semester off — involuntarily.

There is no right way to do things, only the responsibility to be loyal and fair to yourself and your friends as you go.

The way you perceive this school, its people, its strengths and its weaknesses will have everything to do with what you get out of Notre Dame, out of college and out of four of the most formative years of your life.

But begin by not trying to fit in or being what someone else thinks is best. Be what you are and do not change for anyone but yourself. Unconsciously, you will mature because the constructs, the people and the classes at this University are among the finest and most supportive in the country.

You must recognize immediately that Notre Dame is not an accurate representation of the outside world. In contrast with the most bustling cities in the United States, crime remains low on campus, someone else cooks your meals and guys can't have girls in their rooms past 12 a.m. on weeknights. And vice versa.

Your life, over the course of the next few days and for the rest of your life, is going to change because you came here. And it will change for the better.

Notre Dame is too powerful and too unique not to have a drastic effect on you.

There is a whole world outside of Notre Dame, and you must see this University for what it is — an institution

that alters the mundane present day to gear its graduates towards a rich future.

This weekend, my brother becomes the second person in my family to grace the Notre Dame campus. For the first time since my senior year in high school, I'll be enrolled at the same school as my only sibling.

So what will I tell him as the more

experienced older brother? Well, for one, I'll tell him how to get to Windsor.

But I'll also tell him I don't want to hear any lip about my being lucky to live off-campus, being 21 years old, having a car, having a job and owning 40-yard line tickets at Notre Dame Stadium (fingers crossed).

Regardless of whether he is indifferent or curious about life as a senior, though, I will constantly wonder what it would be like to have four more years.

A few nights ago at a friend's house, I was reminiscing about our first year in Dillon Hall, when we were new and we didn't know much.

My friend cut me off mid-sentence.

"Stop talking about freshman year or I'm gonna cry," he said.

Of course he didn't mean he'd literally cry, but I knew if it actually came down to it, he could.

And I knew I could, too, because that's

how excited we were then — and that's how much we miss it now.

Now go walk up those steps.

Pat Leonard is an American studies major with a minor in journalism, ethics and democracy. He hails from Philadelphia, Pa., where the cheese steak is king, fried food is good for you and everyone's idea of Utopia is a weekend at the Jersey Shore.

Struggling from a severe case of "LosingthreeNFCChampionshipsinarow thengettingtotheSuperBowllosingagain," Pat's only wish for the rest of his life is for Donovan McNabb to hold the Lombardi Trophy and not a can of Campbell's Chunky Soup.

A vegetarian for the first 18 years of his life, Pat quietly became carnivorous, if for no other reason than he had to answer "Sorry, I've never had one" to the question "How good are your cheesesteaks?"

Now, he says the answer is "good enough to not call them Philly Steak & Cheese like the dining hall."

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Pat Leonard

Managing
Editor

Campus leaders welcome Class of 2009

Dear Class of 2009,
Welcome to Notre Dame!

On behalf of the whole Notre Dame community, it is my great pleasure to welcome you and express our excitement that you are here to begin your undergraduate years.



Jenkins

We hope that your time here will be of intellectual stimulation, fruitful inquiry and growth in knowledge and understanding. You will, no doubt, form lifelong friendships, and also, we hope, grow in faith.

May you soon come to feel at home on campus, and to love this place, as do so many graduates of past years. I hope to meet you personally in the coming years.

In Notre Dame,

Reverend John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.

President

University of Notre Dame

August 19, 2005

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Saint Mary's College, I extend a warm welcome to the class of 2009 and to our transfer students. As a graduate of Saint Mary's and now its 11th president, I care deeply about this special place and about you, our students. By choosing Saint Mary's you are following in the footsteps of generations of remarkable women before you, and like them, your distinct talents will leave your mark on the college.

At Saint Mary's College we will challenge you. We will help you learn the extent of your capabilities and to use them well. I urge you to stretch and to take advantage of the many opportunities open to you here. With a 161-year-old tradition of educating women to make a difference in the world, we provide an excellent education in the context of developing the whole person.

As a Catholic college, we cherish intellectual pursuits because they enrich our understanding of God and God's creation, which in turn helps us build and sustain more just and equitable communities. We hope that one result of your Saint Mary's education is that you develop a sense of obligation to the common good and that your life and work will reflect that understanding.

I welcome you to Saint Mary's and the greater educational community to which we belong. I hope our time here will be rich with possibilities.



Mooney

Carol Ann Mooney

President

Saint Mary's College

August 19, 2005

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

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

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

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

I hope that I will have the opportunity to come to know as many of you as possible in the months ahead.

Until I am able to greet you in person, please know that you have my very best wishes for a year filled with all God's blessings.

Father Mark Poorman
Vice President for Student Affairs
University of Notre Dame
August 19, 2005

On behalf of the University of Notre Dame du Lac student body, we want to welcome you to this great institution. As we are sure you know, your acceptance is no small accomplishment, and you should be proud of yourself. We are already a stronger family because of your decision to become a member of our community.

These first few days as a Notre Dame student will be both exciting and overwhelming. In the chaos of moving in, orientation activities and saying goodbye to your parents, we encourage you to take a moment to appreciate the journey you are about to embark upon.

This weekend is the first step. Get to know your roommates. Participate in every Frosh-O activity. Be introduced to the vibrant faith life at the Orientation Mass. Notre Dame is about thinking in new ways, conquering new obstacles and just hanging out with friends. We encourage you to take part in this spirit and not just see, but feel what this University is all about.

Once you establish yourself on campus, we encourage you to get involved. Break out of the Notre Dame bubble and get involved in the South Bend community through the Center for Social Concerns. Reflect on your years ahead at the Campus Ministry Freshman Retreat. Relive your glory days as a high school athlete on one of the many interhall athletic teams.

Notre Dame has a rich tradition of academics, athletics, faith and community. We hope you are able to take advantage of the many opportunities to grow in these areas over the next four years.

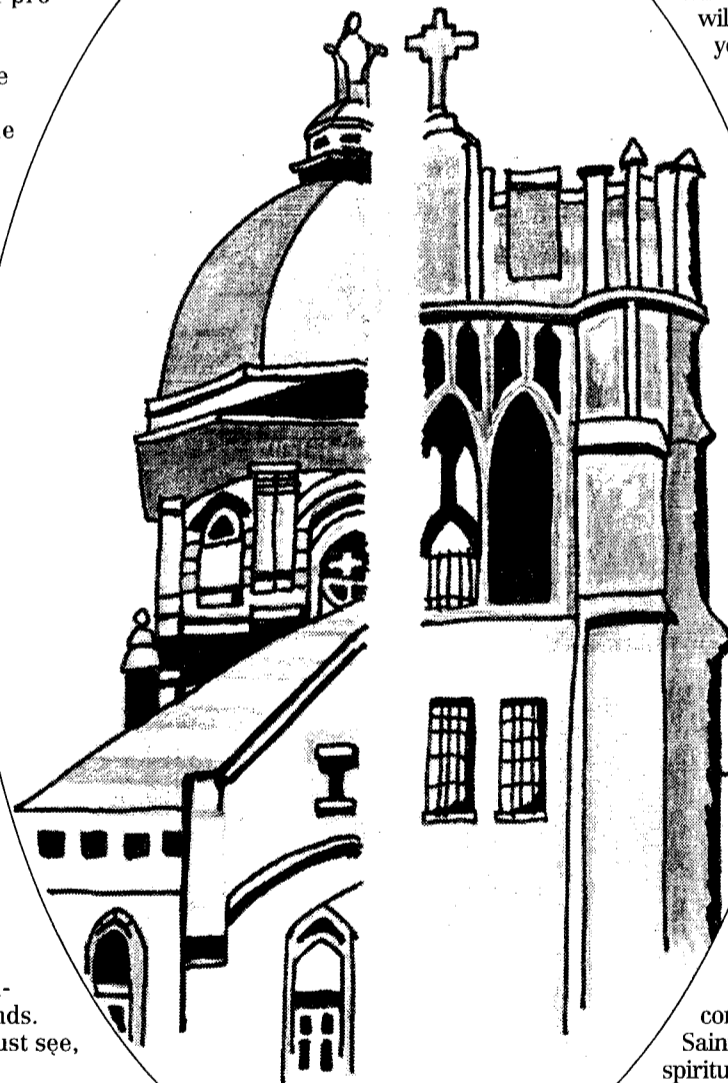
Many challenges lie ahead in this journey; be sure to have fun along the way. Your friends, professors and classmates will be an essential part of your college experience, reflecting the most remarkable aspect of Notre Dame: Her people.

Treasure your time here, whether cramming for an 8 a.m. final or ordering pizza at three in the morning with friends.

Feel free to stop by the Student Government office on the second floor of LaFortune to talk about student life or simply to introduce yourself. We look forward to meeting you.

Best of luck and God bless.

In Notre Dame,



Welcome to Saint Mary's College! We are all so pleased that you made the choice to attend Saint Mary's and know that you will indeed find your home away from home with us. This next step in your intellectual growth and personal development will provide the foundation for you as you establish learning habits that will last a lifetime. You will be challenged to be a woman of distinction. That distinction will have a different meaning for each of you. You will find your leadership skills sharpened every day through your interaction with faculty, staff, administrators and your peers. The depth and breadth of your academic journey will strengthen you to be a woman of vision ready to meet the challenges of tomorrow's world today. As a Catholic college we honor and respect the journey each of us makes as we find God's grace in our lives. There are so many activities, clubs, organizations and athletic events to attend. You will have no problem finding ways to exercise your Belles school spirit on campus, and you will have the opportunity to join your colleagues at the University of Notre Dame and Holy Cross College for their activities, too. Before you know it you will be ordering pizza with new friends, studying hard, becoming a member of a club, studying hard, going to a volleyball, soccer, or football game. (Did I mention studying hard?) I encourage you to take a walk around campus sometime soon and just reflect on the knowledge that thousands of women have walked these same paths and halls before you. They have become leaders in their careers, their communities, their churches and in the world. They are women of faith who, like you, came here to develop the talents God had given them so that they could make a difference in the world. You will benefit from their legacy and experience and you will add to the legacy that is Saint Mary's College.

Linda Timm
Vice President for Student Affairs
Saint Mary's College
August 19, 2005

On behalf of the student body, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the Saint Mary's family. For more than 160 years, Saint Mary's has been a community that fosters intellectual and spiritual growth.

Throughout its history, Saint Mary's has been blessed with young women who are committed to the college and their own education, as well as a faculty that is dedicated to each woman's education and personal growth as a student and an individual. You are now part of this amazing community.

There are many venues in which you may become involved in campus life including student government, clubs and organizations, class, campus ministry and volunteer work. Take advantage of Activities Night and other events around campus to help familiarize yourself with all that the college has to offer. Becoming involved at Saint Mary's will affect you in ways you may never have imagined. You will meet new people, learn new things about yourself, discover new talents, and create many exciting opportunities for yourself, both at Saint Mary's and beyond. Remember, this is not only the beginning of your four years in college, but rather it is the beginning of your lifetime as a Saint Mary's woman.

Again, we welcome you, the newest Belles of Saint Mary's! You are joining a rich tradition of amazing women who have called Saint Mary's home. We are confident that you will love Saint Mary's as much as we do. If there is anything we can do to ease your transition to college, do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to having the honor of meeting and getting to know all of you!

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It keeps getting better

Finally. You did the work, took the tests, filled out the application, received your acceptance, filled out all the rest of the paperwork and you've finally arrived at college.

But there was more to it than that, wasn't there? More than just tests and paperwork? Because this isn't just any school — this is Notre Dame.

If you're anything like me, you've been planning on attending this particular university since you could form coherent thoughts, so you did what you needed to do to make it happen. There were extracurricular activities, volunteer positions and hours of studying that went into creating that perfect application.

With all that work, it seems amazing that we even had time to enjoy high school, let alone make friends. But ever present during the past four years was that little voice in the back of your head that said, "It's not all about getting good grades and doing everything right. You've got to enjoy what you have while it's here, too." And so, somehow we managed to make thousands of those precious high school memories we'll never forget with people we'll always remember — even if we lose touch — while still doing all that other "important" stuff.

Don't lose that voice. A big part of the shock of coming to Notre Dame was realizing that at some point, I should probably have a plan. You know: a major, a possible job or a purpose in life, perhaps? Having only four years to figure out what I want to do with the rest of my life (at least, that's how it seems sometimes) can get pretty daunting. It's hard to remember that I'm not only here for a diploma — I want the whole experience.

I want to learn the legends and traditions that make this school famous. I want to have friends with whom I can stay up all night and share everything. I want to walk across campus on a sunny,

quiet fall morning and know in my heart that I'm home, not just at school.

For the most part, I've been able to succeed at those goals. You see, there's a reason I counted the days until I could come back here, and it's not because I'm excited to have homework. It's because for the past three years, that little voice in my head hasn't let me forget that it's not all about good grades, the Dean's list or prospective jobs and graduate schools.

Now, I know that orientation weekend is just full of people who want to offer their advice, which invariably turns out to be the same advice someone offered you an hour ago. (In fact, I think I counted how many people told me to "make friends with professors," during my orientation, and it was upwards of 10.) For that reason, I didn't want to stuff this column with platitudes about "making every moment count," "taking time to smell the roses," or (God forbid) "getting to know your professors."

But then I realized that one thing is worth hearing hundreds of times, even if you don't realize it yet: college is more than school. So don't lose that voice of reason that will remind you that it's not the classes you'll recall 20 years from now, it's the people and the feeling of family.

There is one thing wrong with college, though: it keeps getting better. And that's going to make it very hard to leave come May. But I should have expected that, right? After all, this isn't just any school — it's Notre Dame.

Finally.

Maureen Reynolds is a senior accounting and political science major from outside Chicago who plans on attending law school after graduating in May, provided she survives the LSAT. She feels lucky to attend Notre Dame with her sister and four (yes, four) cousins. When she's not spending her nights in The Observer's basement office, she enjoys ordering make-your-own T-shirts with her 4B girls, who all plan on making their senior year the best yet. Contact her at mreynold@nd.edu

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Maureen Reynolds

Assistant Managing Editor

You're a Belle now, too

You're here. You're in college. I'll bet you can't believe it's actually happening. I remember I didn't and actually, I still don't believe it and I'm definitely in denial that my friends and I are seniors.

I'd love to be in your shoes knowing what I know now about college and how to make the experience the most fulfilling and exciting time of my life. I'm not an expert, but I'd like to think I could offer a little advice.

Coming to Saint Mary's is the best decision you've ever made in your life. I was so nervous about attending an "all-girls' school," or as I've noticed myself saying all the time now, an all-women's college. Saint Mary's is 700 miles from my home and I didn't know anyone else when I made my decision to attend. I had no idea what going to a single-sex school would be like and I had second thoughts constantly about my choice. However, as I've come to learn during these past three years, Saint Mary's has the best students in the whole world and I have the best friends in the whole entire world — no, seriously, I do. Every Saint Mary's woman has a different gift or talent to offer to the school — well, I'm still figuring out mine — and I encourage you to seek out as many as possible. I am who I am now because of Saint Mary's. I have confidence in myself and I have true friends that I will love and treasure forever.

One of the great things about Saint Mary's is that you don't have to go out to have fun. Going to parties and to the bars can be a great time, but it's not necessary. I had planned on going out to Corby's on Wednesday night, but I opted to hang out with one of my best friends and my roommate in Opus instead. I had so much more fun laughing and telling stories about our summers. These are the moments I'll remember forever.

Don't feel pressured to drink. Most of

the time it's not all it's cracked up to be — especially when you wake up to an incredible hangover or spend all night with your new friend John and aren't even breaking parietsals. You don't have to drink to be "cool." I'm sure many of you view college as an opportunity to reinvent yourself. While you're right, it doesn't mean you have to become a completely different person. You are who you are for a reason and you can't forget that. So if you came to college saying that you're not going to drink, stick to your guns. Remember what is important to you and keep your priorities straight.

There are people on campus to help you along the way in any endeavor. Right from the start, Saint Mary's sets you up with upperclasswomen to help your transition: your RAs and Orientation Counselors. But you can approach any woman on this campus and I'd guess they'd be more than willing to talk. I know I'd love to.

Use Notre Dame to your advantage. The University offers different classes and activities and you should take advantage of it. Eat in the dining hall at least once on a football Friday and soak it up. It doesn't get much better than a Notre Dame home football weekend.

But most of all, be proud that you're a Saint Mary's Belle. Don't worry what anyone says about your choice to go to school here. It's a wonderful and beautiful place and I'm so glad I took a chance and spent my college career here.

Sarah Vabulas is a senior communication studies major from Atlanta who, despite spending the summer in Washington, D.C. interning at The Washington Times, still has no idea what she wants to do when she graduates in May. She has the best boyfriend, roommates and friends, even if they make fun of her for working so hard at The Observer. She can't wait for the Navy vs. Notre Dame game since it'll be the 42nd time the Irish pummel the Naval Academy, the alma mater of her incredibly cute Naval officer boyfriend. Contact her at vabu4547@saintmarys.edu

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Sarah Vabulas

Assistant Managing Editor

Five ways to make Notre Dame your own

I came to Notre Dame for one reason and one reason only — intramural sports.

I know it sounds crazy, but it is 100 percent true.

Three years, countless teams and four intramural championships later, I would have come to Notre Dame for 1,000 other reasons.

The Grotto, Touchdown Jesus, Stonehenge, the Dome, Bookstore Basketball, full-contact interhall football, Notre Dame football, the Basilica. And now, the Guglielmino Athletics Facility, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, the Jordan Science building.

Notre Dame is full of symbols of tradition, prestige and lore. But we all know that, and so do you.

Maybe that's why you decided to come here. Or maybe it was the academics. Maybe you were like me and it was intramurals. Or maybe it was like many and it was Notre Dame football.

But regardless of why you are here, you will want reasons to stay here. Notre Dame has to become special — but not like the Dome or the Basilica is special. It has to be special to you. So here are five ways to make Notre Dame your Notre Dame.

◆ Get involved.

I know — it's a cliché. But it's true, getting involved early is important. If you like playing Frisbee, then join the Ultimate Club. If building homes is your thing, then join Habitat for Humanity. If you like to talk, then get your own radio show. If you like math then join the mathletes. Whatever it is that you are passionate about, there is some-

thing for you to do — find it.

◆ Become a Weasel, a Pyro, a Dawg, a Rambler, etc.

I know we're the Fighting Irish, not the Purple Weasels or the Angry Mob. It doesn't matter. Dorm identity is huge at Notre Dame. Everything from Sunday night Mass to interhall sports to pep rallies is done with your dorm. When you meet other ND students, the first question is "Where do you live?" And the answer is not, "A suburb of Chicago." So embrace your mascot, your colors (even if they are ugly), your hallmates — you will develop a bond like no other.

◆ Take advantage of the 25 "other" varsity sports.

Last fall, the women's soccer team won the national championship last season on penalty kicks and returns almost all of its key players. And there is the national championship fencing team — two titles in three years. There is also the nationally-ranked women's basketball team, the outstanding men's soccer team, the baseball team, the softball team. Every team at Notre Dame is successful. Take advantage of your student ID — most games are free.

◆ Work hard in class, but not too hard, and get to know those giving you the grades.

Good grades are important but a well-rounded college experience is the most important. A 3.7 GPA is just as good as a 4.0 if you are involved. Just ask any employer — they want you to be well-rounded. Get to know your professors. No, really — do it. They are unbelievable people and most want you to succeed more than anything else. Talk to them after class, during office hours, during class. Just take advantage of the opportunity.

◆ Join the family — the Notre Dame family.

The minute you step on campus, into your dorm, into Notre Dame Stadium, you become one of "us" — anyone who has gone to Notre Dame or still goes there. It's a true

family like nothing else. So be outgoing. Talk to kids in your dorm, alumni, faculty. When you see someone with a Notre Dame ring, ask him where he lived. Maybe he was a Dawg like you, and one day he will give you a job. That's how the family works — you both went to Notre Dame and that's good enough for many. Once you step on campus, there are countless people around the country who will help you out as much as they can.

Find them.

Maybe everything I just wrote you've already heard. And if that's true, great: you're on your way to having a great time at Notre Dame.

But remember this: Notre Dame is a special place — the academics, athletics, tradition are incredible. But you have the unique opportunity to make it more than that. Make Notre Dame your Notre Dame. Notre Dame means something different to everyone here, including you.

Just like how after three years Notre Dame now means so much more to me than intramural sports.

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Places to Eat:

1. Colonial Pancake House

Rising early for breakfast can be a chore, especially on weekends, but the Colonial Pancake House makes it worth the effort. Featuring generous portions and affordable entrees, this delectable little establishment is the perfect place for a pre-game breakfast or brunch the following day with family and friends.

2. Fiddler's Hearth

Nothing says Irish better than a meal at Fiddler's Hearth, a family-friendly restaurant devoted to Celtic food, fun and atmosphere. Constructed to look like an actual Irish pub, Fiddler's Hearth offers live Celtic music and dancing as weekend staples. Highland bagpipes usher in the weekend at 5:45 pm each Friday.

3. Nick's Patio

Nick's Patio doubles as a casual Greek dining experience and a tasty breakfast joint. Well-priced entrees are available in a relaxed atmosphere that's open 24 hours a day. Perfect for fulfilling a late night munchie craving when the only other option is fast food.

4. Macri's

Pasta and sandwiches make up a sizable chunk of the menu at Macri's, a laid-back Italian restaurant. The food tops off a festive spot to enjoy a meal while watching a basketball game. The giant mozzarella sticks are a must.

5. Casa Del Rio

Casa Del Rio's slogan promises "a real taste of Mexico" and delivers on its word. There's no better place for a quick Mexican meal garnished with enchiladas or fajitas. Keep Tuesdays circled on the weekly calendar to enjoy dollar taco nights.

6. Rocco's

Rocco's is a perennial favorite for enjoying a slice of pizza and soaking in Notre Dame's rich traditions. The autographed pictures of past coaches and famous visitors adorning the walls, the large, comfortable booths and the delicious smells combine to create a powerful slice of pizza-fueled euphoria.

7. Carrabba's

Grape Road is a feasting ground for hungry families, with dozens of restaurants to choose from. But Carrabba's is a popular, recognizable choice for a chain restaurant that freshmen recognize from back home. A diverse menu allows visitors to enjoy anything from individual-sized pizzas to soups, salads and plenty of pasta entrees.

Getting out from under the Dome

A guide to life in and out of the Notre Dame bubble

Attractions:

8. University Park Mall

There's nothing like hanging around a mall all day to bring back pleasant memories of high school, and University Park Mall on Grape Road has more than enough venues to spend a weekend afternoon casually shopping or hanging out with friends. With a handful of department stores, more than 100 specialty stores and a generously sized food court, University Park is just a 10-minute drive from campus.

9. College Football Hall of Fame

With students and fans frenzied for the upcoming season, the College Football Hall of Fame offers a window to the illustrious Notre Dame teams of the past and the University's place in college football history. Extended hours on football weekends help visitors sift through the many venues inside the Hall, including exhibits, a replica locker room and a practice field to pit your gridiron skills against family members'.

10. Cinemark Movies 14 / 11. Kerasotes 16

Two local movie theatres anchor the South Bend film scene, offering one of the most popular, inexpensive diversions for college students: a night at the movies. Movies 14, located on Grape Road, is the closer of the two theatres to campus, but Kerasotes, located on West Chippewa Avenue, offers more smaller budget, independent pictures that film buffs crave, such as "Million Dollar Baby" and "Hotel Rwanda," leading up to Oscar season.

Road Trips:

12. Chicago

The country's third-largest city — and all its opportunities for adventure — is just 90 miles west of South Bend. An hour and a half will take you to the Miracle Mile, a shopper's nirvana; Wrigleyville, home of Chicago's beloved Cubs; Lake Shore Drive, a row of museums to saturate inquiring minds, and any number of regular concerts.

13. Cedar Point

Nothing eases the tension of a stress-filled week better than a few hours spent flying along Cedar Point's multitude of rollercoasters (16 if you're keeping count). If high speed, gravity-defying thrill rides aren't your cup of tea, there's still plenty to choose from among the 70 different amusement rides. Take a football with you and relive one-time employee Knute Rockne's invention of the forward pass, which he developed with teammate Gus Dorais at the park's beach along Lake Erie.

14. Michigan Dunes

It may not be Key West or Miami Beach, but students can find plenty of fun in the sun at the Michigan Dunes. Camping and beach football are two popular attractions, along with the sheer thrill of leaping off giant sand dunes. With a little imagination, walks along the shores of vast Lake Michigan can double as ocean view strolls.

Transportation:

On the off chance a friendly upperclassman can't provide a ride, there are several transportation options to get around town. Cabs usually hover around Main Circle, especially on weekends. Yellow Cab (574-233-9333) and A-B-C Cab (574-233-4000) are two of the cheapest, most reliable transportation options. Transpo buses are great for getting to the mall and around South Bend for low fares.

Traditions 101:

According to campus lore, undergraduate students are not supposed to use the stairs on the front of the Main Building or they will not graduate.

Tradition tells us that if you walk around both lakes holding hands with a person of the opposite sex, the two of you will get married.

The ghost of George "The Gipper" Gipp supposedly haunts Washington Hall. He allegedly caught pneumonia sleeping outside of the building when he was locked out of his dorm.

Football Weekends:

Pep Rally

Students, alumni, parents and subway alumni gather in anticipation of the upcoming game on Fridays at 6 p.m. in the Joyce Center. The pep rallies usually consist of cheers, skits, and speeches by players, coaches and famous visitors (past guests include Hank Aaron, Carson Daly and Dick Vitale). It's also an opportunity for dorms to gather en masse, sport their dorm colors, cheer and fuel the fire of dorm rivalries.

Drummer's Circle

The drummers of the Band of the Fighting Irish gather on the steps of the Main Building on Fridays at midnight, performing for fans and building excitement for Saturday's game.

Pregame Traditions

Saturday morning pregame traditions are punctuated by watching the band march around campus, starting on the steps of Bond Hall and ending at the Stadium, and hearing its members perform traditional Notre Dame music pieces. The football team and coaches can be sighted on their customary walk from the Basilica to the stadium prior to the game.

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Eating Around Campus:

Café de Grasta

Café de Grasta, located on the first floor of Grace Hall, is off the beaten path for anyone who doesn't live on Mod Quad, but it is worth the walk. It has a by-weight salad bar, coffee, wraps, stir-fry and a wide selection of drinks. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Irish Café

The Irish Café is located in the Notre Dame Law School, but it isn't just for law students. Baked goods, salads, sandwiches, soups and drinks are just some of the food offered. Open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Waddicks

Waddicks, located on the first floor of O'Shaughnessy Hall, is a great place to study and grab something to eat. A wide selection of baked goods, food and drinks are offered, but the coffee and espresso drinks are definitely worth the stop. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Decio Faculty Hall

Students don't usually spend too much time in Decio (it houses faculty offices), but if you are visiting a professor, it's a great place to get drinks, baked goods and coffee or to try the daily special. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Café Poche

Few students who aren't architecture majors venture into Bond Hall, but Café Poche, located on the first floor, might just lure some in. It offers deli sandwiches, soups, baked goods, drinks and coffee. Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Café Commons

If you're in the College of Business, Café Commons is a great place to get food like soup, salad, sandwiches, fruit, coffee and a wide array of drinks. Open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Greenfields

Greenfields is probably one of the best culinary discoveries that you can make on campus. Located in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, it offers global cuisine for between five and eight dollars a dish. Look for entrees like Portobello Mushroom Soffrito, Shanghai Salad, Plantation Salmon and Shrimp Stir-Fry, and also check out the breakfast menu. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Reckers

Reckers is the ultimate college eatery. It's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and serves classic college food favorites. Try the wood-fired pizzas, smoothies, ice cream, fries, sandwiches and coffee.

Legends

Legends is an on-campus multi-tasker. It hosts concerts, has a pub with an extensive beer and wine list for those over 21 and also features a full service restaurant. Start with an appetizer like Domer wings and then select from a menu that includes salads, steak, chicken, burgers, sandwiches and desserts. Open Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 4 to 9 p.m.; Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 4 p.m. 12 a.m.; Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 12 a.m. Closed Sundays.

Entertainment Around Campus:

Legends

Legends periodically hosts concerts, which range from campus bands to big name acts like past performers Gavin DeGraw, the Walkmen and Virginia Coalition.

The DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts

The PAC offers a wide range of concerts, plays, films and other performances. Upcoming events include screenings of "Casablanca," a stage performance by the group Toxic Audio and a free outdoor screening of "The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King." Current information about upcoming events can be found at the PAC Web site: <http://performingarts.nd.edu/>

WVFI

WVFI is a student-run radio station that also features student DJs. Current schedules can be found on its Web site: <http://www.nd.edu/~wvfi/>



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Irish halfback Darius Walker participates in a practice drill this week. Walker, Notre Dame's leading rusher last year, returns to run behind a veteran offensive line.

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many passes that are gonna be completed."

The Irish are working on numerous blitz packages, experimenting a version of defensive coordinator Rick Minter's 3-4 at South Carolina to protect the pass first.

If a three-man front can contain draws and run plays, Notre Dame can use a larger linebacker core to contain pass coverage, alter blitz schemes and create more of the natural double teams that Zbikowski observed.

"You look at some of the film of South Carolina ... it looks like the blitzes and the pressures are working really well," defensive tackle Trevor Laws said.

Last season, regardless of offensive production, Notre Dame's run defense stayed consistent and gave up only 88 yards rushing per game. But the secondary — and more generally, the pass defense — lacked not only the ability to stop an air attack. It lacked the ability to deter

teams who could — Southern Cal, Purdue, Pitt — throw almost every down.

Linebacker Brandon Hoyte, defensive tackle Derek Landri and Zbikowski are the only returning starters from that group.

In addition, the Irish have lost a few prospective contributors to transfers, departure or position change.

Defensive back Freddie Parish transferred to Stephen F. Austin University, a Division I-AA program, and

was added to their roster Wednesday afternoon. Defensive lineman Brandon Nicolas left the team Thursday.

Junior Jabbie moved from defensive back to running back. And the defensive ends are experiencing what defensive line coach Jappy Oliver called "growing pains" after Wednesday's practice.

"I just want the end spot to be more consistent," he said,

referring also to the depth of the position. "Sometimes I see flashes and then other times they take a step back, and I just want consistency at a lot of the other ends."

Victor Abiamiri leads the defensive ends with 37 career tackles after returning from a spring leg injury, but the coaches hope Abiamiri and others will create a disruptive pass rush to help the pass defense.

Zbikowski said all of the defensive backs were making progress but specified Ambrose Wooden, strong safety Chinedum Ndukwe and freshman David Bruton as players that were having strong fall camps.

Zbikowski also said defensive backs coach Bill Lewis' attention to detail has benefited the group.

In the first spring practice open to the media in Notre Dame Stadium, Lewis could be seen stopping standard drills to demonstrate technique himself — back pedaling and breaking a sweat.

"That's what we needed, a coach like that, [who's] real thorough," Zbikowski said.

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Tom Zbikowski
Irish free safety,
speaking on Bill Lewis

FOOTBALL

Six players leave team before season starts

The "Gug" opens; Cutcliffe resigns due to poor health

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Two weeks away from the Sept. 3 opener at Pittsburgh, the Irish have lost six players who have transferred or are not coming back next season.

Another, senior Travis Leitko, told the South Bend Tribune for an Aug. 17 article that he expects to be back at Notre Dame in the summer of 2006 due to "academic reasons."

Offensive lineman John Kadous announced in June that he plans to transfer to the University of Arizona. Kadous, who hails from Tucson, Ariz., did not see any playing time last season as a freshman.

Wide receiver Chris Vaughn transferred to Louisville after being suspended for the fall semester at Notre Dame.

Vaughn, who played on special teams last season as a true freshman, will have three seasons of eligibility left after he sits out the 2005 season due to NCAA transfer rules.

Sophomore offensive lineman Chauncey Incarnato left the team earlier this month, leaving the Irish with a thin depth chart at offensive line.

Incarnato did not see action last season as a true freshman.

Also leaving earlier this month was junior defensive back Freddie Parish, who transferred to Steven F. Austin, a Division I-AA school.

Most recently, sophomore defensive lineman Brandon Nicolas left the team Thursday

morning, Weis announced through a press release.

Last spring, Weis announced Wednesday that sophomore cornerback Tregg Duerson was no longer with the team for "personal reasons."

Duerson, who did not see action last season, is not back with the Irish this fall.

Notes:

◆ The Gugliemino Family Athletics Center, which houses new football offices, locker rooms and a weight room, opened earlier this month.

"It's a big plus for the whole athletic department," Weis said at the Aug. 8 media day. "I think it will be a big plus for the school. I think going from facilities that I believe were antiquated to now right at the top with everybody with the way Notre Dame should be and what they stand for, I think our players are very, very happy."

◆ Irish quarterbacks and assistant head coach for offense David Cutcliffe resigned June 1, citing health reasons.

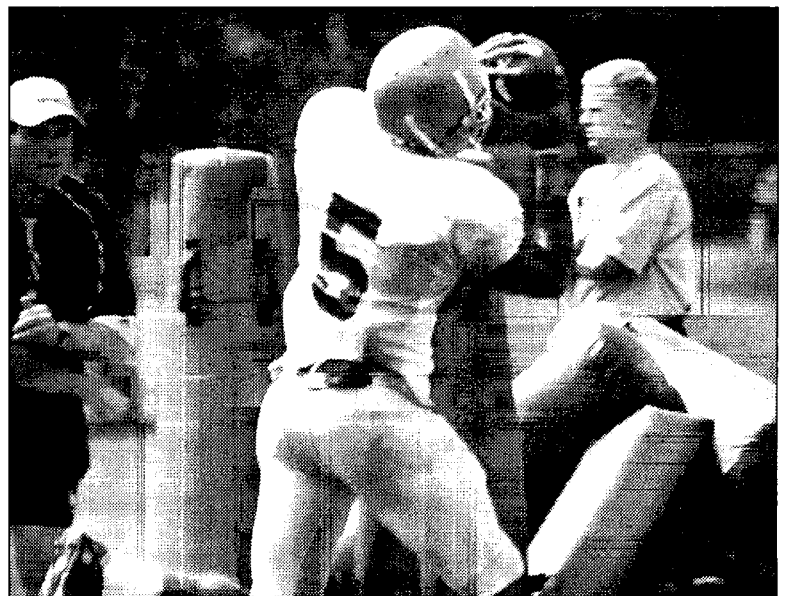
Cutcliffe, who had bypass surgery in March said he wanted to take some time off to get his health back in shape.

"Poor health initiated a series of events that culminated in this decision," he said in a press conference June 1. "Through it all, no one could have asked for more support than Charlie and the people at Notre Dame gave me and my family."

Two days later, Peter Vaas, a Notre Dame assistant coach from 1990-91, was hired to replace Cutcliffe.

Vaas came to the Irish from NFL Europe, where he was a head coach for six years.

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Irish wide receiver Rhema McKnight catches a pass in practice this week. McKnight has led Notre Dame in receiving each of the past two seasons.

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ND MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Piane, Irish planning to rebound

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Joe Piane has a bitter taste in his mouth.

After his team finished the 2004 regular season ranked fifth in the nation and winning the Big East Championship, the Notre Dame men's cross country coach held great expectations heading into the NCAA Championship in Terre Haute, Ind.

But Notre Dame finished a mediocre 11th place, ending a stellar season on a low note.

"We weren't pleased with that at all," Irish head coach Joe Piane said. "That was a disappointing 11th. We anticipated doing much better.

"That will be a motivator for us this year."

The team will look to rebound this season behind a deep, experienced and talented group of runners. Notre Dame will be led by its three captains, seniors Tim Moore and Sean O'Donnell and junior Kurt Benninger.

In addition to the tri-captains, the Irish return three of the other four runners who competed in the NCAA Championships in seniors A.J. Andrassy, Kaleb Van Ort and Vincent Ambrico. Junior Todd Ptacek and sophomores Jake Watson, Michael Popejoy and Dan Curran all figure to push for spots in the top-seven.

"We should be significantly deeper than we were 12 months ago," Piane said.

The coach realizes the value of experience, especially when it comes time for post-season competition. Notre Dame's sizeable group of seasoned veterans should provide a huge

advantage late in the year.

"Kids that have experience certainly are not going to be intimidated by the fact that they are at the national championship," Piane said. "The first time you go to the NCAAs you learn how to act. The second time, you come to compete."

Piane also believes that the team's depth will keep individuals focused and working hard throughout the season.

"There is going to be zero complacency on this team," the coach said. "Somebody knows if they slip up, there's going to be two guys that want their spot."

Notre Dame will also be bolstered by the addition of a strong freshman class. Piane expects two first year runners in particular to make an immediate impact. Robbie Baranyi of Yakima, Wash., finished eighth at the Footlocker High School National Championship. Fellow freshman Patrick Smythe won the 2004 Utah state championship. Both youngsters have excellent chances of making significant contributions early in their careers for the Irish.

Notre Dame opens its season on Sept. 9 at the Valparaiso Invitational. The Irish then have two tournaments in a row on their home course. The National Catholic Championship will be Sept. 16, with the Notre Dame Invitational following two weeks later.

Notre Dame has captured the past 10 team titles at the National Catholic Championship, and Tim Moore was last year's individual champion. The team has also finished first at the Notre Dame Invitational two of the last five years.

The team ends its regular season Oct. 15 in Terre Haute

for the Pre-National Championship meet. The Irish will begin post-season play by attempting to defend their title at the Big East Championship in New York on Oct. 28.

Notre Dame then travels to Bloomington, Ind., for the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Championship, where the team finished second in 2004. The Irish hope to conclude their season at the NCAA Championship in Terre Haute on Nov. 22. To qualify for the national championship, Notre Dame must either place in the top two at regionals or perform well enough during the year to receive an at-large bid.

Piane plans to hold his top veteran runners out of the early races. Benninger, Moore and O'Donnell all probably will not compete until the Notre Dame Invitational. The coach does not want his top runners to be burned out by the end of the season, and he likes to give freshman and inexperienced upperclassmen a chance to prove themselves in the early tournaments.

"It's very difficult to race over 8K, and if you do it too many times, you're just going to get exhausted," Piane said. "The seasoned veterans really don't need a lot of racing, they just need to train."

Piane plans to have his top runners in prime form for a return to the NCAA Championship and a chance at redemption.

"Our goal is to get back to the NCAAs and improve upon last year's performance," Piane said.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles return five starters to squad

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

The 2004 Saint Mary's soccer season was a tale of home and road. The Belles posted a remarkable 7-1 home record, including a 2-0 upset of MIAA champion Hope.

They finished a disappointing 3-5-1 in road contests, including a late season five-game losing streak.

Still, a 10-6-1 record and five returning starters has second year coach Caryn Mackenzie optimistic for the coming campaign. The Belles return, among others, 2004 leading goal scorer Ashley Hinton and goalkeeper Laura Helene.

"A few bounces the other way and we could have been maybe 14-2-1," Mackenzie said of last year's season, in which the Belles posted an incredible +29 goal differential and lost the six games by a combined nine goals.

Mackenzie herself is another reason for optimism headed into this season. After last year's senior class saw coaches leave after each of their first three seasons, Mackenzie is back for her second campaign.

"The continuity of me being there for a second year will help," Mackenzie said. "Last year I was the fourth coach in four years. It's my second year in. They're used to me, and I'm used to them."

Helene's 76 saves and 1.24 goals against average keyed a 2004 Belles defense that allowed a league-low 25 goals in 2004. She was also chosen all MIAA honorable mention. Mackenzie expects more of the same in 2005.

"We're looking forward to a great year from Laura," Mackenzie said of her keeper. "She's steady, she's a leader in the back, and she takes charge. The team feels very confident with her in net."

To do that, however, they will have to overcome the loss of several starters, including first team all MIAA selections midfielder Jen Concannon and defender Katie Taylor. Concannon's 11 goals last season were second only to

Hinton's 12, and Taylor was considered one of the top defenders in the conference last year.

Nevertheless, Mackenzie is confident the younger players will fill in admirably.

"We have a great nucleus coming back and a lot of players ready to step up and take the place of the seniors," she said.

Returning defensive starters Carrie Orr and Shannon Culbertson will try to pick up the slack in Taylor's absence. Orr is a specialist at moving forward and netted four goals last season. Senior Maura Schoen and sophomores Amy Schiedler, Sarah DuBree and Justine Higgins will compete for the other defensive spots. While the four have significant game experience over the course of their careers, only Schiedler has ever started a game.

Midfield will be a strength for the Belles, with returnees Hinton and Carolyn Logan anchoring the unit. Logan placed third on the team with seven goals last season and may also play forward, where she saw significant time in 2004.

Schoen and Higgins also have midfield experience and may get playing time there.

Carolyn Concannon returns up front for the Belles, after starting 15 of 17 games last season and recording a goal and two assists. Junior Cat McMillan, who scored four goals in 14 appearances off the bench last season, should also see time as a forward.

The low number of goals from the forwards is troubling to Mackenzie, but she expects production up front to increase this season as players look to pick up the scoring slack created by the departure of Concannon.

"We did seem to have trouble finding the back of the net with our frontrunners last year, but I expect that will change this year," Mackenzie said. "Losing Jen Concannon in the middle is unfortunate, but it may create more opportunities and give more responsibility to the forwards."

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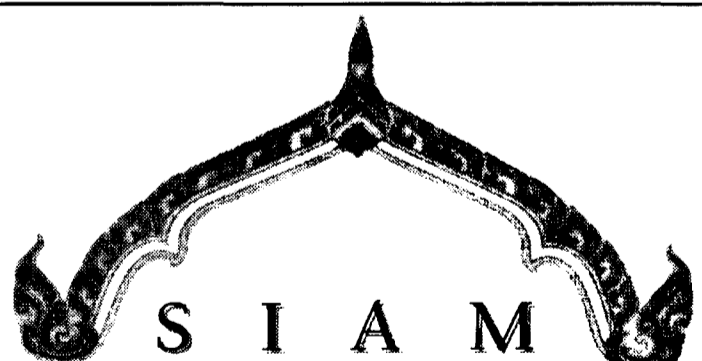
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Selig doesn't want the help

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Describing himself as restless and disappointed, commissioner Bud Selig said Thursday he believes baseball can solve its steroids problem without help from Congress.

"I've often said I won't rest until I rid the sport of steroids," Selig said following the owners' quarterly meeting held at a Pasadena hotel about 10 miles from Dodger Stadium. "If we can't solve our problems, then I submit to you the government should do what it has to do."

Several baseball stars, past and present, appeared before Congress on March 17, with current standout Rafael Palmeiro testifying he had never used steroids. The 40-year-old Baltimore Orioles' star, one of four players to reach 3,000 hits and 500 homers, was suspended for 10 days on Aug. 1 following a positive test for a performance-enhancing drug.

Selig later reiterated his desire for even more stringent testing and harsher penalties for steroid users, including a 50-game suspension for a first offense, 100 games for a second and a lifetime ban for a third.

Management and the union agreed to toughened rules last January that included 10-day suspensions for first-time offenders starting this year.

"There's no question the

(steroids) program is working," Selig said. "I said March 17th and again in May, anyone who tests positive is gone. The process is long, it's unwieldy, it is what it is. I've had a very restless four months. This is a collective bargaining issue."

That being the case, Selig said there has been little discussion lately with the players' union on the matter.

The only action taken at the meeting was an announcement that baseball has become a founding sponsor of the Taylor Hooton Foundation, a nonprofit corporation formed in memory of a 17-year-old high school student-athlete who committed suicide two years ago in Plano, Texas, after using steroids.

"I'm happy to say it was just a calm, peaceful day," Selig said. "We really have no surprises."

Selig repeated what chief operating officer Bob DuPuy said a day earlier — that the sale of the Washington Nationals was close to being completed. Eight groups are interested in purchasing the franchise from Major League Baseball, which bought the then-Montreal Expos for \$120 million in 2002.

"We're very close," Selig said. "Well before the season's over, we should be done. I'm very pleased with that — a wonderful end to a tough story. This was a situation fraught with a lot of potential problems. It's

going to come to an end; we're going to come out of the ownership business. The commissioner will be delighted."

The Hooton Foundation is dedicated to battling steroid abuse among young people through education and public awareness.

As part of its sponsorship, baseball will donate \$500,000 in each of the next two years and provide support and assistance wherever possible, such as a link to baseball's Web site.

"Baseball is a social institution with enormous social responsibilities," Selig said. "While baseball gets all the headlines, steroid abuse is rampant (otherwise)."

Hooton's father, Donald M. Hooton, is chairman and president of the foundation. He also testified before Congress in March.

"Most experts believe five or six percent of high school students are playing with this stuff," Hooton said. "Not all of these abusers are athletes."

"As we have learned firsthand, the use of anabolic steroids can be deadly. Taylor was showing all the signs of using anabolic steroids. We came to the conclusion there was a desperate need to educate (the public)."

"We are deeply grateful to commissioner Selig and Major League Baseball for believing in our cause. I'm hoping today is another huge milestone."

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles looking to right the ship after 6-19 year

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

Back on track.

That's the main idea for the St. Mary's volleyball team. After doubling their win total each season from 2001 through 2003, the Belles slipped to 6-19 last year.

"I feel we have to get back on track because the previous three years we had been making such progress," Belles head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said.

Schroeder-Biek played for St. Mary's and served as the head coach from 1991-96, and then rejoined her alma mater in 2000 as the head coach. The veteran coach had back surgery in the middle of last season and was forced to miss the second half. To add to the team complications, several of the Belles' top players were on sabbatical for a year to study abroad, and several were lost to injury.

With the head coach back on the bench for St. Mary's, the Belles also hope to bring back their winning ways.

"I feel 100 percent better going into this season than last season because last season I was going in sick and then ruptured a disc in my back, so having surgery in the middle of the season, it wasn't a great one," Schroeder-Biek.

"It really pulled us off focus. My mantra this year is 'back on

track."

After a trying 2004 season, the Belles return four of their top players in junior outside attacker Michelle Turley, senior middle hitter Shelly Bender, junior Anne Cusack and sophomore outside attacker Kristen Playko. With most of that group together during the 2003 season, the Belles finished a respectable 16-13.

"I'm really excited about the core that we have coming back," Schroeder-Biek said. "It's a very strong core."

Other players returning include Talia Matry-Vacaro — who played her first year with the Belles before traveling abroad last year — and Amanda David.

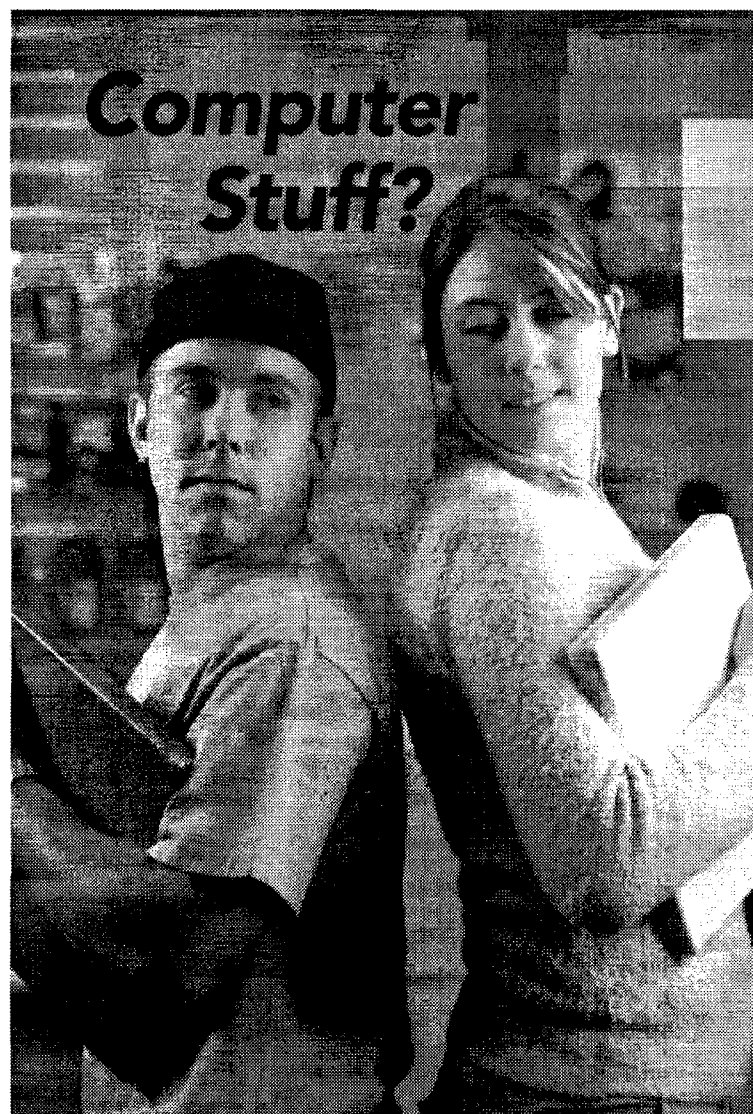
While they have yet to win a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship in their program's history, the Belles' talent this year could carry them toward the top of the conference.

"They [the team] played a lot this summer. We are not deep in setting, but they are a good team," Schroeder-Biek said. "They all get along very well."

When asked about any aspirations for this season, Schroeder-Biek answered quickly.

"To get back on the winning track and climb our way back up the ladder."

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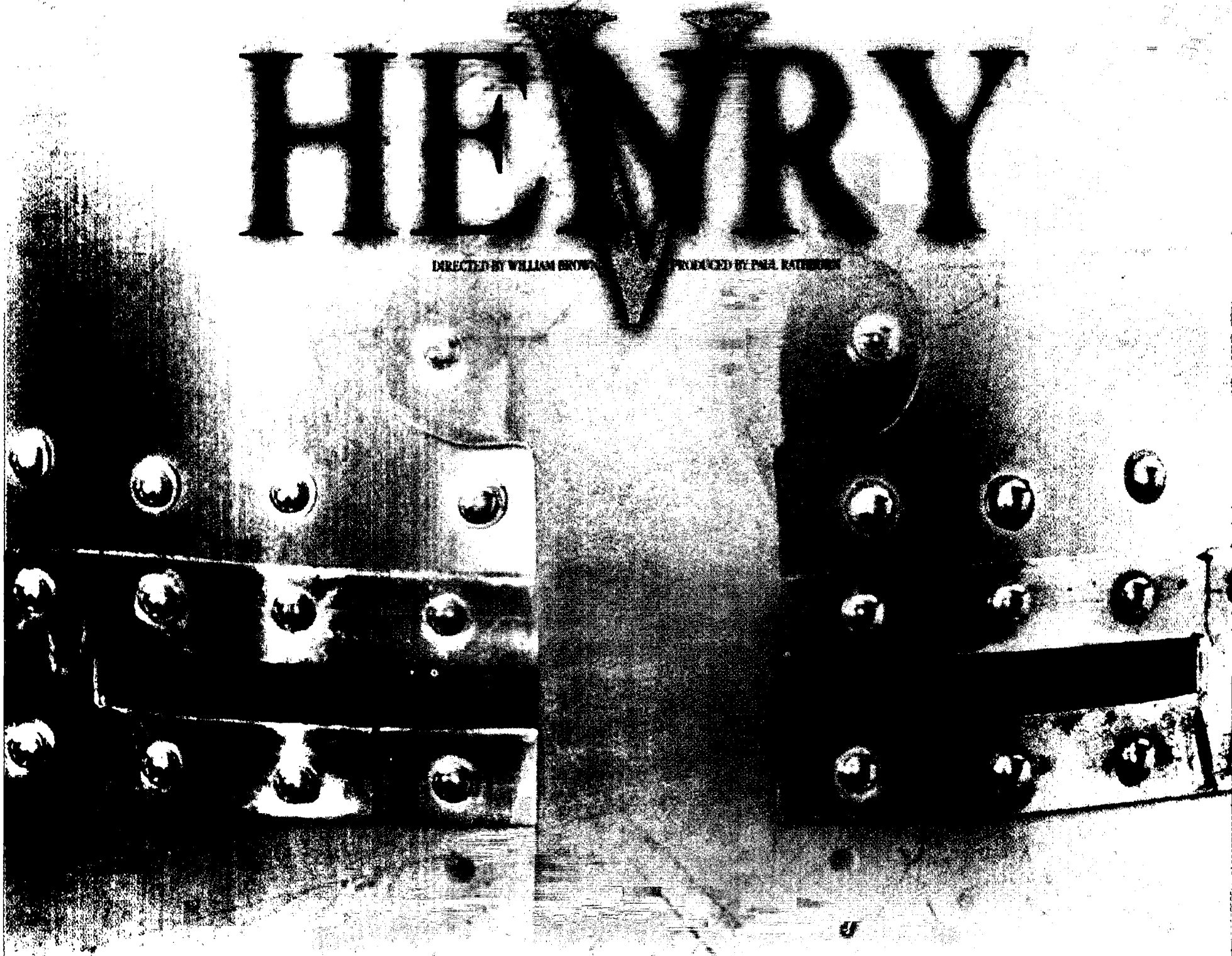
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Brown, Brewster, Irish hoping to make deep NCAA run

Five returning seniors lead young squad into 2005 season

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

When asked if this year's Irish volleyball team has a season motto, veteran head coach Debbie Brown didn't give anything away, but sounded confident her team would come up with something big.

"We haven't come up with anything yet," she said. "I think they're kind of working on it and trying to get to know each other. I'm sure they'll think of something."

Last year's Big East regular season and tournament champions are still shaping their 2005 identity.

"We wanted to wait for the freshmen to get in and to get to play with them a little bit [before we come up with a motto]," senior co-captain and libero Meg Henican said. "And just kind of let our team develop before we decided on something because we wanted it to be something that we all could use, and it would be a good reminder for all of us."

With a strong nucleus of returning players, including five seniors, the Irish veterans recognize the need to gel with the freshmen.

"We have four freshmen, and they're a big part of our team, and we wanted them to be involved in that," Henican said.

While the motto is a work in progress, one thing is definite.

The Irish want to win — again. Nine of the top 10 players in nearly every statistical category — defense, sets, serves, blocks and kills — are back.

The team returns pre-season Big East player of the year and 2004 third-team All-American Lauren Brewster, senior outside hitter/middle blocker Lauren Kelbley, also a selection to the pre-season all-Big East team, and the leader Henican. Senior setter Kelly Burrell, senior middle blocker/opposite Carolyn Cooper and junior Danielle Herndon will play important roles this season along with versatile sophomores Adrianna Stasiuk, Ashley Tarutis and Ellen Heintzman.

Despite all the accolades the seniors have received throughout their careers, despite all the wins they've accumulated, they are hungry for more.

"We always set our goals pretty high, but I think with so many seniors and so many returnees coming back, we, of course, expect great things this year," Henican said.

Notre Dame has won the Big East regular season title nine out of the past 10 years and the tournament title eight out of the past 10 years and made the NCAA tournament 13 consecutive seasons. Last season, the Irish took

both titles and finished with a 21-9 record after falling to Wisconsin 3-0 in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

"We definitely want to finish stronger than we did last year," Brown said.

According to Henican, the goal is to finish quite a bit stronger.

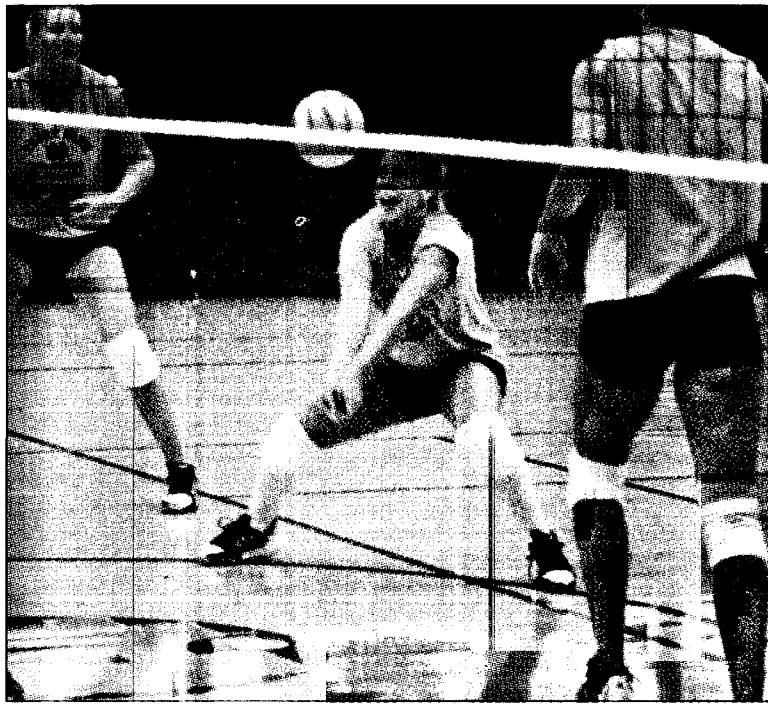
"My goal every year is to win a national championship. We have some smaller ones along the way. We want to win our conference, but [to win the national championship is] our ultimate goal."

Though the Irish have dominated the Big East for much of the 90s and for the beginning part of this decade, they have yet to advance past the second round of the NCAA tournament since 1997.

If Notre Dame is to repeat its Big East title, improve on last year's record and better its 2004 NCAA tournament run, it must accomplish those feats against some of the nation's top squads.

The Irish play five matches against pre-season American Volleyball Coaches Association [AVCA] top 20 teams.

A perennial in the Top 25, Louisville is a newcomer in the Big East Conference. The Cardinals, ranked 14th in the pre-season poll, are on Notre Dame's schedule at least once this regular season but the two could also meet in the Big East Conference



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Sophomore setter Ashley Tarutis bumps the ball during practice Wednesday at Rolfs.

tournament. Last time the Irish played the former Conference USA team, the Irish fell 3-0 in the opening round of the 2003 NCAA tournament.

Other top teams Notre Dame faces include Texas, Southern Cal, Florida and Tennessee. Eight of the 14 non-conference foes the Irish were 2004 NCAA tourna-

ment participants.

Notre Dame, ranked 27th in the AVCA, opens the season against rival Michigan Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Joyce Center.

"We can't wait," Henican said. "We're excited."

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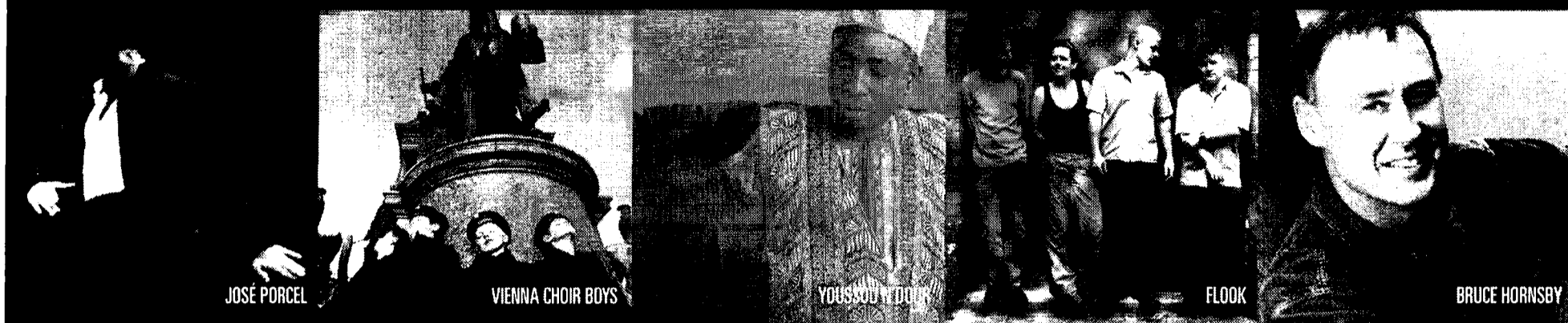
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action. The Irish also bring in Andrew Quinn and Luke Seibolt, two freshman keepers. Clark insists competition in net is wide open.

"That decision hasn't been made yet," Clark said. "We'll give a couple of the goalkeepers a look on Monday."

Notre Dame opens the season on Monday, hosting eighth-ranked New Mexico in an exhibition game at Alumni Field.

The good news for Clark is the Irish return a great deal of offensive firepower. Six of the top seven scorers from last season are back. Forwards Justin McGeeney and Tony Megna led the team with five goals each last season.

Captains John Stephens and Greg Dalby and sophomore Kurt Martin lead an experienced group of midfielders, with juniors Ian Etherington

and Nate Norman further augmenting the Irish offensive charge.

In 2004, these players helped the Irish to one of the best regular seasons in program history. The Irish captured the regular season Big East title, a feat Clark was quite proud of.

"To win the Big East was definitely the best thing any of the teams have done to date because it is such a difficult league," Clark said.

After battling Seton Hall to a standstill in the Big East Tournament championship game, the Irish lost on penalty kicks. The team received the fifth seed in the NCAA tournament, the highest seed in program history. After a first round bye, though, Ohio State upset Notre Dame 2-1, ending the Irish season earlier than

expected.

"That was a really tough loss to swallow," Dalby said. "We had a great year and finished off strong in the regular season. We had high expectations going into the tournament."

The Irish will look to make up for last year's disappointing finish in 2005. The team enters the year ranked No. 16 in the NCSAA pre-season poll.

Things do not get any easier for Notre Dame after Monday's match with New Mexico. The Irish face steep out of conference competition to begin the 2005 campaign, with three of Notre Dame's first four opponents ranked in the preseason top 25.

"This is the toughest schedule we've had on paper," Clark said. "We feel the tougher schedule you get, it doesn't ensure wins. But it ensures preparation if you are fortunate enough to get to the NCAA's, we'll have played top quality teams."

That is the bottom line for the Irish. Regular season games are important, but the team is concentrating on equaling those successes in the 2005 postseason.

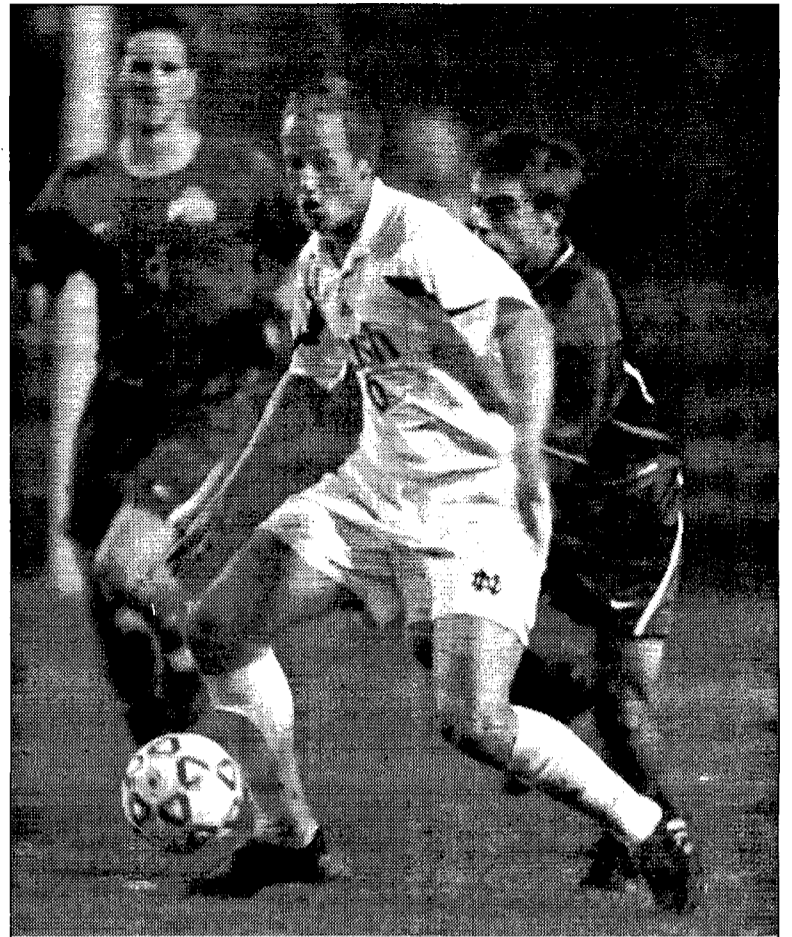
"It's pretty simple," Rellas said. "We want to win the Big East league and then we got the Big East tournament."

"Then we get into the NCAA tournament and that's when we've gotta go. We've gotta get to [the NCAA championship site in North] Carolina and win a national championship."

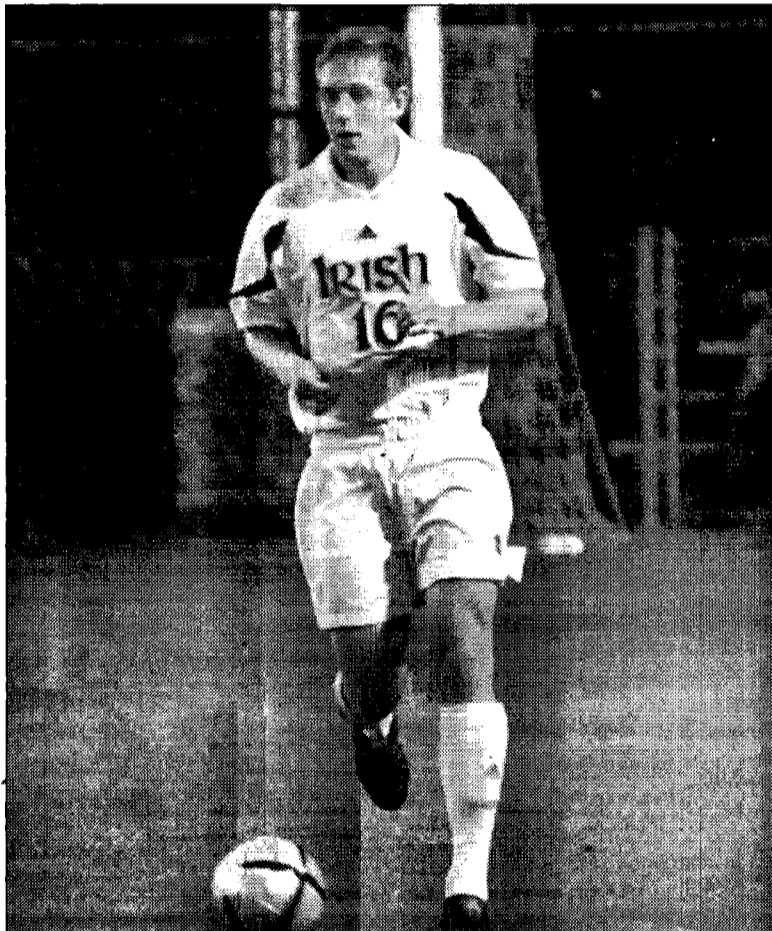
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Bobby Clark
Irish head coach



Notre Dame midfielder Greg Dalby fights off two Ohio State defenders last season. Head coach Bobby Clark has high expectations for Dalby and the 2005 Fighting Irish.



Irish defenseman Ben Crouse moves up field last season. Crouse and other returning defenders will have to fill the void created by the loss of three players to the MLS after last year.

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veteran players, they don't look like freshmen. So that's the good sign."

The highest expectations belong to Bock, who was rated the number one player in the world in her age group by womensworldfootball.com. The friendly, 5'6" phenom is capable of playing anywhere on the field, according to Waldrum.

She is so talented she skipped her junior year of high school soccer to play with the Chicago Magic, the number-one rated under-18 boys team in the nation. In 2003 her Team Illinois

club won the Olympic Development Program (ODP) national title, and she was the youngest player invited to the under-19 U.S. National Team camp last year.

It's preparation of this sort that made the Naperville, Ill., native one of the most heavily recruited players in the country last year.

But when it came time to pick one school, Notre Dame stood out for more than just the stellar soccer program.

"It just feels so perfect to me," Bock said. "I couldn't imagine going any other place. I fell in love with the campus, the team and the coaches. It's great for my academics, and I like the fact that it's close to home."

Dew and Inglis, both top players on the national club soccer scene themselves, agree with Bock's rationale for coming to South Bend.

Inglis, who drew recruiting interest from schools such as Stanford, Vanderbilt and Purdue, chose Notre Dame after starring for the Ft. Wayne Fever club along with her Snider High squad.

"In my mind, nothing compares to Notre Dame," Inglis said. "As soon as [Notre Dame] became an option, I was like 'I'm not looking anywhere else.'"

Dew's quiet demeanor masks a competitive side that helped her standout while attending high school in Encinitas, Calif. She captained the San Diego Surf, the number-one girls club team in the nation along with winning the 2004 ODP national championship with the Southern California state team.

The defender admires her new teammates for their physical talent but also for their positive attitude.

She was excited, along with the Irish soccer faithful, after seeing Bock tack up two goals in her first collegiate scrimmage against Butler on Aug. 14. But she also sees a bright future for Inglis, who is currently sidelined with a sprained ankle, suffered on the first day of practice.

"[Inglis has] kept a really positive attitude," Dew said. "She'll definitely be a huge part of the team."

Doctors told Inglis she should be back in two to four weeks. But when asked about her personal timetable for a return, her response characterized her teammates eagerness to begin their promising careers at Notre Dame.

"Hopefully it's on the two end," Inglis said.

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Irish players celebrate after winning the 2004 national championship in December. With nine starters returning, the team is poised to make another run this year.

Repeat

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Krivacek, junior, who scored the winning goal in the championship, will also be returning.

Other returning seniors include Candace Chapman, Miranda Ford, Maggie Manning, Amber McMillin, Annie Scheffer, Katie Thorlakson — who tied the score at one against UCLA last December — and Jenny Walz.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum understands that in order for his team to be successful, they have to maintain the same focus that allowed them to achieve great things last season.

"I think now the whole key will be making sure they don't come back in any kind of comfort or a relaxed area," Waldrum

said. "That's the biggest thing we've had our eye on — to make sure we don't have any drop off."

Waldrum does think, however, that to this point, his team has worked hard to make sure they are intense and focused.

"I really don't think that's been the case," Waldrum said about his team displaying signs of comfort early this season. "We watched that close in the spring, and it was one of our best springs ever. The intensity level just grew. They did what they needed to do to get ready

to play."

The off season was quite busy for the Irish on several fronts, as the coaching staff put together a top recruiting class and Irish players competed on various club teams.

Thorlakson also had the honor of being nominated for the ESPY award given to the best female college athlete.

But with the regular season quickly approaching, the Irish are now looking for a repeat. And with Notre Dame coming off a NCAA title, there is even more attention on the program.

"Whether you're a student here or a student athlete here, Notre Dame is always under a microscope anyway because of

"Notre Dame is always under a microscope because of who we are."

Randy Waldrum
Irish head coach

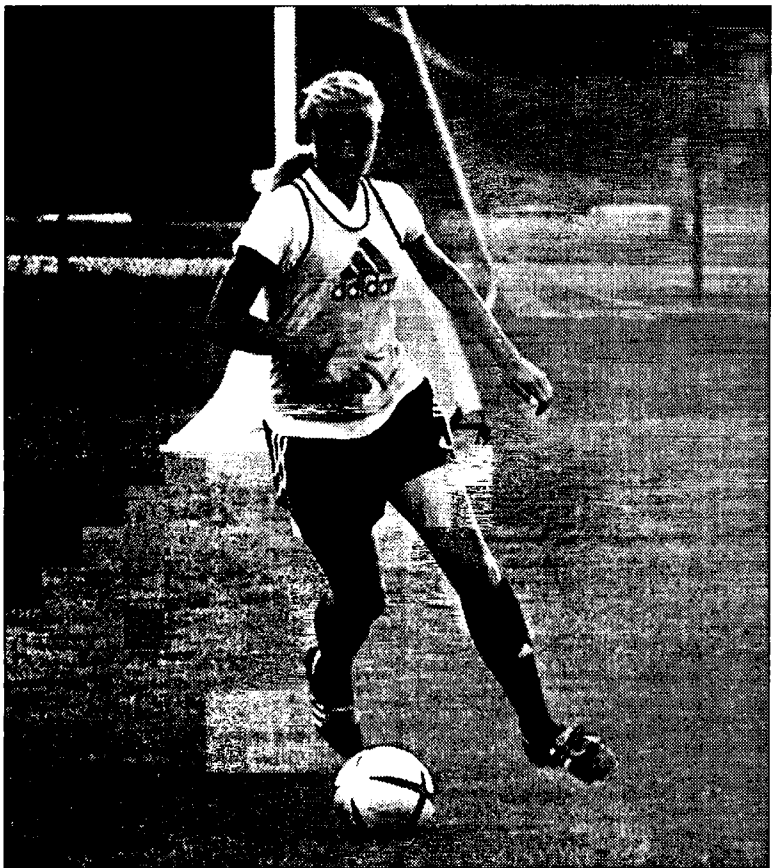
who we are," Waldrum said. "So we are used to playing with a target, and I think we just made it a little bit bigger."

The Irish have already shown offensive sparks early on this season, beating Butler in an exhibition game 8-1 on Aug. 14.

Notre Dame was led by freshman Brittany Bock who had two goals and an assist.

With that said, 2005 should still be challenging for the Irish despite their early season success. The team faces several quality opponents including Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, Michigan, Santa Clara and Villanova.

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Carrie Dew moves upfield in practice earlier this week. Dew is one of three highly regarded newcomers on the Irish roster as the team tries to defend its 2004 national championship.

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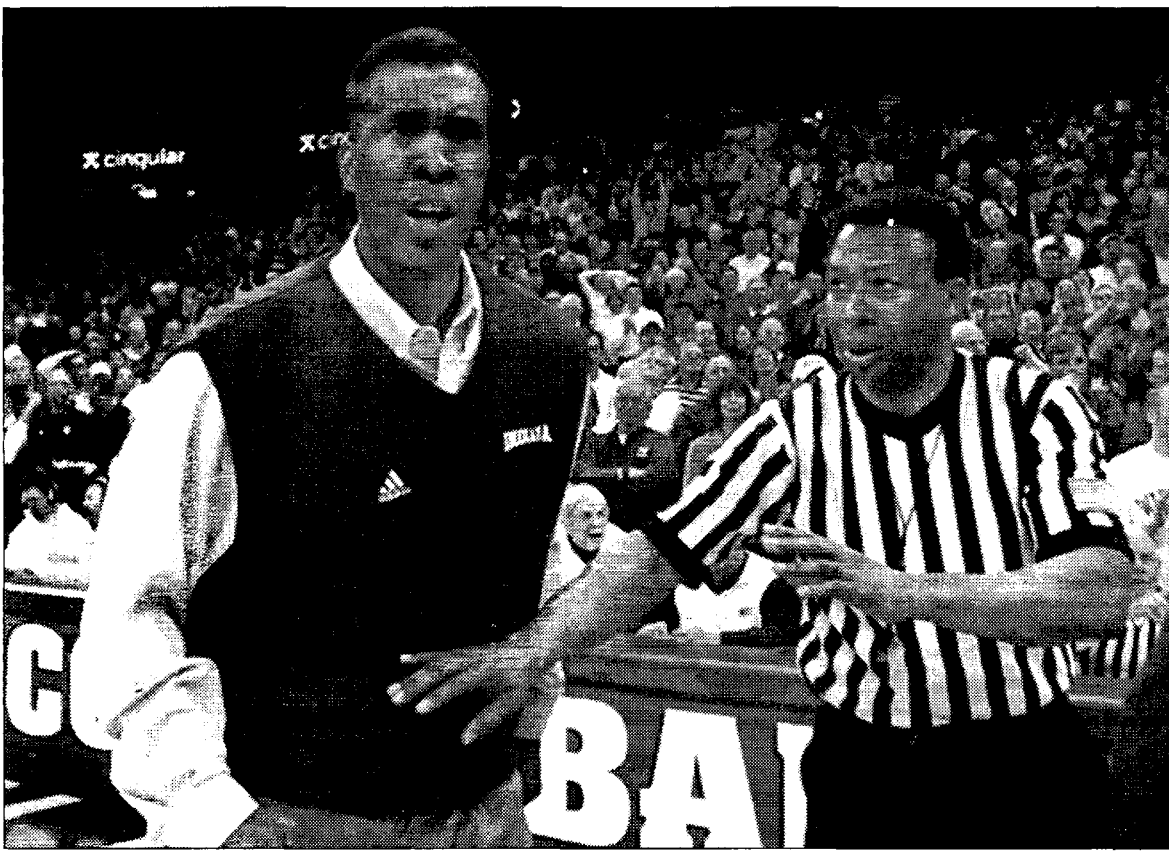
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Indiana coach Mike Davis is held back by referee Ed Hightower following a 62-60 loss to Wisconsin on March 1. Davis' Hoosiers will play on national television 13 times this season.

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — At least 13 Indiana basketball games will be nationally televised in 2005-06, including home games against Duke, Connecticut, Michigan State and Illinois and a game against Kentucky at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

The Hoosiers also will play four other teams from Indiana, including Big Ten rival Purdue twice, on Jan. 21 in Bloomington and either Feb. 28, March 1 or March 2 in West Lafayette.

"We have a great schedule and it will certainly test us early and often throughout the season," Indiana coach Mike Davis said. "The thing that I like about this schedule is that it will provide an objective gauge of our team's progress."

The Nov. 30 game against Duke is part of the Big Ten-ACC Challenge. Purdue, which has the Big Ten's top returning scorer, Carl Landry, will visit Florida State on Nov. 29 as part of the annual showdown between the two conferences.

The Boilermakers also will play Xavier and Notre Dame will face North Carolina State in the annual Wooden Tradition doubleheader Nov. 26 at Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

"There are no real surprises on the schedule," said new Purdue coach Matt Painter, whose regular-season debut will be at home against Wofford on Nov. 19. "Every year the Big Ten is one of the most competitive conferences in the country, and this season should be no different. I feel like the Big Ten is going to be very good from top to bottom."

The Boilermakers will begin conference play on the road, at Northwestern on Jan. 4 and at

Michigan on Jan. 7.

The Big Ten schedule, released this week, also shows Purdue playing twice against each conference team except Illinois, Iowa, Michigan State and Wisconsin. The lone game against defending Big Ten champion Illinois will be in Champaign on Jan. 28.

"I like having a couple of road games to begin conference play," said Painter, who was the Boilermakers' associate coach last season and moved up when Gene Keady retired. "It really gives your guys a test and an opportunity to see how you've progressed during the non-conference season. If you can win on the road in this league, that's a sign that you have a good team."

Purdue also visits Evansville on Dec. 3 and has a home game against IPFW on Dec. 20.

Indiana's schedule also includes games at Indiana State on Dec. 6, against Butler at Consecro Fieldhouse on Dec. 23 and at Ball State on Dec. 31. Also, two Division II schools from Indiana will visit the Hoosiers in preseason exhibition games, with St. Joseph's coming in on Nov. 4 and Indianapolis on Nov. 11. The Nov. 18

regular-season opener against Nicholls State will be Indiana's earliest start since 2001.

The Hoosiers' non-conference schedule also includes games against Kentucky on Dec. 10, at Charlotte on Dec. 19 and at home against Connecticut on Feb. 4 during a break from Big Ten play. It will be the Huskies' first game in Bloomington since 1938.

Indiana's conference schedule begins at home against Michigan on Jan. 3 and Ohio State in a nationally televised game Jan. 8. Indiana also will play Illinois on Jan. 17 and visit the Illini on Feb. 19. Michigan State hosts Indiana on Jan. 11 and visits the Hoosiers on Feb. 26.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Big games getting fewer and fewer

Twelfth game means more patsies on tap

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — This time next year, college football fans everywhere will be planning an extra trip to campus.

For Florida-Miami? Maybe Pitt-Penn State? How about Texas-Arkansas?

They wish. Even though the NCAA made the 12th game an annual event beginning in 2006, marquee matchups will be rare because schools are unwilling to trade a lucrative home game for a home-and-away series. They also don't want to fill what would have been an open week with a tough opponent.

"Everybody thinks automatically that now Florida is playing USC, and Oklahoma is playing Michigan and that kind of stuff," Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley said. "I don't see that happening. The 12th game is a significant source of revenue for every program in America. I think that's going to be a driving force in the way a lot of these schedules come down."

Before the NCAA passed the

rule in April, Division I-A programs were allowed to schedule a 12th regular-season game in 2002 and 2003, when the calendar provided 14 Saturdays between the first weekend in September and the last weekend in November. The next time that's going to happen is 2008, then again in 2013.

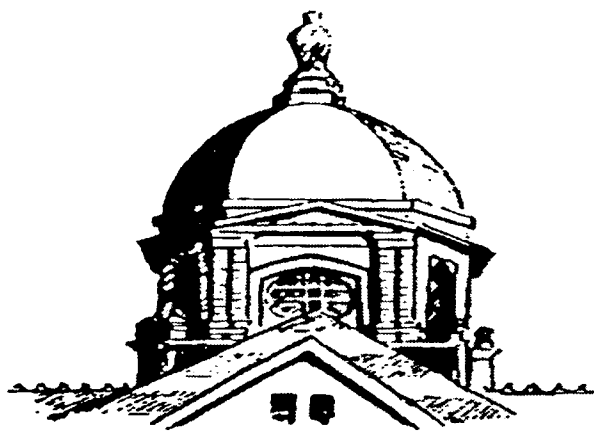
With that in mind, Florida and Miami already agreed to play in '08 and '13. In other years, Florida has Florida Atlantic, Florida International and Hawaii on tap.

It's about the same everywhere else, with the 12th game providing only a few enticing matchups so far. LSU and Tulane signed a 10-year contract. Georgia and Colorado have a series set. Marshall and West Virginia have a seven-game agreement, starting next year.

South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier wants to play North Carolina, but the Tar Heels have been cool on the idea.

A blockbuster deal hasn't happened — and might not.

The additional game will undoubtedly bring a financial windfall to athletic departments from coast to coast, but it also has sparked controversy. Some view it as abusive to student-athletes and merely another step toward mirroring the NFL.



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CHECKING OUT THE TEAMS

FOOTBALL

The anticipation continues to mount with the Charlie Weis era of Notre Dame football set to begin Sept. 3rd. The Irish will look to bounce back from a 6-6 year and a tumultuous off-season.

The team returns ten of eleven starters on offense, with tailback Ryan Grant the lone departure. Junior quarterback and offensive captain Brady Quinn, with two years of experience under his belt, will lead an offense chock full of talent and experience. Joining Quinn in the backfield will be running backs Rashon Powers-Neal and Darius Walker, who is coming off a very productive freshman year.

Ryan Harris, Mark LeVoit, Bob Morton, Dan Santucci, Dan Stevenson and John Sullivan will open up holes for the backs and protect Quinn. Rhema McKnight, Maurice Stovall, Jeff Samarjzdia and Matt Shelton

will be Quinn's primary targets at wideout, while Anthony Fasano, John Carlson and Marcus Freeman give the Irish a talented trio of tight ends.

The Irish defense, on the other hand, returns just three starters — linebacker and defensive captain Brandon Hoyte, defensive tackle Derek Landri and free safety Tom Zbikowski. On the defensive line, Landri, Trevor Laws and Brian Beidatsch will man the interior while Victor Abiamiri and Chris Frome will start at defensive end.

Defensive captain Hoyte is back at outside linebacker, with Corey Mays and Maurice Crum Jr. set to take over at middle and apache linebacker.

On special teams, D.J. Fitzpatrick returns as the team's primary kicker. Either Fitzpatrick or Price will handle punting duties.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach Mike Brey must replace graduated four-year starter at point guard Chris Thomas and program career blocks leader Jordan Cornette as the 2005-2006 season draws nearer. Brey will rely heavily on the returning trio of guards Chris Quinn and Colin Falls and forward Torin Francis, who is back after testing the NBA draft waters in the spring.

Guard Russell Carter and forwards Rob Kurz, Rick Cornett, and Omari Israel will continue to contribute for the Irish this season.

Brey also expects big things from his incoming freshman class of wing Ryan Ayers, forward Zach Hillebrand, guard Kyle McAlarney and McDonald's All-American forward Luke Zeller.

Notre Dame will play a tough schedule in the reconfigured Big East Conference.

New additions Louisville, Cincinnati, Marquette, South Florida and DePaul join holdovers Connecticut, Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Villanova, and West Virginia to form an extremely competitive group at the top of the league.

Notre Dame is set to play home-and-away series against DePaul, Marquette and Providence. They also welcome Georgetown and Syracuse for two of the more challenging games at the Joyce Center and go on the road to face traditional powers Connecticut and Pittsburgh.

The Irish will have their work cut out for them as they look to return to the NCAA tournament, after missing the dance each of the past two seasons. They stumbled down the stretch, losing to Rutgers in the Big East tournament in a must-win game to keep their NCAA hopes alive.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Megan Duffy spent her summer captaining Team USA through the World University Games. The point guard returns to Notre Dame this fall for her senior season, hoping to lead the Irish deep into the NCAA Tournament.

Duffy is the key returner from a 2004 Irish squad that fell to Arizona State in the second round of last year's tournament. The point guard has already been named as a preseason candidate for the State Farm Wade Trophy and the John R. Wooden women's award, honors given to the top player in women's college basketball each year.

She has spent the summer playing for Team USA in the World University Games against international teams such as China and Russia.

Two other starters from last year's team return for the Irish

— senior forward Courtney LaVere and junior guard Breona Gray.

Coach Muffet McGraw will rely on the leadership and experience of these veterans in the tough Big East conference.

Junior forward Crystal Erwin, sophomore guard Takyah Gaines, and sophomore guard Charel Allen all made significant contributions off the bench for the Irish last year. The three players figure to have an even greater impact in 2005. Sophomore center Melissa D'Amico will try to help fill the void left when Teresa Borton graduated.

Notre Dame will sorely miss departed All-American Jacqueline Batteast, one of the top players in the history of the program.

With Duffy at the helm, though, the Irish should turn in another strong season.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Defending a title might be the toughest task in sports, but the Notre Dame women's soccer team will try to do just that in 2005. On Dec. 4, 2004, the Irish defeated UCLA in the national title game. After battling to a 1-1 standstill, Notre Dame prevailed 4-3 on penalty kicks.

Notre Dame brings back a huge amount of talent for the 2005 season. Returning players accounted for 97 percent of goals and 97 percent of assists in 2004. Three All-Americans — defender/forward Candace Chapman, forward Katie Thorlakson and midfielder Jen Buczkowski — remain from last year's championship squad. Forward Amanda Cinalli and midfielders Annie Schaefer and Jill Krivacek are holdovers from last season's starting lineup.

Adding to the Irish success is a stellar recruiting class led by the top-rated under-17 women's

soccer player in the nation, Brittany Bock. The class is rounded out by Kelly Inglis, Carrie Dew and Rebecca Mendoza.

The biggest question mark for the Irish comes on defense. The team lost top defenders Melissa Tancredi and Gudrun Gunnarsdottir.

Coach Randy Walrdum will look to Kim Lorenzen and Christine Shaner to pick up the defensive slack.

Erika Bohn has been named the Big East preseason goalkeeper of the year.

Notre Dame enters the season ranked No. 1 in the NCSAA preseason poll for the first time in history.

The team will begin its defense of this top ranking when the regular season kicks off August 26 with the Irish taking on New Hampshire at the Nike classic in Burlington, Vt.

FENCING

Notre Dame fencing is rapidly becoming a dynasty.

The Irish have won two of the last three national titles and should have another strong season in 2005.

In March, Notre Dame became the first program ever to win the NCAA championship without qualifying the maximum twelve fencers for the championship. Notre Dame's eleven competitors impressively overcame an early tournament deficit.

Trailing Ohio State by thirteen points heading into the championship's final day, the Irish rallied to overtake the Buckeyes and capture the title.

Notre Dame returns a solid group in 2005 and appears poised for another title run.

On the men's side, junior sabres Patrick Ghattas and Matt Stearns and sophomore foilist Jakub Jedrkowiak all won All-

American honors last season. Junior epeeists Aeon Adjemian and Patrick Gettings, junior foilist Frankie Botempo, and sophomore epeeist Gregg Howard should make significant contributions in 2005.

Sophomore sabre Mariel Zagunis, the 2004 Olympic gold medalist, headlines the women's contingent. After finishing second at the NCAA championship, Zagunis won the Junior World Championship this summer. It was her ninth world championship title, more than any fencer in the history of fencing in the US.

Junior sabre Valerio Providenza, junior epeeist Amy Orlando, sophomore foilist Melanie Bautista, and fifth-year epeeist Becca Chimahusky join Zagunis to form an experienced and extremely talented nucleus for head coach Janusz Bednarski.

HOCKEY

Last year, a five-win campaign that resulted in the resignation of head coach Dave Poulin left Irish hockey fans disappointed after the team had earned its first NCAA tournament berth just one season earlier.

This year, however, the Irish should get a breath of fresh air as proven coach Jeff Jackson takes over after leading Lake Superior to two national titles in the early 1990's. Jackson is the first coach in the history of Irish athletics to have previously won an NCAA title before being hired as head coach at Notre Dame.

The Irish lose veterans Morgan Cey, Cory McLain, and Joe Zurenko to graduation, but will retain a lot of the talent from last year's squad including junior Wes O'Neill and senior Matt Walsh.

Notre Dame also put together a solid recruiting class, adding

forward Christian Hanson and goaltender Jordan Pearce. Pearce was ranked as the No. 22 goalie in North America after the 2004-2005 season.

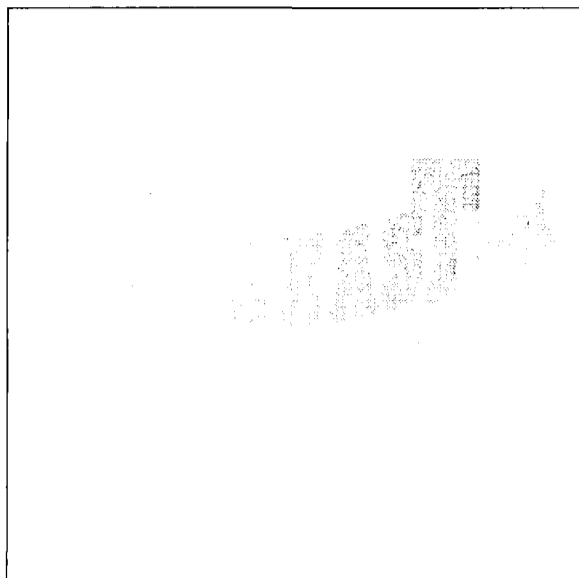
Seventh round NHL draft pick Kyle Lawson, who committed to Notre Dame, will play in the USHL this season and will join the Irish next year as a freshman.

Notre Dame will play 34 regular season games this year, with home and home series against Michigan, Michigan State, Western Michigan and Ferris State. Ohio State visits the JACC for a series Nov. 25-26.

The Irish are challenged right from the start with a season-opening road game against 2005 Frozen Four participant Colorado College on Oct. 21. Then they head up the road for a matchup against defending national champion Denver the next night.

CHECKING OUT THE TEAMS

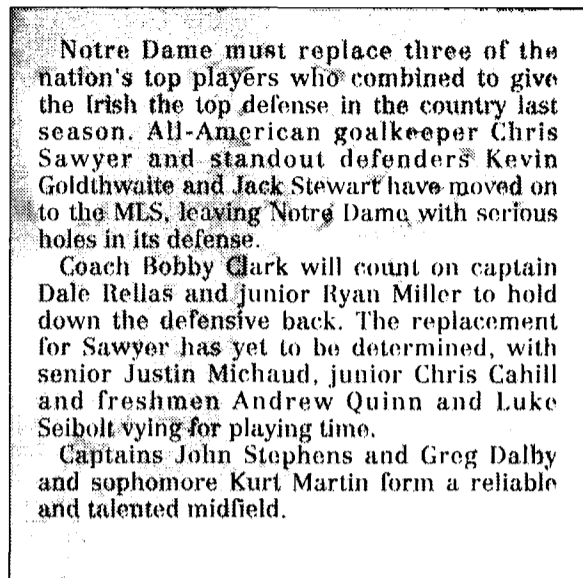
ND VOLLEYBALL



This might be the year the Irish finally gets the monkey of their back. Notre Dame, the class of the Big East for the most of the past decade, has yet to advance past the second round of the NCAA tournament since 1997.

The Irish have an experienced group of seniors and nine out of 10 top players returning overall. Pre-season all-Big East picks Lauren Brewster and Lauren Kelbley are back for their senior seasons. The two accumulated plenty of awards in 2004. Brewster was a third team All-American and is this year's pre-season Big East player of the year. Kelbley was an honorable mention All-American selection and has been tabbed to the all-Big East team three consecutive years.

MEN'S SOCCER

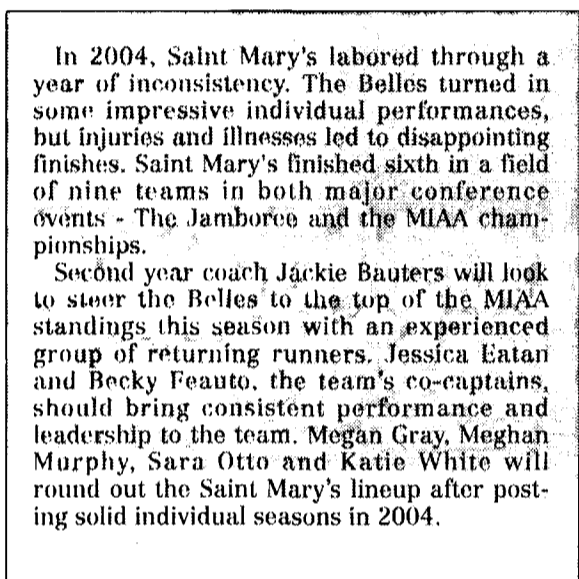


Notre Dame must replace three of the nation's top players who combined to give the Irish the top defense in the country last season. All-American goalkeeper Chris Sawyer and standout defenders Kevin Goldthwaite and Jack Stewart have moved on to the MLS, leaving Notre Dame with serious holes in its defense.

Coach Bobby Clark will count on captain Dale Rellas and junior Ryan Miller to hold down the defensive back. The replacement for Sawyer has yet to be determined, with senior Justin Michaud, junior Chris Cahill and freshmen Andrew Quinn and Luke Seibolt vying for playing time.

Captains John Stephens and Greg Dalby and sophomore Kurt Martin form a reliable and talented midfield.

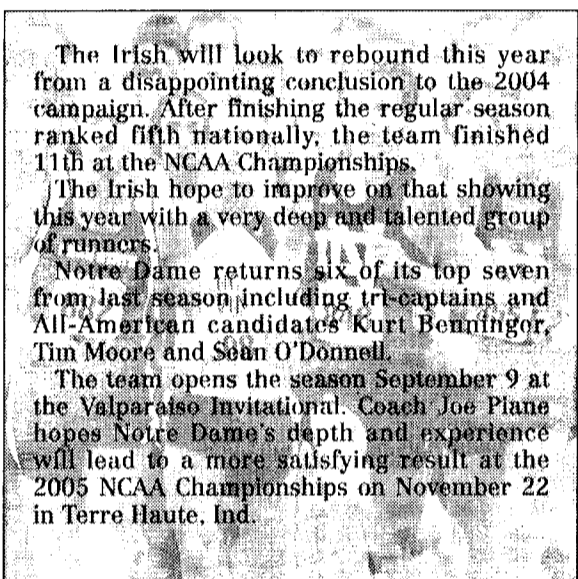
SMC CROSS COUNTRY



In 2004, Saint Mary's labored through a year of inconsistency. The Belles turned in some impressive individual performances, but injuries and illnesses led to disappointing finishes. Saint Mary's finished sixth in a field of nine teams in both major conference events - The Jamboree and the MIAA championships.

Second year coach Jackie Bauters will look to steer the Belles to the top of the MIAA standings this season with an experienced group of returning runners. Jessica Eaton and Becky Feauto, the team's co-captains, should bring consistent performance and leadership to the team. Megan Gray, Meghan Murphy, Sara Otto and Katie White will round out the Saint Mary's lineup after posting solid individual seasons in 2004.

MEN'S X-COUNTRY



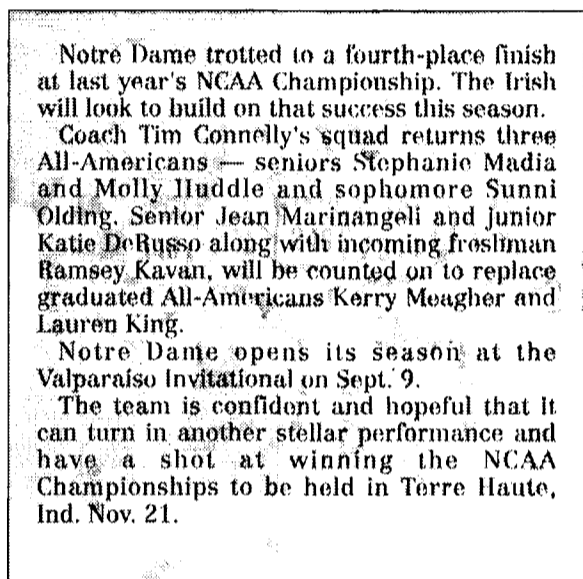
The Irish will look to rebound this year from a disappointing conclusion to the 2004 campaign. After finishing the regular season ranked fifth nationally, the team finished 11th at the NCAA Championships.

The Irish hope to improve on that showing this year with a very deep and talented group of runners.

Notre Dame returns six of its top seven from last season, including tri-captains and All-American candidates Kurt Benningor, Tim Moore and Sean O'Donnell.

The team opens the season September 9 at the Valparaiso Invitational. Coach Joe Plane hopes Notre Dame's depth and experience will lead to a more satisfying result at the 2005 NCAA Championships on November 22 in Terre Haute, Ind.

ND WOMEN'S X-COUNTRY



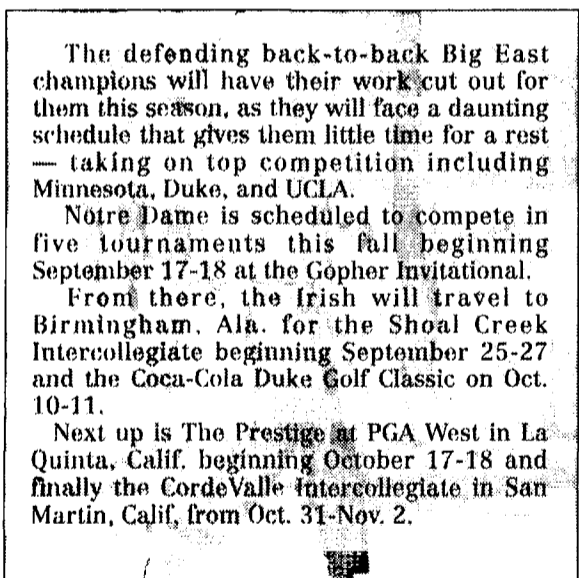
Notre Dame trotted to a fourth-place finish at last year's NCAA Championship. The Irish will look to build on that success this season.

Coach Tim Connelly's squad returns three All-Americans — seniors Stephanie Madia and Molly Huddle and sophomore Sunni Olding. Senior Jean Marinangeli and junior Katie DeRusso along with incoming freshman Ramsey Kavan, will be counted on to replace graduated All-Americans Kerry Meagher and Lauren King.

Notre Dame opens its season at the Valparaiso Invitational on Sept. 9.

The team is confident and hopeful that it can turn in another stellar performance and have a shot at winning the NCAA Championships to be held in Terre Haute, Ind. Nov. 21.

MEN'S GOLF



The defending back-to-back Big East champions will have their work cut out for them this season, as they will face a daunting schedule that gives them little time for a rest — taking on top competition including Minnesota, Duke, and UCLA.

Notre Dame is scheduled to compete in five tournaments this fall beginning September 17-18 at the Gopher Invitational.

From there, the Irish will travel to Birmingham, Ala. for the Shoal Creek Intercollegiate beginning September 25-27 and the Coca-Cola Duke Golf Classic on Oct. 10-11.

Next up is The Prestige at PGA West in La Quinta, Calif. beginning October 17-18 and finally the CordeValle Intercollegiate in San Martin, Calif. from Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

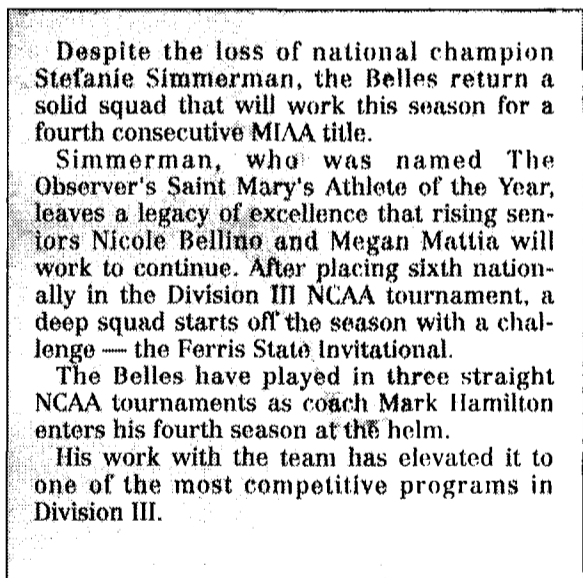


Last year was the second time the Irish participated in an NCAA regional postseason tournament. They placed 18th in the central regional in their second consecutive qualifying year. Returning the top two scorers from the 2004-05 squad, the Irish look to improve on the past two solid seasons.

A highlight for Notre Dame is the return of rising senior Katie Brophy and rising junior Noriko Nakazaki. Brophy led the Irish last year with a 76.46 stroke average.

The season opens with the Notre Dame Women's Invitational on Sept. 11 at the Warren Golf Course, an event that saw the Irish post a third-place finish last year. Other key fall events include Indiana University's Lady Northern Invitational and the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown, hosted by UNLV.

SMC GOLF



Despite the loss of national champion Stefanie Simmerman, the Belles return a solid squad that will work this season for a fourth consecutive MIAA title.

Simmerman, who was named The Observer's Saint Mary's Athlete of the Year, leaves a legacy of excellence that rising seniors Nicole Bellino and Megan Mattia will work to continue. After placing sixth nationally in the Division III NCAA tournament, a deep squad starts off the season with a challenge — the Ferris State Invitational.

The Belles have played in three straight NCAA tournaments as coach Mark Hamilton enters his fourth season at the helm.

His work with the team has elevated it to one of the most competitive programs in Division III.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

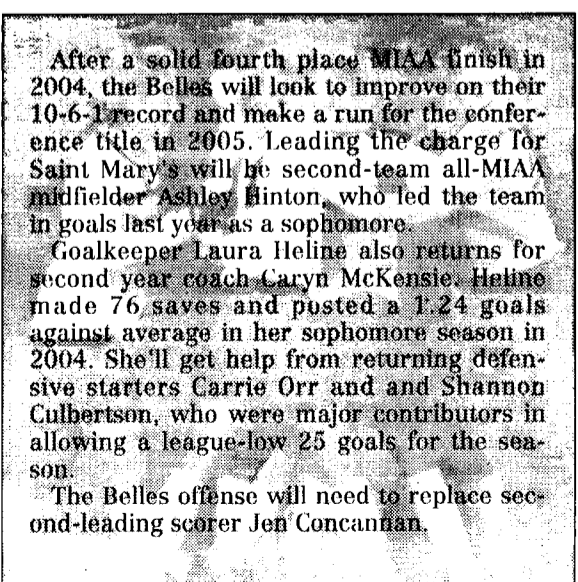


After a disappointing 2004 season because of an injured coach and abroad players, it's safe to say Saint Mary's is back together. The Belles finished 16-3 in 2003, but fell to 6-19 last year.

Coach Julie Schroeder-Biek is back after missing the latter part of last season because of back surgery. She had the Belles on a winning trend since her return to St. Mary's in 2000. But last year's "uncontrollables," as she said, took their toll.

Top players returning include junior outside attacker Michelle Turley, senior middle hitter Shelly Bender, junior Anne Cusack and sophomore outside attacker Kristen Playko. A few others returning include Talia Matry-Vacaro — who is returning from abroad — and Amanda David.

SMC SOCCER



After a solid fourth place MIAA finish in 2004, the Belles will look to improve on their 10-6-1 record and make a run for the conference title in 2005. Leading the charge for Saint Mary's will be second-team all-MIAA midfielder Ashley Hinton, who led the team in goals last year as a sophomore.

Goalkeeper Laura Heline also returns for second year coach Caryn McKensie. Heline made 76 saves and posted a 1.24 goals against average in her sophomore season in 2004. She'll get help from returning defensive starters Carrie Orr and Shannon Culbertson, who were major contributors in allowing a league-low 25 goals for the season.

The Belles offense will need to replace second-leading scorer Jen Concannon.



ND ATHLETICS

Students part of a unique experience

Brent Musberger said after the 1988 Notre Dame-Miami football game that "there is no greater love affair than between the student body of Notre Dame and the football team."

While I disagree with about everything that comes out of the ABC college football announcer's mouth, for once I believe Brent got it right.

You might be thinking, as you move into your dorm this weekend, that Notre Dame students like Notre Dame football because it's a winning program. But a quick look at the results from the past ten years doesn't show much overwhelming success. Students don't buy up all the football tickets in just hours. The team hasn't been winning. The reason students at this school go wild over all their sports teams, not just football, is because the athletes are also students.

Too often in college athletics these days, young athletes are taken advantage of by the institutions they play for. They play for four years, earn millions of dollars for corporate sponsors and college presidents and graduate with no degree.

Notre Dame is different.

Notre Dame goes out of its way to make sure athletes are not separated from the other students. They eat in the same dining halls. They live in the dorms. They attend class just like everyone else.

They share the same proud feelings as the regular student when looking at the Golden Dome. They join everyone else in graduating from this University and taking a priceless degree out into the world. And they have a respect for the student body that studies, eats, prays and lives with them for nine months a year.

The Notre Dame administration treats athletes as students, which is exactly what they are.



Mike Gilloon

Sports Editor

This is one of the reasons you should feel special to attend this University and take part in its unique athletic culture. When you stand in the student section for the football game against Michigan State in a few weeks, remember you are cheering for your fellow students.

That guy returning punts might be in your math class. That lineman could live down the hall. That coach graduated just a few years ago.

Yes, Irish athletes compete for programs that earn millions for the school. The football program's contract with NBC is a perfect example. But monetary values alone don't tell the full story about Irish athletes.

Their graduation rates are consistently among the highest in the nation, and there is no Basket Weaving major.

As the newest member of the Notre Dame family, you are privileged to participate in this special athletic environment. You have four years to take part in the 'love affair' Musberger talked about.

So go to the football games on Saturday afternoons. Attend the pep rallies on Friday nights, even if you find it a little hokey.

But don't forget about the other sports when you get caught up in football fever this fall. Walk over to the soccer fields and watch the defending national champions hustle all over the field.

Enjoy the basketball games in the Joyce Center every winter.

Appreciate the effort of the tennis players and the volleyball team, diving all over the courts.

Every time you see an Irish squad win, you win, too. Because that guy catching that touchdown pass is your roommate. That girl who scored the winning goal is your chem lab partner. And that player getting carried off the field is a member of the Notre Dame student body, just like you.

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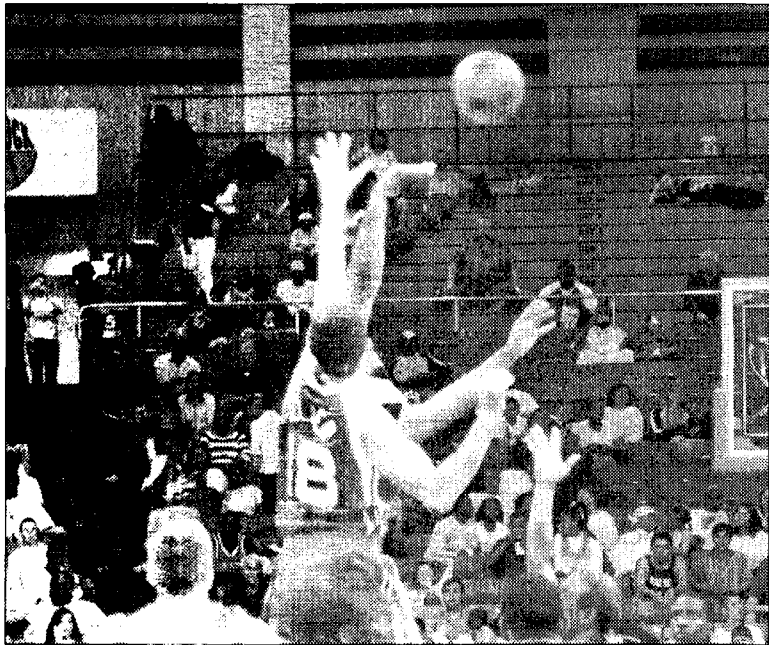
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Freshman four working to earn immediate playing time

Ayers, Hillesland, McAlarney and Zeller impress veterans



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Freshman Luke Zeller battles for a jump ball in the McDonald's All-American game last March at the Joyce Center.

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

When Kyle McAlarney caught the ball during one particular July practice, something didn't look right.

Cutting sharply from the right low block to a screen at the foul line elbow, McAlarney curled, received the pass, pump faked and then blew by a flat-footed Colin Falls.

Here was a freshman, a right-handed freshman, taking two hard dribbles to the left and finger-rolling a left-handed lay up over Big East forwards and centers.

On the court, a glimpse of the team's future had unfolded. That future may come quicker than expected.

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound point guard from Staten Island, N.Y., is one of four true freshmen who

spent six weeks this summer on campus practicing with the team.

Though coach Mike Brey is not allowed to observe or coach summer ball, upperclassmen like seniors Chris Quinn and Torin Francis have told the coach they are impressed with their four newest teammates — McAlarney, Ryan Ayers (Blue Bell, Pa.), Zach Hillesland (Toledo, Ohio) and Luke Zeller (Washington, Ind.).

"Our older guys learned to respect them this summer because they took care of their academic business and they worked ... in the weight room," Brey said. "They're workers."

"And I think when older guys see incoming freshmen have that work ethic, that's a little more mature than your typical freshman, they respect that."

Brey said all four freshmen took two classes over the sum-

mer and finished with over a 3.0 grade point average. Ayers, a wiry 6-foot-7 shooter who averaged 16.4 points in his senior season at Germantown Academy, gained 10 pounds of muscle over the summer.

In time, Ayers could fit the mold of former Irish forward Dan Miller, a 6-foot-8 shooter who created mismatches against guards and forwards alike.

But this summer, whether it was Ayers doing bench presses, Zeller being more physical in the post, Hillesland covering every player on the floor or McAlarney scoring, all of the freshmen worked on both the strengths and weaknesses that will earn them playing time immediately, Brey said.

"More than any year I've been here, the freshmen as a whole need to have an impact [this year]," Brey said. "And they will get every chance to have an impact. We push them to compete for playing time right away and not wait their turn."

The Irish will look different from last year, when seniors Chris Thomas and Jordan Cornette led an older, more established group that also included senior transfer Dennis Latimore.

Quinn will start at point guard, with Falls returning as a definite starter and Francis anchoring the low post after pulling his name out of the 2005 NBA Draft in June.

Other than those names, however, the lineup and the game plan will be determined by which players — including all four of the freshmen — step up.

Hillesland, the first player of the four freshmen to commit to Notre Dame (Feb. 2004), stands at 6-foot-8, 220 pounds and adjusts well to the style of play in any situation, Brey said.

The St. John's Jesuit star played with two other Division-I recruits in high school and was recruited early by schools like Ohio State, N.C. State and Stanford, Brey said, but the Irish knew early that he would be a good fit.

He averaged 13.0 points and 9.0 rebounds per game in his junior season.

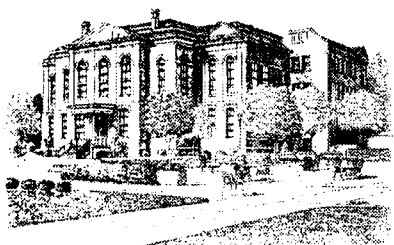
Zeller is the player most familiar to the local Notre Dame fan base. He earned Mr. Basketball honors in Indiana after hitting a half court buzzer beater to win the Class 3A state title.

And McAlarney looks to be the heir apparent to Quinn once the senior's final campaign ends in the spring. To prepare the team for such a transition, McAlarney will have to see the floor to gain experience, but Brey said he won't force anything.

"He needs to back Chris up, but there'll be times when we'll have both of them on the floor," Brey said. "I don't know if we'll do it in as heavy doses as we did with Quinn and Thomas. But he's earned the respect of the older guys. We need him to help us right away."

In a Big East Conference expanded to add Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville, Marquette and South Florida, the Irish have gotten deeper with their four additions. And depth means options for Brey, who feels confident about the progress of his freshman so far.

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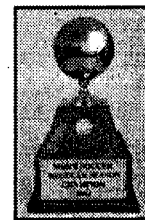
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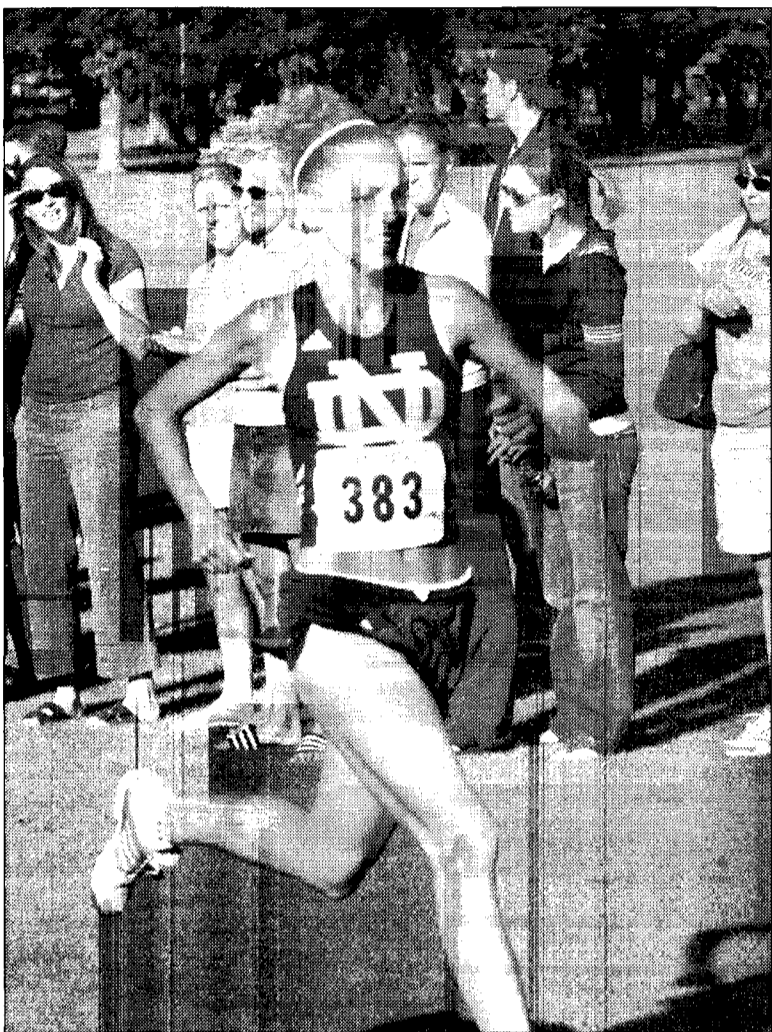


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ND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Irish women ready to build on top 5 finish

Connelly optimistic despite graduation of All-American pair



Junior Stephanie Madia competes in the National Catholic Championships last September. ERIC SALES/The Observer

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Losing two All-Americans is never good news. Nevertheless, Notre Dame women's cross country coach Tim Connelly is optimistic about the upcoming season.

The Irish concluded the 2004 campaign with a fourth place finish at the NCAA Championship on Nov. 24 in Terre Haute, Ind. Entering the meet with a string of unfortunate injuries, Notre Dame was thrilled with its top-five finish.

"On that given day we did everything we could do," Connelly said.

Notre Dame lost two key members of last year's team in Kerry Meagher and Lauren King, both top-five finishers for the Irish at the NCAA Championship and All-Americans. Connelly realizes the team will miss the duo's high level of talent and leadership.

"It's going to take some work to replace those two," Connelly said.

Fortunately, the Irish return a strong trio of All-Americans in seniors Stephanie Madia and Molly Huddle and sophomore Sunni Olding. Madia finished in 23rd place at the NCAA Championship, leading the Irish with a time of 20:58 in the 6K race. Olding and Huddle, running on an injured foot, recorded the second and fourth best times,

respectively, for Notre Dame.

Madia, Olding and Huddle should serve as the backbone of this year's team, with senior Jean Marinangeli and junior Katie DeRusso providing experienced depth.

A strong class of incoming freshmen should also help counter the loss of Meagher and King. In particular, Ramsey Kavan, one of the top high school seniors in the nation last year, should figure into the Irish lineup from day one. Kavan finished third in last year's Footlocker Cross Country National Championship, recording a blistering time of 17:47 in the 5K event.

"She is a really talented kid who expects to come in and be a big contributor right away," Connelly said.

The Irish will open their season Sept. 9 at the Valparaiso Invitational. A week later, the team comes home for the National Catholic Championship at Notre Dame's Burke Memorial Golf Course. The Irish have captured the last three National Catholic team titles, with Madia claiming the individual championship last season.

On Sept. 23, the team will again race on its home course at the Notre Dame Invitational. The Irish have won top honors at this tournament three of the past four years.

The regular season will come to

an end at the pre-National Championship Oct. 15 in Terre Haute. The Irish will then head to New York on Oct. 28 for the Big East Championship, where the team finished second in 2004.

On Nov. 12, Notre Dame will compete in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Championship in Bloomington, Ind. With a solid showing at regionals, the Irish will qualify for the national championship to be held ten days later in Terre Haute.

Connelly has devised a clear plan to prepare his team for the ultimate goal of success at the NCAA championship. The coach will use the early meets to develop depth by mixing and matching several different lineups.

"I like to put some of the younger, less experienced kids in a position where they can be counted on," Connelly said. "The goal is to have a good nine to 12 really solid kids. We want a margin for error."

He believes that this strategy will have his team at its best when it matters most.

"The goal is to get to the national meet and put ourselves in a position where we can be one of the top teams in the country," Connelly said. "I think it's a pretty realistic expectation. On paper, we are a very good team."

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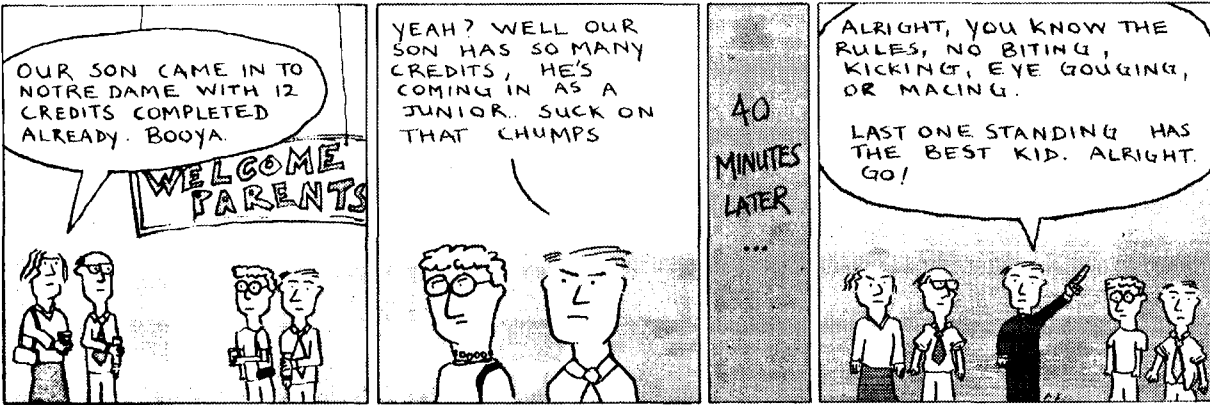
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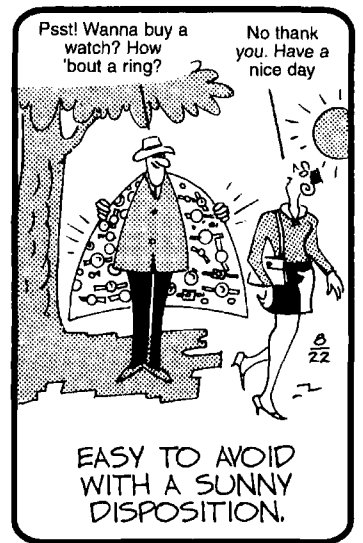
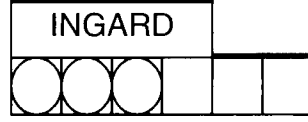
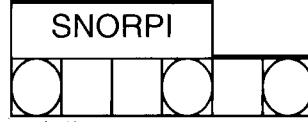
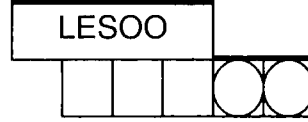
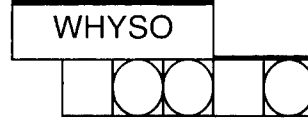


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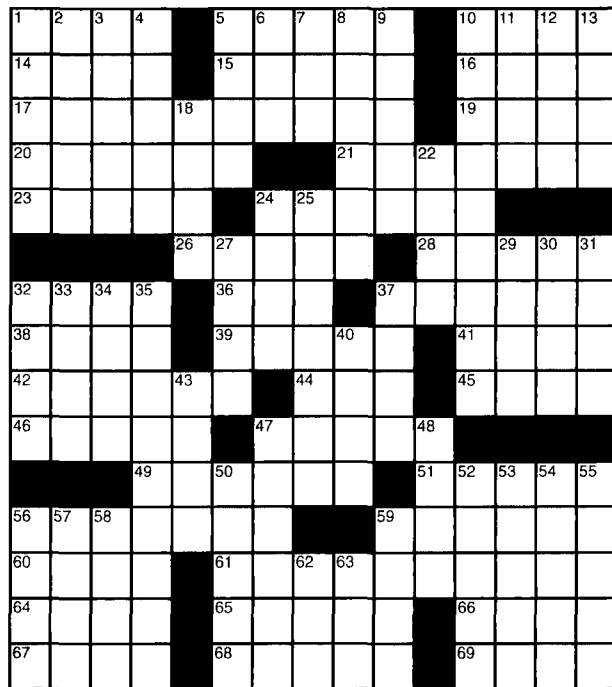
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28 Rand McNally product
32 24-hour conveniences, for short
36 Fund for old age: Abbr.
37 One under one
38 Bit of bridal attire
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41 Catch ___ (start to understand)
42 Rationalization
44 Humble home
45 Struggle for air
46 Cash in a cache, e.g.
47 Fruit whose seeds are spit out
49 Sand trap, for one
51 Following
56 Oscar winner for "Kramer Vs. Kramer"
59 Star, in Paris
60 Org. that defends individual rights
61 Title song of a Prince film
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65 Duos
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68 "Tiny Alice" playwright Edward
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Talented freshmen expected to make major contribution

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Brittany Bock, Carrie Dew and Kerri Inglis are not your typical freshmen.

Though they have the usual first-year worries regarding roommates and classes, they also have a special challenge — live up to the expectations that come with being freshmen on the pre-season No. 1 ranked and defending national champion Irish women's soccer team.

Along with Rebecca Mendoza, who arrives Wednesday from a summer spent training with the Mexican national team, the girls make up a very strong freshman class.

Though nine starters return for the defending national champion Irish, these four are expected to make major contributions to the team this fall. Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum raved about the combination of talent, experience and smarts that make this group of newcomers so special. "They came prepared to play," Waldrum said. "They look like

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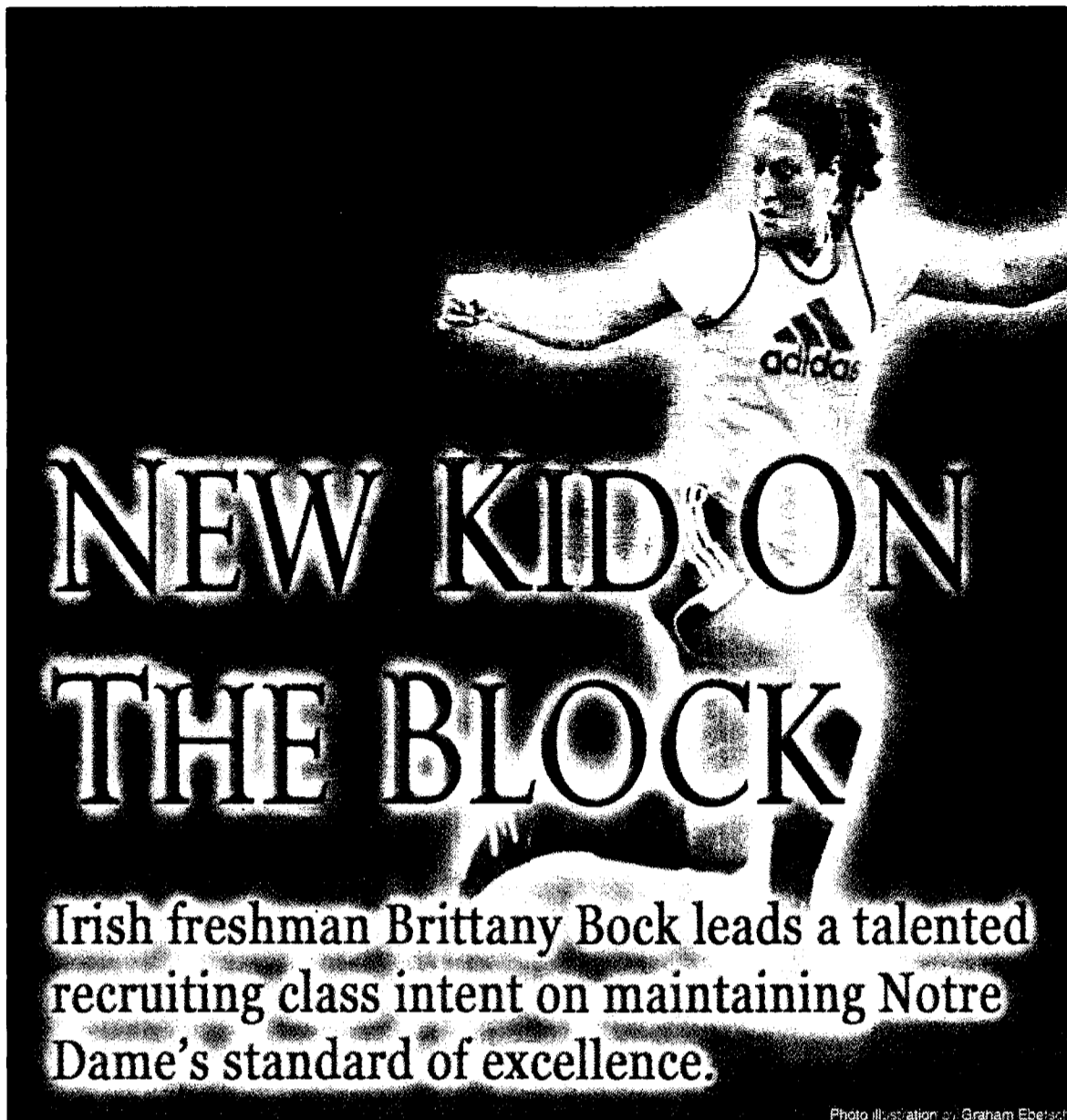


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Irish returnees look to repeat last season's national title in 2005

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

When Irish forward Jill Krivacek's penalty kick sailed past UCLA goalie Valerie Henderson in last December's national championship game, Notre Dame reached a level of excellence that had not been attained since their NCAA title in 1995. However, just a year later, and a full off-season of reliving their magical season finished, the Irish are ready to prove that there is no such thing as a grace period after a team wins a title.

And for good reason.

The Irish return a mature team that features eight seniors and eight juniors, including senior Erika Bohn who was the winning goalkeeper in last year's championship game. Bohn also received the distinction of being the Final Four's most outstanding defensive player. Bohn was responsible for preserving a 1-1 tie with minutes remaining in regulation when she successfully saved a Kendal Billingsly penalty kick.

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FOOTBALL

'Cover'ing up on defense

Players adjusting to new schemes, system

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Charlie Weis' offense has won championships, and Irish quarterbacks coach Peter Vaas is a former NFL Europe head coach.

Though third-year quarterback Brady Quinn must learn an entirely new system, his coaches have solid offensive track records. And that makes it logical for the main topic of conversation surrounding the 2005 Irish squad to be its offense.

But just like the New England Patriots' defense consistently provided good field position and allowed few points, the Irish on the other side of the ball must compliment Weis' system with efficiency.

Though the defense returns only three starters and will have less experience in terms of minutes logged, free safety

Tom Zbikowski believes the defensive schemes being installed will stop opponents' air attacks that took Notre Dame out of many of its games in 2004.

"[Our scheme] is a lot more based on coverage," Zbikowski said. "I think we get a lot more doubles on receivers just the

way our coverages pan out.

"It's not necessarily based on 'We're doubling this guy.' It just always turns out that we'll be doubling one or two guys and getting linebackers into coverage."

There's not going to be too

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Irish head coach Charlie Weis, left, consults with assistants Michael Haywood and Bernie Parmalee during practice earlier this week. Notre Dame opens its season Sept. 3 at Pittsburgh.

MEN'S SOCCER

New faces in the back

Irish must replace three MLS draftees

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Dale Rellas has some big shoes to fill. The senior captain defender of the Notre Dame men's soccer team will be counted on to anchor an Irish defense that lost three of the nation's top players to graduation.

Defense was the backbone of the Notre Dame team in 2004. The Irish had a first team All-American goalkeeper in Chris Sawyer, who the Kansas City Wizards selected with the 24th overall pick in January's MLS draft. Defenders Jack Stewart and Kevin Goldthwaite also had outstanding years for the Irish in 2004 and were drafted 10th and 17th overall, respectively. The three standouts helped Notre Dame lead the country last season with a 0.45 goals against average.

Notre Dame now faces the monumental task of replac-

ing the nation's top defense. Rellas, who missed the last two seasons with injuries after a stellar freshman campaign, embraces that responsibility.

"That's the big challenge for me — coming back and trying to get some of these

younger guys in the back to get organized and play well for the team," Rellas said.

Coach Bobby

Clark must also find a competent successor to Sawyer in goal. The Irish return two upperclassmen goalkeepers with little experience in senior Justin Michaud and junior Chris Cahill. Michaud played in three matches last year as Sawyer's backup, while Cahill has not seen any game action. The Irish also bring in Andrew Quinn and Luke



Rellas

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Second year head coach Caryn Mackenzie hopes her Belles can have a more balanced 2005 season.

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