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Notre Dame welcomes most diverse incoming class

Incoming students boast high test scores, strong credentials

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

The University has high expectations for the class of 2010, and given their stellar credentials, the roughly 2,025 students in this year's fresh-

man class should have no trouble rising to the challenge.

The Class of 2010 is the most diverse in Notre Dame's history, with minority groups making up 24 percent of the incoming freshman class, said Dan Saracino, assistant provost for enrollment. In prior years, the percentage of minority students has hovered around 22 percent.

All 50 US states are represented in the freshman class, which also boasts students

from 41 nations.

Freshmen come from as far north as North Pole, Alaska and as far south as La Paz, Bolivia, Saracino said.

"It's a great mix of kids," he said.

Eighty-six percent were in the top 10 percent of their class. Seventy-three percent earned varsity letters in high school.

And they were selected from

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UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME	
CLASS OF 2010	
Enrollment:	2,025
Children of Alumni:	24%
Ethnic Minorities:	25%
Average ACT:	31
Average SAT:	1380
Amount in top 10% of graduating class:	86%

Source: Notre Dame Admissions
JEFF ALBERT/Observer graphic

ROTC students suit up for orientation

Freshmen Army, Air Force, Navy participants arrive for training

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

While many members of the Class of 2010 have been marching to the Bookstore to purchase "The Shirt," freshmen in Notre Dame's Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program have been wearing uniforms of a different kind.

Notre Dame's Air Force, Army and Navy ROTC New Student Orientation drew approximately 70 students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Bethel College, Indiana University South Bend and Valparaiso University to campus last week.

"New Student Orientation is a whirlwind introduction into military bearing, customs and courtesies, uniform wear and physical training, so each day incorporates a bit of each," senior cadet Eileen Shannon said. "Not only does orientation explain what ROTC is all about, it also shows the new cadets what they will be capable of in a few short years."

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Midshipman 2nd class Lawrence Sullivan, left, runs a group of Navy ROTC freshmen in standard drills Monday. First year ROTC participants arrived on campus before the rest of the Class of 2010 to get an introduction to military training.

Reality hits post Frosh-O

By EILEEN DUFFY
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If every day were Freshman Orientation weekend at Notre Dame, dorm T-shirts would be the official uniform, icebreakers and egg tosses would replace classes and the beats of Chamillionaire would pulse nightly from the walls of the Joyce Center.

The three activity-filled days do end, though, and on Tuesday, college begins. And often, the transition from high school to college presents challenges to first year students.

For freshman Adam Twardzik, his pool of classmates will grow from 31, the size of his high school class, to his approximately 2,025 Notre Dame classmates. Twardzik said the new situation would

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College's Class of 2010 largest in last five years

Saint Mary's College	
CLASS OF 2010	
Average GPA:	3.7
Average ACT:	25
Average SAT:	1160
Amount in top 10% of graduating class:	14%

Source: ST. MARY'S Admissions
JEFF ALBERT/Observer graphic

By KIM ABEEL
News Writer

The 426 members of the Saint Mary's class of 2010 are not just academically gifted — they also form the largest incoming freshman class since 2001. The freshmen arrived on campus Thursday morning

from 41 states and three countries outside the U.S.

The Class of 2010 has raised the bar academically, boasting an average ACT score of 25 and an average SAT composite based only on critical reading and mathematics of 1160.

The freshmen enter with an

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Freshmen to tour South Bend

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Students often spend Freshman Orientation weekend unpacking and meeting their classmates — but this year, the Senate Community Relations committee and the city of South Bend are teaming up to expose new students to opportunities available beyond the shadow of the Dome.

The student government, Mayor Steven Luecke's office and several local businesses are sponsoring the first-ever "Explore South Bend Tour."

Mikki Dobski, director of communications and special projects for the



A Transpo bus will be used Monday to give freshmen a tour of the surrounding South Bend area.

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INSIDE COLUMN

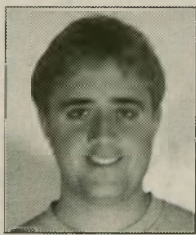
Hop over that fence

Just before my parents dropped me at Stanford Hall three years ago today, my mom told me something.

"Mike, you have the world by the tail on a downhill swing," she said. "Take advantage of it."

Your mom will probably give you the same type of advice today.

Now that I'm a senior and entering my fourth year at the only place I ever wanted to go, I can tell you that she's probably right.



Mike Gilloon

Editor in Chief

So listen up.

As a freshman, I was so happy to be here that I forgot why I came.

After three years of living a dream, I've realized Notre Dame is — in one sense — no different than anywhere else.

Natural Lite and quarter dogs still make you fat.

Three minutes studying calculus and three hours playing NCAA 2007 still leads to bad grades.

Dancing to Journey at an SYR is still not cool.

But — drunken fist pumping aside — this place is pretty special.

You will have access to the widest alumni network in the world.

You will take classes from professors who are tops in their field.

You will live on the most beautiful campus in the country.

You might even see a national title.

The trick is to take advantage of your opportunity.

Maybe you remember Mrs. Smalls in "The Sandlot."

Most of you were about six years old when that movie debuted, but she's the mom who tells her nerdy son Scott — the new kid on the block — to get out of the house and into some trouble.

So he did.

He put down the Erector Set in his bedroom and headed to the baseball diamond.

It took some help from Benny "The Jet" Rodriguez, but in one summer Smalls made a bunch of friends, learned how to cook Smores and even had James Earl Jones hand him a baseball signed by the 1927 Yankees.

None of that would have happened if he stayed in his room.

It might be easy to stay in your room once Frosh-O ends and school begins. You won't know anyone outside of your section and the jump from senioritis to the First Year of Studies can be rough.

You aren't going to immediately feel at ease around here, even if it's the only school you ever wanted to attend.

But once you go out of your way and shake off your shyness, you'll never want to leave. Sign up for Interhall sports or attend a dorm Mass.

Visit with a teacher after class and get to know everyone in your hall.

You're new, you're smart and you're scared.

You're Eagle Scouts, class presidents and football team captains.

You scored higher on entrance tests than almost every kid in the country.

You're at a school that most only see on NBC.

There's a bit of Scott Smalls in all of you. And the only way to make the best of the biggest opportunity you'll ever have is to take a risk and leave your room.

It's easy to feel content just being at Notre Dame.

That's why it's important that you don't.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN?



Jenn Mahlke
sophomore
LeMans

"Don't run in rainboots."



Michael Devitt
senior
Dillon

"Put your carpet down first."



Maura Rouse
senior
Opus

"Don't lose your ID."



Tommy Clarkson
senior
off-campus

"Come visit Clover Ridge."



Rachael Stroval
senior
Opus

"Don't eat the beef."



Alan Bauer
junior
Fisher

"Enjoy the football season."

ORIENTATION WEEKEND

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION SCHEDULE



UNIVERSITY OF
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

1:00pm - Official Orientation
Joyce Center

3:15pm - Parent Orientation
Joyce Center

8:00pm - Meetings with
Rectors and Hall
Staff
Residence Halls

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

10:00am - Eucharistic Liturgy
Joyce Center

11:30am - Box Lunch
Joyce Center

12:00pm - The Spirit of Notre
Dame
Joyce Center



SAINT MARY'S
COLLEGE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

12:00pm - Orientation Picnic
Library Green

2:30pm - Open House
Student Center

4:30pm - Orientation Mass
Angela Athletic
Facility

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

10:45am - Farewell Brunch
Noble Family
Dining Hall

Source: University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College
JEFF ALBERT/Observer Graphic

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
	HIGH	80	HIGH	70	HIGH	75	HIGH	78	HIGH	81	HIGH	79
	LOW	67	LOW	57	LOW	63	LOW	61	LOW	63	LOW	64

Atlanta 91 / 71 Boston 83 / 70 Chicago 78 / 69 Denver 78 / 63 Houston 91 / 75 Los Angeles 84 / 66 Minneapolis 73 / 58
New York 84 / 74 Philadelphia 87 / 72 Phoenix 106 / 84 Seattle 83 / 58 St. Louis 96 / 71 Tampa 90 / 76 Washington 87 / 74

Local businesses get boost as students move in

Area stores, restaurants advertise discounts, specials as they anticipate major sales increase with back-to-school rush

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

With more than 8,000 Notre Dame students slated to arrive in South Bend by Sunday, local businesses are prepping for their arrival — and a likely boost in sales.

Superstore Meijer on Grape Road in Mishawaka has stocked up on items usually needed by college students, said General Manager Michael McKinnies. They have everything from futons, laundry baskets and hangers to kitchen and bath accessories, stationery and storage containers.

Knott Hall sophomore and Frosh-O Commissioner Dan Candors has been to Meijer three times already to pick up food and other necessities.

"It's good because you can get things you forget at home, like shower stuff," he said.

To lure students — especially freshmen — the store is planning a celebration on Friday and Saturday. Events for the store's "traveling road show" include an XBOX competition, a Dance Dance Revolution tournament, a

rock climbing wall and plenty of giveaways.

Modern rock station 103.9 WRBR is also slated to broadcast from Meijer during the two-day event.

For setting up dorm rooms, students often turn to large home improvement stores like Home Depot or Lowe's.

"Lowe's is good for building a loft and getting a carpet," said Matt Medlock, a resident assistant in Alumni Hall. "I'll probably be going there very soon."

Bed Bath & Beyond is trying to take advantage of incoming students by placing a giant "Students Welcome" sign over its main entrance. They also extended store hours for this weekend.

Assistant Store Manager Steve Rutz said that he wants students to take advantage of the company's "pack and hold scan items" system. The service allows students to find and pay for items at any Bed Bath & Beyond in the country and then pick them up at the Grape Road location.

Borders Bookstore is preparing for the increase in student shoppers by bringing in more back-to-school supplies, as well as having a few more staff mem-

bers in the store, said inventory supervisor Heather Planert.

"We're treating the rush just like any holiday," she said.

Pinnacle Athletic Club on Edison Road has received calls from students inquiring about membership sign-ups, said general manager Jim Bradford.

Bradford is grateful for the students because this time of year tends to be flat for health clubs.

"August and September are usually slow months, but the students coming in offset that," he said.

Undergraduates are not the only intended consumers of local businesses.

Cody and Erin Groeber, recently married, are third-year law students looking to furnish their new home. Furniture Now Outlet was one of the area stores they visited and liked because of the low prices they found.

"We've been doing a few carloads the last few days," Erin said.

Craig Summerix, a first-year store manager of Furniture Now, said he is not sure what to expect as far as the number of patrons goes, but that he is sure his sales will have a "big bump."

Summerix expects to see off-campus students and incoming freshmen come into the store in the coming week.

Local restaurants also took steps to attract students to their

establishments, as they are often good customers throughout the year, said John Cataldo, general manager of Bruno's Pizza.

The popular restaurant is having a student appreciation night next week and is offering additional coupons on its Web site, Cataldo said.

Gas stations are also vying for student business.

Greg Evans, general manager at Speedway gas station, wants students to join the Speedy

Rewards Program, which allows people to get gift cards for store items when they buy gas.

Stephanie "Toni" Williams, a disc jockey for 95.3 WAOR, said she loves seeing the students come back to South Bend.

"They are definitely huge for our economy," she said. "We need to embrace them the best we can."

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Stephanie "Toni" Williams
95.3 WAOR disc jockey

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Saint Mary's freshman Chrissy McKeiver checks out a fan at Meijer on Grape Road Thursday.



What's on the agenda?

This is a question asked often on campus, with Notre Dame's unified Web-based calendar system that lists events for all segments of the University community. It's the one place where students, faculty, staff and the general public can find out about all the major events scheduled on campus.

Agenda organizes events by category, such as Arts & Entertainment, Academic Dates, Student Life, Lectures and Conferences, Health & Recreation, Religious Life, and Service, as well as by day, week, month and even year.

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Welcome to campus!

Transfer student enrollment grows for '06-'07

Notre Dame, Saint Mary's maintain standards but admit greater number of transfers, face on-campus housing shortages

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

As freshmen try to adjust to college life, 173 additional students on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses face the same challenge — just at different schools than last year.

One hundred forty students are enrolled as transfer students to Notre Dame, while 33 are enrolled at Saint Mary's.

For fall admission, Notre Dame received about 500 transfer applications, said Susan Joyce, associate director of admissions.

Of those, 175 were admitted and 140 are enrolled, she said. "The admit and confirm numbers are higher than last year. We typically enroll about 125-130 students," Joyce said.

One hundred nine of the transfer students are of sophomore status and 31 are junior status, she said.

Saint Mary's also experienced an increase in transfer numbers, Vice President of Enrollment Management Dan Meyer said.

"Ninety-eight students applied for transfer admission this fall versus 90 in 2005 and 84 in 2004," he said.

The College accepted 50 of the applicants and 33 have enrolled, he said.

Fifty percent of the enrolled students will transfer into the freshman class, 35 percent into the sophomore class and 15 percent into the junior class, Meyer said.

Meyer and Joyce both said that standards for accepting transfer students have remained the same throughout recent years. Basic requirements for transfer consideration at either institution include a minimum 3.0 GPA in previous college coursework.

The increase in the number of transfers combined with a larger freshman class has created issues with the availability of on-campus housing at both schools.

"Housing was tight this year, so we did encourage local students to live at home the first semester," Meyer said. "Normally this is not a major issue, but the size of the first-year class pushed things to the limit this year."

Limited on-campus housing has historically been an issue

at Notre Dame and this year was no different.

"On-campus housing was especially limited for transfers this fall because of the large first year class and a larger percent of seniors choosing to stay on campus," Joyce said. "Approximately 20 to 25 percent of the incoming transfer students have been offered on-campus housing at this point."

The office of Residence Life and Housing has worked closely with transfer students and their families to solve housing issues, she said.

An online message board created exclusively for admitted students provided them

with a way to "talk to each other about finding apartments and roommates," Joyce said.

Transfer students interested in the University's business or architecture programs faced

another challenge when considering Notre Dame. Joyce said due to enrollment limitations the University stopped admitting transfer students into the Mendoza College of Business in the fall of 2005 and the

"[school of] architecture has never admitted many transfer students."

"It's been several years since [the school of architecture has] had room to admit transfers," she said. "[The school is] limited by the space [available] in Rome during the third year."

Despite the unavoidable obstacles transfers face, the University works to provide students with a smooth transition by offering a special transfer orientation. Joyce said the Notre Dame orientation is organized and run by

"On-campus housing was especially limited for transfers this fall because of the large first year class and a larger percent of seniors choosing to stay on campus."

Susan Joyce
associate director
Admissions
Notre Dame

20 current students.

The orientation itinerary includes activities that provide

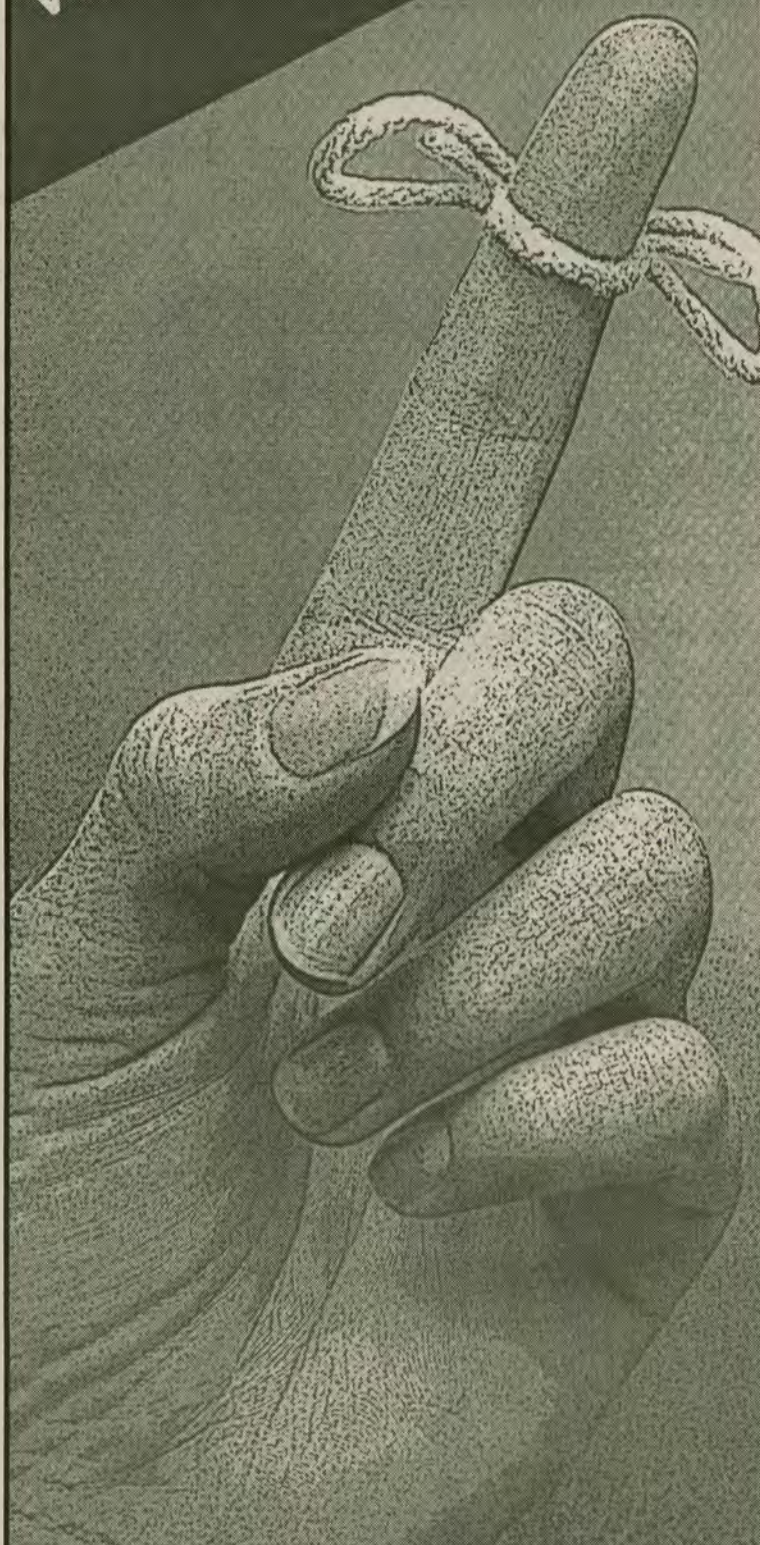
transfers with opportunities to meet, such as a sub sandwich party in LaFortune Student Center, lakeside bonfire and bus trip to the Warren Dunes. There are also events planned to inform students about campus life including the mandatory information fair and the transfer information panel where students can ask questions.

Transfer students at Saint Mary's are not provided with a specialized orientation, but are invited to participate in the first-year student summer orientation program if they are transferring in with less than sophomore-level standing, Meyer said.

"I think we need to consider a special transfer orientation session to better meet the unique needs of these students," he said.

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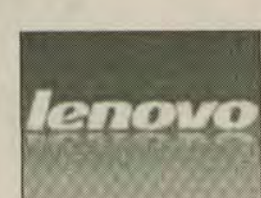

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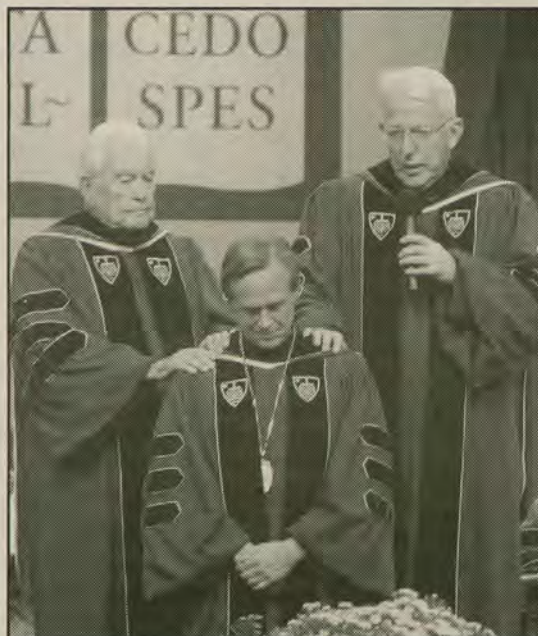


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Hurricane Katrina ravages Gulf Coast. Jenkins inaugurated as University President. Trustees travel to Rome.

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By AMANDA MICHAELS and KELLY MEEHAN
News Writers

Hurricane Katrina slams into coast

On Aug. 29, 2005, the most devastating storm in recent memory ravaged the Gulf Coast and tore through the levees protecting the city of New Orleans, killing thousands, leaving millions homeless and inflicting damages some total in the hundreds of billions of dollars.

Its name was Hurricane Katrina.

As the country turned its attention and its aid to the areas affected by Katrina, the members of the extended Notre Dame and Saint Mary's family rushed to help not only its own, but all those stranded by the storm.

The student governments and other student organizations from both schools made strides to help those hurt by Katrina, including a large-scale University-sponsored stadium relief collection held during the Michigan State home football game Sept. 17. The preliminary total raised from that effort was over \$240,000, with money still pouring in from smaller collections.

A large portion of the funds went to Catholic Charities USA, the Congregation of Holy Cross in Louisiana and members of the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) in the devastated areas.

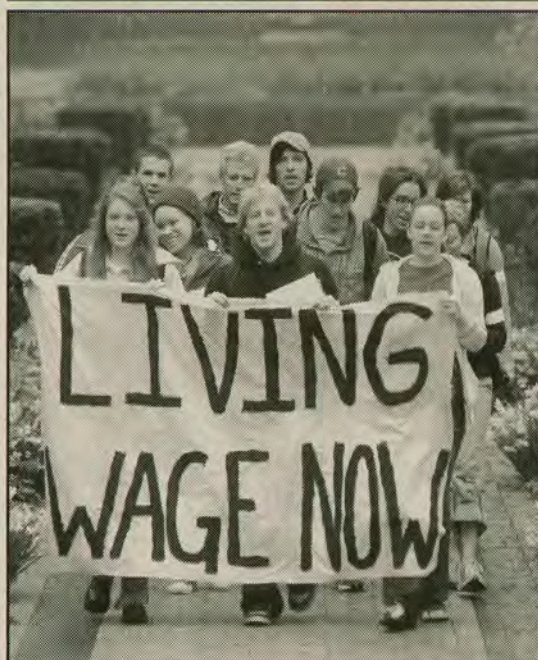
Twenty-five ACE instructors were in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, with several more Saint Mary's and Notre Dame graduates working in a similar area with organizations like Teach for America.

They stayed on even after many of their schools were closed to help rebuild, and to instruct refugees.

At Notre Dame, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart held nine consecutive days of prayer, while the Center for Social Concerns organized Hurricane Katrina Response Day and an Academic Forum for Disaster Relief to both aid relief efforts and educate the community about the issue.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's alumni from around the country pooled their resources to aid in disaster relief, while many University and College students spent their winter and spring breaks in New Orleans and other affected areas helping with the rebuilding effort.

Both institutions also went beyond donating money and supplies, as Saint Mary's took in several students whose colleges were closed by the storm. Notre Dame officials — including University President Father John Jenkins — went to New Orleans to view firsthand the destruction of Hurricane Katrina and meet with Archbishop Alfred Hughes and other community leaders.



Jenkins is inaugurated

On Sept. 23, 2005, University President Father John Jenkins was inaugurated as the 17th president of Notre Dame.

In his inaugural address at the Joyce Center, Jenkins spoke about the quest for knowledge, the unity between faith and reason and the role of community and call to service.

"With respect and gratitude for all who embraced Notre Dame's mission in earlier times, let us rise up and embrace the mission for our time," Jenkins said in his inaugural address. "This is our goal. Let no one ever again say that we dreamed too small."

Jenkins said his goal was for Notre Dame to be the top Catholic university in the 21st century for research and learning.

University President Emeriti Father Theodore Hesburgh and Father Edward Malloy blessed the incoming president after his address, and distinguished guests included Indiana governor Mitch Daniels, Provost Thomas Burish, Alumni Association President Timothy Brady, Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop John D'Arcy, Faculty Senate chair Seth Brown and Holy Cross Provincial Superior David Tyson.

A picnic and fireworks followed Jenkins' address on South Quad.

Classes were cancelled for two days allowing students to partake in the inauguration events, including an academic forum featuring Tom Brokaw as the moderator on Thursday afternoon and a Friday morning Mass.

City passes housing ordinance amendment

A city ordinance amendment passed over the summer of 2005 not only threatened the South Bend social scene, but also cost several students their apartments.

Campus-wide opposition swirled as students questioned the passage of the Public Nuisance Ordinance that allowed the city of South Bend to send a notice to abate to both the tenants and the landlord after the first incidence of a noise violation. If neither the tenant nor residents respond and illegal activities continue, the tenant can be fined anywhere from \$250 to \$2,500. If the landlord, however, opts to evict the tenants within 30 days of notification, the civil lawsuit will be dropped.

This threat led Turtle Creek Management to evict six students — who were notified of their eviction upon returning from fall break — for a party thrown on the weekend of Sept. 9-10, where 100 minors were cited for underage drinking.

In response to the evictions, then-student body president Dave Baron confronted the ordinance implications along with the Student Senate Community Relations committee by presenting a resolution to the South

Bend Community Council meeting Feb. 27.

Council members said they would consider the propositions of amending the ordinance by sending a notice to abate after the second violation or allow landlords to pass their fines on to tenants to reduce the tendency to evict after only one violation.

Council members said they were impressed with Baron's desire to cooperate with them on meeting mutual goals and making community relations a priority at Notre Dame.

Student body president Lizzi Shappell and student body vice president Bill Andrichik have also verbally committed their administration to improving community relations.

SMC replaces two top administrators

In January 2006, Saint Mary's College found itself having to replace two top administrators as Vice President of Student Affairs Linda Timm and Vice President and Dean of Faculty Pat White each individually announced they would vacate their position at the conclusion of the semester.

After serving as vice president of Student Affairs at the College for 11 years, Timm announced she would be leaving at the end of the academic year to begin her presidency at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Wisc.

"This is the next move in my life," Timm said in an interview Jan. 17. "In lots of ways, this will be a new beginning for me — a new beginning professionally and a new beginning personally."

Like Timm, White will also leave his post as a Saint Mary's vice president to head another academic institution — Wabash College.

White — who had served Saint Mary's for 17 years — will begin his presidency at the nationally ranked men's college July 1.

College President Carol Ann Mooney has named business and economics professor Jill Vihtelic as the interim vice president and dean of faculty until a permanent replacement is found — a position Mooney said Vihtelic might fill for the next two academic semesters.

Mooney said she hopes to fill the vice president of Student Affairs position by the start of the 2006-07 school year, but has yet to release the names of any potential candidates.

Jenkins speaks on academic freedom

On Jan. 23 and 24, University President Father John Jenkins spoke to faculty members and students about the interaction of academic freedom and Catholic character at Notre Dame.

The address — almost the same for both groups — outlined Jenkins' concerns about the inconsistency of the University's sponsorship of certain events in light of Catholic teaching. Jenkins asked for continued dialogue

July 21, 2005
The Board of Trustees elects Thomas Burish to replace Nathan Hatch as University Provost, the second-ranking administrative post at the University.

September 17, 2005
Notre Dame student government organizes a massive Hurricane Katrina relief effort for the first home football game. Four-hundred-and-seventy-five students volunteer to help pass around buckets and collect donations from over 80,000 fans — raising over \$240,000.

August 30, 2005
Hurricane Katrina slams into New Orleans. Many Notre Dame students from the region struggle to get in touch with family living in the path of the storm.

October 12, 2005
The Student Senate approves the proposed \$15 student activities fee increase in a 22-5 majority vote. The increase reflects inflation and the added cost of implementing the College Readership Program.

November 20, 2005
University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh is released from St. Joseph County Regional Medical Center after suffering a fall that left him hospitalized for three days.

January 23, 2006
University President Father John Jenkins delivers an address to faculty about the interaction of academic freedom and Catholic character at Notre Dame, calling the University's sponsorship of events inconsistent with Catholic teaching "problematic" and asking for continued dialogue on the

2005

July 25, 2005
The South Bend Common Council passes the disorderly house ordinance amendment allowing the city to send a notice to abate the gathering to both tenants and the landlord after the first incidence of a loud and raucous noise violation. The stricter standards dramatically increase the risk of eviction.

September 5, 2005
Notre Dame airs a controversial advertising spot, "Candle", on NBC during the Pittsburgh game. The message of the commercial is sharply criticized by students and alumni.

September 23, 2006
University President Father John Jenkins is inaugurated as the 17th president of Notre Dame.

December 18, 2005
Saint Mary's Vice President for Student Affairs Linda Timm announces she will leave the College in June in order to assume the presidency at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Wisc.

November 3, 2005
A Saint Mary's student reports she was sexually assaulted in a Notre Dame residence hall. The victim says she does not plan to file charges.

Campus debates academic freedom and Catholic character. CLAP demands living wage. 'Monologues' not prohibited.

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events in light of Catholic teaching. Jenkins asked for continued dialogue on the issue before a formal policy announcement.

Jenkins said events sponsored by the University or one of its units — including academic departments — that are deemed to conflict or appear to conflict with Catholic values “should not be allowed at Notre Dame.”

Under specific scrutiny was the controversial and sexually explicit play “The Vagina Monologues,” which had been performed on campus for five consecutive years as part of the anti-violence against women V-Day campaign. Though Jenkins praised the play for its goals, he criticized the “graphic” ways it attempted to achieve them.

“The Vagina Monologues” was held in an academic setting this year — performed in a classroom and followed up with a series of panels addressing the issue of sexuality — as part of an effort to address concerns like Jenkins’.

The wave of response to Jenkins’ speech — which he said was intended to open dialogue on the subject, and not be a final decision on anything — was massive, flooding dorms, classrooms, publications and student and faculty governments.

An e-mail account was opened for the opinionated to express their concerns to Jenkins, who promised to read every last letter.

The most outspoken were the opponents of Jenkins’ statements, who fought any serious restrictions placed on what could and could not take place at Notre Dame. The student organization United for Free Speech was created primarily as a means to defend academic freedom on campus. Many, though, supported Jenkins, including South Bend-Fort Wayne Bishop John D’Arcy.

For more than two months, the campus was embroiled in an often-circular debate, awaiting Jenkins’ final decision.

‘Monologues’ not prohibited

Ten weeks after his opening address on academic freedom and Catholic character, University President Father John Jenkins released a statement on April 5 detailing his decision after listening to arguments from both sides of the debate.

Jenkins emphasized the importance of balancing Notre Dame’s Catholic values and its presence as an internationally recognized academic institution.

“The Vagina Monologues” — the controversial play at the heart of the discussion — would not be prohibited on campus, Jenkins said, but like any other performance, would undergo approval every year. He also praised the play’s new academic setting as appropriate and suggested it could serve as a model for other such performances.

To further advance the goal of eliminating violence against women, Jenkins

said he supports both the future production of a play written by student organizers of the “Monologues” entitled “Loyal Daughters” and the formation of an ad hoc University committee to address gender relations and sexual violence composed of administrators, faculty and students, with Jenkins as chair.

Jenkins also said academic departments are “best situated to decide what events should or should not be sponsored” and have the responsibility to make clear that their sponsorship of an event does not imply endorsement — a large point of contention during the academic freedom debate. Jenkins’ decision gave department chairs and College deans a large amount of responsibility in handling contentious issues, while setting up a process for dealing with any problems that go beyond the bounds of the department.

Many faculty members and students expressed their satisfaction with Jenkins’ conclusion, though the most enthusiasm came from approval of the University president’s open dialogue throughout the decision-making process.

Several loud dissenters disapproved of the decision, however, including law professor emeritus Charles Rice — who called for Jenkins’ resignation — several faculty members and Holy Cross priests and South Bend-Fort Wayne Bishop John D’Arcy. Jenkins acknowledged the opposition, saying the University benefits from a strong, two-sided debate.

Trustees convene in Rome

For the first time, Notre Dame’s Board of Trustees convened in Rome for its annual winter meetings on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, meeting with key Vatican leaders, participating in an academic conference and conferring two honorary degrees in the process.

The trip was touted both as an opportunity to renew ties with the Vatican and as an avenue to improve understanding of how the University can better serve the Church.

A meeting in Rome had been on the Board of Trustees’ agenda for several years, and University President Father John Jenkins’ first year in office was deemed an appropriate time by members.

Trustees met with numerous Vatican officials, including representatives of the Congregation for Catholic Education, the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Secretariat of State.

Jenkins and other members of the Notre Dame delegation were also personally greeted by Pope Benedict XVI after his public audience Feb. 1.

The conference the group attended, “Contribution of Catholic Universities to the Church and Culture,” featured addresses by Jenkins, Rino Fisichella,

auxiliary bishop of Rome and rector of St. John (Pontifical) Lateran University and Notre Dame Trustee Daniel Jenky, bishop of Peoria, Ill.

Honorary degrees were presented to Fisichella and L. Frances Rooney III, U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See.

The event marked Jenkins’ first major trip as University president and a new era in Notre Dame-Vatican relations.

Campus Labor Action Project mobilizes

This year, a new social action group made itself known at Notre Dame — the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP). Formed by students in the fall of 2005, CLAP welcomed workers, students, faculty, alumni and others to join their effort to secure a “living wage” for campus workers.

The living wage — a movement instituted into policy at institutions nationwide, including Harvard University and Georgetown University — is the hourly rate of income that a worker in a specific area must make in a 40-hour workweek to support a family of four. To establish a living wage at Notre Dame, CLAP suggested a minimum \$12.10 per hour wage, or \$25,164 a year, for University employees.

On March 8, members of CLAP passed out copies of their 11-page report on the living wage and its potential implementation at Notre Dame to several University officials, including University President Father John Jenkins, Provost Tom Burish, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves and Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman.

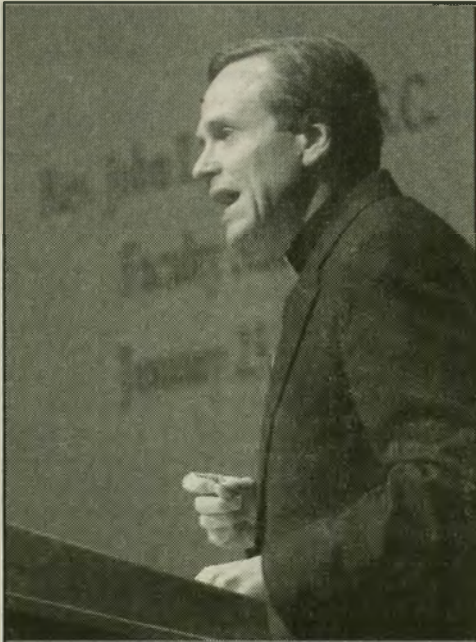
In the report, CLAP outlined three goals, which included meeting with Jenkins, Jenkins making a public commitment to the principle of living wage and creating a joint task force of students, workers, faculty and administrators to address worker issues and come up with a just policy.

CLAP supported its cause with several petitions and was backed by Notre Dame’s student government, arguing its efforts were part of Catholic social teaching. Affleck-Graves issued a statement April 19 responding to CLAP’s report, maintaining the University already provides a “fair and just wage” for its employees by including benefits on top of their base salary.

CLAP responded with a rally and finally a sit-in in Jenkins’ office on May 2, still demanding the joint task force outlined in its earlier report. Jenkins issued a statement that day saying he entrusted the matter to Affleck-Graves, and the University was committed to paying just wages and benefits to its workers.

As the semester ended, members of CLAP were left unsatisfied.

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<p>January 31, 2006 The University Board of Trustees convenes in Rome for its annual winter meetings to meet with key Vatican leaders, participate in an academic conference and confer two honorary degrees.</p>	<p>February 15, 2006 Jenkins attends the final performance of “The Vagina Monologues” saying he went to “listen and learn, and I did that tonight and I thank the cast.”</p>	<p>February 27, 2006 University officials announce the University Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs will become the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students — a restructured group with increased student membership to better meet campus needs.</p>	<p>April 5, 2006 University President Father John Jenkins announces future performances of “The Vagina Monologues” will not be prohibited on Notre Dame’s campus — a conclusion to two months of impassioned debate about the complex relationship between academic freedom and Catholic character at Notre Dame.</p>
<p>February 8, 2006 Two weeks after University President Father John Jenkins questioned the presence of controversial events on campus in a series of major addresses to the Notre Dame community, the event formerly known as Queer Film Festival begins under a new name — “Gay and Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives and Spectatorship.”</p>	<p>February 16, 2006 Saint Mary’s stages SMC Monologues — its own adaptation of Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues,” which has not been held on campus since 2004.</p>	<p>March 9, 2006 The Campus Labor Action Project presents a wage report to administrators suggesting the University implement a minimum \$12.10 per hour pay for its workers.</p>	
	<p>March 7, 2006 Gray Television, Inc. officially acquired WNDU-TV from the University for \$85 million — a purchase that will help inflate Notre Dame’s endowment, a University official said.</p>	<p>March 29, 2006 After two years in the development stage, SMC-TV — an independent television station operated by Saint Mary’s — goes air as the first student-produced television program in Saint Mary’s history.</p>	<p>April 28, 2006 Saint Mary’s announces plans for a new three-story, 68,000 square foot academic building.</p>
			<p>May 2, 2006 Members of CLAP stage a sit-in in Jenkins’ office in the Main Building. Jenkins issues a statement affirming the University’s current employment practices and leaving CLAP members unsatisfied.</p>

Freshmen welcomed to campus during Frosh-O

Dorm commissioners tailor activities for new class, encourage early discussion of gender relations, alcohol use

By STEVE KERINS
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While the majority of activities planned for this weekend's Freshman Orientation are similar to those of previous years, members of the Notre Dame community will notice a few key differences emphasized in this year's programs.

Although the University has made no significant changes to the program, the orientation staffs in the residence halls have worked to tailor their activities to meet the needs of incoming students, said Peggy Hnatusko, associate director of student activities.

"Some halls may be considering planning activities that mirror popular culture from this summer," Hnatusko said, referring to an activity modeled after the game show "America's Got Talent."

Junior Marissa Buck, a Cavanaugh Hall Frosh-O commissioner, said her orientation staff made some slight changes to last year's schedule when making plans for the class of 2010.

"We're trying to do a lot more in-dorm activities," Buck said. "We changed one activity that had been with another dorm to just our

dorm."

Gender relations were of particular importance for Frosh-O planners. Some past Frosh-O events received attention from students and administrators after complaints about awkward single- and mixed-gender activities.

Fisher recitor Father Robert Moss said although the hall has not planned any significant departures from the traditional Frosh-O structure, a component on gender relations is always included.

"There's a regular [gender relations] program for all the halls to be involved in," Moss said.

Gender Relations Center (GRC) Director Heather Rakoczy expects positive changes in this year's orientation program. A team of students under

the direction of Hnatusko and the Student Activities Office has formed the Student Campus Orientation Committee, now in its fourth year, to serve as consultants to the residence hall orientation

staffs.

"They will give feedback and guidance to the Frosh-O staffs regarding opportunities for balanced programming," Rakoczy said.

Problems have arisen in the past when that balance was missing and when the focus of the activities became meeting members of the opposite sex, she said.

"I think a worst-case scenario would be a first-year student who feels disconnected from

the Notre Dame community following [Frosh-O]," Rakoczy said. "Rather, I think we should provide diverse opportunities to connect so that our new students might feel at home."

The GRC has designed a program for this year's orientation weekend called "College HAS Issues: Hookups, Alcohol and Sexual Assault." It will be included in the mandatory orientation for all freshmen on Sunday, Rakoczy said.

Within some residence halls, certain activities have also been restructured to address gender relations criticism.

"We were asked to encourage mingling with the opposite sex, but not to have it be polarized," Buck said. "We've

"We've tried to do activities that didn't encourage ... coupling, things that you could enjoy whether you're male or female."

Marissa Buck
Frosh-O commissioner

"I think we should provide diverse opportunities to connect so that our new students might feel at home."

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Gender Relations Center

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But gender relations aren't the only concern for orientation leaders.

Last spring, the Campus Life Council passed a resolution encouraging Frosh-O leaders to insert cautionary material about third-party Web sites in the booklets they distribute to incoming freshmen. But Hnatusko said there has been little talk among Frosh-O leaders and Student Activities

about the issues regarding sites like Facebook.com and MySpace.com.

"There was no discussion [between the Student Activities Office and the Frosh-O Commissioners] on privacy issues relating to social networking sites," Hnatusko said. "Although personal privacy and the public nature of such sites is very important to consider when placing any personal information on the Web."

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Juniors Patrick Coleman, left, and Ben Solomon, center, help freshman Daniel Salas check in at Keough Hall Thursday.

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the largest pool of applicants the University has ever received.

The Office of Admissions received an unprecedented 12,800 applications this year — and just 3,490 students were admitted to the University.

What makes this class unique is the staggering number of students who chose Notre Dame once they were accepted, Saracino said. Fifty-eight percent of admitted students decided to enroll, the highest yield the University has ever experienced.

Saracino said more students are choosing Notre Dame because the University is committed to meeting the financial needs of admitted students.

"Notre Dame for the last 10 years has been meeting 100 percent of full demonstrated [financial] need of every single student. ... That says to every single student, 'If we admit you we will make it possible for you to come,' and that makes the students who want to come actually enroll," Saracino said.

"Another thing that has con-

tributed to the increased yield, the University is doing a great job in helping students who have been admitted realize what is available here," he said, noting the University's effort to help admitted students get in touch with current students.

"Our goal is to not lose one student because of unanswered questions," Saracino said. "We make sure that they know that Notre Dame is the perfect place for them."

Saracino said the University is "extremely proud" of the diversity in the freshman class.

"If we're educating the leaders of tomorrow and we don't have a significant representation of ethnically underrepresented students, then we're not doing it," Saracino said.

The class' gender breakdown bucks the national trend, Saracino said. The class is 53 percent male and 47 percent female, which reflects Notre Dame's applicant pool.

"We're gender blind in admissions," Saracino said.

Other notable facts about the class of 2010:

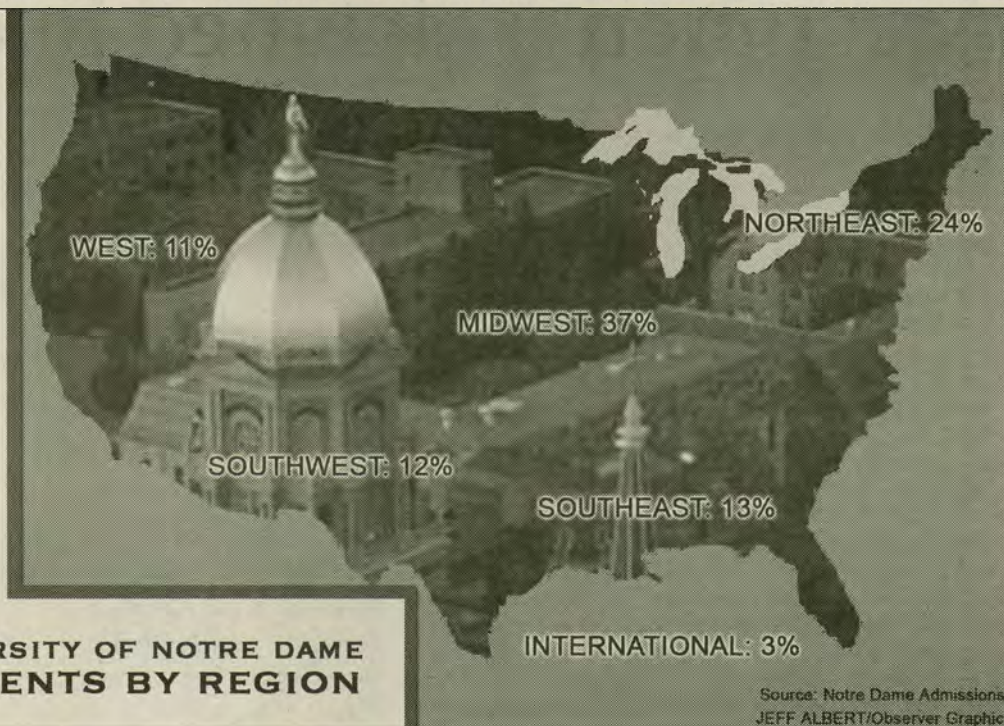
- ◆ 85 percent are Catholic.
- ◆ 24 percent are children of alumni (the highest of any university in the country,

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Saracino said).

◆ 92 percent did community service in high school.

◆ 41 percent captained a varsity sport.

◆ 53 percent were involved in the performing arts in high school.

◆ 37 percent were involved in student government.

◆ 13 percent were editors of high school publications.

◆ 7 percent were senior class or student body presidents.

◆ 8 percent are first-gener-

ation college students.

◆ 5 percent are Eagle Scouts.

"We're trying to create a class that is the most talented — intellectually and in terms of character and values. ... They will add much to the University and it will be an exciting year at Notre Dame," Saracino said. "You'll be walking across campus and hearing Spanish spoken more than you ever have before."

Last year's freshmen stepped onto campus as

University President Father John Jenkins began his first year at the helm of the University and head football coach Charlie Weis became the new face of Notre Dame football.

"It's tough to top that," Saracino said. "Perhaps what these freshmen have to look forward to is a national championship in football."

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"take some getting used to."

The sense of being a little fish swimming in a big pond is common among incoming freshmen, said Susan Steibe-Pasalich, director of the University Counseling Center. Students tend to compare their freshman year in college with their senior year in high school, which is useless, she said.

"Again and again you're going to be a freshman, whether it's in a new relationship, or at a new job ... you're going to be on the bottom rung," she said. "Transition is just something that takes time."

Academics are the main concern for freshman Michael Carilli, who said his high school was "not exactly big on academics."

"I'm really worried I'm going to flunk out the first semester," he said when asked about the upcoming transition.

First Year of Studies Assistant

Dean Kenneth DeBoer had more hope.

"All Notre Dame kids are smart, but some relied on rote learning and memorization in high school," he said. "The courses in college are more challenging and require a different set of skills ... In time, the students find they have these skills."

FYS advisors like DeBoer provide an outlet for freshmen concerns and point them in the right direction. The advisors meet with students during the first week on a walk-in basis and in September for introductory meetings. Upperclassmen peer advisors also meet with freshmen during September and October.

"In our sessions, we try to make the students feel comfortable," DeBoer said. "We find out what they want to do and we help them do it."

Both Twardzik and Carilli were concerned about separating from their families, especially the latter who is leaving four siblings behind.

"Any homesickness or nerv-

ousness is counteracted by their excitement to be walking the quad or visiting the Grotto," he said.

Karen Dillon graduated from Notre Dame in 1983 and is sending her eldest daughter Elizabeth to her alma mater. She said she is confident that Elizabeth's transition will go smoothly.

"I know there's a lot of support there," she said. "There are close relationships in the dorm; the RA's are available and keep an eye on the kids in the sections. The rectors ... I know when I was there, our rector made sure she knew each student in the dorm."

Students may also have difficulty adjusting to their new "family," or more specifically, their roommates.

Steibe-Pasalich said a 2003 panel comprised of FYS advisors, Counseling Center staff

members and two rectors spoke to resident assistants about the move from high school to college. "Differences" was a major topic in the discussion.

Steibe-Pasalich said that, for new roommates, the differences could range from income bracket to drinking habits to religious beliefs.

Such differences can lead to a sense of not fitting in, she said.

"We suggest first year students get to know each other," she said. "What looks like a problem might not be a problem."

DeBoer said that problems often arise between roommates. He recalled a summer program on campus for 75 freshmen and their parents when a lecturer posed a question to the audience: how many had ever shared a room?

Not one hand went up. "It's a challenge," DeBoer said, "but it's a good chal-

lenge."

Parents, too, must acclimate themselves to their new family, sans one member.

"It will definitely be different around the house without [Elizabeth]," Dillon said. "[My younger daughter] Bridget is concerned that she will get far too much attention from her parents."

Students often cite weather differences as a transition issue. However, Carilli, a New Mexico resident, had already purchased a winter jacket to prepare for Midwestern winters.

"Apparently the area around Notre Dame is fit for human habitation," he said. "So, I think it's going to be okay."

Ultimately, most students adjust to the college lifestyle, DeBoer said.

"By April, they are more confident as students," he said. "They have picked up the tools they need to be successful."

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ROTC

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Shannon and her staff led 23 Air Force ROTC freshmen in the New Student Orientation — a 40 percent increase in participation from last year, she said.

Michele Laning, a freshman from Valparaiso University, said the prospect of job experience in college and the appeal of tuition assistance drew her to join Notre Dame's Air Force ROTC program. She said although the 6 a.m. wake up time was the earliest she has gotten up all summer, she has had a very positive experience this week.

For Saint Mary's freshman Air Force ROTC cadet Elizabeth Mitchell, ROTC is a family tradition.

"My dad participated in Navy ROTC when he was a student at Notre Dame," Mitchell said. "It's

been great meeting all of the other cadets in my class and the upperclassmen this week.

"We've done so many different things — from learning how to march, salute, the Air Force song, and wear our uniforms, to taking the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test and participating in social activities. It's been challenging, but fun."

New Navy ROTC midshipmen began their orientation Aug. 13 and marked the end with a fun run on campus Friday morning, said Lieutenant Greg Keigher, coordinator of the New Student Orientation.

"Orientation week provides a crash course on military etiquette, uniforms, policies and how to function as a military unit," Keigher said. "The NROTC staff really emphasizes teamwork, camaraderie and Navy tradition."

Keigher said the goal during New Student Orientation is to

prepare the new midshipmen to function as "knowledgeable members of the NROTC battalion."

"Upon graduation, all of these midshipmen will become military officers, and many will be leading sailors and marines into battle against the war on terror," Keigher said.

Similar to the Air Force ROTC New Student Orientation, an early wake up call is a hallmark of the Navy's New Student Orientation.

"A day during O week is pretty long," Keigher said. "It starts around 6:15 a.m. and doesn't end until 10 p.m."

The sun hadn't even peeked over Saint Mary's Lake Thursday morning when the new Navy ROTC midshipmen gathered on Carroll Field in their blue and white gym uniforms just before 6:30 a.m. Shouting words of encouragement to each other, the new midshipmen took a mock

Physical Readiness Test that included a sit-and-reach, timed sit-up and push-up tests and a timed one-and-a-half mile run. They will take the official PRT in October, battalion commanding officer Erin Smith said.

"O week sets the tone for discipline and professionalism and instills an understanding of the military chain of command for the rest of the year," Smith said. "The Navy requires attention to detail and the concept of working as a team, so we try to instill this as much as possible throughout the week."

Smith recalled the feeling of accomplishment that came with her own completion of the New Student Orientation when she was a freshman.

"The entire week is very challenging and you spend some time questioning why you're putting yourself through it, but in the end you realize that there is a purpose behind everything and that

you have just pushed yourself to new levels and made it through," Smith said.

Four sophomores and four juniors joined 15 new freshmen in the New Student Orientation, cadet battalion Commander Eileen Kamykowski said.

"In a typical day, the new students woke up at 5:15 a.m. for Physical Training and spent the remainder of the day getting acquainted with everything from weapons, ranger tactics and urban warfare to repelling and putting on camouflage paint," Kamykowski said.

Senior cadet Matthew Donnelly remembered what the orientation was like for him his freshman year.

"It was a really good experience for those of us who had little or no experience with the military," Donnelly said.

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average GPA of 3.7 — the highest average GPA since the entering class of 1996. Fourteen percent of freshmen ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating classes.

Last fall, 1,180 applications were submitted, marking the second highest total in the past 17 years. Of the 944 admitted applicants, 426 have registered for the 2006-07 school year.

Vice President for Enrollment Management Dan Meyer said the school received applications from 44 states and 13 countries and was pleased to see an increase in applications from Arizona, Colorado and the Chicago area.

While 26 percent of incoming freshmen are either daughters or granddaughters of a Saint Mary's alumna, a record 10 percent of the class belongs to minority groups — a number that has not been seen at Saint Mary's since

1993, Director of Admission Mona Bowe said.

Bowe said the diversity of the class is mostly due to the increased participation of current students in recruitment efforts.

Meyer said the College has recently altered recruitment efforts by intensifying its focus on 10 percent of an inquiry pool of 25,000 high school seniors considered most likely to apply to Saint Mary's.

The College focused its travel on targeted high schools, Bowe said, and admissions counselors and current students spent much more time on follow-up with prospective students.

"The more current students are involved, the more we can

maintain a positive quality. This is a college-wide effort," Bowe said.

Meyer and Bowe maintained a positive outlook about the College's increasing enrollment, but said if enrollment continues to rise, the College might have to place caps on the nursing or education programs to maintain their quality.

"Growth is something the College can reasonably handle."

Dan Meyer
vice president
Enrollment
Management



Freshman Moira Dillon moves into LeMans Hall Thursday with the help of her family. Dillon is part of the largest Saint Mary's class in the last five years.

The college's ultimate total enrollment goal is "around 1,700," Meyer said.

Although the incoming class has brought the College's enrollment to just over 1,500, residence halls are not at capacity. Two floors in Regina and McCandless Halls remain vacant.

"Growth is something the College can reasonably han-

dle," Meyer said.

Additional sections have already been added to classes to accommodate the larger number of freshman students, and administrators anticipate adding more in the future.

Saint Mary's also received 198 transfer student applications, 50 of whom arrive on campus this weekend.

Bowe said students are

attracted to Saint Mary's for a multitude of reasons, but both Bowe and Meyer agreed the College's high academic standards, strong faculty, talented athletic teams and opportunities for leadership are the factors that ultimately lure students to Saint Mary's.

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Tour

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mayor's office, said the city believes it is important to make students feel welcome in South Bend and give them information early on about cultural and entertainment attractions.

"We've interfaced with Notre Dame on so many different levels," Dobski said. "Now what our project is is to really focus on the students themselves."

Monday at noon, students will board Transpo buses for the approximately hour and a half tour of the city. Local volunteers will talk about their experience living in the city and highlight what makes South Bend unique.

Stops on the tour include the East Race Waterway, the Century Center and the College Football Hall of Fame.

At the end of the tour, students will mingle with Luecke, representatives from the city council and Notre Dame student body president Lizzi Shappell. Lunch will be provided for all participants by popular local pizzerias.

The idea to introduce Notre Dame students to South Bend as a component of the Frosh-O weekend

grew out of the Community Relations Committee (CRC) created by former student body president Dave Baron. Senior Josh Pasquesi, chairman of the committee, has been involved in organizing the tour. His goal is to give students a positive first impression of South Bend.

"If people have the idea that there are trashy townies out there, it's not going to be a good relationship to start with," Pasquesi said.

Pasquesi, who worked in the mayor's office this summer as a communications and special projects intern, said the tour should enlighten students who are not aware of all that South Bend has to offer.

"There's actually a lot to do in South Bend that most people don't realize," said Pasquesi, pointing out that South Bend is the home of the Silverhawks, the Olympic trials for kayaking and theater.

To encourage freshmen to sign up for the tour at DomerFest on Saturday, Transpo will give one partici-

pant a free iPod and several restaurants will give out gift certificates.

Pasquesi aims for approximately 200 participants for the first of what he hopes will be an annual event.

Pasquesi and the mayor's office are optimistic the tour will result in improved town-gown relations, especially in light of the controversial amendment to the disorderly house ordinance passed last summer by the South Bend Common Council, which allows the city to send residents a

notice to abate after just one noise violation.

The CRC plans to work to increase the mutual involvement of Notre Dame in South Bend and Notre Dame,

"We just see this as a real positive step towards continuing the great relationship [between Notre Dame and South Bend]."

Mikki Dobski
mayor's office

Pasquesi said.

Upcoming plans include a discussion between community and University leaders and information fair for off-campus students.

Dobski said there are advantages to living in South Bend and she hopes the tour will make incoming students aware of the opportunities the city offers.

"Obviously students have discovered the bars and we want to be able to, especially with the freshmen, to show all of these other aspects," Dobski said.

She hopes freshmen will use the information they get on the tour and take advantage of South Bend's attractions.

"We just see this as a real positive step towards continuing the great relationship [between Notre Dame and South Bend]," Dobski said.

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Incoming freshmen participate in academic code tutorial

Special to the Observer

Is it cheating to find homework answers online, or in the back of a textbook, and make corrections before handing in the assignment?

What if a student turns in a science experiment or a term paper that he or she did for another class? Is it cheating to recycle old work?

When is it okay to use information from the Internet? Or from your roommate, for that matter?

Incoming undergraduates have been pondering such questions this summer as part of an electronic tutorial that exposes them to Notre Dame's recently revised Academic Code of Honor. Students must successfully complete the multiple-choice tutorial before they can sign the University's honor code pledge, a precursor to enrolling.

"We needed to do something more to make students familiar with the honor code," said Thomas Flint, a philosophy professor and Faculty Honor Code officer. Along with associate provost Dennis Jacobs, he directed the creation of the tutorial with assistance from several faculty and student members of last year's University Code of Honor Committee. The tutorial's transition to an online exercise was the work of Chris Clark of the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning.

The new Web-based program takes first year, transfer and returning students through a series of case studies in four areas where honesty issues frequently arise: acceptable collaboration with other students, falsifying data, test taking, and plagiarism. Throughout the

summer, incoming students quickly took to the challenge, with 85 percent succeeding on their first attempt.

The case studies are fictional but reflect classic honesty dilemmas, if not a flair for plot and character development. They feature such instructors as Professor Chirac, a French teacher; the "legendary" anthropology teacher Michigan Smith; a forestry instructor named Pine; and an ROTC instructor (teaching Aerial Warfare) named Professor Weis. (A key requirement of the honor code is that students reveal when they have worked with others. Thus, Flint credits committee colleagues with some of the punchier content. Dottie Pratt conceived Michigan Smith and Sam Gaglio's subcommittee invented the forester Professor Pine.)

Sometimes the fictional students in the case studies face a situation that is complexly nuanced. Often, however, they just didn't leave enough time to complete their work.

Time, says Flint, is a big factor in honesty cases.

"Students have made it clear that decisions to cheat are often made when they feel they don't have enough time to do their own work honestly," he said. "Sometimes the students probably are just too busy to get everything done. Often, of course, they've simply put things off, are starting to write a paper the night before it's due, and succumb to the temptation to cut-and-paste from the Internet."

Good moral judgment alone is probably not enough to help a student succeed on the tutorial; they need to have read the code.

That's deliberate, Flint said.

"We do want our new students to be thinking about the importance of academic integrity in general, but we also want them to be familiar with how those general principles are applied here at Notre Dame," he said.

Two incoming freshmen who succeeded on their first try and who carefully read the student guide to the honor code before completing the exercise say it opened their eyes to the honesty issue.

"It really made me think about the different areas of cheating and how things that we don't normally consider to be cheating really are," said Laura Verwilt of South Bend. "I used to think of cheating as simply looking off someone else's test or having a cheat sheet."

Kickoff 2006

FOOTBALL TICKET DISTRIBUTION

STEP 1 Pick-up your Ticket Application

ND On-Campus Undergrads (except Freshmen)	In your mailbox
ND First Year Students	August 20, 6:00 pm, Joyce Center
ND Off-Campus Undergrads	August 21, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Notre Dame Stadium Gate C at Off-Campus Safety Fair
ND Law/MBA/Grad Students	From your College
Saint Mary's Students	From Saint Mary's College

Obtain your lottery number on Monday, August 21, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Notre Dame Stadium Gate B STEP 2

Lottery numbers will be distributed by class. Each student may bring up to TEN applications. In order to purchase tickets seated together, you MUST obtain consecutive lottery numbers for each application in the group.

STEP 3 Magic Number Drawing on Monday, August 21, 7:00 pm, Alumni Field (Men's Soccer vs. St. Francis)

Magic Number will be drawn and announced at halftime of the game. Email announcements will be made following Magic Number drawing, and can be found at <http://sao.nd.edu> after 10:00 pm. A separate Magic Number will be drawn for Law/MBA/Grad students.

STEP 4 Purchase your season tickets at the Stadium Box Office

Students will be seated by class. Your lottery number determines the Ticket Distribution order for each class (right). To purchase tickets, bring Ticket Applications and I.D. cards, along with payment. Cash or check only. Checks should be made payable to "University of Notre Dame", and include your local or cell phone number, name and address. A maximum of 10 Applications and I.D. cards, including your own, may be presented by each student to purchase tickets.

If your lottery number is within _____ (see below) of the Magic Number, ticket sales will proceed as follows:

400	Start time
400-800	20 Minutes past Start time
800-1200	40 Minutes past Start time
1200-1600	60 Minutes past Start time
1600-2000	90 Minutes past Start time

If you have no seating preference or no lottery number, show up 2 hours past Start time.

MONDAY

9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Lottery numbers distributed at Notre Dame Stadium Gate B.

7:00 pm
Magic Number drawn at halftime of the Men's Soccer game. Email announcements will follow.

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7:00 am - 12:00 pm
SENIORS purchase tickets at Notre Dame Stadium Box Office.

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

7:00 am - 12:00 pm
FRESHMEN purchase tickets at Notre Dame Stadium Box Office.

College continues linkage program with Class of 2010

Saint Mary's collaborates with Holy Cross College to grant acceptance to students with academic potential

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

For nearly 20 years, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's have taken advantage of their neighboring locations by collaborating on a little-known academic program for freshmen.

The Saint Mary's/Holy Cross linkage program has granted between 30 and 50 incoming freshmen acceptance into Saint Mary's on a conditional basis.

The program is a way for the admissions committee to offer prospective students who may not have strong academic backgrounds a chance to attend Saint Mary's, said Dan Meyer, Saint Mary's vice president for enrollment management.

After reviewing applications, the admissions committee identifies students they think show academic promise and offer them acceptance to the

College as long as they participate in the linkage program for their first academic year, which they will complete largely at Holy Cross.

These participants live on the Saint Mary's campus while taking four classes at Holy Cross and one at Saint Mary's each semester.

If at the end of the academic year the linkage program student maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.0, she is accepted as a full-time sophomore at Saint Mary's. But if she does not meet this criteria, she may either apply to be admitted as a transfer student at Holy Cross or apply to another institution altogether.

Meyer said he has generally found that students do well academically after "gradu-

ing" from the program.

And while the graduation rate of Saint Mary's students who participate in the program is slightly lower than traditional students, Meyer said the graduation rate of those students is still higher than if the linkage program was not offered at all.

"The program is great if you really want to go to Saint Mary's," said sophomore Meghan Corcoran, a former linkage program participant who led an orientation for incoming program participants.

Cara Ford, assistant director of first year studies and head of the linkage program, worked with Corcoran on the orientation. She said that students have generally found the classes at both Saint Mary's

and Holy Cross to be challenging.

"[This] is an opportunity for students to strengthen their academic backgrounds," Ford said.

Senior Amanda Shropshire, a former participant, said she thinks the linkage program is a good idea as students are able to complete their core electives.

"It's good I took them at Holy Cross, when I probably would have had trouble with them at Saint Mary's," she said.

She said the program "prepared me for the workload that Saint Mary's has."

While the program has garnered praise from participating students and involved faculty members, usually only an average of 10 of those accepted into the program actually participate each year.

This year, however, only nine women chose to participate in the program.

The smaller-than-usual

number is due to the fact that the students who are offered participation in the program must decide whether to accept the invitation or go to a college or university that may have already accepted the student on a full-time basis, Meyer said.

"When we admit [students] to the program, we see that as a positive," Meyer said. "[The program] is also positive in that it does allow a student to prove herself."

But for students who would rather not drive to and from classes, juggle advisors from both Saint Mary's and Holy Cross and take courses located on two campuses, the linkage program may not be right for everyone.

"I think it was beneficial to me," Corcoran said. "I always wanted to go to Saint Mary's, and now that I'm finally here, I love it."

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WAKE UP THE ECHOES



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Junior trombone player Matt Collins held his chin and his instrument high as the Notre Dame Marching Band kicked off its 161st year with a campus marchout Thursday morning.

Notre Dame ranked highly in new surveys

Special to The Observer

Two new surveys have rated Notre Dame among the leading universities in the nation.

The 2007 "How to Get into College Guide" published by Kaplan/Newsweek cites Notre Dame among the 25 "new Ivies" in higher education, and Washington Monthly magazine ranked Notre Dame 13th in its survey of national universities.

The Kaplan/Newsweek list of "new Ivies" recognizes universities whose "first-rate academic programs, combined with a population boom in top students, have fueled their rise in stature and favor among the nation's top students, administrators and faculty — edging them to a competitive status rivaling the Ivy League." The selections were based on admissions statistics and interviews with administrators, students, faculty and alumni.

Among the other "new Ivies" are Emory, New York, Rice, Vanderbilt and Washington Universities, UCLA and the Universities of Michigan, North Carolina and Virginia.

The Kaplan/Newsweek "How to Get into College Guide," which is available on news

stands Aug. 21, also contains articles on the admissions process, financial aid, and standardized tests. The rankings are available online at <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/14325172/>.

The second annual Washington Monthly College Rankings rate universities on three primary criteria: performance as engines of social mobility ("ideally helping the poor get rich rather than the very rich to get very, very rich"), scientific and humanistic research, and an ethic of service to country. Among the specific areas of evaluation are total research spending, the number of doctoral degrees granted in science and engineering, the number of students in ROTC and the Peace Corps, and the percentage of and support for Pell Grant recipients.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology ranked No. 1, followed by the University of California, Berkeley; Penn State University; UCLA; Texas A&M; University of California, San Diego; Stanford University; Cornell University; South Carolina State University; and the University of California, Davis.

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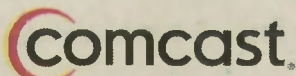
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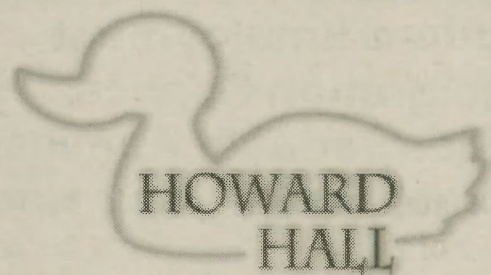
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Welcome Class of 2010



You Lucky Ducks

Hesburgh documentary to air

Program features interviews with Condoleezza Rice, Ara Parseghian

Special to The Observer

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh is the subject of a new documentary television program to be aired Wednesday at 8 p.m. on WNIT.

The program, "God, Country, Notre Dame: The Story of Father Ted Hesburgh, C.S.C.," concerns Hesburgh's priestly ministry, his career in higher education, and his role as a public servant. It includes interviews with several of Hesburgh's colleagues and friends, including all of the living former U.S. presidents; Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, a Notre Dame alumna and former University trustee; former Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian; and Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, former archbishop of Washington, D.C. It is

narrated by Notre Dame alumnus and television celebrity Regis Philbin and actors Sean Astin (who played the title role in the film "Rudy") and Clarence Gilyard.

Hesburgh, now 89 years old, stepped down as Notre Dame's leader on June 1, 1987, ending the longest tenure at that time among active presidents of American colleges and universities. Since his retirement he has remained active, working in his office on the 13th floor of the campus library that is renamed in his honor. His 1990 autobiography, "God, Country, Notre Dame," became a national best seller, and in 2000 his long public service career, which featured 16 presidential appointments, was recognized when he became the first person from higher education to be awarded the Congressional

Gold Medal.

Father Hesburgh's considerable impact on Notre Dame is suggested by a statistical comparison of the University in 1952, when he became president, and in 1987, when he retired. The annual operating budget went from \$9.7 million to \$176.6 million, the endowment from \$9 million to \$350 million, and research funding from \$735,000 to \$15 million. Enrollment increased from 4,979 to 9,600, faculty from 389 to 950, and the number of degrees annually awarded from 1,212 to 2,500. Also during the Hesburgh era the governance of the University was transferred from the founding religious community, the Congregation of Holy Cross, to a two-tiered, mixed board of lay and religious trustees and fellows in 1967, and women began to be admitted to the undergraduate program in 1972.

Holy Cross nun Gude retiring after 25 years

Special to The Observer

Professor Frank O'Malley, one of the most affectionately celebrated "bachelor dons" of Notre Dame history, famously said of the University's older buildings that "there's blood in the bricks." He was speaking of the years of work, worry and loving witness that have made the place what it is. He was speaking, perhaps unwittingly, of himself. He could as easily have been speaking of Sister Mary Louis Gude, C.S.C.

"I'm one of the last Holy Cross sisters at Notre Dame," said Gude, who is addressed and referred to by all who know her simply as "ML." She is retiring after a quarter of a century of



Gude

multifaceted professional service to the University, in its residence halls, its classrooms, its administrative offices, and any of several places on and off-campus to which her vocation has drawn her.

"Retiring," in this instance, is merely a technical designation of professional status. People like Gude are incapable of inactivity.

A member of the faculty of Notre Dame's Romance languages and literatures department, Gude has an enviable reputation as a scholar of 17th century French fiction and 20th century French intellectual history. Her publications include two books, "Le Page Disgracie: The Text as Confession" and "Louis Massignon: The Crucible of Compassion."

In 1983, while chairing the modern languages department at Saint Mary's College, she moved across the road to Notre Dame to become assistant rector at Notre Dame's Breen-Phillips Hall. She successfully managed these two demanding careers until 1987, when she became rector of Farley Hall, serving in that post until 1993. She stayed on the Notre Dame campus teaching French, and became assistant vice president for student affairs in 1998.

Although a remarkably modest, even self-deprecating woman, Gude confessed some degree of pride at her work in the student affairs office as chair of the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs (recently renamed the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students).

"I think it's the work with our gay and lesbian students that I'm most satisfied with," she said, "and let me tell you, it's not the easiest work in the world. On the one hand, we're committed to affirm Church teachings on sexuality, and on the other hand, our commitment obliges us to do all we can to respond to their needs and to make Notre Dame a welcoming place."

University President Emeritus Father Edward "Monk" Malloy and University President Father John Jenkins have praised the committee's efforts over the years, and vice president of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman recently described it as indispensable to the University.

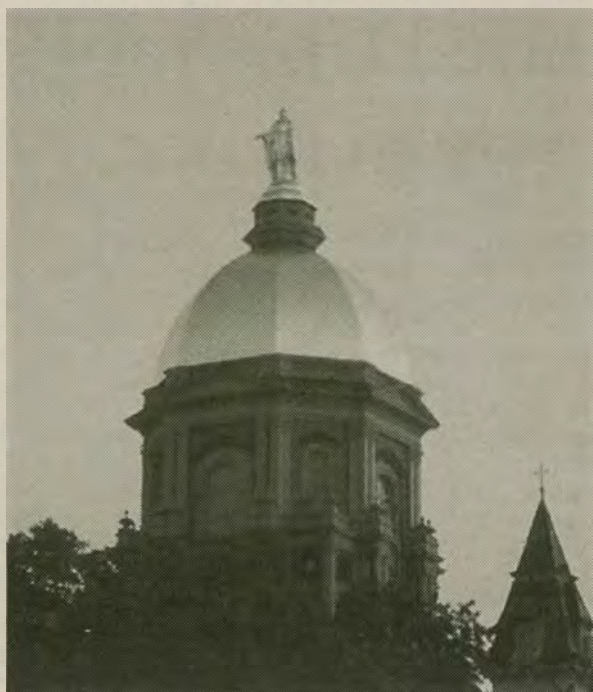
Gude's pride is amply justified. Tirelessly at work in a ministry which all but guaranteed the fury of passionately held, deeply opposed, and vehemently expressed convictions, she endured the recriminations of angry activists while establishing a secure and charitable institutional environment in which gay and lesbian students would be heard, respected, and, most importantly, loved.

"Basically, my method was hanging in there. I just refused to go away," she said.

Even now, she won't be going too far away.

"I'm looking forward to this translating gig," she said, referring to her participation in an international conference of Holy Cross sisters last month in France. "Later on, I'll probably find something to do around Saint Mary's and Notre Dame."

No one who knows Gude is surprised by those plans, but they are good news all the same.



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Highway signs

I never knew I wanted to go to Notre Dame.

It took three years and three visits to South Bend to convince me this was it.

I wasn't swaddled in blue and gold blankets as a child, wasn't taught the Victory March along with my ABCs, wasn't trucked out to the Bend each fall for the first home game of the season.

So if Frosh-O is your official welcome into the Notre Dame family — like it was for me — then this column is for you.

A few weeks into my freshman year, I fell hard for this tradition-steeped school. And I'm sure you will too.

During my overblown search for the "right" school, I became a walking college guidebook. I read various rankings religiously. I had seen the same information sessions so many times that I could anticipate every perfectly posed picture of smiling students, every statistic meant to impress eager applicants, every corny, parent-pleasing joke.

Maybe you were the same way.

And maybe you fought endlessly about

the choice with your mother, like I did.

When I wanted to look at California schools and argued that they weren't much farther from Wisconsin than the East Coast schools I was considering, my mom shut me down immediately. "It's symbolically farther," she said.

Boston was the same. "I don't want to drive 20 hours to see my kid!" Duke? My mom thought the dorm tradition of burning benches before basketball games was just too "destructive" — never mind that the students rebuilt them afterward. Even hometown favorite UW-Madison was out of the running. "Mad, you're going to get tear gassed on Halloween!"

The drama culminated in a heated argument when my mom decided Georgetown would somehow corrupt me. The screaming was at that high pitch that only an irate mother can produce. "I don't want you to grow up to be a hard-nosed politician!" The showdown left me fuming, but as I cooled down, I became frustrated. I had been all over the country (OK, excluding California) and still hadn't figured it out.

What really mattered, I realized, was what couldn't be quantified — what I felt. And that had nothing to do with guidebooks. I came to my senses. I stopped arguing for the sake of arguing. And I made my third trip to Notre Dame.

My mom and I drove from Milwaukee to

South Bend through stormy weather and horrible Chicago-Indiana traffic. It was miserable. But suddenly the sky opened up, the sun came out, and we got off the freeway and saw the Dome.

I'm not big on signs or superstitions, but my mom still tells that story. You are here for a reason. It's that feeling in your gut when you first stepped onto campus. That overwhelming realization of how lucky you are to be here. That sense of home.

Don't worry if you aren't a legacy. Not everyone is. Don't worry if it took you a while to figure out this was it. Not all of us have known since birth. So what if your roommate's parents are double Domers who spend most of Frosh-O weekend reminiscing about their undergrad days?

You're here. You belong. Go make the most of it.

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A small measure of peace

As a Film, Television and Theatre disciple, I continually find myself fascinated by the way life's realities are reflected in the movies. Every film — from the all-time greats on down to the most mundane and mediocre ones — contains elements that awaken memories and stir the senses. Often the pictures we remember most vividly are those that remind us of people we love, places we admire or simply an emotion that triggers fond recollections of a particular time in our lives.

College is no different. Hollywood has been mining this source for decades, amounting to hundreds of films that broach the subject, some more successfully than others. Whether it's a quirky character, unexpected plot curve or a singular line of dialogue, there's something universally familiar about these films.

With this in mind, I tried to recall a scene from a film that most strongly reminded me of my Notre Dame experience. And, while my first gut instinct was to write a loving ode to the spiritual wonders of "Rudy," for the sake of originality I forced myself to broaden my horizons.

Surprisingly, the film that surfaced most often wasn't the tale of a pint-sized walk-on with barely a speck of athletic talent. It was director Edward Zwick's "The Last Samurai."

The film chronicles the account of American Civil War veteran Nathan Algren — played deftly by Cruise — and his capture at the hands of Katsumoto (Ken Watanabe), a noble Japanese warrior unwilling to let the way of the sword expire. As Algren begrudgingly settles into his civil captivity, his attitude towards the samurai's adherence to the time-honored traditions of Japanese culture changes from one of animosity to genuine wonder. A wayward warrior most of his

life, Algren admits to a mysterious presence shrouding this small Japanese village deep in the mountains, a presence that envelops him despite its unfamiliarity. He tries to collect his thoughts in a journal, struggling to put on paper his wavering allegiances.

"This marks the longest I've stayed in one place since I left the farm at 17," begins Algren. "I've never been a churchgoing man, and what I've seen on the field of battle has led me to question God's purpose. But there is indeed something spiritual in this place. And though it may forever be obscure to me, I cannot but be aware of its power. I do know that it is here that I've known my first untroubled sleep in many years."

When I first saw "The Last Samurai" in theaters, I was comfortably settled into my sophomore year at Notre Dame. But something about those words, penned by screenwriter John Logan, lodged in my mind like a welcome splinter. I wasn't aware of it then, but they would come to epitomize what Notre Dame means to me after what seems like a lifetime here.

Although I was born in India, my family has been moving almost nonstop since I was three years old. In fact, by the time my Notre Dame career comes to a close, I will have lived under the shadow of the Golden Dome longer than any of the dozen other places around the world I have called home. When people ask where I'm from, my stock answer is usually, "All over, but I currently live in [blank]." It's much easier than trying to spew out recollections of the spots in India, England and the United States where some of my fondest memories remain.

And while my Jesuit high school experience never felt unwelcome, I was raised Hindu and continue to learn something new about the Catholic faith everyday. In fact, the first time I was within earshot of a homily came during ninth grade at a required high school Mass. As the only Hindu in attendance, I felt lost as I clumsily tried to mimic the words and gestures of a foreign liturgy, wondering whether I'd ever fit

in.

Fortunately, almost a decade later, all I have to do is glance across Notre Dame's campus to find my answer. Whether it's the green plains of the Quads or the shimmer of the lakes on a crisp fall day, there's something about this campus that demands a quiet attention. While the Notre Dame family continues to be the driving force behind our University's relevance, I can't help but feel there's something else at work here, something spiritual.

People talk about the Notre Dame campus as a closed bubble, sheltering her students from the rough realities of the outside world. But I'd like to think there's something peaceful about this campus and this community that keeps pulling us back, often decades after we graduate.

A lifetime's worth of memories are packed into this place by graduation's end. But above all, Notre Dame is home. For the better part of four years — five if you're lucky — this campus is all we know. Home isn't always where you think it is, but often where you're fortunate enough to find it. Or realize where it's always been.

Glancing up at the auric light reflecting off Our Lady, it's hard to verbalize exactly what makes Notre Dame special.

All I can do is recall that scene from "The Last Samurai," in which a quiet understanding creeps across Algren's face. He finally understands what he's found. Home.

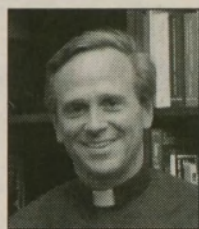
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Campus leaders welcome Class of 2010

Dear Class of 2010,

With the beginning of a new academic year, I extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students of the University of Notre Dame. In particular, I wish to congratulate and welcome our freshmen and transfer students. We are excited and grateful that you are here, and it is our intention to help you achieve all of your goals and ambitions.



Jenkins

Over the course of your time at Notre Dame, I encourage you to make the most of each moment. Be open to engaging new friends, those who may have very similar or very different personal stories and perspectives. Embrace each classroom experience as an opportunity to expand your knowledge, hone your talents, and share your ideas. If you live in a residence hall, explore the multiple ways that you can contribute as a leader. When you face challenge, know that you are not alone and do not hesitate to seek support from those around you. Finally, in all that you do, take a few moments each day for personal reflection to refresh your spirit.

One of the primary objectives of Notre Dame, as a Catholic university, is to develop young minds that are prepared to make positive contributions to the world and help solve society's challenges. We are confident that you possess the talent and desire to make meaningful and lasting contributions to the university community and to the world.

Once again, welcome to Notre Dame. 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 in person over the course of your time, and throughout that time, I will keep you in my prayers.

In Notre Dame,

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

President

University of Notre Dame

August 19, 2006

Welcome to the Notre Dame Family. Whether you join us as a first-year undergraduate, a transfer student, or a new graduate/professional student, it is an honor to be among the first to welcome you to the University of Notre Dame. On behalf of all of us who serve in Student Affairs, we are glad you are here and hope that you will soon feel comfortable calling this place home.

This University offers a host of incredible resources that exist to help you do just that. Our 27 undergraduate residence halls and two graduate residence facilities are at the heart of the very real sense of community that is one of the most distinctive features of a Notre Dame education. The quality of the student service departments in the Division of Student Affairs is unparalleled; these offices include Alcohol and Drug Education, Campus Ministry, the Career Center, the Counseling Center, the Gender Relations Center, Health Services, International Student Services and Activities, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, the Office of Residence Life and Housing, Notre Dame Security/Police and Student Activities. The staffs in your residence halls and graduate residences are present to assist and to support you in your transition to life at Notre Dame.

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.

As a community, we draw our strength from the unique and diverse gifts offered by each of you. We hope that all of you 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, 2006

On behalf of the University of Notre Dame du Lac student body, we 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 between 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 innovative ways, conquering new obstacles and simply hanging out with friends. We encourage you to take part in this multi-faceted spirit and not just see, but feel what this University is all about.

Once you establish yourself on campus, we encourage you to become 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 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 while forming lasting relationships. 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,

Lizzi Shappell

Notre Dame student body president

Bill Andrichik

Notre Dame student body vice president

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On behalf of the faculty and staff at Saint Mary's College, I extend a warm welcome to the Class of 2010 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. As Saint Mary's students, you are following in the footsteps of generations of remarkable, accomplished women, and, like them, your talents will leave your distinct mark on the College.

At Saint Mary's we will challenge you. We will help you learn the extent of your capabilities and how to use them well. You will receive an excellent Holy Cross education — an education that is committed to the development of 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 one result of your Saint Mary's education is that you will develop a sense of obligation to the common good and that your life and work will reflect that understanding.

We have a proud 162 year tradition of educating women to make a difference in the world. Now it is your turn to make history at Saint Mary's College. I look forward to accompanying you on this journey.



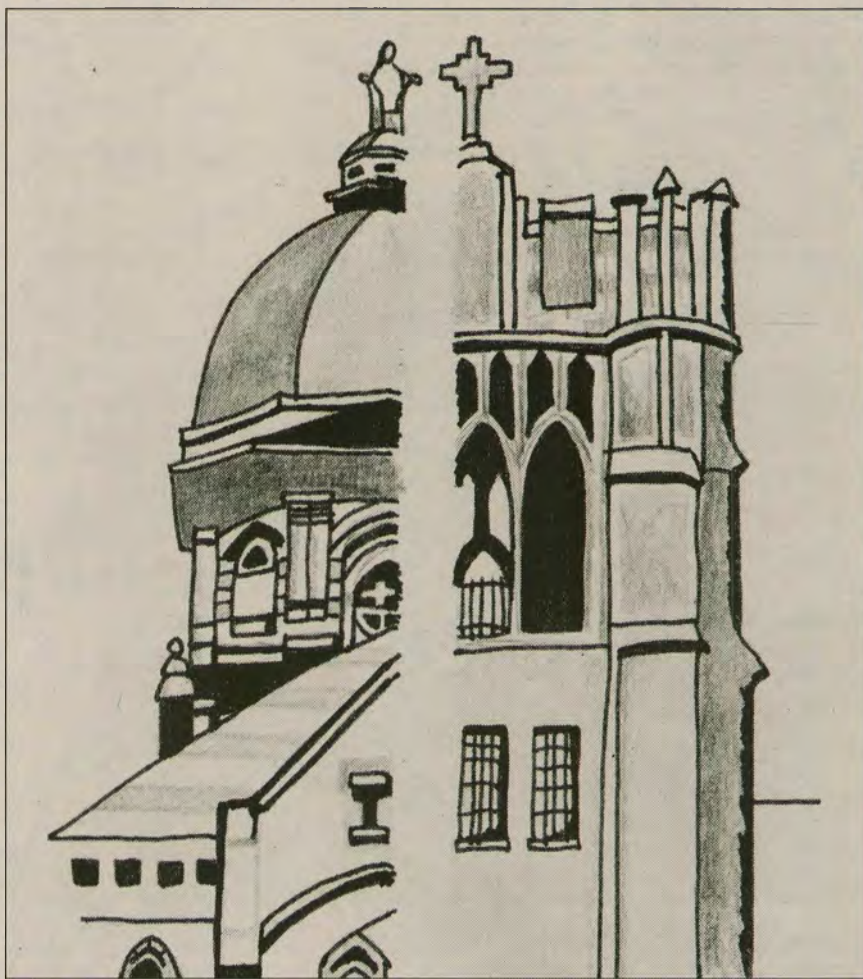
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Carol Ann Mooney

President

Saint Mary's College

August 19, 2006



Dear Class of 2010,

On behalf of the entire student body, we would like to welcome you to the Saint Mary's College family. We are excited that you have chosen to attend Saint Mary's for the next four years. Throughout this year we hope you will realize that you have made an excellent choice.

From classes to extracurricular activities, you will find that Saint Mary's is truly a remarkable place. We encourage you to take full advantage of the many opportunities available to grow intellectually, socially, spiritually, and personally. Join a club, sign up for an intramural sport or even run for office. Most importantly, make sure you realize the potential you have to transform the lives around you as a Saint Mary's woman.

Saint Mary's fosters a supportive learning environment that is absolutely amazing. Your classmates, as well as current students, faculty, administration, alumnae, and trustees are all cheering for you to succeed. They have faith in you and will be supporting you every step of the way, from saying goodbye to your parents at orientation to walking across the stage at graduation. Moreover, the next four years are just the beginning to your life as a Saint Mary's woman.

We hope that you will feel at home here and love Saint Mary's as much as we do. If there is ever anything either of us can do to help you, please do not hesitate to contact us, whether it be in passing or in our offices in 225 Student Center. We look forward to meeting you.

Welcome home,

Susan McIllduff

Saint Mary's student body president

Maggie Siefert

Saint Mary's student body vice president

August 19, 2006

'Grip and Rip' your way through Notre Dame

In light of this weekend's PGA championship in Medinah, Ill., it seems an appropriate time to tell one of my favorite stories about a past tournament champion.

John Daly was a young, 22-year old kid from Arkansas who traveled to the 1991 PGA Championship as the ninth alternate. He received word that he would be playing in the tournament at 2 a.m. the morning of the opening round, only after eight golfers had bailed.

Daly fired opening rounds of 69-67 and went into Saturday on top of the leader board amidst little pressure from the media and Friday afternoon crowd. After a 69 on Saturday, The Lion headed into Sunday as a fan favorite, poised for a storybook ending.

Here's where it gets interesting.

If you don't know that John Daly is a long hitter, well then in the words of The Dude, "You must not be a golfer."

For most of the weekend, Daly, who led the PGA Tour in driving distance from 1991-2002, got by with hitting driver and lob wedge into the green (an impressive feat considering most people can't hit a lob more than 50 yards).

But on the back nine Sunday, Daly was looking at a difficult par four where hitting a driver might have put him in a tough location. Sensing Daly's hesitation, his caddy looked him the eye and said, "Rip it, John," handing him his favorite club.

For those of you still reading, you must be wondering what this has to do being incoming freshmen at Notre Dame. It's probably a bit of a stretch, but bear with me.

In the back of Daly's mind there was a voice telling him to make a quick adjustment that might be the safer approach. He could have hit a 3-wood and had a better look at the hole. Nobody would have shaken their head at his decision and plenty would have credited his maturity.

But instead, Daly went with his gut. He relied on the club that had put him in the position to win golf's fourth

major of the season — when he should not have been there in the first place. For roughly 65 holes he had gripped and ripped his way to the top of the leader board and instead of playing it conservatively, he went with what got him there.

My only advice to you as freshmen is to take a similar approach.

Over the next four years, you will all invariably face challenges that will force you to examine the best course of action. As you experience change and development, you will begin to make decisions in a more calculated manner with respect to how you've handled situations in the past.

It's normal, really. A huge aspect of maturity is the way we handle life's little challenges. How you react to a problem as an 18-year-old might be very different than how you will see it in three years.

But that doesn't mean you have to change what you are. Your strengths are your strengths, and don't be afraid to rely on them.

For instance, have you crammed for tests your entire life and gotten by fairly well? Don't fool yourself. That's not changing in college.

But instead of looking at the people who are spending hours in the library every night, understand that it is simply not you. That doesn't mean that you shouldn't at least try to finish assignments in a timely manner, but don't be intimidated by students with a different work ethic.

This works on the flip side, too. If you know that in order to do well in class, it's imperative that you work hard on a daily basis, don't be influenced by your friends who can blow things off and worry about it later. They are no better than you; they just operate differently.

Instead of winning tournaments by crushing drivers, they have mastered chipping and putting. Know your limitations and play to your strengths.

Look, I'm not advocating blowing off your responsibilities. That will put you on thin ice at Notre Dame faster than you can say Zbikowski. But you all have succeeded thus far in your lives operating in many different ways.

Don't let the patterns of others affect what has gotten you to where you are.

Instead of seeing aspects of your individuality as impediments to your success, view them as part of your overall package. If you have never been able to sit down and analyze numbers, you probably won't be much of a mathematician.

But you might be the best damn salesman in the office.

So whatever you do, don't view college as a huge obstacle that you will have to somehow conquer despite your limitations. Look at everything that got you to where you are as the backbone of who you are, for better or worse. Nobody is perfect and everyone would like to do things a little different.

But despite your differences, you all have one thing in common. You were all admitted into Notre Dame, and probably a number of other top 20 universities. You all have shown somebody along the way that you are special people with distinct qualities.

Some of you are athletes and others are artists. Some of you can do advanced linear algebra and others think a matrix is a Keanu Reeves movie. Some of you can quote 19th century literature and others only focus on the sports pages.

You are who you are, and it has impressed people along the way. Remember that.

By the way, Daly made par on the hole. Now it's your turn. Just don't be afraid to take out the driver when everyone else might be using a 3-wood.

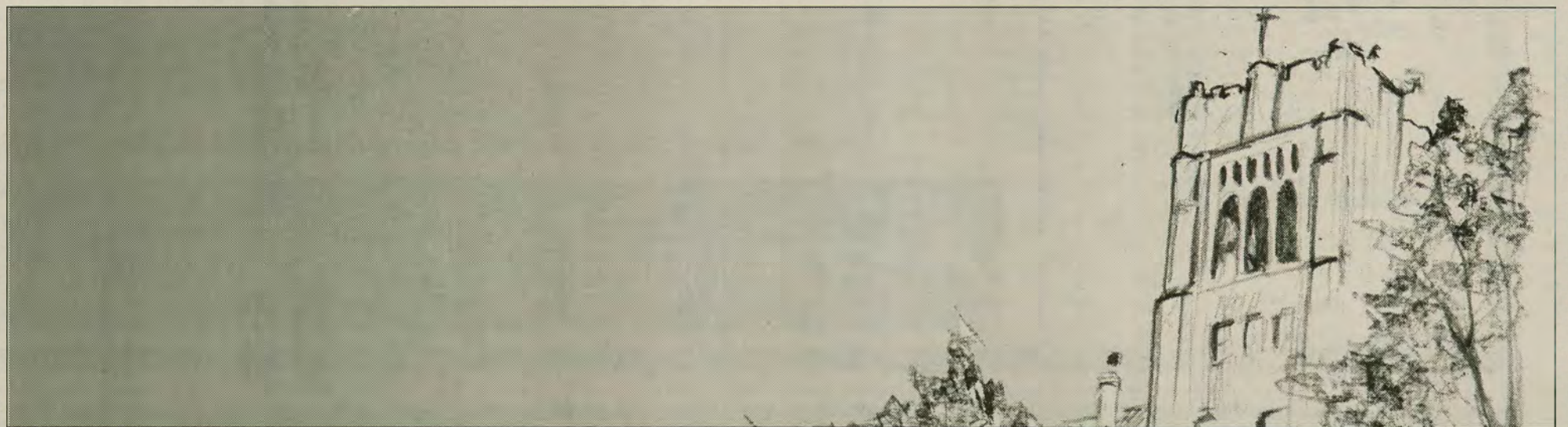
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Bobby Griffin

Assistant Managing Editor



Taking a chance on change

I cried. Not only did I cry, I sobbed, heaved and wailed — any way you look at it I was a complete, total and utter mess.

From the Jamaica Shaka to Domer Fest and a Taste of Saint Mary's, I had participated in every awkward mixer possible. I shook the hands of dozens of Katies, Megans and Katherines, perfected the set-up of my cozy McCandless Hall dorm room and even tested my seemingly shy social skills at the then off-campus drinking mecca Turtle Creek, but none of that seemed to ease the tensions brewing inside of me.

My volcano of emotions erupted just hours before my parents hopped back into their mini-van to travel over 300 miles back to my home in Poland, Ohio.

As I curled up crying on my futon at the conclusion of the College's freshman orientation I was not upset because I was sad, homesick or lonely — I cried because I knew I would never be the same.

Until that exact moment I generally knew what to expect with each passing moment of life. All the basic elements that I had become overly familiarized with in the duration of my seemingly simple 18 year life — who my best friends were, where we hung out, what my teachers were like and when dinner would be ready — vanished during Frosh-O weekend.

Sitting in my 10x14 cinderblock dorm room on that steamy August afternoon in 2003, I had been given an opportunity that I could not yet comprehend. I barely knew what was in store for me in the next four years of my life, but I had an inkling it would be like nothing I had ever experienced before.

After being on campus for just a few days, I realized my time at Saint Mary's would present me with a variety of challenges and heartbreaks, but it would also enrich my life with a sense of happiness and fulfillment that I had never known.

Although I doubted my rationale for opting to attend an academically rigorous single-sex college in the middle of Indiana for a few hours that day, I would not trade a single moment of my college experience for anything.

The distraught confusion that overwhelmed me at the conclusion of freshman orientation was the driving force that pushed me to take advantage of all Saint Mary's had to offer.

I knew I could float through these next years, cutting corners and making a few friends here and there, or I could seize each opportunity that came my way.

Going away to college was the major leap in the series of risks I would force myself to take during my college experience. The true essence of collegiate life lies within these generally difficult decisions each of us must make — some we can foresee, looming in the distance, while others sneak up behind us, forcing us to make an immediate decision that may ultimately change the direction of our lives.

It is crucial to realize sometimes spontaneity spices up the monotonous schedule that is all too easy to embrace while in college. Avoiding collegiate doldrums calls us to become perhaps a little more daring than we had ever imagined. The inner superhero emerges as when you challenge yourself to do something you never thought you would do. So study abroad, participate in a service trip or play an intramural sport

— even if you are lacking athletic ability.

Just three short years ago I was a naive 18-year-old girl wallowing in worry and self-pity as I anticipated my mysterious future. I only wish I could have peered into the future for just a moment to fully realize Saint Mary's would not only develop my mind spiritually and academically, but would also serve as a platform that allowed me to travel the world, achieve my journalistic goals and make the best friends of my life.

Today I congratulate you for overcoming (or at least beginning to adapt to) the initial challenge of your fantastic four-year journey. You will truly enjoy the ride. Embrace the unique opportunities that lie in front of you today, for most of them remain dormant until you discover them, breathe life into them and make them your own.

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Around the Bend

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Places to Eat

1. Bistro on the Race 501 N. Niles Ave.

It's on the pricey side, but Bistro on the Race is one of the very best restaurants in South Bend. The traditional fare includes an assortment of steak, fish and chicken dishes. Not exactly for everyday or casual dining, but a good place to take visiting parents on football weekends.

2. Casa Del Rio 1705 South Bend Ave.

For those looking for more authentic Mexican than Taco Bell, Casa Del Rio delivers on its promise of "a real taste of Mexico." Standard fare includes enchiladas, fajitas and tacos, but the best deal is probably on Tuesdays, when tacos cost a mere dollar.

3. Colonial Pancake House 508 N. Dixie Way

An affordable and delicious alternative to breakfast places like IHOP, the Pancake House is a great way to start the day. The portions are generous, but be warned — the restaurant keeps "breakfast" hours and often closes by one in the afternoon.

4. Fiddler's Hearth 127 N. Main St.

Perhaps the most Irish restaurant in South Bend, Fiddler's Hearth doubles as a Celtic restaurant and a pub. Often featuring live music (including bagpipes on Friday evenings), Fiddler's Hearth has an inviting, rustic feel that appeals to both students and families.

5. Hana Yori 3601 Grape Rd.

While this traditional Japanese steakhouse is pricey, you're also paying for the show. Chefs prepare food right at the table, with a menu that includes steak, chicken and shrimp. Patrons interact with the chefs at large tables that contain a stove in the middle and watch as they create volcanoes out of onions and flip shrimp tails into their aprons.

6. Lula's 1631 Edison Rd.

Lula's is a hip, relaxing coffee shop located right off campus that also serves a variety of sandwiches. A popular place to meet, study or just hang out, Lula's offers indoor and outdoor seating for cool fall days.

7. Macri's 214 N. Niles Ave.

A laid-back Italian-American restaurant featuring mostly pasta and sandwiches, Macri's is a good place to relax and hang out. The average entrée costs less than \$8, which makes it one of the most affordable dining hall alternatives in the city.

Getting Out From Under the Dome

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

8. Nick's Patio 1710 N. Ironwood Dr.

One of the few places open 24 hours, Nick's Patio offers casual Greek dining at affordable prices. A mecca for late-night studiers, Nick's Patio is a good alternative to typical fast food any time of the day.

9. Rocco's 537 North St. Louis Blvd.

One of the best pizza places in South Bend, Rocco's décor is adorned with pictures of past coaches and famous visitors who have also enjoyed one of the restaurant's pies. Though a bit more expensive than the chains, Rocco's more than makes up for it with the quality of its pizzas.

10. The Vine 103 W. Colfax

Calling itself "The Purveyors of Fine Wine and Food," The Vine is a funky, classy change of pace from traditional South Bend fare. The steaks, pastas, seafood and pizza are delicious, and the atmosphere is unmatched.

Attractions

1. Chippewa Bowl - 225 W. Chippewa Ave.

With "2 for 1 Tuesdays" and \$0.99 games on Wednesdays, Chippewa Bowl is an inexpensive option for some weekday or weekend fun. This is a place for those nights when the workload is light and you do not want to spend much money.

2-3. Cinemark Movies 14 - 910 W. Edison/Kerasotes 16 - 450 W. Chippewa Ave.

Both of these theaters — the two most popular among students — offer the big blockbusters. Cinemark, on Edison, is the closer theater for those who want to see a popular movie and do not want to drive. But Kerasotes also offers some diverse fare, showing smaller budget, limited release films.

4. University Park Mall - 6501 Grape Rd.

Only a bus ride away, the University Park Mall is a good place to meet your general shopping needs. The large department stores include JC Penney and LS Ayres, and specialty shops range from Banana Republic to Yankee Candle to Journey's.

Football Weekends

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 cadences and cheers heard throughout Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday.

Pep Rally

A pep rally is held in the Joyce Center every football Friday at 6 p.m. The Notre Dame marching band leads skits, speeches and cheers. The team arrives midway through the rally, with head coach Charlie Weis and a few players giving speeches. Watch for special guests, alumni and past players, like Joe Montana, Tim Brown and Chris Zorich, all of whom spoke last year.

Pregame Traditions

Saturday morning pregame traditions are anchored by the Notre Dame band, which performs on the steps of Bond Hall before marching to the stadium. The football team and coaches can be seen on their customary walk from Mass at the Basilica to the stadium before the game.

Entertainment Around Campus

The DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts

The DPAC offers a wide range of concerts, plays, films and other performances. Upcoming events include the Summer Shakespeare performance of "The Comedy of Errors" and various film screenings. Current information about upcoming events can be found on the DPAC Web site: <http://performingarts.nd.edu>

Legends

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

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/>

Eating Around Campus

Café Commons

If you're in the Mendoza 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.

Café de Grasta

A close choice for Mod Quad residents (but a hike for everyone else), Café de Grasta is located on the first floor of Grace Hall. 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.

Café Poche

Found on the first floor of Bond Hall, Café Poche may go unnoticed by most non-architecture students. It offers deli sandwiches, soups, baked goods, drinks and coffee. Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Decio Faculty Hall

Expect to be surrounded by professors if eating in Decio Faculty Hall, housed in the same building as many offices. Coffee and sandwiches are the regular fare, and it's a great place to meet with a teacher. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Greenfields

Greenfields is located in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, and offers a variety of global cuisine for between five and eight dollars a dish. The fare is far more eclectic than expected, and the best part is that it accepts both Domer Dollars and Flex Points. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Irish Café

Located in the Law School, the Irish Café is not exclusively for law students and is the closest option to Main Circle. Baked goods, salads, sandwiches and soups are just some of the foods offered. Open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Legends

While it also hosts shows and other entertainment, Legends is primarily a full-scale restaurant and bar that serves various Notre Dame-themed dishes and American fare. Open Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m.; Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 12 a.m.; Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 12 a.m. Closed Sundays.

Reckers

Located behind South Dining Hall, Reckers is a 24-hour haven for students. With relatively inexpensive grill fare, personal pizzas, sandwiches, smoothies and ice cream, it is a popular and often-crowded hangout. It also has several televisions.

Waddicks

One of the most popular cafés on campus, Waddicks is conveniently located on the first floor of O'Shaughnessy. A large selection of baked goods, food and drinks are available, but the coffee and espresso may be the most popular options. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NFL

New stadium a splash of optimism in the desert

Once woebegone Cardinals franchise signs impact free agents, has high hopes for upcoming campaign

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The new silver palace shimmers like some desert mirage in the western suburbs of Phoenix.

Yes, the Arizona Cardinals — a franchise that long set the standard for futility in professional sports — finally have a home.

This is a team that seems reborn.

In addition to their \$455 million stadium, the Cardinals signed Edgerrin James, one of the top running backs in the game, as a free agent, and drafted a Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback, Matt Leinart. They have the best tandem of young receivers in the NFL and, believe it or not, are sold out at home for the season.

Could the tentacles of pro football parity reach all the way to owner Bill Bidwill's long-vilified operation?

"People are starting to understand that we aren't fooling around," said Bidwill's son, Michael, Cardinals vice president and general counsel. "We want to build a championship team."

Until the fancy trappings and big names translate to victories, though, the term "same old Cardinals" will be hard to erase.

"The only way you can change people's perception of your team is by winning," wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald said. "We've got all the pieces. No more excuses."

This is the oldest of football

franchises, tracing its roots to the late 1890s, when a neighborhood group played in south Chicago under the name Morgan Athletic Club.

In 1920, the franchise was a charter member of what would become the National Football League. Charles Bidwill bought the team for \$50,000 in 1932 and his widow, Violet, moved it from Chicago to St. Louis 28 years later.

Sons Charles and Bill shared ownership from 1962 until 1972, when Bill Bidwill took over sole ownership. He moved the Cardinals to Arizona in 1988 with nothing more than a handshake promise for a stadium.

Meanwhile, the team lost, lost and lost some more.

In their years in the desert, the Cardinals have had one winning season, going 9-7 in 1998 and upsetting Dallas in the playoffs for the franchise's first postseason victory since beating Philadelphia for the NFL title in 1947.

The success proved fleeting, and crowds dwindled.

Few wanted to sit in the metal bleachers of Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium under the scorching sun to watch bad football. The players, meanwhile, sweated and suffered.

"The heat index was just off the charts," said Ron Wolfley, Cardinals radio analyst who played for the team from 1985-91. "If you were a farmer, you'd tell your cattle to stay inside."



Arizona Cardinals fans cheer during Arizona's 21-13 preseason win over the Pittsburgh Steelers, Aug. 12. The game was the first in brand-new Cardinals Stadium in Glendale, Ariz.

In 1996, Bidwill brought son Michael, a former federal prosecutor, into the organization with the charge to get a stadium.

With the team's lack of popularity, it was a struggle.

But in 2000, after an ingenious campaign that downplayed the Cardinals while focusing on improving baseball spring training facilities and building youth sports fields, voters approved a hotel tax and car rental surcharge to help build the facility.

The Cardinals put in \$155 million and the result was the silver monolith in Glendale, which features a retractable roof and a natural grass field that slides out of the stadium into the desert sun when not in use.

The stadium, Michael Bidwill said, has changed everything about how what had been a notoriously penny-pinching organization does business.

"We started a couple of years ago, when we knew that we had the stadium secured, that it would open in 2006, where we could start changing our business operations plan and our football cap management plan and start doing

things that other NFL teams are able to do," the younger Bidwill said.

The result, he said, was "having the cash to go out and spend money to sign players like Bertrand Berry, Kurt Warner and Edgerrin James, and being able to extend the contracts of our core group of players like Adrian Wilson and Anquan Boldin."

James was the big prize. The four-time Pro Bowl back, who topped 1,500 yards each of the last two seasons for the Indianapolis Colts, surprised the NFL by signing a four-year,

\$30 million contract with Arizona.

"If you want to be winners, you've got to do what the winners do, and from Day 1 when I got here, they've done what the winners have done," James said. "I can't

"I can't speak on the past. I don't know nothing about the past, and I don't really worry about the past."

Edgerrin James
Cardinals running back

speak on the past. I don't know nothing about the past and I don't really worry about the past. I just know that since the day that I got here, they're doing everything that winning teams do."

The signing of James and the drafting of quarterback Matt Leinart spurred ticket sales.

And a team that hadn't sold out a home game in six years

will find itself playing to a full house of 63,400 every home game.

Yet skepticism abounds. In coach Dennis Green's first two seasons, the team went 6-10 and 5-11. The offensive line is suspect, and without a ground game, the spectacular plays of young receivers Fitzgerald and Boldin won't be enough.

Warner, the former Super Bowl and NFL MVP who at 35 is the quarterback designated to lead the team to success while Leinart learns, said the team is trying to build "a culture of winning."

A state-of-the-art stadium does not guarantee success.

"Houston got a new stadium," James said, "and they haven't done nothing."

But standing in the cavernous home locker room after the team's preseason victory over Pittsburgh, Bill Bidwill expressed "relief and satisfaction" that the building was finished.

A quiet man who prefers Michael to be the franchise's public face, he said he thinks people no longer doubt his commitment to winning.

Wolfley, a four-time Pro Bowl special teams player, captured the sentiment of those who had long suffered the ridicule that comes with being a Cardinal.

"I'm happy for the players. I'm happy for the fans," he said. "I'm happy for anyone who ever bled Cardinal red."



Arizona Cardinals players take the field before their Aug. 12 preseason game against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

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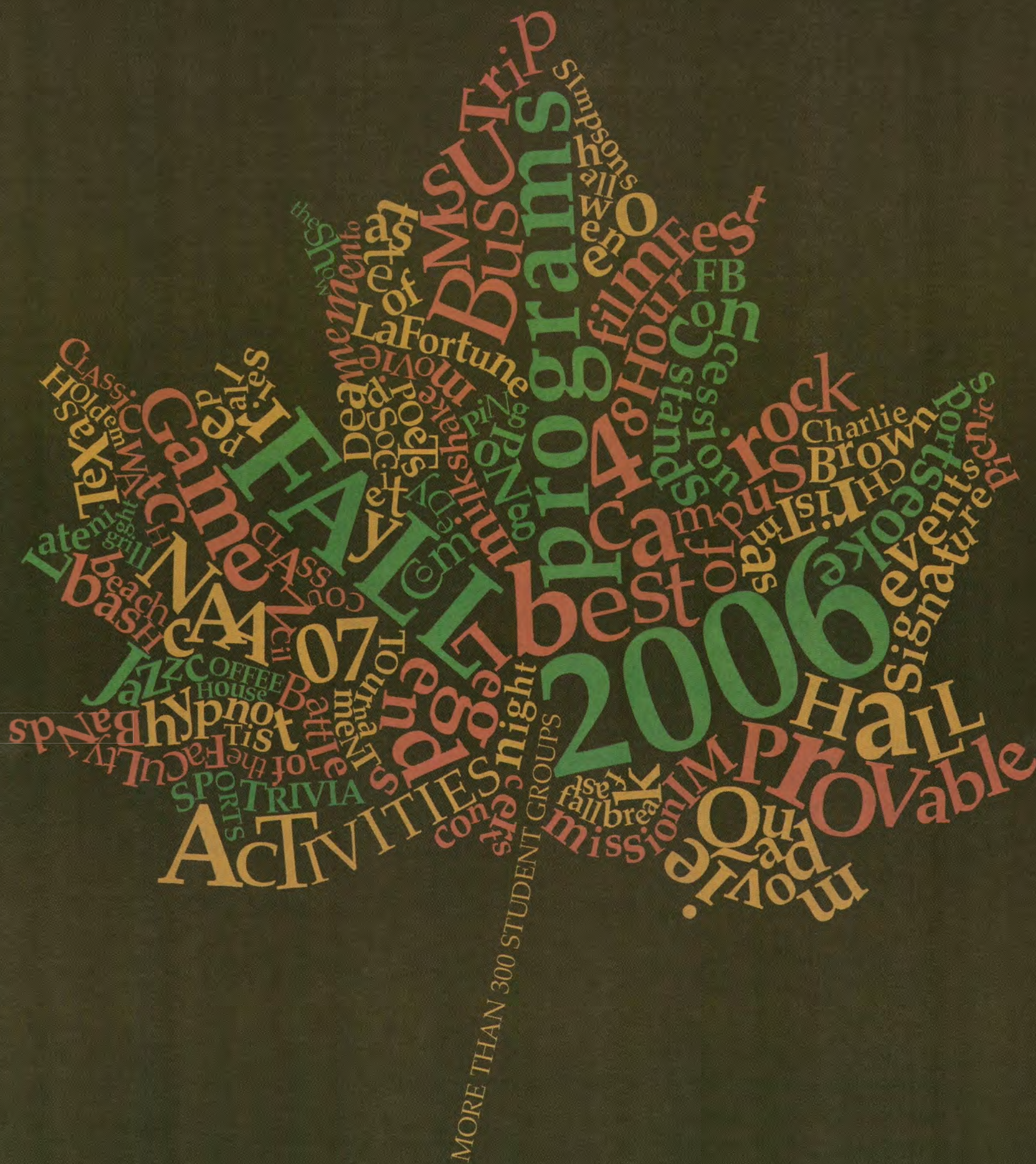
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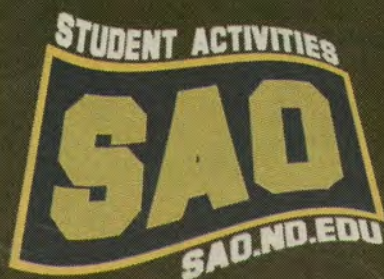
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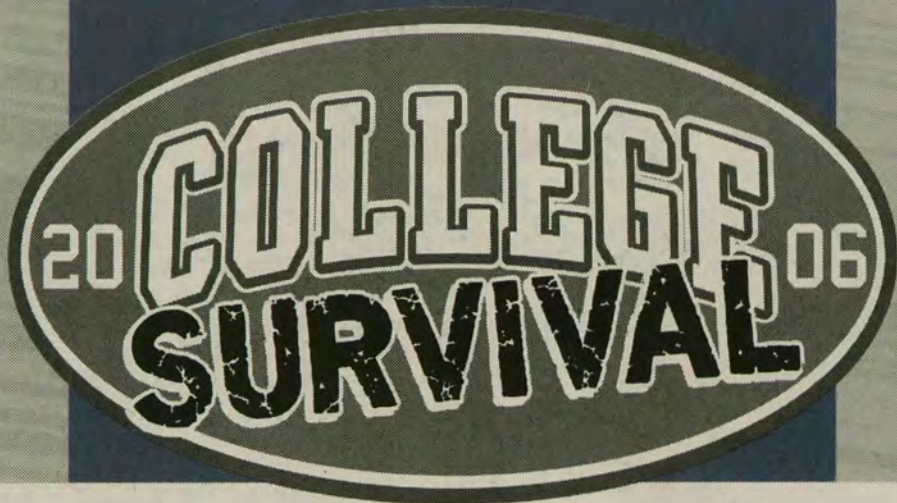
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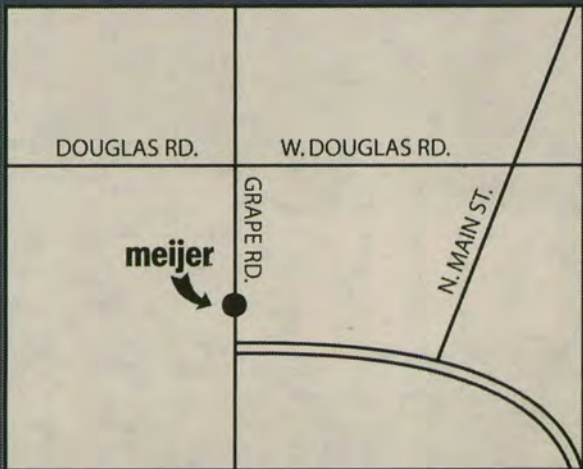
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MLB

Bonds' trainer withholds testimony from grand jury hearing

Anderson continues to refuse from commenting about acquaintances, including Pats QB, may face prison time

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds' personal trainer may go back to jail for refusing again to testify about his acquaintances before a grand jury. What he told federal prosecutors, however, has dragged Tom Brady's name into the BALCO case.

In a June statement to prosecutors about his intentions to stay mum, Greg Anderson said he and the New England Patriots quarterback had spoken over the phone — but never established further contact.

"I had only one brief conversation with Tom Brady regarding a potential future workout," Anderson said. "I never had another phone conversation with him and never discussed it with anyone."

Anderson also told federal prosecutors June 23 that he would continue to withhold testimony from a newly assembled grand jury that is reportedly also investigating track coach Trevor Graham.

"I will not ever make statements about other people," Anderson said in the statement, which was included in court documents unsealed Wednesday. "That has always

been my position and will continue to be."

On Thursday, prosecutors planned to ask U.S. District Judge William Alsup to send Anderson to prison if he stands by that policy.

Paula Canny, an Anderson attorney and friend, said Brady's name appears along with "10 to 20" other athletes that Anderson's grand jury subpoena lists as people the trainer should be prepared to answer questions about. Canny said investigators may have gotten Brady's name from Anderson's phone records seized by the government, though Anderson doesn't refer to any other athletes in his brief statement.

Brady attended the same Bay Area high school as Bonds. His agent, Donald Yee, couldn't be reached for comment Wednesday, and the New England Patriots declined comment on Anderson's statement.

"I don't have any informa-

tion on it," Patriots spokesman Stacey James said. "I'm not going on hearsay."

Anderson has refused on four different occasions to testify before federal grand juries investigating Bonds. He was released from prison July 20 after serving 15 days for refusing to testify, but only after that grand jury's term expired.

Government lawyers are investigating whether Bonds lied under oath when he told an earlier grand jury he didn't know whether the substances given to him by Anderson were steroids. The grand jury probe also reportedly is focused on whether the San Francisco Giants slugger paid taxes on the sale of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of sports memorabilia.

The New York Times reported last month that the grand jury is also looking into the possible involvement of Graham, the track coach of

Marion Jones and Justin Gatlin, who tested positive earlier this year for elevated testosterone.

Anderson previously served three months in prison after pleading guilty to steroid distribution and money laundering stemming from the government's investigation of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, which that allegedly supplied Bonds and other elite athletes with performance-enhancing drugs.

Some legal experts see Anderson as the key to proving the perjury allegations, since Bonds reportedly testified that the trainer gave him two substances that fit the description of "the cream" and "the clear" — two performance-enhancing drugs linked to BALCO.

In 2003, Bonds reportedly testified to the grand jury investigating BALCO that he believed the substances were flaxseed oil and arthritis balm, not steroids.

Anderson also could offer insight into the doping calendars bearing Bonds' name that were seized when federal agents raided Anderson's house, according to court papers connected to the steroids probe.

But Anderson's lawyers say he shouldn't have to testify because of the numerous leaks of secret grand jury testimony to the San Francisco Chronicle during the course of the four-year investigation.

Chronicle reporters Lance Williams and Mark Fainaru-Wada have written a book based largely on leaked testimony.

A federal judge has told the reporters they must tell a grand jury who leaked them secret testimony. The pair have said they would go to jail rather than reveal their source or sources.

Anderson's lawyers also say the agreement he made with prosecutors to plead guilty last year in the BALCO case stipulated he wouldn't have to cooperate in the investigation. Anderson also shouldn't have to testify because he was the target of an illegal wiretap, they argue.

The new grand jury ordering Anderson's testimony can stay in session for as long as 18 months.

By law, an intransigent Anderson can be locked up for the grand jury's full term, though a judge can free him sooner if convinced he never will talk.

"I will not ever make statements about other people. That has always been my position and will continue to be."

Greg Anderson
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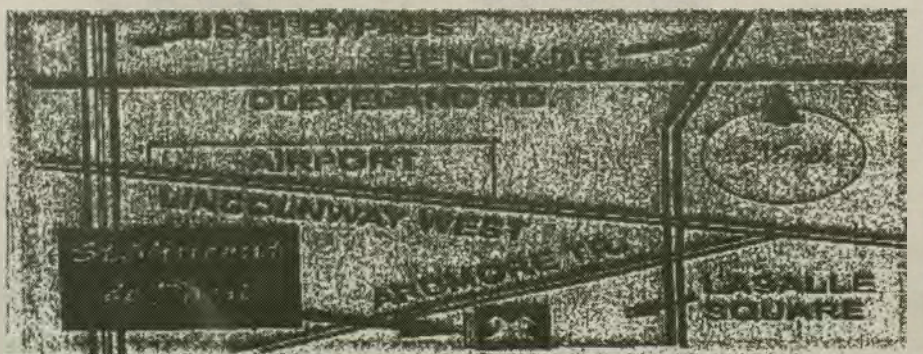
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NFL

Elway's losses helping Manning find success

MVP's patience thin with playoff failures

Associated Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Peyton Manning went out of his way during the offseason to seek out two guys who know how it feels to miss a golden opportunity.

It just so happens that Mike Shanahan and John Elway also know what it's like to bounce back.

What became of Manning and the Indianapolis Colts last season sure had a familiar ring to it: A dominant regular season, clinching home-field advantage with a month to go, going into the first round with rested starters — and falling flat.

All that happened to the Broncos in 1996, with a shocking loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"Their feeling was similar to ours," Manning said this summer, relaxing during a break in training camp. "The sickness, the missed opportunity. It's as low as it can be. You work so hard to get home field these days."

The subtext? That same Denver team went on to win two consecutive Super Bowls. If Manning wants to shake the persistent notion that he can put up numbers but can't win the big one, he'll have to follow in Elway's footsteps.

"It's a great lesson," Manning said. "They took their time to put it aside and not feel sorry for themselves. And making their peace with the football gods, they did something about it and played a little angry the next year and won two in a row."

"That's what I'd like to do. I'd like to win Super Bowls. Bowls. Multiple. Not just one."

Playing a little angry might be a good place to start.

Elway told Manning that the Broncos' dismay at that bitter loss to the Jaguars made them more eager to come back quickly. They ended up with a wildcard slot the following season — forcing them to play hard all the way — and beat Green Bay in the Super Bowl.

But anger isn't Manning's comfort zone. Intellect and a ferocious work ethic are.

That frenetic motion that fans see on the field — pointing and waving at the line of scrimmage; calling audibles or faking

them — is a manifestation of the intelligence. The fact that he can communicate his vision to teammates speaks to his tireless striving for perfection.

Manning is a leader by example, spending countless hours studying and throwing to his receivers in offseason workouts.

"Forty straight outs," he says. "Not an out, then a post, then some other route like a lot of quarterbacks do. It's repetition, repetition, repetition, so that when you're in a game, it's automatic."

His teammates reciprocate.

"If Peyton asks me, I'll do it. If I ask Peyton to do something, he'll do it," says Marvin Harrison, his favorite receiver, who is on course to finish his career second only to Jerry Rice in many receiving categories.

Manning, meanwhile, already broke Dan Marino's season record for touchdown passes in 2004 with 49, and has a real shot at eclipsing his career passing records. If he never wins a title, though, he and Marino will have that in common, too.

Maybe it's too early to label Manning a loser. But he remains a non-winner.

"The Super Bowl question is

legitimate," he said. "I've done a lot, but that's one thing I haven't done since I've been here."

Colts coach Tony Dungy — who also carries that label with a sparkling regular-season record but no Super Bowl — is quick to point to another great athlete who started to hear the whispers.

"You forget that they were saying that about Michael Jordan after the Bulls kept losing to Detroit," Dungy said. "They said he'd never win. Then he won six championships. Peyton will win. He just has to finish it once and he'll keep going."

Until last season, Manning's playoff losses were to arguably better teams. Although he played horribly in two playoff losses in Foxborough to New England, it's only fair to point out that both times the Patriots were en route to their second and third Super Bowl titles.

But for the better part of last year, the Colts were the best team in football.

Their run to 13-0 was the only topic that could trump the antics of an obstreperous wide receiver then with the Eagles. Not only were they the favorite

to get to the Super Bowl, but they appeared well on their way to becoming the first team besides the 1972 Miami Dolphins to go unbeaten.

With home-field advantage well in hand, Indianapolis lost at home to San Diego on Dec. 18, a loss that was followed by the death of Dungy's son.

The perfect season gone and a cloud of sadness hanging over them, the Colts regrouped and began to gear up for the playoffs.

Manning and the rest of the starters sat for most of the last two regular-season games, a loss at Seattle and a win over Arizona.

Then it all came crashing down at the RCA Dome.

In the Colts' first playoff game, a blown replay call, a shoestring, game-saving tackle by Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger and a shanked, game-tying field goal by Indy's Mike Vanderjagt all added up to a bizarre and shocking loss to Pittsburgh.

For his part, Manning was bad early, so-so later and good when it was too late. Another playoff loss, another stamp in the impression that Manning can't win the big game.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Pittman keeps legs churning along, despite little fanfare

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Antonio Pittman had a spectacular 2005 season with little atten-

tion and fanfare.

The Ohio State tailback ran for 1,331 yards — the 10th-best single-season mark in school history — and he's at

best the third-most recognizable player on an explosive offense led by quarterback Troy Smith and receiver Ted Ginn Jr.

"I don't see that I get overlooked," he said. "My time will come. Everything must come to light sooner or later. I just have to maintain and do what I've done since last year — be productive."

His teammates and coaches, however, recognize his value to the Buckeyes.

Last winter, some Buckeyes fans heralded the signing of Chris Wells as the next great Ohio State back. Running backs coach Dick Tressel, brother of head coach Jim, went so far as to compare Wells to Cleveland Browns immortal Jim Brown.

When a broadcaster asked offensive coordinator Jim Bollman last week if Wells was just lying in wait to take Pittman's job, Bollman nearly lost it.

"Now wait a minute. Antonio Pittman is THE No. 1 tailback," Bollman said, his eyes narrowing and his voice rising.

Bollman pointed out that only one back in Ohio State history — Archie Griffin — gained more yards (1,577) as a sophomore than Pittman.

"All the great backs who have been here and Archie's the only guy to gain more yards than him as a sophomore?" Bollman continued, still boiling. "C'mon. Who's going to come in here and take his place? No way."

Smith said Pittman is the linchpin of the offense.

"Antonio Pittman to me is probably the best back that I've ever played with, the best back I've ever handed the ball to," he said. "He's only 195 pounds and he runs like he's

230 pounds — a full head of steam straight ahead at whomever's in his way. He's everything that a tailback has to be in the Big Ten."

Tell that to the Big Ten coaches.

Minnesota's Laurence Maroney and Wisconsin's Brian Calhoun were first-team all-conference selections in balloting by the coaches last year, with Northwestern's Tyrell Sutton and Penn State's Tony Hunt on the second team.

Pittman more than held his own against three of them in head-to-head matchups (Ohio State didn't play Wisconsin and Calhoun). Maroney went for 117 yards and a touchdown against the Buckeyes, with Pittman rushing for 186 and two TDs. Sutton ran for 93 yards and caught a scoring pass and Pittman had 132 yards and ran for one score.

In Ohio State's only Big Ten loss, Pittman and Hunt fought to a statistical draw, the former going for 58 yards on 15 carries and the latter 64 on 16.

Pittman has tried to school Wells this year, showing what a team player he is.

Despite his big rushing total a year ago, he said he'd like to go for 1,700 yards this season.

What means more to him, however, is the strong endorsements from his teammates and coaches.

"That means a lot, but this is a new year," he said. "I feel as if I'm coming in here as a freshman. I'm hungry. It's up to me to hold the job and prove myself once again."

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NFL

Favre shows unequaled, unexpected optimism

QB focused only on his own performances

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Where others see question marks, Brett Favre sees potential exclamation points for the Green Bay Packers this year.

Of course, Favre also thought he saw plenty of big plays developing on the field last year — and 29 of them fizzled into interceptions.

Favre opened his 16th training camp by proclaiming this year's Packers "the most talented team that I've been a part of," a pronouncement as bold, improbable and perhaps ill-advised as many of his trademark off-balance touchdown passes.

The 36-year-old three-time MVP insists last year's dismal season can be blamed mainly on injuries. This year, he says a mix of returning veterans, new free agents and young players can produce a quick turn-

around.

"I really believe that we're going to be better than people think we will," Favre said.

But it wasn't so long ago that Favre himself was one of the skeptics.

Favre had Cheesehead Nation on high alert for months in the offseason as he openly wondered whether the Packers had done enough improving to make another year of football worth his while.

After finally ending his retirement saga in April, Favre says he has put aside concerns about the Packers' commitment to winning right away rather than rebuilding.

"All that is in the past now," Favre said. "I'm here to play. I'm very satisfied with the decision I made."

"I really believe that we're going to be better than people think we will."

Brett Favre
Packers quarterback

Favre, perhaps the most recognizable and popular player in the league over the last dozen years, has always represented hope for Packers fans. And if he's optimistic about the team's talent, maybe they should be, too — even if Favre adds the important caveat that this is also the most inexperienced team he has ever played on.

Or maybe Favre just had to talk himself into believing the Packers got significantly better.

Green Bay finished 4-12 last year, its first losing season with Favre under center.

"I had spoiled myself because I thought that as long as I was the starting quarterback, we would always have a chance," Favre said.

Favre explains he tried too hard to make up for the absences of injured teammates last year, throwing up his hands as he

threw interception after interception.

What else was he supposed to do?

"We talked about it," said veteran fullback William Henderson, one of the few remaining links to the team's Super Bowl years. "It was tough to handle. He and I both had a lot of sleepless nights, coming in early, staying up late, simply because we weren't used to that. Losing has never been a part of either of our histories."

Favre insists if running backs Ahman Green and Najeh Davenport, wide receiver Javon Walker, tight end Bubba Franks and center Mike Flanagan had not missed significant time last season, it would have been a different story.

Still, the Packers fired coach Mike Sherman after the season.

Favre went into the offseason unsure about retirement and spent the next four months waffling about his football future. He made occasional public pronouncements that offered clues, but no firm answer, about his retirement plans.

The "Favre watch" grated on Packers fans — even famous ones.

"I don't think I was really getting that frustrated," said NASCAR champion and Wisconsin native Matt Kenseth, who visited the team's training camp on Wednesday. "But you know, you watch it, and you're like, 'What's going to go on? What are they going to do? Man, I've got to know before the draft!' You know how it is: The bigger fan you are, the more you watch all that stuff."

Packers chairman Bob Harlan was flooded with calls and letters from fans expressing concern that general manager Ted Thompson and new coach Mike McCarthy were trying to chase off Favre and begin rebuilding. Harlan called many fans personally, assuring them that McCarthy and Thompson were in constant contact with Favre, but didn't want to pressure him.

Harlan says he always figured Favre was coming back, because a "great competitor" wouldn't retire if he thought he could still play.

SKIING

World record holder extends skiing streak to 1,000 days

Hertrich travels both hemispheres, battles frigid temperatures, volcanoes searching for altitudinal adventure

Associated Press

Rainer Hertrich loves what he does so much that he hasn't taken a day off since Nov. 1, 2003.

No sick days. No vacation days. He doesn't need them.

After all, Hertrich is not stuck in an office or making sales calls. He's crisscrossing down another ski slope to keep his world-record streak alive.

Hertrich reached the milestone of 1,000 consecutive days of skiing when he barreled down Oregon's Timberline Ski area on July 27. Though he surpassed the next-longest streak long ago and already holds a place in the Guinness Book of World Records, there's no sign the ultimate ski bum plans to stop.

"To me, it's flat-out fun," said Hertrich, a 45-year-old tele-mark skier. "I don't know of any other sport where you can go that fast on your feet."

The previous record was held by the British skier Arnie Wilson, who skied 365 consecutive days in 1994. Hertrich surpassed Wilson's mark in 2004,

and kept going.

Hertrich follows winter by traveling from Oregon and Colorado to Chile and Argentina, zigzagging the Americas to ski year-round. When it's winter in the U.S., he'll be here. And when summer comes, he ventures to the Andes for South America's winter.

It's there he finds the right conditions for the other world record Hertrich set in his marathon: vertical feet skied.

He has already skied 34 million vertical feet. To put that into perspective, on an average day he skis 33,000 vertical feet. That is higher than Mt. Everest.

"I'm going to South America for the adventure and keeping up the vertical feet," he said. "The adventure part is really my reward to myself."

In a telephone interview from Oregon, Hertrich sounds like a man of few worries. He is not married and has no children. There is no one to question his freewheeling ways.

His drive seems more for the adventure of the next great downhill or a visit to a new

locale to meet skiing friends than it is to set a world record. Yet, setting records is certainly on his mind.

"When I passed the first year mark, that was a big mark," he said. "When I passed 500 days, that was a big mark to me at the time."

Following day 1,000 of his feat, he was a bit mystified on his daily Internet blog by all the attention: "For some reason, 1,000 days on skis seems like a big deal to a lot of people."

And while he's having way too much fun to contemplate the accomplishment for too long, there was more than the usual exuberance in his online diary following the day when he set the record: "Great day, snow, and fun!!! I think I'll have to wake up alive one more time and ski tomorrow."

Hertrich lives and breathes the cold environment. His day-to-day job as a snow groomer, manicuring and maintaining the very slopes that he skis, suits his passion perfectly. In the winter months, he works on Colorado's Copper Mountain and in the summer he helps

maintain Mt. Hood in Oregon during the race camp season.

Hertrich grew up in Boulder, Colo., learning to ski at an early age. A typical career path was not in his future. He dreamed of things beyond the confines of a classroom or an office cubicle.

"I didn't want to go to college. I thought about the outdoors while in class," he recalled.

His thoughts have not changed since he was young. The best part about skiing is "the freedom, being up on the mountain, and the scenery."

In 2003, his skiing endeavor began when he discovered an elite club at Jackson Hole, Wyo. — for those who had skied 6 million vertical feet in a year.

Hertrich was up for the challenge, and he soon surpassed that mark, skiing more than 7 million vertical feet.

"You have to ski every day," he said, "and you have to ski a lot every day."

With all this skiing, he began to wonder if he was near any record. He was, and that's when his test of endurance against Mother Nature and himself truly began.

He began logging his vertical elevation with a sophisticated altimeter watch. Skiing daily was an easier calculation to compute.

Hertrich has weathered brutal conditions along the way. But he's continued to ski — through bitter cold, frostbite, rain and illness.

"The worst days were when I'm camping in my tent, it's raining and I know I have to go," he said.

There have been close calls, too. Before flying to South America, for example, he's learned to take pre-dawn runs on Mt. Hood before going to the airport on a travel day.

One time in Chile, he rented a car at the airport and got lost in Santiago. He almost did not make it to the slopes before the day was over. Another time, he hopped a bus to the mountain not realizing it was the scenic route.

Perhaps the most bizarre, though, was when he hiked up an active volcano since it had more snow to ski down than neighboring mountains during a dry spell in Chile's winter.

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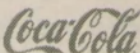
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NFL

Former Charger Leaf hired to coach D-II QBs

Associated Press

CANYON, Texas — Ryan Leaf's eyes are bloodshot and his hair is matted down at the end of a 17-hour workday.

The new quarterbacks coach at West Texas A&M sets aside his Styrofoam tobacco spit cup and pauses to check the upcoming schedule.

It'll be another long day all right, with practice, meetings and plenty of time stuck in his cramped office. Leaf estimates he spends at least 70 hours a week in his new job at this Division II school — all for no paycheck.

Yes, this hardworking volunteer coach is the same Ryan Leaf who was supposed to take the NFL by storm but instead just stormed around. The same guy who was taken second in the 1998 draft, behind only Peyton Manning, then retired

after four seasons best remembered for dreadful play, injuries and clashes with coaches, teammates, reporters and fans.

So, how exactly did he end up here, at a campus much closer to Amarillo than the Rose Bowl or NFL stardom? And what's he doing teaching kids?

"I think the failure in the NFL has humbled me in the fact that I don't think I'm the best," Leaf said. "I think I have some knowledge that can help."

Leaf's unlikely journey to Canyon began in late 2003, when his post-football life had hit rock bottom.

He was unhappy in his 9-to-5 financial consulting job, which threw him into such an unhealthy, inactive rut that he ballooned to about 50 pounds over his playing weight, or "close to three bills." He rarely left his house and, even when he did, didn't feel comfortable in the city where he blundered most.

"The people in San Diego did not move on," said Leaf, who was booed and benched regularly while losing 14 of 18 starts with the Chargers. "They would never say anything to my face. It was always behind my back, or little punches in the paper."

While he was eager for distance from his NFL past, in November 2003 he realized how much he missed college football. He called his former coach at Washington State, Mike Price, and they devised a plan to get him back into the game.

Leaf started by going back to college at WSU and finishing his degree. Price, now the coach at Texas-El Paso, encouraged Leaf to apply at West Texas A&M and recommended that coach Don Carthel give him the job.

"We all know, just as Ryan knows, that he messed up when he was younger," Carthel said. "But in the right environment, Ryan Leaf can use his good qualities and really help somebody achieve some great things. That's the Ryan Leaf that we're all looking for."

The quarterbacks he would coach didn't know what to think when he arrived in February.

"I was wondering who found him and where he was and how they got ahold of him and got him here," backup Keith Null said.

Starter Dalton Bell said "never in a thousand years would I have thought he'd be my quarterbacks coach." Having seen Leaf's infamous meltdowns on television, he thought, "Man, maybe this guy could be a jerk."

"But," Bell said, "he's a really good guy."

And a decent coach, too.

Bell and Null said Leaf immediately improved their fundamental throwing motion and helped with their timing, pocket presence and reading defenses.

It's not like those things were terrible before. West Texas A&M led Division II in passing offense last year by averaging 364 yards and 40 points per game, prompting Baylor to hire away the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. That opened the job Leaf filled.

Bell said Leaf has plenty of patience and advice. He said Leaf told him: "Any time you're feeling down and out, you can come to me because I've probably been there."

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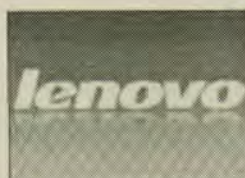
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Teams take advantage of new transfer rules

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Urban Meyer spoke out against the NCAA's new graduate-transfer rule in May, calling it a loophole that needed to be — and eventually would be — closed.

He's more approving now, especially since cornerback Ryan Smith used the rule to leave Utah, enroll at Florida and give the Gators some much-needed depth in the secondary.

"I like it this year. I won't like it next year," Meyer said.

Cal coach Jeff Tedford and Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson might agree; they also accepted transfers under the new legislation. Others, though, have questioned and criticized the rule that allows athletes who graduate and have eligibility remaining to transfer without the penalty of sitting out a season.

"It's a bad rule because anything that encourages disloyalty is an awful thing," Duke coach Ted Roof said. "It's awful for college football, and it's the wrong message to send to young men — that it's OK to do that sort of thing."

The Division I board of directors passed the legislation in April, giving accelerated student-athletes more options when it comes to pursuing graduate degrees and waiving the normal one-year waiting period if they decide to transfer. Although most coaches believe the rule won't have a widespread effect, they fear it will encourage programs to secretly recruit players who qualify to transfer.

It might have already happened. At least three prominent players have taken advantage of the change.

Smith started 12 games for Meyer and the Utes in 2004 and had 44 tackles and an interception. He started the first five games last year, but was replaced in the lineup midway through the season by the new coaching staff.

He left Utah after spring practice, saying he was physically and mentally exhausted from the game, but quickly began making plans to move to Gainesville.

His transfer somewhat coincided with the departure of cornerback Avery Atkins, who was released from his scholarship in June after he was accused of striking the mother of his 2-month-old child.

Smith said he considered transferring long before Atkins' troubles. But he also didn't choose Florida solely for its graduate program in educational leadership; he wanted to be reunited with Meyer and position coach Chuck Heater.

"It could possibly affect

every school in the wrong way," Roof said. "I doubt that the intent of every rule is to enhance the quality of the game and the experience. But this is one I know a lot of people don't agree with."

Roof acknowledges being somewhat biased, having lost a two-year starter on the offensive line to Cal because of the legislation.

Guard Tyler Krieg graduated from Duke in May with a bachelor's degree in political science. He transferred to Cal to pursue a master's in education, but he based the move mostly on football.

"The lack of success at Duke had a lot to do with my decision," Krieg said. "It definitely was super frustrating going through four losing seasons at Duke. You put everything you have into it. Football is a large part of your college life."

Not surprisingly, Tedford supports the rule.

"If we had a fifth-year guy who wasn't completely happy, I would be OK with him transferring," Tedford said. "Of course, you would hope that a guy in his fifth year would have an investment in the program."

That didn't seem to be the case for Arizona quarterback Richard Kovalcheck. He started the first seven games for the Wildcats last season, completing 125 of 220 passes for 1,350 yards and 10 touchdowns.

But after losing his starting spot to freshman Willie Tuitama, Kovalcheck decided to transfer to Vanderbilt. Kovalcheck, a senior with 11 career starts, could be the player to replace first-round NFL draft pick Jay Cutler.

Unlike Roof at Duke, Arizona coach Mike Stoops backed the move.

"In Richard's case, he lost his job and had a chance to play somewhere else," Stoops said. "More power to him."

Other coaches might not feel the same way.

"That rule was a strange one when it came out," Boston College coach Tom O'Brien said. "I guess if you graduate and you're dissatisfied and you want to go play somewhere else, you can just pack up and go. It's beyond me."

Although Meyer took advantage of the legislation, he still believes NCAA members and conference representatives will vote to override the legislation in January.

Until then, though, the rule could help some teams and hurt others.

"I think everybody's susceptible and they should be worried because it can negatively affect anyone," Roof said. "The rule needs to be changed."

MLB

Giants catcher out for year

Concussion symptoms recur for Matheny two months after injury

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Mike Matheny had begun power washing his deck last month when the symptoms returned. Headaches. Fogginess. Short-term memory loss.

All were signs the Giants catcher had yet to recover from the concussion that has sidelined him since May 31, and now for the rest of the season, following a series of foul tips that caromed off his mask with such force that they damaged his brain.

Even the lightest bit of exertion — such as climbing stairs — is too much for Matheny, who's known for having played through all sorts of aches and pains during a 13-year career.

This time, he took enough blows in succession to put him on the disabled list at the end of May. More than two months later, his brain still hasn't healed. It's tough for him to watch his teammates on TV, let alone take in a game in person.

"I walk into a room and forget why I went in there," Matheny said, sitting in San Francisco's dugout before a recent game. "I forget things I've never forgotten before. I've lost my wallet and phone. I can't tell you how many times."

"Sometimes I shake my head and laugh at myself," he said. "There's nothing I can do about it."



San Francisco Giants catcher Mike Matheny sits in the dugout April 21. Matheny will miss the rest of the season.

A concussion is a shaking of the brain that causes chemical changes. Athletes suffer an estimated 300,000 of them nationwide each year, according to the Sports Concussion Program at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Most recover fully, but experts believe a person who suffers a concussion is more prone in the future.

Repeated trauma of the brain can result in cognitive and neurological disabilities, even death.

"With a single concussion, you're going to recover," said

Dr. Micky Collins, assistant director of the University of Pittsburgh concussion center where Matheny has been treated. "The problem is, when you have a concussion and undergo these chemical changes, you're a lot more vulnerable if you have a second before the first one is recovered."

While comparatively rare in baseball, concussions have ended celebrated careers in other sports. NFL quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Steve Young eventually had to call it quits after too many concussions.

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Irish wide receiver Rhema McKnight goes through drills during Notre Dame's practice Tuesday. The Irish open their season Sept. 2 against Georgia Tech.

NFL

Colts looking for kickers

Without Smith and Vinatieri, Indy seeks emergency backups

Associated Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Backup kickers should send job applications to the Indianapolis Colts.

Adam Vinatieri and punter Hunter Smith are both injured and expected to miss Sunday's preseason game against Seattle, leaving the Colts scrambling to find replacements.

On Wednesday, that meant trying out backup quarterback Shaun King at kicker and tight end Ben Utecht at punter. Dungy appreciated their efforts, but by Thursday, he'd already decided the Colts needed to add two experienced kickers for the preseason home opener.

He said after the morning workout that the team would probably sign kicker Shane Andrus and a punter.

Andrus came to training camp in the unenviable position of having to beat out Vinatieri, widely regarded as the NFL's best in the clutch, a reputation he earned after making two Super Bowl-winning kicks for New England. The Colts signed Vinatieri to a five-year, \$12 million contract in March.

So it was no surprise when Indy released Andrus, a free agent from Murray State, on Monday when five new players joined the roster.

Then the rash of injuries that depleted other areas



AP
Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy watches practice Aug. 9.

finally hit the Colts' specialists. Vinatieri sprained his left ankle — or plant foot — while running. He hasn't practiced since.

Dungy initially planned to use Smith as the backup, but that changed Tuesday when the punter strained his groin and missed practice the past two days. So the coach improvised.

While King tried kicking for the first time in his life, Utecht returned to a spot he once held at the University of Minnesota.

The results were mixed. "I should have retired after my first one," King joked Thursday. "I hit the first one, then got in a rut."

Utecht was the Gophers' backup punter until his senior season when a sports hernia forced him to give up the role. Utecht said it was the first time in nearly four years he'd tried punting in anything other than a playful manner.

"I'm pretty comfortable in those situations," Utecht said. "Somebody asked me yesterday if it was like riding a bike, you don't forget. It didn't take me long to get used to it again."

Dungy was more impressed with Utecht's results than King's but apparently was not convinced he should use Utecht Sunday night.

"We've already found out he can be an emergency punter for us, if we need it," Dungy said.

Andrus returned to Terre

Haute on Wednesday to watch practice but has not yet re-signed.

Most of the Colts other key players have returned to practice. The biggest names, aside from Vinatieri and Smith, missing from Thursday morning's practice were safety Mike Doss, defensive tackles Corey Simon and Montae Reagor, guard Ryan Lilja and wide receiver Brandon Stokley.

All are significant contributors, but Lilja, Simon and Reagor have all missed at least one week. Doss has missed the last two days of practice after aggravating a calf injury that kept him out most of the first two weeks of camp.

Stokley's injury is the most serious. He sprained his left ankle Sunday, and he could miss the Colts' regular-season opener on Sept. 10.

The Colts have also considered having Simon undergo surgery on his sore knee.

Tests have not yet indicated why rookie safety

Jahmile Addae became light-headed during Wednesday morning's workout, Dungy said.

Addae was to have more tests Thursday in Indianapolis.

Dungy said there was another way the Colts could deal with their kicking dilemma — don't punt Sunday.

"I hope we don't punt as often as we did last week," he said. "Maybe we'll just score touchdowns or go for it every time."

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Talented frosh join Irish

Waldrum adds five scholarship players for fifth-ranked team

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame needed to replace two All-Americans, a four-year starting goalkeeper and a starting senior midfielder after they graduated in May. No problem.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum signed five players to letters of intent in February, and four more have joined the team to start the 2006 campaign, as the team kicks off with a preseason No. 5 ranking.

Waldrum announced the signings of forward Michele Weissenhoffer, defender Haley Ford, goalie Kelsey Lysander and midfielders Courtney Rosen and Amanda Clark Feb. 5.

He later added defenders Mara Paz de Araujo, Rachel VanderGenugten and Ashley Galovic and midfielders Amber Lattner and Micaela Alvarez to the team's fall roster.

"We've been very pleased with all five," Waldrum said after Notre Dame's 5-0 victory over Xavier in an exhibition game Thursday on Alumni Field. "They've all

come in like veterans."

Weissenhoffer, who scored a goal and added an assist in the win, will take the roster spot of Katie Thorlakson. Thorlakson was a two-time All-American who tallied 18 goals and 35 assists (71 points) her senior season after leading the Irish to a national championship in 2004 with 23 goals and 24 assists.

Weissenhoffer was a club teammate of Clark, who led the back line of their Eclipse Select club team that won national titles in 2004 and 2005.

At 5-foot-6, Clark offers the physical versatility both to shut down opposing offenses and stretch the field as a defender or midfielder.

The freshman class' natural midfielder, Rosen, is a product of Brecksville, Ohio, and has played on the U.S. U-17 and U-18 national squads since she was 15.

While Rosen, Clark and Weissenhoffer all were highly sought-after recruits, Waldrum said the 5-foot-9 defender Ford slipped under the radar of many other programs.

Ford was a dedicated player in high school, regularly traveling five and a half hours from her hometown of Midland, Texas, to Dallas to play with her club team, the Dallas Texans.

"It's a lot easier now," Ford said of living on campus within a few minutes of the practice field.

Her defensive responsibilities will be important as Notre Dame enters 2006 without graduated defender Candace Chapman and goalkeeper Erika Bohn.

That's where Lysander comes in.

She, senior Nikki Westfall and junior Lauren Karas will combine to replace the veteran Bohn. Westfall was sidelined this preseason with an injury but will be ready to compete for the starting job this week.

"We love [Lysander's] athleticism," Waldrum said. "One thing I like about her is her confidence. She didn't come into this in awe."

The freshmen will be put to the test when the Irish take on Iowa State Aug. 26 at 1 p.m. on Alumni Field.

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"They've all come in like veterans."

Randy Waldrum
Irish head coach

SMC SOCCER

Nine new players will suit up for 2006 Belles

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Trying to build on an 11-7-1 record and a third-place MIAA finish a year ago, Saint Mary's will add at least nine new freshmen to its roster this season.

Saint Mary's head coach Caryn MacKenzie said that while the roster has not been finalized, the freshmen began practice Thursday. Open tryouts will be held Monday to fill as many remaining slots as Mackenzie sees fit.

"We never know [who we will have on our roster] until we see them on the field," Mackenzie said. "We won't know until Monday what our team will look like."

Mackenzie said that the nine freshmen who started Thursday — Briana Cantu (Austin, Tx.), Katy Durkin (Pontiac, Mich.), Colleen Ferguson (Dunlap, Ill.), Molly Gaffney (Hudson, Ohio), Samantha Goudreau (Lake Forest, Ill.), Michelle Hedinger (Jasper, Ind.), Bridget Romaine (Mundelein, Ill.), Jessica Slean (Allison Park, Penn.) and Katie Wehrli (Fort Wayne, Ind.) — will be slotted into positions once Mackenzie sees them on the practice field.

"I don't get too wrapped up in positions," Mackenzie said. "What they do for me may be totally different than what they did for their

old coach."

While the Belles only lost three seniors off last year's team, Mackenzie said there are plenty of opportunities for the freshmen to see playing time.

"It's just a matter how talented they are and how quickly they make the transition to the collegiate level," she said.

Mackenzie needs to replace most of her back wall after losing defenders Carrie Orr, Shannon Culbertson and Maura Schoen to graduation. Orr was a first-team all-MIAA pick last season. Junior Justine Higgins, who started 16 games in 2005, is the lone returning starter in the back. To fill the holes, MacKenzie said she may move midfielders to defense.

"There's certainly an opportunity for anyone to play there," she said. "The opportunity is there if you're willing to make the plays."

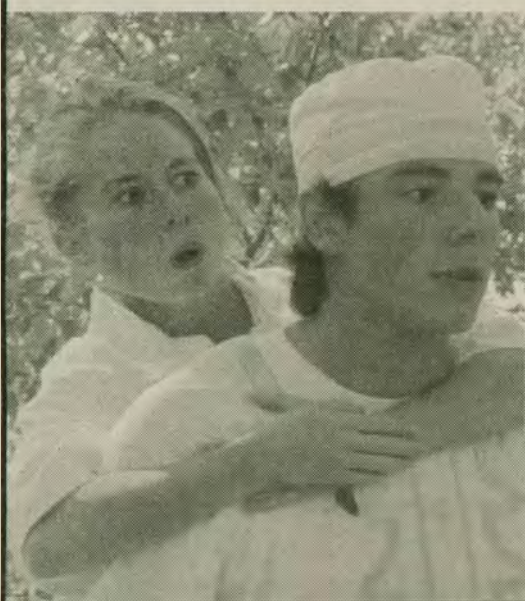
Up front, the Belles return 2005 leading scorer Lauren Hinton, who netted 14 goals in 19 games last season. Her sister, senior Ashley Hinton, also returns after scoring four goals from her starting midfield spot.

At goalie, senior Laura Helene returns after starting all 19 games last season when she posted six shutouts and allowed a little over a goal per game.

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Piane welcomes 12 new freshmen

*Walker, Hagerman,
Kiley lead new class*

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

With a multi-year contract extension in hand, Irish coach Joe Piane will begin his 32nd season at Notre Dame with 12 new faces on his roster.

After losing four top seniors — Tim Moore, Kaleb Van Ort, Sean O'Donnell and Vinny Ambrico — Piane said the freshmen will have a chance to make an immediate impact.

"I've got some holes to fill," he said. "We're going to have some pretty good kids, but we're going to have to fill in with some freshmen."

Piane singled out freshmen Brock Hagerman of Markleville, Ind., Greg Kiley of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. and Jake Walker of Ellwood City, Penn. as the leading candidates to run with Notre Dame's top seven early in the season.

Hagerman won the individual Indiana state cross country championship last fall, while Kiley was the New York state champion in the indoor 1,600 meters. Walker recorded the fourth fastest high school indoor 3,000-meter time in the nation as a senior.

Piane said other freshman may also contribute, but that several of the twelve in the incoming class — mainly middle-distance track runners — will be on the roster purely to stay in shape for track season.

The Irish coaching staff sent each new runner a packet with workout instructions at the



Notre Dame will have to replace departing seniors like Sean O'Donnell, above. O'Donnell finished fifth at home in the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 30.

beginning of the summer. The program included a slow buildup in mileage, starting at 35 miles per week and growing throughout the summer. Piane also asked his runners to compete in several road races.

The idea, Piane said, was to acclimate the freshmen to running longer distances. College cross country races are 10 kilometers, twice the distance of high school.

"That's a heck of a jump," Piane said. "What I'm asking them to do is run their high school best twice in one race. There really aren't other sports that are analogous."

While Piane said the newcom-

ers have stuck faithfully to the program, it hasn't always been easy, according to freshman Jim Notwell of Upper Arlington, Ohio.

"In high school, our workouts were pretty light. Our coaches tried to make sure we didn't get hurt, with shin splints and things you can get if you run too much," Notwell said. "I'm doing twice as much running now as I ever did in high school in terms of mileage."

The Irish open fall practice Sunday and will run their first race Sept. 8 at the Valparaiso Invitational in Valparaiso, Ind.

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

New runners vie for five positions

*Connelly stresses
high expectations*

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

In the process of reloading a squad that lost five of its top seven runners to graduation after last season, Notre Dame coach Tim Connelly brought five freshmen distance runners to bolster his roster.

"There are some of them that we think can contribute right away," Connelly said of his class of 2010, which starts practice with the team Aug. 21.

Last season, then-freshman Ramsey Kavan burst on the scene, finishing No. 11 in the Notre Dame Invitational in her first collegiate race and holding down the team's fourth position for most of the season.

This year, Connelly said he has three runners that may make an immediate impact — Molly Sullivan of Elmhurst, Ill., Beth Tacl of St. Cloud, Minn. and Lindsay Ferguson of Greenfield Center, N.Y.

Ferguson holds the national high school record for the 2,000-meter steeplechase and ran the second-fastest high school time in the nation in the 3,000 meters during indoor track season last fall.

"She's a pretty talented kid and a really good competitor, so we're counting on her to make an impact right off the bat," Connelly said of Ferguson.

Sullivan spent most of the summer nursing an injury, but Connelly said he expects her to be ready when practice starts.

"She's a little behind, but we think she'll catch up quickly," Connelly said.

Dominique Taylor (Gary, Ind.) and Maria Analisa Sandoval (Los Alamos, N.M.) will also practice with the team, although Connelly said they most likely will be training for track season and are not expected to compete in meets. Both will compete in middle distances for the Irish track team in the winter and spring.

Connelly said Taylor and Sandoval may compete in cross country down the road. "We've had a bunch of kids over the years that have taken a few years before they were ready to contribute at cross country, but once they've gotten out on the cross country course, they've been great," he said.

Connelly sent each of the runners detailed instructions for their summer work outs last May.

"We set a mileage goal and then move up to it," he said. "When we get close to the goal we start adding speed and tempo workouts as well."

"What we want them to do and what they do are sometimes two different things," he said. "Usually after their freshman year they'll have a much better idea of what we want them to do. More than anything, over the summer we just want them to be really diligent and train really consistently."

Still, Connelly said his most important expectation for incoming freshmen over the summer is that they work hard.

"If they train consistently, they'll probably be ready for what we ask them to do when they get here," he said.

The Irish open their season Sept. 8 at the Valparaiso Invitational in Valparaiso, Ind.

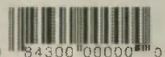
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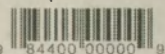
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Notre Dame strength and conditioning coach Ruben Mendoza evaluates the football team during practice Wednesday at Cartier Field.

MEN'S GOLF

Frosh foursome hits the Irish links

American Junior Golf Association puts Fortner at No. 48

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Fore is a dirty word in golf. But the sound should be very nice to Notre Dame this year.

In the case of the men's golf team, four is the number of incoming freshmen expected to bolster the lineup of an already very impressive Irish squad.

Incoming freshmen Doug Fortner (Tustin, Calif./Foothill H.S.) and Kyle Willis (Lake Forest, Ill./Lake Forest HS) signed letters of intent last fall, and Olavo Batista Filho (Sao Paulo, Brazil/Chapel HS) and Carl Santos-Ocampo (Naples, Fla./Community School of Naples) joined the team in July.

The foursome is the first full recruiting class under Irish coach Jim Kubinski.

"I'm very excited about it," Kubinski said. "They're a very talented group of players."

All four incoming freshmen have resumes with high school experience and time on the main junior tours — three on the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA).

Fortner leads the group with a 73.11 stroke average on the AJGA tour in 2006. He has also been as high as No. 43 on the Golfweek/Titleist rankings for junior golfers. He currently stands at No. 48.

Santos-Ocampo has 13 career top-25 finishes on the AJGA tour and has a 74.43 stroke average in 2006. Willis isn't far behind, with a 76.14 stroke average this year.

"[The AJGA] is the best predictor we have to predicting if success in high school will translate to success in college," Kubinski said. "One reason is because the courses they play on the junior tours are so difficult. They're very comparable to college courses as they have long holes, thick rough, and difficult pin placements."

Batista Filho doesn't have a 2006 AJGA stroke average because he has played in Brazil. Batista Filho finished second in the New York state tournament his sophomore

year, then moved back to Brazil to finish his high school education.

Kubinski expects that Batista Filho will need some time to adjust to playing in America again.

"The fall season will be an acclamation period [for him]," Kubinski said. "I think he'll become more competitive in the spring and the rest of his career here."

While all four freshmen have enjoyed success on the links, they have succeeded in other areas as well. Both Batista Filho and Santos-Ocampo were members of the National Honor Society at their respective high schools. Santos-Ocampo also received the prestigious AJGA Bob Carter Sportsmanship Award for his play on the junior tour.

"Character was maybe the single biggest factor for this recruiting class," Kubinski said. "While these guys may come from all over the U.S. — and outside it — all four guys are in the same mold regarding character and work ethic. They all approach the game the right way."

That approach will be important as the team is in the midst of a resurgence.

In the 2004-05 season, Notre Dame posted a school-record team-stroke average of 292.77. The Irish also won their third consecutive Big East title and competed in their third consecutive NCAA regional tournament. Notre Dame rose as high as No. 12 in the Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index ratings.

If last season was any indication of how Notre Dame freshmen typically perform, Kubinski has nothing to worry about. Sophomore Josh Sandman was one of the team's key players late in the 2005-06 season, posting scores of 70 and 71 to help the Irish win the Big East championship.

"You don't usually see freshmen make a huge contribution, but Sandman exceeded our expectations," Kubinski said. "This year's class is very talented, though, and I think you could see two, three, or even all four in the starting lineup at some point this season."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Brown expects rookie impact

Incoming class includes three Prepvolleyball.com All-Americans

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

As the Aug. 26 season opener against Bowling Green nears, almost half of Notre Dame's players are preparing to play their first game in an Irish uniform.

After finishing the 2005 season 30-4 and ranked No. 12 by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA), Notre Dame bid farewell to five seniors, including second-team All-American Lauren Brewster and Lauren Kelbly, who received All-American honorable mention.

Head coach Debbie Brown then signed seven freshmen, earning the attention of recruiting followers. Volleyball Magazine listed Notre Dame as the No. 3 recruiting class in the nation, behind Texas and Penn State, while Prepvolleyball.com ranked the Irish fifth.

In large part because of the young team's potential, the AVCA ranked Notre Dame No. 21 in its preseason poll despite the fact that the Irish return only two starters from last season's team.

"I think the impact [the freshmen] are going to have as a group is going to be

huge," Brown said. "There's no question that as a group they're going to play a major part in the team's success, counting this year and obviously into the future."

Outside hitters Megan Fesl and Christina Kaelin and middle blocker Kim Kristoff — all of whom were listed as part of Volleyball's Fab 50 high school seniors last year — will lead the class.

The trio represents the first time that the Irish have signed three Fab 50 players since 1997, when

Denise Boylan, Christi Girton and Jo Jameyson all entered Notre Dame. All three entering freshman were also All-Americans, according to Prepvolleyball.com.

They will be joined by setter Jamel Nicholas, also a Prepvolleyball.com All-American, middle blocker Tara Enzweiler, outside hitter Serinity Phillips and defensive specialist/libero Colleen Nolan.

Throughout fall practice, Brown has raved about the

progress her rookies have made.

"The freshmen are coming in and just stepping up and being right in the middle of things," Brown said. "If someone walked into our gym right now there's no way they would know who the freshmen are and who the upperclassman are, because [the freshmen] are fitting in very well and doing a great job."

And they're competing for almost every starting spot.

"I think it's wide open," Brown said. "The coaching staff is going to have a tough time picking the starting lineup, because it's just really competitive and [the players are] pushing each other every day."

Brown, however, does not see this as a negative.

"It's going to be a good problem to have," she said. "I'm seriously just not even in a position to say at this point who could or who might or might not be [in the starting lineup]."

"But I can guarantee you that there will be at least two and maybe three and maybe four freshmen that are going to be starting and having significant roles."

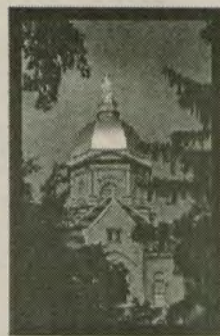
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MEN'S SOCCER

No. 16 ranked freshman class takes to the pitch

College Soccer News ranks both 2006 squad, rookie players highly a season after appearance in NCAA round of 16

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

Entering the season, 16 seems to be the number most associated with Notre Dame.

The Irish, who advanced to the Sweet 16 in last season's NCAA tournament, begin their 2006 campaign ranked No. 16 in the nation by College Soccer News.

After the Irish successfully signed another strong recruiting class, College Soccer News gave Notre Dame's incoming freshmen the same ranking — No. 16.

"They're a very good class," head coach Bobby Clark said Tuesday. "We've had a lot of good classes the last few years, but this certainly is another one, with some very outstanding players."

This year's freshman class includes two high school All-American midfielders in Justin Morrow and Michael Thomas, who scored 42 and 41 goals, respectively, in their high school careers.

Additionally, two Irish freshmen won All-State honors, as midfielder Dave Donahue was named to Massachusetts' All-State team twice, while Tamba Samba was an All-State forward in Indiana in his senior season.

Joining them as rookies on the roster will be defender John Schaefer, midfielder John Baumgardner and goalkeeper Philip Tuttle.

While these seven players are a talented group, they may face an uphill battle if they plan to see significant minutes early on in the season. Notre Dame will return nine starters and 14 monogram winners from a year ago, including All-American midfielder Greg Dalby.

"We've got a very strong returning group, so we're not in a position where we need to hurry anyone in," Clark said. "At the same time, if anyone deserves to be in, they'll be in."

In the few weeks that the freshmen have been practicing with the team, Clark has seen an improvement in the play of his rookies.

"All of them have actually done pretty well [in practice through Tuesday]. They've all shaped up, [and] they've all shown promise," Clark said.

Before the Irish played their first of two exhibitions on Thursday at Drake, Clark was optimistic the games would shed a better light on the potential impact of the youngest team members.

"At the moment they're still learning, still learning the sys-

tem," Clark said. "Until you've seen them play in a real game, it's difficult to know where they are."

Clark also said he plans to give his new players plenty of time to learn the system and make an impression.

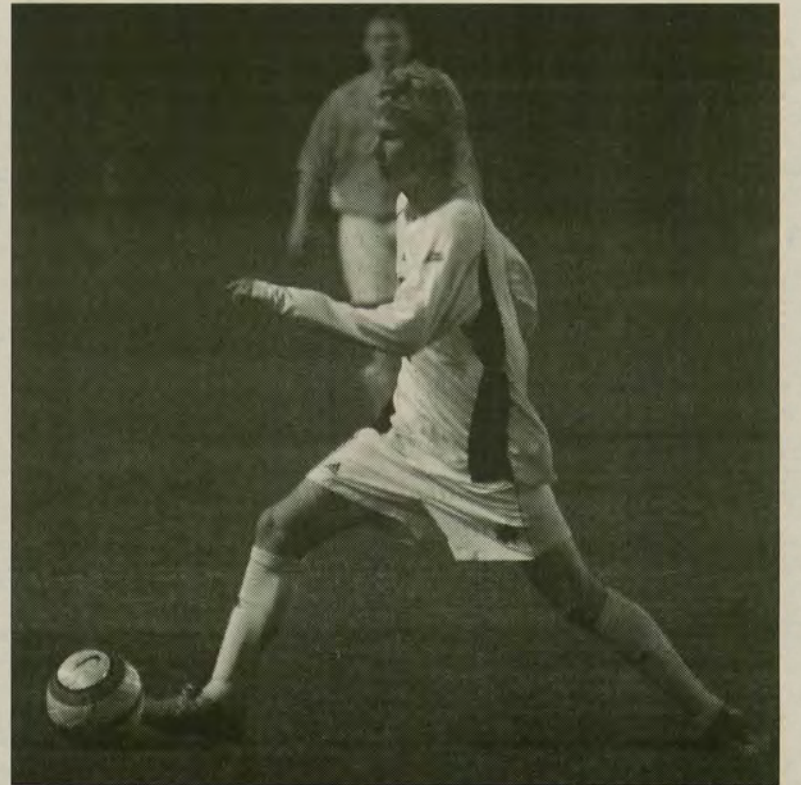
"I try not to judge youngsters too early, because if you judge them too early before they're ready and before they get comfortable, you can perhaps come to the wrong conclusions," he said.

Regardless of how much playing time they will see this season, Clark is confident that all the freshmen on the team will continue to improve and will serve as a solid foundation for upcoming seasons.

"You can learn by getting thrown into the deep end, or you can learn by working everyday at practice with quality players," he said. "Good players will learn by competing for time with experienced players. If they're good players, they're going to be fine."

Notes:

◆ Notre Dame will play its home opener Monday in an exhibition game against St. Francis at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field. The team will ask for a \$1 contribution from all those in attendance to support Grassroot Soccer, a program



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Senior Ian Etherington dribbles the ball upfield Nov. 2, 2005 in the first round of the Big East playoffs.

that aims to combat the AIDS epidemic in Africa using soccer as a means of communication.

Last season, the Irish took in slightly over \$2,500 at the gate, and that number was matched by both a Notre Dame soccer alumnus — who wishes

to remain anonymous — as well as the Notre Dame soccer camps, meaning the Irish were able to donate nearly \$8,000 to the program.

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Though the decision not to retain Bender as head coach surprised some in the community, Kachmarik says it was a result of Bender and the school "moving in different directions," as Saint Mary's took a bold turn when it hired Henley.

"We have elevated the position from part-time to full-time, which allowed us to do a national search for the first time for our basketball coaching position," Kachmarik said.

"[Henley's] values and goals for her program were a great match with our goals as a college and department. My expectations are for the basketball team to continue to climb in the MIAA basketball rankings and continue to have great academic success as well.

I want our team to have fun while working to their potential as student-athletes and role models on campus."

Henley resigned from the top

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spot at Mount Union College to follow her husband's career, which involved a move to Florida and a stint as an elementary school teacher, but Kachmarik said she has found a home at Saint Mary's.

"I believe that Coach Henley will be able to build a very successful basketball program over the next few years," Kachmarik said. "Any time during transition, change can be positive and I think she will bring positive changes to the program immediately and her success will be measured on and off the basketball court."

Henley said she will bring "an up-tempo coaching style that centers around fundamentals."

Henley played at Ohio Northern University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in sports management and communication arts in 1997, before earning a master's degree in athletic administration while a graduate assistant at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.

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Schrage might just be becoming associated with the players after Mainieri's 12-year tenure at Notre Dame.

Schrage said he spent much of the summer contacting players and getting to know the team.

"They need to learn to trust us as a coaching staff, and we need to learn to trust them," he said in an interview with The Observer Wednesday.

The players' trust might be easier to gain than otherwise because of their new coach's background. Schrage began his coaching career in 1984 with Mainieri in Florida at St. Thomas College (then known as Biscayne College), where he served as a graduate assistant working on outfield defense and hitting.

"I just fell in love with coaching, and I think Paul had a lot to do with that — making the experience positive," Schrage said. "One of the things that Paul taught me was to treat your players in a very caring way and be honest to them."

Mainieri resigned in July to take the vacant head coaching position at

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Irish head coach

Louisiana State, where he played as a student.

Much like Mainieri, Schrage focuses on the important "fundamentals" of strike-zone pitching and solid defense.

"You've got to put your kids in as many situations as possible in practice," Schrage said. "The players need to know it's important."

Schrage built his credentials in fundamental baseball under Jim Hendry, now

the general manager of the Chicago Cubs.

Hendry hired Schrage as an assistant at Creighton — his alma mater — after he finished his season with Mainieri at St. Thomas.

"He's somebody who's been special to me in my life because I wouldn't be in this profession today if not for him," Schrage said of Hendry.

Now, he has another connection to Schrage. Hendry drafted and signed Notre Dame two-sport star Jeff Samardzija in this summer's amateur draft.

But that means Schrage won't get to coach

Samardzija, as the senior already turned professional in baseball, inking a five-year, minor-league deal with the Cubs.

And Samardzija is just one of many reliable faces from the past several seasons that Schrage will have to replace. The team also lost southpaw starter Tom Thornton, shortstop Greg Lopez, first baseman Craig Cooper and outfielders Matt Bransfield, Alex Netter, Cody Rizzo and Steve Andres to graduation. What's more, junior right-handed starter Jeff Manshop signed with the Minnesota Twins two weeks ago after being drafted in the 14th round.

But Schrage sees a certain positive in the high turnover.

"I think it's better to be younger than have eight returning starters," Schrage said of taking over a new squad.

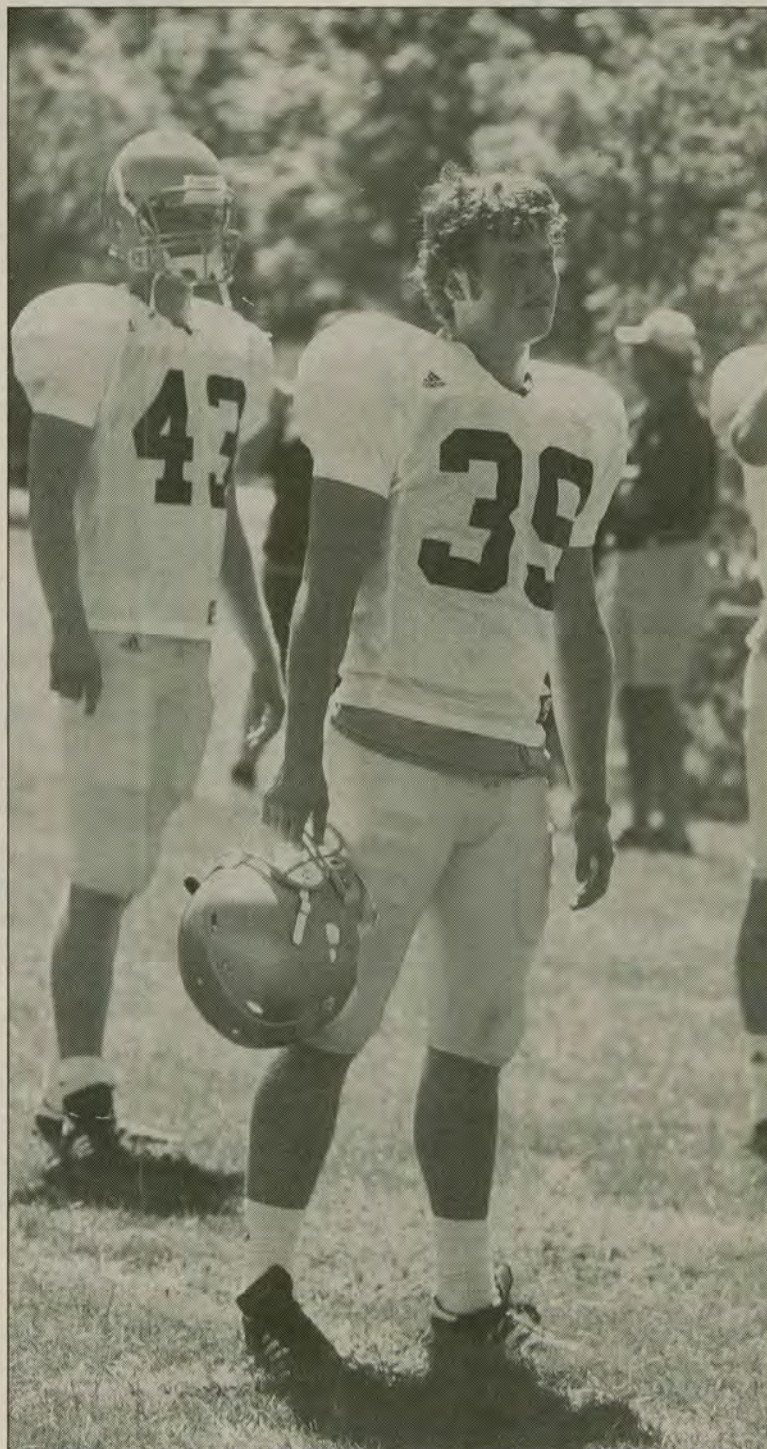
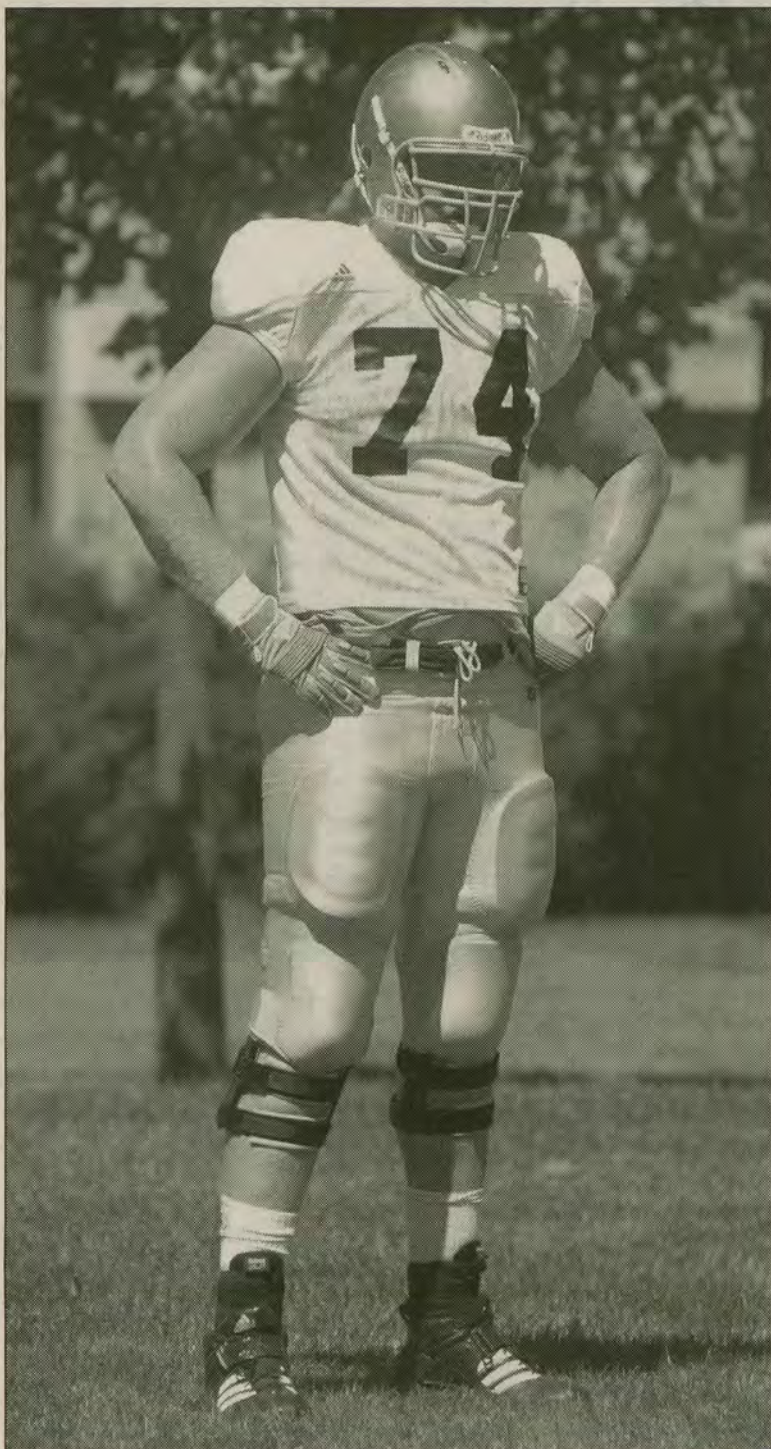
And he also thinks the coaching change will help the team focus the next few months as it gears up for the spring schedule.

"It helps make the fall [practices] a little bit more meaningful than they have been in the past," Schrage said. "This fall will be different. Everyone is coming in with a clean slate."

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Left, freshman offensive lineman Sam Young waits at practice Tuesday at McGlinn Fields. Freshman kicker Ryan Burkhart watches drills with teammate Mike Anello looking on behind him.

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Dame's backup running back a year ago. That's given freshman Munir Prince a better shot at the backup running back job.

Walker has been impressed with Prince's quickness throughout camp.

"The first thing you think of when you talk about my man Munir is speed," Walker said after the team's evening practice Wednesday.

Another No. 2 job with freshmen in the mix is at quarterback. Zach Frazer and Demetrius Jones, both highly ranked recruits, have been sharing snaps with sophomore Evan Sharpley in the battle to backup Quinn.

"Both are good physically," Weis said. "But obviously Evan has the mental advantage."

On defense, Notre Dame added Sergio Brown, Jashaad Gaines, Leonard Gordon, Raeshon McNeil and Darrin Walls in the secondary. Brown, Gaines and Gordon came to Notre Dame as safeties, while McNeil and Walls were hype cornerbacks prospects.

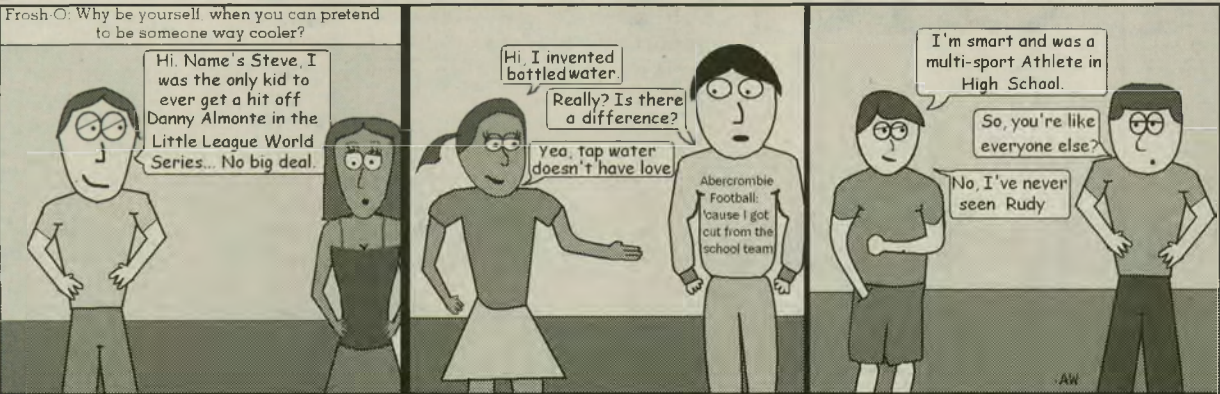
The team also added four freshman receivers: West, Robby Parris, Richard Jackson and Barry Gallup.

"It's pretty rare when you get a big receiving class like that of four guys coming in for a team, for one," said senior receiver Jeff Samardzija. "And then two, when you've got four guys who look like they could play in a week or two. It's real boosting."

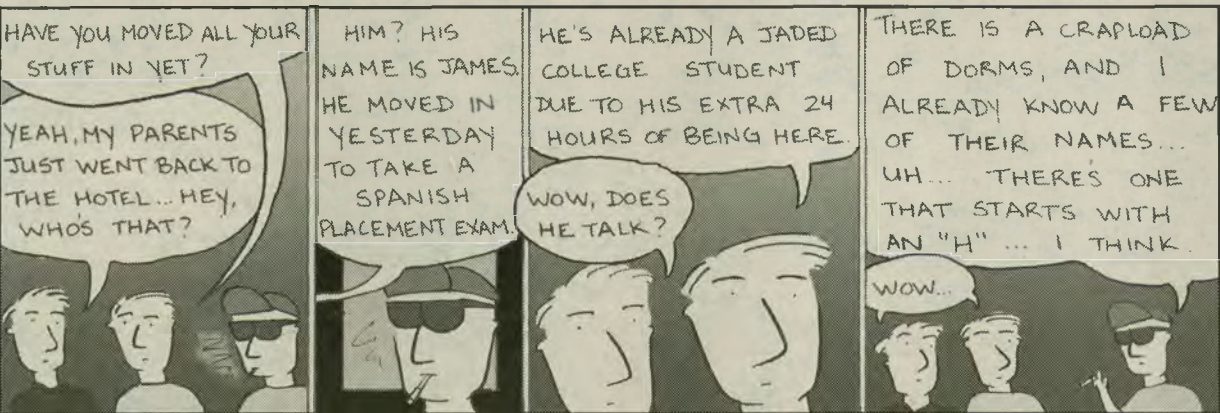
"It brings that confidence to the offense ... knowing the young guys are picking up ... right where everyone else left off where they left the program."

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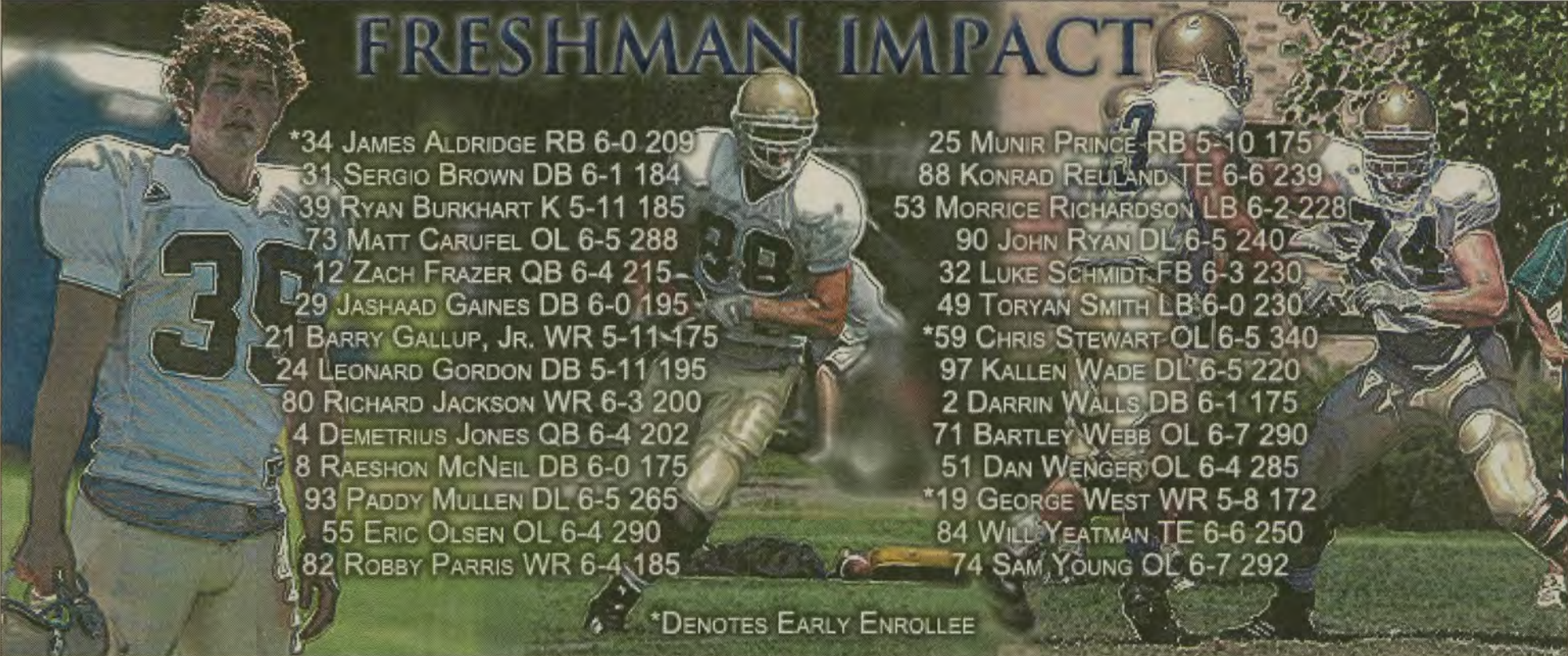
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FOOTBALL

New fall, new faces

Weis welcomes 28 freshmen; Young, Prince and Burkhart fight for time



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By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

The reinforcements are here. During spring practice, Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis said the team's 25 incoming freshmen would provide important depth during fall camp. "I think the biggest area of concern is our offensive line depth chart until the reinforcements come in here," Weis said March 21 at the team's annual spring media day.

They've arrived, and they are battling each other and returning players for spaces on the depth chart.

But the new faces on campus are not the only ones that will be new to the field when the Irish kick off against Georgia Tech on Sept. 2 in Atlanta.

Three freshmen for 2007 came to Notre Dame in January. Offensive lineman Chris Stewart, running back James Aldridge and wide receiver George West were the first early entrants in school history, enrolling for the 2006

spring academic semester and participating in spring practices.

The 6-foot-5, 340-pound Stewart entered Notre Dame as a guard, where he will likely play a backup role this season. His fellow freshman, 6-foot-7, 292-pound Sam Young, has fought for a starting job after arriving on campus this summer. Along with sophomore Paul Duncan, Young figures prominently in the battle for starting right tackle.

If Young starts, it will be only the fourth time in school history a true freshman has started any

games on the offensive line. The last freshman to accomplish the feat was Ryan Harris — now the team's senior left tackle.

Harris, who started eight games in 2003, said the six freshmen offensive linemen are far more advanced than he was when he came to Notre Dame.

"I think all of our freshmen that came in could legitimately perform and contribute to this team at our first game," Harris said. "Sam Young, in particular, I don't make those decisions — they are coaching decisions — what he

has going for him is he's very coachable and he works tremendously hard and he's very eager to play."

Whoever wins the right tackle job will have the dual role of pass blocking for fourth-year starting quarterback Brady Quinn and run-blocking for junior tailback Darius Walker, who gained 1,196 yards on the ground last season. With senior Travis Thomas expected to start at linebacker in 2006 after serving as Notre

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BASEBALL

Schrage takes over for Mainieri on diamond

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

After 16 years of head coaching experience at mid-major Division I colleges, Dave Schrage believes he is fully prepared — and fully enthused — to



Schrage

replace Paul Mainieri as Notre Dame's skipper.

"I'm excited to take this job," Schrage said during his introductory press conference July 18. "All the hard work and coaching comes to fruition today."

Schrage comes to Notre Dame after four years leading Evansville. Before that, he coached at Northern Illinois and Northern Iowa.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Henley controls Belles court

Bender's replacement comes to team with collegiate experience

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's emerged from a busy off-season with new head coach Jennifer Henley in charge of the Belles as they head toward a new position on the Division III landscape.

Henley comes to Saint Mary's with five years of

head coaching experience at Division III Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, where her teams went 43-87 with two seasons at .500 or better in 2002-03 and 2004-05.

Athletic Director Lynn Kachmarik said Henley is the first coach to take over the Saint Mary's program with prior college head coaching experience.

"I am incredibly excited to begin this season," Henley said. "My goals are to build on last season's success and improve upon our MIAA finish. I want our student-ath-

letes to reach their full potential both on and off the court."

Henley will be taking over a squad that finished 11-15, including a third-place finish in the conference after being picked to place seventh in the nine-team league. The 2005-06 performance set a new school record for league wins since Saint Mary's joined the MIAA in 1997, earning former head coach Steve Bender MIAA Coach of the Year honors in his first year with the Belles.

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Caryn MacKenzie's squad has nine new players and will hold open tryouts Monday.

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