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2 ND students shot outside Club 23

Recovering seniors expected to enroll for fall semester; police continue investigation

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

Police are still searching for the man who shot and wounded two Notre Dame students early Tuesday outside the Club 23 bar on Notre Dame Avenue.

Seniors Matthew Collins and Mitchell Depree were shot around 1 a.m. Tuesday following a "harsh" conversation with the shooter, who returned several minutes later in an SUV and fired five shots at the students, said Capt. Phil Trent, a spokesperson for the South Bend Police Department.

The students were taken to

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, where Depree was treated for a leg wound and then released, Trent said. The gunshot wounds Collins received to his abdomen and leg, however, were initially considered so life threatening that he requested and received last rites.

Collins said Thursday he is "doing fine" and expected to make a full recovery. A bullet will remain permanently in his abdomen, however, since any procedure to remove it would be too risky, he said.

Collins said the shooter — who neither he nor his

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Two seniors were shot Tuesday outside Club 23, a bar popular with Notre Dame students.
DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Voting delayed on ordinance

Plan to require party permits stalls

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

The South Bend Common Council voted Aug. 20 to postpone the public hearing on the proposed ordinance that would require students living off campus to register large parties 10 days in advance.

The ordinance would require residents of "boarding houses" — residences with two or more unrelated occupants — to apply for a permit from the city 10 days prior to any gatherings that host more than 25 guests and serve alcohol.

The public hearing will be held Aug. 27. Council members said this would allow time for any changes needed to enforce the bill and defend against any legal challenges — two concerns raised at the Community Relations Committee meeting held earlier Monday night.

Immediately before the Council meeting, Mayor Steven Luecke advised the Community Relations Committee to postpone the hearing for 30 days.

"Through good dialogue, [the bill] will have a chance to do what we want it to do," he said.

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Freshmen set admissions records

First-year students chosen from strongest applicant pool yet, boast 1390 average SAT scores

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

This year, being a freshman is something to brag about.

The Class of 2011 is new on the Notre Dame campus, but its members have made it through the most selective admissions process in University history.

The 1,993 students in the freshman class are among the 24 percent of applicants accepted this year by the University.

Only 15 years ago, Notre Dame accepted a full 50 per-

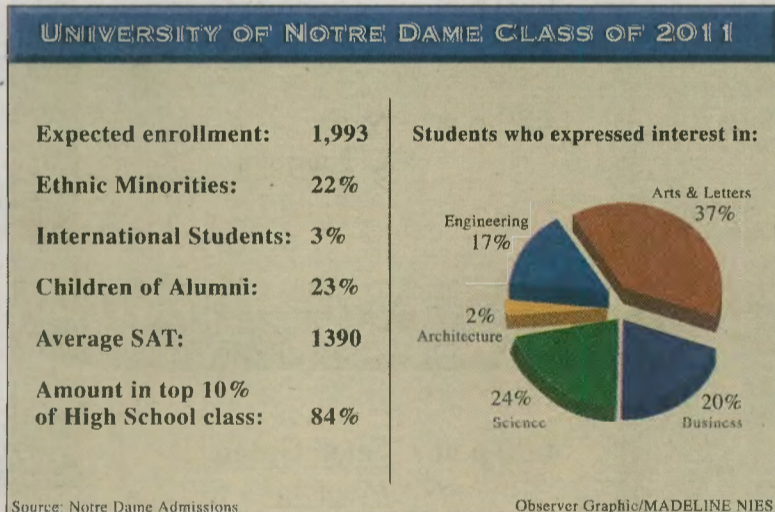
cent of applicants for the Class of 1996.

Notre Dame is one of less than 10 U.S. universities that accepts fewer than 50 percent of applicants and then enrolls more than 50 percent of accepted students, said Daniel Saracino, assistant provost for admissions.

"The student who applies to Notre Dame has Notre Dame as a first choice," he said.

The average SAT score of the freshman class — 1390 on the critical reading and

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Crisis notification system launches

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame will launch a mass notification system this fall to enable administrators to notify students of any campus emergency via e-mail, text message and voice mail.

The University began exploring the idea of putting a notification system in place during the fall of 2006, said Jay Steed, executive assistant to Chief Information Officer Gordon Wishon.

The Office of Information Technologies had originally planned to do a pilot project with the notification system, Steed said. But Notre Dame sped up its

plan this spring following April's tragedy at Virginia Tech.

Notre Dame officials signed a contract May 23 with the Connect-ED service, a company that uses web-based technology to help clients send messages to large numbers of people in a short period of time.

The Office of the Registrar sent students an e-mail Aug. 22 requesting they submit a cell phone number and a non-Notre Dame e-mail address when they enroll for the semester. This contact information will be kept private and will be used only for emergency notifications, Steed said.

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Largest class arrives at Saint Mary's

Increase in freshman enrollment part of 5-year plan to boost school size

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

The 481 students who will enroll at Saint Mary's this week comprise the largest freshman class to enter the College in 17 years — an increase that officials say is critical to the College's development.

The increase comes as the first goal in a five-year plan to stabilize enrollment at 1,600, said Dan Meyer, Vice President for Enrollment Management.

"At this size [1,600 to 1,700], Saint Mary's will be a more robust institution, better able to absorb

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Saint Mary's freshmen and their families unload their belongings to move into their residence halls this week.
KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

INSIDE COLUMN

Guns and laws

Two Notre Dame seniors just got shot. The South Bend city council is plowing ahead with an ordinance that, many outraged students argue, would mean the death of off-campus house parties.

It's a bleak greeting, I know. But before you start bitterly wishing you went to that state school in a real college town with forty other kids from your high school, remember why you came.



Maddie Hanna
Editor in Chief

This is Notre Dame. Rudy images aside, there are plenty of people who only dream of going here — and plenty more who flood campus for a taste of that dream every football weekend. We're the lucky ones.

We're more fortunate than popular, however. You've arrived on campus at a time when long-simmering town-gown tensions have reached a new peak. For years, South Bend residents have complained about the music-blaring, lawn-littering habits of their Notre Dame neighbors. For years, South Bend bars have housed underage Notre Dame students, a situation that occasionally results in an embarrassing bust. For years, South Bend and state police officers have patrolled Notre Dame-heavy apartment complexes, slapping not-quite-legal partygoers (and their enabling hosts) with arrest tickets and fines.

The proposed party permit ordinance — followed by the shooting in a student neighborhood — only makes the situation worse.

Why do twenty percent of us still insist on living off campus?

As gorgeous as Notre Dame's campus is, it's also extremely insular. That's great for walking to class without having to dodge traffic, for always spotting a familiar face in LaFortune, for spending sunny afternoons tossing footballs on South Quad.

But as we get older, whether we stay on campus or move off, our Notre Dame lives increasingly edge into South Bend. A few weeks here, and you'll look forward to a trip to Meijer. You'll consider an off-campus dinner a treat. Eventually, you'll find dorm parties a little too sweaty. And you'll know more and more friends who move into apartments or houses.

I can't tell you exactly how many rude Notre Dame students are to blame for the shaky relationship with the community, or how many angry South Bend residents, resenting past incidents, are unfairly shoveling blame on the rest of the student body.

I don't know exactly what happened before Matthew Collins and Mitchell Depree got shot, whether the violence was completely random or related, to some degree, by the fact that they go to Notre Dame.

But I know that the time I've spent off campus has defined my Notre Dame experience — the group treks to Turtle Creek, the lazy Saturday mornings at Lafayette, the late nights at Nick's Patio.

It's far from a perfect situation, but Notre Dame and South Bend are linked. The streets outside of Notre Dame's green quads are, in parts, ugly and rough, but they shouldn't be shunned — just approached with the intelligence that got you here in the first place.

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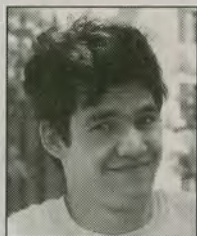
Brie Anne Eichenhorn
senior
Opus

"Meet lots of people."



Molly Pfister
senior
Opus

"Make friends with someone with a car."



Andrew Matasic
junior
Alumni

"Row."



Pete Gargula
senior
Keough

"Don't ever go to Club 23."



Michael Schaefer
senior
Dillon

"Make friends with your hall's cleaning crew."



Kyle Peters
junior
O'Neill

"Work at Reckers."

ORIENTATION WEEKEND

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION WEEKEND SCHEDULE

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SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

- 1:00 p.m. Official Orientation
Joyce Center
- 3:15 p.m. Parent Orientation
Joyce Center
- 8:00 p.m. Meeting with Rectors and Hall Staff
Residence Halls

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

- 10:00 a.m. Student Panel
Little Theatre
- 1:30 p.m. Department Fair
Student Center
- 4:30 p.m. Mass
O'Laughlin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

- 10:00 a.m. Eucharistic Liturgy
Joyce Center
- 11:30 a.m. Box Lunch
Joyce Center
- 12:00 p.m. The Spirit of Notre Dame
Joyce Center

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

- 4:00 p.m. Small Group Meetings
Noble Family Dining Hall
- 9:00 p.m. Jamaica Shaka
Library Green

Source: University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College

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LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
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Saint Mary's fills 4 administrative positions

Chief information officer, Student Involvement director, Residence Life director, and Multicultural Affairs director selected

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's has filled four vacant administrative positions that were left open at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

Janice Thomasson began her new position as chief information officer (CIO) July 23. Thomasson most recently served as CIO at Murray State University in Kentucky and has held similar positions at Daytona Beach Community College and the Medical College of Georgia.

While she has not enacted any major changes at the College so far, Thomasson said she has several ideas for technology enhancements that she will introduce over the next year as they receive approval from College President Carol Ann Mooney.

"I am currently in listening mode," Thomasson said. "To make changes before I fully com-

prehend the situation here would be inadvisable."

Thomasson said she wants Saint Mary's students to work with her in some sort of job shadowing capacity in the Department of Information Technology.

"This would be more than just having roundtable career discussions or monthly meetings in a group," she said. "It would be much more focused and personalized."

"I'll be working with the student leaders this year to incorporate other cultural aspects that reflect the diversity present here in our campus."

Larisa Olin
director of multicultural affairs

While there is no such shadowing program in place at the College yet, Thomasson is committed to make it happen because "it is one of the most effective ways for young women to

determine whether a telecommunications career is for them."

Thomasson started in the position after former CIO Keith Fowlkes, who had been at the College for more than five years, left to become the vice chancellor of information technology and CIO at the University of Virginia at

Wise.

Saint Mary's also filled the position of director of student involvement — formerly named the director of student activities — over the summer.

Karen Siron, previously the coordinator of residential life and assistant director of campus activities and student commons at Jacksonville University, replaces former director George Rosenbush, who retired during winter break in 2006 for health reasons.

Siron has been spending her time preparing for freshman orientation and learning about Saint Mary's, Vice President of Student Affairs Karen Johnson said.

The position and office were renamed in order to better reflect Siron's new responsibilities, Johnson said.

"[It] is a more descriptive name of what that office does — it is much more than just activities," Johnson said.

The College also hired Slandeh Dieujuste, who will serve as the new director of residence life.

Dieujuste replaces former director Michelle Russell, who left Saint Mary's to pursue a Ph.D. at State University of New York-Buffalo.

"It had been [Russell's] plan to

return to school sooner," Johnson said, "but she decided to stay on last year."

Dieujuste comes to Saint Mary's from Northeastern University in Boston, where she was the assistant director of residence life. She also won the Resident Assistant of the Year Award at Boston College, where she completed her undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Larisa Olin also took over a new position at the College during the summer. Olin, who served as the assistant director of multicultural affairs for close to two years, recently became the director of multicultural affairs after that position remained open for a year.

Olin's plans for the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) include the creation of a new student club and issuing a biannual newsletter to alumnae who were active with OMA.

"I'll be working with the student leaders this year to incorporate

other cultural aspects that reflect the diversity present here in our campus," Olin said.

She also plans to reach out to other offices and departments on campus to "coordinate programs and explore where we can potentially collaborate."

While it is an important role of OMA, Olin said increasing the recognition of diversity at Saint Mary's is a task that extends beyond the office.

"Diversity requires everybody's commitment and a change in our attitudes to create an inclusive environment in which every single member of a community has a very important contribution to make."

Larisa Olin
director of multicultural affairs

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create an inclusive environment in which every single member of a community has a very important contribution to make," she said.

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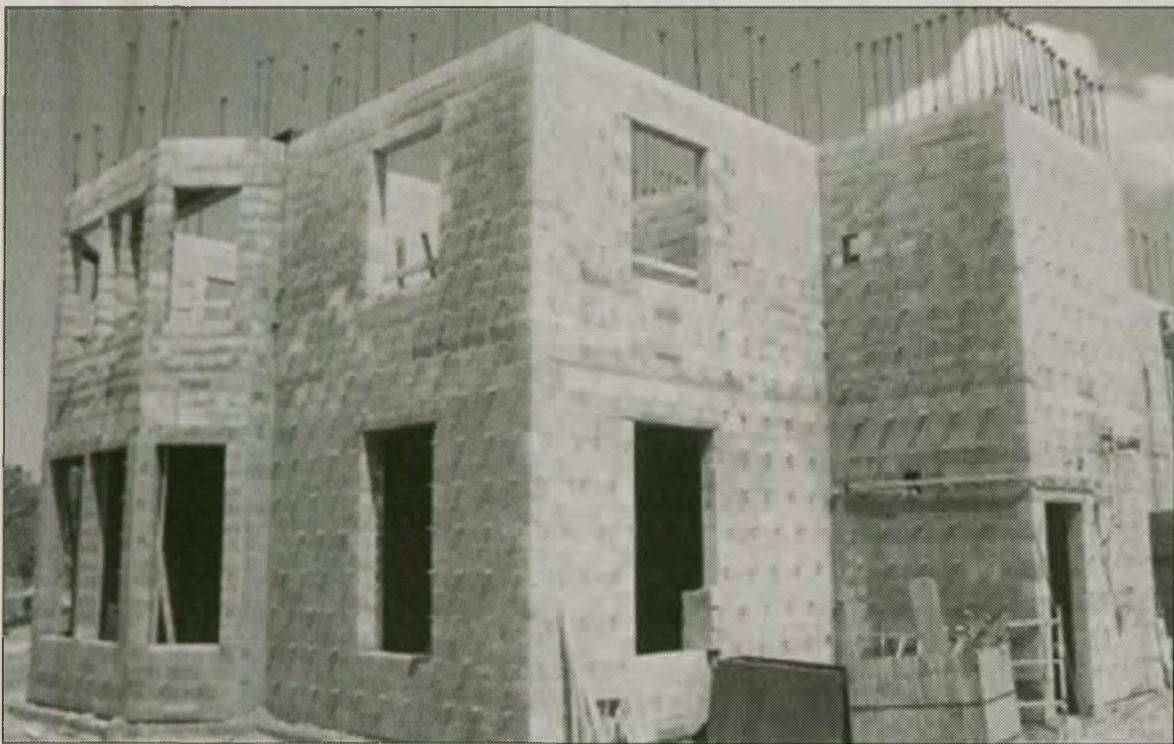
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Construction projects continue across campus

Law School construction begins on Notre Dame Avenue; Duncan Hall remains on schedule for summer 2008 completion



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Construction continues on Duncan Hall, a new men's residence hall next to McGlenn Hall on West Quad. The dorm is scheduled to be finished by the summer of 2008.

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Several construction projects are underway at Notre Dame as the University continues to execute its 10-year development plan.

On the west side of campus, Duncan Hall, a new male dormitory, is being built next to

McGlenn Hall. Work on the building, funded by 1952 Notre Dame graduate Raymond T. Duncan, will be completed by the summer of 2008 and should house students in the fall of that year. The dorm will house 232 students and is being built to relieve overcrowding in the residence halls on campus.

The construction of three

more dorms is included in the 10-year master plan.

Workers are currently in the process of completing masonry work on the second floor of Duncan, Vice President for Business Operations Jim Lyphout said.

In preparation for a new Law School building on DeBartolo quad, work was done last spring on the

chilled water system between the Morris Inn and the Notre Dame Post Office. The Post Office was then torn down during the summer to accommodate for the new building.

Work is now underway on the law building, Lyphout said. An area beside the existing Law School has been fenced off, blocking pedestrian traffic down sidewalks from Main Circle to DeBartolo Hall. Excavation for the building is slated to start during the first week of school.

Further south on Notre Dame Avenue, construction on the new engineering building should start after Thanksgiving. Stinson-Remnick Hall, a \$69.4 million engineering building, will be erected on the site currently occupied by the University Club.

The University Club will be torn down around Thanksgiving to make way for the work. Stinson-Remnick Hall should be completed in approximately three years.

The segment of Juniper Road which previously ran through campus was closed to traffic last year and has been transformed into a walker-friendly area, with a pedestrian plaza between Notre Dame Stadium and the Joyce Center.

During the week before commencement in May, a storm with high winds passed through the campus and knocked a small spire off the upper part of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. As a precaution, the three remaining small spires were removed during the summer. The spires will be replaced and other renovation and repair

work will be done on the outside of the building. These repairs will not take place until summer 2008.

"It requires the erecting of scaffolding, and we don't want to do that now that school has started," he said. "We will wait until after graduation next year."

The storm also knocked down about 20 trees near the Clarke Memorial Fountain — commonly known as Stonehenge — and eight trees near the Grotto. The trees will be replaced in the spring of 2008. Work is continuing on the

Melissa Cook Stadium, which will house the varsity softball team. Construction began this summer and should be finished in April 2008.

Starting this semester, the area between the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and Edison Road will be developed into Notre Dame Commons, a park-like area of approximately 12 acres.

The space will be landscaped and sidewalks will be added. Eventually, Lyphout said, the Commons area may have features like a clock tower and a sundial.

Immediately south of campus, construction should begin this fall on Eddy Street Commons, a 25-acre, \$200 million project that will create a new residential area and will feature retail shops, restaurants and hotels.

The retail and restaurant sections should be completed by the summer of 2009, and the town homes and condominiums will be developed in phases, with completion set between 2009 and 2011.

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System

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University President Father John Jenkins sent an e-mail to the student body Aug. 13 in which he described the notification system and requested that students participate in the program.

"Our hope and prayer is that we never need to use the system at Notre Dame, but we want to be certain that everything is in place should a major emergency occur," Jenkins said in the e-mail.

With Connect-ED, the University can upload contact information for students, faculty and staff onto a Web portal. The system allows information to be sent in several ways, including text messages, voice mail messages and e-mails. Clients of Connect-ED can design pre-scripted messages and can also

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University president**

write new messages according to the circumstances of the emergency.

The prerecorded messages were composed by the Office of News and Information, Steed said. They have already pre-loaded messages for potential emergencies, such as tornados, lightning, a gunman on campus and a gas leak, among others.

The Office of News and Information will most likely send out the notifications, said Micki Kidder, the Vice Chair of the Emergency Planning Committee at Notre Dame.

"The idea is to provide the safest environment we can for the Notre Dame community," Steed said.

The service costs \$2 per person for one year of unlimited messages. Notre Dame currently has contact information for 16,500 people, largely from the Office of the Registrar, since students must provide a contact number during web enrollment. The service allows multiple numbers and e-mail addresses for each person — hence the

University's request for cell phone numbers and non-Notre Dame e-mail addresses.

"The goal is to reach the maximum amount of people in as short a time as possible," Steed said. They are still exploring other avenues to reach people, and the University is working with Comcast to develop a means of communication through campus television. They are also developing a Web site to alert visitors to emergency situations on campus.

"If we reach enough of the campus through different vectors, people will start to talk and go to the Web site to find out what is going on," Steed said.

The University will test the service in the next few weeks. Thereafter, it will be tested once each semester to confirm reliability.

Saint Mary's will also use Connect-ED to notify students of any emergency.

"New students and their parents have responded to the Connect-ED system positively," said Melanie McDonald, a spokesperson for Saint Mary's. "They are grateful to know that student safety is a top priority, and that we have begun to implement a very efficient emergency communication system."

The College has been studying a

variety of mass notification options for quite some time, McDonald said. The system's adoption is not a direct result of the Virginia Tech shootings, she said, and its implementation will not affect tuition costs.

Natasha Rabe, the Chief Business Officer at NTI Group, the company that distributes the Connect-ED service, said the company saw an increase in inquiries about their product after the Virginia Tech incident.

"College campuses across the nation are all addressing this issue right now," she said.

The company has contracts with Princeton University, Tulane University, Texas Tech University and the University of Oklahoma, among other schools. Approximately one million students, faculty and staff have their contact information registered on the service.

Rabe stressed the importance of students participating in the program.

"We've all got to work together, including students, to understand the issue and make sure we've

got paths to communicate," she said.

The new notification system is the first part of a series of plans Notre Dame has in place in case of an emergency on campus. A special task force is in charge of an annual review and update of the emergency plans.

Kidder, who is the Assistant Director of the Board Secretariat in the President's Office, as well as other members of the Emergency Planning Committee, are routinely in the process of updating plans for various emergency scenarios that could occur on campus.

They plan to create a Web site to house the University emergency plans during the next few months.

"We want and encourage students, staff and faculty to familiarize themselves with the plan," Kidder said.

Liz Harter contributed reporting to this story.

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math sections — is the highest on record. Eighty-four percent of first-year students ranked in the top-10 percent of their graduating classes, a figure which has varied only slightly in the last decade.

As in other recent admissions processes, many talented applicants were denied admission to the Class of 2011, Saracino said.

The class includes 19 students who achieved perfect standardized test scores of 2400 on the SAT or 36 on the ACT.

Despite the high academic marks of the class, Notre Dame seeks students who excel in other areas as well, Saracino said.

"Our goal is to create the most talented

and interesting and diverse class possible," he said.

Students who are members of an ethnic minority account for 22 percent of the class. Though this figure is down slightly from the previous freshman class, which was 24 percent minority, Saracino said no trend should be inferred from the one-year drop. When the Class of 2001 entered Notre Dame ten years ago, only 14 percent of students were of an ethnic minority.

A higher percentage of students of an ethnic minority were admitted this year than ever before, he said, but a lower proportion chose to enroll.

"We went into the May 1 deadline thinking we'd have more ethnic minority [students] than ever," Saracino said.

The University seeks a student body which is diverse in the broadest sense, Saracino said. Socioeconomic diversity and diversity of experience are important factors as well as ethnic diversity in composing a well-rounded class, he said.

This year's class draws from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as 21 foreign countries, Saracino said.

Three percent of the freshman class is made up of international students. The most commonly represented foreign country is South Korea, which is home to 22 members of the Class of 2011. China and Canada are the next-most represented countries.

The Office of Admissions would like to bring in a class which is five percent international, Saracino said, because "we learn from each other who are different."

International students are the only applicants who are not guaranteed financial aid for full demonstrated need, Saracino said.

The University has practiced a need-blind admissions policy and guaranteed to meet all demonstrated financial since 1997, he said.

Students who identified themselves as Catholic make up 85 percent of the class, while 23 percent of incoming freshmen are the children of an alumnus. Those proportions mirror those of the applicant pool, Saracino said.

Men account for 52 percent of the class and women 48 percent, figures that also mirror those of the applicant pool, he said. Saracino said Notre Dame can attract such high interest among men at a time when a numerical predominance of women is becoming increasingly common in higher education because of its academic majors — such as engineering, business and science and not nursing or education.

While in high school, the

new freshmen were involved in a wide variety of extracurricular activities — often in leadership roles.

◆ 11 percent were editor of a school publication.

◆ 10 percent were student body president or senior class president.

◆ 33 percent held part-time jobs during the school year.

◆ 90 percent participated in community service.

◆ 50 percent were involved in music, art, drama or dance.

◆ 65 percent lettered in at least one varsity sport.

◆ 37 percent were captain of

an athletic team.

◆ 7 percent became Eagle Scouts or Gold Scouts.

"We're not looking for well-rounded students as much as a well-rounded class," Saracino said. "We want those who are leaders."

The incoming class also includes six sets of twins, a tinsmith who will study engineering, a student who had deferred his acceptance to serve in the Navy in the Persian Gulf and one student whose great-grandfather was one of the legendary "Four Horsemen" of the Notre Dame

gridiron, Saracino said.

In the face of such strong competition, only exceptional applicants are now members of the Class of 2011, Saracino said.

"It makes me very proud as [an alumnus] to see the young men and women coming to Notre Dame," he said. "These are students who are passionate about the place, who want to come to Notre Dame and who will leave it a better place."

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Permit

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Luecke asked the Council to refine the bill so that it is "understandable, enforceable and effective."

Both Council member Al "Buddy" Kirsits, a sponsor of the bill, and Council attorney Kathleen Cekanski-Farrand said after the meeting that seven days would be enough time to make any changes necessary for the bill to be passed.

Kirsits said before the Council meeting that the bill should be passed regardless of changes that might be needed later.

"It may not be perfect, but it addresses the issue," he said. "If we need to tweak it down the line, we do it then. We need to tell people of the behavior we expect of them in our community."

Later, he said he was

"extremely disappointed" about the postponement.

Raucous student parties at the end of the school year contributed to the immediate need for the ordinance, he said.

"We wouldn't have to do this, but when students left, our neighborhoods were ripped apart," he said.

While several dozen students and residents attended the meeting, no one was allowed to speak.

District 4 Council member Ann Puzzello said the decision to postpone for seven days rather than the mayor's recommended 30 was due to a desire to quickly pass the ordinance, which includes legislation to regulate lawn parking.

"This is football season," she said. "We're anxious to do it as soon as possible."

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Al "Buddy" Kirsits
South Bend
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admission fluctuations," he said. "Also, that size is closer to what we're made for."

At the start of the fall of 2004, the student body numbered 1,505 students. As of Thursday, total enrollment for this year was expected to be 1,597 students.

The freshman class which entered Saint Mary's one year ago had 427 students. This year marked a 13 percent increase in enrollment. The freshman class of 2005 had only 350 students.

While the goal is to increase class size, Meyer stressed that the standards of the College will not be compromised to make numbers.

"It is important to maintain the quality of the students and Saint Mary's admission standards," Meyer said.

The administration has prepared for the growing enrollment by opening new housing and increasing staff.

"There is no tripling of students in any dorm," Meyer said. "We opened up a wing in McCandless [Hall] that was previously closed and hired additional [resident assistants]. We have housing space that can accommodate. However, next year could be troublesome."

Additional professors were also hired, including in the Department of Modern Languages, Meyer said. The applicant pool increased this year to 1,281 — an 8.6 percent increase from the previous year's pool. More than 60 percent of incoming students had an average high school GPA of 3.61 or higher.

Enrolling freshmen come from 32 states and include one international student from China and two U.S. students who were living abroad — one in Germany and one in Turkey.

College President Carol Ann Mooney's initiative to increase enrollment is part of a larger goal to boost Saint Mary's national recognition.

Princeton Review recently named Saint Mary's as the "Best Midwestern College for 2008" and US News & World Report ranked Saint Mary's 91st among the top 100 liberal arts colleges in the nation.

Mooney first addressed this long-term plan in her inaugural address in January 2005. In that speech, she said stabilizing enrollment was her "top priority." She took steps toward realizing the goal by creating the position of Vice President for Enrollment Management.

The College's efforts to stabilize enrollment has financial relevance, as well. In 2005, Saint Mary's faced a \$1.5 million budget deficit due to small classes and fewer tuition dollars.

"By hitting the [enrollment] mark at 1,600 or 1,700," Meyer said, "we are better equipped to deal with that problem."

Meanwhile, Mooney has started an initiative to double the College endowment fund, which would reduce dependence on enrollment for financial stability.

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE CLASS OF 2011	
Total Applicants.....	1,281
Enrolled Freshmen.....	481
Percent Early Decision.....	8%
Students with Alumni Connection.....	33.4%
High School Valedictorians.....	8
High School Salutatorians.....	4
High School GPA between 3.81 and 4.0.....	30.9%
International Students.....	3
Amount in top 10% of High School class.....	33.1%
<small>Source: Saint Mary's Admissions</small>	

Diversity	
Last Year: 43 ethnic minorities	
African American:	11
American Indian:	2
Asian/Pacific:	10
Hispanic:	20
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African American:	5
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While the number of minority students in the freshman class increased this year to 47 students from 43 in last year's class, the percentages remain roughly the same, Meyer said.

"This was the largest class in sheer numbers, but in proportions, they stayed about the same," he said.

The college recruited heavily in California, Florida and

Texas. All three states experienced anywhere from a 25 to 75 percent increase in enrolled students.

Those three states contributed to the higher number of Hispanic students in the class of 2011. Last year there were 20 Hispanic freshmen; this year, there are 33. Other minority groups, however, were less represented this year than last.

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Shooting

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friends had ever met — approached him, Depree and another Notre Dame senior in front of Club 23 while they were waiting for a ride, according to his mother, Karen Collins.

When the man asked the three students for a ride, they said no, Karen Collins said.

The man — who police described as a shorthaired black male of

average build wearing a clean, white T-shirt — then walked out of sight.

He reappeared moments later in the passenger seat of a black SUV as it drove up to the curb where the three seniors stood,

then said, "Thanks for the ride, you [expletive] Notre Dame students," Karen Collins said. The man fired five shots. Two hit Collins, and one hit Depree.

The car's driver then drove northbound on Notre Dame

Avenue, Trent said.

University officials were notified of the shooting before 2 a.m. Tuesday and became immediately involved, University spokesperson Dennis Brown said.

Associate Vice President for Residence Life and Housing Bill Kirk visited Matthew Collins and Depree at the hospital Tuesday morning, Brown said. Both Matthew Collins and Depree said they intend to enroll for the fall semester, he

said.

Karen Collins said the University "has been great" throughout the ordeal.

No charges had been filed as of Thursday, but police are making progress in the case as investigations continue, Trent said.

"This is quite an uncommon occurrence," Trent said. "We do not believe in any way, shape or form that this was random."

Seven South Bend Police

cars responded to the scene, Trent said. Police do not know whether the suspected shooter was inside Club 23 before the shooting, he said.

"I would hope the student population wouldn't let this scare them into not enjoying themselves or enjoying the community here," he said.

Students are far more likely to be victims of property crime than violence, he said.

Police have asked anyone with information about the incident to contact the South Bend Police Department Investigative Division at (574) 235-9263.

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State trooper fatally shot near Fort Wayne

Man who killed officer, then himself, in July along U.S. 24 had history of mental problems, police say after investigation

Associated Press

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Police want to know why a man who fatally shot a state trooper and then killed himself was able to obtain firearms despite a history of mental problems.

The investigation into the July 5 shooting death of Indiana State Police Master Trooper David Rich along U.S. 24 near Wabash is complete, but questions remain about whether his slaying was preventable.

Police subpoenaed the psychiatric records of the shooter, 21-year-old Joseph M. Vultaggio Jr., of Gaylord, Mich., but they have

not yet been turned over, state police Detective Mark Heffelfinger said Tuesday.

Heffelfinger said Vultaggio had twice been committed to psychiatric facilities and was undergoing counseling at the time of the fatal shooting. State police Superintendent Paul Whitesell said at Rich's funeral that Vultaggio had threatened to kill his own family and schoolchildren.

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Police found two rifles and a shotgun in the sport-utility vehicle used by Vultaggio. The shotgun he used to shoot Rich and then himself was Vultaggio's but was registered in his mother's name, Heffelfinger said.

Rich, a detective who was an 18-year state police veteran, was on his way home from the Peru post when he stopped to help Vultaggio, who he thought was a stranded motorist about 40 miles southwest of Fort Wayne. Vultaggio's father had reported the SUV stolen a day earlier, but Rich did not know that before stopping to help.

Rich was shot in the chest. Vultaggio then reloaded his shotgun and killed himself, police said.

Tests showed Vultaggio was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol and had only nicotine in his system, Heffelfinger said.

Rich, who was in plain clothes and an unmarked car, displayed his badge and followed proper procedures when he stopped to help, police said. He was not wearing a bulletproof vest, but he was not required to wear one when stopping to help a motorist, Heffelfinger said, and it was not clear if a vest would have saved him.

"There was nothing Trooper Rich did that would have elevated this guy's concern that he felt certain he had to shoot somebody," Heffelfinger said. "It wasn't like he just got caught robbing a bank."

Heffelfinger said any officer who encountered Vultaggio might have been at risk.

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At global health forum, Jenkins announces a new initiative in Uganda. Brann dies in crash. McAlarney suspended.

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By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

Hotel to open at Saint Mary's

Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross President Sister Joy O'Grady announced Aug. 16 plans for Saint Mary's to lease campus land to the Holladay Corporation for an on-campus Hilton Garden Inn. The addition of the hotel, expected to open by the start of the 2007 football season, prompted a contest for the renaming of the Inn at Saint Mary's and concern about the possible influx of travelers on campus.

Notre Dame begins mission in Uganda

The second annual Notre Dame Forum, focusing on the "global health crisis," took place Sept. 14 in the Joyce Center. The forum's panelists included Dr. Paul Farmer, the founding director of the international non-profit organization Partners in Health, Dr. Jeffrey Sachs, director of the United Nations Millennium Project and Dr. Miriam Opwonya of the Makerere University Infectious Diseases Institute in Uganda.

At the forum, University President Father John Jenkins announced the University's decision to participate in the Millennium Villages Project in Uganda, where the Congregation of the Holy Cross has established a strong presence.

Jenkins followed that discussion with a trip to Uganda in support of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals and Notre Dame's commitment to the village of Nindye, in hope of improving the quality of life of its residents. From Jan. 5 through Jan. 12, Jenkins led a group of delegates — including Executive Assistant to the President Frances Shavers, Associate Vice President for Marketing Communication

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Caitlin Brann dies in car crash

Notre Dame senior Caitlin Brann died Nov. 10 in an early-morning car crash on the Indiana State Toll Road near LaPorte, Ind. Brann, whose blood-alcohol content was more than three times the legal limit at .249 percent, had her rear passenger-side tire blow out, causing her to lose control of her 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier convertible, according to an Indiana State Police report.

More than 200 students gathered at the Grotto the next day for a candlelight memorial in honor of the senior from Pasquerilla East Hall.

'Loyal Daughters' debuts

"Loyal Daughters," a student-created production about sexuality and sexual assault at Notre Dame, premiered Nov. 13 at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center without Jenkins' endorsement. The play, whose inception he praised in his "Closing Statement" on academic freedom in April 2006, ran without his endorsement because of what he called a "neutral" stance on extramarital sexual relationships.

The performances were followed on three nights by panels discussing the prevalence of sexual assaults on college campuses — including Notre Dame — and the hope of promoting an environment more conducive to fostering better gender relationships.

McAlarney arrested, suspended

Notre Dame basketball starting point guard Kyle McAlarney was suspended for the spring semester after his arrest Dec. 29 on marijuana

possession charges. McAlarney, who was pulled over during what a police report called a "routine" traffic stop, was enrolled in classes for more than a week in January before learning of his suspension from the Office of Residence Life and Housing Jan. 23.

McAlarney's mother, Janice, said in interviews that she was upset with the length of time it took the University to come to a decision on McAlarney's punishment.

The decision also sparked campus debate over the severity of such punishments and whether Notre Dame was consistent in its treatment of McAlarney.

Hodges makes history

Kim Hodges and Kelly Payne came away with a narrow victory over opponents Colleen Ferreira and Jenny Antonelli in the Saint Mary's student body presidential and vice presidential elections Jan. 25. Hodges, who is black and came to the College hoping to "to be the first at something," was inaugurated April 1, becoming the first African-American to lead the College's students.

Notebaert follows McCartan

Richard Notebaert, a 10-year member of the University Board of Trustees and chief executive officer of Qwest Communications International, was elected to a three-year term in February. His term was set to begin on July 1, making him Notre Dame's sixth chairman.

He succeeded Patrick McCartan, who was chairman of the board for seven years.

Notebaert, who received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin, has served as chair of the University Relations and Public Affairs and Communication Committee. Notebaert is also one of the University's 12



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Fellows, who make up the "University's ultimate governing body."

Crews cause gas leaks

A gas leak on St. Joseph's Drive caused the evacuation of seven buildings — including DeBartolo Hall and Decio Hall — on campus Feb. 13.

Crews working to fix a broken water line struck a 4-inch gas line with a backhoe, prompting gas and soot to rise more than 20 feet in the air for more than an hour.

A month later, on March 26, a construction crew working on St. Joseph's Drive south of the Center for Social Concerns caused the rupture of another gas line. In that incident, vibrations from the digging likely unsettled the soil and caused rupture in the transition point, "that had been failing already," Director of Utilities Paul Kempf said.

University officials defended staff efforts after each incident and said they were just examples of the inherent possible problems of construction.

Brown, Braun make history

After a hotly contested race for the top two spots in student government, Liz Brown and Maris Braun were elected student body president and vice president, respectively, in a closed-door Student Senate meeting Feb. 18.

The final vote came after a run-off with contenders Danny Smith and Ashley Weiss failed to produce a majority winner. During that race, Morrissey senator Greg Dworjan illegally used student government printers to produce flyers for the "campaign to abstain" and posted the flyers without proper approval. The campaign criticized both tickets and asked students to select the "abstain" option on their ballots.

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the first all-female ticket to lead Notre Dame's student body when its term began April 1, and the pair's choice of Sheena Plamoottil as chief executive assistant created an all-female top-three for Notre Dame's student government.

'Vagina Monologues' opens off campus

Students performed the first of three renditions of "The Vagina Monologues" in front of an audience of approximately 50 people at South Bend's First Unitarian Church Feb. 28.

The presentation, which was moved off campus after organizers could not secure the endorsement of an academic department at Notre Dame, came nearly a year after Jenkins' decision not to ban the play from campus but instead restrict it to an academic setting, in which it cannot raise money. By moving off-campus, the performance was able to collect more than \$200 on opening night and donate the money to charities, including the YWCA of St. Joseph County, which has the only overnight shelter in the county.

Campus construction progresses

Construction on several projects continued throughout the school year, with work on campus roads, new buildings and repairs.

The most striking change early in the school year was the closing of Juniper Road and the creation of a new entrance to campus several hundred feet west of Twyckenham Road.

The University also pushed forward its planned development south of campus, with Kite Realty submitting its proposal to South Bend for zoning approval in late April. As the University plans the future of the southern side of campus, it continued construction of a new road from

the "C" parking lot to Edison Road to replace Juniper Road.

In March, Notre Dame broke ground on Duncan Hall, a planned male dormitory on West Quad.

Duncan Hall will house 232 students and stand next to McGlinn Hall, which was the last dorm built by the University, completed in 1997. The new dorm will be the first of four new dormitories the University hopes to build in the next 10 years. Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said the new building, funded by 1952 Notre Dame graduate Raymond T. Duncan, will be completed by the summer of 2008 and will house students that fall. Construction on "Athletic Quad" — between Notre Dame Stadium and the Joyce Center — will continue as the University makes the space more pedestrian friendly.

Memorial Mass held for Va. Tech victims

Notre Dame held a memorial Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart April 17 for the victims of the shooting massacre at Virginia Tech days earlier.

The Basilica was packed to a standing room only capacity, with the entire rear lobby of the church completely full. The Mass drew more people than the 9/11 five-year anniversary Mass, which took place in the Basilica during the fall semester.

In the days after the incident, Notre Dame officials were initially hesitant to comment on the University security protocols. Three days after the shootings, Jenkins sent an e-mail to students — which was also posted on his Web site — assuring students and parents the University has a plan in place to respond to emergencies.

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January 25

Saint Mary's students vote Kimberly Hodges their new student body president. Hodges becomes the first African-American to lead the College's students beginning with her inauguration April 1.

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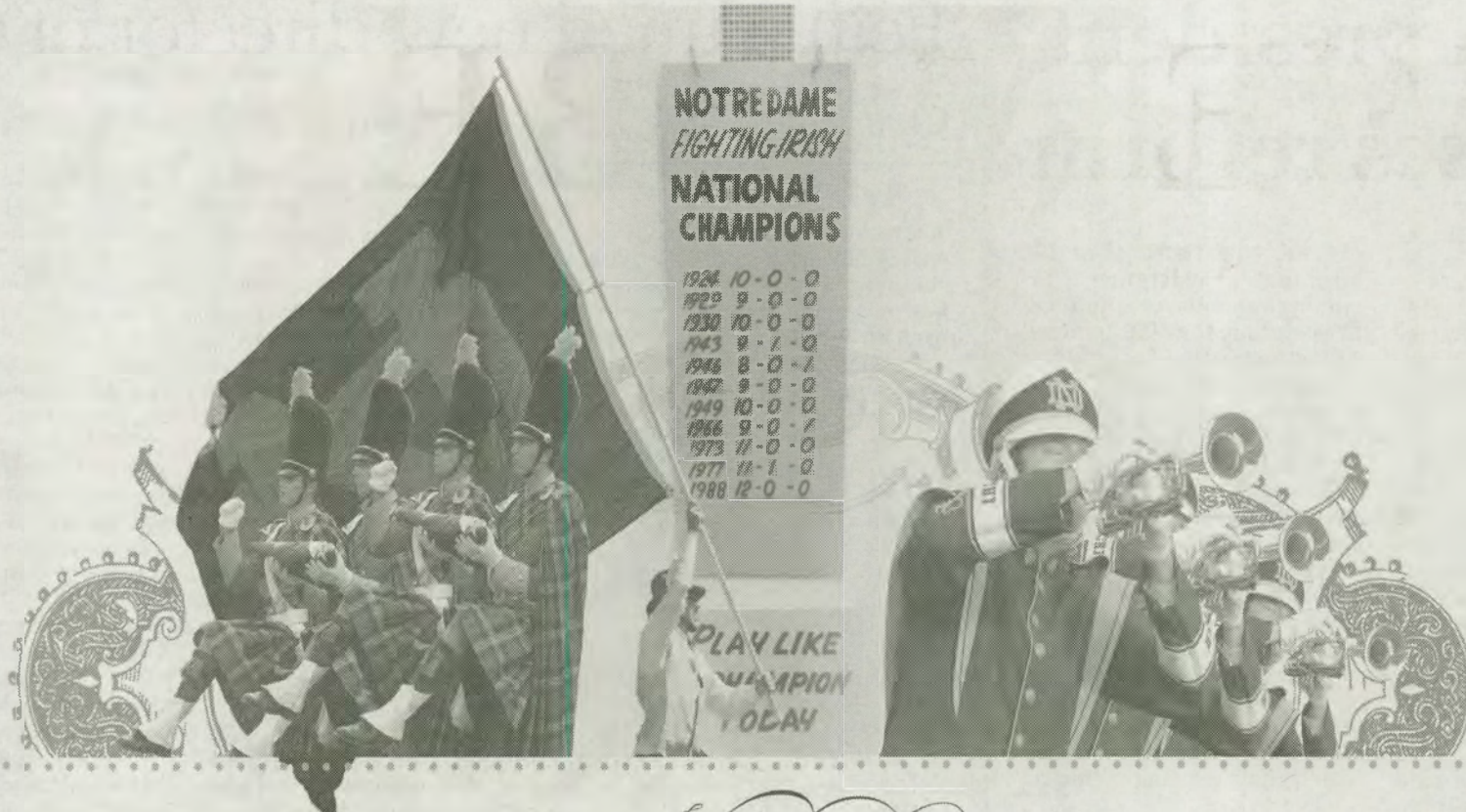
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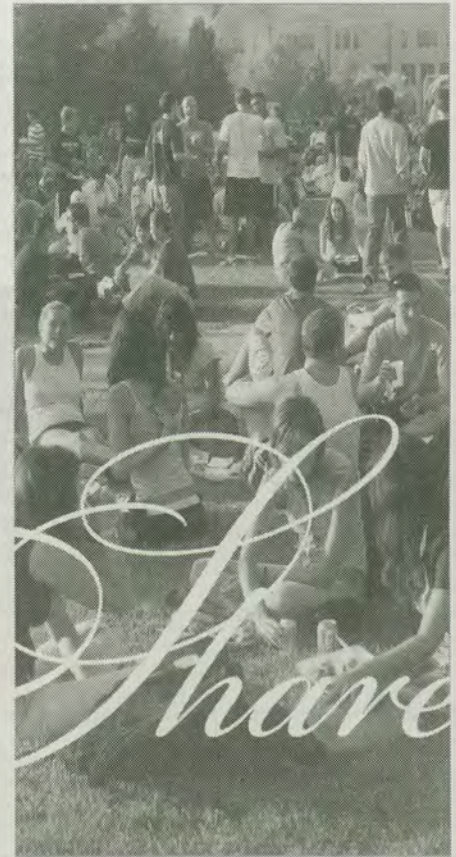
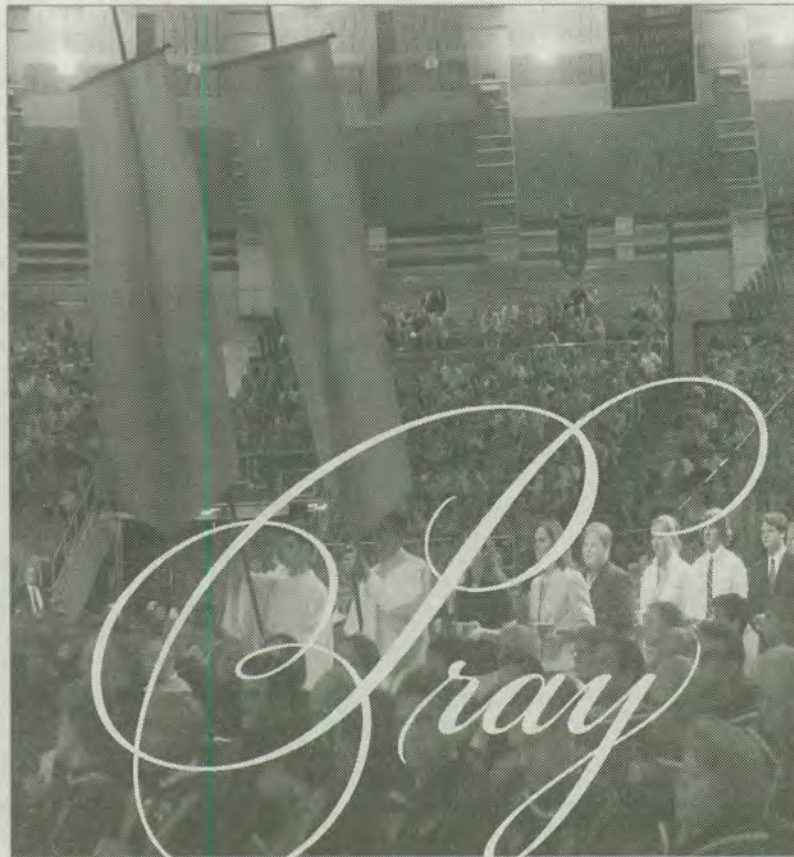
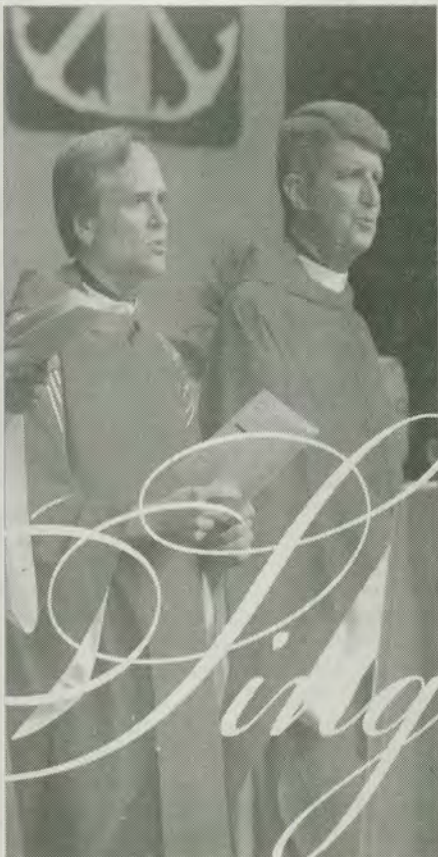
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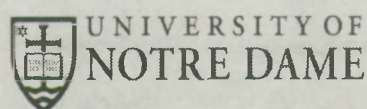
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NCAA president discusses reform

Special to The Observer

NCAA President Myles Brand acknowledged that he was "preaching to the choir" when he discussed academic and fiscal reform in intercollegiate athletics at Notre Dame on Aug. 20.

"You're doing very well here," Brand told an invited assembly of Notre Dame faculty, staff, athletic department officials and coaches. "Athletics is about winning, but it's also about graduating student-athletes. You can do both, just look at Notre Dame."

Now in his fifth year as NCAA president, Brand said modern reform in college sports dates to a 1991 report by the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, which was co-chaired by Notre Dame's president emeritus, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.

Brand, formerly president at Indiana University and the University of Oregon, believes his appointment was a clear signal by his peers that they want athletics programs to show more responsibility in regard to academics and financial affairs.

Under Brand's leadership, the NCAA has instituted two new academic standards by which student-athletes and teams are measured: the Graduation Success Rate (GSR) and the Academic Progress Rate (APR).

The GSR provides a "more accurate measure" of the graduation rate of student-athletes than does a similar measure administered by the Department of Education, according to Brand.

The APR surveys the performance of every team at every NCAA institution. Teams that fail to maintain a minimum standard will face a loss of scholarships and potential decertification.

"We'll be most successful if we don't issue any of the sanctions," Brand said. "The goal is to change behavior."

However, after accumulating APR data for three years, Brand said there are indications that as many as 40 percent of football programs in the Football Bowl Subdivision, formerly known as Division I-A, and 45 percent of Division I basketball programs could lose scholarships within the next year or two.

"Someone's not listening out there," he said.

That isn't the case at Notre Dame, he emphasized.

"You don't have any teams even close to being at risk of losing scholarships," he said. "That is very unusual. Even the very finest schools have one or two teams at risk."

Brand added that academic reform movements in higher education have failed

in the past, and that he anticipates resistance if or when sanctions are applied to programs that fail to meet APR standards.

"Can the presidents, athletic directors and NCAA hold the fort?" he wondered. "It will be very interesting."

Brand admitted that fiscal reformation in college sports is a more difficult issue.

"The NCAA cannot control individual institutions' decisions on spending," he said.

Brand said that athletic department budgets are a relatively small percentage of any university's overall budget, but that the rate by which they are increasing is a concern.

Over the past decade, the athletics programs of only six institutions — including Notre Dame — have been in the black, while the rest are subsidized to greater or lesser extents by their universities.

"Now, there is nothing wrong with subsidizing a department. After all, philosophy departments, for example, don't bring in more money than they spend," said Brand, who is himself a philosopher. "So, subsidizing athletics is OK. The question is by how much?"

The athletics experience on a college campus is valuable, he said, and certainly has a place in higher education.

"College is more than just classroom instruction," he said. "We take teen-agers and teach them life skills, goal setting, values and attitudes that are productive."

"That's where athletic participation comes in. Learning to persist and work hard — athletes learn that every day on the field. Not all of our students learn these lessons as tangibly. There are other ways — in student journalism, band or other extracurricular activities — but athletics is the best. That's why we want broad-based athletics programs."

That said, he added: "So, how much should we subsidize athletics? We are not acting fiscally responsibly when funds are being taken from academics to support athletics. That's when there is a problem."

While the NCAA is unable to dictate how universities chose to spend on athletics, the association sponsored a study that was issued last year that provides all institutions with comparative data on athletics spending.

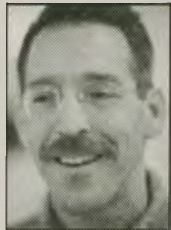
Brand's talk was titled "The State of Collegiate Athletics in the 21st Century: Issues, Challenges and Expectations" and was sponsored by Notre Dame's Office of the President, Faculty Board on Athletics and Department of Athletics.

Fein named new director of CEST

Civil engineering, geological sciences professor replaces Maurice

Special to The Observer

Jeremy B. Fein, professor of civil engineering and geological sciences and director of the Environmental Molecular Science Institute at Notre Dame, has been appointed director of the University's Center for Environmental Science and Technology (CEST). He replaces Patricia A. Maurice, professor of civil engineering and geological sciences, who had served as director since 2003.



Fein

A cooperative effort between Notre Dame's Colleges of Engineering and Science, CEST fosters interdisciplinary environmental research and education by promoting the cutting-edge ana-

lytical technologies and providing the advanced instrumentation needed to address complex environmental issues.

"The center offers a unique interdisciplinary environment that enhances research capabilities for faculty and students throughout the University," Fein said. "Its main function is to provide a wealth of state-of-the-art analytical facilities that a single investigator could never manage or maintain on his or her own. In addition, we have extremely well-trained technicians who maintain the instruments and teach students and faculty how to use them."

"CEST plays a crucial role in research projects that involve departments across the University, such as biological sciences, civil engineering and geological sciences, chemical and biomolecular engineering, chemistry and biochemistry, the Notre Dame Radiation Laboratory, and

anthropology."

Fein's research encompasses geomicrobiology and aqueous environmental geochemistry. He uses experimental data to construct quantitative thermodynamic and kinetic models of mass transport in bacteria-water-rock systems, which are used to quantify heavy metal and radionuclide mobilities in systems of geologic and environmental interest, such as contaminated groundwater aquifers and oil-field reserves.

Fein earned a doctorate in geochemistry from Northwestern University in 1989, a master's degree, also in geochemistry from Northwestern, in 1986, and a bachelor's degree in geophysical sciences from the University of Chicago in 1983.

Prior to joining the Notre Dame faculty in 1996, he served as an assistant professor in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at McGill University in Montreal.

ND hosts sesquicentennial

Fort Wayne/South Bend diocese invited to religious celebration

Special to The Observer

Families, single people, religious and clergy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend have been invited to the Notre Dame campus on Aug. 18 for a Eucharistic Congress celebrating the diocese's 150th anniversary.

Local, regional, and international Eucharistic Congresses have been held throughout the Catholic Church since 1881. Their principal purpose is to deepen understanding and invigorate devotion to the Eucharist, and they are often convened to mark special occasions in the life of the Church.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy of Fort Wayne/South Bend expressed his

"fervent hope that all the faithful of our diocese will pilgrimage to the University of Notre Dame for a day of spiritual joy and renewal." Calling the campus "a place dedicated to Mary, the mother of God," he added that the Congress would include "something for everyone to renew hearts and spirits in Christ whose 'steadfast love endures forever.'"

Joining Bishop D'Arcy at the Congress will be Notre Dame fellow and trustee Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C., of Peoria, Ill., and Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, O.S.B., of Indianapolis.

The daylong event featured 120 catechetical lectures and discussions, an ecumenical

prayer service in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, a continual recitation of the Rosary at the Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes, praying of the Stations of the Cross, provision of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at several sites throughout the campus, and an exhibition of local religious art in the Joyce Center.

"I have requested there be no Masses, weddings, funerals, reconciliation or athletic and school activities in the parishes and high schools of the diocese that Saturday," D'Arcy said. "This will make everyone free to come together for one magnificent liturgy at the conclusion of the day."

Team works to make ionic solvents

University researchers actively pursue clean energy technologies

Special to The Observer

Researchers at Notre Dame have a proven track record in energy related research, but with the creation of the Notre Dame Energy Center in 2005, they joined the many other institutions actively pursuing clean energy technologies. What is unique about one of the most current projects is that it evolved from unrelated research creating a domino effect.

Edward J. Maginn, professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, and a team of faculty and students had been working to make environmentally friendly solvents using ionic liquids (ILs). ILs are a relatively new class of chemicals with diverse properties. In addition to being liquid at room temperature, many ILs have low combustibility, provide exceptional thermal stability and work well as solvents for diverse compounds.

"We didn't expect the carbon dioxide to be so soluble," Maginn said in an interview for the article "Making Dirty Coal Plants Cleaner," which appeared in the July 13 issue of the journal Science. "It sounds trite, I know,

but one of the exciting things about research is how pursuing one activity can shed light on another, opening totally new avenues of possibility."

The team — Maginn; Joan F. Brennecke, the Keating-Crawford Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and director of the Notre Dame Energy Center; William F. Schneider, associate professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering; postdoctoral research associates JaNeille Dixon, Wei Shi and Keith Gutowski; and graduate students Jessica Anderson, Manish Kelkar and Elaine Mindrup — began exploring their findings in a series of different experiments. They are now working on a federally funded project to capture and separate CO₂ for existing and future carbon-based electric generation power plants.

This is particularly important because emissions from the coal-fired plants (approximately 2,100 in the world) are responsible for close to a third of the greenhouse gases caused by humanity. In the United States alone, the gases some 600 plants produce surpass the amount generated by cars and all other

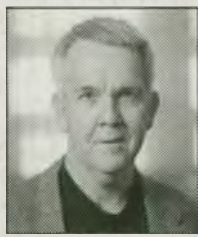
industries combined. Regardless of its country of origin, CO₂ concentrations in the atmosphere have increased since the onset of industrialization. Today levels are at approximately 380 parts per million, a number that's expected to rise to 500 or more parts per million by 2050. Is it any wonder that finding a way to curb these carbon emissions is a popular idea?

According to Maginn, there are basically three approaches to capturing CO₂ in flue gas: pre-combustion capture, post-combustion capture, and oxy-firing. Maginn and the team are concentrating on post-combustion activities, which apply to the vast majority of existing power plants in the world. In fact, they have established a cooperative research and development agreement to develop novel technology and commercially focused approaches to CO₂ capture and separation and are working with DTE Energy, Detroit, Mich.; Babcock and Wilcox, Baberton, Ohio; EMD Chemicals, Inc., Gibbstown, New Jersey; Trimeric, Buda, Texas; Air Products, Allentown, Pa.; and the National Energy Technology Laboratory, Pittsburgh, Pa.

RSC names Bohn North American associate editor

Special to The Observer

Paul W. Bohn, Arthur J. Schmitt Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at Notre Dame, has been named the North American associate editor of *The Analyst* by the Royal Society of



Bohn

Chemistry (RSC).

A journal of the RSC, *The Analyst* publishes original research discussing the fundamental theory, practice and application of analytical, bioanalytical and detection science. Its readers include academic and industrial researchers working in a variety of areas, including analytical chemistry, bioanalytical science, biomedical science, biotechnology, detection science, pharmacy, physics, materials science and engineering.

Bohn's responsibilities as associate editor will include evaluating manuscripts

submitted to the journal, identifying qualified reviewers and working with the author(s) and reviewers to address revisions and mediate technical issues while maintaining the standards of *The Analyst*.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2006, Bohn's research interests encompass molecular transport on the nanoscale; the development of optical spectroscopic measurement strategies for surface and interfacial structure-function studies; optoelectronic materials and devices, chemical sensors and molecular approaches to nanotechnology.

Bohn is a member of the American Chemical Society (ACS) and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He also has received numerous awards, including the 2006 Research Team Award from the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory; the 2005 Bomm-Michelson Award from the Coblenz Society, presented to scientists who have advanced the techniques of vibrational,

molecular, Raman or electronic spectroscopy in memory of Professor A.A. Michelson, developer of the Michelson interferometer; the 2004 Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions in the field of spectroscopy; and the Spectrochemical Analysis Award from the ACS.

Bohn received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Notre Dame in 1977 and his doctorate, also in chemistry, from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1981. He joined Bell Laboratories that same year as a member of the technical staff. Most recently, he served as the Centennial Professor of Chemical Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Committed to raising public awareness of chemistry and the chemical sciences, the Royal Society of Chemistry boasts 43,000 members worldwide and manages an internationally acclaimed publishing business for the education, training and promotion of the sciences.

Political scientist examines diversity

ND professor published in APSA journal

Special to The Observer

The federal Voting Rights Act has been indispensable to the political progress of minority populations in the United States, but they still are severely underrepresented at every level of government, new research by a University of Notre Dame political scientist indicates.

Writing with three co-researchers in a journal of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Dianne M. Pinderhughes, professor of Africana studies and political science, observed that, at the congressional level, "the vast majority of nonwhite House members" were elected from districts covered by the Voting Rights Act, which was passed originally in 1965 to end discriminatory electoral practices in the South.

The law has been renewed several times, and its coverage expanded to assure access to the vote for people who speak languages other than English. Beginning in 1982, the law also protected the creation of "majority-minority" districts, so that nonwhite voters would have a chance to elect candidates of their respective groups to office.

Pinderhughes and her colleagues found that of the 71 black, Latino, Asian and American Indian House members in the 109th Congress, more than 60 percent came from districts covered by one

or another of the anti-discrimination provisions of the Voting Rights Act. All 25 of the Latino members came from such districts.

At both the congressional and state legislative levels, the sheer numbers of non-white representatives have grown substantially over the last quarter century, but in percentage terms, they remain far short of true proportionality.

Nonwhites were 31 percent of the U.S. population in 2000, but they were less than 12 percent of the members of the House of Representatives. The 891 nonwhite members of state legislatures in 2006 were only 12 percent of the total 7,382 state lawmakers.

Pinderhughes' co-researchers are Pei-te Lien of the University of Utah, Carol Hardy-Fanta of the University of Massachusetts at Boston, and Christine M. Sierra of the University of New Mexico.

The voting rights article appeared in *PS: Political Science and Politics*, one of three journals published by APSA. The data in the article are related to a larger study on elected officials of color being conducted by the same research team.

Pinderhughes joined the Notre Dame faculty in autumn 2006 from the University of Illinois-Urbana. She currently is president-elect of APSA and will assume the presidency at the organization's 2007 annual meeting in Chicago next month.

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Candidates to woo voters at GOP conference

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Fred Thompson, the all-but-declared GOP presidential candidate, will join two other contenders in wooing hundreds of activists from 12 Midwestern states during a three-day Republican get-together that begins Friday.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee also will speak at the Midwest Republican Leadership Conference, billed as a springboard for GOP presidential candidates in an electoral-rich region that includes key nominating states such as Iowa, Illinois and Michigan.

All have caucuses or primaries by Feb. 5, and Ohio — which decided the 2004 presidential race — is a traditional swing state in general elections. Combined, the 12 states — which also include Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin — have 124 electoral votes out of 270 needed to become president.

Indiana Republican Chairman Murray Clark said the conference, held once every two years, energizes the party faithful and sharpens their focus on the next

election. It takes on added importance this year, he said, because there are so many Republican presidential "wannabes" heading into the nominating season.

He said he was surprised that more GOP contenders weren't attending.

Among the absentees are former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Arizona Sen. John McCain. Giuliani spent part of this week in California and will be in the early primary state of New Hampshire on Saturday, his campaign said.

McCain, whose campaign has been limping, was on vacation in the Bahamas this week. He was preparing for a speech to the National Guard in Puerto Rico on Monday, a campaign spokeswoman said.

Robert Schmuhl, a professor of American studies at the University of Notre Dame, expects the three who are coming to speak on a wide range of issues.

"In some of the states, the socialist views resonate more deeply and in others economic concerns are at the forefront, so this convention really allows the candidates to present themselves in a broader way," Schmuhl said.

He said the event could especially benefit Thompson, the "Law & Order" actor and

former Tennessee senator. He is expected to officially enter the race next month and has polled well in national surveys. But some have suggested that he is starting too late, and he has offered few specifics on what he would do as president.

"If he is trying to build his following, it is important to get his message to as many people and as many states right now," Schmuhl said.

Romney comes to the convention having easily won Iowa's high-profile Republican Party Straw Poll earlier this month, getting twice as many votes as Huckabee, who came in second. Romney was expected to win because he had spent months and millions of dollars on the effort.

Huckabee said his showing was impressive because he had little money to spend. Giuliani, Thompson and McCain skipped the event.

A national Gallup poll taken Aug. 13-16 showed Romney trailing front-runner Giuliani and Thompson, but he has led in recent polls in Iowa and New Hampshire, which traditionally have kicked off the nomination process. He also topped the GOP field in fundraising during the first six months of the year with \$35 million.



Republican presidential hopeful Mike Huckabee speaks at a campaign stop in Spartanburg, S.C. on Aug. 22.

County officials weary of getting blame for tax woes

Associated Press

DUNLAP, Ind. — Commissioners from five Indiana counties grappling with high property taxes say they're tired of Gov. Mitch Daniels blaming the problem on local government officials.

During an Aug. 17 meeting of commissioners from St. Joseph, Elkhart, Lagrange, Marshall, and Steuben counties, LaGrange County Commissioner George Bachman bristled at the governor's repeated comments largely blaming the high taxes on excessive local spending.

"For the governor to say it's the counties' fault is ridiculous," Bachman said.

He and the other commissioners met in Dunlap about 20 miles west of South Bend to work on a position statement they hope to present to Daniels in the near future about taxes.

Statewide, taxes on homeowners are expected to rise 24 percent on average this year, although many taxpayers face bills that have spiked far higher.

Daniels has largely blamed high property taxes on local spending, such as

costly school building and renovation projects, as well as inefficient government.

"As long as we have duplicative, overlapping, antique government all over the place, you are going to have too much local spending, and therefore too high of property taxes," he said last month in declaring his re-election bid.

LaGrange Commissioner Phillip Curtis said he was upset that local governments are not on a blue-ribbon commission appointed by Daniels to make recommendations about streamlining local governments.

"Don't do something without asking us," said Steuben County Commissioner Ron Smith, adding that state officials "don't always know how county government works."

Daniels has named former Gov. Joe Kernan and state Supreme Court Chief

Justice Randall Shepard as co-chairmen of the blue-ribbon commission.

During Friday's meeting, the commissioners reached a general consensus that the panel lacks — but should have — local government representation.

An earlier version of their statement suggested that the counties would support increases of up to 2 percent each in the state sales and income taxes, provided the move led to a decrease in property taxes.

The new statement recommends that funding for schools, welfare and juvenile detention services be removed from property tax levies and made a state responsibility, but omits a reference to a specific tax increase.

"These programs and services should instead be funded with a combination of increases in state corporate and personal income taxes, and state sales tax," the statement reads.

"As long as we have duplicative, overlapping, antique government all over the place, you are going to have too much local spending, and therefore too high of property taxes."

Mitch Daniels
Indiana governor

Commission pledges study of local government

Reform panel to conduct analysis of local services

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Leaders of a panel on local government reform pledged Wednesday to conduct a comprehensive study of how local services are decided, provided and paid for in hopes of finding ways to make them more efficient, effective and cheaper.

Former Democratic Gov. Joe Kernan and Chief Justice Randall Shepard, co-chairmen of the Indiana Commission on Local Government Reform, told reporters after a first private meeting that steep increases in property taxes this year should pave the way for meaningful recommendations for reforming local government.

"This is a period in which citizens are more focused on what it is their government is doing and how it is doing it," Shepard said. "You hope out of the level of interest and in some places anger has generated the impetus for reforms that wouldn't occur if everybody were sitting around under very ordinary, sort of ho-hum circumstances."

The property tax increases and local government's reliance on those taxes was a key reason Gov. Mitch Daniels recently created the seven-member panel. Daniels, a Republican, has said for its size and population, Indiana has far too much local government.

About 2,730 local units have authority to levy property taxes, with only nine states having more, according to the Daniels administration. To

govern all these units, Indiana elects nearly 11,000 officials, including 1,100 with responsibility for property tax assessment.

The commission, which is staffed by the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, will try to determine what local government offices could be eliminated to achieve efficiencies and cost savings. Daniels wants to know specifically whether township and county property tax assessors should be abolished in favor of a uniform process run by the state.

The governor also wants to know what local government units, including schools and libraries, could be consolidated to reduce overhead and administrative expenses, and what constitutional, statutory or administrative changes are necessary to achieve significant reforms.

Daniels wants recommendations by the end of the year so they can be considered during the 2008 legislative session or beyond. A separate commission of lawmakers and outside tax experts is studying ways of providing property tax relief and reform, and the two panels are expected to share information in the coming weeks.

The local government commission, primarily through the Urban Policy Center, is expected to spend the next five or six weeks reviewing previous data and proposals and having private interviews with associations that represent local units and officials such as counties, cities and towns, schools and assessors.

Farmers harvest early to avoid losses

Corn planters anticipate stormy weather, gather crops in advance

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Some Corn Belt farmers are starting harvests weeks early, worried that stormy weather now could cause damage to corn plants already suffering from a dry, hot summer.

"If we start getting a lot of wet weather with the wind, it could cause these stressed plants to fall over," said Randy Greenwell, a farmer who has started harvesting his 7,500 acres of corn in Union County, Ky. "You have the potential of a lot of loss."

The long string of hot days has pushed corn growth about a week ahead of the average time, so harvest will be a little earlier this year for much of the country, said Chris Hurt, an agricultural economist at Purdue University.

Greenwell, who has about 10 percent of his corn crop harvested so far, said Wednesday he would typically be starting the harvest in a few weeks. Farmers in dry parts of Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky are starting to harvest corn, although some are waiting.

An early harvest can come with a price.

Farmers like Greenwell must dry out the corn manually since it isn't spending as much time drying on cornstalks. Greenwell says it costs him about \$35 an acre in energy costs — or more than \$250,000 total — to dry corn. But he's willing to pay rather than worry about even bigger possible losses.

"It outweighs the loss potential," he said.

Corn plants can stop growing because of stress from summer heat and drought conditions, said Roger Elmore, an Iowa State University corn specialist. Some farmers in the

driest part of Iowa have considered an early harvest, but most of the state's farmers plan to wait.

"We've got another few weeks to go," he said.

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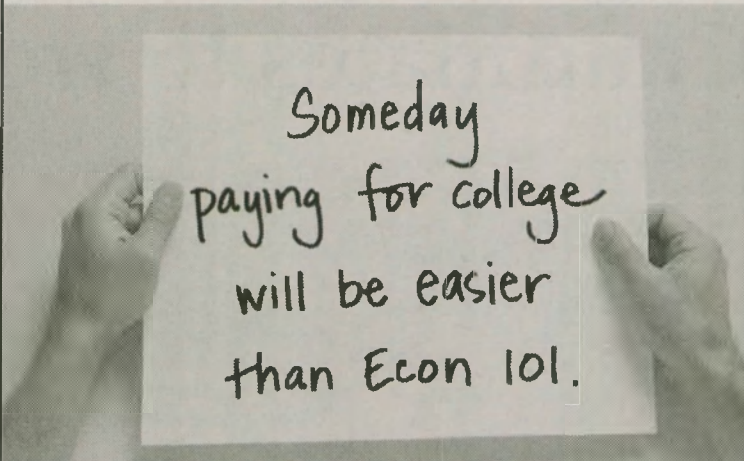
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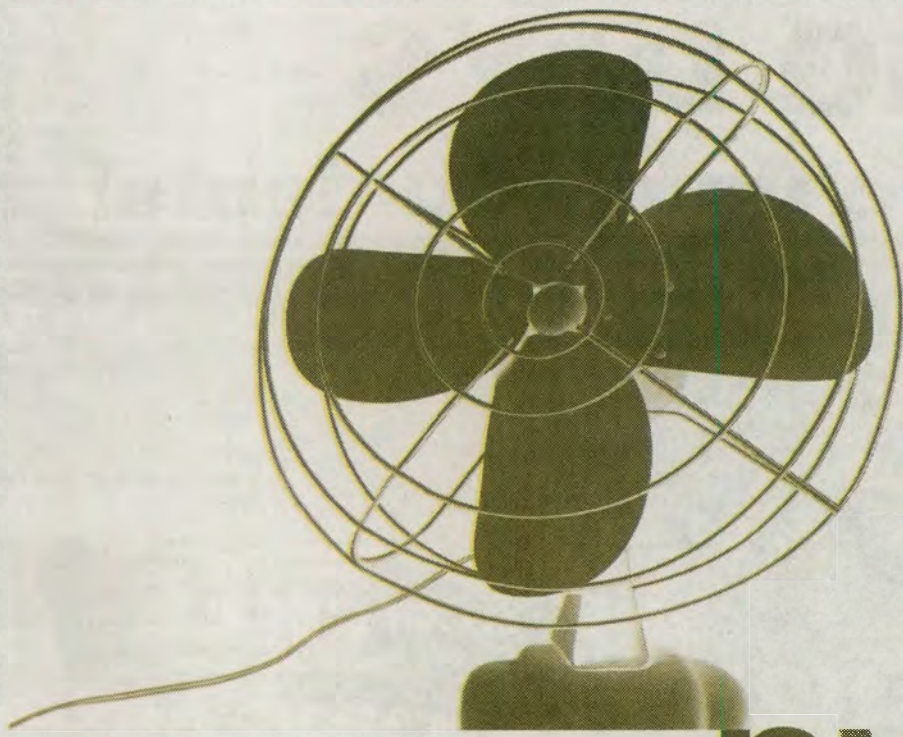
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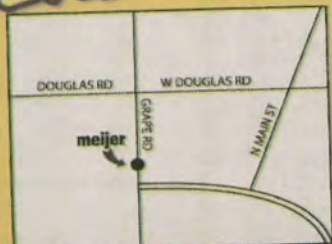
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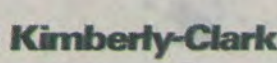
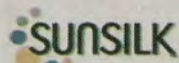
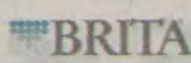
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Campus leaders welcome Class of 2011

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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 we will strive to help you grow during your time at Notre Dame.

Make the most of your time here. 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 learn, 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 people who will be prepared to make positive contributions to the Church and the world and to confront the challenges of the future. We are confident that you possess the talent and desire to make meaningful and lasting contributions.

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.
 University president
 August 24, 2007

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Saint Mary's College, I extend a warm welcome to the Class of 2011 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.

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Carol Ann Mooney
 College president
 August 24, 2007



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As you begin your new life at Notre Dame, we encourage you to approach each situation with an open mind. Enjoy the many Frosh-O events and use them as an opportunity to meet new people — you never know who will end up being your best friend for the next four years and beyond. Take time out of your busy weekend to attend Orientation Mass and get a true feel for the well-rounded lifestyle Notre Dame encourages.

After you settle in and you become comfortable navigating your way around campus, we encourage you to find something you're passion about and to get involved. Break out of your comfort zone and try something new from volunteering within the South Bend community to joining the ski team, Notre Dame offers something for every student. Find your niche within the University community where you can make a difference. But most of all, discover what the Notre Dame family means to you. College may only be four years long, but the friendship you make now are friendships that last a lifetime. The lessons you learn now in the challenges along the way are lessons that will help you for the rest of your life. Approach the next four years with the knowledge that now you are a part of the Notre Dame Family for life.

We welcome you to some of the busiest and most exciting years of your life; enjoy every moment. We encourage you to stop by the Student Government office on the second floor of LaFortune if you ever have any questions about student life or have a desire to get involved.

Welcome to the Family.

Liz Brown
 Notre Dame student body president
 Maris Braun
 Notre Dame student body vice president
 August 24, 2007

Welcome home Class of 2011.

On behalf of your new roommates, best friends, classmates, teammates, co-workers and sisters, we extend a warm welcome to the Class of 2011. You are now joining an alliance of intelligent, accomplished, and innovative women who are dedicated to helping you conquer all of your academic and personal endeavors. As the student body president and vice president, we extend our warm welcome to the Saint Mary's College community.

We encourage you to be open to new friends and diverse experiences throughout the next four years. Your classes will allow you to enhance your skills. Each dormitory will be a home for you to find new friends and a chance for independence. There will be innumerable possibilities for you to embrace your spirituality, expand your cultural experience, and advance in academics. Saint Mary's will also inspire you to be involved in positive contributions to the community at large.

It is our hope that you will use your individual skills and talents for the betterment of our community. As you begin your transformation from young ladies to women, know that we are here for you. We look forward to meeting you!

Welcome home Saint Mary's Women of 2011,

Kimberly Hodges
 Saint Mary's student body president
 Kelly Payne
 Saint Mary's student body vice-president
 August 24, 2007

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
 August 24, 2007

Socratic wisdom

Some things change with every freshman class.

Statistics improve. Every year it will be smarter, more accomplished, and better at making college applications than its predecessors.

The obvious transitions are made — it will be composed of a different amount of different individuals who will go on to interact in new and distinct ways with their peers and profes-

sors. Policies change — each year, the incoming freshmen will experience greater drinking restrictions and penalties than the preceding class (in the form of new University regulations, more thorough police enforcement, or the rising opportunity cost of college drinking generated by the superinflationary increase of tuition prices).

Some things don't change.

Whatever the brightness statistics, the average entering class will always think it's pretty damned special to be



Joey King

Viewpoint Editor

here, and with good reason. Admission is becoming more difficult everywhere. They don't go to Directional State U. and they're proud of it. As a freshman, answering "I go to Notre Dame" is impossible to do without pride sliding just a little into arrogance. And, for all the regulating, Keystone Light will continue to have a market outside of America's trailer parks.

I want to focus here on the arrogance, since it's most pronounced for freshmen. A major part of your college education will be learning just what exactly you know and don't know, and you're four years behind on it, coming right out of the place where you did know everything.

I'm not trying to preach modesty here. This arrogance — which is so definitive of the freshman class — is exactly what helps you to try new things and fully explore your newfound independence. If anything, it should be amplified. Just about everything that happens to you on the weekends here won't happen with such regularity after college, and never in the same way. But the experience will make up a huge part of the people you become when you leave here.

But back to learning what you know

and don't know. Don't channel any arrogance into assuming you know what comes best from experience. Instead, appreciate the experience you lack and fix it as fast as possible. Put all your pride-inspired confidence into your weekend shenanigans and other enlightening antics.

Most importantly, do not write letters to the editor that highlight your experience deficit. Writing a vitriolic letter is usually a good way to tell people you don't really know what you're talking about. Anyone well-versed in an editorial subject will recognize the ambiguity of the question that made it worth debating in the first place, instead of casting aspersions at the grammar of previous letters. It makes you look like an idiot, and it makes me look like an idiot for publishing it if nothing better comes in.

However evil you find birth control, abortion, or the Keenan Revue, no one will respect your post-high school opinion if you devolve into ranting. It's too obvious you haven't properly examined the question.

But is it okay to devolve into verbal ranting over a generous (perhaps too generous) share of Natty Light on a Wednesday?

Yes. When you're in college. And

only when you recognize that this is only one amid a limitless list of experience-building options, and one where you aren't making other people read its haphazard arrangement in the pages of *The Observer* the next day.

The main discrepancy I want to highlight here is experience versus assumed wisdom. Bad letters to the editor are only one highly tangible example of this, and the one that I've become most familiar with. Please don't assume that drinking Natural Light is the recommended path to wisdom through experience, even if alcohol can accelerate the Socratic realization that you know nothing. Just chase experience for its own sake.

But keep in mind that such a Socratic acceleration can't really be a bad thing.

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All in the family

My mother went to Saint Mary's. My dad went to Notre Dame. I am a true legacy and I am proud of that.

However, when I applied to Saint Mary's, I did so with the intention of not going. I wanted to be different. I wanted to stay out east. I wanted to go to college with my friends. But I didn't. I am here and it was the best decision I have ever made.

I did not send in my confirmation to Saint Mary's until April 30. (It was due May 1.) Talk about cutting it close. I was going to Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. I had a friend going

there, it was five hours away and it was a great school.

During the application process, I visited all the schools I applied to, except Saint Mary's. I had seen it a million times, from every angle — or so I thought. It wasn't until I visited over AnTostal weekend that I proved myself wrong. For the first time in my life, I saw South Bend in a new light. I saw what drew my mom, my seven aunts and my three cousins here. And now I saw that it drew me here too.

It's so hard to explain how you "just know." For everyone, it is different. Sometimes, you don't know if it's the right place for you until after you get there. It could be that first English

class, the first football game, or the beloved DomerFest. For me, it was when I met Dr. Mooney, the College president, on my last visit to campus. Her enthusiasm about Saint Mary's and her new position and her drive to make it an even better school made it something I wanted to be a part of.

As I prepare to enter my junior year, I am more excited than ever to do all the things that make Saint Mary's special. I am excited to add to the memories. To stay up all night talking about nothing and eating EZ-Mac. To paint my body in the second row of a Notre Dame football game. To be part of a very special relationship between two schools. And to do

exactly what I am doing now, addressing the student body through the newspaper.

My advice is this: College goes by way too fast. Have fun, but don't forget to do your work. Stay involved and participate in what you love. You have four years to make something of yourself. And I have no doubt you will do just that as a Belle.

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From: Home



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1. **Start** by unpacking your gear
2. Say good-bye to **Mom and Dad**
3. Prepare for the **best four years** of your life
4. But before the football games, SYRs and other campus antics can begin, it helps to know the **lay o' the land** as you navigate the twists and turns of life here in our corner of **the Bend**
5. Whether you're looking for some **non-dining hall chow**, decide you need some **peace and quiet** to crack some of those shiny new textbooks, or just want to **check out something new**, here are some of the lesser-known crooks and crannies located around campus
6. So here's the key: **green** flags stand for grub, **blue** flags stand for books, and **gold** flags stand for...well, some of the "hidden gems" tucked away around campus.

7. One more thing: **welcome home**



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CROSS COUNTRY

Skilled freshmen will aid returning starters

Springer and Jackson may make an impact immediately for already-strong Irish squad



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer
Senior all-conference runner Jake Watson finishes up his race at the Catholic Invitational on Sept. 15, 2006.

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

A year older, a year better. At least that's what coaches Joe Piane and Tim Connelly hope their teams display this season. Both the men and women return a strong group of runners from teams that finished third in the Big East last season.

Junior Patrick Smyth and senior Jake Watson lead a men's squad that captured first in the Crusader Invitational and the National Catholic Championship (NCC) in 2006. Smyth and Watson both posted top-10 finishes in the Big East meet last October, earning all-conference honors in the process. Men's coach Joe Piane said he expects the same consistency from Smyth and big things from Watson this season and also expects some members of the freshmen class to contribute immediately.

"There's two kids [Paul Springer and Dan Jackson] who I think who could step in and help us and the rest of our kids can help us down the road," Piane. "In terms of cross-country, it's a very good class."

Senior Sunni Olding will anchor a group of runners that developed last year and improved as the season went along. The women placed

first at the NCC and fifth at the Great Lakes Regional. Olding, who was named to the 2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American Track/Cross Country second team in June, is ready to race again after having off-season surgery.

"To be very honest with you, she wasn't 100 percent last year," Connelly said. "But she's had a good summer and is ready to go."

"We have our whole team back from last year plus we've got a handful of freshmen coming in that have the potential to contribute."

Tim Connelly
Women's coach

Connelly said he has high expectations for his team to win the Big East title this year because they have last year's experience.

"Anytime you go into something like that that's your goal," Connelly said. "On paper it looks like we might be very good. We have our whole team back from last year plus we've got a handful of freshmen coming in that have the potential to contribute."

Meanwhile, the incoming freshmen class can develop behind the experienced group of upperclassmen.

"There's a pretty good group there that has the potential to come in and contribute, but at the same time there also a good group returning that kind of used last season as a start and built on that in the track season," Connelly said.

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ND TENNIS

Bass, Thompson twins leave 'big shoes' to fill

Irish men add seven new faces to roster for the 2007-08 season

By JAY WADE
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men will begin the new year with many new faces.

The Irish, who finished 26-4 in 2006, graduated four seniors, three of whom played in every singles and doubles match. That group includes former No. 1 singles player Stephen Bass.

"That creates big shoes to fill," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

But Notre Dame has an influx of new talent this year with seven freshmen — David Anderson, Shaun Tan, Tyler Davis, Stephen Havens, Matt Johnson, David Stahl and Andrew Zutz.

But Bayliss is willing to be patient. While the newcomers are talented, he said, they will need time to develop, though.

"The depth we had last year was a real luxury that we will

not be likely to afford this year," Bayliss said. "I think that those [senior] losses will be very significant, but when you have freshmen and even returning players who did not play you have a ton of enthusiasm, so I think we'll be a very spirited and hard-working team and I expect us to be very tough in the top part of our line up."

The Irish are not without veteran leadership, however, as they return such standouts as Sheeva Parbhu, Andrew Ross and Brett Helgeson. Parbhu is expected to fill the "big shoes" of Bass this year at No. 1 singles and will have to step up his play and assume a leadership position on the team.

The returning players, especially Ross, have been showing improvement, Bayliss said.

"Ross has made a jump over the summer improving his volleying and backhand and will be a strong lineup presence for us," Bayliss said.

The Irish take their opening serve on September 13 at the Olympic Field Invitational in Chicago.

Women replace Thompson twins

The Notre Dame women will begin the 2007 season with high expectations.

The 2006-07 team, which finished 28-4, featured only two seniors in twins Catrina and Christian Thompson. While their departure vacates the top two singles and No. 1 doubles positions, the 2007-08 Irish welcome back integral players from last year's team, and have added even more talent to their roster.

"They were so good for us for four years, it's a big spot to replace, but I think that we have a lot of returning players that played well at lower positions and can step up," coach Jay Louderback said.

Leading the charge of new, young talent coming to the team is freshman Kristin Rafael, one of the top high school players in the country last year.

"She is a great competitor," Louderback said. "I think doubles-wise she should help us and I think [her playing] singles will play a big part."

The biggest hurdle for the Irish will be figuring out who has improved over the summer and made the necessary leaps needed to step up and play at a higher level. With all of their returning talent, it could get crowded at the top.

The top candidate for the No. 1 singles position could be



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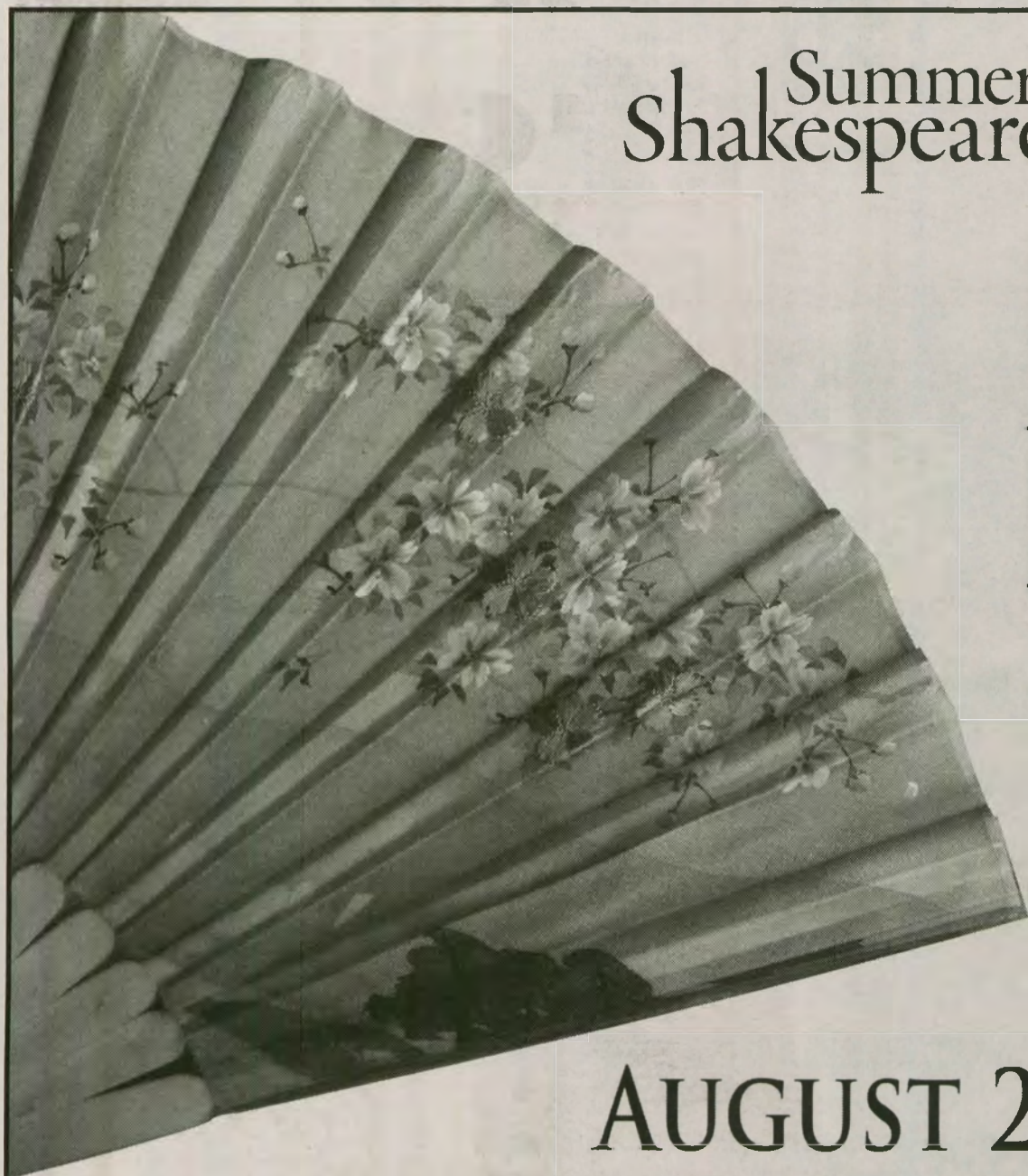
Sophomore Colleen Rielley will most likely take over the No. 1 singles spot this year after going 30-11 in her freshman season.

Colleen Rielley, a sophomore who went 30-11 at the No. 3 singles spot in 2006-07. Other notable returning players will be junior Kelcy Tefft, who played was 26-9 at No. 4 singles, and her partner on last year's No. 2 doubles team, senior Brooke Buck.

At doubles, the pair went 25-7 last year.

"The big thing for us this fall is going to be to establish our lineup and our doubles teams," Louderback said. "We have a lot returning, a lot of people coming back, and we just need to get everyone to get back playing."

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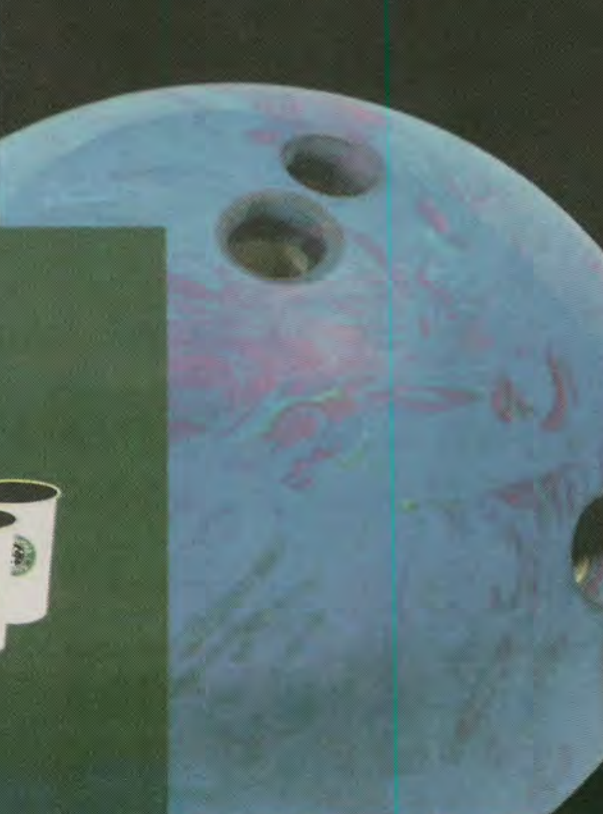
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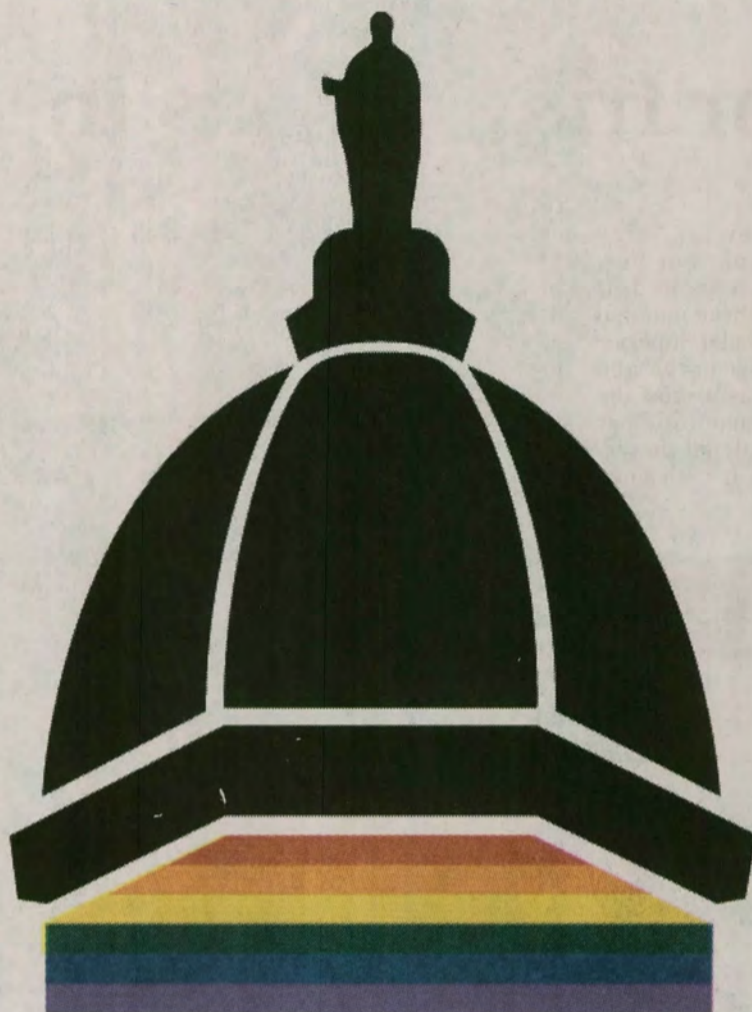


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HOCKEY

Banner year for Irish brings in strong recruits

By KYLE CASSILY and DAN MURPHY
Sports Writers

Notre Dame's name splays across a boldly-lettered banner that hangs high over the ice at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit now, and it has a twin above the sheet in the Joyce Center as well — matching monuments to the team's first league champi-

onship. Banners are new to Notre Dame's hockey rink, but they aren't to head coach Jeff Jackson, who has three national championships at Lake Superior State. In just two years he and his staff have transformed the Irish from an average to subpar program into a national powerhouse, and he did it with none of his own recruits. That changes this year when

the Class of 2011 walks onto campus. The seven incoming freshmen have been called the best recruiting class in the nation — a more than solid addition to an Irish team that lost eight seniors, four of which have signed pro contracts.

"This is going to be my first go-around. This is really our first class together as a staff," Jackson said.

Four of the freshmen were selected in the NHL Draft in June, and two will come from Stockholm, Sweden.

"From a talent perspective this is probably as good as class we ever had at Lake Superior," Jackson said. "The one difference we have is that they are younger."

The biggest single loss for the Irish from last season was the graduation of goaltender Dave Brown, who amassed numerous school records and was a finalist for the Hobey Baker Award.

There are two frontrunners to replace Brown between the pipes — junior Jordan Pearce and freshman Brad Phillips — but Jackson isn't quick to give the starting job to either netminder and may continue that way well into the season.

"It's too early for me to say," Jackson said. "I have all the confidence in the world in Jordan Pearce. He's going to come in here and compete to take that No. 1 spot, but we recruited Brad Phillips for a

reason. I assume that I'll probably do exactly what I did two years ago when I started here. I'm going to play a couple guys early on."

Pearce platooned in the net with Brown two years ago as a freshman before Brown proved that he was capable of starting for the Irish every night. Since then, Pearce has received spot starts and spelled Brown in several mid-season games.

Phillips was a prize grab for Jackson and his staff in the recruiting season. He was the highest-rated North American goaltender among collegiate-bound players and was selected in the seventh round of the NHL draft in June by the Philadelphia Flyers.

To prepare for life at Notre Dame as a student-athlete, Phillips enrolled at the University this summer to take classes and work out, adding eight pounds to his 160-pound frame.

"I can't watch him in the weight room or on the ice, but I hear the guys said he did really well," Jackson said.

Regardless of who ends up in net, he will have plenty of help from his defensemen. Despite losing three veteran players on the blue line, Jackson believes his team will be grittier on defense than last year's No. 1 ranked unit in the nation.

The Irish added two top prospects in Ian Cole and Teddy

Ruth. Cole was drafted in the first round, 18th overall, by the St. Louis Blues, making him the highest picked Notre Dame player in program history.

"They're both big strong kids. They're going to really make a difference for us, especially clearing out our net," Jackson said.

Jackson plans to pair the two freshmen with more experienced players, most likely senior Brock Sheahan and sophomore Kyle Lawson.

The Irish also add depth on the offensive end with Swedish recruits Robin Bergman and Calle Ridderwall out of Stockholm and Ben Ryan out of the United States Hockey League. Nashville selected Ryan in the fourth round of June's draft.

The international trio will supplement the "little guy" line of junior Erik Condra and sophomores Ryan Thang and Kevin Deeth, who produced most of Notre Dame's goals last season.

Jackson wasn't ready to say whether this year's team will be better than last's.

"It will be more talented, but better is a different word," Jackson said. "I can't give you the answer to that question yet."

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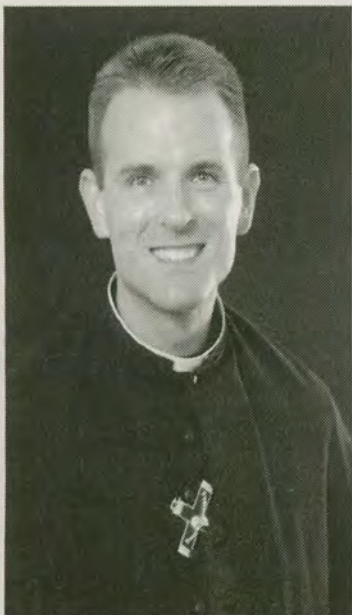
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Junior Erik Condra shoots over a defenseman during a 3-2 double overtime win over Alabama-Huntsville in last year's NCAA playoffs.

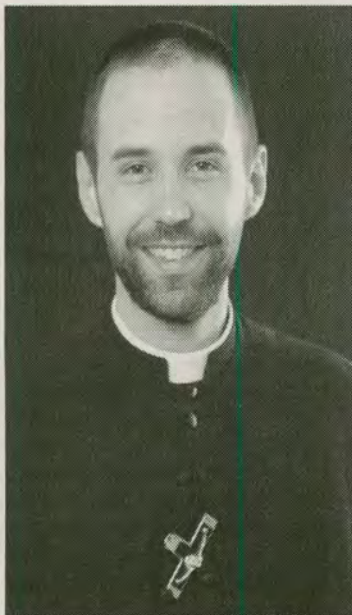


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Program receives high marks from Golf Digest

Men ranked ninth, women 11th in recent survey

By **BILL BRINK**
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame golf program received a vote of confidence before the start of the fall season.

The September issue of Golf Digest ranked the men's team No. 9 and the women's team No. 11 in a poll of top U.S. collegiate golf programs.

The poll awarded rankings in three categories: golf, academics and a combination of both, the last known as the "balanced rankings."

The balanced category also took into account the facilities, coaches, climate, player growth, team adjusted scoring average and academics, and it was here that the Irish earned the highest rankings. The rankings were compiled from surveys sent to college coaches around the nation.

"We weren't even mentioned last year, at least in the top 50," women's head coach Susan Holt said. "For us to go from there to where we appeared in this year's edition is certainly a testament I think, more than anything, to the quality of recruits that we've got coming into the program and our facilities."

The men's team was No. 14 in the academic rankings and No. 35 in the golf-only category. The women were No. 10 in the academic rankings and No. 21 in the golf-only section.

The South Bend climate, inhospitable to golfers for much of the year, dropped Notre Dame's rankings slightly, but men's coach Jim Kubinski said even that was becoming less of an obstacle.

"This year we have two kids from California and one from Florida, so we're getting kids from all sorts of weather climates that maybe we didn't have in the past," he said.

Both Holt and Kubinski said the highly ranked Warren Golf Course — designed in part by two-time Masters champion Ben Crenshaw — and the state-of-the-art Rolfs indoor practice facility contributed significantly to the high rankings. Both also cited the increased funding available since 2000, when golf became a full scholarship sport.

Nothing gets the attention of recruits like success, however.

"We've had a number of good wins, the last couple years especially, and I think recruits are starting to take notice," Kubinski said.

Holt believed the poll to be an accurate representation of the program. Kubinski agreed, but said the team adjusted scoring average was poorly calculated.

"When you play a very difficult golf course like Purdue or Ohio State and you play it in 30-degree weather, that's different from playing an easy course in 80-degree weather," Kubinski said. "So your scores are affected. That put us down.

There were some schools in there that we're much better than that were ranked right there with us."

Recruiting takes off

Whether it's the facilities or the results, recruits have noticed. The two incoming freshmen on the women's team, So-Hyun Park from Seoul, South Korea and Katie Conway from Wading River, N.J., make up the highest-ranked recruiting class — for the men or women — Notre Dame golf has ever seen.

"We're expecting them to be in the top five from day one. So-Hyun is ranked in the top 20 [nationally], Katie's ranked in the top 40," Holt said. "We have two verbal commitments already for 2008, so we're excited about where we're heading."

The women lost a playoff against Louisville in last spring's Big East tournament after tying them in regulation. With three of

their four all-conference players returning, they should be in good shape for the fall season.

"[Sophomore] Annie Brophy had a breakout spring. She really stepped up," Holt said. "I'd like to see her pick up where she left off. [Junior Lisa Maunu's] a really experienced player, but last year she had some setbacks and some injuries, so that was really frustrating for her."

Maunu rebounded from injuries suffered last season to compete on the Canadian national team and travel overseas to play this summer.

The men, who also finished second behind Louisville in last year's Big East tournament, have a strong freshmen class as well. Dustin Zhang from Calgary, Alberta, Tyler Hock from Ocala, Fla., Jeffery Chen from Walnut, Calif., and Connor Alan-Lee from Solana Beach, Calif., may all crack the starting lineup at some point in the season.

"In the three, four and five [lineup] spots, we weren't getting a number of good scores. We were very inconsistent," Kubinski said. "This year, having another four players to draw from, I think we're going to be a much more consistent team from [spots] one through five in the lineup instead of just being top-heavy."

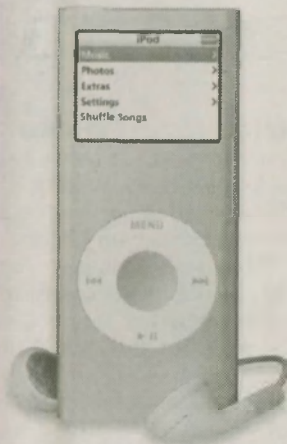
Kubinski mentioned senior Greg Rodgers, who shot a 69 in the final round of the Big East championship last year, as a breakout candidate. After a good freshman fall, junior Josh Sandman missed his freshman spring due to injury and had a bit of a slump last year.

"He played well, but he didn't play well for Josh," Kubinski said. "I think this will be a real bounce-back year. He could be in contention for All-American status if he plays to his abilities."

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

McGraw's frosh trio bring new skills to squad

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Some may see Notre Dame's close loss to No. 1 seed North Carolina in the second round of last year's NCAA Tournament as demoralizing. Irish coach Muffet McGraw certainly does not.

"I think it gave us a lot of confidence," McGraw said. "We all came out of that game about a week later ready to start practice."

When the Irish start fall practices on Oct. 12, they will be joined by three incoming freshmen: Becca Bruszewski, Devereaux Peters and Brittany Mallory. Each of the freshmen possesses a skill Notre Dame lacked last season. Peters is an accomplished shot blocker and rebounder. Mallory shoots very well from the outside and Bruszewski, while also a good outside shooter, is a versatile player who will fit in well with Notre Dame's new four-out offensive set.

"I guess it was a combination but I would say we really wanted to go after two things, a three-point shooter and a rebounding shot blocker," McGraw said.

Peters, a 6-foot-2 forward from Chicago's Fenwick High School, was the highest-ranked player the Irish landed. She was a McDonald's All-American and a three-time Street & Smith's All-American honorable mention.

"Peters is someone who can really rebound," McGraw said. "She can block shots. That was something we lacked last year,

was a shot blocker. She runs the floor extremely well, so she's going to help our press."

Peters will also help fill the void in the defense and rebounding department created by the graduations of Breona Gray and Crystal Erwin.

In addition to being named to the all-Illinois second team by the Chicago Tribune, Peters was awarded all-conference honors in 2005 and 2006.

Mallory brings a different skill set.

"We were not a very good three-point shooting team, and I think that [Mallory] is a very good three-point shooter," McGraw said of the 5-foot-10 guard from McDonogh School in Baltimore, Md. "I think she'll be a real asset for us just because of her ability to do, really, what we struggled with last year."

Mallory averaged 20.1 points and 7.8 rebounds per game in her senior year, when McDonogh went 23-6.

Bruszewski, a 6-foot-1 forward from Wheeler High School in Valparaiso, Ind., spent her senior year recovering from an ACL injury but was still high on McGraw's list.

"She's someone who we feel fits in really well with our offense because she can handle the ball, she can shoot the three, she can rebound," McGraw said. "She's someone who we think can post up smaller guards and use her size to her advantage."

Despite the talent these freshmen bring, they will have trouble earning playing time. The Irish

return seven veterans, including junior Lindsay Schroeder, who missed last season with a knee injury.

"Initially, it will be a good situation for them because there won't be a lot of pressure on them," McGraw said. "It will be really a chance for them to grow, learn the system, and fill in."

McGraw said that the eight-man rotation of last year's team was one body short, and the team will likely utilize a nine-man rotation this year.

One of those eight, sophomore guard Melissa Lechlitner, competed with the gold-medal-winning U.S. under-19 team in the World Championships in Bratislava, Slovakia.

"I think it's going to do great things for her leadership and confidence, not that she needed it — she's very confident," McGraw said.

While Lechlitner was looked upon as a leader rather than a scorer on the under-19 team, McGraw hopes she can return to putting points on the board for the Irish.

Perimeter defense, the bane of Notre Dame's defensive play last season, will be the focal point of preseason practice.

"We gave up way too many threes. That is a huge problem that we've got to fix," McGraw said. "I'm hoping the veterans are a little more determined to be better defensively."

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Sophomore guard Ashley Barlow drives to the basket in Notre Dame's 64-55 win over Louisville Feb. 7.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

With K-Mac back on court, Irish look to reload



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Sophomore point guard Tory Jackson drives to the basket in Notre Dame's 67-66 loss to DePaul Feb. 8.

Suspended guard, lofty expectations return to Brey's team

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Despite graduating its two leading scorers — guards Colin Falls and Russell Carter — Notre Dame retains a strong nucleus of talent and experience headed into the 2007-08 season.

Mike Brey, 2007 Big East coach of the year, will look to juniors Kyle McAlarney and Ryan Ayers to fill the gaps in the lineup left by Falls and Carter.

McAlarney returns to Notre Dame's starting lineup after sitting out most of last season. The University suspended the sophomore after he was arrested last December for marijuana possession.

Before his suspension, McAlarney averaged 10.3 points

and 5.4 assists per game. He is poised for a breakout year in the Big East.

"Here's a young man who has absolutely accepted responsibility and learned from a mistake and is honored to be back, thrilled to be back with his teammates. He did a fabulous job leading as soon as he got back," Brey said. "He's very hungry to get back on the court and be part of this and he's done a great job coming right in and his teammates love having him back. There's a toughness and an edge about Kyle that helps our team toughness."

Ayers was mostly a spot-up shooter off the bench last season, but this season, Brey hopes he can gain the confidence to use his 6-foot-7 frame to create more shots inside 3-point line. So far, Brey likes what he sees from Ayers in his summer workouts.

"We're excited and enthused about him stepping in to a Carter or Falls kind of role and being able to be a shot maker for us and do other things too, and he

did that last year," Brey said. "His eyes are on the door swinging open with Carter leaving and jumping on that. He's done everything this summer to solidify that in my mind."

Senior Rob Kurz and sophomore Luke Harangody will comprise the Irish frontcourt for the second year in a row. Harangody averaged 11.2 points and 6.2 rebounds per game and earned a starting spot thanks to his hard-nosed style of play around the basket.

Kurz, the lone senior on the team this season, averaged 12.6 points and eight rebounds, but his role this season will extend beyond the court.

"Rob did a fabulous job leading and running the pickup games, and you know Rob is that workhorse that's going to be there every day leading the team," Brey said.

Sophomore Tory Jackson will round out the starting lineup. Jackson entered the lineup after McAlarney's suspension and played solid defense from the start. As the season progressed, he grew into a major offensive threat due to his ability to get to the basket off the dribble.

Off the bench, junior Zach Hillesland will lend versatility with his size, quickness and basketball smarts, junior Luke Zeller, the tallest player on the team, continues to develop, while sophomore Jonathan Peoples will back up Jackson and McAlarney.

Fighting for spots with the battle-tested veterans will be four freshmen who bring a variety of options to the table. So far, their biggest impact has been to push the team harder.

"I think what was impressive about them as a group, the eight veteran guys that they're joining are pretty intense, hard-working, business-like guys, and they didn't pull those eight back," Brey said. "They added to them and I congratulated them for that, that they added to that."

Brey said he did not know whether any freshmen will be red-shirted or which players would see what amount of time come November, but he likes what they add to the team.

Carleton Scott brings some depth in the post, and Brey said his long wingspan should help in rebounding and grabbing loose balls.

Tim Abromaitis spent his senior year of high school and summer workouts putting on more than 20 pounds of muscle, Brey said.

"He's in good shape. He can shoot the ball, so that makes him interesting because we lost two real good shot makers," Brey said. "Anytime you're a shot maker I think there could be an opportunity given what we lost."

Ty Proffitt will contribute some versatility to the guard position, with his ability to play point or off the ball, while Tyrone Nash could see some minutes, thanks to his 6-foot-8 frame and knowledge of the game.

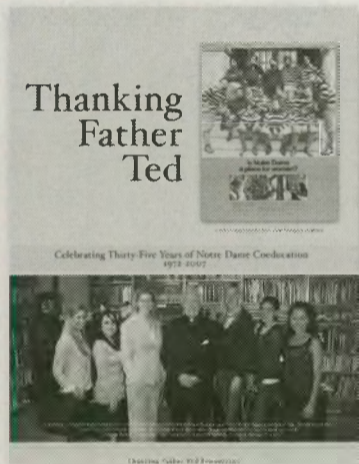
"Nash is probably the most physically ready to go because he went to a year of prep school, and he's already got Big East strength which really helps him," Brey said. "I don't know what position he is — he's just a good basketball player. When you're a versatile guy like that and you're physically ready, you make yourself valuable early as a freshman."

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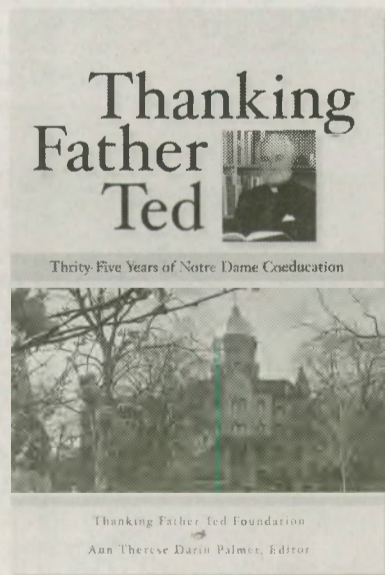
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since their rookie seasons and this year Stasiuk was unanimously selected to the preseason all-conference team.

The Irish also get another healthy dose of experience from new assistant coach Lauren Brewster. Brewster joined the coaching staff this summer, but is no stranger to Notre Dame volleyball. The 2006 graduate was a two-time All-American under Brown and one of the best blockers in the program's history.

"She is a great blocking coach and just a really valuable person to have in the gym," Stasiuk said.

Brewster and Stasiuk played together for two seasons prior to Brewster's return as a coach. According to both, the transition to a player-coach relationship for all of the upperclassmen has gone smoother than expected.

"They are all great players and they all respect what

our relationship is right now," Brewster said.

Brewster hopes that her expertise in blocking will help give Brown more time to focus on the new offense the team is using this season.

The team will be switching to a faster-paced, more exciting offensive attack in which the ball can come from anywhere on the court. Brown hopes that the teams increased

depth and speed will make for a perfect fit with the new system.

"We are trying to capitalize on some of the strengths that we have," Brown said. "We are able to move our hitters around a little more and have a few different patterns."

Notre Dame leaps head-first into its season this weekend with

a pair of matches against top-10 teams. The Irish took on No. 9 Minnesota yesterday and play No. 7 Florida Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

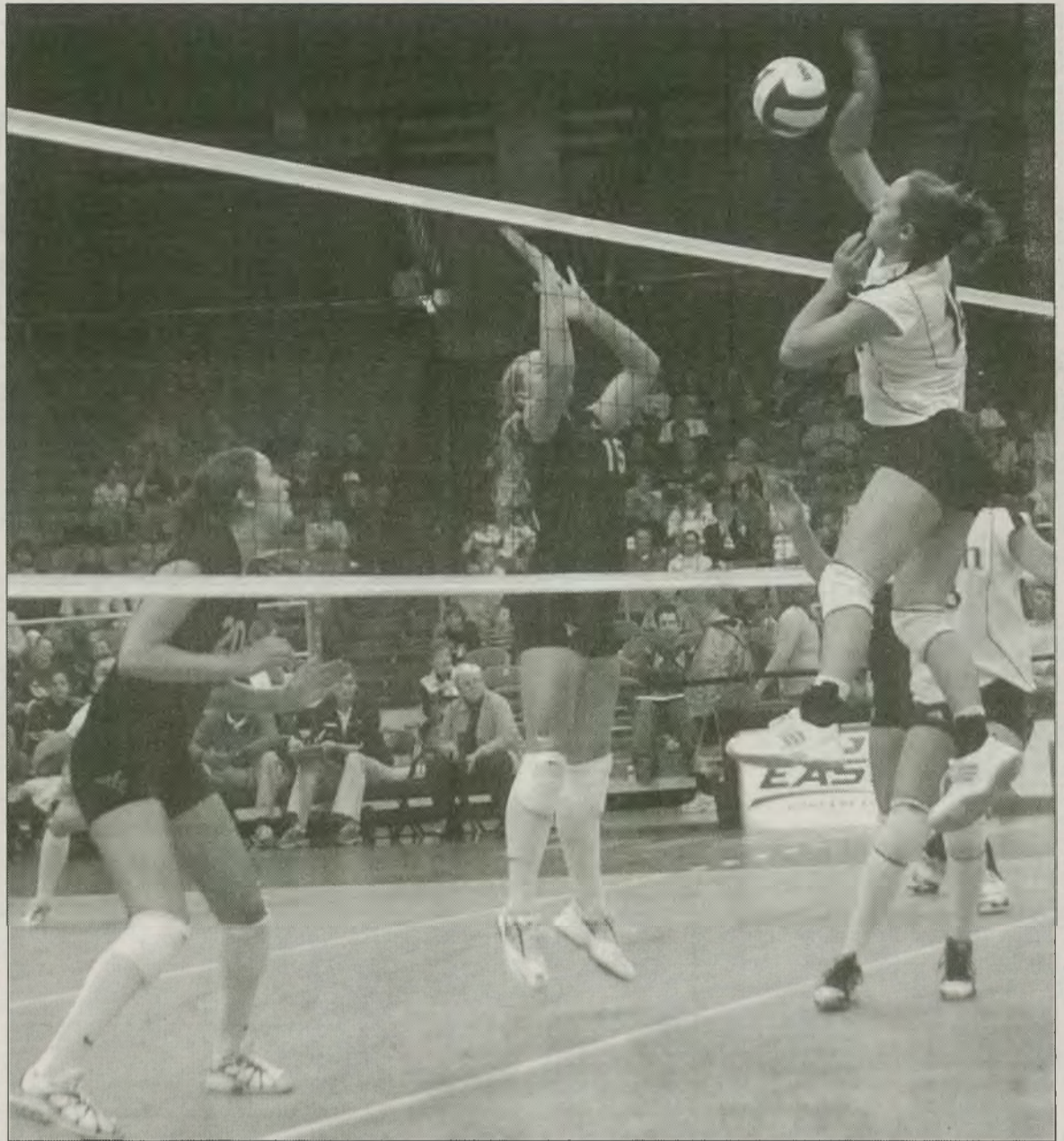
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Sophomore middle blocker Tara Enzweiler spikes the ball in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over West Virginia on Nov. 12, 2006 in the Joyce Center. HY PHAM/The Observer

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the starting lineup and know that the backbone of his mid-field would be covered by the two-time All-American, Hermann Trophy semi-finalist and former captain of the U.S. under-20 national team.

"It was huge what [Greg Dalby] brought to our program, and most impressive of all was just that he was a great person," Clark said. "He did so much for us — both on and off the field — and I don't think I've ever heard anyone say a bad word about Greg Dalby. That won't be easy to replace."

Who will be assigned the unenviable task of filling Dalby's cleats is still up in the air, but Clark has a plethora of options. Returning starters Michael Thomas, Cory Rellas, and Alex Yoshinaga are all possibilities, but Clark is considering all three at other positions. The wildcard is freshman Matt Armstrong, a high school All-American, who has impressed in preseason practice.

"Armstrong, judging by preseason, looks like a very strong player," Clark said. "He has all the tools to play, and I don't know if there are many better freshmen central midfielders than him in the country."

Defensive center midfielder isn't the only vacancy left behind by graduating seniors. With the graduations of Dalby and central defender Dale Rellas, Notre Dame will be without their co-captains from the past two seasons, and Clark will be forced to replace what he called very good leadership.

"That's the big unknown," Clark said of this year's leadership. "While the new captains [Ryan Miller, Matt Besler and Yoshinaga] have done everything asked of them so far, you won't really know how it will go until you hit some road bumps."

While Notre Dame is surrounded by questions for this upcoming season, they will have one definitive answer up front. Joseph Lapira will once again line up at forward this

season, and so will his 32 career goals, 13 career assists and Hermann Trophy.

After spending the summer training with European clubs Derby County (English Premier League), Glasgow Rangers (Scottish Premier League) and a stint with the Irish national team, Lapira could be set to improve on last year's record-breaking season — at least according to Clark.

"Those experiences have been fantastic, and I expect Joe to be a better all-around player this year," Clark said. "I don't care if he scores 22 goals again, as long as the team is scoring goals, but I expect him to be a better player."

The No. 11 Irish won't have to wait long to find out whether their raised expectations for this season will be met. Their first four opponents, including the two preseason games, are all ranked in the top 20, and Notre Dame's first six games will match the Irish against top-30 squads.

"I think we'll be in good shape, and we'll find out pretty early," Clark said. "That's the way we want it to be."



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Senior forward Kurt Martin takes a shot during Notre Dame's 2-1 NCAA Tournament victory over DePaul on Oct. 25, 2006.



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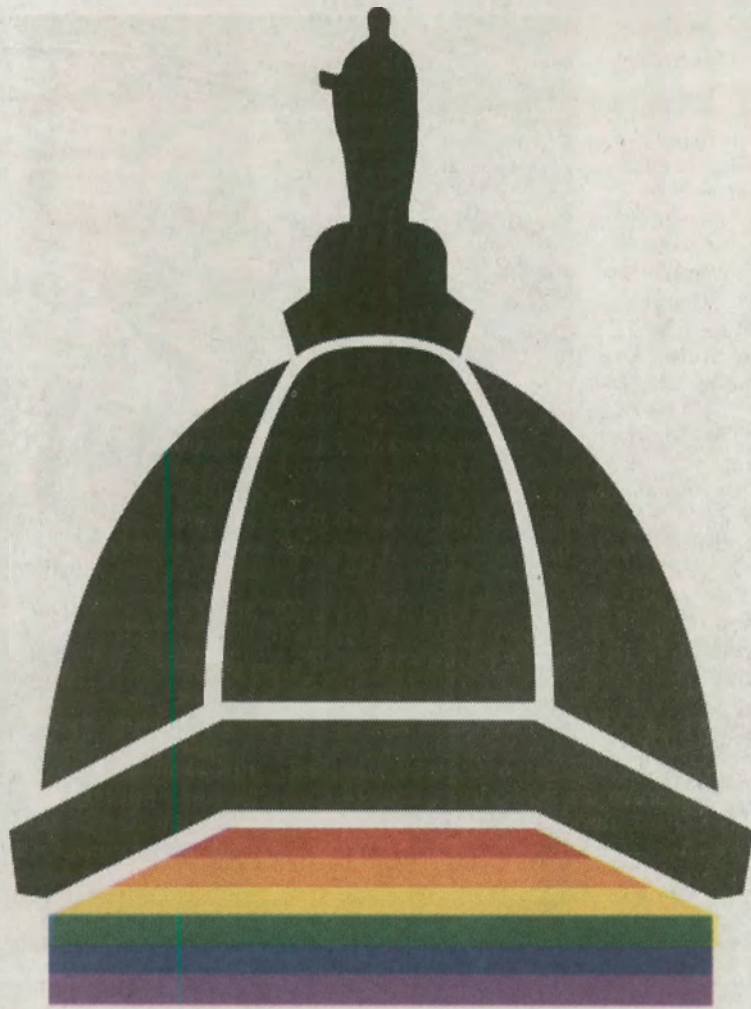
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"When you play a team like [the Tar Heels], it's not an exhibition game."

Notre Dame lost eight seniors from last year's team, which finished 25-1-1 and won the Big East championship. The Irish took big graduation hits in the midfield, where Jen Buczkowski and Jill Krivacek started last season, and along the back line, where Christie Shaner and team captain Kim Lorenzen led an otherwise young defense.

Against North Carolina, Waldrum used a rotation of sophomore Courtney Rosen, senior Ashley Jones, junior Rebecca Mendoza and freshman Lauren Fowlkes alongside returning starters sophomore Brittany Bock and senior Amanda Cinalli in the midfield. Senior Susan Pinnick did not play against North Carolina, but is also expected to be part of the rotation.

Waldrum said he was pleased with his inexperienced midfielders.

"I like our depth. We played a lot of people today, and I think we did pretty well," he said.

He also said he was pleasantly surprised by Rosen, who is coming off a foot injury, and Mendoza, who played only infrequently last year.

"She's shown that after her first two years, she's ready to come in and play," Waldrum said of the junior.

At defender, sophomores Amanda Clark and Haley Ford return after contributing early and often as freshmen. Junior Carrie Dew, who missed most of last season with a knee injury, did not play in the rain as a precaution, but is expected to start this season as she did her freshman year.

Junior Elise Weber and freshman Julie Scheidler got much of the playing time at the remaining defensive spot against North Carolina. Weber is a transfer from Wisconsin.

Up front, the Irish return their two leading goal scorers from last season — junior Kerri Hanks, who scored 22 goals,

and sophomore Michele Weissenhofer, who found the back of the net 18 times.

Weissenhofer is also known for her acrobatic flip throw-ins, which give the Irish an extra offensive weapon.

Notre Dame will play a tough non-conference schedule, which includes five ranked teams — No. 7 Penn State, No. 8 Santa Clara, No. 9 Stanford, No. 13 Florida, and No. 23 Oklahoma State.

Then the Irish will begin their Big East season, where No. 12 Rutgers and No. 16 Connecticut await.

Waldrum said he is excited by this year's team but was reluctant to predict a return to the championship game.

"It's too early to tell," he said. "We had a great result today, but lots of things can happen over the course of the season."

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Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

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Senior midfielder Amanda Cinalli moves upfield during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Florida State in the NCAA College Cup on Dec. 1.

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win this year? I think I have an ethical responsibility to all those nine guys that came back. They all graduated; it isn't like they're coming back to graduate. They all graduated. They all came back to win this year. I owe it to those nine guys to try to win now."

Offensive positions up for grabs

With so many starters departing, nearly every position on the field is open for competition.

The most important starting race is at quarterback, where Quinn's departure leaves the Irish with three quarterbacks who have thrown a combined total of two collegiate passes.

Junior Evan Sharpley is the veteran of the group, having thrown both of those passes and having been Quinn's backup in 2006. Sophomore Demetrius Jones, the most versatile of the three, brings on added dimension with his speed. He had a 31-yard run in the spring game and threw the contest's only touchdown pass, but he also threw an interception.

Freshman Jimmy Clausen, who enrolled in January and was the No. 1 high school quarterback in the nation, throws the best out of the three but had a procedure on his elbow over the summer. Still, Weis said he would be ready to start the opener against Georgia Tech on Sept. 1 if he earned the job.

"The best thing about the competition is that everyone has different strengths and weaknesses," Jones said. "The head coach's job is to decide whose strengths we can best take advantage of."

To catch passes from the three signal callers, the Irish have a mix and experience and inexperience.

The good news for Notre Dame is that fifth-year senior tight end John Carlson is back after catching 47 passes for 634 yards and four touchdowns in 2006 despite missing two games with an injury. Junior wide receiver David Grimes also returns after catching 26 passes for 336 yards and 2 touchdowns as Notre Dame's

third wide out last year.

But after those two, the returning players have just three catches for 21 yards between them. A host of wide receivers, including junior D. J. Hord, sophomores George West, Richard Jackson, Robby Parris and Barry Gallup, and freshmen Golden Tate and Duval Kamara, are all looking to get on the field this season.

Weis has said West has the edge as the No. 2 receiver, but only by a small margin.

At running back, five players are competing for playing time.

Fifth-year senior Travis Thomas, who spent his first three years as a running back and was a starting linebacker last season, probably will start against Georgia Tech. He had 13 rushes for 78 yards and two touchdowns in limited offensive attempts last season. In 2005, backing up Walker, he ran 63 times for 248 yards and five touchdowns.

The only other back with experience is sophomore James Aldridge, who rushed for 142 yards on 37 carries as a reserve last season.

Senior Junior Jabbie, a converted defensive back, rushed for 87 yards on 13 carries in the spring game and earned offensive MVP honors.

Freshman Robert Hughes is a bruising back, and his classmate Armando Allen might be the fastest of the five.

Although he is the presumptive starter, Thomas said he expects plenty of carries for the younger backs.

"It could be a rotation," he said. "I don't really know how it's going to work out."

Junior Asaph Schwapp is back at fullback after missing the last nine games of 2006 with an injury. At 261 pounds, he is a physical force as a lead blocker, but he has only averaged 2.5 yards per carry thus far in his career.

The offensive line will be anchored by two returning starters — fifth-year senior John Sullivan at center and sophomore Sam Young at right tackle. Junior Paul Duncan appears to have locked down the left tackle position, but both guard spots are more

uncertain, with junior Mike Turkovich and sophomores Dan Wenger, Eric Olsen and Matt Carufel competing for starting positions.

Defense sees a complete overhaul

After allowing 24.1 points per game over the last two seasons under coordinators Rick Minter, Notre Dame's defensive corps will turn to former New York Jets assistant Corwin Brown to try to shed its sieve-like reputation.

Brown, who was the defensive backs coach for the Jets for three seasons and before that was an assistant at Virginia under head coach Al Groh, brings something close to what is known as a "3-4" defense. The formation, which features three down linemen and four linebackers, is rare in college football and is designed to create maximum confusion with blitzers from all angles. Brown will direct a 3-4 personnel package, where the defense can alternate the amount of linemen from three to four — or even other amounts — with the same players on the field.

But the Irish defensive line has just one player with significant experience.

Fifth-year senior Trevor Laws, the only returning starter on the line, will be the anchor of the group, moving from defensive tackle, where he made 62 tackles last year, to defensive end in the 3-4 scheme.

At the other end spot, fifth-year senior Dwight Stephenson and senior Justin Brown are competing to start. While the two combine for just 19 career tackles, Weis said, coaches are impressed with Brown's tenacity and work ethic.

"He's probably the most pleasant surprise on the entire team," Weis said of the senior. "His motor has really impressed me most. It's very encouraging. He's been a pain in the butt to block."

At nose guard, a key position in the 3-4, Irish coaches appear to have settled on junior Pat Kuntz as the starter. Kuntz is known for his hard work on the field but is under-

"This year's going to be different than the first two years."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

FOOTBALL FRESHMEN 2007

NO.	NAME	POS.	HOMETOWN
4	Gary Gray	DB	Columbia, SC
5	Armando Allen	RB	Opa Locka, FL
7	Jimmy Clausen	QB	Westlake Village, CA
14	Brandon Walker	K	Findlay, OH
18	Duval Kamara	WR	Hoboken, NJ
23	Golden Tate	WR	Hendersonville, TN
30	Harrison Smith	DB	Knoxville, TN
33	Robert Hughes	RB	Chicago, IL
47	Aaron Nagel	LB	Lemont, IL
50	Steve Paskorz	LB	Allison Park, PA
56	Kerry Neal	LB	Bunn, NC
70	Matt Romine	OL	Tulsa, OK
75	Taylor Dever	OL	Grass Valley, CA
76	Andrew Nuss	DL	Ashburn, VA
83	Mike Ragone	TE	Cherry Hill, NJ
91	Emeka Nwankwo	DL	Miramar, FL
95	Ian Williams	DL	Altamonte Springs, FL

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sized at 285 pounds. Freshman Ian Williams, listed at 300 pounds, may also see playing time.

Senior Maurice Crum returns at inside linebacker after leading the team with 100 tackles in 2006 as an undersized middle linebacker. Crum has added 15 pounds since last fall and will fit in better as one of two inside linebackers in Brown's defensive scheme. Next to him in the middle will be a rotation of fifth-year senior Joe Brockington, who started at the tail end of 2006, and sophomore Toryan Smith, who was highly regarded out of high school and made nine tackles in mop-up duty.

In Brown's scheme, the outside linebacker position will be different from that of years past. Under Minter, outside linebackers were smaller and relied on more in pass coverage. In the 3-4, outside linebackers play close to the line of scrimmage and need to be bigger and more physical.

With that in mind, Irish coaches converted former defensive end sophomore John Ryan to outside linebacker, and the sophomore is expected to hold down one starting spot.

On the other side, fifth-year senior Anthony Vernaglia and junior Scott Smith are competing for playing time.

Vernaglia began last season as a starter, but was supplanted by Brockington midway through the year.

The secondary is Notre Dame's most experienced position, with senior Terrail Lambert and fifth-year senior Tom Zbikowski back at cornerback and strong safety, respectively.

Junior David Bruton is expected to start in the other safety spot. Bruton was a special teams standout for the

Irish last year and returned an interception for a touchdown in the spring game.

Cornerback Ambrose Wooden, who has been a starter for much of the last two years, also returns.

A three-way kicking contest

While fifth-year senior punter Geoff Price returns after averaging 45.4 yards per kick last season, Notre Dame's starting place-kicker job is still up for grabs after the graduation of Carl Gioia.

Sophomores Ryan Burkhart and Nate Whitaker and freshman Brandon Walker may all see the field this year. Weis said that one might win the kickoff job while another handles extra points and field goals.

An early season gauntlet

The Irish open the season with eight tough games, including road trips to No. 5 Michigan, No. 14 UCLA and No. 17 Penn State. They also welcome No. 1 USC to Notre Dame Stadium in October.

After the contest with the Trojans, the schedule gets easier, with service academies Navy and Air Force along with Duke and Stanford, two teams that went a combined 1-23 last season.

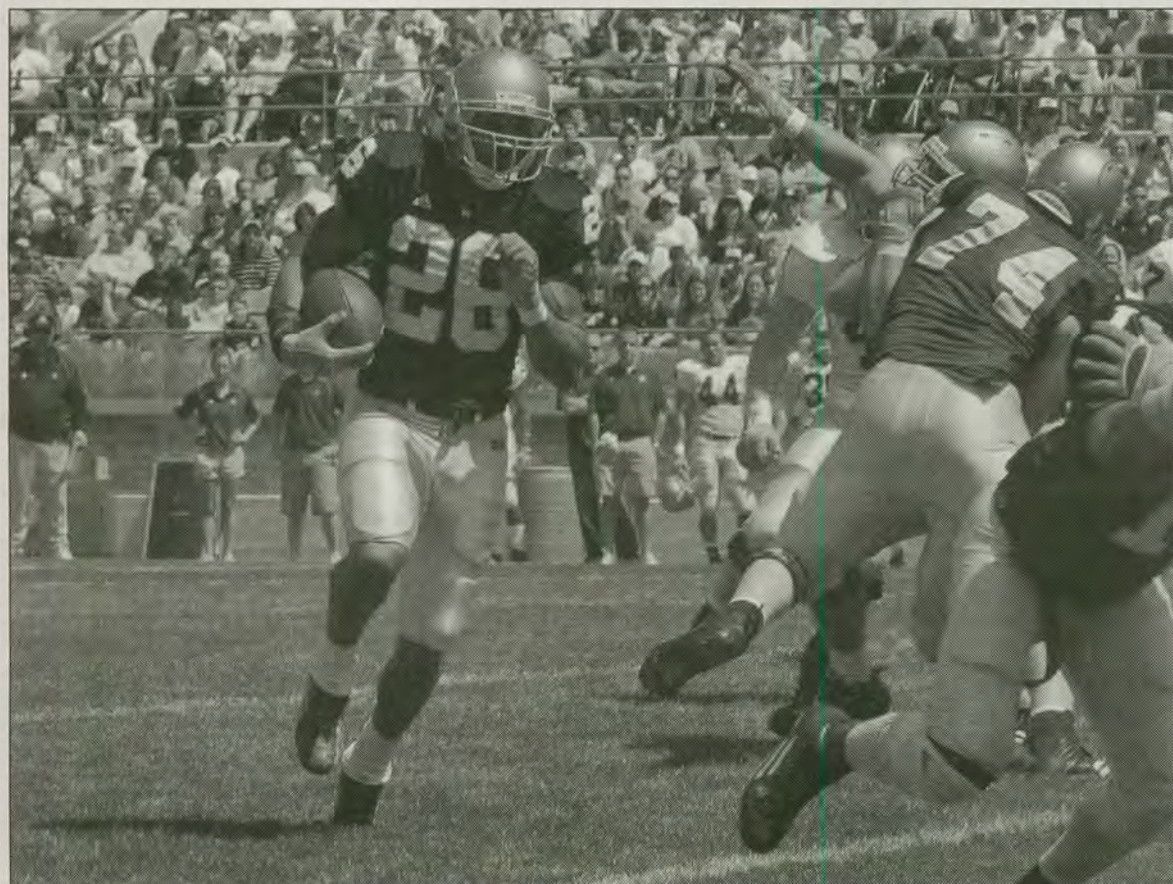
Weis said with Notre Dame's inexperience, he will be prepared to change game plans on the fly if a game isn't going well.

"This year's going to be different than the first two years," he said. "You have to be ready to adjust because the last thing you want to do as a coach is go in with one thing in mind and have that not work."

But Weis said he still expects plenty of victories this year.

"I'm very confident in the team," he said.

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Fifth-year senior running back Travis Thomas looks for a hole during the Blue-Gold Game on April 21. Thomas, who played linebacker last season, will be back on offense this year.

SAINT MARY'S ATHLETICS

Taking the next step

Belles' fall sports look to build on successful 2006 seasons and challenge for MIAA titles in 2007

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

The four Saint Mary's fall sports teams, which all ranked in the middle of their conferences in the 2006 season, look to take the next step and compete for spots in the top of the MIAA in 2007.

Volleyball

After finishing 17-10 and fourth in the MIAA last year, Saint Mary's wants to finish even higher in the league standings.

"I want to see us challenge for the top spot in the conference," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "We have been making a climb and I expect us to continue that climb. We gained a lot of confidence as a squad this past season."

Last season, senior Anne Cusack won the conference's defensive player of the year award and Lorna Slupczynski earned freshman-of-the-year honors. Junior setter Amanda David was fourth in the MIAA in assists per game.

And while Cusack has graduated, Slupczynski and David are back to lead an experienced squad that includes hitters Kaela Hellmann and Cathy Kureczak.

"Those two lead our team in attack percentage," Schroeder-Biek said of Hellman and Kureczak. "And rounding out the returning key players is senior defensive specialist, Marissa Gross. She is a very powerful player and positive court presence."

Saint Mary's begins its season with the Monmouth tournament on Sept. 1 with three matches in a single day of play. They first will face Robert Morris College at 9 a.m., followed by a match against Loras College at 1 p.m. and a third match later in the day, with the opponent determined by the

results of the day's early matches.

The Belles open their conference slate on Sept. 4 against Adrian College on the road. Adrian was ranked third in the MIAA last season with a league record of 12-4.

"I am really looking forward to another great year. We grew so much last year and earned a lot of respect within our conference and within our region," Schroeder-Biek said. "Despite the losses of our very strong senior class, I don't look at this as a building year. We will just continue to work hard and not take our eye off our goal."

Cross Country

The Belles finished in fifth place in the MIAA in the 2006 season, and they are hoping to perform better and move into the upper half MIAA teams this fall.

Saint Mary's score of 125 at last year's MIAA championships earned it its best conference finish in Belles history.

Coach Jackie Bauers said she thinks the young squad can do even better.

"The team is going to be very different this season, with eight of our seniors graduating and nine freshman joining the team," she said.

Among the key returners are senior Megan Gray, junior Alicen Miller, junior Caitlin Stevenson and sophomore Emily Graf.

Last season, Gray earned first-team MIAA honors and became the first Saint Mary's runner to compete in the NCAA Division III Championship.

Megan McClowery also will be a key runner for the squad. Competing last year as the Belles' top freshman, McClowery never finished worse than fifth place in any race.

Bauers said this year's freshmen will have a similar impact.

"We have a wonderful group of freshmen bringing a ton of



Sophomore midfielder Samantha Goudreau heads the ball upfield during a 2-1 loss to Albion Sept. 6, 2006. The Belles finished 5-8-2 last season.

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talent to the team this year. I believe that the program and team continue to grow and strengthen every year," Bauers said. "We are looking to improve within the conference this year, placing better at both our Jamboree [at Tri-State] and Conference Championship [at Albion]."

The Belles will kick off their season on Sept. 1 at the Tri-State Invitational in Angola, Ind.

Golf

Although the 2006-07 Saint Mary's golf squad failed to win the MIAA Championship for the first time in five years,

Saint Mary's is working hard to ensure that they regain the title.

The Belles, who did not lose any players to graduation, finished fifth in the MIAA last year, but coach Mark Hamilton believes a year of experience will pay off with dramatic improvement.

"Katie O'Brien is a returning senior who we expect to lead the team both on and off the course," he said. "She has been playing golf all summer in tournaments in Florida. I am positive that she will come back this season stronger than ever."

During the 2005 season, O'Brien received second-team honors in the MIAA.

In addition to O'Brien, Hamilton looks to juniors Meredith Fantom and Perri Hamma to lead the team. Fantom and Hamma both consistently shot rounds in the low 90s last year.

While the upperclassmen will try to pick up where they left off, Hamilton is also counting on the incoming freshmen to perform at a top-notch level.

"We have a pretty big freshman group joining the team this fall," he said. "A big determinant of our season will be up to freshman. This is definitely one of the best freshman classes we've ever brought in."

The Belles begin their season on Sept. 1 at the Ferris State Invitational. The tournament includes a mixture of top Division II and Division III schools. The Belles will have a chance to compete against DePauw University who is ranked No. 2 in Division III.

"The tournament will be a great chance to get a first look at our conference rivals. We will be able to get an early look at how we will stack up against this year's competi-

tion," Hamilton said.

Soccer

Under the coaching of four-year veteran Caryn MacKenzie, the Belles captured fourth place in the MIAA in the 2006 fall season with a 4-3-1 conference record and a 5-8-2 overall record.

After graduating six seniors last season, the Belles return 14 players, nine of whom played in all 15 games last year, and add nine freshmen.

At forward, the loss of top scorer Ashley Hinton will be filled by her sister, junior Lauren Hinton. Ashley Hinton scored seven goals while assisting six others in the 2006 season and scored 21 career goals. She was also twice named to the MIAA's first team.

Lauren Hinton also scored seven goals last season.

The Belles also have to replace a four-year starter at goalkeeper. Laura Heline had 94 saves in 2006 and started all but one game in the past four years. Her replacement has not yet been named.

MacKenzie will be looking to sophomores Micki Hedinger and Katie Wehrli to fill the forward positions. While Hedinger scored two goals last season, Wehrli started 11 of the 15 games played by the Belles.

After allowing only 1.5 goals per game in 2006, returning defenders senior Sarah DuBree, senior Justine Higgins, and junior Mandy Thompson will be key parts to the Belles defense.

Saint Mary's will play its first non-conference game of the season on Sept. 1 at Case Western. Their conference season will begin Sept. 22 at Saint Mary's against Kalamazoo College, who finished behind the Belles in 2006.



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Senior right side Marisa Gross bumps the ball in a 3-1 win over Tri-State on Sept. 26, 2006 at the Angela Athletic Center. The Belles finished 17-10 last season.

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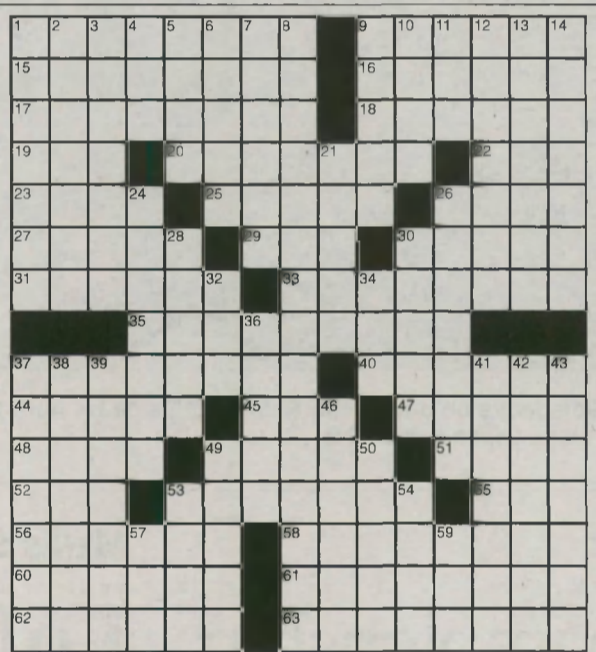
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FOOTBALL

Rebuilding?

Weis refuses to lower expectations despite losing 12 starters from 2006 squad

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

"Tradition never graduates." That's the mantra for Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis this season, after his team lost 12 starters from last year's 10-3 squad.

Gone are quarterback Brady Quinn, holder of more than 30 school records, running back Darius Walker, who ran for over 1,000 yards in each of the last two seasons, and the two most prolific receivers in Notre Dame history statistically — Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight — as well as three linemen on each side of the ball, two defensive backs and the placekicker.

But for Weis, who refuses to say the word "rebuilding," the 2007 team will be expected to perform at least as well as the previous one.

"May God strike me dead if I use that word. I'll never use that word. You use it, I'm not using it," Weis said when his team arrived for fall camp Aug. 6.

"You know, I have nine fifth-year seniors that came back for another year. Don't you think I owe it to them to try to



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Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis looks on during the Blue-Gold Game on April 21. The Irish lost 12 starters from last year's team, which went 10-3.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Veterans return for shot at title

By DAN MURPHY
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Last season, Notre Dame came three points away from capturing the Big East championship. This time around the Irish have a new look and are the preseason favorites to win it all.

Four talented freshmen join the squad this year despite losing only one senior to graduation in 2007. Stephanie Slatt, Kellie Sciacca, Angela Puente and Mogan Dunne are expected to use their speed to contribute right out of the gates.

"They're all working really hard and making good progress," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "They have a great work ethic and the senior leadership has really set the tone for that."

Co-captains Adrianna Stasiuk and Ashley Tarutis are Notre Dame's only seniors this season, but bring an abundance of talent and experience to the table. Both players have been starters

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

No. 1 squad aims for championship



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Junior forward Kerri Hanks dribbles upfield in Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to North Carolina in the 2006 NCAA College Cup Final.

By CHRIS KHOREY
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Notre Dame came within one game of a national championship last season.

But, with the opening regular season game of the 2007 still a week away, the Irish have already erased the memory of that loss.

Notre Dame and North Carolina, tied for No. 1 in the preseason coaches poll, played an exhibition match Sunday in a rematch of the 2006 Women's College Cup final. The 2-2 draw, played in soggy conditions, featured much of the same intensity and passion as last year's title game.

And although his team did not come away with a win, Irish coach Randy Waldrum was pleased with what he saw.

"We're very happy with the result, especially since it's the preseason," Waldrum said. "I thought today we had the better opportunities. We fought for every loose ball. It's one of the best games we've played against Carolina since I've been here."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Lofty goals follow historic tourney run



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Senior forward Joseph Lapira battles for the ball in Notre Dame's 2-1 win over DePaul last year in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Irish coach Bobby Clark is nothing if not ambitious.

One year after enjoying the most successful season in program history — one that included Notre Dame's first-ever trip to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament, as well as the program's first ever Hermann Trophy winner — Clark and his team are raising the expectations.

"The legacy of the previous teams has been terrific, but the question now is if we can take it a step further," Clark said. "Every year you try to get a little bit better, and this squad has the potential to do that."

Whatever potential this Irish team may have, there remains a gaping hole at defensive center midfield that will be difficult to replace. For the past four seasons, Clark has been able to pencil Greg Dalby's name into

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