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Notre Dame, Saint Mary's welcome freshmen

Class of 2015 excels in academics, service outside the classroom

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Editor

"When I'm a teenager, my big plans are to be smart and to go to Notre Dame."

A fourth-grade student in an elementary school classroom wrote those words in an essay more than eight years ago. This past spring, her mother sent her fourth-grade paper to the Office of Admissions as they considered her application.

The Office of Admissions said this girl will join over 2,000 freshmen and 154 transfer and readmitted students this weekend at Notre Dame for the fall semester. As one of many incoming students who dreamt of Notre Dame since childhood, her story showed that with a lot of hard work and a little help from mom's scrapbook, getting

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Class of 2015 Statistics

University of Notre Dame

2,025 in class
16,548 applications
33 avg ACT
1440 avg SAT

Saint Mary's College

396 in class
1,453 applications
12 high school valedictorians
43.1 percent ranked in top 10 percent of high school class

Incoming class profile boasts strong grades, unique achievements

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

A Unites States figure skater, a Taekwondo black belt, a Civil War re-enactor, and an award-winning novelist all share very different interests, but are now tied by a common bond.

These women are part of the 396 students that make up the Class of 2015 at Saint Mary's this fall, said Vice President of Enrollment Management Mona Bowe.

"It's a great class. Academically, it's a little bit stronger than the last three classes, but very similar, and still exactly the kind of students that we want coming to Saint Mary's," Bowe said.

Director of Admissions Kristen McAndrew said her staff reviewed 1,453 applica-

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Freshmen arrive on campus



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Freshman Katie Privateer, clad in "The Shirt," and her family unload her belongings and carry them into McGlinn Hall on Friday morning during move-in.

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

Vans loaded with boxes and furniture clogged campus entrances Friday morning, but the air buzzed with excitement as the freshmen class arrived at Notre Dame.

Freshmen Maggie McGonigle and Allie Anderson met for the first time as the roommates moved into their Lewis Hall

room.

"I'm most excited about figuring out about why everyone is so excited when they hear that you go here," Anderson said. "The fact that when you see someone from Notre Dame you want to go up and talk to them, why everyone loves the school so much. I just want to know when I'll become like that."

Anderson, a Sacramento, Calif. native, said although she

does not have a family tie with the University, she really liked the feeling of community on campus.

"I went to a small [high] school, and it's really nice knowing a lot of people," Anderson said. "Everyone's very family-orientated [here]. The football was a big part of it. I like spectator sports."

McGonigle, from Minnetonka,

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Four new rectors join campus residence life

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Associate News Editor

Incoming freshmen are not the only new residents on campus this semester as four new rectors prepare to lead Duncan, Fisher, Howard and Lyons Halls in the fall.

Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Tom Doyle said the biggest factors Notre Dame considers when choosing a new rector include past leadership experience, experience with college-age students and an overall love of learning.

"This is an educational institution [so] we want people who are intrigued and motivated by ideas," he said. "We look for people who are sort of intellectually engaged and curious."

Residence halls are the heart of the Notre Dame experience, Doyle said, so a rector should be prepared to remain in the position for a number of years — long enough to welcome an incoming freshman class and then see that same class graduate.

Terence Fitzgibbons, the

new rector for Duncan Hall, returns to Notre Dame from his most recent position as Overseas Lay Minister for the Congregation of Holy Cross in Jinja, Uganda. In Uganda, he served as a teacher at an undergraduate Catholic seminary and a primary school.

He said he looks forward to helping Duncan take the next step in building dorm traditions and community.

"Duncan Hall no longer has the excuse that 'we're a new dorm.' Our senior class is the first class of four-year Highlanders," he said. "My goal is to take Duncan to the next level of our development. We want to lay stronger connections from our academic lives to our social lives to our liturgical lives."

The new rector said he had one other essential goal: "I'd like to dominate all men's interhall sports."

Fitzgibbons earned a bachelor's degree in 2004 in political science and Arabic studies from Notre Dame. He was a resident advisor in Alumni

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO FRESHMAN YEAR?



Nick Deason

*freshman
Keough*

*"Academics,
sports and
meeting
people."*



Erin Foley

*freshman
Welsh
Family*

*"Meeting new
people, getting
to know the
campus and
having fun."*



Jade Barber

*freshman
Breen
Phillips*

*"Getting in
shape running
track."*



Sami Zuba

*freshman
Breen
Phillips*

*"Doing choir
and being a
part of that
family like [in]
high school."*



Ian White

*freshman
Zahm*

*"Not having
my dad talk
sarcastically
about
everything I
say."*



Joe Corsaro

*freshman
Zahm*

*"Football
games."*

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com

ORIENTATION WEEKEND

Freshman Orientation

Schedule

Saturday, Aug. 20

10:15–11:45 a.m.	Intro to Residence Hall Staff
1:00–2:15 p.m.	Official Welcome to ND
2:30–3:15 p.m.	General Session for all FYS with advisors; Parent Orientation
8:00 p.m.	Orientation with Rectors and Hall Staff

Sunday, Aug. 21

10:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Liturgy
12:00–1:00 p.m.	Spirit of ND

Monday, Aug. 22

9:00 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.	Ongoing Mandatory Computer Security Sessions
10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.	College HAS Issues: Hook-ups, Alcohol and Sexual Assault

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LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 81 LOW 62	HIGH 70 LOW 62	HIGH 81 LOW 63	HIGH 82 LOW 63	HIGH 85 LOW 70	HIGH 86 LOW 68

FIRST 2 WEEKS

MON 8.22 at 7 PM at Alumni Stadium

MEN'S SOCCER VS CREIGHTON

TUE 8.23 at 5:30 PM at the Joyce Center

OPENING MASS AND PICNIC

WED 8.24 at 9 PM on North Quad

BACKYARD BBQ

THU 8.25 at 9:30 PM on South Quad

MANOR MAYHEM

FRI 8.26 at 9 PM Campus-Wide

IRISH ENIGANS

SAT 8.27 at 5 PM outside Legends

BLOCK PARTY featuring GIRI TALK

TUE 8.30 at 7 PM at the Joyce Center

ACTIVITIES NIGHT

WED 8.31 at 9:30 PM on North Quad

MOVIE ON THE QUAD MULAN

THU 9.01 at 10 PM in LaFortune

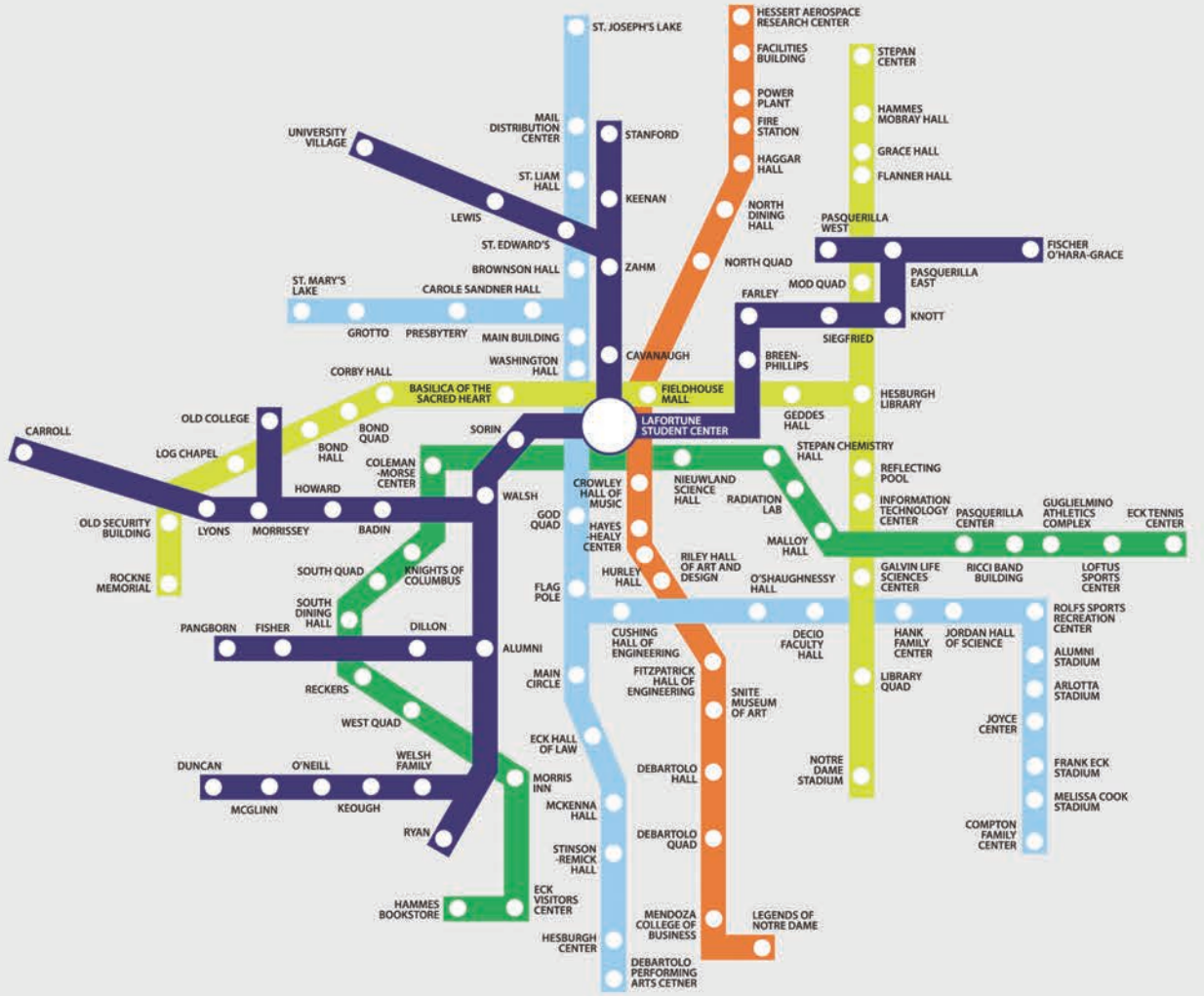
BEST OF LAFORTUNE

FRI 9.02 at 10 PM on South Quad

GABRIEL IGLESIAS COMEDY ON THE QUAD

SAT 9.03 at 10 PM in LaFortune

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Welcomes the Class of 2015

Core Council members are administrators, gay, lesbian, and ally members, who serve to identify the ongoing needs and concerns of our GLBT & Questioning students. We implement campus-wide educational programs on GLBT concerns, aiming to eliminate homophobia, and creating a welcoming and accepting Campus that prizes the uniqueness of all its members. Come meet the student members of the **CORE Council** and learn *more* about the many resources available to GLBT & Questioning students on the Notre Dame campus.

Welcome Reception

For Interested
First-Year Students
Thursday, August 25
7-9 p.m.
316 Coleman Morse



Hosted by the Core Council



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Minn., said she chose Notre Dame because she liked the campus vibe and because several of her relatives were students here.

Spencer Edman, a freshman in St. Edward's Hall, said he chose Notre Dame because of the academic prestige and overall experience. "There were a lot of schools I went to that were very strong academically, but Notre Dame had the whole package," he said. "Overall, it was a good choice for me."

The Sioux Falls, S.D., native said he most looks forward to meeting new people and gaining a different perspective on life.

"South Dakota is pretty insignificant on the scale. This is a bigger thing," he said. "I'm excited to move in and see something different."

Interhall sports were a pull for Willem Tax, a freshman from Asheville, N.C., when he enrolled at Notre Dame. As Tax

moved into Sorin College Friday, he said the University's Catholic character and residence hall system also captured his interest.

"I went to a summer program [near home] for six weeks last year, and the dorms were single-sex," Tax said. "I'm kind of used to that, and we just really bonded. At night we would just hang out in the halls and talk about everything."

While the incoming students said they were excited to start college, they were nervous about being far from high school friends, trekking to class in the cold South Bend winter and leaving their families.

"I'm pretty far from home and everything I know," Tax said. "I feel like it's just nervousness about starting something new."

As the freshmen unloaded their cars and found their new homes, older students on hall orientation staff welcomed them to campus.

Junior Amy Jurvis, hall orientation commissioner for Ryan Hall, said she wants freshmen to understand that their residence hall and the University as a

"After the weekend, I hope that they realize they can be themselves and be comfortable with it, whether that means playing sports on the quad or belting out ridiculous songs with their friends."

**Amy Jurvis
commissioner
Ryan Hall orientation**



A member of hall orientation staff for O'Neill Hall helps an incoming freshman cart his belongings, piled high in a rolling bin, from his car to the dorm Friday morning.

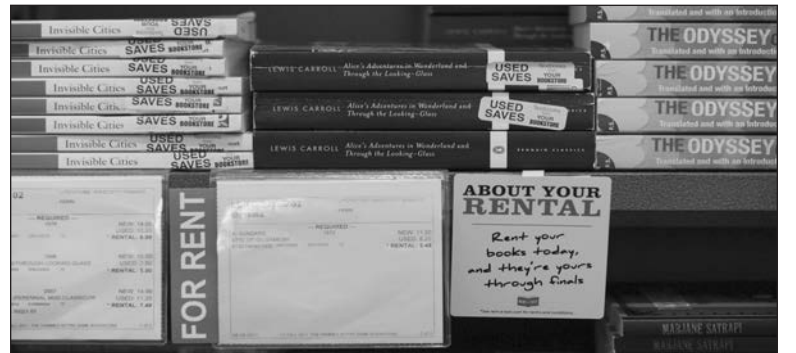
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whole are truly home for them.

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Junior Luke Westby, hall orientation commissioner for Keenan Hall, said he hopes the freshmen in his dorm find a sense of belonging at the University and in Keenan. Orientation staff tries to give the incoming students a feel for the collective dorm personality, Westby said.

"We put a lot of effort into choosing the people who truly represent the heart and soul of Keenan Hall and Notre Dame,"



The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore posted textbook rental information for incoming freshmen.

SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Westby said. "Hopefully our delivery over the coming days of all the events and talks we've planned will give each freshman that unique moment where they

simply know that they are where they've always wanted to be."

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into Notre Dame could become a reality.

Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Enrollment Don Bishop said the Class of 2015's

applicant pool was the largest in the University's history.

"We were more selective than ever before, without a doubt," Bishop said. "But we were more on a mission. When we were looking at who was admitted, we looked at what Notre Dame cares about in addition to the brilliant academics. We looked at

leadership, the desire to serve."

Director of Admissions Robert Mundy said the Class of 2015 was more academically talented than any previous freshman class.

"We were just over 16,500 applications, which were about 2,000 larger than our previous pools," Mundy said. "We get it

every year that this new class is the best class ever. The exciting part is that now you can dig deeper ... when you have these incredibly talented students academically. Which ones among this group are the really great matches for Notre Dame?"

The average member of the freshman class ranked in the top two percent of his or her high school class, Mundy said. Thirty incoming freshmen earned perfect scores on their SATs or ACTs, and more than half the class graduated as valedictorian or salutatorian.

"They are all great. Now what we want to do is make sure they are the right students who will take advantage of the great opportunities here, but also give back," Mundy said. "Those students who participate in community service or leadership will be as strong or stronger than in the past. As a group, we have students who are more engaged in life outside the classroom."

Mundy estimated the enrolled Class of 2015 will total about 2,025 students. One-third of the enrolled class participated in student government in high school, according to statistics from the Office of Admissions. Ninety percent of the incoming freshmen regularly volunteered or performed service work in their community.

The Office of Admissions accepted 4,018 students for the freshman class. While the admissions process was more selective, Mundy said more admitted students enrolled at Notre Dame than expected. About 51 percent of admits enrolled for the fall semester.

"Our communication got a lit-

tle better this year," Mundy said. "We have such a great, unique message that it will resonate with students who might not have previously thought about Notre Dame. When it came application time, they might have [previously] eliminated Notre Dame. Fewer of those students did that this year."

Mundy said the admissions staff was only able to accept seven students from the wait list.

Bishop said Notre Dame's rank among the top schools for endowment, alumni giving and graduation rates increasingly marks the University as a more prestigious school.

"Notre Dame is really starting to reach higher levels in the ratings of individual accomplishments," Bishop said. "And that is building a better sense that Notre Dame has become a top-10 school."

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**Don Bishop
associate vice president
Undergraduate
Enrollment**

The University's commitment to match all perceived financial need for its students might be another draw for freshmen in difficult economic times, he said.

"About half the students are on aid, and the average aid package is about \$26,900," Bishop said.

Whether a student dreamt of Notre Dame from the beginning of elementary school or discovered the University late in high school, Bishop said he expected the Class of 2015 to quickly feel at home in the Notre Dame family.


"Notre Dame is a very aspirational college for many Americans," he said. "You get caught up in it."

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Hall during his senior year before serving in the Navy until 2008. Fitzgibbons then received a master's degree from the University of Toronto in Near and Eastern Civilizations before his time in Uganda.

Fr. Brad Metz, the new rector in Fisher Hall, is also a Notre Dame graduate. He holds a bachelor's degree in theology in 1996 and a master's degree in divinity in 2001.

"I'm very excited to be here at Fisher Hall, he said. "I think it's going to be a great year."

Since being ordained in 2002, Metz served as a hall director at the University of Portland, deacon and associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish in South Bend and associate pastor of an Oregon parish.

Metz is the only new rector to hold a religious position. He lived at Moreau Seminary for the past year and is pursuing a master's degree in non-profit administration from Notre Dame.

New Lyons Hall rector Meghan Brown comes to Notre Dame from the Dewey & LeBoeuf law firm in New York City, where she worked as a litigation and bankruptcy associate since 2007.

Brown served as an assistant rector for two years in Howard Hall while attending law school at Notre Dame.

"As an AR, my favorite part of the job was the casual, day-to-day interaction I had with my residents that, over time, developed into meaning-

ful relationships," Brown said. "I can't wait to get to know my residents in Lyons and see what they have in store for me each day."

Brown earned her undergraduate degree in English from Princeton University.

A "Triple Domer," new Howard Hall rector Margaret Morgan is no stranger to campus life at Notre Dame. She earned three degrees from the University — her undergraduate degree in theology in 2006, her master's degree in education in 2008 and her master's degree in divinity in 2011.

She was a resident assistant in Lewis Hall as a senior.

"[Notre Dame] really has become my home," she said. "Despite the fact that I have spent such a significant portion of my life here at ND, each phase or 'round' has meant something very different to me and has contributed greatly to my own personal formation and growth."

Whether the new rector is a priest, religious sister or a layperson, Doyle said a dorm's leader must understand the meaning of Christian community.

"Most of all, we look for people who are great Christian [and] Catholic role models," he said.

He said a rector's life can be both challenging and rewarding.

"It's not uncommon they're the last ones in the dormitory to go to bed and the first ones to get up in the morning," Doyle said. "They do it out of a sense of mission."

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Brown



Metz



Fitzgibbons



Morgan

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tions this year.

"[The Class of 2015 is] exactly the size of the student body that we were looking for coming in this fall," McAndrew said. "It's just what we wanted."

As the freshman class moved into their dorms Thursday, College faculty and staff welcomed the girls and helped them unload their belongings. Current students stood along the Avenue with signs that read, "Welcome home."

"As much as we are running around and carrying stuff, I'm having a blast," Bowe said.

Freshman Abigail Roggemann moved into LeMans Hall Thursday. Roggemann said Saint Mary's felt like home since the moment she made her first trip to campus.

"Once I visited, I pretty much knew that I wanted to come here," Roggemann said. "It was just waiting to get accepted."

Freshman Erin Cisneros also felt an immediate connection with Saint Mary's.

"It just took one visit, and I thought, 'That's where I want to go,'" Cisneros said.

According to the Office of Admissions, the application

pool for the Class of 2015 was the largest in College history.

Bowe partly attributed the increase in enrollment to the College's efforts to make tuition more affordable to new students.

"The College has made a commitment to trying to make the cost of attending Saint Mary's affordable to all students," Bowe said. "Our budget for financial aid has increased, so we continue to raise money in endowed scholarship so we can continue to help the neediest students."

The incoming class is also the most academically talented group yet at Saint Mary's, Bowe said.

The Office of Admissions reported 43.1 percent of freshmen ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class. Twelve of these students graduated as the valedictorian of their class.

More than 63 percent of incoming freshmen earned a composite ACT of 25 or higher, and 62 percent scored a composite SAT of 1650 or higher,

the Office reported.

This class also continues the deep family tradition of educating strong women, Bowe said. Forty-seven incoming freshmen are daughters of College alumnae.

The incoming freshmen also show a willingness to give back to the community,

"There are amazing women in this class, and we know that they're going to make this place richer just by bringing their experience to Saint Mary's."

Mona Bowe
vice president
Enrollment Management

Bowe said.

One student raised \$8,000 in one year for a diabetes fund by riding her bike 100 miles through Montana.

Another volunteered her time as a pallbearer for the homeless, and another provided over 100 hours of child-care for parents attending English as a Second Language class.

These women, Bowe said, represent the caliber of students at the College.

"There are amazing women in this class, and we know that they're going to make this place richer just by bringing their experience to Saint Mary's," Bowe said.

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Get Involved in Irish Athletics!

The Media Relations Office is looking for student

assistants for the 2011-12 school year. Any stu-

dents interested in becoming active and involved

in Irish athletics should come to an informational

meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 7:00 p.m. in

the Media Relations Office (2nd floor Joyce Cen-

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Donor funds Science Hall renovation

By **MADLINE MILES**
News Writer

Recent donations from alumnae will allow the College to renovate its Science Hall, as well as invest in other science-related fields.

Saint Mary's Science Hall, which houses the departments of biology, chemistry and physics, will receive modernized equipment and updated systems after a \$10 million donation from an alumna. Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney announced the gift in March.

Jennifer Mathile Prikkel, a 1995 College graduate, and her parents, Clayton and MaryAnn Mathile, donated the funds to the school in the spring. The contribution is the largest single private gift in College history.

"This transformational gift will provide facilities equal to the quality of our students and faculty," Mooney said in a press release when the College announced the donation. "Saint Mary's has taught science to women for nearly 150 years, and this gift will ensure that our current and future students will work in cutting-edge laboratories and classrooms."

The renovations will include creating learning labs that support an interdisciplinary pedagogy and relocating and expanding the computer lab. The donation will also provide funds to renovate and replace lighting and heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems, Director of Media Relations Gwen O'Brien said.

A time line has not been set for the project.

Prikkel, a member of the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees, said she felt called to



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The Science Hall at Saint Mary's, above, will undergo renovations made possible by a \$10 million donation given to the College in March.

donate after touring the Science Hall. The College's mission reminded her of the way her parents, the former owners of the pet food company Iams, often invested in science education.

"[That memory] collided with what Saint Mary's does — to educate, to be objective and [to] use your heart," Prikkel said in a recent interview.

In the press release announcing the donation, Prikkel said the gift is a strong endorsement of Saint Mary's mission.

"Saint Mary's produces scientists who are socially aware, who are making a difference in the world," she said. "I recently met two seniors whose research uses inexpensive paper analytical devices (PADs) in the wars against malaria and elephantitis. I was amazed at their work. Imagine what our students will be able to do when they have state of the art facilities in which to study and do their experiments."

The donation was followed by another significant gift to science education at Saint Mary's. This summer, Mooney

also announced a bequest of \$4.7 million in the will of alumna Marjorie Neuhoff. The bequest from the 1961 Saint Mary's graduate is the largest in the history of the College.

The gift will be used to establish endowments for a chair in nursing, a need-based scholarship and the Summer Science Research Communities, according to a press release.

"Marjorie Neuhoff was a professional woman known for her business acumen. She also had a great love for Saint Mary's. In her memory, and with the consideration of her family, we have invested her bequest in areas of the College where we see increasing student interest," Mooney said in the release. "Our hope is she would see these as sound investments in an institution with which she had a strong personal connection."

The Marjorie Neuhoff Summer Science Research Communities will begin in the summer of 2013.

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Campus welcomes transfer students

By **JOHN CAMERON**
News Writer

While most of campus is buzzing with the frenzy of freshman orientation, the Class of 2015 is not the only set of students settling into their new home under the Dome this weekend.

According to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, 113 transfer students will take their places in the sophomore and junior classes this fall.

Erin Camilleri, assistant director of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the counselor responsible for transfer students, said this year's transfer class increased in their academic profile.

"Just like the first-year students, the entire Notre Dame student body has become more and more competitive," Camilleri said.

Unlike first-year admissions, Camilleri said transfer students are not competing for a set number of seats. However, admissions staff was highly selective as they evaluated nearly 400 transfer applications.

Admitted transfer applicants boasted an average GPA of 3.8 from a variety of challenging institutions, Camilleri said, but exceptional academics may be the only common factor for the transfer class this year.

"Students are coming from all over the country ... We don't have any partner universities," Camilleri said. "They're coming to us for a variety of reasons. Some were admitted and chose to go elsewhere, some were not admitted initially, some never applied and later decided Notre Dame was a better fit."

The students' intended majors vary as much as their backgrounds, Camilleri said. While transfers are free to pursue majors in the Colleges of Science, Engineering and Arts and Letters, the latter is especially popular.

"Majors definitely change year to year," she said. "Our [College of Arts and Letters] pre-professional route is very popular. Political science, psychology, economics are all [also] very popular. Those are the ones we see consistently."

In addition to the challenge of joining a new university, transfers often face the possibility of not receiving on-campus.

Jeff Shoup, director of the Office of Residence Life and Housing, said 63 women and 74 men applied for housing in the dorms, but only 20 female and 28 male transfer or readmitted students have been assigned on-campus accommodations so far.

Shoup said the availability of housing for both transfer and readmitted students varies from year to year.

"It fluctuates with on-campus retention, the freshman year numbers and abroad [participation]," he said. "A few of those rooms are those that didn't get picked at room picks, those leftover after the freshmen were assigned, and from people who cancelled [enrollment]. After those, there aren't many leftover

rooms."

Transfers are offered on-campus housing based on a lottery system, and Shoup said no consideration is given to how promptly applicants accepted their offers of admission. Like first-year students, transfer students are randomly assigned to available rooms.

"When your lottery number comes up, it's basically, 'Here's what your assignment is.' When someone declines we just move past them, but for the most part housing is important enough to students that we don't do that often," Shoup said. "We do have some cases where people have difficulty getting out of their leases and have to decline."

Historically, Shoup said transfer students still hoping to move on campus have been able to do so at the semester's end.

"The last several years we've been able to get everyone on second semester that didn't get on fall because there tend to be more students who study abroad in the spring," he said. "We [also] have some students move off, some graduate and some withdraw."

No matter the student's address at Notre Dame, the transfer orientation committee said its members seek to make "home under the Dome" feel real for incoming transfers.

Senior Taylor Popplewell, co-commissioner for Transfer Orientation, said the four-day event provides transfer students with a support system while they find their bearings at a new school.

"I think 'Transfer-0' is great because it provides transfers a means to acclimate to the campus and to get to know over 110 people going through the same thing they are," Popplewell said. "Transferring is hard in itself, so having that community of people makes it easier."

Some of the highlights of the weekend include a welcome mass, the President's Luncheon, "Football 101" and Indiana Dunes Day.

"At the President's Luncheon, Fr. Jenkins addresses the new transfer class. He [was] actually a transfer himself, and it's an amazing part of the orientation because he's been in our shoes," she said. "We also have academic meetings with our advisors, but then there's also a ton of fun activities like 'Football 101' where we teach them all the cheers and dances which is great. Then we have a day where we all go to the dunes and just relax for a day and prepare for classes on Tuesday."

During orientation, students are assigned transfer "parents" from the 26 committee members, Popplewell said.

"It's so they have a close-knit connection with a smaller number of people," Popplewell said. "So they have someone to rely on not only in orientation but throughout the year."

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Science dean and wife bike for disease research

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

College of Science Dean Gregory Crawford wears his summer souvenirs around his wrist.

Red and green rubber bracelets, which read "Dillon's Army" and "Race for Adam," remind Gregory of the children living with Niemann-Pick Type C (NPC) disease he and his wife Renate met on their 2,200 mile "Road to Discovery" bike ride this summer.

"We did something different this year [from last year's "Desert to Dome" bike ride]," Gregory said. "This year, we wanted to actually focus on the disease and the families and the children it affects."

Last year, the dean and his wife biked nearly 2,300 miles from Arizona to South Bend to raise awareness for NPC research. This summer, the couple's second journey for the disease began in Boston June 13 and ended in Dallas July 11.

A van and two drivers, as well as one of the Crawford daughters, accompanied the couple on their trip. Individuals, families and friends signed the van at the stops along the way and phrases from these well-wishers, including singer-songwriter Amy Grant, energized the Crawfords on their trip.

"We even met parents who had lost children to this disease," Renate said, pointing to a message on the van. "Rhonda from Providence lost her son to

the disease, and she wrote, 'They only have a childhood to live a lifetime.'"

Another message scrawled on the side of the car read, "2,200 miles can make a world of difference."

Gregory said he and his wife will make a documentary about their trip.

"We met with families along the way," Gregory said. "Every day after riding, we had events [and] meetings with alumni clubs, researchers and families."

The couple began in Boston with Ara Parseghian, whose namesake and grandfather is the former Irish football coach. Parseghian, a fourth-year medical student at Tufts School of Medicine, watched his three siblings die of NPC, a neurodegenerative disease that inhibits the body's ability to process cholesterol. He now serves on the National Board of Directors for the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation, which funds research to find a cure for NPC.

A photograph of the late Parseghian children – Michael, Marcia and Christa – hangs in Gregory's office.

While the journey was emotionally and physically difficult,

Renate said the trip was also rewarding.

"Every day, your mind is completely filled with the thoughts of the children you met the night before," she said. "The trip was more rewarding because it's personal. I never felt sore or tired while riding because of the thoughts of the families. They were so appreciative."

The journey ended in Dallas at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, where two Nobel Laureates conduct NPC research.

The cost of NPC is higher than many people realize, Gregory said. Many of the drugs used to ease symptoms are "off-label," meaning insurance companies will not pay for the treatments.

All funds raised through their journey are dedicated to research at Notre Dame to find a cure for NPC.

"NPC is a disease that doesn't have a cure or therapy," Gregory said. "Part of Notre Dame's mission, part of its character, is to pick challenges like this up."

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Gregory Crawford
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College of Science



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Above: College of Science Dean Gregory Crawford, right, and his wife Renate biked 2,200 miles this summer to support research on Niemann-Pick Type C (NPC) disease.

Below: NPC patient Tristan, bottom center, and her family drove to meet Gregory, bottom left, in Arkansas during his bike trip. The bikers met families across the country affected by NPC.



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GRC restructures orientation event

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

When first-year students enter the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Monday for the traditional "College HAS Issues: Hookups, Alcohol and Sexual Assault" program, they will be greeted with an unusual request — to bring their cell phones and keep them on.

David Moss, assistant vice president for Student Affairs and interim director of the Gender Relations Center (GRC), said the office revamped the annual program for the Class of 2015 to make it more relevant.

"We're trying to find a way to engage the student a little better ... so our purpose is going to be to change things up to bring [the program] into the 21st century," Moss said.

"It will be one of the first times in the history of DeBartolo that students will be allowed to keep their cell phones on. We'll cover basically the same information, talking about hookups, alcohol, sexual assault, but it'll be done in a little different manner, so it should be interesting for the students."

The program's goal, to inform first-year students about issues they might face on campus and ways to make wise choices, will stay the same, Moss said. Details about

the program's changes, however, will remain a mystery until the Monday meeting.

Elizabeth Moriarty, assistant director of the GRC, said College HAS Issues is an opportunity to protect students by making them aware that rape and sexual assault do happen at Notre Dame, but can be prevented.

"Coming to college is a very exciting, complex time," she said. "There are a lot of fears, there's a lot of excitement. It can be very overwhelming, but there are important things they need to know, and we need a chance to talk with them."

The changes in the program are meant to better communicate the information with the exhausted first-year students, she said.

"The good news is if we work together to better educate [students] and prevent these things from happening, we can make it go away," she said. "This is an important message, so we have to be more creative about how we get the message across."

Moss said he and other members of the GRC staff discussed how the program could be improved for this fall, and was enthusiastic about the revisions.

"It's going to be an excellent program," he said.

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RecSports changes club policies



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Members of the men's club rowing team practice in Oak Ridge, Tenn., during a spring break trip in March. The team is one of 33 club teams sponsored by RecSports.

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Under a new RecSports policy, club teams will be allowed to coexist with varsity teams of the same sport during this school year, David Brown, assistant director of club sports, said.

In the past, RecSports did not permit a club team to be formed if a varsity team already existed in that sport, Brown said. Now, students may apply to create a club team in any sport, even if that sport already has a varsity squad.

The new policy was good news for juniors Ben Galloway and Stefan Hogle. The pair will begin a club tennis team, a goal since their freshman year in 2009.

"Early in the spring semester, we were fortunate enough to be contacted and asked if we would be interested in pursuing this opportunity," Galloway said.

Galloway and Hogle agreed that while intramural teams have been a great way to stay involved in the sport they love, they are excited to compete against other schools.

"We feel club teams will provide students with a way to take that competitive edge

to the next level — to further encourage school identity and unity while still promoting college rivalries in a non-varsity setting," Galloway said.

Hogle and Galloway, the club's co-presidents, immediately accepted the offer. Juniors Nate Balmert, Matt Smith and Anna Wanzek will also serve as the club's officers.

As the group applied for club status, Balmert said the process was complicated at first.

"Courts will also be tough to come by, but we will be able to get some time with priority similar to the Saint Mary's team and there are high school courts as well," Balmert said.

Smith said he has high hopes for the team.

"I know that interhall tennis teams were very strong, and that all of us were state or national players in high school," he said. "I think there are a lot of kids that are great players but aren't quite Division I players, and hopefully our club can take

that role for some."

While the tennis squad is the only group to take advantage of the new policy so far, Brown said RecSports will field 33 club teams this year.

In addition to tennis, it has added racquetball, Nordic Ski and Tai Chi Gong Fu. A club team for outdoor sports, such as hiking and climbing, will also begin this year. Due to lack of interest, Brown said RecSports eliminated men's running and 180Fit.

Despite the changes, Brown said the procedure for founding any new club sports will remain the same.

"Some criteria include submitting a constitution, a prospective advisor that must be approved, demonstrated interest in the sport on campus, a slate of club officers and so on," Brown said.

Club officers must also find nearby schools that compete in their sport, and they must investigate the rules and requirements for its associations in the Midwest. Brown said the club must also address if Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students will be allowed to play on the team.

Regardless of any preliminary obligations, Brown said there are always issues that come up with each club, such as finding and maintaining the necessary practice or game space.

Clubs are also required to partake in at least one community service activity.

"I have interviews with the prospective club officers to discuss their mission and expected activities, among other topics," Brown said.

Brown said some students have expressed interest in forming other club teams under RecSports' new rules, but none have taken the necessary steps to apply like those interested in tennis did.

"Students interested in men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer and coed golf have made inquiries and may petition for recognition next year," Brown said.

"I think there are a lot of kids that are great players but aren't quite Division I players, and hopefully our club can take that role for some."

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Eddy Street adds three businesses



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Urban Outfitters, above, Brothers Bar and Grill and McAlister's Deli will open for business on Eddy Street this fall.

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

Brothers Bar and Grill, Urban Outfitters and McAlister's Deli will open their Eddy Street Commons doors for the first time this fall.

Brothers, located on the east side of Eddy Street, is scheduled to open in October and targets college towns with their lively atmosphere and full menu, Gregory Hakanen, director of asset management at Notre Dame, said Monday.

The chain also operates locations in Bloomington, Ind., near Indiana University and in Madison, Wis., near the University of Wisconsin.

Marc Fortney, one of the Brothers' founders, said the bar and restaurant will offer both good food and exciting nightlife to customers.

"It's going to be a lot of booths with a big bar component," Fortney said. "We are doing the largest tap beer selection we've ever done. We are going to have over 80 tap handles on draft ... It's going to be absolutely over-the-top and a first-rate establishment for Notre Dame."

The bar and restaurant is currently hiring for its October opening, Fortney said.

"We just want to make sure we get out of the box properly ... and that we can provide really great service to our customers throughout the day and the late night," he said.

Notre Dame and Kite Realty Group, the developer for Eddy Street Commons, reached out to the franchise three years ago, Fortney said.

"They came looking for a fun and safe place for their students to be and for the community to enjoy, so I guess we fit that bill

in today's marketplace," he said. "It's a market that we very much want to be a part of."

Fortney said Eddy Street Commons is a "spectacular" development for college students in the area.

"We really do think the students are very lucky to have a development so close to the campus with the different types of food options that you've got going on there and all the support services," Fortney said. "It's a very cool project, and we are very excited to see that project filled."

The national franchise McAlister's Deli, located on Angela Boulevard and east of the

Hammes Notre Dame bookstore, is scheduled to open in September, Hakanen said.

"This high-quality deli operation founded in Oxford, Miss., [also] targets college towns and will appeal to students and area residents alike," Hakanen said. "Construction is progressing rapidly."

The retailer Urban Outfitters will also join the development.

"Construction on this popular store is nearing completion, and opening is anticipated in late August," Hakanen said.

Urban Outfitters is located on the east side of Eddy Street, just south of The Mark restaurant.

Hakanen said the retail component of Eddy Street Commons

has only four small storefronts left.

"Kite Realty Group is being selective in choosing the remaining tenants, including a coffee shop and a convenience store," he said.

Development plans for a second phase of Eddy Street Commons are currently unavailable, Hakanen said.

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Textbook rental returns this year

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For the second year in a row, both the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore and the Saint Mary's Shaheen Bookstore will offer rentable textbooks during the fall semester.

Notre Dame sophomore Neal Ravindra, academic affairs committee chair, said the program is a convenient option for students.

"You can rent through the bookstore, pick up your texts and return them at the end of the semester," Ravindra said. "(You) can highlight the books and take notes in the margins of the books. Of course, students must keep in mind the rented books will be used again."

Last fall, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's student governments launched the Rent-A-Text program through their schools' bookstores. Rent-A-Text provides students with the option of renting a textbook for a semester at a lower fee than the cost of purchasing the book. Rentals can be completed online through the bookstores' websites.

The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore said 36 percent of their textbooks are rentable this semester, and students can save up to 50 percent by renting books instead of buying them.

Titles are only available to rent, however, if faculty members actively participate in the program.

"Dissatisfaction with Rent-A-Text stemmed primarily from the low availability of texts eligible for renting," Ravindra said. "The availability

of rentable texts depends on the compliance rate among faculty for textbook adoption and their timeliness."

The bookstores must provide Rent-A-Text with information about the specific books used by each class every semester. Ravindra said this requirement means many books are not available to rent if professors do not submit their required texts for rental.

"The low participation rate among the faculty for textbook adoption was the leading factor that limited the availability of rentable texts," Ravindra said. "Greater participation is needed."

Despite challenges in kicking off the program, Saint Mary's student body president Nicole Gans said the rental system is advantageous to students.

"[Textbook rental] is a benefit that most small schools don't have," Gans said.

Mike Hicks, manager of the Shaheen Bookstore, said both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's partner with Follett Corporation for their Rent-A-Text programs.

"[Establishing Rent-A-Text for all the company's clients] was a \$130 million investment from Follett," Hicks said. "But [Follett] believed it was a necessary task and an opportunity to make a large-scale impact on overall affordability in higher education."

Notre Dame students also have the option of using digital textbooks for certain classes. The Shaheen Bookstore hopes to provide e-texts in future semesters as well, Hicks said.

"We're very prepared for an increased demand in digital," he said.

Follett works with the digital textbook platform CafeScribe.com. Hicks said students could try this service for a few days for free to see if they liked the digital format.

"It features the same pagination as the printed text, one-click summarizing of notes and highlights, and can save you 40 to 60 percent over buying a new book," he said.

The Shaheen bookstore will continue to expand the rental program. Hicks said faculty must be prepared to use a book for multiple years to participate in the rentals.

"Rental only works with the anticipated re-use of a book, so we work hand-in-hand with faculty to maximize availability," Hicks said.

Kristen Blitch, Notre Dame Retail Operations marketing manager, said the Hammes Bookstore will continue to expand Rent-A-Text for Notre Dame students in the program's second year.

"We're continually working to increase the number of rentable titles in the store," Blitch said. "The more we have, the happier we can make the students."

Student feedback was mostly positive after one year of the textbook rentals, she said.

"There really are more choices than ever for students. In the long run we hope to increase the number of books available for rental. This isn't something we can make happen easily, but with everyone's help, it's certainly achievable," Blitch said.

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Brotherly advice

I, like many of you nervous freshmen, was not the first in my family to attend Notre Dame. My oldest brother claimed that prize in 1996. Then two more followed him before my turn came.

After 15 years, my parents marvel how each of their four sons has “shown” them a “different Notre Dame.” Odd as it may sound, they’re right. The oldest of us majored in political science and loved dorm life. The second rarely came home, yet rarely seemed to be at school. The third was an engineer to his nerdy core. And me, I pretend to go to class between shifts in this office and stints at Kildare’s, er, O’Rourke’s.



Douglas Farmer

Editor-in-Chief

Different experiences indeed.

I never really grasped how true that is until I was deep into my freshman year, sporting the lowest GPA of the bunch and not bothered by it a wit.

You will spend four years at a different Notre Dame than your parents or siblings did, and a different Notre Dame than your roommate or future spouse will.

No matter how many Chicagoland natives you meet named Katherine, Kathleen or Megan, no matter how many tall, skinny, pale guys awkwardly say hello, no matter how many times you eat the same meal and drink the same cheap beer as everyone else, your time here will be different than anyone else’s.

So, to quote my oldest brother, “Don’t forget to transition from being happy to be at Notre Dame to making the most of your time there.”

Because it really will be your time.

Thus, most pieces of sage advice I could dispense now would be irrelevant. They pertain to my experience, not yours. Instead of trying to correct my own errors through you, I’d rather simply save you some time. So, once more, drawing from what my brothers told me three years ago:

“Find out when quarter dogs are at La Fortune ... They are a good late-night snack.” — Midnight on weeknights.

“Go find the hidden pictures in the murals at the Main Building so you can show visitors when they come. And they will come.” — You’re looking in the tassels of the painted rugs. You should find a bowling pin, a belly dancer and Kermit the Frog. In the grain of one of the wooden entry doors, spot the cowardly lion.

“Share Mom’s cookies ... I’d imagine they’re a good way to break the ice with girls.” — Even though he married his high school sweetheart, he knew what he was talking about.

And, mine: “Relax.” It’s a stressful weekend, but nothing will happen in the next 24 hours, the next week, or even the next semester, that a night with your new friends and a relaxed drink, alcoholic or non, won’t fix.

From there, make these four years yours.

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From fears to friends

Congratulations, freshmen.

You’ve said goodbye to your high school friends, you’ve arranged your impossibly small dorm room and you’ve met and judged your roommate.

You’ve officially made it through those first awkward, stressful, challenging moments of college. Now take a second and breathe. There will be plenty more where those came from in the next four years, but hopefully by the end of this column you’ll feel a bit more prepared.

I can’t say goodbye to your parents for you, sit next to you in your first college class or hold your hand at your first dorm party.

But I can give you some perspective to take with you along the way. I had a lot of fears coming into college: breaking up with my high school boyfriend, losing touch with my high school friends, not liking Notre Dame, which had always been my dream school.

And to varying degrees, all of that happened. My high school boyfriend and I broke up a month into college. I was sad, but if that hadn’t happened, I wouldn’t have experienced the awkwardness of a dining hall date, and I wouldn’t be dating my boyfriend now.

I went from talking to my high school friends once a day to every once in a while. But if I didn’t let go a little bit, I wouldn’t have formed friendships with the people that I know will be at my wedding, child’s birth and 70th birthday party.

Living with your friends in college makes for both pee-your-pants and I-want-to-kill you moments, but in the end, your friends be there for you through thick and thin.

Like those moments when you’re sad or scared or frustrated that Notre Dame isn’t exactly what you thought it would be. There will be a few times like that, but your new friends will sit on the futon with you through it all.

It is those moments that will help you appreciate and love Notre Dame, despite its dysfunctional idiosyncrasies and soon enough you will be tweeting about how you are #domesick. I know I am.

Since freshman year, many of my initial fears came true, and you know what? I’m so glad they did. So my best advice is to welcome all the change that’s going to happen instead of trying to fight it.

You’ll be surprised how it changes you for the better. It will be a little while before you’re able to see that, though, so in the mean time, let’s focus on the more practical items:

There’s no better way to stand out as a freshman than to wander around the dining hall aimlessly and enter lines from the wrong end. I can’t speak for North Dining Hall, but at South Dining Hall, the pasta line starts by the bananas, the vegetable line start away from the drinks and the apple/salad line starts from the Chinese food. Follow suit.

The dining hall is a great place to people watch. Observe, scout out the cuties and create nicknames for them among your friends. (Notre Dame is too small to use their real names when you’re gossiping about how you want to meet up with so-and-so this weekend after hours.)

When in doubt, play Aerosmith’s “I

Don’t Want To Miss A Thing” or Seal’s “Kiss From A Rose” at a party.

If you’re breaking parietals, a fire alarm is NOT an indication to leave the room. Unless you actually smell fire, and in that case, take your pick — ResLife or Satan. Could be an even match.

If the police come to a party, run, Forrest, run.

Introduce yourself. I met one of my best friends on campus because I sent him an awkward Facebook message about our astronomy homework. We laugh about it now, but who would I get relationship advice from in moments of panic if I hadn’t taken that first step?

Learn to love Taylor Swift.

Choose your classes based on the professor. A good professor makes all the difference.

Do not write a letter to The Observer detailing your freshman year hookups.

Do sign up for The Observer at activities night. It’s been the best part of my college experience so far.

When you walk outside and it’s -20 degrees, you don’t have a booger hanging out of your nose. That’s just the feeling of your nose hairs freezing.

Truly take in these next few years. They’ve been the best years of my life so far, and I am confident they will be for you as well. Enjoy.

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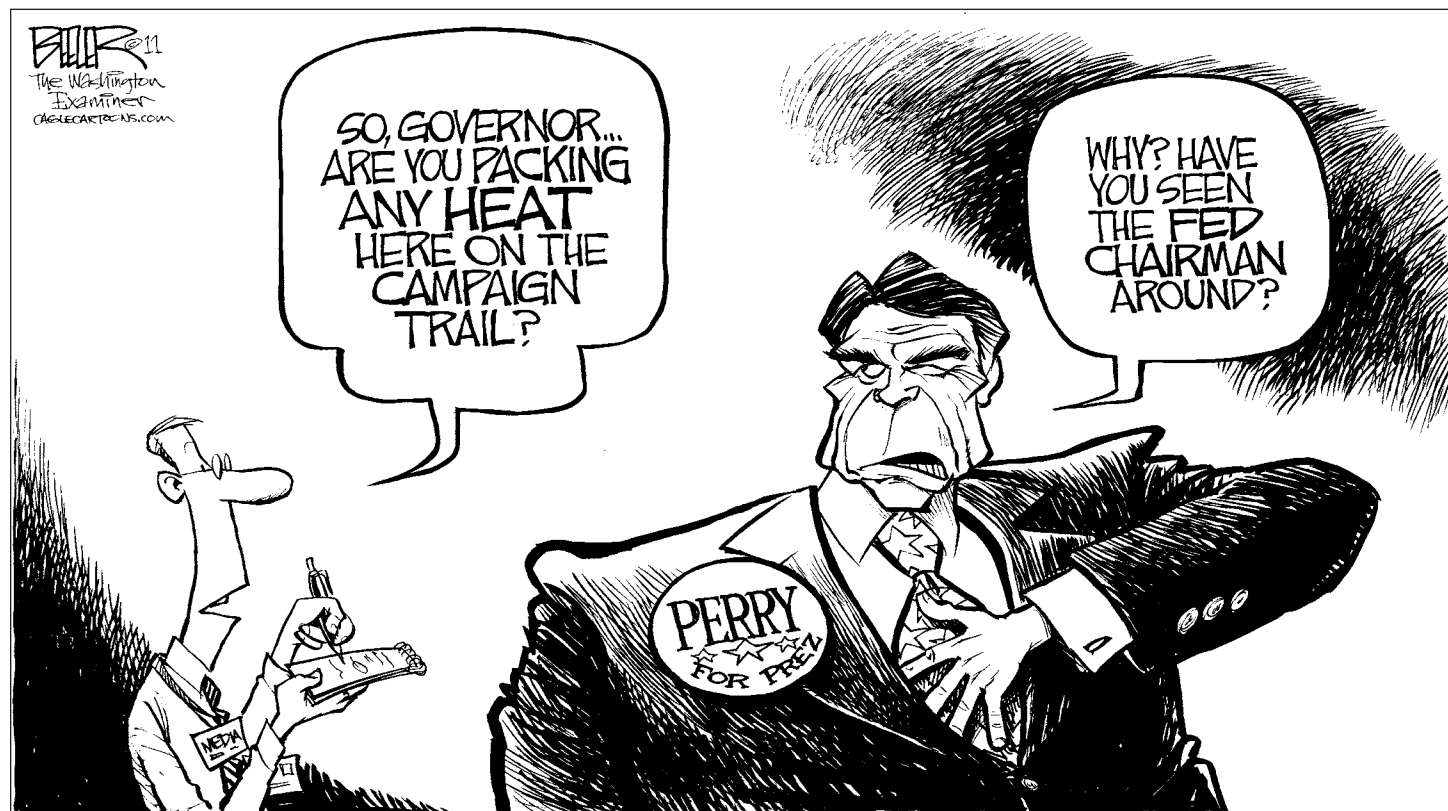
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Change is the constant, the signal for rebirth, the egg of the phoenix.”

Christina Baldwin
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity.”

Dorothy Parker
U.S. poet, writer and satirist

Dance parties and other tips

When my sister headed off to college a year after I did, I wasn't sure what to give her, but I knew that as a rising sophomore I had an infinite amount of wisdom to share.

The things I learned that freshman year, like how to stay up past 2 a.m., what part of the library all the cute boys study in — news flash, cute boys don't study — and how to adequately decorate a hallway for Christmas basically made me the Albert Einstein of college and life knowledge (not).

In reality, by that point in life, my sister was tired of hearing me preach so I turned to people she actually liked — my friends — and asked them to offer some advice for her freshman year.

The things they recommended, like having regular dance parties with your roommates to both bond and de-stress, putting away your cell phones at parties to avoid regrettable text messages and reading any and everything you come across because there's so much out there to learn, were all valuable gems.

Other things, like inappropriate party jokes that were guaranteed to offend someone, were entertaining, but not quite as helpful.

Some also offered college advice staples, like go into freshman year with an open mind and find your niche.

Get involved and take some risks bigger than putting off your homework until Sunday night.

Don't be scared to talk to professors (I still am) and don't worry about having a perfect GPA (I don't). All these were valuable and really should be considered.

A lot is going to be thrown at you this weekend, this year and really the rest of your time here.

The great thing (and overwhelming thing) about college is that there are so many people here with so much knowledge about things you've never even heard of, that you'll never run out of people to ask for advice.

At the same time, it's hard not to wonder if you'll ever be as smart or

as successful as them. Good news — you made it to Notre Dame, so you're already well on your way.

As the weather gets colder and pangs of homesickness settle in, know that there are people here who will love and welcome you wholeheartedly into what we call the warm Notre Dame family.

Even though we've been told over and over again how much smarter your class is than ours, I promise we'll try not to resent you. In fact, we might just even invite you over for a dance party to warm up your spirits.

Notre Dame is a special place, but you don't need me to tell you that. As I get closer and closer to stepping out into the real world, my heart aches more and more to stay beneath the Golden Dome. You really won't find people like the ones you meet this weekend and this year anywhere else, trust me.

I have to be honest. It took me a while to appreciate everything Notre Dame is. I came here with a skeptical eye, and not just because both my parents are Purdue fans.

It was hard to believe that one school could have the academics, athletics, faith, tradition and quality of people this place promised. Everywhere I looked, I peeked behind the scenes to find the person who would jump out and yell,

"Gotcha!" It all seemed too good to be true, but it wasn't.

It might take a few days, weeks, months or no time at all for you to fall in love with this school.

Work at whatever pace is right for you. As they say in "Field of Dreams," "If you build it, they will come."

If you open your mind and heart to what Notre Dame has to offer, I guarantee the immense love and satisfaction the students have for this school and each other will come and warm you, even when there are piles of snow outside ... in October.

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The freshman 72-hour challenge

Welcome home.

According to the numbers, you are the most accomplished incoming class to date. Your SAT and ACT scores are well above national averages and your high school rank is one digit long. I'm just glad I was born in 1990.

Some of you are national scholars. Others are all-state varsity athletes. Some are both, and yet all of you were chosen based on your prior feats and more importantly, future potential.

But you are still the most unaccomplished students on campus — until this weekend. You've yet to take a single class, complete an assignment, lead a Notre Dame cheer, finish a set of pushups in the student section, walk into a dorm party, leave a dorm party or, the ultimate prize, accept a full-time job offer. And by the end of this weekend, that list will still be waiting for you.

Yet I challenge you over the next 72 hours to make a name for yourself. Let people remember you for all the right reasons.

It all starts with moving in. If you haven't already, introduce yourself to your roommate(s) and hallmates, their parents, RAs, ARs and, most importantly, your rector. First impressions last, and getting off to the right start could be particularly helpful after tonight.

Continue meeting as many people as possible. Enjoy the stunning weather, read a section or two of DuLac between open houses and get to know the upperclassmen in your section, especially the sophomores. They will show you the ropes better than anyone.

I suppose I could continue giving tips like this for the whole weekend, but this is your freshman orientation. Like the next four years, define your experience on your own terms.

In more ways than one, Freshman Orientation weekend is like a snapshot of the next four years. You meet an incredible number of people, you form friendships, you learn, you socialize, you forget, you say goodbye and you remember — it's up to you to fill in the

details. Freshmen at Purdue and Indiana have a similar set of orientation activities planned.

Over the next four years, they will go to classes, attend home football games, form relationships and socialize just like hundreds of students across the country.

But college is a story of details. Embrace Notre Dame for the details that no other student body in the nation has the opportunity to experience.

Attend Mass in the Basilica, take a tour of ND Stadium and form a Bookstore Basketball team.

Or make your own list. Just make sure it's unique to you and this university. And don't get caught up in the stories you hear from old friends.

Every year fall break comes along, we go back home and we exchange stories with high school classmates.

Greek life is great, but alas, it will never be a part of this campus.

So don't force it. Share your experience of throwing a party in an 8 foot by 10 foot dorm room, attending the first night game at the Big House or grabbing 33-cent dogs at the Huddle. Embrace your dormitory.

Notre Dame will make your college experience unique to the rest of the nation, but your dorm will make your experience unique to the rest of the campus.

Accept the natural rivalry that exists between the halls, participate in signature hall events and take on a leadership role. Make a name for yourself.

Put in the time in the classroom, of course. You can't use "transitioning to college" as a footnote on your resume, but don't let grades define your four-year experience.

Coming back to this weekend — live in the moment. You can use the next 72 hours to make every effort to form friendships and relationships without any awkward pretenses, so take advantage, even at Domerfest.

Lastly, don't worry about the homesick feeling you might get in the middle of next week.

It passes quickly and by Friday it doesn't come back.

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Campus leaders welcome Class of 2015

Keep your “eyes high”

For 169 consecutive years, the University of Notre Dame has opened its doors to welcome new students. For those serving here, we approach this year with as much zeal and optimism as you, our first-year, transfer, professional and new graduate students bring to campus.

The University’s legacy is long and its traditions are deep, but your presence renews and enlivens this storied Catholic institution. On behalf of all of us who serve in Student Affairs, we welcome our newest members to campus, but most importantly, to our community.

The Division of Student Affairs, in concert with our colleagues throughout campus, strives to facilitate your intellectual, spiritual and personal growth. The integration of these essential human dimensions is one hallmark of a Notre Dame education.

The University offers a variety of valuable resources to assist you. Our 29 undergraduate residence halls and two graduate and family residence facilities help to create the sense of community that is one of our most distinctive features.

Student service departments in the Division of Student Affairs are experienced in supporting both specialized needs and integrative approaches to your development. You will find ready partners among the dedicated staff of Campus Ministry, the Career Center, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, the Counseling Center, the Gender Relations Center, the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, University Health Services, the Office of Residence Life, Student Activities and the Office of Housing.

As you enter into this community I encourage you to keep your “eyes high” as you walk about campus — so that we might greet one another personally and as a way to consider the long horizon of your life when contemplating the individual decisions and countless opportunities awaiting you.

Please know you have the very best efforts and wishes of the Student Affairs Division and that you are lifted in prayer daily by me, and my brothers and sisters of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Fr. Tom Doyle, C.S.C.
 Vice President of Student Affairs
 University of Notre Dame
 Aug. 20, 2011

To the Belles

Class of 2015 Belles, I’d like to welcome you home!
 To the beautiful Avenue and the Golden Dome.

Maybe right now you are nervous or scared
 To embark on your college journey, feeling so unprepared,

But let me tell you first-hand, you have no need to worry.
 Everyone’s in the same place, you’ll make friends in a hurry!

Those friends will quickly turn into your family.
 You just gained 1,600 new sisters, just wait and see,

We are all here to help you and want only your best.
 To your success here at Saint Mary’s College, our efforts we’ll invest,

So please get involved, there is so much to do.
 Clubs that will allow you to discover the leader in you!

Work hard in classes, attendance is the key!
 Everyone can share in your 8 a.m. misery.

But remember to have fun, it’s not all about the books.
 Save time to impress the boys with your charm and good looks.

The next four years will fly by more quickly than you can believe;
 That we are entering our last year is something we can’t conceive.

So cherish each minute and enjoy every day.
 Grow and explore in every possible way.

Take chances, find risks, don’t be afraid to fail.
 Take advantage of every opportunity and blaze your own trail.

We wish you good luck, and a fabulous year,
 As you now embark on your Saint Mary’s College career.

Nicole Gans
 Student Body President
 Saint Mary’s College
 Aug. 20, 2011

Jacquelyn Zupancic
 Student Body Vice President
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 Aug. 20, 2011

A warm welcome

Dear Students:

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 nurture your growth during your time as a student.

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. 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,

Fr. John Jenkins, C.S.C.
 President
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 Aug. 20, 2011

The real Saint Mary’s

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Saint Mary’s College, I extend a warm welcome to the Class of 2015 and our transfer students. As the 11th president of Saint Mary’s, and a proud alumna, I know how powerful this experience will be for you. You will spend the next four years in a rigorous academic environment supported by an excellent faculty, close friends and a deeply caring staff.

As a Holy Cross institution, we place a special emphasis on the education of the whole person. Your education does not end when you leave the classroom. Every activity in which you participate will enhance your collegiate experience. I encourage you to participate in as many co-curricular activities as time and your academic schedule will permit. Over 80 percent of our students participate in community service. This number demonstrates the importance we place on giving back and on experiential learning.

One of my aspirations for you is that you will develop a sense of obligation to promote the common good and that your entire life and work will reflect that understanding. If this happens for you, then you, too, will have experienced the real Saint Mary’s.

The world needs women educated in the Saint Mary’s way. Our proud 167-year tradition of educating women to make a difference in the world now includes you. It is your turn to make history at Saint Mary’s College. I look forward to accompanying you on this exciting journey.

Sincerely,

Carol Ann Mooney
 President
 Saint Mary’s College
 Aug. 20, 2011

Come on in

Dear Class of 2015,

We hope you’ve had a smooth move-in process and a great start to your first weekend as a student at Notre Dame! This is an incredibly important moment in your life, and it’s a privilege for us to have the chance to share it with you and your family.

As your student body president and vice president, our job is to lead a team of students who advocate for the aspirations of the student body as a whole as well as every branch of the University. Your Student Union is made up of hundreds of undergraduates running organizations that exist for the sole purpose of serving you. We hope you’ll take advantage of them. We work on issues ranging from constituent services, such as lowering the price of Quarter Dogs and increasing the size of student printing quotas, to broader reform efforts, such as pursuing a comprehensive university sustainability strategy.

Come visit us in 203 LaFortune Hall to find out how you can get involved. Choose a path to make your mark and join together to answer Fr. Jenkins’ challenge to “build a Notre Dame that is bigger and better than ever.”

Now, back to this weekend. There are probably a dozen things going on in your mind as you read through The Observer on your way to five different orientation events that you have somehow managed to squeeze into the next half hour. Before you finish lofting your bed, buying your books and planning how you’ll fit in that triple major while still saving time to study abroad on two continents, hold on for just one second. You’re about to start one of the most exciting adventures of your life, and the best part is you can’t really plan it out in advance.

But you can count on one thing: you’re not in this alone. Your section is with you. Your hall staff is with you. And we’re with you too. Whether you’re not sure where to find your place at Notre Dame or literally lost somewhere on campus, head for 203 LaFortune Hall right next to the Golden Dome. Our door is always open. Come on in — anytime for any reason. In the meantime, please let us know if there’s anything we can do to help with the transition. You can find a member of our team by looking for an “Ask Me” name tag and we’ll all be happy to answer any questions you or your parents might have.

Thank you for choosing to give yourself to this Notre Dame family. We think you’ll find it’s a place like no other on earth, and can’t wait to see how you build it even better. As you do, we hope you’ll consider us along for the ride, and with you every step of the way.

Patrick McCormick
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FRESHMAN BINGO

After you've participated in one of these events, cover the corresponding square. Try to get five in a row before the year is up and see which of your friends can get it the fastest.



Joined a club



Attended Hip-Hop Night



Painted your body for a game



Gone on a sponsored trip



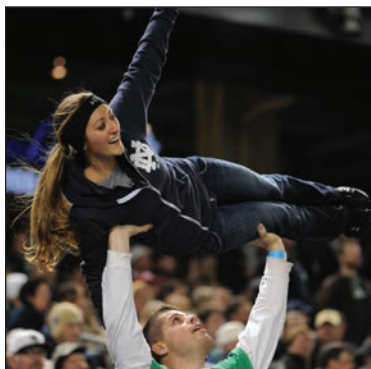
Participated in a sport



Gone to a themed dorm party



Participated in the Fisher Regatta



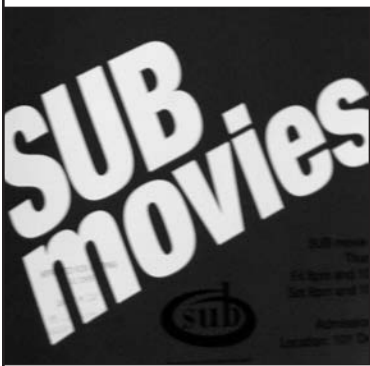
Done push ups in the stadium



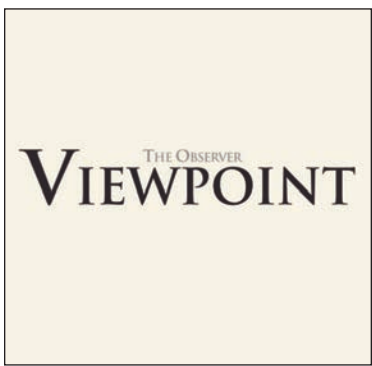
Ate a midnight dog



Made the Dean's List



Watched a SUB movie



Started a Viewpoint war



Free Space!



Ended the night at Nick's Patio



Traveled to an away game



Gone to every library floor



Worked at a concession stand



Met Fr. Hesburgh



Played bookstore basketball



Appeared in The Observer



Been set-up for an SYR



Lit a candle at the Grotto



Swam in Stonehenge



Won Legends trivia



Dressed up for a pep rally

FALL SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS

B1 Block Party

Every year, Legends hosts a concert to kickoff the fall semester. Last year Guster rocked the B1 parking lot and this year, DJ and mash-up artist Girl Talk will take the stage. Exclusively for Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students, the \$10 ticket not only grants you access to the concert, but also to activities throughout the evening.

Women's Soccer National Champions

Last fall, the Notre Dame women's soccer team unseated the previously undefeated Stanford to win the national championship. Head to Alumni Fields this fall to watch the No. 1 women defend their title.

USG Night Game

On Oct. 22, 2011 Notre Dame stadium will host its first night game in 21 years. The Fighting Irish will take on the Trojans of USC under the lights in one of the biggest rivalry games of the season. We don't know when there will be another night game, so make the most of this exciting opportunity.

Fall 2011 Notre Dame Varsity Athletics Schedule

Event Locations

Football — Notre Dame Stadium, **Men's and Women's Soccer** — Alumni Stadium, **Women's Volleyball** — Purcell Pavillion, **Men's and Women's Golf** — Warren Golf Course, **Cross Country** — Notre Dame Golf Course, **Fight Like a Champion Today** — Purcell Pavillion, **Men's and Women's Tennis** — Eck Tennis Pavillion

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

August

22 Men's Soccer vs Creighton 7:00 p.m.	23	24	25	26 Women's Volleyball vs Eastern Michigan 7:00 p.m.	27 Men's Soccer vs Indiana 7:30 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs Idaho 7:00 p.m.	28 Women's Volleyball vs Butler 1:30 p.m.
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September

5	6	7	1	2 Women's Soccer vs Tulsa 7:30 p.m.	3 Football vs South Florida 3:30 p.m.	4 Women's Soccer vs Indiana 1:30 p.m.
8	9 Men's Soccer vs Denver 7:30 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs Lipscomb 7:00 p.m.	10 Football @ Michigan 8:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs Portland 7:00 p.m.	11 Men's Soccer vs Bucknell 2:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs Valparaiso 1:30 p.m.			

12	13	14	15	16 Men's Soccer vs Michigan 7:30 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Louisville 5:00 p.m. Cross Country National Catholic Championships 3:30 p.m. Fight Like a Champion 9:00 p.m.	17 Football vs Michigan State 3:30 p.m.	18
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19	20	21	22	23 Men's Tennis Tom Fallon Invitational All Day	24 Football @ Pittsburgh 12:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Louisville 7:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball 2:00 p.m.	25 Women's Volleyball vs Villanova 1:00 p.m.
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26 Men's Golf Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic All Day	27 Men's Golf Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic All Day	28	29	30 Women's Soccer vs Connecticut 7:30 p.m. Cross Country Notre Dame Invitational 2:00 p.m.
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1 Football @ Purdue 8:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs Cincinnati 2:00 p.m.	2 Women's Soccer vs Providence 1:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs Louisville 2:00 p.m.
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October

3	4	5	6	7	8 Football vs Air Force 3:30 p.m.	9
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10	11	12	13	14 Women's Soccer vs Georgetown 7:30 p.m.	15	16 Women's Soccer vs Villanova 1:00 p.m.
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17	18	19 Men's Soccer vs Seton Hall 7:00 p.m.	20	21 Women's Soccer vs DePaul 7:30 p.m.	22 Football vs USC 7:30 p.m.	23 Women's Volleyball vs USF 2:00 p.m.
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Clark

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season on the bench due to NCAA transfer regulations. Finley led the ACC in scoring last season with 17 goals and ranked first among all NCAA Division I players in goals per game with 0.94 goals per game.

Finley is the first transfer to join the Irish during Clark's tenure.

"[Finley] certainly has a great background," Clark said. "He's got to settle into a new team which always takes a bit of time, but he's got tremendous statistics. We're hoping he can fill some of the goals that [graduated] Steven Perry got us last year."

The Irish tied Xavier 1-1 Tuesday in an exhibition match. They defeated Butler 2-1 Thursday in the second of their three exhibition matches. Junior forward Danny O'Leary and senior midfielder Adam Mena each scored to lead the Irish.

Notre Dame will host No. 10 Creighton at Alumni Stadium Monday for its third and final exhibition game. The match will be the team's annual donation game for the Grassroots Soccer non-profit organization that is near and dear to Clark. Clark's son founded the organization that seeks to create awareness for young Africans about the persistence and danger of HIV.

Later in the upcoming season, the team will also host its annual Lose the Shoes tournament for a chance for students to raise money toward the cause.

The first regular season game for the Irish will be Aug. 27

against No. 17 Indiana.

"It'll be a huge game to start the season, and we usually always start with a big game," Clark said. "Indiana is always an exciting game as in in-state rival. Soccer is very important in Indiana."

Though luck has been on Notre Dame's side playing the Hoosiers in Bloomington, they struggled against their regional rival at Alumni Stadium last year, a trend Clark and the Irish want to change for a confidence boost into the new season.

"We won there last year, but we haven't won at home against them in a while," Clark said. "They've had the better of us on our home ground."

Once back on campus, the team held a meeting discussing hopeful outcomes at the brink of a new year for the Irish.

"We really want to focus on the national championship and focusing on things that are going to get us there," Powers said. "It's hard to say what will get us there."

This season, Clark wants his team to recreate the success of last year but take it a few steps further toward what would be the team's first national championship.

"I think we were very close last year. Hopefully we can edge a little bit closer, and this year, I think that's the aim of this moment in time," Clark said. "If we can edge a little bit closer, we know where we'd like to be at the end of the season, it's just a matter of getting there."

Kickoff against Creighton is at 7 p.m. Monday.

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Irish junior midfielder Dillon Powers chases a ball against Cal Poly at Alumni Stadium on Sept. 12.

McGraw

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got that far and couldn't finish it," McGraw said. "So I think we're all really committed to getting back and this time finishing it."

Only forward Becca Bruszewski left the Irish starting rotation. The graduate served as the team's emotional leader in addition to contributing 8.9 points per game and 5.3 rebounds per contest.

"It's difficult and it's a challenge every year when you see a class graduate," McGraw said. "The class before Becca graduated and people wondered who would fill in the gaps and people did it. We expect [sophomore forward] Natalie Achonwa and [freshman forward] Markisha Wright would be the people that would fill in terms of playing time."

Achonwa elevated her game down the stretch and provided some productive minutes at key times in the Big East tournament and NCAA tournament. Her contributions helped hold Connecticut freshman center Stefanie Dolson to just seven points, four rebounds and four personal fouls in 25 minutes.

McGraw said she has already seen improved leadership by a few of the team's veterans in Bruszewski's absence.

"[Senior forward] Devereaux Peters has really stepped up with her leadership," McGraw said. "With [senior guard] Natalie Novosel and [senior guard Brittany] Mallory returning, we have a really solid senior presence."

Diggins is arguably the most important component to the team's fortunes in 2011-12. The South Bend native burst onto the national scene during the NCAA tournament and quickly became a national celebrity. She gained 10,000 Twitter followers during the national semifinal against Connecticut alone and currently has over 115,000 followers, making her not only the face of the Irish but also the face of the sport.

"I think with improved leadership she'll have the ball in her hands and be the leader on the court," McGraw said. "We expect she will continue to improve in a lot of ways really in her demeanor and leadership and how to manage the team. She did a really good job of that [last season]."

Diggins averaged 15 points per game and 4.8 assists per contest and sparked the Irish to the

national championship game. She scored 20 or more points in four of the six tournament games, including 24 against Tennessee in the program's first-ever victory over the Volunteers, 28 against Connecticut and 23 in the loss to Texas A&M.

In their quest for the pro

gram's second national title, the Irish will once again face one of the most difficult schedules in the country, starting with the non-conference slate, which will be revealed in full in September.

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Irish junior guard Skylar Diggins brings the ball up the court in a 72-63 victory over Connecticut on Apr. 3 in the 2011 Final Four.

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Rally sons of Notre Dame, Sing her glory, and sound her fame Raise her Gold and Blue, And cheer with voices true, Rah! Rah! For Notre Dame.

We will fight in every game Strong of heart and true to her name. We will ne'er forget her

And we'll cheer her ever, Loyal to Notre Dame.

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

Notre Dame, our Mother Tender, strong and true

Proudly in the heavens, Gleams thy gold and blue.

Glory's mantle cloaks thee

Golden is thy fame,

And our hearts forever, Praise thee, Notre Dame.

And our hearts forever, Love thee, Notre Dame.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

2011-12 Notre Dame season seems familiar

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Editor-in-Chief

As Notre Dame prepares for the 2011-12 season, many things are the exact same as they were a year ago.

Once again, the Irish reflect on an early-exit from the NCAA tournament. Once again, the team leader has graduated and gone pro. And once again, these items have led to relatively low expectations for the upcoming season.

Last year, those low expectations resulted in a 26-6 record and a No. 5 ranking leading into the NCAA tournament, where the Irish were seeded second in their regional in Chicago.

"[I'm] thrilled to jump on the bus to come down the toll road over here," Brey said heading into the opening game against No. 15-seed Akron.

But when the Irish left Chicago, Brey was not as thrilled, suffering a 71-57 season-ending loss to No. 10-seed Florida State.

"We're all really leveled physically and emotionally because we invested so much," Brey said immediately afterward. "It's hard for me to frame the season right now."

Brey lost three starters to graduation from that squad — guard Ben Hansbrough and forwards Tyrone Nash and Carleton Scott.

Hansbrough hoped to follow up his Big East Player of the Year award with a draft pick from the NBA, but did not receive an offer. Facing the NBA lockout, Hansbrough opted to head overseas to Germany to play for FC Bayern Muenchen.

Nash, who left Notre Dame as the program's all-time winningest player with 96 total wins, also went undrafted and joined a separate professional

team in Germany.

Scott, however, turned pro with one year of eligibility remaining, expecting to hear his name in the draft. He too did not get drafted to the NBA and has caught on with a team in Spain.

The loss of these three starters and their combined averages of 39.1 points per game, 17.2 rebounds and 9.0 assists forced Notre Dame to turn to newcomers to pick up the slack. But highly-touted recruit Eric Katenda suffered a severed optic nerve this summer, and his career on the court remains uncertain.

With or without Katenda, Notre Dame's starting five is yet to be determined. Senior guard Scott Martin and forward Tim Abromaitis will likely return to their starting spots, and will most likely be joined by sophomore guard Eric Atkins and junior forward Jack Cooley. Atkins and Cooley were the first two players off Brey's bench throughout last season.

The fifth piece of the puzzle will come down to a competition between junior guard Joey Brooks and sophomore guards Alex Dragicevich and Jerian Grant. Neither of the sophomores saw playing time last season.

Another unknown is Notre Dame's complete schedule, although some games are set. The Irish will face Big East opponents Connecticut, Rutgers and West Virginia twice apiece and play a game at Gonzaga. The team will also appear in the CBE Classic, where Notre Dame will host Detroit and Sam Houston State at home and face Missouri and either Cal or Georgia in Kansas City.

The full schedule will be released later this fall.

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Irish sophomore guard Eric Atkins drives to the basket in an 85-52 exhibition win over Marian at Purcell Pavilion on Nov. 1.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Halfpenny settles in as new Irish head coach

By **MATTHEW DeFRANKS**
Sports Writer

New Irish coach Christine Halfpenny shifted gears as soon as she learned she had earned the Notre Dame job. On the sidelines of a high school camp, Halfpenny quickly moved on from recruiting for William & Mary and started pitching Notre Dame.

"I was elated," Halfpenny said. "I was excited. But I knew I had to get to work for the University of Notre Dame."

Halfpenny left William & Mary to replace longtime Irish coach Tracy Coyne, who led the women's lacrosse squad for the first 15 years of the program. Coyne led the Irish to a Final Four berth in 2006 and a Big East championship in 2009 on her way to 147 wins with Notre Dame.

"[Coyne] left big shoes to fill," Halfpenny said. "She did an outstanding job putting them on the map. She had a big task as one of the first Midwest programs."

Halfpenny's William & Mary teams set single-season records for points, goals, draw controls,

caused turnovers and saves during her tenure. Her last four Tribe squads topped the 10-win plateau. The Virginia Tech alumna also worked as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Duke, where she reeled in some of the top classes in the country.

"From a coaching, recruiting and academic standpoint, she understands exactly what the expectations are here at Notre Dame and what it will take for our program to take the next set of steps forward," Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick said in a press release

announcing Halfpenny's hiring.

While at Duke, Halfpenny helped the Blue Devils earn a 3.46 team grade-point average, the best in the nation.

"I realized the importance of structure, commitment and dedication," Halfpenny said. "I learned how to maximize effort and efficiency."

At William & Mary, Halfpenny's Tribe teams not only earned a combined 59 CAA Commissioner's Academic Awards in the classroom, but also amassed five All-American selections on the field.

"We set goals for our girls," she said. "We are organized with our time management. We want our girls to graduate and dominate the real world. We need to prepare our girls for life after lacrosse."

Halfpenny, while with William & Mary, recruited many of the current Irish players and likens her new job to a

reunion of sorts. She believes her personnel will fit nicely into her system and describes them as strong, fast, energetic and proud.

"Without question,

Chris is the right person at the right time to lead out program," Deputy Director of Athletics Bill Scholl said at the press conference introducing Halfpenny.

Elite facilities like the Loftus Center and Arlotta Stadium coupled with stellar recruiting resources have Halfpenny thinking big.

"We want to win a Big East championship, make a Final Four and ultimately, win a national championship," she said.

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Christine Halfpenny
Irish coach

MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish fall after historic season

By **JOSEPH MONARDO**
Sports Writer

In what was supposed to be a grand finale to a trail-blazing regular season, the premature ending was all too familiar for the Irish coaches and players.

Following a first round victory over unseeded Penn (8-7, 4-2 Ivy League), No. 4 Notre Dame (11-3, 5-1 Big East) was ousted from the NCAA tournament by No. 5 Duke (14-6, 3-0 ACC) for the second consecutive year, this time in the quarterfinals by the score of 7-5.

"It was almost an anecdote to the championship game last year [which Notre Dame lost 6-5 in overtime]," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We outplayed them for a significant part of the game but didn't cash in on opportunities. It was kind of a strange way to, for the second year in a row, begin the season with a win against Duke and end the season with a loss [against Duke]."

No. 6 in the preseason polls, the Irish enjoyed early success as they rattled off 10 straight wins to start the



Irish senior attackman Nicholas Beattie goes for a pass during No. 4 Notre Dame's 11-7 win over No. 16 Drexel March 3.

season (including a 12-7 defeat of Duke in week one) en route to securing the first No. 1 ranking in program history April 18. However, after only two weeks atop the polls, Notre Dame fell to Syracuse (15-2, 6-0 Big East) and North Carolina (10-6, 1-

2 ACC) in consecutive weeks to end the regular season. Although they seemed to have limped into the post-season, the Irish regained their momentum with an opening round 13-6 victory over Penn.

"It was probably our best game we had played all year," junior attack Sean Rogers said of the game against Penn. "Coming off of two losses ... we really had to step it up, and we did."

The Irish jumped out to an early 4-0 lead against the Quakers, and outscored their opponent 5-1 in the second half. Senior attack Colin Igoe added one assist to his three goals as he recorded a career high four points.

Unfortunately for the Irish, they were not able to replicate their goal-scoring performance from the first round game in the round of eight. The Irish were, however, very much in the game until the final quarter, when Duke netted three goals to run away with the contest. Notre Dame's inability to convert scoring opportunities into goals, a deficiency which plagued the team all year, caught up to the Irish once again.

"Our problem this year against Duke was our shooting accuracy, and we didn't make most of our shots and couldn't put [the ball] in the back of the net," sophomore goalie John Kemp said.

The Irish outshot Duke 34-28, won 11 of the 16 faceoff attempts, scooped up nine more ground balls and committed three fewer turnovers than the Blue Devils. Despite the lingering disappointment from their second round loss, Notre Dame's successful regular season served to establish the program as one of the nation's elite.

"All in all, it was a good year, but this team had aspirations to win a national championship," Corrigan said. "We spent three or four weeks at No. 1. We were the last team to be undefeated. We played as a top-five team all year, and I think that was very satisfying in a sense because we felt like we belonged, but [we] didn't finish the year with a ring like we all hoped."

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Irish sophomore midfielder Liam O'Connor evades defenders during Notre Dame's 11-7 victory over Drexel March 3.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Young team strives to replicate last season

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

Coming off a season that included a Big East championship, a top-25 ranking and their first NCAA championship berth, the challenge for the Irish will now be to replicate past success and turn their program into a national powerhouse. With the loss of Katie Conway and So-Hyun Park to graduation and sophomore Nicole Zhang leaving the team, Notre Dame returns this year as a much younger team. The expectations, though, are just as high.

"We've got some very talented players to fill the spots we had vacated," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "We feel good about getting back to those championships."

Those spots will be filled by another strong recruiting class assembled by Holt, which features freshmen Ashley Armstrong and Kelli Oride. Armstrong has already won over 20 events in her short career, and Oride is ranked as a top-20 recruit. Together, Holt believes they will be a huge factor for the Irish in the upcoming season.

"These freshmen are already experienced, talented players," Holt said. "They will have to get up to speed with what we do here, but we're expecting them to have a big impact immediately."

The task of helping the freshmen adjust will fall on the shoulders of Notre Dame's three upperclassmen: sophomore Kristina Nim and seniors Katie Allare and Becca Huffer. After the departure of team leaders Conway and Park, Huffer will have to pick up where they left off, both on the course and in the locker room.

"Katie and So-Hyun meant a lot to this program," Holt said. "[Huffer] is our top returning player and she's had a really solid three years for us already. She's going to be in a leadership role for us, and she will be able to help out the freshmen."

With a cohesive team of five talented golfers, Notre Dame will look for its first repeat as Big East champion since 2004. Lurking as always, though, will be Louisville. The Irish and Cardinals have won eight of the nine Big East championships since the tournament began in 2003. Last spring, it was Notre Dame's win at the Big East that propelled them to their unprecedented NCAA success.

"The Big East is a focus for us every year," Holt said. "We definitely feel good about our chances to repeat."

Before they get there though, they will face a difficult slate of tournaments in

the fall. The schedule opens at the Golfweek Conference Challenge in Colorado, which is comprised of the top teams from each of the major Division I conferences. The Irish will also travel to North Carolina for a pair of highly competitive tournaments.

"This fall schedule will be the most challenging we've ever had," Holt said. "We hope it shows us where we stand heading into the spring."

"We feel good about getting back to those championships."

Susan Holt
Irish coach

stand heading into the spring."

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish boast tough schedule

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

After a successful 2011 spring — which included a Big East championship and a 10th place finish in the NCAA tournament — Irish coach Jim Kubinski said the biggest victory of the spring campaign was his squad's newfound belief in themselves as true competitors on the national scene.

"You know, we were right up there for the lead through 27 holes at the NCAA championship," Kubinski said. "Obviously you have to play 54 holes, but my guys really started to feel that they didn't just want or hope to compete, but that they knew they could play well and expected to."

The Irish will certainly have the opportunity to test themselves against the best competition in the country over the next couple of months as they have their toughest schedule in recent

memory, Kubinski said.

"Stanford, Texas, Augusta State — the defending national champions — they're all on our schedule," he said. "If we get through the fall season fine, it will put us in a fantastic position for NCAAs in the spring."

Though the team will not formally practice together until Wednesday, its individual members have hardly been complacent during the summer. All healthy Irish golfers, including three incoming freshmen, have played in junior tournaments since the end of the spring season. Senior Max Scodro will compete in the U.S. Amateur Championship Monday. Scodro shined toward the end of the spring and is set to lead the Irish this fall along with classmate Tom Usher, once Usher recovers from a hand injury.

"Scodro came into last season as a really solid college player, but he has the chance now to really elevate his game," Kubinski said. "He'll be a real

leader on our team."

Scodro and Usher headline a squad that returns a top-five that saw the lion's share of time last season.

Though the loss of Connor Alan-Lee, Dustin Zhang and Justin Chen will be impactful, the Irish have a glut of talented and experienced golfers to choose from, with Scodro and Usher, fellow senior Chris Walker, junior Paul McNamara and sophomore Niall Platt all returning.

"We'll have a lot of skilled golfers on this team, and I can see a number of real competitions for spots in our top-five," Kubinski said.

After last year's success, Kubinski expects the squad to progress even further during the 2011-12 season.

"Last year these guys proved to themselves that they could compete. Now they are looking to take it up a level," he said.

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“The freshmen are going to have to earn their roles, just like every other player,” Jackson said. “But I have high expectations for [players] like Robbie Russo and [right wing] Peter Schneider being able to contribute right away.”

The buzz of where the Irish will play may actually surpass all this buzz about the possibilities once on the ice. After 33 years in the Joyce Center, the brand new Compton Family Ice Arena is scheduled

to open for Irish hockey in late October or early November.

“It’s certainly a long time coming,” Jackson said. “I know our players and entire staff are extremely excited about moving into the new building.”

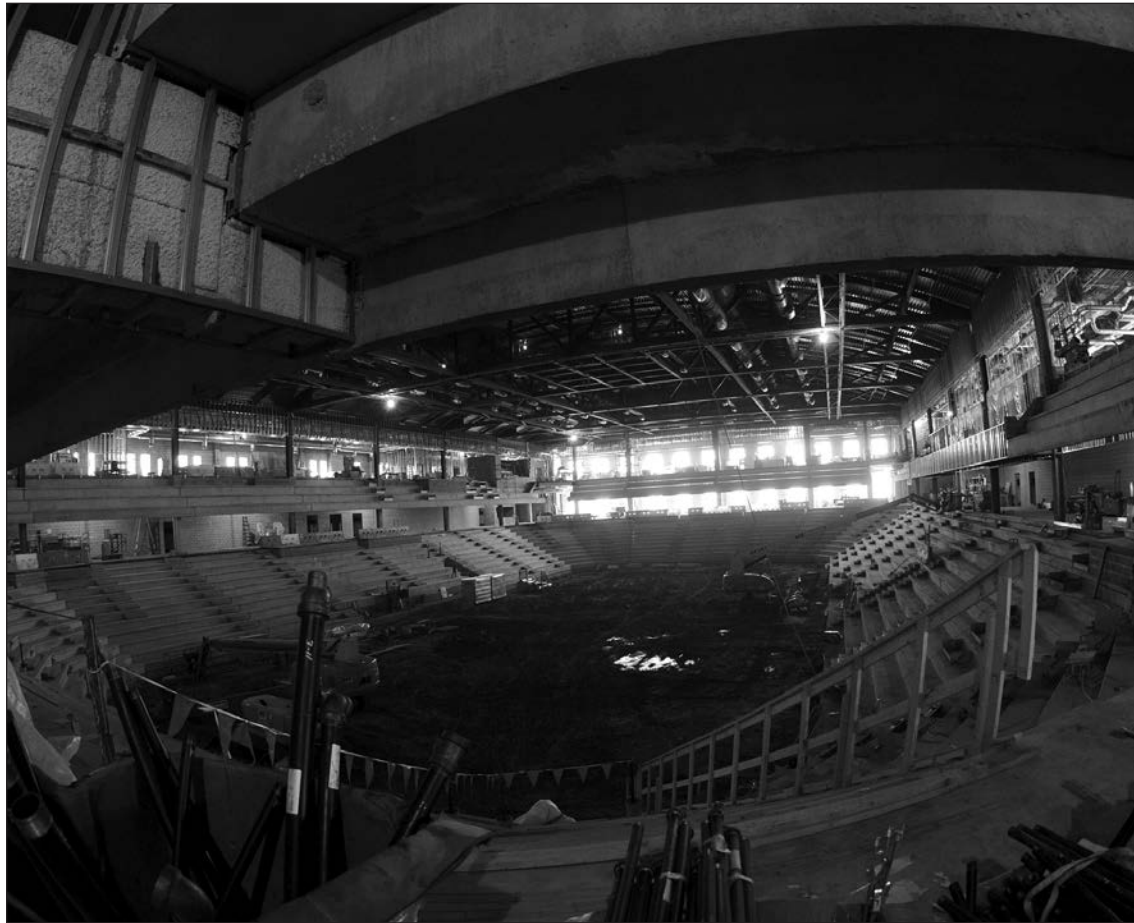
“We have to stay focused and make sure we respect our present facility while we’re waiting to move into the new building. [But] I think that our fans, our students and the university as a whole will be very proud of this building and the impact it will have on our hockey program and the campus community.”

“We made sure our students are going to have the best seats in the house and hopefully come out in droves [and] the hockey will hopefully be extremely exciting.”

The Irish play their first exhibition game Oct. 2 against Western Ontario and open their regular season with a trip to defending NCAA champion Minnesota-Duluth Oct. 7-8. UMD ended Notre Dame’s postseason run in April.

The Irish home-opener takes place Oct. 14 against Ohio State in the Joyce Center.

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The Compton Family Ice Arena, the new home of the Irish, will be dedicated Nov. 18 when Notre Dame takes on rival Boston College. This photo was taken May 6.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish poised to rebound, fight for Big East crown



PAT COVENEY/THE OBSERVER

Irish sophomore outside hitter Andrea McHugh prepares to hit the ball in a match against Arizona at Purcell Pavilion on Aug. 29, 2010.

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

After a 2010 season in which she saw her team go 18-13 and fall to Cincinnati in the Big East semifinals, Irish coach Debbie Brown has high expectations for improvement in the 2011 campaign. With a strong core of experienced players returning and a versatile group of newcomers, the Irish look poised to improve on the results of a year ago.

“Our goal, as it is every year, is to win the Big East tournament,” Brown said. “We have a tradition and expectation of qualifying for the NCAAs and advancing far. This team certainly has that capability.”

Brown praised the work of the team through their first three days of practice, citing the cohesion she saw immediately upon the team returning.

“We’re ahead of schedule at this point and feeling good,” Brown said.

The Irish return four of their top five offensive players from 2010, including kills and points leader sophomore Andrea McHugh. McHugh represented the United States this summer at the FIVB Junior World Championships in Lima, Peru. Though the United States fell to China in the bronze

medal game, the experience helped the Irish prepare for the fall.

It is not star power, however, that Brown sees as her team’s greatest strength.

“I’m quite excited about this team’s versatility,” Brown said. “Most of our players are able to move all over the court, left and right, forward and back, especially the newcomers. I’m really pleased with the depth of this squad.”

The Irish will need that depth in order to compete in a tough Big East slate that includes perennial powerhouses Louisville, Cincinnati, Marquette and Villanova.

“The whole conference is strong, but these four finished on top last year, and I see them as our stiffest competition,” Brown said.

In addition, Robin Davis, who led the Irish in 2005 and has served as an assistant coach since 2009, was named associate head coach to assist Brown. Upon his arrival in 2005 Davis helped lead the Irish to five consecutive Big East titles.

The Irish will begin play at home against Eastern Michigan on Friday.

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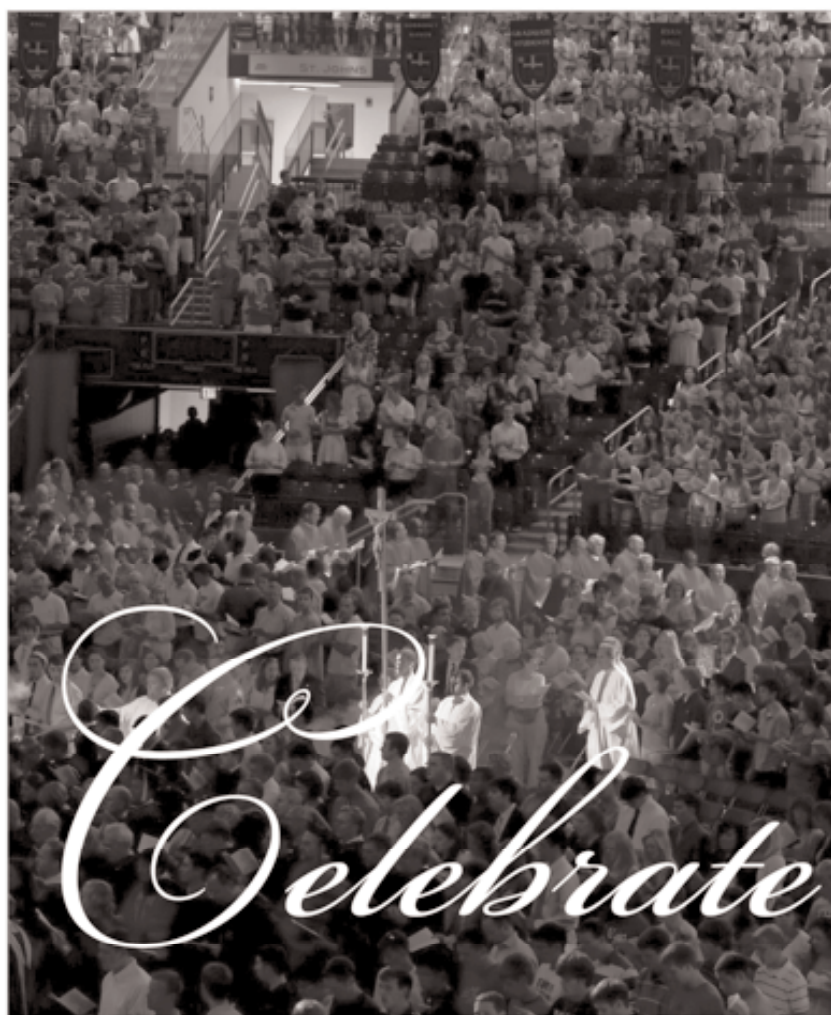
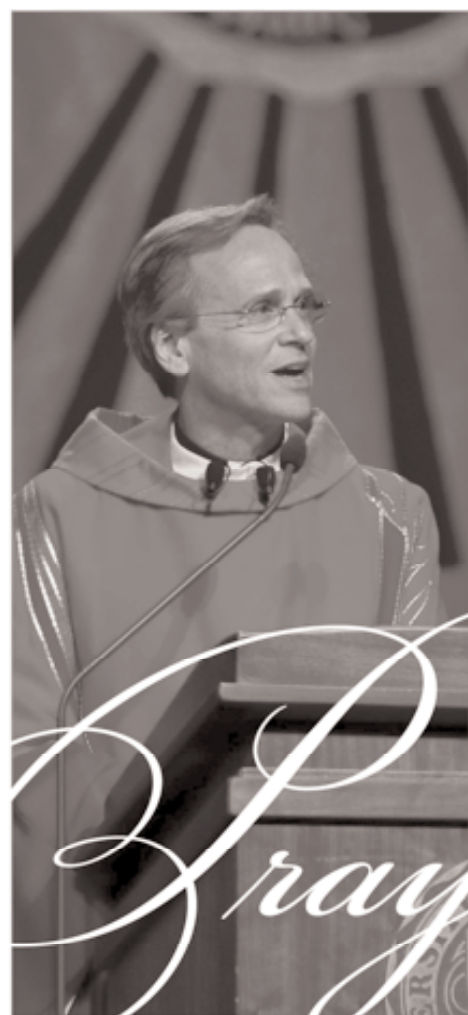
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confident that that's what they'll be able to do."

Perhaps they could do even more. Irish coach Brian Kelly's first recruiting class of his Notre Dame tenure

included 12 defensive players signing on National Signing Day. Of those 12, five received four-star rankings from multiple recruiting experts, including defensive ends Stephon Tuitt, Aaron Lynch and Ishaq Williams, who has been moved to outside linebacker to join classmates Anthony Rabasa and

Ben Councill.

"Defensively at the linebacker and defensive line position, we feel like we've got enough depth there that we can roll out the next guy," Kelly said Tuesday. "We had to come in immediately and address the defense. That was easy, we knew where we had to go immediately, and that was on the defensive side of the ball."

But with those talented freshmen, come the usual worries with freshmen.

"The next-man-in on the defensive line is very developmental, as it fits into our structure," defensive coordinator Bob Diaco said. "There is some tangible skill there, but they have so far to go as it relates to being in a game. There's a lot of players that the whirlwind of a gameday weekend impacts very differently."

Fortunately, the heralded freshmen can rely on a veteran defense to show them the ropes. The Irish return nine starters, only losing outside linebacker Brian Smith and defensive tackle Ian Williams — currently signed by the Cleveland Browns and



Irish coach Brian Kelly discusses his team's strengths and challenges heading into the 2011 season Tuesday.



Irish senior defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore speaks Tuesday during media day. Lewis-Moore recorded 62 tackles last season.

the San Francisco 49ers, respectively. Sophomore linebacker Prince Shembo will likely split time with junior

Dan Fox to fill Smith's minutes, and senior Sean Cwynar will share time with 326-pound sophomore Louis Nix in the middle of the line. Cwynar saw extensive playing time last season when Williams went down with a knee injury, giving him the experience of a 10th starter, if not the title.

"This team has been through a complete season now," Crist said. "We've seen the ups and downs of a season ... It's really that same core coming back, and it's exciting to have guys out and see how hard guys are working every day is a positive."

The leader of the defense, junior linebacker Manti Te'o, threw around phrases Tuesday like "the best in the nation" and "BCS bowl," but his confidence is not simply due to 133 tackles last season. It is a common team theme.

"No team goes into the season thinking, 'Oh, we're going to win eight games,'" junior offensive tackle Zach Martin said. "But I think this year everyone believes that we can go out and win every game that we play. People are buying in, and I think we're on the right track."

Kelly and his staff have parlayed the rising stature of their defense into a challenge for its offense as well. Each day in practice, senior cornerback Gary Gray lines up opposite Floyd. Te'o stares down Crist and Rees. The offense has its work cut out.

"As strong as our defense is, there is a lot of times that I think [the offense is] doing exceptionally well against them, moving the ball," Robinson said. "I think that's kind of a confidence boost because we know how good our defense is. For us to be able to execute against them and show that we can do well against us really bodes well for us."

Yet, the defense's job remains the same. No matter what success the last four games of the 2010 season held, no matter what praise the media is throwing about, no matter how glowing Kelly's praise is, the job remains simple.

"We just need to go out there and do our job," Gray said. "Just handle our business."

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are quite familiar with each other. Defender Jessica Schuveiller, midfielder Courtney Barg and forward Melissa Henderson have played on the same team since their youth soccer days in Dallas.

"They've been leading for a long time, by their play and by the examples they leave for the team on and off the field," Waldrum said. "All three have those kind of qualities, and we want them to continue to do that."

Henderson, however, does not expect her role to significantly change from previous years.

"I don't really see too much of a difference," she said. "I see all 25 of us as leaders and don't really see myself or Jessica or Courtney as separating ourselves from the team."

Notre Dame's late-season championship run was keyed in large part by a youth influx led by forward Adriana Leon, midfielders Mandy Laddish and Elizabeth Tucker and defender Kecia Morway, all now sophomores. Waldrum expects those playmakers to continue to have an impact on the field.

"Those kids were key in us winning. From what I see of them right now, I don't think they've skipped a beat," he said. "I don't really see in them any kind of a sophomore slump."

Waldrum also expects his newest crop of recruits to begin immediately contributing to the team. Touted by Waldrum as his best class ever, the freshmen have already showed signs of living up to his expectations. In fact, four freshmen were in the starting lineup during Notre Dame's 5-0 exhibition victory over Nebraska Aug. 9.

"All the freshmen I have been [impressed by,] absolutely," Waldrum said. "They've stepped right in from the beginning and they've played just like veteran players...I'm really pleased. They're all physically ready to do it. They came in fit and just jumped right into the mix. They're going to have a big impact on our team, no doubt about it."

While most of the starting lineup is set, one question mark remains heading into the season. The Irish lost stalwart goalkeeper Nikki Weiss to graduation and are currently deciding on a new starting goalkeeper. Junior Maddie Fox and freshmen Jennifer Jasper and Sarah Voigt are all competing for starting time between the posts, and Waldrum has not decided on a long-term starter.

"It's hard to replace [Weiss] because she had some experience under her belt and had played in a number of big games, and Maddie's really not done that yet," Waldrum said. "I think that's going to be key, how she responds to it. I do think Sarah is going to push her quite a bit and of course we've got Jen Jasper in there pushing as well."

"I'm not sure ultimately who's going to take the reins ... That's the one question I've probably got a little bit unanswered right now."

As they embark on the quest to defend their title, the Irish remain confident they will be in a position to accomplish that goal come November.

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Melissa Henderson
Irish forward

"Yeah, expectation levels are high and the goals are big, but I think by the end of the year we're going to be good again," Waldrum said.

Henderson agrees. "The team's really doing

well," She said. "I'm really, really excited for this year. Our team has been working hard and everyone's on the same page to really get another national championship."

Notre Dame opened its season Friday night by hosting Wisconsin after this edition went to press. The Irish travel to North Carolina to face the perennial title-contenders Aug. 26 and will host Tulsa at Alumni Stadium on Sept. 2.

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Irish defender Jessica Schuveiller passes the ball during a 2-0 loss to Connecticut in the Big East quarterfinals Oct. 31, 2010.



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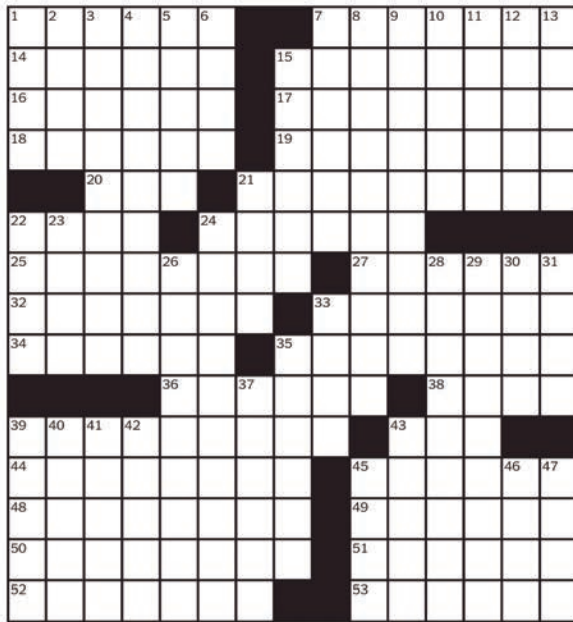
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- Across**
- 1 Mechanisms not meant to be handled
 - 7 I.B.M. processor type found in Nintendo's Wii
 - 14 Cheap T-shirt feature
 - 15 Fly on a line
 - 16 Chinese tree considered a living fossil
 - 17 Sponsor of old radio's "Little Orphan Annie"
 - 18 Man-made habitat
 - 19 Possibly a result of
 - 20 A, in the hexadecimal number system
 - 21 Coattail riders
 - 22 One drawn to igloos
 - 24 Swinging, say
 - 25 It's shown to a caller
 - 27 Thus far
 - 32 Not working
 - 33 Big ox
 - 34 Its first issue featured Mia Farrow on the cover
 - 35 Shakespeare's collaborator on "The Two Noble Kinsmen"
 - 36 One way to fall
 - 38 ___ Ocean, Julia Roberts's "Ocean's Eleven" role
 - 39 Like some short-lived romances
 - 43 Place to wash up
 - 44 Follower of St. Francis
 - 45 Recurring subjects
 - 48 Some software purchases
- Down**
- 1 Litter producers, in two different senses
 - 2 Ontario's Fort ___
 - 3 Famous relief worker?
 - 4 Like the water in inflatable kiddie pools, typically
 - 5 Wolverine's alias in "X-Men"
 - 6 "He who meanly admires mean things," per Thackeray
 - 7 Covering a lot
 - 8 Target of a mealybug
 - 9 Clearly didn't enjoy the show
 - 10 Dimethyl sulfate, for one
 - 11 Busts
 - 12 Sporting a coat of many colors
 - 13 Political rival of Pericles
 - 15 Where Samuel Goldwyn was born
 - 16 Cortile del Belvedere
 - 17 Unscientific means of getting results
 - 18 Literary character fathered by an incubus
 - 19 Uncomfortable place to be
 - 20 Bank statement data
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Getting along with your peers will be half your battle, but once you fit in, you will make headway. Talk to colleagues, bosses or influential people who can help you advance. A creative original suggestion will result in a positive turning point. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your feelings will be easily hurt and your reactions misconstrued. Don't overreact because someone else is being an idiot. Patience can buy you valuable time. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Paying attention to money, home and family will be necessary to avoid a misunderstanding. Don't feel you have to lend assistance to everyone who asks for it. Your ability to handle whatever comes your way will help you maintain your status quo. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't do something for the wrong reason. Uncertainty regarding your position and status is likely. Your motives will be questioned, and a sudden change due to your response will be hard to reverse. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Fill up your dance card and prepare to have some fun. Take up unusual hobbies or visit unfamiliar destinations. Your experience will serve you well, enabling you to take on a challenge that has the potential to bring about an interesting proposal. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Live and learn. The more actively you pursue your dreams, the better. Your effort will help you catch the attention of someone who can help you achieve your goals. A trip will pay off if you are aggressive regarding your motives for traveling the distance to obtain firsthand knowledge. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can help all you want, but don't let anyone take advantage of your kindness or generosity. A change in the dynamics of an important relationship may be necessary. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may be questioning your future and the way you are moving forward. Opportunities are present, but greater pressure and force will have to be applied. There is no room for error, and being able to react fast will be the key to your success. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take advantage of any opportunity to interact with individuals who have as much to offer as you do. A contract or money matter can be completed successfully if you are willing to compromise. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Go over your personal papers carefully. It is likely you will have to make some minor adjustments if you don't want to suffer a loss. Make whom-ever you deal with come to you, not vice versa. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A fast talker is likely to fool you. If something sounds too good to be true, back away. It is best to keep those pressuring you guessing. Overindulging and underestimating will be your downfall. ★★

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FOOTBALL

Defensive swagger

Irish defense building toughness and depth

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Editor-in-Chief

Over the past eight months, the talk surrounding Notre Dame football has revolved around the offense. Meanwhile, the talk within Notre Dame football has focused on the Irish defense.

While senior receiver Michael Floyd served his suspension and sophomore Tommy Rees battled senior Dayne Crist for the starting quarterback position, the defense has built on its strong finish to last season, when it stifled opponents such as Utah and USC.

"They were able to play some very good teams and not just beat them, but dominate them," Irish senior offensive guard Trevor Robinson said Tuesday at the annual Media Day. "I am

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Irish junior linebacker Manti Te'o, center, works out during the team's first practice Aug. 6. The Irish will open the season against South Florida Sept. 3 in Notre Dame Stadium.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

McGraw eyes trip to title game

By ANDREW OWENS
Associate Sports Editor

Following a magical run in the 2011 NCAA tournament, a Hall of Fame induction for Irish coach Muffet McGraw in the summer with junior guard Skylar Diggins leading the way, Notre Dame faces some of the highest expectations it has ever seen in McGraw's 25 years at the helm.

The 2010-11 season ended with a 76-70 loss to Texas A&M in the championship game after it upset No. 1 seeds Tennessee and Connecticut, a squad that had defeated the Irish three times before the Final Four matchup in Indianapolis.

"We didn't win so I think we came away with a feeling of disappointment that we

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HOCKEY

Squad to rely on senior class for deeper postseason run

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

After the program's second trip to the Frozen Four capped last season, the Irish return with high expectations.

Three of the top four point scorers from last year's Irish squad, sophomore centers T.J. Tynan and Anders Lee and senior right wing Billy Maday, return. The CCHA's top defensive defenseman award winner in 2010-2011 — senior Sean

Lorenz — is also back, along with junior goaltender Mike Johnson.

A class of five seniors is expected to lead the way, led by Maday and Lorenz. They are the only seniors who played in more than eight games last season.

Despite the lack of quantity, Irish coach Jeff Jackson sees Maday and Lorenz as capable leaders.

"I would expect both of them to be important in a leadership role," Jackson said. "They've

been around. They've seen the situation we had a couple of years ago (13-17-8 in 2009-2010) and how we responded and had good leadership last year. So they've seen the difference."

Jackson is also looking for increased leadership from a large sophomore class. Tynan, a third round draft pick by the Columbus Blue Jackets in June, led all NCAA freshmen with 54 points last season, Lee finished second on the Notre Dame roster with 44 points.

"Obviously, for freshmen [last year], they had a real good season," Jackson said. "I expect some of those guys to elevate their games — guys like [right wing] Mike Voran, [right wing] Bryan Rust, [defenseman] Shayne Taker, [defenseman] Kevin Lind and [goaltender] Steven Summerhays. I think that a lot of [handling expectations] is about making sure they stayed focused on being in the moment and getting better every day, because [if] they put

personal pressure on themselves, that's when sophomore jinxes fall into place."

While this year's freshman class does not have as many players as last year's class, Jackson is hoping for another big year from his first-year contributors. Led by defenseman Robbie Russo, a fourth round New York Islanders draft pick, the five members will each have the opportunity to earn playing time.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish trio looks for title repeat

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Editor

For most schools, the follow-up act to a national championship involves heightened pressure and newly raised expectations. For No. 1 Notre Dame, however, 2011 will just be more of the same. "It's probably no different than every other past year," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "If we can get to the College Cup, it's just two games — anything can happen. So the goal is always to get there."

Notre Dame returns the majority of its starting lineup from last year, led by a trio of senior captains who

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Irish senior forward Melissa Henderson fights for position in a 3-0 win over Syracuse on Oct. 1.

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MEN'S SOCCER

High expectations await new additions

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

A No. 12 preseason ranking has Notre Dame looking past the NCAA tournament's second round, where last season ended.

"I think this is a very driven squad, they know that we made the NCAA tournament, and we really felt that when it came down to it, we ended with some unfinished business," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "We'd like to make history for the program, and we'll see where it takes us. They are a driven group that works exceptionally hard, and hopefully that'll bear some fruit as the season unfolds."

Five freshmen join the Irish

and their three captains, junior midfielder Dillon Powers, fifth-year senior defender and midfielder Greg Klazura and senior defender Aaron Maund, this year.

"The freshman class has impressed me so far," Powers said. "I think in particular, their attitude and their willingness to learn have impressed me. Soccer is quite a thinking game, maybe they don't have the technical skills yet, but their minds are where it's at."

The Irish also welcome a collegiately-seasoned player onto the team, junior forward and transfer from Duke, Ryan Finley, though he will have to spend this

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