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New class brings leadership to campus

◆ Official savs University's class is destined for leadership

By HELENA PAYNE News Editor

After a yearlong process of scouring through academic records and recommendations,

the director of Notre Dame undergraduate admissions Dan Saracino said the class of 2006 is destined for leadership.

Ninety percent of the 1,948 first-year students expected to enroll this fall participated in community service during high school.

"They're involved in such a myriad of activities," Saracino

Forty-four percent of the freshmen were in student government and another 44 percent were involved in music, art or drama.

He added that the admissions office was happy with the "general diversity" of the new freshman class. The students represent all 50 states and 44 foreign countries. mostly from Latin America, as well as Europe, Southeast Asia and Canada.

In addition, students in the class of 2006 come from a

variety of socioeconomic backgrounds, and roughly 75 percent of the students are on financial aid, he said.

However, Saracino said the office has come up short in the area of minority recruitment.

Students from ethnic minority groups in this year's freshman class comprise 17 percent of the class, the same percentage as last year.

That's the one area that

we're still not

pleased

Saracino said.

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Dan Saracino director of undergraduate admissions

While the admissions office has sponsored a visitation weekend in the spring for some minority applicants, Saracino said the office is planning to get high school minority students on campus before the spring. He said the office also wants to include current undergraduate students in the recruitment process more by having them call potential applicants from the admissions office phone

Other statistics about the class of 2006 include:

◆ The class is 53 percent male and 47 percent female.

◆ The middle 50 percent of the class scored between a 1300 and 1450 on the SAT

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◆ Nolan: new Saint Mary's class is strong academically

By LAURA CORISTIN News Writer

This week will mark the beginning of a new phase in the lives of 377 first-year students, 11 linkage students from Holy Cross and 42 transfers who will call Saint Mary's home this fall.

The Saint Mary's class of 2006 is strong academically, said Saint Mary's director of admissions Mary Pat Nolan. The middle 50 percent of the class has a grade point average ranging from 3.33 to 3.91, SAT scores from 1060-1230 and ACT scores from 22-27.

While the majority of the students are from the Midwest, the first year students come from many other

"The class is geographically diverse, representing all of the regions of the United States," Nolan said.

There are also students from five foreign countries including Ecuador, India, Hungary and Brazil, with one American student living abroad in Korea. The 42 transfers include students from the countries Georgia, Albania and Rwanda.

Nolan said the high degree



Freshman Colleen Check from Savannah, Ga., moves into her Breen-Phillips room, eager to begin her first year of college.

of geographical diversity is strategies to target minority interesting, "especially in a year following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.'

She added that many people would be more inclined to stay closer to home for safety reasons.

Saint Mary's also has implemented a number of and international students. These include a direct mail campaign toward students abroad, the College Board Student Search Program and college fairs.

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LaFortune opens popular eateries



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Obse

A worker at the new Subway in Larfortune prepares a ham-and- nos and teas have already been cheese sub sandwhich.

By MIKE SCHMUHL News Writer

Although Notre Dame's dining halls offer a grand cuisine, sooner or later, every student needs a change. With the recent additions of three new eating establishments and \$230 Flex points to burn, students may find themselves spending more time at LaFortune than the dining halls.

Last spring, a small study lounge was completely transformed into a Starbucks coffee shop, one of the first in the South Bend area.

Dave Prentkowski, director of Notre Dame Food Services, said Starbucks was chosen "in an attempt to bring people to LaFortune at nontraditional meal time periods."

Its popular coffees, cappuccia huge hit with students and faculty.

A second big name to move into LaFortune is the national submarine sandwich chain, Subway, where customers can "eat fresh" and have a "sand-wich artist" design their meals.

Tomasitos, the former occupant of the LaFortune shop, was replaced because of Subway's "overall national popularity, the company's willingness to grant us franchise rights and because of their healthy, quick serve menu," Prentkowski said.

However, long lines have been a problem at prime meal times during the summer, with people waiting in lines for 30 minutes or longer. Yet, Prentkowski seems confident that "people appreciate the idea that they can customize their sandwich exactly the way they want it."

Another establishment coming to LaFortune is the Italian eatery, Sbarro. Located in the basement, where an old sub sandwich shop, Allegro's operated, Sbarro will try to lure students to the basement of LaFortune.

Construction on the new restaurant is scheduled to start at the end of August and be completed around fall break in October. Pizza delivery will also begin in January 2003.

Sbarro was chosen for many reasons, according to Prentkowski. First, they could "satisfy the 'slice' pizza meal business during traditional meal time periods." Secondly, their menu boasts much more than pizza, with pasta-type dishes and calzoni, a pizza dish similar to Hot Pockets.

Lastly and most importantly, Sbarro will serve pizza until 4 a.m. "We were looking for a concept that had a student-

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INSIDE COLUMN

It's t-o-w-n-i-e

Oh, good, you made it past the front page. Now, only 26 more pages of advice, welcome letters, campus maps and athletic team previews

It's all very useful in that "thanks for giving

me even more stuff to read this weekend" kind of way. Poor freshmen. At this point, some of you have probably received so many mailings and information packets that going to the bathroom without a list of detailed instructions is posing a problem.

Just for kicks, here's another list. Don't worry, it's a fun one.

But just because I'm no 'Dear Abby" don't think that these aren't wise words. In fact, consider

clipping the column and saving it in a nice frame, wooden if you have one. Just a thought.

Jason McFarley

Editor in Chief

Anyway, on with the list of dos and don'ts for life at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Of course, life at the University and the College means life in South Bend, so we'll call this "the good, the bad and the Bend.'

First, an admission. I know a Notre Dame student who's from the Bend. We'll call him Jason McFarley since he's me. Sure enough, I've lived here for almost a decade now and in northern Indiana for all my life.

So here's rule No. 1: Remember, the term "South Bend resident" is tops with me and my ilk. But if you must refer to us by the "t" word, please spell it "townie" and not "towny."

We may not have much choice in the matter of being from South Bend, but darn it, we will have some control over our indigenous nickname.

Another rule: I don't care what the sign says; for the next four years, you live in South Bend not Notre Dame, Ind. Get used to telling people that South Bend is where you live and go to school. And say it with pride, for crying out loud. You're going to college in the Midwest, not being banished to a Siberian prison. Deal with it.

On that note, if by Siberian prison you imagine cold weather and strict rules, then disregard

that last thought. Sorry 'bout that. But you'll thank me for these next observations.

Here's the first: Townies are people, too. It's not all that necessary to go out of your way to

Inevitably, you will venture off campus late one weekend night, destined for a downtown South Bend bar. In the back of your mind will be the story that some junior told you about the 35year-old townie with two teeth, a mullet and no shoes who tries to pick up unsuspecting coeds at Boat Club.

Fear not, the story's bogus. That guy has at least three teeth and got a better haircut this

Unless I've blown it at this point, all this is meant to get you to realize the charm of life here. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's long have realized that they are inextricably linked to South Bend, and both schools have invested a lot of money and other resources in the community.

Someplace before the cornfields and flat farmland begin, there's a city beyond the University, the College and Turtle Creek and College Park partments. You'd do well to explore more of it than the bars, stores and restaurants.

Welcome, freshmen, to top-notch schools and a wonderful city. You're in a great place. Take it from a towny, er, townie.

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Orientation Weekend 2002

TODAY

10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Hesburgh Library tour 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Snite Museum tour 11 a.m. Campus tour, Eck Visitors Center 1 p.m. Official Orientation program, Joyce Center 4:30 to 6 p.m. Information fair, DeBartolo Hall 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. "Knute Rockne: All American," LaFortune Montgomery Theatre 8 p.m. Students meet with hall rectors and staff

9:30 to 11 p.m. Jazz Coffeehouse, LaFortune Ballroom 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. "Frosh O' Fiesta," Stepan Center

SUNDAY

10 a.m. Mass, Joyce Center

11:30 a.m. Box lunch, Joyce Center

Noon to 1:15 p.m. Spirit of Notre Dame performances, Joyce Center

1:30 p.m. Minority student reception, Joyce Center Monogram Room

2 p.m. Hesburgh Library Tour

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. LaFortune Student Center open house

MONDAY

9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Academic-life discussions 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enrollment, Joyce Center Concourse

2 p.m. Hesburgh Library tour

3, 4 & 5 p.m. Gender-issues presentation, Washington

TUESDAY

8 a.m. Classes begin 5:30 p.m. Year-opening Mass, Joyce Center 7 p.m. Picnic dinner, DeBartolo Quad

TODAY

8 a.m. Mass, Church of Loretto 11 a.m. Technology orientation, O'Laughlin Auditorium Noon to 1:30 p.m. Orientation Punic, Library Green 1:30 p.m. o 3 p.m. Life at a Women's College" presentation, O'Laughlin Miditorium 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. College open nouse, Angela Athletic Facility upper too 5 p.m. Mass, Ingela Athletic Facility lower level 9 p.m. "About a Boy." Madeleva Hall Carroll Auditorium

SUNDAY

10:45 to 1 p.m. Brunch, Noble Family Dining Hall **1 p.m.** South Bend bus tour, LeMans bus stop 3 p.m. International student welcome, 303 Haggar College Center

5 to 6 p.m. "Dinner and Discourse," Noble Family Dining Hall

8 to 11 p.m. "Jamaica Shaka," Library Green 9 p.m. Mass, Regina Hall chapel

MONDAY

8:45 to 10:30 a.m. Enrollment, LeMans Hall Stapleton Lounge

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Football ticket applications and yearbook distribution, Haggar College Center 5 to 6:30 p.m. Multicultural students orientation, 303 Haggar College Center

TUESDAY

8 a.m. Classes begin 1 to 5 p.m. Choir auditions, 309 Moreau Hall 4:45 p.m. Mathematics Department exam

Film advisers to include Scorsese

Special to The Observer

Film directors Sydney Pollack and Martin Scorsese and actress Catherine Hicks are among the members of a newly established Advisory Council for the Performing Arts at Notre Dame.

Other council members are Jeannelle Brady, Elkhart, Ind.; John S. Cullen II, Buffalo, N.Y.; John Goberman, New York City; Martha Head, Vail, Colo.; Jeremiah P. O'Grady, Radnor, Pa.; Mark Radcliffe, Tulsa, Okla.; Edward R. Smith, San Francisco; Susan St. James, Litchfield, Conn.; Timothy L. Strader, Corona del Mar, Calif.; and Christine R. Swanson, Pasadena, Calif.

The advisory council will guide Notre Dame's future endeavors in the performing arts, which will be boost-

ed in 2004 with the completion of the University's new Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

Now under construction, the 123,000-square-foot DeBartolo Center will cost more than \$50 million and has been underwritten with a portion of a \$33-million gift to Notre Dame in 1989 from the late Edward J. DeBartolo, a 1932 Notre Dame graduate, in honor of his wife, Marie.

The center will be home to the University's Department of Film, Television and Theatre and will house five performance spaces: the 900-seat Leighton Concert Hall, underwritten by South Bend civic leader and philanthropist Judd Leighton and his late wife, Mary Lou; the 350-seat Patricia George Decio Drama Theatre, underwritten by Notre Dame Trustee Arthur J. Decio in honor of his wife; the 100-seat Regis Philbin Studio Theatre, underwritten by the popular

television host and 1953 Notre Dame graduate; a 200-seat cinema theatre; and a 100-seat organ and chorale

An accomplished actor, director and producer, Pollack is a two-time Academy Award winner, as both director and producer of the 1985 film "Out of Africa." Other films he has directed include "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?" "The Way We Were," "Three Days of the Condor," "Absence of Malice" and "The Firm." A South Bend native, he is chief executive officer of Mirage Productions, which has produced such films as "Presumed Innocent," "The Fabulous Baker Boys" and "Sense and Sensibility.'

Scorsese is the director of such notable films as "Taxi Driver," which won the Palme d'Or at the 1976 Cannes Film Festival, "Raging Bull," "Goodfellas" and "Casino."

Pope-Davis takes on new positions

Special to The Observer

Donald Pope-Davis, professor of psychology at Notre Dame, has been appointed assistant vice president and associate dean for graduate studies at the University, effec-

In his new position, Pope-Davis will be involved with the promotion and administration of graduate studies for the University.

"Don's experience and insight will be a tremendous asset to the Graduate School," said Jeffrey

Kantor, vice president of graduate studies and research and dean of the Graduate School. "His leadership will be essential to establishing Notre Dame among the first rank of graduate schools in the

Pope-Davis also recently was appointed director of Notre Dame's CANDAX-ME McNair Program, a federally funded program that promotes and prepares first generation and under-represented college students for doctoral studies.

A member of the Notre Dame fac-

ulty since 2000, Pope-Davis earned his doctoral degree from Stanford University. He has published extensively in the areas of cross-cultural and multicultural counseling, psychology and education.

He recently was named a research fellow of the American Psychology Association and currently serves as editor of the Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development and associate editor of the Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology

Orientation gives transfers chance to adjust

By TERESA FRALISH News Writer

While Notre Dame and Saint Mary's begin to welcome about 2,500 new freshmen, another group of newcomers, transfer students, prepare to make their way on campus. This fall, 131 transfer students will enroll at Notre Dame and 43 at Saint Mary's. These numbers are average figures for the fall semester.

All transfers are entering as either sophomores or juniors and bring previous experience at another college to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

"Transfers are very special because they have had an experience somewhere else," said Mary Pat Nolan, director of admissions at Saint Mary's. "When they come to Saint Mary's, they adjust faster to the Saint Mary's family and seem very happy with their college choice."

Along with experience at another school, transfer students also contribute a wide range of views and a sense of assuredness about their decision, according to Michael Gantt, assistant director of admissions at Notre Dame.

"[Transfer students bring] a sense of maturity and a variety of experience," Gantt said. "They can bring a diversity of opinion."

Transfer students must meet stringent admissions standards

and undergo a similar application and admission process to first year students. Saint Mary's admits about 50 students each fall semester and admission is not based on individual class size or total enrollment, according to Nolan.

Notre Dame bases the number of their admission decisions on a variety of factors, including revenue costs, stu-

dents studying abroad and the number of students who leave Notre Dame.

"We looked at total enrollment and said it would be

ideal to enroll 150 [transfer students]," said Gantt. Both Gantt and associate director Susan Joyce work closely with the undergraduate colleges when deciding which applicants they will admit.

Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's accepted more sophomore transfers than juniors. The University does not accept senior transfers, while Saint Mary's will admit senior students, although the case is rare, said Nolan.

Students at the University must complete at least half of their degree requirements at Notre Dame and transfers at the College are required to finish a minimum of 68 credits on campus. Both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame will admit a smaller group of transfers in December for the spring semester.

Like the freshmen, transfer students bring sound credentials and diversity to their new schools

"Academically, they're probably the most competitive

"[Transfer students bring]

a sense of maturity and

a variety of experience."

Michael Gantt

assistant director of admissions at

competitive ever," said Gantt of the University's incoming transfers.

The admissions office looks for students who have closely matched their course

selections to the University's requirements and a high college grade point average, usually above 3.5. Once at Notre Dame, transfer students perform as well as regular students, Gantt said. Notre Dame prepares to welcome two international students as well as students from across the country, including many from Indiana. Four direct foreign exchange students will also students at the University this fall.

At Saint Mary's, transfer students' qualifications match first years' qualifications according to Nolan. "Statistics parallel the freshmen in terms of quality and geographic distribution," said Nolan.

Three international students, from Georgia, Albania, and Rwanda, have also made their way to Saint Mary's.

After being admitted, transfers must begin the search to find local housing, as both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's do not guarantee on-campus housing to transfer students. Despite having a high percentage of on-campus students, all students at Saint Mary's who wish to live in a residence hall have been able to, according to Gerry Madsen, assistant director of residence life at Saint Mary's. "We're in the 90th percentile for capacity, but I wouldn't say we're at a shortage," said Madsen.

While some transfers at Notre Dame have been assigned to a residence hall, the majority of students have been forced to look for other options. According to Gantt, Notre Dame faces a severe a housing shortage as last year due to fewer students living off campus than the University had originally planned for.

In a reversal from last year, women transfer students are being given on-campus housing much more slowly than men. "This year it's a problem for women," said Gantt.

Residence Life officials at Notre Dame declined to comment.

Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's offer special orientation events tailored to specific issues and concerns that transfers have. Notre Dame's transbegan orientation Thursday with a mass at Sacred Heart Basilica and luncheon with parents, while Saint Mary's program began Friday with a luncheon for students. The College's Office of Student Activities and Notre Office Dame's Undergraduate Admissions handle the preparations for transfer orientation.

Planners for the orientation programs said they hoped the events would acclimate the new students to campus life.

"My biggest hope is that they feel like they belong at Notre Dame," said Gantt. "We want them to feel welcome and acclimated to the Notre Dame culture."

Both schools' programs include transfer orientation counselors who were once transfer students themselves.

Georgeanna Rosenbush, director of student activities at Saint Mary's, said the counselors help provide incoming students with the best possible opportunity to feel welcome at their new school.

"We hope it helps them to make a smooth transition to our college," Rosenbush said.

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ND Student Government Office of the President



Who we are ...

The Office of the Student Body President consists of President Libby Bishop and Vice President Trip Foley, along with a staff of other students. We serve as a primary voice for undergraduates at Notre Dame. Our job includes representing students in University affairs, assisting other campus organizations, and planning special events.

Where we're located ...

The Student Government office is located on the 2nd floor of LaFortune Student Center. Stop by or call 1-7668 to get involved!

On the Web ...

Visit www.nd.edu/~studegov ... Over the semester, we'll be adding information and new ways for you to give us your feedback.

Some of what we have planned for this year ...

•Celebration of 30 years of coeducation at Notre Dame

•Improved Web site

•Working with administrators on policy areas important to students

•"Who Knew?" ads in *The Observer* every Wednesday

•Establish Distinguished Lecture Series

•Effective communication between Student Government and the student body

Ins and outs of campus leadership

Finding where first-year students fit in the big picture



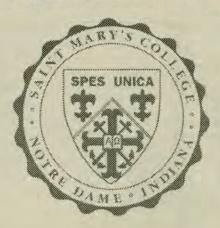
Libby Bishop President



Trip Foley Vice President



Kim Jensen President





Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl **Vice President**

story by JASON McFARLEY

Your new roommate was senior class president in high school. You were the student council secretary last year.

If either of you wants to get involved in politics at Notre Dame, you're in luck. There's a leadership position here for anybody who wants one.

But freshmen, take note: Notre Dame student government is a complex tangle of acronyms, committees and boards. Here's a basic sketch.

Office of the President

The different branches of campus government make up the Student Union.

At the head of the Student Union this year are Student Body President Libby Bishop and Vice President Trip Foley. Elected every February by the majority vote of the undergraduate student body, the pair elected to these positions take

The Office of the President staff includes Bishop and Foley's appointees to the chief of staff position and other posts in divisions such as academics, policy and

After leading a campaign in the spring against changes to the alcohol policy, the office's key concern this fall will be helping students understand the new rules, Bishop said

"These are such big changes, we want to make sure everyone knows the rules and is clear on them," she said.

Student Senate

The Senate includes one elected student from each of the 27 undergraduate residence halls as well as one senator who represents off-campus students. Senators are elected every spring semester and begin their terms April 1

The Senate proposes and considers resolutions, which, if approved, are forwarded to administrators or the Campus Life Council. Members must serve on two of the Senate's seven standing committees that target such issues as residence life and University affairs.

Last spring, the Senate was part of the student movement against changes to the alcohol policy. This fall, the group will continue the effort to give students a voice in campus changes, said Foley, Senate chair.

Beginning Aug. 28, the body meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune Student Center. Meetings are open to the public.

Campus Life Council

The CLC's membership reflects all sides of Notre Dame residence life and includes administrators, faculty, rectors and students. Council members are elected to the group from other bodies, such as the Faculty and Student senates and the Hall Presidents and Club Coordination councils.

The CLC drafts its own resolutions and considers those forwarded to the council from other groups, generally the Student Senate. In the past, the CLC has been one of the few bodies with student membership to make policy recommendations directly to the Office of Student Affairs.

Work that began last semester on alcohol and tailgating issues will likely carry over this year, said Bishop, who chairs the CLC.

Starting Sept. 2, the council meets every other Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room. Meetings are open to the public.

Student Union Board

Think concerts, movies and other fun stuff. SUB, the programming arm of the Student Union, brings this entertainment to campus.

In past years, SUB has brought actor James Earl Jones and singer Ani DiFranco to the University's Stepan Center. Last winter, "Sex and the City" author Candace Bushnell spoke as part of SUB's annual Sophomore Literary

Other annual events include the Collegiate Jazz Festival and Antostal, the weekend spring carnival.

More student government

If those groups don't bring out the student leader in you, there are other

Getting involved in class council is one way to get a foot in the student government door. Each fall, 27 first-year students are elected to class council through their residence halls. The freshman representatives then elect from among themselves the council's four executive officers.

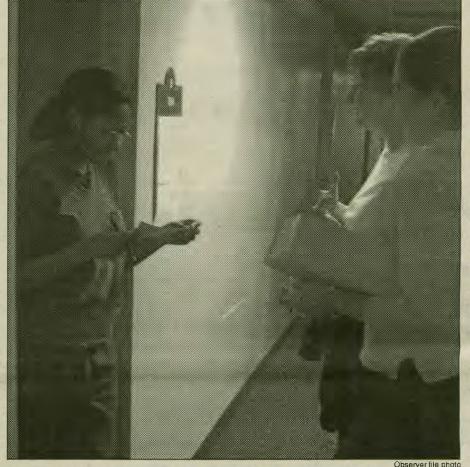
Every spring semester, rising sophomores, juniors and seniors are elected on a four-person class council ticket. The officers then appoint other students from their class to committee positions on the council.

Two other important branches of the Student Union are Judicial Council and the Financial Management Board. "J-Council" oversees elections and runs the peer advocate program for students facing University discipline. FMB allocates money to student clubs and supervises the Student Business Board and the annual football "Shirt Project."

And finally, the most basic unit of campus leadership is hall government. There are many dorm commissioner positions and hall president posts available to students. Hall presidents also are part of the campus-wide Hall Presidents Council.

Bottom line: If you're unwilling to leave student government memories behind with your high school yearbook, or if you just want be able to distinguish CLC from SUB or FMB from HPC, the opportunities are there.

Start by attending a meeting or looking for announcements around your dorm. Happy hunting.



Student Body President Kim Jensen (middle) and Vice President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl pass out fliers in Regina Hall before the student body elections in January 2002.

story by LAURA CORISTIN

During the next four years, first year students at Saint Mary's will become very familiar with the acronym "BOG."

BOG, short for Board of Governance, is the primary student board on Saint Mary's campus. All other boards and clubs, including other major boards, class governments, hall councils, and academic clubs, branch off of BOG.

In order to change, enhance or add a board, it must first be passed by BOG. BOG also serves as the communication link between students, administration and the faculty

"BOG this year is working to strengthen all of its ties," said Kim Jensen, student body president. "We are also working on building ties with Notre Dame's student body President [Libby Bishop] and Vice President [Trip

Jensen, along with vice president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, sat on the committee that has put the detex system into the washers and dryers throughout Saint Mary's campus, which Jensen says was one of their goals from the beginning. Through the detex system, Saint Mary's ID cards work like a debit card for laundry services.

The pair has also been working on a new method to prepare the study proposal that includes a campus-wide survey with responses from over 700 students. Finally, Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl are working to bring designated driver cards and other alcohol safety policies to Saint Mary's campus. Other major student boards at Saint Mary's include:

Student Activities Board

This board, led by President Adrienne Dorbish, aims to enhance campus culture with entertainment and social events for students. SAB serves students by planning student activities for SMC Pride Week, Midnight Madness, SMC Tostal and Twilight Tailgate. Weekends are spiced up with smaller events including entertainers at Dalloway's coffeehouse and the occasional free off-campus movie.

Student Diversity Board

This board sponsors campus events to increase diversity awareness among students. In addition, President Sara Mahoney and other members of SDB work toward policy changes.

Residence Hall Association

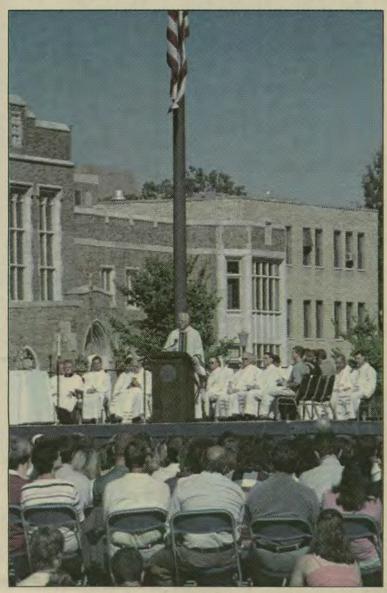
Under President Jillian Kamaski, the RHA oversees hall councils and plans activities such as the All School Formal and Little Sibs Weekend.

Student Academic Council

This board deals with student concerns related to academics and faculty. SAC plans the Major of the Week and also works on policies. Student body Vice President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl is the president of SAC.

Key Events: Last Year on Campus

It's tough enough finding the way from the dorm to the class to the dining hall and back. First-year students don't want to get lost in the conversation loop, too. Here's a brief look at last year's news at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's that might still come up in conversation on both campuses.



The images of terrorist planes crashing into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon have become icons in American history, but during that time of sadness and mourning, thousands gathered on South Quad for a Mass to pray and reflect on the events of Sept. 11. A similar Mass was also held in Saint Mary's Regina chapel with about 400 people attending. Many students also embraced a patriotic spirit and displayed flags in their dorm windows. A collection at the Notre Dame-Michigan State game raised almost \$300,000 for the families of New York firefighters and police.

Chaotic coaching search

After years of inconsistent performance from former football head coach Bob Davie, the University decided that the football team needed a new leader. Athletic Director Kevin White fired Davie and put his confidence in former Georgia Tech head coach George O'Leary. But embellishments on the newly hired coach's resume led to a quick resignation and a widely reported embarassment for the Notre Dame football team. Over the course of a month, White reconsidered an earlier candidate, former Stanford head coach Tyrone Willingham, as someone to fill the void O'Leary left behind. On Jan. 1, the new year rang in a new leader for the Irish as Willingham was formally introduced to the public as the team's head coach.





Dykes



Crawford



Elam



Smith

Sexual assaults

Sexual assault cases emerged early in the 2001-2002 school year with reports of an alleged rape in Keough Hall and sexual misconduct in an off-campus student

Yet when a Notre Dame female claimed she was raped by four Notre Dame football players in an off-campus house, the issue attracted attention both on and off

As the case remained in the St. Joseph County prosecutor's hands, the University arranged its own disciplinary procedure.

It resulted in the expulsions of former students senior Donald Dykes, sophomores Lorenzo Crawford and Abram Elam and Justin Smith, who was taking graduate-level classes while finishing a fifth year of athletic eligibility.
On May 24, prosecutor Chris Toth

charged all except for Elam with rape. All four were charged with conspiracy to commit rape among other charges

Dykes, who would have graduated last year, had a prior incident with the police last July when he was arrested for criminal trespassing

The first trial begins in October.



Senior Jesse Hensley holds a flaming copy of Notre Dame's student handbook, duLac, as senior Ryan Schildkraut looks on during the alcohol town hall meeting. Students gathered to protest the announcement of a new alcohol policy that takes effect this fall.

Alcohol policy backlash

When the Office of Student Affairs bought a full-page ad in the Observer last spring to announce soon-tocome revisions affecting tailgating, in-hall dances and the type of alcohol permissible in the dorms, hundreds of students were in an uproar. Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman became the target of much student criticism as the author of the infamous letter that appeared in the March 19 Observer.

In one of the most largely attended Campus Life Council meetings in the past few years, Poorman defended his decision before students, rectors, faculty and other administrators. The meeting, usually held in a small conference room in LaFortune, was changed to

the building's ballroom to accomodate the crowd.

The policy changes also spawned two rallies, one sponsored by student government and another planned by students in Walsh Hall. Both resulted in small fires in front of the Main Building. Nevertheless, Student Affairs did not budge and the changes take effect this fall.

FRESHMEN LEARNING THE BASICS



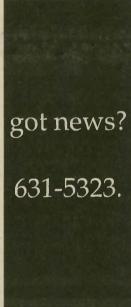
Lance Cpl. Mouhamad Chaban shows freshman Patrick Nagorski how to disassemble an M-16.

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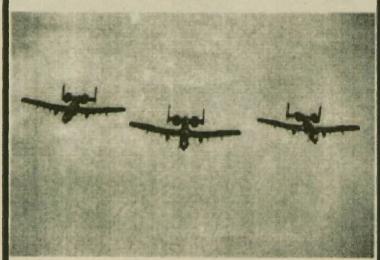
popular menu item for late night sales, so that the North residence halls had something like the South residents do in Recker's," said Prentkowski. There is also talk that lounge area near the new Sbarro will be completely "refurnished and redecorated to better service as a student hang out space." Also, the Huddle Mart will undergo a smaller conctruction project to create a taco stand to be completed in January 2003.

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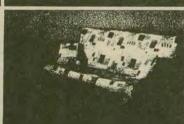
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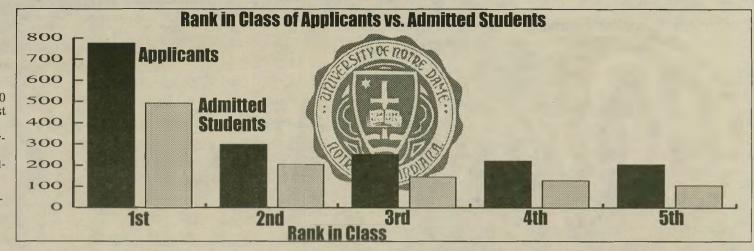
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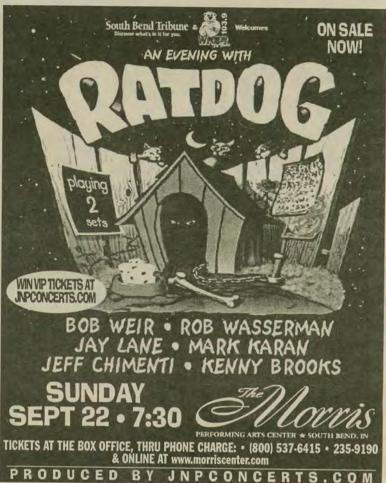


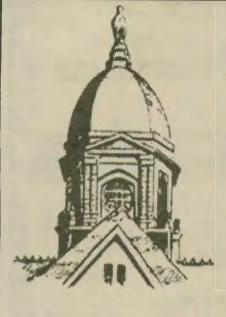
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Savoring Notre Dame's seasons

Most people who think of Notre Dame think of fall.

Football games with pep rallies and tailgate parties bring more than 80,000 fans to campus every Saturday

morning for bag pipes, burgers, beer and the band. But among the chaos of face paint, footballs, little girls in Notre Dame cheerleading uniforms and old men in plaid pants there is a certain reverence shared by alumni, students and fans alike a respect for Notre Dame's history as well as its present.



Managing Editor

For every heated debate about Bobby Brown's "excessive celebration" in '99 carried on in the parking lot next to Senior Bar, another conversation about how difficult it must be to be admitted to Notre Dame can be heard on the steps of the Dome.

But this is fall - a time for students to stand and scream and embrace the most well-known of Notre Dame's traditions, while alumni knock at their old dorm room doors to remind new residents that Walsh wasn't always a girls dorm, or retrace their favorite path to the Grotto as the nation watches on NBC. Fall is for fans.

Most students at Notre Dame dread winter

The first snowfall always seems innocent, but lake-effect snow brings permanent cold, endless papers, impossible exams and a general inability to recognize your closest friends beside you on South Quad due to excessive layers of clothing and a constant need to eye the ice beneath your feet.

Melted snow floods the halls of DeBartolo and students who come to Notre Dame from anywhere between Tampa and Los Angeles question their own sanity every time they pass a dorm door whiteboard with a spring break countdown on it. Campus can feel tired and bleak, and in the same way the fall's traditions reveal a nationwide enthusiasm for Our Lady,

winter's activities demonstrate frustrations and cabin fever.

But traditions prevail nonetheless. From Bengal Bouts, an annual campus boxing tournament to benefit missions of Bangladesh, to snowball fights on the quad and the Keenan Revue's comedic quips at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's stereotypes, jabs of the physical and the verbal variety give students a cathartic escape from finals and freezing weather.

But winter is also a chance to settle into Notre Dame. With little motivation to leave the dorms, winter allows time to relax and really get to know the people you meet in the stands at football games or in Calculus 105. Winter is for friends.

There is nowhere like Notre Dame in the spring.

When I decided to study abroad during my junior year most people thought I was crazy to go to London during the fall semester and miss a football season. As it turns out, 2001 was the season to miss. But that circumstance aside, I would have much preferred to miss a football season than a spring semester on campus.

Of course the excitement of football season cannot be replicated, but it can be experienced throughout life. Many Notre Dame alumni are football ticket holders, and a few have even attempted to reclaim the traditions of their undergraduate days, such as standing through games and doing push-ups after points, by requesting tickets in this season's inaugural Alumni Alley section of the stadium.

Current students and alumni alike feel the same swell of emotion as the band steps off from the Dome steps or the basketball team beats a Big 10 rival — which is why fall is for fans of all ages, but spring is for students.

Only those who are in the midst of the four short years during which they call Notre Dame home can truly appreciate the traditions of spring. The first sunny day when thermometers break 65 degrees bring dozens of couches, stereos and Frisbees to the

Attendance in Friday afternoon classes can get sparse surrounding spring break, but students are not entirely absent. In fact, spring is the time students' presence - not spectators' - is most sincerely felt on cam-

By mid-March they swarm campus for events like Bookstore Basketball, the largest five-on-five basketball tournament in the country. Christmas in April, a day of service in the South Bend community, and dorm events like the Fisher Regatta, Alumni Wake or O'Neill's Mardi Gras.

These are the events that alumni remember, but never recreate. They are solely for students, and the students make them their own with bigger and more eccentric additions each year.

Dillon had couches on the quad freshmen year, someone planted a palm tree in front of O'Shaughnessy sophomore year, and junior year brought kiddy pools and slip n' slides to the grass in front of Alumni Hall. Spring is the time for students to create their own traditions and "act their age" with the greatest abandon.

This was my first summer at Notre Dame. But it was also my last, just as I am about to experience my last fall, winter and spring here. Though I wouldn't trade the time I've had at Notre Dame, I'm slightly jealous of the seasons freshmen have left to see.

Although August may seem full of anxiety over meeting roommates and finding classrooms or even something edible in the dining halls, before you realize it, football season will become February and winter's frustrations will become springtime festivities.

Weather is one of the most talked about and unpredictable aspects of life in northern Indiana, and it's impossible to predict what each season will bring to Notre Dame throughout the next four years. Even campus traditions and rules will likely change, but for the most part, Notre Dame is for its students — so make sure your time here is full of memories to reminisce about when you return to Notre Dame in the fall of 2006 as a fan.

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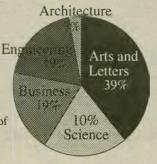
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"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."

> John Dewey philosopher

LETTERS FROM ADMINISTRATORS

Student Affairs extends blessing

I would like to extend to you a warm welcome on behalf of all of us who work in the Division of Student Affairs — the Offices of Alcohol and Drug Education, Campus Ministry, the Career Center, Counseling Center, Health Services,

International Student Services and Activities, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, the Office of Residence Life and Housing, Security, Student Activities and the staffs of your residence halls. Although we provide a variety of services, we share a common desire to do everything we can to help facilitate your intellectual, spiritual and personal growth.

We extend a special welcome to our **Poorman** new students - first-year students, transfer students and new graduate and professional students. We welcome back the sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as the returning graduate and professional students. As a community, we draw our strength from the unique and diverse gifts offered by each of you. We

hope that all of you - both those who are new and those who are returning - will be able to achieve the goals you set for yourselves this year. I hope that I will have the opportunity to come to know as many of you as possible in the months ahead. Until I am able

to greet you in person, please know that you have my very

Andrew Soukup

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best wishes for a year filled with all God's blessings Father Mark Poorman Vice President for Student Affairs Notre Dame

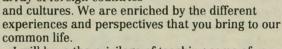


Presidents welcome freshmen to community

Welcome to Notre Dame. We have a beautiful campus and a talented faculty. I am sure that you will grow in every way as a thoughtful and reflective person preparing to make your way in the

world. We are also proud of our residence tradition on campus and the many activities available for you to use your God-given talents in leadership and service.

It is my hope that during your time with us you will make some of the best friends of your life. We welcome students from every state in the union and from a wide array of foreign countries



I will have the privilege of teaching some of you in my seminar class. Others I will come to know through my residing in Sorin Hall. I hope to have a chance to interact with all of you in some way or another during your time at Notre Dame.

Once again welcome to Notre Dame. I am confident that this will be a great year for all of us. May God bless our life together.

> Father Edward Malloy President Notre Dame August 20, 2002

Malloy

Welcome to Saint Mary's for the 2002-2003 academic year. I hope that the summer for every student included a combination of rest and

rejuvenation, a time to think about your academic life and your future — and I'm sure for all of you earning money was a high priori-

Now that we are back into the new year, I hope that it will be

very challenging and rewarding for you. In particular, I welcome our new first-year and transfer students and assure you that your experience at Saint Mary's will be an important time in your life.

I look forward to meeting with students and faculty throughout the year and continuing our good relationships with Notre Dame and Holy Cross College.

> Marilou Eldred President Saint Mary's August 20, 2002

Eldred

Learning what brochures don't tell you

This summer, you probably received dozens of mailings from the place you're going to call home for the next four, five, maybe six years. If you took the time to read any of it, you'd learn the dining hall actually employs taste

testers, your first year advisor really did spend lots of time making your excuse for a schedule and your freshman orientation staff thinks your dorm is the coolest on campus.

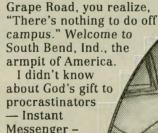
All those brochures, pamphlets, letters and other items you used to line your pet's cage this summer served one purpose -

adjusting you to college life. But nowhere will you read the stuff you really have to know.

For example, this weekend, your fellow classmates don't care about what music you like, what your hobbies are, or your views on how to achieve world peace. They want to know four things: name, hometown, dorm and major, and that's it.

Did they tell you you're going to spend three days cramming for your first test, and you won't study half as long for any other test during the rest of your college career? You may think you will, but it's so much more fun to complain about how bad you're going to fail rather than actually study. Besides, in most cases, it's inevitable - no matter how much you study, the test will still kick your butt.

Nowhere in Notre Dame's packet of goodies did they tell you the two most popular sentences around campus. The first is, "There's nothing to do on campus." And after you've gone to the mall, the movie theater and



Messenger until I got to campus. With this wonderful program, you can communicate with your roommate without opening your mouth, leave witty away messages so everyone knows what you're doing at any given moment and appall your grammar instructors with gibberish like "ok, gtg, be back 18r.

Yes, you may be thrilled to have your parents out of your hair now and pumped to experience this wonderful thing called independence, but by late fall you can't wait for them to come back to campus so you get a free meal at a real restau-

rant. And the best thing about being away from home is when fall break rolls around, the folks will be so eager to see you they don't mind washing the three duffel bags of laundry you dragged home with you. It's called

freeloading. Learn to do it. Did you know that among the Y-chromosomes, the second most popular pastime on campus is complaining about the gender relations and whining that you can't get a date. The first is playing video games. If you're a guy in a female dorm when parietals rolls around, expect a highly dan-

"female RAs" to descend upon your location and fire dirty stares in your direction until you leave their innocent dorm

mate alone. If you're a girl in a male dorm, make sure you say goodnight to the RA when he closes the door at two in the morning.

There are thousands of other things nobody told you about, either. You'll discover that girls have a recessive gene that, when triggered by Bon Jovi or other '80s music, causes them to scream ecstatically, jump up and down hysterically and dance together obnox-

You'll find out that the best thing about a high-speed Internet connection isn't easy access to hundreds of research sites, it's the ability to download MP3s before you can say "copyright infringement.

Yes, your dorm is the coolest on campus, unless the word "Zahm" is etched in stone on your building. And the two greatest words in the English language are "free food."

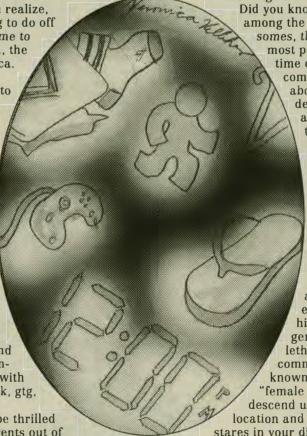
The greatest irony of college is that the one thing everyone told you is the one thing you brushed aside. When your four years are up, you're going to wish you could do it all over again. You're not here to get good grades; you're here to get an education. There's a difference.

So get involved in an organization. Make friends that don't care if you turn your socks inside out to save a load of wash. Take classes in whatever seems fun. Lose your voice screaming at football games.

But always remember the most important thing of all: It's pop, not soda.

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LETTERS FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Exploring fresh opportunities

It is with warmest wishes that we, Libby and Trip, welcome you to Notre Dame. We took office as Student Body President and Vice President this past April, and we are excited about being your representatives this year.

Even as two seniors we still vividly remember what a big transition this first weekend is. We remember the excitement, underlying anticipation, and the pressure of meeting hundreds of your classmates at orientation mixers and not remembering anyone's name. But the good news is that you're not alone—no one remembers anyone's name from those mixers and every freshman is probably just as nervous as you are this first week.

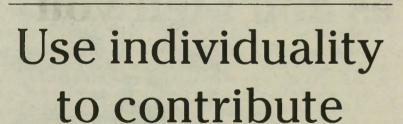
Once you do get settled in, with your new roommate, friends, and class schedule (and once you finally think you know your way around the dining hall), then we hope that you will take time to sit down and think about what activities, clubs and organizations you want to be a part of during your next four years at Notre Dame.

The Activities Fair that will be held in the JACC is a great place to start researching all the opportunities to get involved in everything from community service to the swing dance club.

And our one piece of advice to you is this: Don't be afraid to try something new this year. This is your year to start over if you want, exploring things that you always wanted to do but never did for whatever reason. And here at Notre Dame there are numerous opportunities to do the extraordinary.

The Student Government office is located in 203 LaFortune, and we invite you to stop by sometime to introduce yourself. We would be more than happy to talk with you about student government or other opportunities to get involved on campus.

Elizabeth Bishop
Notre Dame student body president
Trip Foley
Notre Dame student body vice president
August 20, 2002



Welcome to Saint Mary's College.

It is our joy and privilege to be two of the many to extend a warm welcome on behalf of Saint Mary's College. Here you will find a close-knit community, rich in history, tradition, and opportunity. The campus is small, but far-reaching, and the year ahead will be everything you make of it. Each student will find something to suit her interests, be it in academics, sports or extra-curricular activities.

We are blessed with a very accomplished faculty, always willing to talk to and help students. We as students have access to some of the most amazing people around, and they are willing to share their knowledge and experience both in and out of the classroom. Reach out and hold tightly to the opportunities and friendships that lie ahead of you.

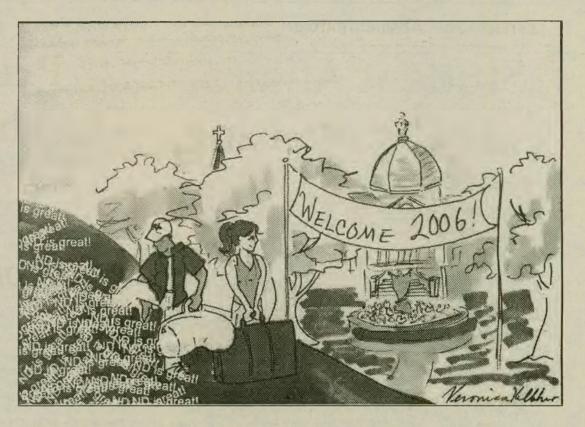
Each person on this campus has something unique to contribute to our community. Your individuality is such an asset to the College, so take care to maintain it. While you are getting continually more occupied with classes and

activities, do not forget to take a little time for yourself each day to reflect on who you are and who you are becoming. Get involved on campus, but rather than assimilating yourself into a group, focus on what your unique personality and abilities will add to it.

If you ever have any questions, please stop by our office on the third floor of Haggar College Center or give us a call. If we do not have the answer, we'll make one up. Just kidding, but we will do our very best to help you in whatever way we can. We love hearing from you. Bring your thoughts, cares and problems to us. If you'd like to be a part of Student Government Association, keep your eyes open for applications or for information on SGA.

On behalf of the student body, we would like to wish all of you the best of luck for the year ahead. Welcome to the academic year of 2002-2003. Let's make the most of it.

Kim Jensen
Saint Mary's student body president
Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl
Saint Mary's student body vice president
August 20, 2002



Move beyond clichés to make the best of college

Welcome to planet Notre Dame. I'm sure you've heard all the hype before: "Notre Dame is great; it's different from anywhere else on the planet;" "You're entering the best years of your life," etc. True to any such cliché, each contains its own kernel of truth. But I urge you not to buy into them as a whole.

I'm entering my fourth year as a Domer, and I can tell you for absolutely certain, there really isn't any other place quite like Notre Dame. Love it or hate it,

it's different. You'll find in the coming months as you try to explain Notre Dame's dorm setup to your state school friends, they just don't quite understand it, and no matter what you say, you just can't get the whole idea across to them. Some of you might have experienced my first night's horror as my mother was removed from my dorm by RAs at midnight. I'm sure I was a little bit different from you, however, as it was at that very moment that I first learned of parietals.

John Litle

Observer Columnist

Some people claim that Notre Dame never changes. That's true and false at the same time as well. You'll be joining Notre Dame with no graffiti dance, no football ticket campout and, most shockingly, no hard liquor. You will, however, have a concert by a famous funk legend. I never got that. Those are changes for sure, but at the same time, for all the alumni — many of your parents as well — Notre Dame seems just the same as the day they left (or so I hear). I'm sure that among other things not to change, during your time at Notre Dame, both Alumni Hall will remain the greatest dorm on campus and Father Poorman will retain his likable personality. I guess what I'm saying is that, while circumstances at the University may change, the Notre Dame we all love will always be the Notre Dame we all love.

Lots of people will give you lots of advice these first weeks of school, so I'm not sure if what I'm saying will have much meaning. However, there are a couple of things I wish someone had said to me when I was a freshman that might have helped me in my first year.

The first thing is, welcome to college. You just got a chance to start out again from zero. No one here knows you, and everyone had great accomplishments in high school. The good thing is that now that you're here, you don't have to worry about all those things from high school, because no one cares. I wish I had gotten that through my head, as I might not have spent my first few weeks being intimidated by all these popular-looking, high-achieving people around me without realizing I was just the same as all of them: in a new place, alone, and wanting to meet some new people like me. Alternatively, and perhaps more upsetting in the long run, I might not have spent those first few weeks remembering how great I did in high school and how popular I was, only later to be brought down to earth realizing again, that I was just the same as everyone else, in a new place, alone, and wanting to meet people like me.

The next piece of advice I might have wanted was the advice to go out and meet friends and not to be afraid to be yourself. Some might criticize my advice, but so be it. Notre Dame is a college, but whatever you hear from your state school friends, not all colleges are just huge meat markets. (You know what I'm saying). Notre Dame is such a college. If you're a guy, I've seen it done both ways, and I tell you, you're much better to start off here by going out and meeting ladies on a friendly basis. This is as opposed to hoping to find meaningless sexual encounters. Of course, this advice holds true for the ladies as well. Notre Dame isn't like most schools, and you're going to be meeting some of the best friends of your life here. Making guy friends is very important. In the words of one of my best friends (who also happens to be female), "Don't get all focused on academics and only hang out with girls." I couldn't agree more.

My last point, of course, is that whole statement "the best years of your life." I've never liked that statement, because if it's true, the rest of your life will just be a constant look back on the past. But what I can say is this: It should be your goal to make every year of your life the best year of your life. Notre Dame will give you the tools to complete that task. It's up to you to make it happen.

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An incoming student's survival guid

By C. SPENCER BEGGS and MIKE SCHMUHL Scene Editor and Assistant Scene Editor

Tou made the grades. You survived the stress-related, heart attack-inducing application process. You got accepted. You stuffed all your worldly possessions into the family station wagon or a few suitcases. You finally made it. And now you might want to know how to

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's offer their residents a complete life. Any necessity you require is almost certainly available on campus. There are numerous restaurants, stores, salons, banks, laundry mats and doctor's offices that offer a student access to all of his or her needs. Hypothetically, a student could never set foot off campus until the end of the semester. In fact, as the workload increases, many freshmen will find that they spend more time on campus than they realize or would like

Despite the material conveniences on campus, inevitably students will want to break away from the campuses' isolated bubble. Luckily, The Observer's Scene staff has compiled a brief guide to living large in and around the Bend.

Shopping

South Bend has the average Mid-West array of shopping. Students particularly frequent the University Park Mall and its surrounding shopping centers. Busses to the mall leave from campus from the street side entrance to the Hesburgh Library. Take bus No. 7 to the University Park mall; tickets cost \$.75. The United Limo shuttle that runs between Saint Mary's and Notre Dame also stops at Hesburgh Library. The shuttle is free on weekdays, but there is a small fee after 6:00 p.m. on weekends. Bus schedules are available at the information desk in LaFortune Student Center at Notre Dame and in the Security Office or Haggar Hall at Saint Mary's.

For the uninitiated, the most popular student pit stop is Meijer. Originally a small chain of general stores sprinkled across the Midwest, Meijer has been reborn as the apogee of capitalism. The new mega-stores sell everything: groceries, clothes, furniture, hardware, gardening supplies, CDs, electronics and more. There are three Meijers in South Bend area; of the two closest to campus, one is located at 3600 Portage Road off Lincolnway and the other is at 5020 Grape Road about a half mile south of the mall.

Late Night Munchies

As the dining halls close at 9:00 p.m., most students are just opening their books. An all-nighter might require a little brain food and, if you aren't in the mood for a Recker's pizza, South Bend offers a number of tasty and sometimes colorful late-night dining experiences.

Boracho Burrito: The legendary Boracho Burrito is a culinary Mecca for weekend after-parietals partiers. Coowned and operated by two Notre Dame graduates, Boracho Burrito regularly has students standing in lines out the door on Thursday through Saturday nights for fists full of Mexican goodness. A burrito with chicken, steak, or ground beef costs about \$4.75. Boracho Burrito is located on at 1724 N Ironwood Drive, near Hollywood Video.

Nick's Patio: Open 24-hours a day, Nick's Patio offers cheap American grill food. But there's not much more to say than the fact that it's always open and has American grill food. Nick's Patio is located at 1710 N. Ironwood Dr. conveniently next to Boracho Burrito.

The White House Restaurant: Most students will never hear this place called by its official name, but those names are secrets unto themselves and are best left unspoken in the restaurant itself. The White House restaurant is perhaps the ultimate example of the American greasy spoon; eat your heart out Jack Kerouac. Serving all American diner food and a slice of South Bend culture to boot, The White House Restaurant stays open around the clock. It's located at the intersection of Mishawaka Avenue and Twyckenham Drive.

Denny's is located at 52626 US Highway 33 just north of Saint Mary's and Steak and Shake is on the main drag of Grape Road between 180-90 and N. Edison. Both are open 24 hours a day.

A traditional staple of the college diet, pizza delivery is available from a number of establishments across the Bend. A few student favorites

Papa John's Pizza: Call (574) 271-1177 for delivery or carry out. Ask about campus specials, generally a large one-topping pizza for \$7 late night. Papa John's is open Monday through Saturday from 11 until 2 a.m. (depending upon demand), and from 12 p.m. until midnight Sunday.

Domino's Pizza: The closest to campus, Domino's delivers from 4 to 1 a.m. on Monday through Thursday and 4 until 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Call (574) 271-0330.

Marco's Pizza: A bit farther from campus, but often a needed break from the hegemony of Papa John's and Domino's. Call (574) 243-1122 for delivery or carry out. Marco's Pizza is open from 11 a.m. to midnight, Sunday through Thursday, and from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday

East of Chicago Pizza: A newer player in the delivery scene, most students either love it or hate it. Call (574) 271-1277 for delivery. East of Chicago is open Sunday through Thursday from 4 until 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 4 until 11

Ethnic Food

South Bend is a bit short on quality ethic meals, but a few establishments hide out here and there:

The Golden Dragon Restaurant: The quickest and cheapest Chinese food near campus; located at 3302 Portage Avenue. The Golden Dragon delivers very quickly too, call (574) 243-8800 to place an order.

The Malabar: Located on the corner at 1640 S Bend Ave adjacent to campus, The Malabar serves delicious but moderately pricey Indian

Star of India: Located at 620 W. Edison Road near Grape Road, Star of India has decent and cheap Indian food. They have a wonderful lunch buffet from 11 until 2:30 p.m. for about \$6 per person. A mango shake is a delicious meal topper for the culinary adventure.

Student Favorite Dining

Grape Road has a strip of American chain restaurants frequented by many students including T.G.I. Friday's, The Olive Garden, The Outback Steakhouse, Chili's, Lone Star Steakhouse and Don Pablo's. All are located on the main drag of Grape Road.

CJ's Pub: Greasy burgers in this favorite South Bend haunt cost about six bucks. The pub has a live musician perform on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, as well as a DJ that spins on Fridays and Saturdays. CJ's is located at 417 N. Michigan St., just south of Memorial Hospital in downtown South Bend.

Rocco's: Serving Notre Dame students and alumni since 1951, Rocco's pizza is a popular hang out. With school memorabilia decorating every wall, it doesn't get much better than a great pizza with friends. Rocco's is located on the corner of St. Louis Street and South Bend Ave.

Bruno's: Located about 15 minutes southwest of campus

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> at 2610 Prairie Avenue, Bruno's serves the "largest" small a pizza lover will ever see.

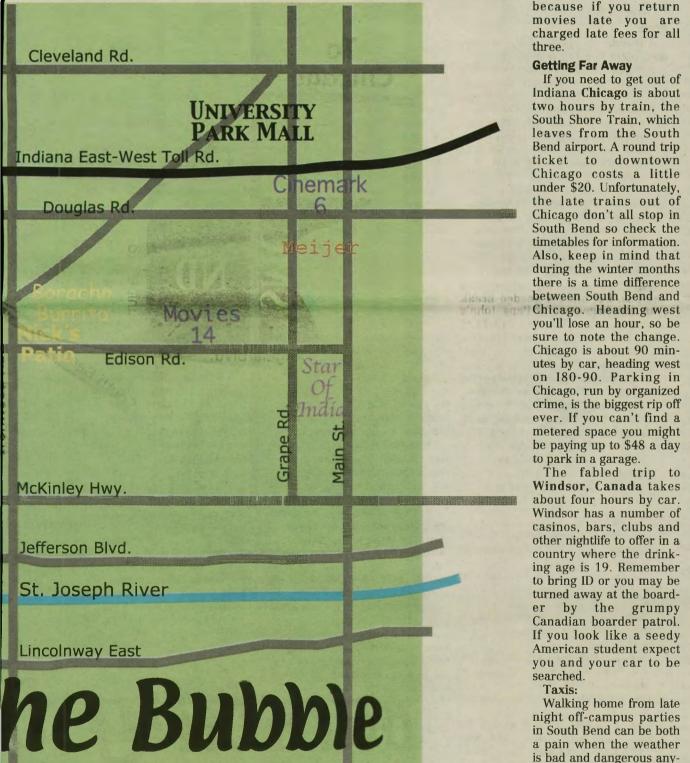
South Bend has three major multiplex theaters showing Arun movies. The Cinemark Movies 14 is closest to campus, located at 910 West Edison. The theater is often a week or two slow to release some features. but is conveniently located and

offers student tickets for \$5 with a valid Notre Dame or Saint Mary's ID. The nearby "dollar theater" or Cinemarl 6 at 3464 Grape Road shows slightly older movies at a reduced price. The largest and nicest movie theater in town, Kerasotes Theatres Showplace 16 at 450 Chippew Drive, is a 10-minute drive from campus down State Rout 20. Not as central and a bit more expensive than either of

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the Cinemark theaters, the Showplace 16 has stadium style seating and love seats. It also is more in sync with current movie release dates.

Vicker's Theater is 20 miles north of campus on Route 20 at 6 North Elm Street in Three Oaks, Mich. and is the closest art theater for movie snobs and Scene editors alike

The closest places to rent movies are Blockbuster Video and Hollywood Video, which are both located on the corner of Ironwood Drive State Road 23 near Boracho Burrito and Nick's Patio. Both rent VHS and DVD as well as video games. Blockbuster has a better selection but higher prices and shorter rental periods than Hollywood Video. Hollywood Video offers a rent two VHS or DVDs and get a third free. Be careful movies late you are charged late fees for all **Getting Far Away**

If you need to get out of Indiana Chicago is about two hours by train, the South Shore Train, which leaves from the South Bend airport. A round trip ticket to downtown Chicago costs a little under \$20. Unfortunately, the late trains out of Chicago don't all stop in South Bend so check the timetables for information. Also, keep in mind that during the winter months there is a time difference between South Bend and Chicago. Heading west you'll lose an hour, so be sure to note the change. Chicago is about 90 minutes by car, heading west on 180-90. Parking in Chicago, run by organized crime, is the biggest rip off ever. If you can't find a metered space you might be paying up to \$48 a day to park in a garage.

The fabled trip to

Windsor, Canada takes about four hours by car. Windsor has a number of casinos, bars, clubs and other nightlife to offer in a country where the drinking age is 19. Remember to bring ID or you may be turned away at the boarder by the grumpy Canadian boarder patrol. If you look like a seedy American student expect you and your car to be searched.

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Walking home from late night off-campus parties in South Bend can be both a pain when the weather is bad and dangerous anytime of year. While South Bend isn't Hell's Kitchen, drunken students on foot

get mugged occasionally on their way back to campus. The safest way home is a cab. Most offer about \$2 per person for groups of three or more to and from campus. Sharing cabs with strangers has been known to cause problems. Don't get in a cab if you feel unsafe; request an empty cab instead. If you are in an uncomfortable situation in a cab, ask for service directly to your dorm. There are a number of cab companies operating in South Bend:

Ace Cab Lines: 295-6886 University Cabs: 233-4004 A-B-C Cabs: 233-4000

Shamrock Cabs: 243-5500 If a Saint Mary's student is broke after a late night out. the campus offers an honor system with local cab companies where students can ride for free and pay the next day. Saint Mary's students can call campus security, (574) 284-5000, and explain the situation to the dispatch that will call a cab for the student or, in case of immediate

safety concerns, send a security vehicle off campus or contact South Bend or County police. Students are expected to reimburse the Security Office within 48 hours.

Contra Bans

Campus stores offer most amenities students want with

a few notable exceptions:

Cigarettes: Both campuses are non-smoking and no stores sell cigarettes. For smokers, the cheapest place to buy cigarettes is Low Bob's Campus Tobacco located on State Road 23 behind the Turtle Creek apartments. All night gas stations sell packs and cartons at higher prices but are open all hours. During the day some cabbies with drive to a gas station and buy cigarettes and deliver them to campus for a surcharge.

Women's services: The medical facilities at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's can treat most minor colds and infections, set broken bones and fill most prescriptions. However, neither facility will prescribe or fill prescriptions for birth control pill regardless of whether they are prescribed for contraceptive or other medical purposes. Meijer, Wal-Mart, and Osco Drug mart all can fill any prescription. The Planned Parenthood at UrbanCare at 818 S. Miami offers a full array of medical services for women.

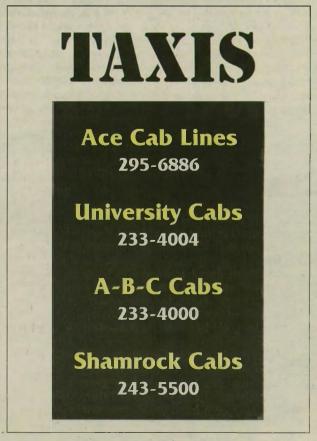
A word to the wise

College can offer brand new experiences to students. It's easy to forget that bad things can happen both on and off campus when you are surrounded by such a unique, friendly and open campus community. Freshmen year is a major transition for many students and many may find the bubble bursts when they don't want it to. Binge drinking, drug abuse and rape are present on both campuses. Neither campus nor South Bend are particularly dangerous, but it's important to be responsible and safe inside and outside the bubble.

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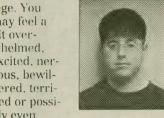


Sports 101: An introductory course

Welcome, freshmen, to Notre

You've already toured the campus, learned about the classes you will take and even spent a night in a dorm in preparation

for your first year in college. You may feel a bit overwhelmed excited, nervous, bewildered, terrified or possibly even confident



Chris Federico

Sports

Editor

You've taken all of the top classes in high school to prepare. talked to friends and

family members about their college experiences and even said a few prayers on the trip to South Bend.

But to truly fit in beneath the gleam of the Golden Dome, there is one more area of knowledge that may not be required at the Ivy Leagues and Tech schools sports. And we're not just talking football, first down and field

No, at Notre Dame — a place where 85 percent of us were varsity athletes, a place where on any given sunny afternoon the quads are packed with people throwing footballs, baseballs and, yes, even Frisbees - sports are often as much a part of life as the classes and parties.

So we here at The Observer have compiled a little list to help you, the Class of 2006, get up to speed on the campus sports

Athletics The reason we're making this list, the reason many of us are here. Sports are as much a part of life up here as snow, mutant squirrels and that noxious ethanol plant.

Brey, Mike The third-year coach of the Irish mens basketball team. After years of mediocre play, Brey has restored the Irish to national prominence with two trips to the NCAA tournament in his two years at the helm, including last season's near upset of No. 1 Duke.

Coxswain The "quarterback" of rowing. It's the coxswain's job to keep the rowers in stride and order them when to make a run or lay back. Last year's womens crew finished 16th in the NCAA Championships. Although rowing is just a club sport for the men, both the mens and the womens team look to take walk-ons, offering a great chance for students to join the Notre Dame athletic scene.

Distance That's loooong distance, or what the Irish cross country teams run. Last year, the men finished sixth in the nation and the women placed 19th. The mens squad may suffer from the graduation of All-Americans Luke Watson and Ryan Shay, but have one of the top recruits in the nation this year in Michigan state champ Tim Moore.

Epee Along with sabre and foil make up the three weapons used in fencing, a sport in which the Irish are always contending for the national title. After holding the top spot in the nation last year, the Irish dropped to third in the NCAA Combined Fencing Championships but placed 10 members on the All-American team, a school record. Fencing is one of the sports offered in P.E rotations - mandatory for freshmen - and those that excel have a chance of making the squad as

Fights Not what most roommates inevitably do after a few months together, but the Bengal Bouts. The Bouts are the exhibition tournament for the Notre Dame boxing club held in the JACC around the end of February. These three-round fights draw huge crowds, and proceeds benefit Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

Golf courses There are two on campus, one 9-hole and one 18hole, and everyone should try to get out to one at least once a year. Even if you've never played, there's nothing like skipping a Friday class to spend a beautiful afternoon on the links.

Helmets Golden ones. The most beautiful sight is Irish football helmets glowing in the sun on a Saturday afternoon.

Ice football Combining the two things for which Notre Dame is best known. After that first big snowfall, bundle up in raggy, warm clothes, head out to the quad of your choice and play around in the snow like a fiveyear-old until your face goes

Juggling Hey, you've got four years, what else are you gonna do? Might as well learn something useful. Steal three apples from the dining hall and teach yourself a party trick.

Kachmarik, Lynn Saint Mary's director of athletics. With a contracting budget and the turnover of three coaches in soccer, golf and softball, the A.D. may have a tough time keeping the Belles competitive. Even so, the Belles are still able to excel in sports such as tennis. Last year Saint Mary's won its second consecutive MIAA title and advanced to the NCAA tourna-

Leprechaun Legion The mens basketball cheering/jeering orga-



Sports, whether they be varsity, intramural, club or a pick up game on a nice day, are a key part of life at Notre Dame. Nice weather finds athletes and non-athletes alike giving sports a shot.

nization of students formed last year. The group stakes out front row seats to the home games, pulls for the Irish and tries to give the team ANY advantage it can over opponents.

Michigan Whether the University of Michigan or Michigan State, we hate them in anything athletic.

National championships The Irish have won more in football - 11 — than any other school. Recent titles include fencing in 1994, women's soccer in 1995 and women's basketball in 2001

Observer Where you can keep up with the campus sports scene, covering everything from Notre Dame football to Bookstore Basketball

Playstation 2 As much a part of sports life on campus as anything else. Most Irish men will spend more time studying their Madden 2003 playbook than any textbook this year. NCAA Football 2003 — need I say

Quick The perfect way to describe mens soccer forwards Erich Braun and Devon Prescod, the team's two leading scorers from last year's squad that finished 12-7 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in five years. The squad only lost two starters from last year and looks to continue the program's return to prominence under second-year coach Bobby

RecSports We have two great recreational facilities on campus at Rolfs and The Rock. They offer club and intramural sports as well as various exercise and aerobic classes. Take full advantage to help stave off the

Freshman 15.

South Bend Old Boys While not officially associated with the University, this rugby club is composed entirely of Notre Dame students and competes against other college clubs.

Tailgate parties What was once a Saturday morning certainty is now becoming a more questionable subject. Crackdowns on underage drinking and unruly behavior have driven many students into the dorms on game days. But don't miss out on this fine tradition. There's still nothing like a hot brat on a crisp fall morning while the fight song booms from every tailgate in the parking lots and soccer fields. Just don't get caught drinking if you're underage and don't stay over during the game. A new Notre Dame rule prohibits tailgating on campus grounds during game time.

Ultimate Frisbee This club sport has become very popular on campus, especially when the sky is clear and weather is warm. As a great athletic activity for both guys and girls, the game combines recreational Frisbee throwing with football, making most games very fast and

Volleyball The Irish squad captured the Big East title last season for the sixth time in seven years. That's domination. This year, the Irish enter the season ranked 25th with an incoming freshman class considered one of the best in the nation. Attend some games this season so them win their seventh conference title and do push-ups for every point like at the football games

Willingham, Tyrone a.k.a. "The Man." Coach Willingham is the head coach of the football team and looks to revive a program that has slowed in recent years. He's got a tough task at hand. Last year, the Irish finished 5-6 and begin the season this year against six consecutive 2001 bowl teams.

Xebec It's a three-masted Mediterranean boat. Bet you didn't know that. Come on what else could I have done for

Young The Notre Dame women's basketball team. When Ruth Riley, Niele Ivey and Kelley Siemon graduated after Notre Dame's championship season two years ago, it left the team with a roster full of freshmen. This year, the Irish have only two seniors — guards Alicia Ratay and Karen Swanson and eight of the team's 12 members are sophomores or freshmen. The good news is that many of these youngsters saw significant playing time last season and should be ready to challenge conference rival Connecticut, who lost four seniors from last year's National Championship team.

Zero The number of reasons you have to not get excited about the year ahead. Fall is in the air, the first football game is just around the corner, and you're right in the middle of the best environment a sports fan could ask for.

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Team	Key returners	Key losses	Key freshmen	Outlook
Football	QB Carlyle Holiday, RB Ryan Grant, FL Arnaz Battle, C Jeff Faine, DE Ryan Roberts, LB Courtney Watson, CB Shane Walton, CB Vontez Duff, K Nicholas Setta, P Joey Hildbold	QB Matt LoVecchio, RB Julius Jones, RB Tony Fisher, RB Terrance Howard, WR David Givens, WR Javin Hunter, DE Anthony Weaver, DE Grant Irons, LB Rocky Boiman, LB Tyreo Harrison, SS Ron Israel, FS Abram Elam	QB Chris Olsen, RB Nate Schiccatano, WR Maurice Stovall, WR Rhema McKnight, DL Chris Frome, DL Travis Leitko	First-year head coach Tyrone Willingham inherits a team that went 5-6 last season and had one of the most tumultuous off seasons in program history. The Irish will need to overcome that off season and learn Willingham's new offense to succeed.
Mens Soccer	Forwards Eric Braun and Devon Prescod, Midfielders Justin Detter, Justin Ratcliffe, Chad Riley and Chris Sawyer	Defenders Andreas Forstner and Griffin Howard	Midfielders Nick Tarnay and Jon Mark Thompson, Defenders Ben Crouse and Dale Rellas	The Irish lose only two starters from last year's 12-7 squad. The offense should be solid with a year of experience in coach Bobby Clark's scheme.
Womens Soccer	Defenders Vanessa Pruzinsky, Forwards Amanda Guertin, Melissa Tancredi and Amy Warner	Midfielder Mia Sarkesian, Defenders Monica Gonzalez and Lindsey Jones, Goalkeeper Liz Wagner	Midfielder Katie Thorlakson, Defender Catherine Sigler, Goalkeeper Erika Bohn	The Irish return five of their top six scorers from the 2001 squud that suffered a shocking season ending loss to Cincinnati in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.
Volleyball	Defensive Specialist Keara Coughlin, Middle Blocker Kim Fletcher, Setter Kristen Kinder, Outside Hitter Emily Loomis	Outside Hitter Marcie Bomhack, Middle Blocker Melinda Goralski, Opposite Kristy Kreher	Middle Blocker Lauren Brewster, Outside Hitter Meg Henican	The addition of an incoming class that is rated fifth nationally should help the Irish in their quest for a fourth straight Big East title.
Mens Tennis	Brian Farrell, Matt Scott, Luis Haddock, Brent D'Amico	Javier Taborga, Casey Smith, Aaron Talarico	Steve Roszak	With the loss of All-Americans Taborga and Smith, who led the Irish to the NCAA Tournament, coach Bobby Bayliss will look to incoming freshmen to help fill the void.
Womens Tennis	Katie Cunha, Caylan Leslie, Alicia Salas	Becky Varnum, Nina Vaughan, Lindsey Green	Lauren Connelly, Liz Donohue, Kelly Nelson, Jennifer Smith, Kristina Stastny	The Irish finished the season 23rd last year, but lost their top three players — Varnum, Vaughan and Green — to graduation. The five freshmen coming in will need to contribute right away.
Mens Cross Country	John Keane, Todd Mobley, David Alber	Ryan Shea, Luke Watson, Patrick Conway, Mark Striowski, Sean Zanderson	Tim Moore, Tom Longo, Kaleb VanOrt	Replacing five of their top seven runners will be tough, but the Irish have several strong runners to fill the void. With a strong freshmen class that includes the Michigan state champ, Moore, the Irish should again field a competitive squad.
Womens Cross Country	Jen Handley, Jennifer Fibuch, Megan Johnson, Lauren King	none	Stephanie Nadia	The womens squad returns all seven competitors from the 2002 NCAA Championship race. With incoming freshman Nadia, Notre Dame can only improve on last year's 19th place finish.
Mens Golf	Brandon Lunhe, Steve Colnitis, Ryan Marshall, K.C. Wiseman	Steve Ratay	Tom Balderston, Scott Gustafson	The Irish hosted the Big East Championship last spring and finished an impressive second. Losing Ratay, who set the Notre Dame record for single season scoring average, will be tough.
Womens Golf	Karen Lotta	Lauren Fuchs, Kristin McMurtrie	Sarah Bassett, Lauren Barbir, Kathleen Brophy	The Irish had an up-and-down season in 2001-2002, highlighted by a second place finish at the 22-team Northern Illinois Snowbird Invitational in Tampa, Fla. The team returns its leading scorer, Lotta, and hopes to get immediate contributions from the four incoming freshmen.

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"Of all the teams I've taken on the Scotland trip — I took Dartmouth twice and Stanford once — that was certainly our best performance over there," Clark said. "That means this could be the best team that I've taken there, or that American soccer is really improving."

The Irish lost only two starters from its 2001 squad — defenders Griffin Howard and Andy Forstner.

Some position shifting in the off-season and summer exhibitions, combined with the addition of a couple of freshmen defenders who could push for playing time make the backfield the most unstable area of the preseason.

"It's never easy to replace

good players, but that's something we've got to deal with," Clark said, "We have had to do some shuffling there over the spring and summer."

Sophomore Jack Stewart, who, along with defender Kevin Goldthwaite and goalkeeper Chris Sawyer, moved into starting roles last season and freshmen. Stewart, Goldthwaite and fellow defender Kevin Richards should secure three of the backfield spots. The final slot is up in the air since the likely starter, Boughen, will be temporarily sidelined with a bout of mononucleosis. Contenders for the spot are sophomore Christopher High and freshmen Dale Rellas and Ben Crouse

"The position that's up for grabs in the backfield is the other central defender," Clark said. "Luke Boughen has really played well there in the spring, but he came down with mono, so he won't be able to go right away. Christopher High played in Scotland in that spot and did pretty well. We've also got a couple of freshmen coming in that could play in that spot as well."

Offensively, the Irish return

their top six scorers from last season. Forwards Erich Braun and Devon Prescod — the team's two leading scorers in 2001 have already begun to assert their offensive potency, scoring eight of Notre Dame's 19 goals in

Freshman striker Tony Megna, who has shown the promise of being an early contributor to the Irish offense, has been sidelined since the start of summer practice with a back injury that kept him out of his entire senior season in high school.

At midfield, the Irish finally have the advantage of depth and consistency, returning all players at that position and not having to endure a coaching change for the first time in three years. Tricaptains Justin Ratcliffe and Greg Martin, and juniors Justin Detter, Chad Riley and Filipo Chillemi, have had a full year to learn Clark's offensive and defensive schemes and play together as a unit.

This depth will allow incoming freshmen Nick Tarnay, Jon Mark Thompson and the injured John Stephens time to settle into both Clark's system and the pressures of college life.

"[The freshmen] are all working away, and I think it's far too early to say right now how much they'll be able to do right away," Clark said. "They're all young and are still excited to be out there. We'll let them settle in, and they'll basically tell us when they're ready. They'll tell us by the way they come out to practice every day. I've never been in a hurry to rush freshmen in because I think it's good to let them settle into school life first."

With the returning starters and the confidence of a successful first year together under their



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Freshman goalie Justin Michaud makes a save during preseason practice.

belts, the Irish hope to take another step this season toward achieving national prominence as a soccer program.

"We want to win every game as they come up, and we can't look beyond our next game," Clark said. "I think we all know what we want to do. I never try to jinx myself by saying [that a certain accomplishment should

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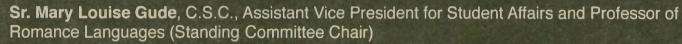
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Women's Basketball

Fewer freshmen fit in just fine

By KATIE McVOY Associate Sports Editor

This summer, there were more old faces than new. Following a season with six new freshmen to break in, the Irish were glad to welcome just two new recruits this summer as Megan Duffy and Courtney LaVere joined last year's returning veterans.

The two incoming freshmen got their first taste of college life this summer, taking classes, training in the weight room and practicing with teammates. Unlike last year, the veterans outnumbered the rookies. However, being new to campus was a memory that was still fresh in the minds of most of the

"It was so much easier mainly because our sophomores did such a fantastic job with them and I think that was really a great thing," said head coach Muffet McGraw. "They really fit in well. The chemistry was tremendous.

Duffy and LaVere spent the summer rooming with post player Teresa Borton and guard Allison Bustamante. Borton and Bustamante, along with the other four returning sophomores who still remember being the newbies, were more than willing to share those important bits of knowledge with the new recruits like what time curfew is during away games.

They've told us just the little team rules, roadtrips, things that will help us that they didn't learn about until later," Duffy said.

In addition to getting to know their teammates, Duffy and LaVere got an added bonus — a leg up on the rest of the freshman class hitting campus this week. They both have two college classes under their belts, have worked on balancing practice with academics and, most importantly, they know where the dining hall is.

"Yeah, I'm going to be a pro at freshman orientation," Duffy said.

Duffy and LaVere both seemed to take to college life without much trouble.

'I was so pleased," McGraw said. "They didn't seem to go through that normal period of freshman homesickness. There weren't a lot of bumps in the road. So that seemed almost too

But there is still much to do. Duffy, a 5-foot-7 point guard from Dayton, Ohio, will have her work cut out for her, both physically and mentally. She suffered a season-ending knee injury midway through her senior season at Chaminade-Julienne High School but was back on the court in time for summer workouts. She will continue to rehabilitate the knee through the preseason.

'[My knee] is getting there," Duffy said. "It's starting to feel pretty decent. I'm excited to get back and start playing full go.

In addition to making sure her knee is in working order, as a point guard, Duffy will have to not only learn her position on the floor, but also get to know her way around the whole offensive scheme, to know what everyone is supposed to be doing at any given moment.

"It's definitely going to be exciting," Duffy said. "It's completely new. That's why I came here — for the opportunity to play under Coach McGraw and play with LeTania [Severe]. I'm excited to learn completely new information.'

Duffy should be able to step up to the challenge. She ended her high school career with an average of 15.1 points, 4 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 3 steals a game. In addition to the statistics, Duffy also has a good head for the

game.
"She's someone I'm confident has a great mental game, somebody that I feel I can really relate to and I just feel like we're going to have a really good chemistry," McGraw said. "I really like her attitude."

LaVere will add to the depth at the Irish post position, in an offense that often plays three women at post. The 6-foot-3 forward from Ventura, Calf. should feel right at home

"Not that it's going to be easy for Courtney, but the offense we're going to run is perfect for her," McGraw said. "I think she's going to fit in really well. We only have the three post players and we can play three at a time. We really need to sure up our depth. She should get a lot of playing time as a freshman."

LaVere, a third-team Parade All-American selection, wrapped up her high school career averaging 26.5 points, 11.4 rebounds and 3.5 blocks per game.

She and Duffy should both find themselves right in the thick of

"I'm excited about both of them and I see both of them jumping right in," McGraw said.

The Irish will begin individual workouts next week and will begin practice officially on Oct.

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Football

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While the door is open for Stovall and McKnight, the complex pass routes of Willingham's pro-style offense often leave the two stumbling around trying to find their

"When you look at the two young freshmen, from experience-wise, they're truly green, but they're so talented," offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "It's kind of a love-hate relationship. They'll go out and make a couple of bonehead plays and then they'll make a couple of really great

Now that the team has started game preparations for the Aug. 31 season-opener against Maryland, the opportunities for freshmen have slowly diminished as coaches prepare to implement specific strategies. Just when many freshmen were starting to grasp the system, they now find themselves watching from the sideline and therefore losing the chance to learn even

"What we have as coaches is an understanding about that, so therefore, we've got some patience," Willingham said. "We'll keep working with them to keep them progressing so they can make a contribution to this team."

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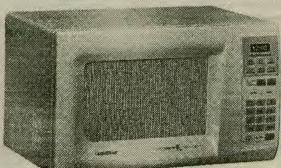
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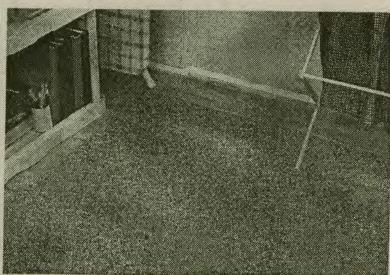
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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles look to start fresh

By KATIE McVOY Associate Sports Editor

There is only one word to describe the Saint Mary's volleyball team - young. With one senior returning and no player with more than one year of collegiate play, experience will not be on the Belles' list of assets.

"Everyone returning is only a second year player with this program," coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "So, in terms of experience, [we're] very young.

Four new freshmen will be joining the team, which finished last season with a record of 4-

23, 1-13 in the MIAA. Shelly Bender, Julianne Miller, Talia Matury-Vicaro and Heidi Superczynski will team up with the eight returning members of the team, including lone senior Elizabeth Albert.

Tryouts for the team concluded Thursday, leaving three of the seven women who came out for the team without a position.

'All that tried out were very talented and hard-working, Schroeder-Biek said. "[It was] a very difficult cut this year nothing was clear cut. It just came down to how much depth was needed at the various posi-

The four players joining the

team will have to step up to make up for some serious losses. During the course of the season last year, the Belles lost team leader Angie Meyers to a season-ending ACL tear. With graduation, they also said goodbye to co-captain Jolie Lebeau, setter Jaime Dineen and defensive specialist Denise Langlois. Meyers and LeBeau were both four-year players.

The Belles will be looking to recover from a last-place finish in the MIAA last season. They open play on Aug. 30 at the Alma Tournament.

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Young team expects challenging season

By KATIE McVOY Associate Sports Editor

New faces are not unusual on the soccer field at Saint Mary's.

Following a year that saw major improvement marred by the departure of key seniors, starters and the head coach, fresh players and coaches will be as commonplace as returning veterans.

For the third time in for four years, the Belles soccer team will be adjusting to a new coaching style - this time under the leadership of Chris Pfau. Pfau, who came to Saint Mary's from Mount Marty College in South Dakota, will take over a team that saw improvement under coach Bobby Johnston, who left Saint Mary's for the University of Tampa last spring.

With so many changes the past four years, Pfau recognizes that the focus this season can't be fancy footwork or long shots on goal. It must be nothing other than laying the first stones of a foundation necessary for success.

"All I'm going to do is give them a structure, something solid, a foundation on which they can play," Pfau said. "It might take a month, it might take the whole season. That's my biggest goal.'

along to a very young team. Saint Mary's graduated three key seniors and lost senior Heather Muth, who suffered several injuries last season and decided not to return after Johnston announced his resig-

This season, the Belles will be welcoming six new recruits to the playing field.

Leading the incoming class is freshman Carrie Orr. The midfielder from Dayton, Ohio, stands a good chance of starting this season. Fans may also see freshman Shannon Culbertson blocking opposing players at a defensive position.

Pfau identified Orr and Culbertson as "big impact players" for the class of 2006.

Lynn Taylor, the only senior and four-year member of the squad, will undertake a heavy leadership role. However, the Belles will also be counting on sophomore Jen Concannon, who led the team in scoring last season.

Following the tumultuous off-season, it's back to the drawing board with hopes of finding something stable enough to bring home some victories.

"There's been a lot of turnover, so [I want] something they can always fall back upon and some stability," Pfau said.

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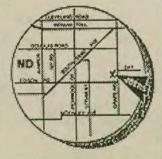
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CROSS COUNTRY

Same goal, different paths for 2 squads

By JOE HETTLER Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame mens and womens cross country teams will start their respective seasons trying to reach the same goal - a national championship. Each will be eyeing that goal from very different standpoints, however.

The mens team graduated five of its top seven runners from last season's fifth-ranked squad and hopes to use a strong incoming freshman class to turn more than a few heads this season.

"Are the [freshmen] going to be able to replace five All-Americans that graduated? No, of course not," national coach of the year Joe Piane said. "[But] I think we'll be better than people give us credit for.'

The Irish do return All-American Todd Mobley and top runners David Alber and John Keane as well as Eric Morrison and Brian Kerwin. Kerwin was bothered by injuries last season, but is healthy and looking towards a solid season.

Notre Dame will also be aided by three exceptional freshmen, including highlytouted Tim Moore. Moore was the highest underclassman finisher at the Foot Locker National meet and, according to Piane, should be one of the top five runners on the team.

Newcomers Tom Longo and Kaleb VanOrt also are also expected to contribute significantly this season.

For the women, graduating All-Americans won't be a problem because the team lost no one from last season when they finished ranked 19th. Coach Tim Connelly has high expectations for his team.

"We're in a pretty good position, we finished 19th at the NCAA Championships last year and we're bringing everyone back," Connelly said.

The Irish return top runners such as All-American Lauren King as well as NCAA qualifier Jen Handley. Connelly also expects large contributions from Megan Johnson, Jennifer Fibuch, Christi Arnerich, Melissa Schmidt, Julia Schmidt and Rachel Endress.

Freshmen Molly Huddle, Stephanie Nadia, Laurie King and Jean Marinangeli will all be counted on to contribute as

However, Connelly does not expect to start his full team at Notre Dame's first meet, the adidas Invitational hosted at Notre Dame on Sept. 6.

"To be honest, we probably won't run our whole team [at the first meet] because I want [the freshman] to get settled into school," Connelly said. "I think we have enough depth to do that early in the season."

Both the mens and womens cross country teams will open their season on Sept. 6 in the adidas Invitational at Notre

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Recruits stand above rest

By MATT LOZAR Sports Writer

After graduating the starting front row from last year's Big East Championship team, Notre Dame volleyball coach Debbie Brown recruited six tall players to comprise her nationallyranked freshman class. And their impact in summer practices has shown instantly.

They have fit in really well," Brown said. "Even though we lost considerable experience, we have more depth than we have had in a long time. The practices have been very competitive.'

Outside hitters Meg Henican and Lindsay Peterson, setter Kelly Burrell and middle blockers Lauren Brewster, Carolyn Cooper and Lauren Kelbley were rated fifth-best by Volleyball Magazine.

Each player is at least 5-foot-10 and Student Sports Magazine ranked the class as third in the

Henican earned Louisiana Player of the Year honors in her junior and senior years. Brewster was named the state tournament MVP in 2000 and 2001. Student Sports Magazine named Burrell a preseason All-American as a junior and senior.

Although the Irish have not played a game, the freshmen have noticed some differences between high school and college volleyball.

We have to look at things more mentally than physically," said Kelbley.

"The time commitment is year-round," Brewster added. 'With this team, the team unity is also better than any high school team I have been on.'

are about to experience an entirely new level of competition.

"The ball is coming a lot faster, hitters are bigger," Brown said. "The front row is significantly bigger than the past. We play above the net. The power is a lot more than their high school and club teams.

'Also, in terms of their high school season, the duration of the season and the intensity is different. That is very taxing mentally. Not being used to playing at that level for an extended period of time can be difficult."

Besides making the transition on the court, the freshmen have to adapt to the change of living at college. Their upperclass teammates are attempting to make that transition as smooth as possible.

"The upperclassmen are amazing. They have all been great," Brewster said. "They were helpful in knowing what is going on — finding our classes,

Brown knows the freshmen who we need to talk to. They made the transition easy.

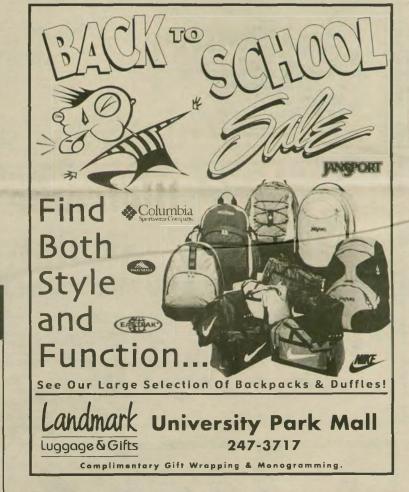
"They are great," Kelbley agreed. "They gave us a little booklet telling us what we need for preseason. They are really helping us on and off the court."

Even before the freshmen arrived on campus, the upperclassmen were making their new teammates feel welcome.

There has been a great job by the returners making the freshmen feel at home." Brown said. 'Even before the first day, during the summer, the returners sent them stuff to let the freshmen know what to bring.'

Overcoming the adjustment to college volleyball will allow the freshmen to contribute to the Irish's goal of winning a third consecutive Big Championship and make its 11th straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

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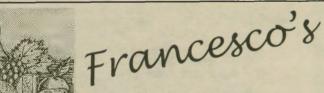




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ing players to adjust to the challenge of Division I college soccer.

"The team now understands the importance of leadership — not just from your

seniors, but all the veterans," Waldrum said. "They know we went astray last season, but that chapter is closed."

All three starting forwards from last year's team are back, including Amy Warner, Melissa Tancredi and 2001 Big East Tournament MVP Amanda Guertin. Freshmen Holly Law and Maggie Manning could provide solid energy off the bench to assist the trio of returning juniors.

The Irish also return midfielders Dryer and junior Randi Scheller. Waldrum was extremely impressed with Scheller's hard work and dedication over the off-season and believes she is poised for a break-out season.

"[Scheller] made a big step last year, but we think she can make a bigger one this year, to the point of getting some national recognition and getting into the national team pool," Waldrum said.

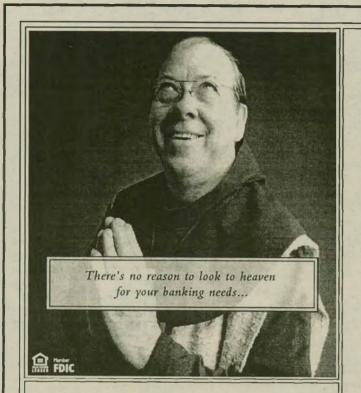
The Irish must replace the playmaking ability and creativity of departed captain Mia Sarkesian at the third midfield position. Juniors Kim Carpenter and Molly Tate and sophomore Mary Boland are all candidates to replace Sarkesian in the starting lineup, with highly touted freshman Katie Thorlakson also figuring into the mix. Fellow freshmen Michelle Daley and Jenny Walz are also expected to compete for playing time at midfield. Versatile sophomore Sarah Halpenny — a transfer from UC-Irvine — may see time at either midfield or defense.

With only two returning starters, the Irish defense and goalkeeping positions remain the biggest question marks. Sophomore Candace Chapman and All-American Pruzinsky will be back at their starting defensive positions, but the Irish must replace All-American Monica Gonzales and three-year starter Lindsey Jones. To make matters worse, the Notre Dame defense suffered a huge blow before the season even began when top recruit Annie Shefter tore her ACL in late July and is expected to miss the entire season.

Sophomore Gunnar Gunnarsdottir figures to have the inside track for one of the two opening starting positions. Freshman Kat Sigler from Windsor, Calif., emerged as a leading candidate for the fourth defensive. Sophomore Kate Tulisiak and freshmen Amber McMillan, Annie Wieber and Miranda Ford will also see action at midfield

The Irish goalkeeping position is still up for grabs. Junior Lauren Kent and freshman Erika Bohn are battling to replace the departed Liz Wagner at the starting goalkeeper position. Kent and Bohn's performances in upcoming exhibitions against perennial powers North Carolina and Kentucky will go a long way in helping Waldrum determine the starter.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Freshmen add depth to talented roster

By ANDREW SOUKUP Sports Writer

Mike Brey called his team in for a meeting just before the group concluded summer

workouts. As he looked at the 11 players gathered in front of him, he knew the Irish were good shape.
"I said,



"I think if you have a

major prospect out of

high school, you expect

them to be contributors.

Everyone wants to make

a contribution. You don't

come in wanting to sit on

the bench."

Torin Francis

freshman

"Everybody here can play,'" the third-year mens basketball coach said. "I didn't feel that

way my first year, I couldn't look all 12 in the eye and say I feel comfortable with you in the game, because Last didn't. year, thing. This year, I really feel that way.

The addition of freshmen Torin Francis, Rick Cornett,

that finished second in the Big East West Division last spring and narrowly fell to top-seeded Duke in the NCAA tourney.

For the first time since Brey took over as Irish head coach, three of the four Irish freshmen — Francis, Cornett and Quinn — came on campus to participate in summer workouts with the rest of the team. So when Brey stood in front of his team in early August, he could praise the team's depth since a talented crop of freshmen had spent all summer practicing with the veterans.

During the six-week summer session, the freshmen played nearly every day with the rest of the team. The increased talent level meant pick-up games were significantly

intense. And when the Irish weren't on the court, they were in class. Francis, for example, begins classes this fall with 12 credits under his belt.

"I think it

Chris Quinn and Omari beneficial," Francis said. "It

to do it and make the transition in a laid-back atmosphere rather than in the fall with the rest of the other freshmen. In the fall, we're not really new students, we know the place."

The 6-foot-10 Francis, from Boston, is the most heralded recruit arriving on campus

this fall. He joins sophomore point guard Chris Thomas as the second straight McDonald's All-American to play for the Irish. Sixfoot-9 Chicago native Cornett could also help Notre Dame on the boards.

With the graduation of Ryan Humphrey,

first-round pick of the Orlando Magic, and Harold Swanagan, the Irish have only senior tricaptain Jere Macura, junior Tom Timmermans and sophomore Jordan Cornett returning on the inside. The trio only averaged 11.7, 8.3 and 14.9 minutes per game last year respectively and Brey expects Francis and Cornett to come in and compete for playing time.

"I think if you have a major prospect out of high school, you expect them to be contrib-Francis utors,' said. "Everyone wants to make a in wanting to sit on the bench.'

While Francis and Cornett banged away on the inside, Quinn quickly established himself on an Irish perimeter that includes tri-captains Matt Carroll, Dan Miller, Thomas, and junior Torrian Jones.

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"It was

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fun, knowing that you're going

up against one of the best in

the nation every day," Quinn

said. "He's so good, and when

you play against other players

Quinn himself earned the

respect of his teammates

quickly with his maturity and

poise on the court. Brey thinks

Quinn plays like a junior and

says the Ohio native is going to

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prises of our program," Brey

"I think he's going to be one

surprise a lot of people.

like that, it makes you better."

"I think [Chris Quinn's] going to be one of the amazingly pleasant surprises of our program. People talk about him a little bit, but he can really play."

> Mike Brey Irish head coach

play. He's a big-time guard, and he's ready right away. Our older guys are unbelievable confident in him, and there's the endorsement right

Brey admits he's concerned about how Peterkin, who committed to the Irish in May, will adjust to the team. While Francis, Cornett and Quinn are completely immersed with the rest of the veterans, Brey said he would pay close attention to see how Peterkin adjusts. If necessary, he said he would consider holding the 6-foot-9 freshman out of games his freshman year to preserve a year of eligibility.

But when Quinn, Francis and Cornett join Peterkin on campus this weekend, Brey laughed at the thought of the other three freshmen helping Peterkin adjust to college life. After all, Brey said, they spent six weeks on campus and can't wait to help their teammate

"I think it was a giant help just getting acclimated to the college level," Quinn said. "We got to learn about how a college class would go, and athletically, we got to play against guys day in and day out. It just kind of set up the process of learning about what we have

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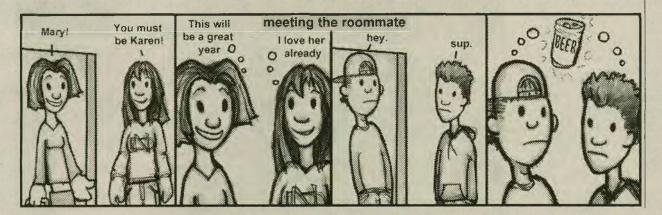
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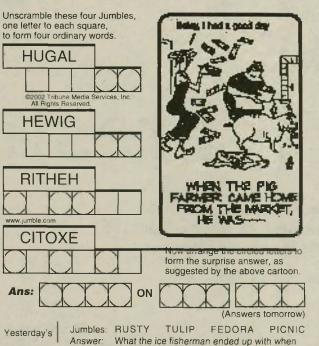


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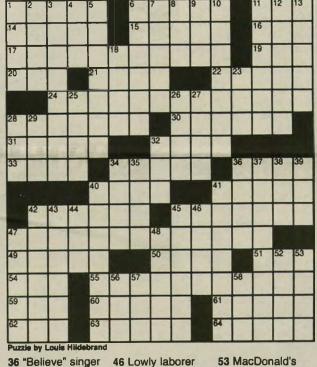
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FOOTBALL

Fresh in the system

♦ Freshmen look to adjust to new offensive, defensive schemes

By ANDREW SOUKUP Sports Writer

Chris Olsen was nervous.

In the corners of team meeting rooms and on the summer practice fields, upperclassmen hinted what kind of initiation routine the freshman quarterback would have to go through. Some hinted at shaving heads, others mentioned climbing up on tables and singing high school fight songs

Rookie quarterback Olsen and the other 17 freshman recruits weren't quite sure what to expect. But they didn't plan on first-year head coach Tyrone Willingham banning freshman bazing

"I think that made the freshmen feel a lot better," Olsen said. "There were a few worries that we were going to have to do something things hazingwise, but most of the upperclassmen told us that there would be none of that this year, and they wanted to make it easier on us as freshmen. I think that put everyone at ease."

Besides, the freshmen had enough to worry about trying to learn the complex new offensive and defensive schemes thrown at them by Irish coaches

When the first-year players arrived on campus nearly three weeks ago, the coaching staff handed the entire playbook to the young recruits, forcing them to try to understand everything to which the rest of the team had eight months to assimilate.

That's a ton of information to learn in a short period of time. Blocking schemes, coverages, pass routes, audibles – the list piled up quickly. In many cases, the newest members of the Irish squad learned more schemes in a week than they did during their senior seasons.

"It's a lot to learn, and at some point, that overload hits, and then they don't respond very well to the conditions around them," Willingham said. "Most freshmen go through it, and ours are no different. They're going through it, and they're trying to find their way to break through it and really start to find their place on this team."

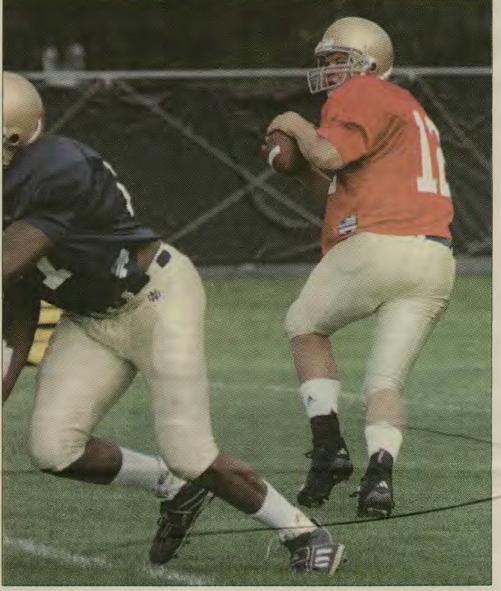
Four freshmen - Olsen, running back Nate Schiccatano, safety Jake Carney and offensive lineman Scott Raridon — spent the summer with the rest of the team participating in conditioning drills. That gave them a bit of a clue about what to expect when fall camp started in August.

"Anything is going to be difficult at first," Carney said. "But once we got in and got some reps, we started to grasp it a little better, and having the team around makes it a little less nerve-racking."

"The first few days it's real intimidating being out there with the other guys, but I got more comfortable with them," Olsen added. "They always say good job and try to make it easier for me."

Highly touted wide receivers Maurice Stovall and Rhema McKnight have the greatest chance of playing as freshman. Under the option-oriented offense former head coach Bob Davie used during last year's 5-6 season, the Irish finished 114th in the nation in scoring offense and rarely threw the ball. Only Omar Jenkins and Arnaz Battle had at least five catches.

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Freshman quarterback Chris Olsen drops back to make a pass during practice. Olsen, like the other first years, is trying to adjust to Willingham's schemes.

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish return with depth

By CHRIS FEDERICO Sports Editor

After a very successful inaugural season for men's soccer coach Bobby Clark in 2001, the sophomore coach will return to Alumni Field this fall with a young, but experienced squad looking to build on last season's NCAA Tournament appearance, the program's first in five years.

The Irish return nine starters from last season's team that shocked many in the collegiate soccer world by turning a 7-8-2 team in 2000 into a 12-7 finish-

er. The Irish played to a 7-3 record in the Big East and finished in a tie for second by advancing to the Big East Tournament Semifinals before dropping a 1-0 decision to the eventual conference champion St. John's University.

The 2002 campaign actually began for the Irish on Aug. 2 in Scotland with a two-week, fivegame exhibition tour for the returning upperclassmen.

"On the Scotland trip, the guys worked very hard. They played five games in 11 days with only an 18 man roster," Clark said. "When you consider that two of those guys [senior Alan Lyskawa and sophomore Luke Boughen] were unable to play because of an injury, and two were goalkeepers, that left us with 14 players. Since European rules don't allow us to have free substitution like we do in the states, that can be very exhausting for the guys."

The Irish went 4-0-1 during the trip, knocking off semi-pro squads Formantine United 6-1 and Banks of Dee 8-1. Notre Dame then faced the heavier competition of the full-time professionals, beating Ross

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Waldrum looks to rediscover focus

By JOE LICANDRO Sports Writer

A shocking second-round NCAA Tournament upset loss to Cincinnati ended Notre Dame's frustrating 2001 campaign. This season, with ten new names on his roster and thirteen returning players, Irish coach Randy Waldrum is hoping that his squad is ready to return to national prominence.

"Our freshman class also will

be led by some highly-competitive and driven players," he said. "I'd be very surprised if we don't rediscover that focus and consistency that's so important to what Notre Dame soccer is all about."

Of 23 players, only Ashley Dryer and Vanessa Pruzinsky are seniors, meaning leadership could be an issue for the Irish. However, Waldrum is confident in the leadership abilities of the other veterans to help the incom-

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