

Everything you need to know for freshman year

# SCHOLASTIC

MAGAZINE

# Notre Dame

in the

# New Millennium

Freshman  
Guide

STOP

**IF YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN CAMPUS LIFE, MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND...**

# **ACTIVITIES NIGHT '99**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 31 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.  
JOYCE CENTER FIELDHOUSE**

## **WHERE ELSE CAN YOU FIND...**

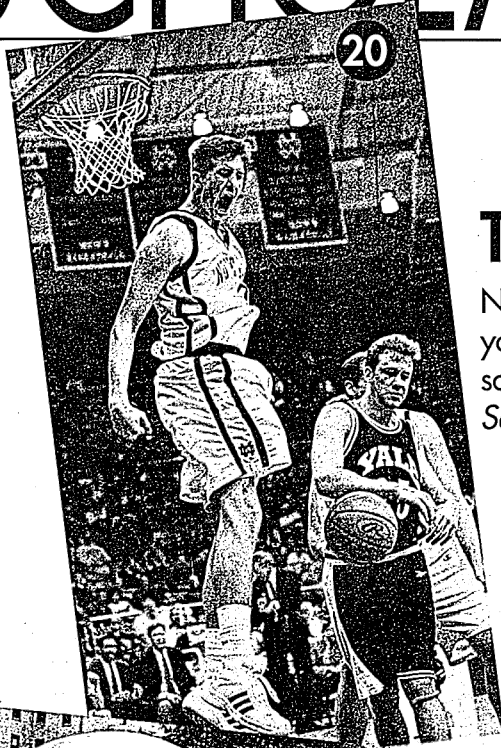
- \* 200+ Student Clubs and Organizations!
- \* Over 800 leadership and involvement opportunities waiting for **YOU!**
- \* Club sports ranging from Gymnastics to Rodeo!
- \* Representatives from 40+ volunteer/community service agencies!
- \* Voices of Faith - The 1999 Club of the Year!
- \* Performance exhibitions from student groups!
- \* 2,000 of your fellow classmates!
- \* Information on how to start your own student organization!

For more information, check out the Student Activities website at:  
**[www.nd.edu/~stdactiv/](http://www.nd.edu/~stdactiv/)**  
**SELECT "ACTIVITIES NIGHT 1999"**

SPONSORED BY STUDENT ACTIVITIES, RECSports & CLUB COORDINATION COUNCIL

# SCHOLASTIC

## MAGAZINE



### The Freshman 15

16

No matter how excited you are to leave home for the first time and begin your new life, working and playing on your own, you probably have some lingering questions about what to expect at Notre Dame. *Scholastic* offers 15 tips to help make the transition smoother.

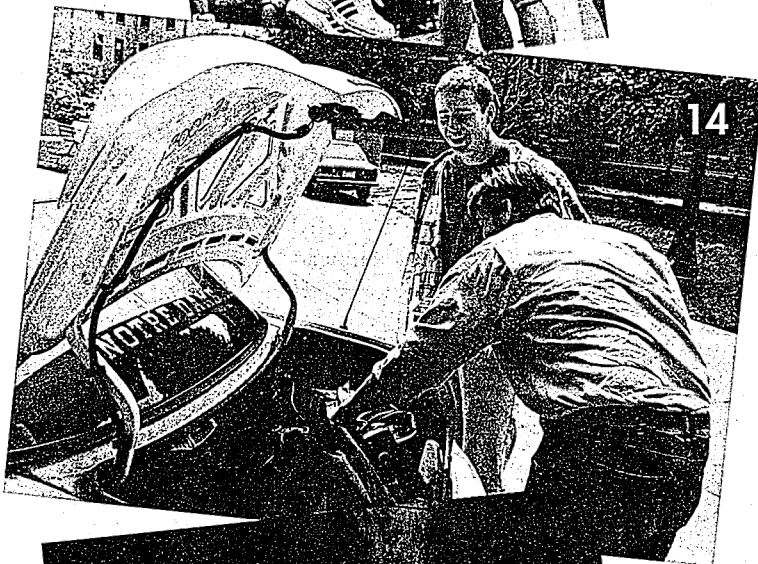
by Bridget Bradburn

### Packing 101

14

While stuffing your family truckster full to the brim with everything you own, check out *Scholastic's* recommendations for important items you won't want to forget.

by Kristin Alworth



### How to Do South Bend

23

Answering the eternal question, "What is there to do in a mid-sized Indiana town?" this guide compiles some great ways to make the best of Michiana's varied resources. by Aaron Nolan

<i>A Different World</i> by Jared Marx	7
<i>Late Edition</i> by Tina Zurcher	8
<i>Meet the Family</i> by Michelle Crouch, Lauren Winterfield and Tina Zurcher	11
<i>Perfect Strangers</i> by Allison Fashek	13
<i>The Big 10</i> by Christopher Hamilton	20
<i>A Party You Can't Refuse</i> by Kara Zuaro	24
<i>Setting the Stage</i> by Kathleen Corte	26



### Departments

From the Editor	2
ND Notebook	5
Campus Watch	19
Week in Distortion	27
Final Word	28

# Now's the time

I love asking questions, which is generally how I find out all sorts of things I never wanted to know. By the time I was 18, I should have learned this. But I was well into my first week of freshman year and glowing with the wisdom of new independence, so it didn't occur to me to keep my mouth shut. I could have talked about the weather, or maybe football. Instead, I wanted to learn about the person sitting next to me, so I started with the only piece of information I knew about him. "How does it feel to be a junior?"

He didn't even hesitate. "I hate it. It means that next year I'm going to be a senior." At the time, I figured he was just a negative person. But when I went into my junior year, people asked me the same thing — and I realized that I, too, was clinging to dear life to my time here.

This August, I will be a senior. Truth be told, I'm terrified.

Our parents told us all about it: The best years of your life, enjoy it while you can, how time flies. But they also told us about the Tooth Fairy and Santa Claus, so we're used to not believing them. That's why it's so scary to realize what they said about college is true.

As you sit on that last suitcase and curse the fates for making your green sweater so horrendously bulky, consider the journey

you're about to begin. It's one of the best rides in the action park, but it's also one of the shortest. You'll feel the wind race across your skin and you'll open your mouth and scream for the adventure of it all. Just don't close your eyes, or you'll wind up a senior who can't believe most of her college years are over.

When you get here, you'll do what all crazy freshmen do. Whether you love it or hate it, these will be the first of countless memories you'll absorb. You'll find the best view on campus — never go by without stopping to admire it. You'll study hard, play harder and make some of the best friends you've ever known. At 4 a.m., you'll get this insane urge to do cartwheels along South Quad. Do it, and savor the moment.

Notre Dame isn't perfect. You are not coming to heaven. Things here will disillusion you, challenge your beliefs and force you to reevaluate what you have always held constant. Through it all, you will grow to love this place and appreciate it for the impact it will have on your life and your identity. You will see the Dome not as a symbol of some far-off ideal, but as the reality of your own experience.

So take the time to love it here, and remember you have a chance at a top-quality education. Not facts, not theories, but individual growth. Dance in the rain by the lake, make a late-night run for chips and salsa with people you don't even know, make a spectacle of yourself in the dining hall for the pure fun of it.

This is your world for a precious four years. Take advantage of it.

Welcome to college, where everything is

new. You're not bound to anything, so take a chance, start over, and see where you go. Along the way, you may run across me. I'll be making snow angels, or talking to ducks or perched atop the stairs at Bond Hall. Stop and say hi. But don't ask me how it feels to be a senior. If you're curious, ask me instead how it feels to be a student at Notre Dame.

I love it. It means I'll always belong here.

## Who we are

*Scholastic Magazine* is a biweekly campus publication for Notre Dame students. It's among the oldest collegiate publications in the nation. We cover everything on campus: news, sports, campus life and entertainment. And we even throw in a humor section, too.

We're a student-produced magazine, and that means we need your help. First, as readers. Never, and I do mean *never*, enter the dining hall on Thursday night (every other week) without picking up an issue of *Scholastic*. Read it cover to cover (yes, there will be pop quizzes). And second, we need you to join our staff. Writers, photographers, artists and page designers — we welcome them all. And it's not unusual for freshmen to take over as assistant editors, so hunt us down if you're interested in getting involved. We're in the basement of South Dining Hall, and we're always looking for new staffers. We're fun. We promise.

*Meredith W. Salisbury*  
Editor in Chief

## SCHOLASTIC

M A G A Z I N E

### Editors in Chief

Brian Christ  
Meredith W. Salisbury

### Associate Editor

James J. Pastore, Jr.

### Managing Editor

Zachary W. Kulsrud

**News** Kristina E. Zurcher, editor; Jared P. Marx, assistant  
**Campus Life** Elizabeth M. Nagle, editor; Kimberly A. Blackwell, assistant  
**Sports** Christopher E. Hamilton, editor  
**Entertainment** Kara S. Zuaro, editor; Kathleen M. Corte, assistant  
**Departments** Kara S. Zuaro, editor; Heather J. Hogan, assistant  
**Layout** Michael P. Griffin, editor; Heather J. Hogan, assistant  
**Photography** Michael J. McNary, editor; Benjamin K. Wojcikewicz, assistant  
**Graphic Arts** David B. Leeney, editor; Caroline M. Wolf, assistant  
**Web Administrator** Michael J. Gonzales

Vol. 141, No. 1 • Summer 1999

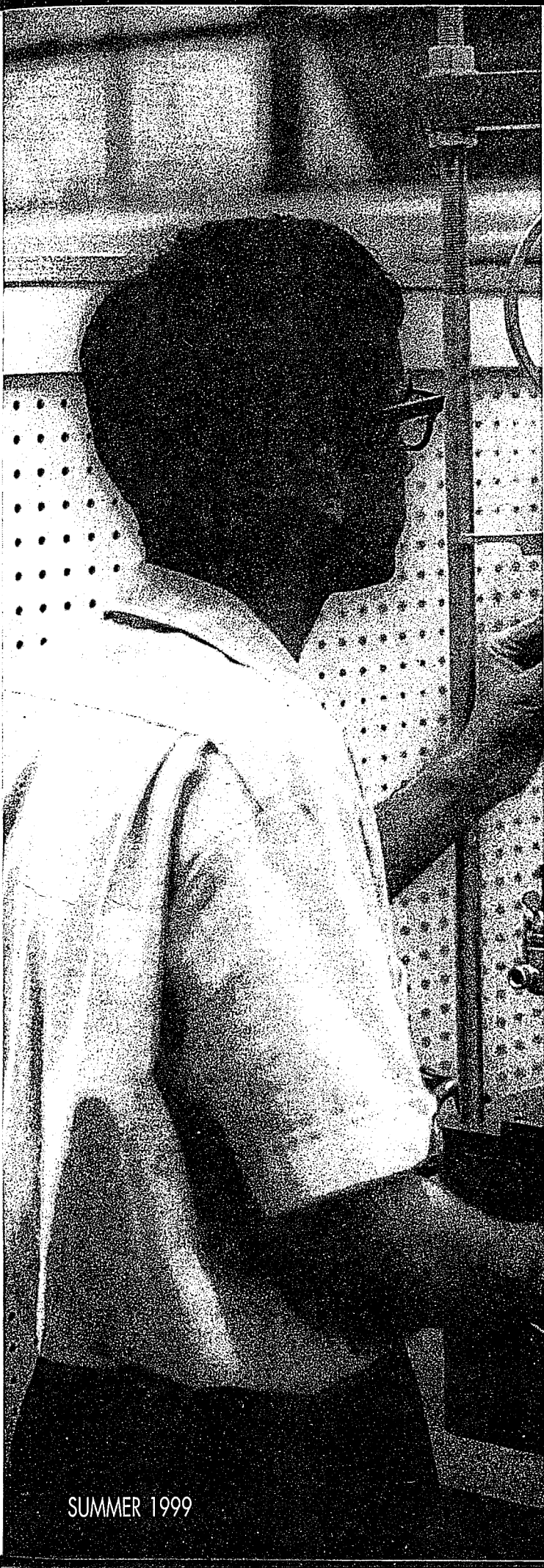
<http://www.nd.edu/~scholast>

*Disce Quasi Semper Victurus*

*Vive Quasi Cras Moriturus*

Published biweekly at the University of Notre Dame and printed at Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Ind., 46556. The entire contents of *Scholastic Magazine* is copyright ©1999. All rights reserved. No contents of this magazine, either in whole or in part, may be reproduced in any manner without written consent of the publisher. *Scholastic Magazine* does not assume liability for unsolicited manuscripts or material. All correspondence should be sent to *Scholastic Magazine*, LaFortune Student Center, Notre Dame, IN 46556. To be published in the next issue, letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. Monday before the issue. All letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number. All letters must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request in certain instances. *Scholastic* reserves the right to edit letters for space. The subscription rate, including the annual football review, is \$35 per year. Available back issues are \$1.50 per copy; please specify volume and number, or date. Copies of the annual football review are available at \$5 per copy. Advertising rates available on request. The opinions expressed in *Scholastic Magazine* are not necessarily those of the University of Notre Dame or the student body.

Cover photo by Meredith Salisbury  
Cover design by Michael Griffin



You can't  
study all  
the time ...

# Student ACTIVITIES Office

Featuring:

- Club Information
- Campus Media
- Fun Facilities to Use

Stepan Center

Fieldhouse Mall

LaFortune Student Center

Alumni-Senior Club

- Entertainment Info

Located on the third  
floor of LaFortune  
Student Center

# EXPERIENCE DIVERSITY AT NOTRE DAME



*The Multicultural Executive Council*

presents

## Coming Events

A WEEK-LONG SERIES OF FIRESIDE CHATS  
AROUND THE THEME OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MILLENNIUM:

Technologically  
Historically  
Humanistically  
Spiritually  
Globally

A WEEK OF  
PSYCHIC EVENTS:

An Astrologer  
A Yogi  
A Shaman  
A Gypsy  
A Healer

A PANEL DISCUSSION ON DISABILITY AWARENESS

December 1, 1999

MONTHLY "FIRESIDES AT FIVE"

STORYTELLER ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST

# Learn Your Irish

*A lexicon of key words you'll need to know*

## The Digs

**'Brare/Hesburgh:** the 14-story library on the east end of campus, not the man. Although the man (Fr. Ted Hesburgh, president of the university from 1952-1987) does have his office in the library.

**D6/D2/D2000:** student parking lots

**Grape:** Grape Rd., a mile or so east of campus, where pretty much *everything* is located, including restaurants, bookstores, the mall, clothing stores and supermarkets

**Huddle:** food court with a BK, pizza shop and convenience store in LaFortune

**Meijer:** superstore along Grape road. If God made it, you can find it here.

**JACC** (pronounced "Jack"): the Joyce Center, location of the basketball arena, hockey arena and large all-purpose space

**The Rock:** not the movie, but the Rockne Memorial. A solid workout center at the far end of South Quad

**LaFun:** LaFortune Student Center

**O'Shag:** O'Shaughnessy Hall, College of Arts and Letters building

**OIT:** Office of Information Technologies, located in the CCMB by the library. These are the people you call when your computer crashes the day before a paper's due.

**God Quad:** where Main Building (the Dome), the Basilica, LaFun and Sorin and Walsh Halls are located. It's in the center of campus.

**North Quad:** mostly residential, tree-filled quad on the north side of campus

**South Quad:** the largest quad, it stretches from the Rock to O'Shag

**Mod Quad:** location of Knott, Siegfried, and Pasquerilla East and West

**West Quad:** actually located south of South Quad, West Quad features Welsh Family, Keough, O'Neill and McGlenn Halls

**North:** North Dining Hall

**South:** South Dining Hall

**Stepan & Stepan:** Stepan *Center* is on the far north corner of campus (the strange geodesic-dome building) while Stepan *Chemistry Building* is attached to the science hall, just north of O'Shag.

**Stonehenge:** the war-memorial fountain at the south end of North Quad

**Touchdown Jesus:** mosaic on the library which blesses the football team

## Wild Weekends

**Sweatbox:** freshman party, 200 people stacked in a quad with an inch of beer on the floor

**Natty Light:** the unbearable frosh drink (hardly of choice)

**Hookup:** the undefinable random guy/girl fun time, preferably at a sweatbox

**HTH:** hometown honey — if you're stuck with one of these, you can't do the above

**SYR:** Screw Your Roommate dance (not literally), a semi-formal

**Dogbook:** photo directory you page through to find dates for dances

## Late Night With ... Anyone?

**Quarter Dogs:** culinary high point at the Huddle after midnight — hot dogs for a quarter

**Parietals:** the time when members of the opposite sex must leave the dormitories. It's midnight during the week and 2 a.m. on weekends.

**Pumpkin Time/Witching Hour:** when members of the opposite sex must leave your dorm room because of parietals

**Reckers:** the 24-hour godsend of an eatery behind South Dining Hall

## Famous People

**The Gipp:** *Scholastic's* own mystery man about campus (be careful if you decide to secretly urinate around the lakes late at night — he'll find out about it), named for the renowned George Gipp

**SMC Chicks** (pronounced "Smick"): Saint Mary's students

**Domer:** that's what you are — get used to it fast

**Monk:** Fr. Edward A. Malloy, CSC, our president

## Upperclass Lingo Only

**Patty O:** the former vice president of student affairs (we'll miss you!)

**Bridget's:** hallowed site of the ultimate freshman bar in years gone by, busted and closed in 1997

**Scoping:** checking out members of the opposite sex, generally an upperclass male activity focusing on freshman girls in the dining halls

—Tina Zurcher, Jared Marx and Kim Blackwell

## Q&A

## 10 Questions with



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DOME

**Jennifer Ehren**

### 1999 Valetorian

*Somebody has to be at the top. This year, Jennifer Ehren, a chemical engineering major from Madison, Wis., found herself at the top of her class. So just what exactly does it take to become a valetorian at one of the nation's most prestigious universities?*

**Was it always a goal of yours to be valetorian?**

No. I wasn't high school valetorian, so I had no intentions coming to this university of being valetorian. Grades don't matter to me. The goal of my whole college career wasn't to get straight As, it was to learn as much as I could.

**What are your plans for after graduation?**

I am doing the ACE [Alliance for Catholic Education] service program, I will be at Notre Dame taking education classes this summer and during the school year I will be in Biloxi, Miss., teaching science and math.

**With a chemical engineering major, how did you decide to become involved in ACE?**

I really wanted to do service after graduation, and I really wanted to do teaching as my service. It's a good program because it intertwines faith, community living and teaching. Also, you earn a masters of education.

**What is the best place on campus for a little quiet down-time?**

The Grotto. It's so peaceful there. You really feel calm and there's serenity all over.

**What is the longest time you've gone without sleeping?**

I never pulled an all-nighter. I guess the littlest sleep I got in one day was one hour.

*continued on next page →*

**Q&A**

*continued from previous page*

**What is the best tradition at Notre Dame?**

Dorm Masses are great because of the community you have with your dorm. They're really geared toward college students. The dances are just fun and bring out the community again.

**What will you miss most about college after graduation?**

The people. I just think some of the most phenomenal people I'll ever meet are here. It's going to be hard to go away from that.

**What was the best class you took at Notre Dame?**

Religion and Autobiography with Father Dunne. I just loved it. I held onto every word he said.

**What was the biggest question on your mind before freshman year?**

I wanted to know what I was going to do for the rest of my life. But I still don't know that. You never get life figured out.

**Who has the best pizza in South Bend?**

Bruno's has the best crust! But I like Pizza Hut, too. — *Kathleen Corte*

**SANCTIONED GRAFFITI**

# Fun and Games

*Orientation weekend is full of it — fun, that is*

**W**hen you arrive on campus late this summer, a gang of T-shirt clad upperclassmen will immediately descend on your car. They will surround you, seize your belongings and hustle you to a bare room. Scary as this may be, it should not alarm you. Those strangers emptying your trunk constitute the Freshman Orientation Staff, and they will be your first contacts at Notre Dame.

For nearly all freshmen, being away from home in unfamiliar surroundings is a frightening prospect. Fortunately, the activities during freshman orientation offer informal ways to meet the people in your dorm and around campus. Most of the activities are enjoyable, although some will make you feel like you are back in junior high. As goofy as they may be, though, these activities ease the transition from home life to that of Notre Dame. Here are some of the events to look forward to:

**Ice Cream Socials:** Usually held in front of the sponsoring dorm, they challenge fresh-

men to make friends while stuffing their faces with melting, sugary goodness.

**Mixers:** Typically, the dorms from each quad get together, hire a DJ and give freshmen a chance to dance and mingle in the summer air.

**Tie Exchanges:** Every guy from the participating dorm places his tie in a box. The ties go over to a girl's dorm, where each girl picks out one to wear. When the dorms meet, each guy tries to find the girl wearing his tie — and hopes that she likes him as much as she likes his taste in clothing.

**Graffiti Dance:** The biggest event during freshman orientation — all the freshmen gather, carrying markers and wearing white T-shirts. During the dance, if you see someone who interests you, ask if you can sign each other's shirts. It's a good idea to bring two different markers to use when people ask if they can sign your shirt: one color for those you want to remember and the other for the ones you would rather forget. — *Jim Pastore*

**Announcing**



The latest in student convenience — Domer Dollars can be used at the Hammes Bookstore. With a simple swipe of your university ID card, you can use your Domer Dollars to purchase not only textbooks, but great Notre Dame sportswear, gift and insignia merchandise, religious items and general books.

Domer Dollars can be used at all Food Service locations accepting points. Do you have friends or family visiting? Why not treat them to a meal using your Domer Dollars?

Last First Initial

Social Security Number/ID Number

Local Address

Permanent Address

Local Phone Number

Home Phone Number

Enclosed is the following amount to open a Domer Dollar Account

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(minimum \$50)

Deposit is by:  
 Cash  Check  Money Order

Student Signature Date

Please mail to: University of Notre Dame  
 Dining Access and Card Services Office  
 P.O. Box 1043  
 Notre Dame, IN 46556



# A Different World

As Student Body President Micah Murphy and Vice President Mike Palumbo will tell you, college politics are vastly different from high school

BY JARED MARX

For anyone whose high school student government spent more time planning dances than listening to students' concerns, you'll discover a difference when you get to college.

When the subject of joining the Big Ten invaded campus last year, the student body was nearly unanimous in its objection. In response, the Student Senate passed a resolution calling for Notre Dame to remain independent, and this resolution was considered by Notre Dame's administration and ultimately the board of directors in London. Notre Dame decided not to join the Big Ten.

This year, Notre Dame's student government will be headed up by a president and vice president who want to maintain the level of responsiveness seen in the Big Ten issue. Without further ado, meet this year's president and vice president, Micah Murphy and Michael Palumbo.

Micah Murphy, the student body president, is from Wheaton, Ill. As a freshman, he was elected Keough Hall's freshman class representative and then freshman class vice president. But a collapsed lung at the beginning of his second semester kept him in the hospital and away from Notre Dame for the rest of the year. In his sophomore year, he says, "I was basically miserable. I had missed the elections and wasn't involved with anything. I just went to class and studied." But in his junior year, he was elected Keough Hall president, and then he campaigned for and won the student body presidency for his senior year. Originally slated to run with last year's vice-president Andréa Selak, he joined up with Michael Palumbo after both of their running mates left the election.

Palumbo, for his part, transferred into Notre Dame

his sophomore year. Although he says he was basically uninvolved for his first semester here, during his second semester he was asked to join the elections committee, which is charged with making sure elections are fair and impartial. Through that, he says, he got to know a lot of the candidates, and was eventually appointed Student Senate Secretary. That position helped him to "get to know a lot of the issues and the structures involved with student government." He notes that he first met Murphy while bowling with the Executive Council, a group of students closely involved with Student Government.

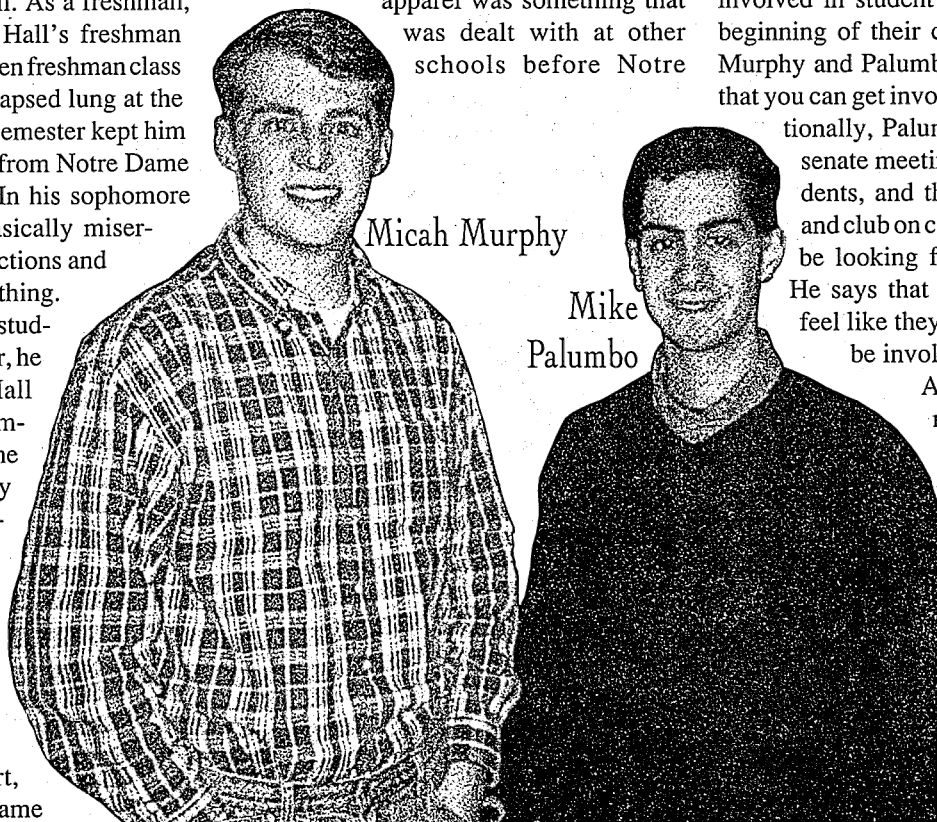
Both Murphy and Palumbo were involved with student government in high school, but previous experience is certainly not a prerequisite. Murphy says that the biggest difference between high school and Notre Dame student government is that now it's more "real." Palumbo adds that Notre Dame student government has a much more national perspective. He relates that the recent issue of sweatshop labor in the production of apparel was something that was dealt with at other schools before Notre

Dame had to address it. Murphy notes, "We also have to be aware of what other schools are doing. Notre Dame is a leading institution. People are watching to see what we do."

Since the beginning of their term in April, Murphy and Palumbo have already begun the implementation of their platform. They cite the development of a newer, more user-friendly *du Lac* (the infamous book of rules and regulations on campus) for next year, as well as an expansion of where Flex Points (electronic money that you can access through your student ID) are accepted. For the future, they expect even more expansion of places where Flex Points can be used, including new Flex-accepting vending machines. They also have plans for standardizing parietals (equally infamous rules about when girls must be out of guys dorms and vice-versa) in all dorms, and changing some parietal times for special occasions and football weekends.

Considering the aura of a presidency, one might fear a touch of elitism among those involved in student government from the beginning of their college careers. But if Murphy and Palumbo prove anything, it's that you can get involved at any time. Additionally, Palumbo notes that student senate meetings are open to all students, and that every organization and club on campus always seems to be looking for more involvement. He says that people shouldn't ever feel like they "missed their turn" to be involved.

As for advice to freshmen, Palumbo encourages everyone to "dream, because when you're here, you can do anything you want." Murphy, on the other hand, offers more practical advice: "Just because the YoCream in the dining hall has no fat, doesn't mean it won't make you fat." □



Micah Murphy

Mike Palumbo


GORDIE BELL

# Late Edition

The Biggest News of the 1998-1999 School Year

by Tina Zurcher

## The Big Ten

After half a year of anticipation while Notre Dame debated joining the Big Ten, the decision to remain independent  was announced in February. During the interim period, campus debate raged in the publications, the dining halls and even the classrooms over what the best choice for the university's future would be.

Membership in the Big Ten would have affected Notre Dame not just athletically but academically as well. Besides changing its athletic conference to the Big Ten from the Big East, Notre Dame would have become a member of the CIC (Committee for Institutional Cooperation), which facilitates cooperative academic research among member universities. The debate focused around whether or not Notre Dame's fundamental identity would be compromised by joining the conference.

After a process of information sharing, administrators decided that Notre Dame would not be compatible with the Big Ten. Father Malloy stated that they had to consider whether the "core identity



**SLAM DUNK.** Freshman star Troy Murphy and the men's basketball team, who compete in the Big East, would have had a new lineup of teams to face had the university decided to join the Big Ten.

GORDIE BELL

of Notre Dame as Catholic, private and independent" would be "a match for an association of universities — even a splendid association of great universities — that are uniformly secular, predominantly state institutions and with a long heritage of conference affiliation." Ultimately, preserving Notre Dame's unique character motivated the decision against joining the conference.

## Dining Improvements

Notre Dame greatly improved the dining situation on South Quad to give students a welcome surprise in the fall. It opened Reckers, a 24-hour social space complete with food, on the south end of campus at the beginning of this school year. The restaurant is named after Clement Reckers, the first student to enroll at the university. It fulfilled the constant need for an all-night place to study and socialize while also staving off the munchies.

Although Reckers was a big hit with the students from its opening, it appeared in the news several times this year under

questionable circumstances. One of the problems was with students who came in late at night under the influence and behaved inappropriately. Another issue was finding enough people to work all the shifts at odd hours.

The addition of Reckers was paired with a renovation of South Dining Hall. It was under construction all last spring, so a mass exodus of students from the south end of campus to the north end would occur during dinner hours. After its completion in time for the reopening in the fall, the students tended to move the other way.

Those on North Quad weren't complaining, though. A Burger King opened in LaFortune Student Center last August. Though it has more limited hours than Reckers — it closes at midnight — it offers a refreshing change from quarter dogs, the ultra-cheap, late-night fare available at the Huddle Mart.

## Sweatshop Investigation

When it was discovered that sweatshops might be used to produce Notre Dame apparel, the university took steps to investigate its producers' manufacturing processes. It wanted to ensure that its 1997 Code of Conduct, which set out guidelines for its licensees, was being followed.

The university became a charter university member of the Fair Labor Association, a monitoring extension of the Apparel Industry Partnership. To further monitor the producers' activities, Notre Dame hired an independent accounting firm, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, to conduct random inspections of manufacturing sites. A campus task force, including members of the student body as well as experts, was created to study the issues related to sweatshops.

Notre Dame was the first university to create a required Code of Conduct and

among the first to investigate its licensees to such a degree. However, students staged a sit-in outside the office of Bill Hoye, the university's spokesman on the sweatshop issue, and held several rallies on the issue.

## Power Plant Explosion

In April an explosion occurred at Notre Dame's power plant located on the north end of campus. Two people were injured in the blast: Paul Kempf, the director of utilities at Notre Dame, and Jami Thibodeaux, an on-call security officer.

The explosion took place in the cooling tower structure adjacent to the north side of the power plant. A fire broke out in the building, causing an electrical transformer to overheat and explode. An area around the lake and behind the power plant was blocked for a time to facilitate investigation of the fire's cause, which is still unknown.

The campus did not lose power at any time, nor was the operation of the power plant affected. Since the fire and explosion happened in the cooling tower, however, the air conditioning capacity on campus was adversely affected. Many of the buildings will remain without air conditioning well into the 1999-2000 school year. Six of the nine cooling units were lost, and more than a million dollars may be needed for repairs.

## Riots

Just before finals time, a massive power outage in the area shut down the campus for about 45 minutes shortly after midnight. The lights went off in most campus buildings, computers across campus shut down, and electronic door locks on dorms stopped working.

Frustrated students descended upon the quads, some of them lighting bonfires, while others watched and took pictures or even videotaped the events. Couches and lofts taken down for the year's end fueled the fires, with some reaching as large as 11 feet across. Police cars drove on campus to scatter the crowds while fire trucks arrived to extinguish fires. Some citations were given

for underage consumption.

The "riots" — considered small-scale since no one was hurt and they were so short-lived — stirred heated debate on campus. Some people viewed them as memories, the most exciting thing to happen to them at Notre Dame. Others saw them as mindless destruction, endangering the students and vandalizing university property. Most administrators were concerned with the student body's thoughtlessness in the mob mentality that arose. Some were disappointed that fires deprived needy people of furniture: items students could have donated to the poor at the end of the year were instead torched.

## Eck Center

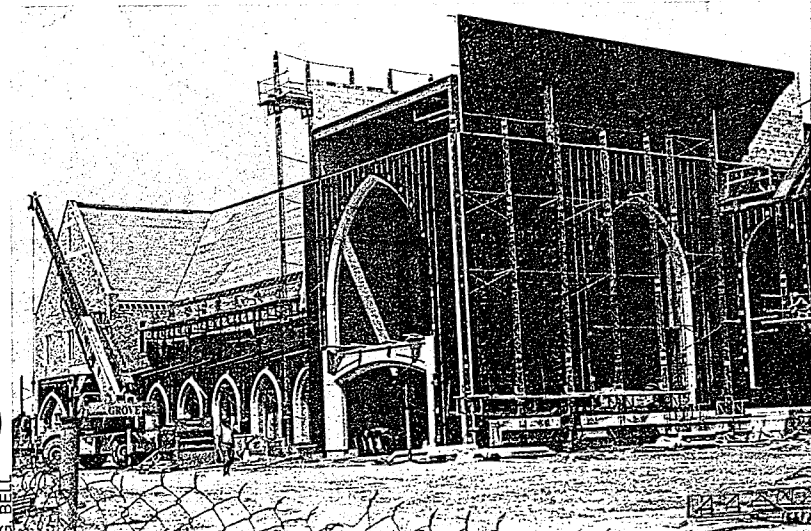
The Eck Center, a \$21.5 million complex housing the new **H a m m e s** Bookstore, the Visitor's Center and the Alumni Association, was opened in the spring. Franklin C. Eck, a 1944 Notre

Dame graduate and the chairman and chief executive officer of Advanced Drainage Systems, underwrote the cost of the center as a gift to the university.

Eck has underwritten several other campus landmarks. He funded Notre Dame's Eck Tennis Pavilion in 1987 and Frank Eck Baseball Stadium in 1994. On the academic

side, he established an endowed collection in chemical engineering in the Hesburgh Library.

Two buildings comprise the center: the 65,130 square-foot bookstore and a 26,435 square-foot facility housing the Alumni Association and the Visitor's Center. The bookstore is one of the largest such stores in higher education. Its size and streamlined design should channel the immense traffic during football weekends much more easily than the old bookstore did. It includes a



**GO SOUTH, YOUNG MAN.** After more than a year of construction, the Eck Center opened on the south side of campus with a new bookstore and visitors' center.

café, leather wingback chairs, wood finishings and even a piano, making the bookstore an easy comparison to Barnes and Noble or Borders.

The style of the buildings is a return to the older style of on-campus architecture. The Eck Center was constructed in the traditional Gothic style seen in the older dorms and classroom buildings at Notre Dame.

## Flex 14

The 1998-99 school year was the inaugural year for what was, at least for the students, a revolution in eating at Notre Dame. For the first time, students were given the choice of the regular 21-meals-a-week dining hall plan or a new 14-meals-a-week plan with 20,000 bonus flex points a semester, the equivalent of \$200. The points



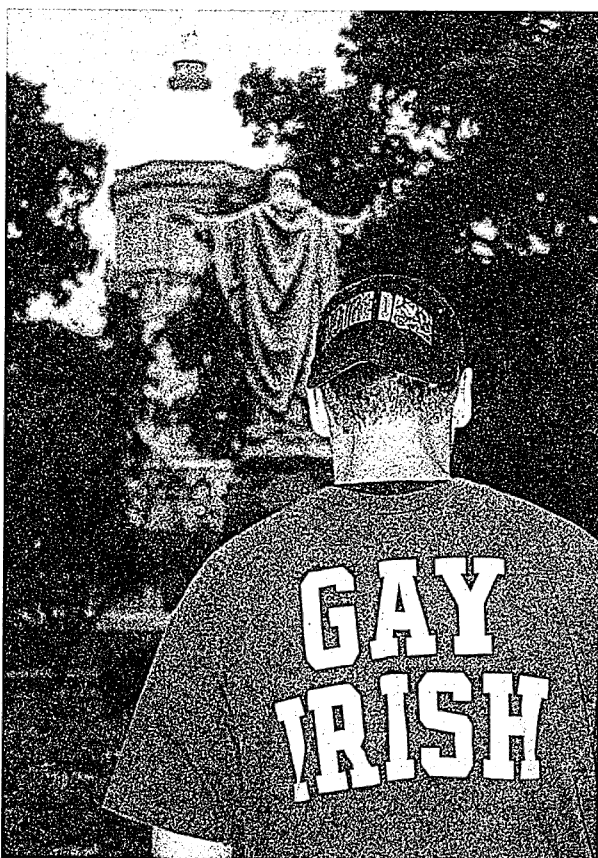
**POWER STRUGGLE.** During a campus-wide power outage, students flooded the quad, and many started bonfires with old couches and lofts.

can be used to charge food at several campus outlets, including the restaurants in the Huddle and Reckers. To access the points, students used their ID cards to charge purchases.

Food sales soared at places on campus where those on the new plan could "flex it." Students could be seen taking their dates "out to eat" at Reckers rather than going off-campus. Candy consumption in the Huddle quadrupled, and the new Burger King became a campus breakfast standard.

## Non-Discrimination Inclusion Debate

The decision on whether to include sexual orientation in Notre Dame's non-discrimination clause has been an ongoing debate. Currently, the university does not list sexual orientation in the clause, although it is addressed in the Spirit of Inclusion, a non-legally binding statement in the stu-



G. BELL

**FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS.** Despite protests on campus, the Board of Fellows voted not to add a non-discrimination clause to *du Lac*, the campus rule book.

dent rule book. It condemns harassment of gay and lesbian members of the university and states that university policy prohibits such actions. It expresses a desire to create an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth where all members will feel welcomed and valued.

After the Academic Council voted in favor of creating a non-discrimination clause including sexual orientation, the decision was referred to the Board of Fellows by Father Malloy. In December, the Board voted unanimously to retain the current status of the clause. However, their vote was kept private until it was presented to the Board of Trustees in February, where its decision was confirmed.

The Board of Fellows say they decided to keep the Spirit of Inclusion rather than change the clause in order to preserve the Catholic character of Notre Dame. The Fellows did not believe that civil courts should be able to interpret and apply Catholic teaching in regard to Notre Dame's affairs in the case of a lawsuit based on a clause protecting homosexuals. □

## NOTRE DAME FILM, TELEVISION, AND THEATRE

visit our web page at <http://www.nd.edu:80/~cothweb/wwwhomepage.html>

WASHINGTON HALL--Donald Crafton, Chairman of Notre Dame Film, Television, and Theatre, (FTT) has announced that the annual reception for students interested in film, television or theatre will be held **Wednesday, August 25, at 6:00 P.M.** in Washington Hall. Students interested in any aspect of acting, directing, scenery, costuming, lighting, management, or who are considering film, television and theatre as a major are encouraged to attend.

Notre Dame student films are showcased each year at the extremely popular annual film festival. Many FTT student films have won awards at national film festivals, and a collection of the best Notre Dame films will soon be available in national distribution.

FTT has a terrific relationship with area television stations, and many students have earned internships in a variety of production areas. WNDU, the local NBC affiliate, is owned by Notre Dame and provides television professionals who teach some Notre Dame classes.

Theatre at Notre Dame is open to all students--majors and non-majors--who wish to participate. A wide variety of activities is available including: acting, scenic design and construction, costume design and construction,

lighting design and execution, marketing, directing and stage management. There are theatre opportunities to fit every schedule and level of talent.

This season, FTT will present a mainstage season consisting of four plays and many other acting and directing projects. Mainstage productions will be:  
*Hedda Gabler*                      *The Water Engine*  
*All's Well That Ends Well*      *The Love of the Nightingale*

*All's Well That Ends Well* will be performed by ACTORS FROM THE LONDON STAGE who will conduct a two-week residency sponsored by the Henkels Visiting Lecture Series. All FTT projects will need student involvement. There are positions for all who wish to participate.

**Auditions for the first two plays will be held Wednesday, August 25, and Thursday, August 26, at 7:00 PM.**

FTT activities are an excellent way to meet new people, make new friends, and have a great time while involving yourself in the creation of something special on campus.

If you cannot attend the reception, but wish to be involved or have questions about film, please call Jill Godmilow at (219) 631-7167 or Ted Mandell at (219) 631-6953. If you are interested in opportunities in theatre please call Richard E. Donnelly at (219) 631-5958.

# Meet the Family

*The key players in the Notre Dame game*

BY MICHELLE CROUCH,  
LAUREN WINTERFIELD  
AND TINA ZURCHER

**F**r. Edward A. "Monk" Malloy, CSC, is the 16th president of the university and has held this position since 1986. Monk is more accessible than most university presidents, as he teaches a freshman seminar every year and lives in Sorin

## Monk Malloy

Hall, behind which he shoots hoops with guys from the dorm. He attended both Notre Dame and Vanderbilt before accepting a teaching post in the Notre Dame Department of Theology in 1974, which he still holds.

Monk is active in public service, chairing ACE (American Council on Education) and Campus Compact, among other organizations. In the past he has served as founding director of the Points of Light Foundation and as a member of the National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Currently, Monk acts as co-chair of the subcommittee on college drinking of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, a component of the National Institutes of Health.

Monk has also written many articles and several books. His fourth book, on major issues in higher education today, will be published in the fall of 1999.

No one knows much yet about Fr. Mark Poorman, who will succeed Patty O'Hara as vice president of Student Affairs on July 1.

In this position, Poorman will be responsible for areas including campus ministry, residence life, student activities, Notre Dame security/police and alcohol and drug education. Students caught breaking

## Poor Man Mark

parietals and drinking in the halls will likely get to know him very well.

Poorman is currently an associate professor of theology who has directed the university's Master of Divinity program since 1992. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Christian ethics, as well as pastoral skills courses for students pursuing ordained and professional lay ministry. Since August of last year, Poorman served as executive assistant to Monk Malloy.

Other posts he held include associate director of campus ministry, rector of Dillon Hall and priest in residence in Grace Hall. With all this student contact under his belt, Poorman should be able to deal with ResLife violations quite well.

Coming into his third year as head coach of the football team, Coach Bob Davie is experienced and ready to lead the 1999 team into battle. After a solid performance in the past two years with 14 victories in the team's last 16

regular-season games and two consecutive postseason bowl invitations, Davie is pointing Notre Dame football in the right direction.

In 1998, Notre Dame won all its home games for the first time since 1989 and finished 22nd in the AP poll. Hopes

are high that the trend will hold for the next season, when the Irish will face a tough pool of opponents. The schedule for the fall includes Kansas, Michigan, Oklahoma, Arizona State and Tennessee.

The team will have a far different, far younger face this year. A new offensive coordinator, Kevin Rogers, has been appointed. Plus, Notre Dame's career rushing leader Autry Denson and four offensive line

## Coach Davie



**MONK SHOT.** Father Malloy, the president of the university, joins in the bookstore basketball competition each spring. His team is regularly ranked among the top 32 teams.

FILE PHOTO

# YOUR SYLLABUS FOR Packing 101

*A crash course on the basics you will need for your first year*

BY KRISTIN ALWORTH

*Lists. They consumed every open inch of my desk, dresser, mirror and even my car dashboard the summer before I left for college. Unfortunately, when the time came to transport all of my belongings, I found that everything on those lists would take up two cars and about three dorm rooms. It is tempting to bring all of your earthly possessions to college, but most dorm rooms are downright tiny, and you have to take into consideration the fact that you'll be sharing that room with at least one other person. Here are some packing tips and a little common sense as you prepare to make the great migration from home to college.*

## Furniture

Figuring out how to arrange furniture in a dorm room usually requires a magician. Many students make extra space in their rooms by constructing lofts, elevated beds that leave open space underneath. Lofts can be a pain to construct, but the added space can make the trouble of assembly worthwhile. Loft kits can be purchased relatively inexpensively at stores like Lowe's. The university regulates what kind of loft you can have in your room, and the regulations vary from dorm to dorm, so you need to look into your dorm's rules before constructing one.

All dorm rooms come equipped with beds, desks and a wardrobe or dresser to store your clothes, but most students bring extra furniture. Couches, bean-bags and futons are popular, since they are a lot more comfortable than sitting on the floor. Carpeting is another necessity in the dorms, unless you want to live with hard tile floors through the year. You'll probably want to wait to buy carpet until you have measured your room, since dorm rooms come in all shapes and sizes.

Electronics are an important source of entertainment in dorm rooms. It is a good idea to bring a stereo because some students find South Bend radio lacking. A TV and a VCR are nice additions to a dorm room even though

## Electronics

cable isn't available. But all dorms have TV lounges with cable so you can still catch your favorite

programs without making an expensive investment.

There are numerous computer clusters with both Macintoshes and PCs on campus, some of which are open 24 hours a day. The cluster computers have on-line access and CD-ROMs. However, if you plan to use the cluster computers during especially busy times of the year like midterms and finals, expect to wait in line.

Most students bring or rent a refrigerator, which is useful for those beverages and late-night snacks. A hot-pot is a nice addition too, since it can make everything from hot chocolate for cold winter days to macaroni and cheese for more creative chefs. Also, fans are crucial during the first few weeks of school if you are living in an older dorm without air conditioning.

A little bit of decorating can personalize a dorm room and make it inviting. The overhead lights in most rooms are dim and will make

## Decorative Touches

the room look like a cellar, so pack some lamps. A desk lamp is a must, and floor lamps can brighten a room tremendously. Free-standing halogen lights are also very popular, though some other schools have banned them as fire hazards. Posters and pictures, whether they are of your favorite music group or a Monet print, add character to a room and help muffle echoes. Creative touches like Christmas lights and plants also jazz up a room.

Apart from furnishings, there are many miscellaneous items that you will need for dormitory living. Since you will have to trek down the hall to take a shower, a robe and a shower caddy are important items. Many students wear flip-flops in the showers because they are not always the cleanest place to put your bare feet.

As far as bedding is concerned, you will need to bring sheets, towels and blankets as none of these is provided by the university. Some dorms have extra long beds, so you may want to wait to hear from your rector before you purchase a new sheet set.

A laundry bag or basket, a stain stick, laundry detergent and lots of quarters are necessary if you plan on doing

## Odds and Ends

your own laundry. For students who have yet to conquer the washing machine, St. Michael's Laundry provides an on-campus service that will pick up your laundry each week, wash it and fold it for you if you opt

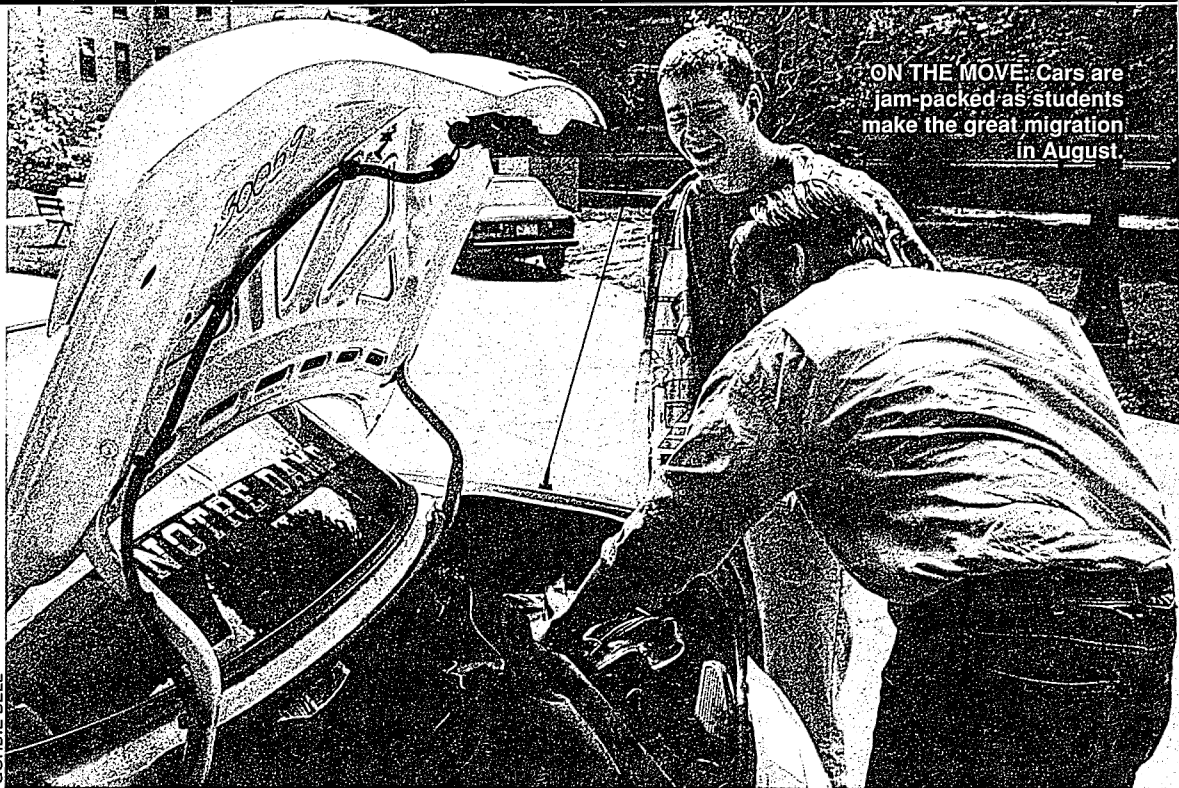
to pay for their semester-long service. St. Michael's also has a dry cleaning service available to all.

You will need to bring hangers for your clothes. Crates and other organizers are also useful for increasing storage space in your room and can be a good place to stash heavy winter clothes during the off-season. An alarm clock, preferably a loud one, is also necessary to wake you up for those dreaded 8:30 classes.

South Bend has plenty of discount stores,

such as Meijer, if you forget something. The Student Union Board (SUB) also sponsors a "Fall Mall" at Stepan Center, where they sell and rent various items at reduced prices.

There is really no need to agonize about forgetting something as you prepare your own list of things to bring. Your friends will probably loan you that obscure tool or reference book on the one occasion you really need it. And your parents are only a phone call and a care package away. □



ON THE MOVE: Cars are jam-packed as students make the great migration in August.

GORDIE BELL

## Don't Forget

- camera
- umbrella
- crates/organizers
- alarm clock
- stamps and envelopes
- stain stick, quarters and detergent
- sheets and towels
- shower caddy
- a good fan

## Leave Home

- iron
- phone and answering machines (dorm-issued phones have voice mail)
- vacuum
- wastebasket
- microwaves, toaster ovens and hot plates
- pets

# THE FRESHMAN

## 15

*Our survival guide will answer all of your questions about life as a Domer except how to fit Friends, ER and a 10-page paper into one night*

BY BRIDGET BRADBURN

You've packed your entire life into six boxes and a couple of suitcases. You've heard all the advice from your well-meaning parents and all-knowing older friends and siblings. But no matter how prepared and eager you may be to start your college experience, questions about daily life at Notre Dame undoubtedly still linger. You are not alone. Fortunately, *Scholastic* has compiled a list of the answers you will need to survive your first year at Notre Dame.

### 1. Starting Out

Freshman Orientation will be one of the most hectic weekends you'll spend at Notre Dame. From the graffiti dance, where you meet other freshmen by signing their shirts, to scavenger hunts and cookouts, to moving in and saying goodbye to your parents, there is little time for homesickness. It may seem overwhelming, but try to make the most of these opportunities to meet new people.

### 2. Braving the Elements

The weather in South Bend is notoriously unpredictable. Freshman Orientation weekend is typically hot and humid, so you'll want to bring some summer clothes — but you won't need them for long! The first snow can come as early as October, and the campus usually doesn't thaw out until March. Also, even if it's bright and sunny when you go into class, it's entirely likely that it will be pouring rain when you come out, so never forget your umbrella. It's useful even though the wind always blows it inside out.

### 3. Food for Thought

After settling into your room, you'll probably have worked up an appetite. North and

South both make valiant attempts to offer a variety of culinary delights. Although the choices are sometimes less than appealing, remember that you can always fall back on the vast array of cereals. You can find alternatives to the standard dining hall fare in LaFun, which has several small restaurants (including Burger King) and a convenience store known as the Huddle Mart. Still another option is Reckers, the 24-hour coffee shop/general hangout on campus. If you're still hungry after all this, some dorms have food sales during prime study hours to help you out.

### 4. Dining Out

Inevitably, you will get tired of dining hall food and make your way to local restaurants. South Bend and Mishawaka have plenty to offer. Macri's Deli is an affordable sandwich spot, in addition to TGIFriday's, Chili's, Olive Garden and Outback Steakhouse, which are close to campus. South Bend also has a few nicer restaurants, including The Landing, The Emporium, The Wharf and Tippecanoe Place. Of course, if you just want to order in, rest assured that the Papa John's guys love ND students — they're here all the time. And for some eatery-quality pizza, try Rocco's or Bruno's, both traditional hangouts for Domers.

### 5. Weekend Escapes

Weekends offer the perfect opportunity for students to escape from the ubiquitous tedium of schoolwork. In the fall, bus trips to away football games offer students the chance to visit other college towns. Once the football season is over, many students travel to Chicago and to Michigan City, an outlet shopping location, via the relatively affordable South Shore Railroad. In February, the freshman class usually sponsors a class trip to Chicago, a great opportunity to

bond with friends and make new ones as well.

### 6. Shopping Around

University Park Mall is close by, and a city bus runs from campus to the mall every half-hour during the day for the low fare of \$1.50 round-trip. The 24-hour Meijer store on Grape is a favorite shopping place, offering everything from frozen pizza bites to TVs. On campus, there is a convenience store in LaFun. The bookstore has a limited amount of drugstore products, as well as various school supplies and anything you could ever possibly want plastered with the ND logo.

### 7. Hitting the Books

You won't need any books on the first day of class, so it's best to wait until your professors give you a class syllabus with a list of needed books and course packets. Before you go to the bookstore, check any lists posted in your dorm to see if used books are for sale by upperclassmen — but remember to make sure they're the right editions. When you do brave the bookstore, be prepared to wait in long lines and spend (unfortunately) most of your summer money in that one trip. However, the bookstore does sell some used books.

### 8. Dollar Sense

If it sounds like you will be spending a lot of money in the first few weeks of school, don't worry — the spending will slow down. For the money left over, there is a branch of Key Bank in LaFun and a branch of the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union (NDFCU) just behind campus, which offer students savings and checking options. And for those instant-cash needs, there are several ATMs on campus: in the basement of LaFun and at Gate 10 of the JACC (serving Key Bank), at



the bookstore (NDFCU) and in the basement of the library (serving 1st Source Bank).

### 9. Getting Wired

One way to save money and keep in close contact with family and friends is to use your ND e-mail account. If you don't have a computer here, just go to a computer cluster and a consultant will help you open your account free of charge. If you did bring a computer, you can take it to the Office of Information Technologies at the beginning of the year to get help installing ResNet, the campus network (with Netscape and Eudora, an e-mail program). The only thing you'll need to buy, if you don't have it, is an ethernet card and cable — but then you'll be set to be an e-mail addict and Internet junkie in your dorm room.

### 10. Getting Involved

There are other ways to amuse yourself on campus than visiting your favorite website 20 times a day. Watch for signs in the first few weeks of school advertising various ND activities and the annual Activities Night in the JACC. Almost every single organization on campus will have a table and sign-up sheets (and sometimes candy) at Activities Night, so sign up for all that in-terest you.

### 11. A Sound Mind in a Sound Body

For those who are concerned about keeping in shape (and almost everyone here seems to be), there are many exercise options. Rolfs Sports Recreation Center, on the east end of campus, is a fairly new structure. In addition to an indoor track, basketball courts and weight room, Rolfs offers a roller-hockey rink, ping-pong and pool tables and a fitness-counseling center. The Rock offers a pool, a weight room and racquetball and basketball courts. There is an indoor track in both Loftus Sports Center

and the JACC. Rolfs Aquatic Center holds an Olympic-size pool with a diving well. Finally, there are tennis courts and two golf courses on campus. For those looking for organized exercise, the RecSports department offers various activities.

### 12. The Balancing Act

It's good to get involved and stay fit, but remember that there will always be home-

work and projects to do. It can be difficult to manage all of your activities, but First Year of Studies provides several services especially for freshmen to help them learn to balance the demands on their time. FYS offers free tutoring, time management and paper-writing classes and an advising program to assist freshmen in picking classes and a major.

### 13. Taking the Night Off

Central to social life at Notre Dame are

### 14. Lights Out

If you haven't heard the term "parietals" yet, learn it. Parietals are the visitation hours at Notre Dame. Students must be out of the opposite sex's dorms by midnight on weekdays and by 2 a.m. on weekends. However, there are 24-hour lounges in all of the dorms, so coed studying and socializing don't have to end at these hours. Fair warning: the consequences for violations can be severe. It is *not* a good idea to test these rules.

### 15. The Joys of Communal Living

No student escapes getting sick. As a preventative measure, free flu shots are offered during the year. But the combination of little sleep, lack of exercise, unbalanced meals, stress, bad weather and close contact with other students can lead to many colds and flus. The infirmary has doctors and nurses on staff, as well as a pharmacy. But unless you are seriously ill, it is a better idea to keep your own supply of medication, stay in bed when you get sick and call home if you need a little extra attention.

There is no experience common to every single Notre Dame freshman. Everyone's first days involve a great deal of exploration and trial and error. But the more questions that can be answered before arriving on campus, the more excited you can be about embarking upon your first year at Notre Dame. □

Kimberly Blackwell contributed to this story.



**ment Buildings  
anted To Buy**

FOR HOMES & 2FLTS  
dition. S & SW City.  
B 847-673-7097

**vacant  
roperty**

**3334  
vacant Property  
urban West**

DREAM

ACRES for sale in  
County, Village of  
am. 450' frontage on  
re. Utilities near site.  
34-office research.  
re parcel to the east  
able.....\$2.3million

**OR REALTY CO.  
88/52-1100  
www.glor.com**

**Misc For Sale**

**3410  
obile Homes**

ers & Hunters-3br 2 fl  
pls, c/a to lot rent.  
MI. 616-343-3692

R 1BA Schult unfurn.  
ow in kitchen. Country-  
708-246-4602

br, 2ba, dbl wide on  
lot. \$27,500.  
MI. 616-639-7660

**3412  
tment Property**

100 SF FOR SALE\*  
ormer Bank Building.  
ot Available. Great  
stitutional Use.  
Y. x246 For info

**COOLER BUILDING\***  
Fulton Market Multi-  
Windows Dock. Call  
82 For More Info.

**1 W. HUBBARD\***  
!!! 3 Flat Frame +  
ise on Dbl Lot Huge  
old "As-Is". Call

**36 Commercial  
For Sale/Rent**

**3616  
Office/Commercial  
For Sale or Rent  
City Central**

401  
NORTH MICHIGAN AVE.  
IMPRESSIVE

& Assembly: 773-921-3400  
www.shetland.com

**BATAVIA**  
20,000 sf warehse. 10% Office  
decked storage. 4 Docks  
12' high. DID. 32 ft clear.  
RJ WARD 800-879-3100

**38 National  
Real Estate**

**FALL MALL**

★ 1999 ★

Decorating Your Room?!  
Couches, chairs, carpets,  
refrigerators, posters, and  
other dorm room necessities!  
All in great condition!

**Location: Stepan Center**

**Friday, August 20  
9am-8pm**

**Saturday, August 21  
10am-8pm**

**Sunday, August 22  
11am-5pm**

•Desktop plus MP/fax/copy  
•FT & PT Plans  
•Flexible lease terms.  
Call for special incentives!  
630-250-3100 800-776-8330

**OAK BROOK**  
Furn Staffed and Equipped

home. gorgeous lake views,  
slip. \$175K-\$290K  
800-513-5191 C-21 Land of  
Lakes Rity 877-353-LAKE

Mexico- Cancun Timeshare  
5 star. 30 prime wks. \$1  
obo 773-373-2628

**MICHIGAN-S. HAVEN** S side

'99. Rare lifetime  
\$795K. Call owner:  
row 414-427-0785

Wisconsin  
**N.E. WIS LAKE  
\$27,900**

**BORDERS PUBLIC**  
This private wooded  
located near the he  
mighty Nicolet Natio  
Beautiful view, 180'  
front, great rec  
area! 8-8 Daily. L  
Realty. 800-388-768!  
www.wisloonlak

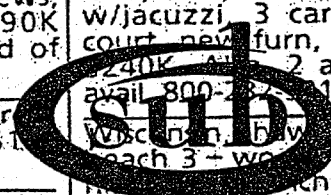
Wisconsin  
**DON'T BUY LA**  
Until you've called  
FREE updated list o  
Wisconsin's finest  
waterfronts, isolate  
acrage, plus river  
lake & pond proper  
ahead of the line w  
tions still high an  
rates are low. All r  
price! 8-8 Daily.  
Lakes Realty. 800-82  
www.wislakes.

Wisconsin  
**FREE WATERFR  
HOT SHEE**  
Abandoned Waterfr  
Streams, Rivers & La  
in central and north  
Call for a FREE LIST  
daily. 8-9 Daily.  
Lakes Realty. 800-22  
www.wislakes.

WISCONSIN LKEFRN  
1 1/2 hrs from City. 11  
ken. Enjoy Water.  
Snowmobiles. 1BR/1  
Cable, Full Appls., 1s  
gious Sunsets. San  
boats Slips on Beau  
lake. Last appraisel  
Buy @ \$85,900. 708-

WISCONSIN-BY OWI  
BEND, SILVER LK. 3  
MILW, 1 1/2 HR TO  
PRIV LK, 3BR, 2B  
COTTAGE, CITY SEV  
FRONT, GRT FISHING  
PRICED REDUCED F  
SELL TO \$255K. 414

Wisconsin: R&R v  
Dells area, 2 wood  
lake, 3BR, 3 1/2ba, t  
w/jacuzzi, 3 car  
court, new furn, a  
240K. 2 ac  
avail 800-22-13  
Wisconsin buy  
each 3 + we  
& fp, & cozy 2BR



# Campus by the Gipper Watch

Attention, Gippings! (That means you.) Even if you read nothing else in this rag we like to call *Scholastic*, then do take the time to read this page because the Gipp knows how you feel. You're sick and tired of everyone telling you about all the joys of Notre Dame. You've probably toured the campus by now. Maybe more than once. You've seen the Grotto up close and the Dome from afar, through an army of construction workers and a shield of fences and scaffolding. You've been in a dorm, and maybe you've even caught a football game. You think you know it all.

Ah, but you are wrong.

Don't sweat it, though. Just sit back and take a deep breath while the Gipp takes you on your own, personal, guided tour of the underbelly of Notre Dame.

## Hello, My Name Is...

Before the tour begins, the Gipp would like to introduce the Gipp, your very own invisible tour guide. See, the Gipp was brought up with the notion that good children are "seen and not heard." In an extreme case of backlash, the Gipp now writes a biweekly column to make sure everybody on campus hears about all the things the administration wishes could just be swept under the rug, and nobody ever sees him at all. But other than that, he's just like you.

You will meet a lot of friends at school—but none will be as reliable as the good old Gipp. Your computer may provide you with hours of e-mail pleasure, your roommate may take you to a couple of decent parties, and the dining hall will quench your thirst

with unlimited quantities of blue Powerade. However, computers go haywire, roommates snore, and the dining hall serves a suspicious dish called "Toad in the Hole." Not one of these so-called friends will ever match the unconditional love of the Gipp.

As best bud in the whole wide world, the Gipp reminds you that you can tell him anything. Your tips are what make his column shine, so pass along any rumors you've



heard, strange happenings you've witnessed or anything else you consider Gipp-worthy. You can reach the Gipp by e-mail (gipper.1@nd.edu) or by phone (1-7569). The Gipp is more than willing to print the things that you'd get in trouble for mentioning aloud, so save your own sweet behind and tip the Gipp.

## Now for the four...

One thing you probably won't be ready for when you get out to school is the weather. When the Gipp was a wee freshman, he didn't know it was possible for the skies to remain gray for so darned long. The Gipp would call friends and relatives in other parts of the country, asking them to look up at the sky and let him know if the sun still existed. The Gipp advises all freshmen to start complaining to the folks as early as September 1 — that way, the care packages of hot chocolate and homemade cookies will already have arrived by the time the cold weather sets in.

Another thing you need to know about is the evil of Freshman Orientation: The Gipp believes that spending too much time shaking hands, introducing yourself, declaring your home town and mentioning your major can actually cause a major identity crisis. The Gipp warns you that by the end of orientation, your name, your home and your career plan no longer make sense. That's when the upperclassmen of your dorm can mold you into the kind of person that fits in with their lifestyle. All the Gipp can say is, don't give in. Don't become weird just because you're from Zahm. Be weird because you're weird already. The Gipp likes to make fun of dorm reputations, but the Gipp himself never fell prey to them. When people ask the Gipp to introduce himself, he tells a different name every time. That way, he never loses sight of who he really is or makes himself susceptible to changing identity.

Another peculiar part of life here at Notre Dame is the existence of single-sex dorms and parietals. The basic idea is that boys and girls can't be in the same dorm rooms after midnight on week nights and after 2:00 a.m. on weekends, for fear that after-hours-togetherness might promote non-Catholic behavior. The Gipp wonders if the people who made this rule assume that nobody can get their groove on earlier in the evening.

## Some Parting Words

Now that the Gipp has hit on the basics, he would like to close with a bit of free verse:

Tortilla chip, bean dip.

Ego trip.

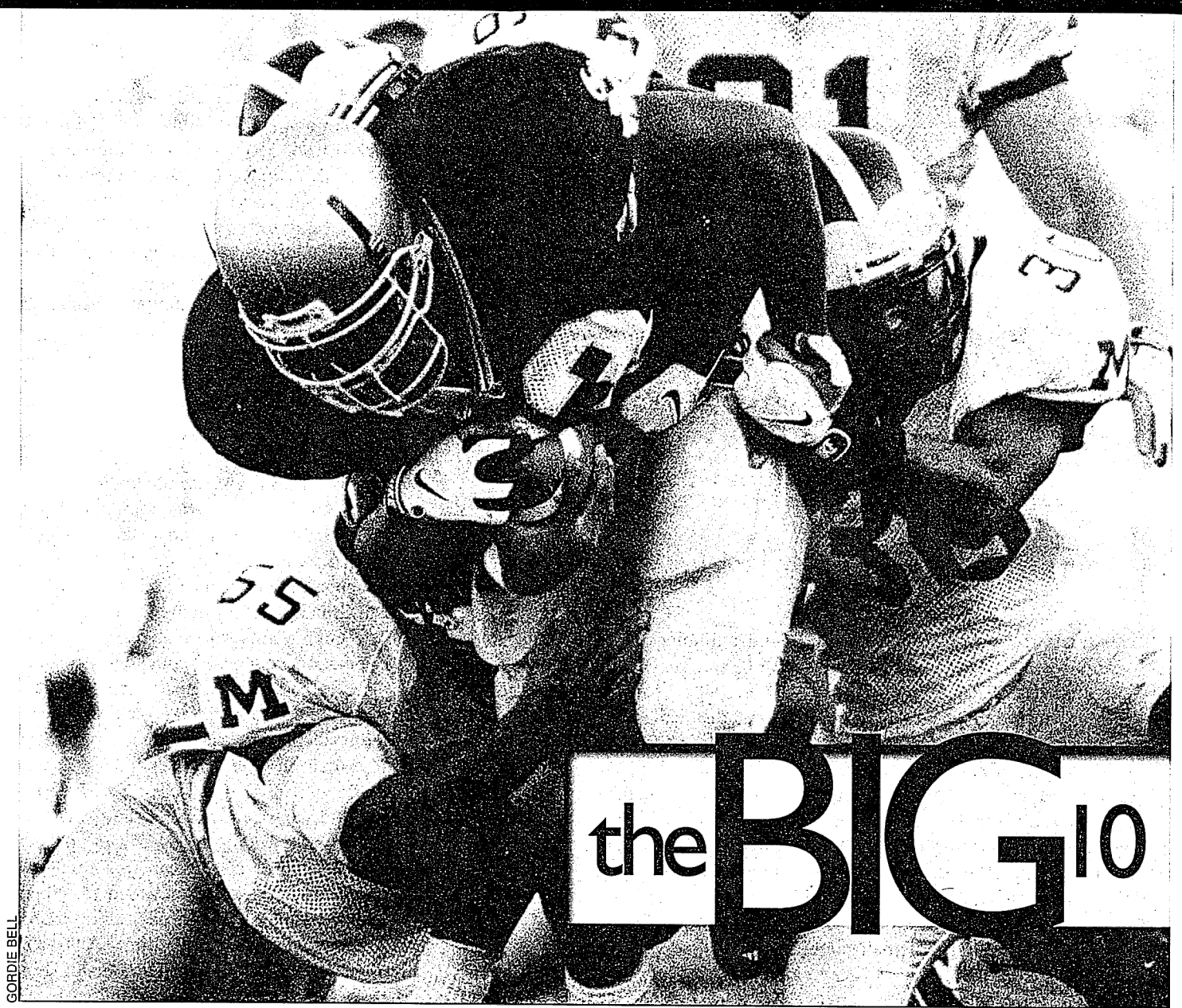
Smart as a whip.

Cow chip, unzip.

Don't bite your lip —

Tip the Gipp.

Thank you. The Gipp looks forward to hearing from you in the fall. □



GORDIE BELL

by Christopher Hamilton

## 1. Dethroning the Champs

**A**fter a tumultuous summer, marred by an embarrassing age discrimination lawsuit, the Fighting Irish football program seemingly limped into its season-opener against defending national champion Michigan. Besides Notre Dame's off-the-field woes, before the contest many analysts contended that the Irish sim-

ply could not hang with the more talented and explosive Wolverines. And after the first half, with Notre Dame trailing 13-6, it appeared as if the critics were right. But Notre Dame came out of the tunnel for the second half a re-energized team, as the Irish offense had their way with the highly touted Michigan defense, scoring 30 unan-

swered points. Seniors Jarious Jackson and Autry Denson had memorable performances in the 36-20 rout that marked the return of Notre Dame Football.

### 2. A Force To Be Reckoned With

Once the laughing stock of the ultra-competitive CCHA conference, today Notre Dame finds itself as one of the conference's elite teams. Head hockey coach Dave Poulin has orchestrated this dramatic turnaround in the program in only four years: the Irish were a dismal 9-23-4 in his first season, while going 19-14-5 last year. Notre Dame spent much of the season in the top 10, but a four-game losing streak late in the season knocked the Irish out of the top 10 for good. Although the Irish failed to make the NCAA Tournament last year, they can take pride in posting their first-ever winning record in the CCHA. Notre Dame also established a definite home-ice advantage, going 12-3-3 in the Joyce Center.

### 3. A Down Year

It's not often that a women's soccer team goes 21-3-1 and then proceeds to call the season a huge disappointment. That is, un-

less the team expects to win the national championship every year as Notre Dame does. Notre Dame's season ended in a 2-1 loss against Portland, who denied the Irish their sixth consecutive trip to the Final Four. Notre Dame is quite fortunate to have only lost three players to graduation. But, more significantly, they lose head coach Chris Petrucelli, who developed Notre Dame into the national powerhouse it is today. Former Baylor head coach Randy Waldrum replaces Petrucelli, who will now coach at the University of Texas. The Irish hope for a seamless transition this year and once again are gunning for the national title.

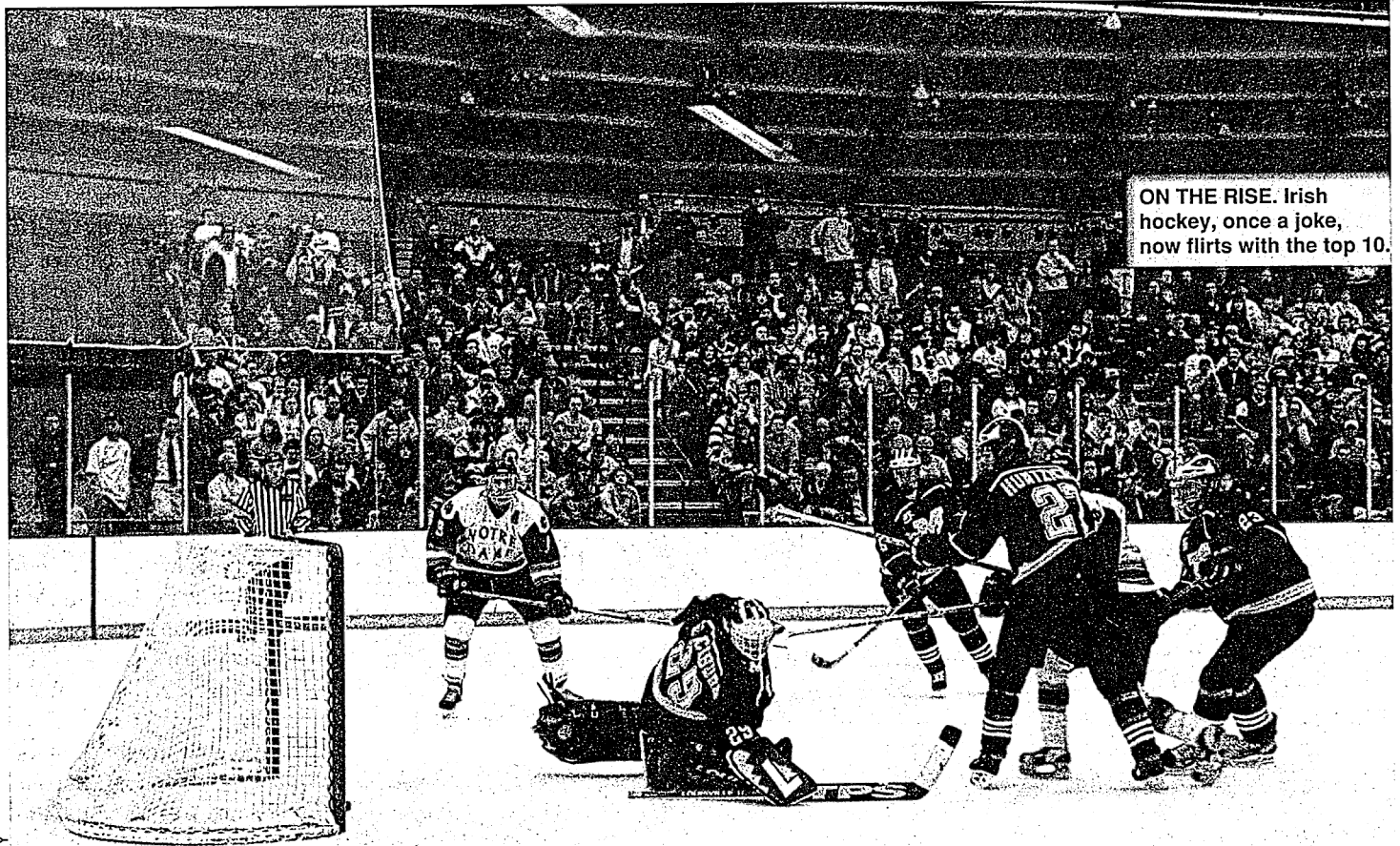
### 4. Home Field Advantage

For the first time since the 1989 season, the Irish went unbeaten at Notre Dame Stadium in 1998. Notre Dame's perfect home record last year, which included victories over Michigan, Purdue, Stanford, Army, Baylor and LSU, did not come easily as the Irish had to rally from behind in three of the contests. With wins over Boston College, Navy and West Virginia to close out the 1997 season, Notre Dame currently enjoys a nine-game winning streak on its home

turf. The Irish will be hard-pressed to duplicate an unblemished home record this season, as they play seven games in Notre Dame Stadium and two are against opponents who beat them last year — Michigan State and Southern Cal. But it is interesting to note that the last time Notre Dame went 7-0 at home occurred in 1988, the year of their last media-recognized national championship.

### 5. New Blood

After another disappointing season of Irish basketball, which saw Notre Dame post a 14-16 record, head coach John MacLeod resigned. On March 30, the university named Matt Doherty the program's 16th head basketball coach. Doherty, who spent the past seven seasons as an assistant coach under Roy Williams at Kansas, made a name for himself as a top-notch recruiter after playing an instrumental part in luring the likes of Jacque Vaughn, Raef LaFrentz and Paul Pierce. During his college days, Doherty was a three-year starter at North Carolina, playing alongside Michael Jordan. While asking him to duplicate the national championship he had at North Carolina during



ON THE RISE. Irish hockey, once a joke, now flirts with the top 10.

JASON ZAWODNY

the '81-'82 season in South Bend is too much to ask now, a winning record is not. The Irish return a core of talented, young players and welcome three high-profile recruits. Doherty's first priority will be getting the Irish back into postseason play, where the Irish have been absent for the past two years. Thoughts of an NCAA Tournament berth may have to be put on hold. But since the Irish haven't been to the Big Dance since 1990, most of the Irish faithful can wait.

### 6. Not So Sweet

The Notre Dame Women's Basketball team, which has been extremely successful of late, endured a disappointing finish to last year's otherwise strong performance. The Irish, who concluded the season at 26-5, lost to LSU in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. While simply making the NCAA Tournament is rewarding enough for some teams, this does not apply to Notre Dame. In the past two years, Notre Dame has found itself in the Final Four and Sweet 16. And after being ranked in the top 10 for a majority of the season, not to advance further in the tournament was a big disappointment for head coach Muffet McGraw and her troops. But the Irish promise to be better this upcoming year. And since they return center Ruth Riley, who led the nation in field goal percentage last season, as well as two other starters and a talented supporting cast, it would be hard to disagree with them.

### 7. Going Out With a Whimper

After jumping out to a 9-1 record and a top 10 ranking, it appeared as if Notre Dame was headed to a lucrative BCS bowl game. But this scenario was thrown in doubt after quarterback Jarious Jackson sustained "The Injury" at the conclusion of the LSU game, knocking him out of the season finale at USC. In a downright ugly game, the Trojans bested the Irish 10-0, and dashed any hopes of playing in a major bowl game. Jackson, sporting a kneebrace, would return for the Gator Bowl against Georgia Tech, but it was obvious he had not fully recovered from his injury. Not even the green jerseys could save the Irish

from defeat, as Notre Dame bowed to the Yellow Jackets 35-28. Notre Dame's recent bowl game troubles continued, with the Irish not winning a postseason game since 1993.

### 8. No Big Ten

In a landmark decision that will affect the face of Notre Dame varsity athletics for many years to come, the university agreed not to pursue membership in the Big Ten Conference last February. The decision, which was handed down by Notre Dame's Board of Trustees, means that Notre Dame will remain independent in football and a part of the Big East Conference for most other sports. The decision also had ramifications outside of athletics. By not joining the Big Ten, Notre Dame also refused admission into the Committee for Institutional Cooperation (CIC), a highly regarded academic consortium that consists of all the schools in the Big Ten and the University of Chicago and University of Illinois-Chicago. While an overwhelming majority of students and alumni opposed membership in the Big Ten, a number of faculty desired to join the conference for the sole purpose of becoming a part of the CIC. The faculty believed that being associated with the CIC would provide a much-needed boost to the

democratic aspirations," said university President Edward Malloy.

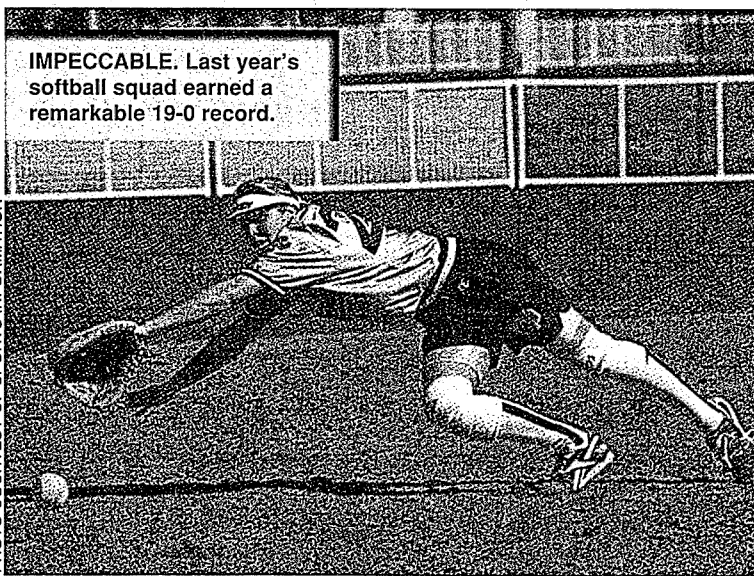
### 9. Perfection

The Notre Dame Softball team became the first squad in Big East Conference history to go undefeated in both regular season and tournament championship play, posting a remarkable 19-0 ledger. The Big East Championship was a first for the Irish, who won the title after beating Seton Hall in the championship game. As she was all season long, sophomore pitcher Jennifer Sharron proved invaluable to the Irish during the conference tournament, picking up all three wins and going an impressive five for nine (.565) at the plate. The Irish were also included in the NCAA Tournament field for only the fourth time in their history.

### 10. Versatility Matters

As all freshmen will soon learn, the Bookstore Basketball Tournament completely captivates the campus at the end of March and throughout April. The tournament usually features nearly 600 teams, with each team consisting of five players. It has been cited by the Guinness Book of World Records as being the largest five-on-five outdoor basketball tournament in the world. Students, along with anyone who works at the university, are allowed to play. Past participants include new head basketball coach Matt Doherty, university President Father Malloy and Lou Holtz. One of the greatest aspects of the tournament is that teams loaded with varsity athletes don't always dominate the tournament as expected. Sometimes, teams that lack any big names make some noise. Take, for example, the team Versatility. This team, which was comprised of five friends from the same dorm, continually shocked naysayers by knocking off five consecutive ranked opponents en route to making an appearance in the championship game. Versatility's Cinderella run ended

in the title game when they were bested by Malicious Prosecution, a team made up of law students. Unbelievably enough, not one player in the final game was a varsity athlete. This not only speaks highly of the overall athleticism present on campus, but of the importance of team chemistry in this grueling tournament. □



university's graduate programs and research reputation. In the end, Notre Dame decided a move to the Big Ten Conference was not in its best interests. "As a Catholic university with a national constituency, we believe independence continues to be our best way forward, not just in athletics but, first and foremost, in fulfillment of our aca-

# HOW TO DO SOUTH BEND

*A few hidden spots of the town you'll call home*

BY AARON NOLAN

Those of us who have attended this university long enough realize that South Bend is neither the spring break capital that is Daytona Beach nor the cultural mecca that is London or Paris. One might say that besides the occasional monster truck rally or WWF event, the entertainment potential of this city is virtually nil. The fact of the matter, however, is that beneath the daily hustle and bustle of this small midwestern city lies a latent party town. The only problem is trying to pick and choose from the best in South Bend night life. So we at *Scholastic* have assembled this list of things to do in South Bend for you to get a better idea of the unlimited possibilities the Greater Michiana area has to offer the next time you go out for a night (or day) on the town.

Try the **College Football Hall of Fame**. This place can keep you occupied for the whole day, so make sure you plan ahead.

There are hundreds of things to see and do here, including the 360 degree theater, where you'll feel like you are a part of the game. Check out the Hall of Champions, where you can view displays of the inductees and interactive kiosks. Maybe the Training Center is more your style. You can test your agility, practice passing at targets and hit tackling dummies and blocking sleds — just about everything except suit up for a game. "Going to the Hall of Fame really gave me a chance to look back on the rich tradition of the sport," says recent graduate John McCarthy. All told, the Hall is a great place to soak up some sports history with a couple of fellow football fans. (111 S. St. Joseph Street)

If you find yourself in the mood for a good caffeine buzz, pay **Lula's Café** a visit. It's practically right on campus and is a more laid-back alternative to the

bar scene. Lula's is a carbon copy of *Friends* hangout Central Perk — but don't expect to find Monica and Chandler hogging all the couch space. Instead, a jolly constituency of latté-guzzling Domers can be found there playing checkers, reading poetry or just engaging in friendly banter. This is a great place to unwind after a long week of classes, and the coffee isn't bad, either. (1631 Edison Road)

When life at college gets you down, the **St. Joseph's County Public Library** is the perfect place to kick back. It sounds crazy, but it's amazing what a nice, quiet library can do to calm a student's frazzled nerves. Sit back in one of the library's 57 Barca-Loungers and leisurely read the newspaper or magazine of your choice. It's a silent and carefree refuge away from the pressures of school. (304 S. Main Street)

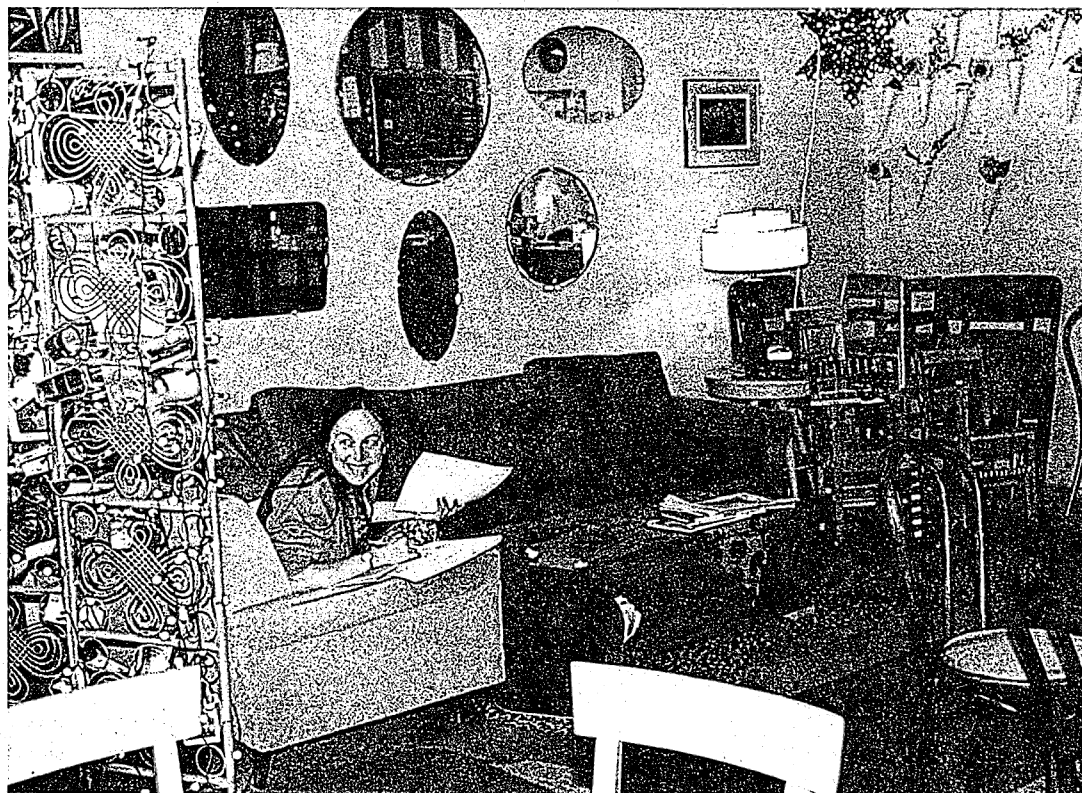
The **Morris Civic Auditorium** is a decent place to catch touring Broadway shows and concerts, and has just undergone sev-

eral renovations. Try one of South Bend's numerous charming fringe theaters such as the **Wagon Wheel Theater**, **Dunes Summer Theater** or the **Canterbury** instead. These theaters offer the most for your money: a good view, comfortable seating and quality musicals, comedies and dramas. Since 1995, these theaters have presented *A Chorus Line*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Our Town*, *Guys and Dolls* and many others. Overall, they're more entertaining and economical than trekking out to Chicago.

Relax at the **Golden Gate Spa** in Michigan City whenever the pressures of classes and exams make you feel like one big knot of stress. Let any one of the spa's "professional American and Oriental masseuses" rub their way to a healthier you. This den of delicate digits will have you moaning for more. (1304 Franklin Street)

With luck, this list has given you an idea of what Michiana really has to offer. The good news is, this is only a small taste of the cultural smorgasbord that is South Bend. □

**COFFEE BREAK.** Lula's coffee shop, within walking distance of campus, is a great place to take a break from the books.



GORDIE BELL

# A PARTY YOU CAN'T REFUSE

*How to turn an Irish party into an Italian wedding*

BY KARA ZUARO

It's Friday night. You're squeezing through bodies in an insanely crowded dorm room, trying to make your way to a garbage can filled with ice and Natty Light, a beverage for which you *hope* to acquire a taste, since it seems to be a favorite out here at school. On the way to the alcohol supply, you keep getting knocked into by these girls who don't realize that they should tone down their dance moves when there are approximately 17 people in their two-foot radius, and this smelly guy yells into your ear, "Hey, aren't you in my Spanish class?" Actually, you're taking French.

If you've been to one "freshman party," you've been to them all. This is not to say that these social gatherings aren't *fun* — they're just repetitive. So if you want to throw a party that will be remembered, try something new. Have a theme party. The possibilities are endless — here are just a few ideas to get you started.

## Tacky Tourist Party:

Bring back visions of summer under gray Indiana skies ...

### Ingredients:

All you have to do to instantly change your dorm room into an island is crank up your heat really high, and buy some fruity beverages — like cranberry juice, pineapple juice and Capri Sun. Then all you need are some tacky decorations, drink ornaments and plastic leis from your local party store.

### Musical selection:

This kind of shindig calls for a mix tape that includes plenty of Beach Boys tunes,

from "Surfin' USA" to "Kokomo," as well as more danceable beach-related songs, like Will Smith's "Miami." For those who are too lazy to put together a beach mix, Drew's Famous Party Music puts out a ready-made mix tape or CD that includes many tropical favorites, such as Don Ho's "Tiny Bubbles," the Ha-

skirts and coconut bras. Plus, since you've got the tourist vibe going, this is a good time to bring your camera and take pictures of all your new friends, without seeming especially nerdy or annoying.

### How to get the ladies to stick around:

Three words: fancy fruit drinks. Invest

in some of those nifty little paper umbrellas. Try to find some island-inspired cups to drink from. Slice up a pineapple and purchase some colorful toothpicks so your guests can eat fruit on mini-skewers. If you're the Martha Stewart type, make a watermelon boat. The fact of the matter is, pretty girls like pretty drinks, and nobody needs to drink lite beer every night of every weekend. So put at least a small portion of your allotted beer money aside, and treat your friends to something a little bit sweeter than Natty.

### How to attract the fellas:

Tell them it's actually a "Tacky Tourists Get Leided" party. They will think that you said, "Tacky Tourists Get Laid," but they will be wrong. Then make sure you have plenty of those plastic leis on hand, and whenever anyone enters the room, all you have to ask is, "Ready to get lei-ed?" When they nod eagerly, you can smile and award them with one of your leis. Oh, you are such a



waii Five-O theme song, Blondie's "The Tide Is High" and Barry Manilow's classic, "Copacabana."

### Dress code:

Hawaiian shirts and flip flops are proper attire for the event. But those who really want to have a good time will show up in grass



trickster. The fooled fellows might get a little angry, but they'll stick around. Boys like juice and little umbrellas, too, you know.

### Big '80s Extravaganza:

Everybody cut footloose ...

#### Ingredients:

Mainly, you just need a bunch of kids who are willing and eager to wear silly neon-colored clothes and to dance like maniacs. And you might want to keep a TV running in the background with all your favorite '80s flicks.

#### Musical selection:

You will just need enough '80s tunes to keep the party going for a few hours. If you don't have your own music, raid the CD selection of a local '80s freak, who will be more than happy to lend you some music — as long as you help them do their hair up Flock-of-Seagulls style.

#### Dress code:

You have a lot of versatility here — the '80s were rich with fashion icons — from punk rockers to scary junior high girls who teased their bangs five inches high and wore Keds and slouch socks under their pegged jeans. Watch a few '80s movies to get some ideas, and head to your local thrift store before you get to school if you haven't got

any '80s-worthy threads in your wardrobe.

#### How to get the ladies to stick around:

Molly Ringwald movies. And plenty of them.

#### How to attract the fellas:

If you want boys to come to your '80s party, all you've got to do is invite the right boys. For instance, if you think a particular guy is going to be self-conscious about doing his make-up like the guy from The Cure, you might want to keep him off your list. It sounds mean, but there really are boys out there who will say, "'80s party?! Can I wear my white cut-off jeans shorts and go as George Michael in the Wham! years?" And those are the kind of young men you should be inviting.

### Italian Wedding:

People seem to make a big deal about Italians out here. Go figure ...

#### Ingredients:

Food is a big part of this party, so buy a few pizzas. There are a few Italian bakeries in town, so you should be able to score some canolis for the event, as well. Then get some ring pops and actually have a fake wedding. Kind of like the fake weddings that were held in the playground during recess in grade school. And just to make things louder,

and thereby more authentically Italian, have some movies rolling in the background. Some personal favorites — *A Bronx Tale*, *Married to the Mob* and, of course, *The Godfather* trilogy.

#### Musical selection:

Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Dean Martin, the *Big Night* soundtrack and some traditional wedding reception music should create the desired mood.

#### Dress code:

The guys can dress up like old-school gangsters, and as for the girls, the key words are "black," "gaudy" and "animal print." Big hair, Lee press-on nails and red lipstick will add to the look. Check out some of the aforementioned movies for further fashion inspiration.

#### How to get the ladies to stick around:

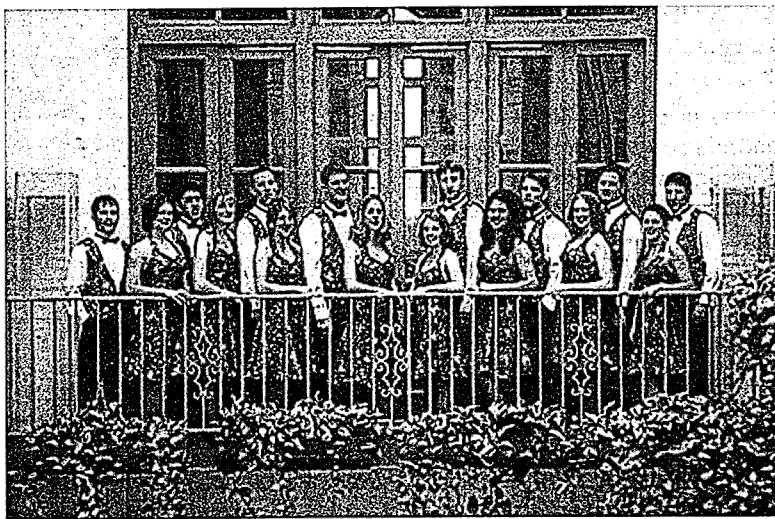
If girls follow the dress code, they *can't* leave. The leopard-print mini-skirts, helmet hair and claw-like fingernails will prevent them from showing up at any non-theme party. So once they're in the get-up, it's your party or no party at all.

#### How to attract the fellas:

Most guys will jump at any opportunity to wear a fedora and act mafioso. Just don't invite too many guys — or your food will disappear before the girls even get there. □

## Notre Dame Shenanigans

Show Choir



## WANTED!

- the person who loves to sing in the shower
- the dancer who loves the clubs
- the actor who can carry a tune
- the musician who loves to jam
- the individual who has a fun and honest musical spirit!

### AUDITIONS:

for singers, dancers, and band (piano, drums, trumpet, saxophone, trombone, electric guitar and bass)

Tues., August 24 & Wed., August 25  
Time and Place TBA

Questions? Call our office at  
(219) 631-5896 or check out our webpage  
at [www.nd.edu/~shenana](http://www.nd.edu/~shenana)

# Setting the Stage

Opportunity abounds for those who wish to explore the magical world of theater

BY KATHLEEN CORTE

**S**cene One: Freshman Orientation weekend. Students moving in, meeting roommates, donning white T-shirts for the Graffiti Dance. Anyone could get lost in the hustle and bustle of activities. "I was homesick until I went to the first meeting," Siiri Scott remembers.

The first meeting for a play, that is. For Scott, who attended Saint Mary's and is now a visiting professor at Notre Dame, becoming involved in theater not only offered her a creative outlet, but also helped her meet new people. "When I left [the meeting], I had friends," Scott says, "many of whom are still my friends now."

"We encourage freshmen to get involved," says Tom Barkes, building manager of Washington Hall, where most performances are held. "In theater, you can do everything. You can get involved as an actor. You can get involved building scenery. You can do stage management. You can plug in at any point that you want."

Students can become involved in Mainstage productions, the four plays held each year at Washington Hall. One of the plays is normally performed by a visiting theater company, but students are encouraged to audition for parts in the other three shows.

Freshmen have a unique opportunity to act and direct in the First Year Plays, three one-act plays performed each spring. "It's giving all first-year students a creative outlet," says R. Bret Ruiz, the operating director of the plays. Ruiz sends an e-mail to freshmen in the fall, looking for directors. Once chosen, the three directors consult with Ruiz in choosing their plays and then hold auditions to find actors. Ruiz stresses the fact that the students are in charge of the production. "Once I let them go with it, it's their baby," he says.

Other acting groups on campus include the St. Ed's Players, the Pasquerilla East Music and Theater Company (which will be performing *Grease* this coming year) and the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company. These groups also hold performances throughout the year and offer opportunities for students to become involved.

While Notre Dame has majors in Film, Television and Theater, participation in plays is not limited to majoring students. "Any and all people are absolutely welcome," Barkes states.

"I recommend trying to get involved as soon as possible," adds Michael Cochran, who participated in last year's First Year Plays. "It's fun and it gives you the opportunity to meet a lot of people. You get to know people really well."

All that and a chance to be in the spotlight, too. □

**PLAYING IT UP.** Kevin Carrigan and Alicia Scheidler as Brick and Big Mama took part in last fall's Main Stage production of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."



PHOTO COURTESY OF FILM, TELEVISION AND THEATRE DEPARTMENT

## COMING SOON

Four Mainstage productions are planned for the 1999-2000 year.

### *Hedda Gabler* by Henrik Ibsen

A 19th century feminist play to be directed by Siiri Scott, *Hedda Gabler* follows the title character through 48 hours, beginning with her return from her honeymoon and culminating in her final action.

### *The Water Engine* by David Mamet

Set in the 1930s, this play chronicles the efforts of a man who must get a patent for his invention, an engine that runs using water, before the big oil companies can steal his idea.

### *All's Well That Ends Well* by William Shakespeare

Shakespeare's comedy will be performed by a visiting theater company, the London Stage. Helena, a maid who has cured the king of France of a disease, chases Lord Bertram to Italy hoping to marry him. Her attempts to trick him into commitment provide the humor.

### *The Love of the Nightingale* by Timberlake Wertenbaker

Addressing the issues of voice and power, Wertenbaker's play tells the story of Procne, a princess who marries the king of Thrace. Lonely in her new kingdom, Procne has her sister brought to Thrace to keep her company. The results are disastrous.

—Kathleen Corte

# Standin' at the Edge of Tomorrow

*Don't expect to live the life of Zack and Slater when you move in*

BY KARA ZUARO

It still shocks me that *Saved By the Bell: The College Years* only lasted one season on prime time. The theme song was catchy, the characters were refreshingly one-dimensional, and the studio audience generated the most enthusiastic hoots and hollers that I've ever heard. After a year at Notre Dame, I realize how well that show prepared me for my college experience. Sure, there were a few slightly unrealistic aspects of Zack and Kelly's California U, but on the whole, it was a lot more realistic than you might think.

First of all, the *Saved by the Bell* (SBTB) gang is kind of like a family. Out here, folks take the family idea pretty seriously. Contrary to what some of you skeptics are thinking, the Notre Dame family is not just some advertising ploy. It does exist, and like any other family, it's a little bit dysfunctional. Sure, you've got some positive points: the grandma-like lunch ladies in the dining hall who remember your name (or at least read it off your ID card before they swipe it). And you've got a rector or rectress in each dorm to serve as a parental authority figure. The problems set in when you get into the Big Brother and Sister assignments. At some point you will be assigned a Big Sibling from your brother or sister dorm. These Big Siblings do not want to counsel you. They want to see if you're cute enough to take to their next SYR. Do you want to know how many giggly girls I've heard declare, "I'm going to a dance with my Big Brother this weekend"? I didn't think so.

On *SBTB*, the gang is disappointed when they find out that there's no drinking allowed in their dorm. Here, a lot of kids are disappointed when they find out about our alcohol restrictions. I don't know what the deal with that is because I've only got a couple of girls in my section who are over 21, but every Saturday and Sunday morn-

ing, there is this mysterious mountain of empty Budweiser and Rolling Rock cases sitting atop our section recycling bin. Of course, I know now that these empty boxes are just the special gifts we get from the Beer Fairy for being so good all week. Sometimes the Beer Fairy sends other blessings, too, such as bestowing my roommate with the power of song. On some weekends, she stumbles into the room in the wee hours of the morning and starts rapping the *Fresh Prince of Bel Air* theme song. Of course, like all fairies, the Beer Fairy has a mischievous side. Sometimes she makes people sprawl across the floors of strange rooms with their heads in puke-filled wastepaper baskets. It's a good thing you're reading this because they never really warn you about the Beer Fairy on *SBTB*.

Now, there are a few aspects of life under the Dome that don't fit in with the *SBTB* life-style. For one thing, at California U, nobody's parents ever come to visit. Here, somebody's parents are always snooping around. Keep in mind that your parents might not come back, or worse yet, cut your cash supply, if you scare them by letting them in on your deviant college ways. Just the other day I was walking to class behind a pair of parents who were apparently a little shaken up.

"Well," said the dad, with a touch of worry in his voice, "Brian seems very comfortable after his first year here."

"He was always such a good boy," added the apprehensive mom.

"Seems well adjusted," declared Dad. "Got some friends. Comfortable with his surroundings. Grades are good."

"But, honey," said mom in a hushed voice, stopping short and turning to face her husband,

"When did he start collecting shot glasses?"

Silly parents. I took it upon myself to inform them that not everyone who collects shot glasses uses them for drinking. Besides, Natty Light is much cheaper than hard liquor, and it comes in cans.

Kids might develop a few bad habits that range from spending too much time building beer-can pyramids to spending too much time at the library. But other than that, most kids don't change too much. Again, just like *SBTB*: Zack is always the fun guy, Slater is always the womanizing jock, Kelly is always the bimbo-next-door, and Screech is always the geek. College doesn't change them. Of course, you may find yourself expanding your horizons a bit once you get settled in here. Most of this has to do with dating. Say you like the Beastie Boys but there's a cutie in your philosophy class who's way into country. Before you know it, you'll find yourself at a Brooks and Dunn concert. Or perhaps you're strictly into action movies, but if that dreamboat from the dining hall asks you to see *When Harry Met Sally*, you'll manage to sit through it, I'm sure.

Whatever the case, you've just got to remember to hang in there, develop a safe and healthy relationship with the Beer Fairy, and when the going gets tough, just hum along to the lyrics of my all-time favorite TV theme song: "I'm standin' at the edge of tomorrow, today." □



# A New Home

by Fr. Mark Poorman, CSC

It is my great privilege to offer you, the newest members of the Notre Dame community, a word of welcome. I will join you as a "first-year student" of sorts, because I was just named vice president for Student Affairs, and I have a lot to learn. As such, I share some of the same feelings of anticipation, excitement and possible nervousness that you might feel as you prepare to arrive on campus in August. I thought it ironic that this regular feature of *Scholastic* is entitled the "Final Word." It is, in fact, my "first word" to you as new students and my first words in this new position.

As vice president for Student Affairs, I am responsible for 11 university departments supporting student life outside the classroom. Additionally, I oversee the 27 undergraduate residence halls. I embrace these challenges and opportunities because I view life outside the classroom as essential to the Notre Dame mission to foster not only intellectual growth, but spiritual, moral and social growth as well. Notre

Dame strives to educate the whole person, and much of that teaching and learning takes place in the residence hall communities.

Over the years, I have witnessed a phenomenon that I believe is unique to Notre Dame.

When alumni meet, their first question to each other is, "Which year did you graduate?" Their second question, without fail, is, "Where did you live?" I believe this speaks volumes about the role of residence hall life in the experience of students at Notre Dame. You will soon receive the name of your residence hall as well as the name or names of your new roommates. The hall community that you join as a first-year student will most likely become your home for the next four years. You join a rich tradition of residential life at Notre Dame. The first building on our campus combined classrooms with living quarters for students, faculty and staff. In the early 1880s, Notre Dame became the first Catholic university to offer residential halls with private rooms when Sorin Hall was built. The newest additions to our residential history are the four West Quad halls of McGlenn, O'Neill, Keough and Welsh Family.

I have witnessed the vibrancy of hall life first as a rector of Dillon Hall, and later as priest in residence for six years in Grace Hall. When Grace and Flanner towers were converted to administrative office buildings two years ago, I moved to the newly built Keough Hall. It has been amazing to watch Keough build a new hall community from the ground up. I am astounded at how quickly Keough residents have formed new traditions and a unique hall identity. The success of this new community is a testament to the strength of the Notre Dame students. In living side-by-side with students for over a decade, I am continually amazed at their commitment to the academic rigor of the university, but also their desire to engage fully in life outside the classroom.

When you arrive on campus, you will be greeted by upperclass students from your hall, including the resident assistants, your assistant rector and rector. You will quickly discover the richness of hall life. Each hall has an active hall government structure that includes commissioners to plan social, intellectual and service activities. Additionally, students gather for daily and Sunday Eucharist in the hall. I have witnessed the spirit of a hall embodied in the celebration of an interhall sports championship as well as when the community has gathered to support a fellow student in the face of the loss of a family member. The hall also provides you with an opportunity to live among and form friendships with people from all over the country and the world.

Life at Notre Dame takes place within a unique context—that of a Catholic university. The Catholic nature of the university permeates all aspects of life under the Dome. At Notre Dame, you will find the resources to deepen your faith through intellectual inquiry. Campus Ministry, the Center for Social Concerns and your residence hall will provide many other opportunities for faith formation. At Notre Dame, we worship together and pray as individuals.

As a community, we draw strength from the unique gifts that you bring to share at Notre Dame. We strive to be a community that welcomes all people and provides support for the success of all. My hope for you is that you will leave Notre Dame with an integrated education of the mind, heart and soul.

Please know of my prayers and best wishes as you prepare to join our community. I look forward to greeting you personally when you arrive in August. □

The hall community that you join as a first-year student will most likely become your home for the next four years.

*Fr. Mark Poorman is the vice president of Student Affairs and former executive assistant to Monk Malloy*

*LaFortune  
Student Center*

# **LaFortune Information Desk**

VISIT US FOR THE BEST PRICES ON UNIQUE NOTRE DAME  
APPAREL

## **Irish Express**

WANT TO AVOID THE LONG LINES AT THE BOOKSTORE?

VISIT US DURING ALL HOME FOOTBALL GAME WEEKENDS  
FOR ALL OF YOUR NOTRE DAME SOUVENIR NEEDS

## **N.D. Express**

THIS U.P.S. DEPOT LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT OF  
LAFORTUNE CAN ACCOMMODATE ALL OF YOUR SHIPPING  
NEEDS!

# THE COPY SHOP

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

## LaFortune Student Center University of Notre Dame

Phone (219) 631-COPY • Fax (219) 631-FAX1

### WELCOME CLASS OF 2003!

The Copy Shop on the lower level of the LaFortune Student Center is Notre Dame's student copy center. The Copy Shop offers a wide selection of products and services.

- High Speed Copies      Color Copies/Printing
  - Fax Service      Binding      Résumés
  - Desk Top Publishing      Course Packets
  - Printing      Thesis & Dissertation Copying
  - Overhead Transparencies      School Supplies
  - Laminating      Carbonless Forms      Diskettes
- And a Whole Lot More!*

### WE'RE OPEN EARLY, LATE, & WEEKENDS

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

Quality  
COPIES  
Quickly!

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
 PAID  
 Permit No. 10  
 NOTRE DAME, IN