DROP BY OUR OFFICE

■ The Observer is having an open house for any freshmen interested in working with us. Come meet the staff Monday from 3-5 p.m. at our new office, 024 South Dining Hall (in the basement). Read about our policies and guidelines inside. News • p. 2 Football coach Bob Davie talks about the pressures faced by freshmen playing varsity sports at a Division I school.

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CLASS 2002

BUILDING INTO THE MILLENNIUM



Like many ND/SMC freshmen, Tom Reynolds and his father Jim, a '74 grad, constructed lofts in Alumni Hall.

454 new students exceed enrollment expectations

By M. SHANNON RYAN Saint Mary's Editor

Since the fall of 1996, the fourth and fifth floors of Regina North Hall have been dark, vacant and eerily quiet.

But when 454 new students began their careers at Saint Mary's on Thursday, the floors' dorm rooms were

revived as homes - a symbol of the school's boosted enrollment.

Exceeding its expected goal, the entering first-year students represent a 25 percent increase in freshmen enrollment and the largest class since 1990.

Last year, the entering class numbered

"We seemed to have really turned a corner here," said director of admission, Mary Pat Nolan.

Of the incoming students, 409 are entering their first year of college. Similar to previous years, 45 are transfer students.

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ND class of 2002 breaks records for scores, ranks

By SARAH J. HILTZ Associate News Editor

With higher test scores, more scholarship dollars and a steadily increasing percentage of minority students, Notre Dame's class of 2002 is continuing the trend of a freshman classes that never cease to

The incoming class has a mean SAT score of 1325, up from last year's mean of 1313, and a mean ACT of 30, up from 29. In addition, 65 percent of Notre Dame freshmen were in the top five percent of their graduating high school classes, up 4 percent from last year. All of these figures break records set by last year's freshmen.

One reason for the improving academic standards is a 37 percent increase in scholarship dollars for this year's class, according to assis-

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Construction Beat

Summer construction gives new face to campus



The Eck Center is projected to open in February.

The Observer/Kevin Dalum

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY

Assistant News Editor

After approximately 36,000 man-hours performed by 800 workers, the face of Notre Dame changed again this summer as construction crews finished or moved forward on several campus construction projects.

This summer's progress was typical in both the dollar amounts and time invested, and extended to nearly every corner of the campus, according to Mike Smith, director of Facilities Engineering.

Eck Center

The nearly finished Eck Center will house a new bookstore, Alumni Association offices and a visitors' center. Scheduled for completion early this fall, the Alumni Association and visitors' center should move into the center over Christmas break, according to Smith, who anticipates the new bookstore's grand opening celebration for February's Junior Parents' Weekend. The \$10 million project was funded by a donation from Frank Eck, a 1944 alumnus of the University.

Academic Additions

The \$5 million Hank Family Center for Environmental Sciences, an addition to the Galvin Life Science Center, has increased the size of that facility by 30,000 square feet, according to Smith.

The new areas include research labs and offices for faculty and graduate students, said Jack Duman, chair of the department of Biological Sciences. Other areas include two conference rooms, aquatic labs and storage areas for aquatic organisms, a solarium and greenhouses on the roof, according to Duman.

'This allows for an expansion, mostly for ecological research," Duman said. "Space in the

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

The W-word

Welcome, freshmen, to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Welcome to South Bend; welcome to page two of The Observer; welcome to probably four years of studying, miserable weather and high expectations.



Sarah J. Hiltz Associate News Editor

And welcome to the land of welcomes. The infamous W-word has already been inflicted

upon you by freshman orientation committees, hall staff and now The Observer. In my old age, I've developed a keen perspective on what it means to be a fledgling frosh, and I've managed to discriminate between useful Freshman 0 information and utter waste.

For example, pay attention to your RAs when they encourage you to make friends with your section mates. The girls that were my neighbors freshman year are still my dearest friends. You can't beat living proof.

Another tip: when you feel like you're about to tear your hair out by the roots with all of the freshman orientation week activities that I found slightly nauseating, keep in mind that you're not weird. Many others find them equally annoying, and some day down the road, you'll reminisce with your best friends about how random it seems that you actually met at something called a Graffiti Dance.

My advice, as a non-alumni kid, is to hang on to the handy campus map that you will surely find readily available in many locations. While 23 percent of you have parents who graduated from Notre Dame and you probably know your way around, the fact remains that there's more to campus than knowing where to find The Huddle and cool ND merchandise — they won't help you find your classroom building on Tuesday morn-

Many of you probably had campus tours courtesy of the Admissions department when you were still classified as prospective students. I am convinced that the spiel given by the tour guides has not been changed for decades. Who knows? Maybe they used to call the statue on God Quad "Jump Mama, I'll Catcha" and the statue by the library "We're Number One Moses," but they surely don't call them that anymore.

Your RAs and advisors will certainly encourage you to sign up for student groups and extracurricular activities. This is very good advice, but perhaps it will behoove you to keep in mind that it's not a bad idea to be discriminating. It may seem productive to join with reckless abandon any clubs that sound at least more appealing than having cavities filled. However, keep in mind that not only will you have a limited amount of free time to contribute to these clubs, but each one that you sign up for will accost your voice and e-mail accounts with more messages, requests and announcements than you will ever know what to do with.

I can honestly say that if I could go back to August of 1995, I would probably sign up for a few more things. If you do things you like, you can only meet cool people with similar interests, and I've yet to hear anybody complain about having too many friends.

I should also say for the record that I would have studied more, since I have spent the two years since trying to bring up my oncepathetic GPA. But now that I think about it ... nah, I had too much fun.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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News department guidelines, policies

Observer Staff Report

The Observer is a daily, studentrun newspaper serving both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. The Observer news department uses the

following guidelines in its news gather-

ing process: The O Observer news department strives to report on all campus and local events that affect both campuses and the surrounding areas. In addition to local news, The Observer uses Associated Press stories and graphics to keep readers informed about national and world events.

As stated in our editorial policy, "The Observer news is reported as accurately and objectively as possible." We

realize that the department is comprised of amateur journalists, yet we strive to conduct ourselves as professionals at all times.

Story ideas come largely from Notre Dame's department of Public Relations and Information. We also generate our own ideas from advertisements in The Observer, other publications and campus posters.

A final and important source of

story ideas is the members of the ND/SMC community who call, write or e-mail The Observer staff regarding events they are planning. We encourage groups to contact us at

We suggest, however, that in this case the sponsoring group fill out an "Of Interest" form at The Observer by 1 p.m. the day before the event. As an alternative, the group may also take out an advertisement in

> the paper at our special campus rate.

With certain events, we only run previews. For instance, if a group is sponsoring a career day or an offcampus event, we might simply run a story on the details of the future event. We will also run previews if it is not feasible to have a reporter cover or attend the event.

We understand that there are times when a preview article is more appropriate than an article reporting the event. This type of decision is made by the news editor. However, we are always willing discuss news

department coverage of an event, provided a group representative contacts the news editor at least one week prior to the event

If you have any additional questions, please contact Michelle Krupa, news editor, at 631-5323.

Questions or comments can also be e-mailed to the news department at Observer.obsnews.1@nd.edu.

Looking for a few good freshman

Any students interested in writing or editing for The Observer news department will have an opportunity to visit the office and meet the staff during our open house on Mon., Aug. 25, from 3 - 5 p.m.

Staff members and senior editors will be on hand to answer any questions about how The Observer functions. Individuals who are interested but cannot attend can contact the news editor, Michelle Krupa, at 631-5323.

Right now, the news department is looking for an unlimited number of reporters and also has four paid positions available at the wire editing desk. Both positions require a willingness to meet and respect our nightly deadlines.

Freshmen are strongly recommended to apply. We are always glad to have people with prior experience, but we readily accept applications from students who are looking to try something new.

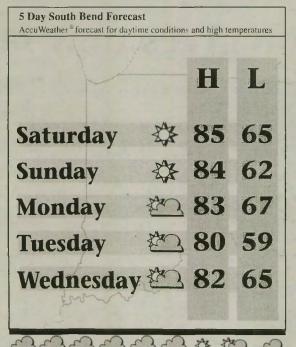
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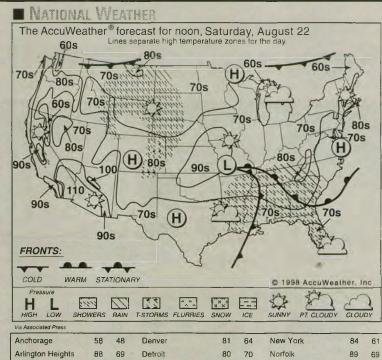
least one week in advance with details regarding their events. As a rule, we do not run previews

of lectures that we are planning to cover. We simply do not have the staff or space to run previews of every campus lecture. Exceptions to this rule may be made if a lecture is to be given by a speaker of national or international prominence.

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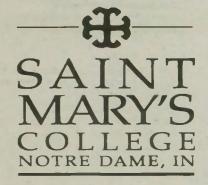
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Who's Who and What They Do

Stories by TIM LOGAN Assistant News Editor and M.SHANNON RYAN Saint Mary's Editor



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

The student body president is responsible for the overall operation of the Student Union and represents the undergraduate population in many offi-

The president chairs the Executive Cabinet and the Campus Life Council, sits on the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees and is a non-voting member of the Student Senate. All senate resolutions must be signed by the president. The vice president chairs the Student Senate.

Peter Cesaro and Andréa Selak won the presidential election with a platform that stressed "putting students first."

Among their other priorities this year: Student representation on the Board of Trustees.

• Improving student-faculty relations outside the classroom.

· Better communication and cooperation between student government

Within the Office of the President are a number of departments designed to facilitate the operation of student gov-



Student body president Peter Cesaro and vice president Andréa Selak head Notre Dame's Student Union.

programs such ernment Administrative Relations, Student Life and Gender Issues.

■ CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

The CLC is the main forum for debate among student leaders, rectors and administrators on student and campus issues. After study and debate of a matter, the CLC issues a recommendation to the vice president for Student Affairs, Patricia O'Hara for her

The CLC is the final step for Student Senate resolutions that relate to student affairs and campus life, which it must approve.

The student body president presides over CLC meetings and the body is comprised of the judicial council president; student body treasurer; assistant vice president for Residence Life; one faculty member; several dorm rectors and representatives

The CLC is a major forum for debate about issues of stu-

from the Student Senate, the Hall Presidents' Council and the office of Multicultural Affairs.

Recent CLC accomplishments include:

· Dining hall reform

· Recommendations on student alcohol policy

· New gender and diversity education programming

■ STUDENT SENATE

Serving as the voice of the entire undergraduate student body, the Student Senate addresses a broad range of issues

The senate must also supervise elections, review and - if necessary -amend the constitution annually, pass hall and an off-campus Center

the budget and approve appointed Student Union officers. The body also has the power of impeachment.

Chaired by the student body vice president, the senate includes one member from each residence representative.

Among the senate's recent actions:

· Laundry service installation in mens' dorms

· Extension of lunch

· Expansion of the Women's Resource

■ STUDENT UNION BOARD



last year's AnTostal, sponsored by SUB.

As the main programming body in student government, SUB sponsors a wide range of speakers, events, dances and concerts for undergraduate students. SUB also plans and sponsors AnTostal, Notre Dame's annual spring festival, and runs a weekly movie series.

SUB is headed by Ryan Stecz and has a range of departments to oversee their events during the course of the year, which also include the Sophomore Literary Festival and the Collegiate Jazz Festival.

Recent SUB Highlights:

• James Earl Jones and Walter Payton both spoke at Notre Dame in '97-'98.

• Ben Folds Five and Ani DiFranco played concerts at Stepan Center.

• The Names Project AIDS quilt came Students participate in an event during to Notre Dame.

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

The board's main responsibility is to provide a forum for discussion on issues and policies that concern Saint Mary's students and its community.

Members are responsible for making formal recommendations on behalf of the students about policies, procedures or amendments. They also support or deny official status to any student group, club or organization.

The board oversees class governments, clubs and organizations and is led by the student body president.

The president for 1998-99 is senior Sarah Siefert. With student body vice president Nancy Midden, Siefert plans to create awareness of campus technology updates.

"We want students to take full advantage of the technology," Siefert said.

"We want Saint Mary's to be a school producing technologically-capable graduates.

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT



At the same time, Siefert plans to focus on the tradition of the College.

"We're planning on finding ways to connect more students with the history of Saint Mary's," Siefert said.

"It's really what has made my Saint Mary's experience so great. We're moving forward, but we still want to connect with the history."

Creating a club for stu-

dent-athletes is a plan Siefert hopes will increase attendance at sporting events and func-

tion as a support system among athletes.

Finally, Siefert wants to help every student become involved in at least one activity.

"Find a way to get involved," Siefert said as advice to new stu-

'Whether it's in SGA, athletics or campus ministry. One of the benefits on a small campus is that everyone can make a difference," she

Freshman elections for class officers will be held Sept. 24.

On Sept. 8 and 9, an election information session will be held in Haggar College Center. Freshman platforms are due on Sept. 18 and campaigning will begin at noon on the 20th.

■ STUDENT ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Led by the student body vice president, SAC members also include a secretary and one student representative from each academic department. The representative is elected in the spring by students from her academic field of

SAC, also sanctioned by BOG, provides intellectual programming, serves as a liaison between faculty and students and upholds the academic standards of the College. The members also are responsible for making formal recommendations regarding academic departments, curriculum and standards.

Midden will serve as the 1998-99

Midden's plans include developing

and further establishing Saint Mary's Pride Day, now in its second year.

added.

Recognizing students for academic achievement in each major department is another SAC goal. By highlighting students' classroom successes, Midden hopes to expose the students behind Saint Mary's strong academic reputa-

"We are hoping to celebrate why we are number one in 'U.S. News and

World Report,'" Midden said.
Along with this year's secretary, senior Stephanie Villinski, and the representatives of majors, Midden will also establish a "Major of the Week" program, publicizing a different major each

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

RHA, sanctioned by Hall president last year. BOG, addresses issues and policies and provides programming for students living on campus. The members oversee budget allocations of resident hall governments and act as liaisons

This year, junior Gina Guerreso will serve as RHA president with the assistance of vice president Mary Ellen Blumreich. Guerreso Ellen served as McCandless ter.

RHA's primary goal this year is to promote awareness of its organi-

zation and increase

involvement in hall activities.

Members' include inter-hall festifor hall councils with vals, forums for open discussion and the annual all-campus formal, including a pre- or postparty, and a big sister program. The association is also developing a Web page and a newslet-

RHA committees, such as social, spiritual, multicultural and community awareness committees, still have open positions. Hall councils also need to be formed in Regina and McCandless Halls, a priority of RHA, accord-

ing to Guerreso.
"Freshman involvement would be great," Guerreso said. I've talked with freshmen before. Their input has been so helpful. We can really learn a lot from them.

■ STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

SAB, a multi-chair organization, serves the College by developing and promoting multicultural, social, recreational, intellectual and educational events. The planned activities are aimed at meeting the needs and interests of students as well as providing opportunities for leadership.

Junior Janet Horvath will serve as the coordinator with senior Elisabeth Krick as the administrative coordinator and junior Brooke Davis as the COLLEGE committee chair.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD SAINT MARY'S

entertainment, movies and munchies, public relations, speakers and traditional events. Besides bringing recent movies to campus this year, SAB also has booked the band Third Wish and comedy troupe, Eight Degrees Below Normal.

"We want to provide the opportunity for students to have fun on campus in a variety of ways," Horvath said. "We want to get people involved."

Horvath noted that positions to work on the committee are still open to students, including

SAB chairs include those for culture, freshmen.

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greenhouse and wet labs was limited and in pretty poor shape. We needed new greenhouse research space.'

The new area also boasts more storage space and a room in which ecologists can process scientific samples. The space that previously contained the ecology offices and laboratories will be used to expand other departments, Duman said.

The project was a gift from Bernard "Jerry" Hank, Jr., an alumnus and trustee, and his wife Joyce McMahon Hank.

Residence Halls

The complete renovation of Morrissey Hall was yet another of the campus improvements completed during the summer months. The building was completely gutted and rebuilt, said hall rector Father William Seetch.

"All interior walls were knocked out and new ones were built," he said. "[We have] new lights, plumbing, sinks, bathrooms, furniture, stairs and car-

The sidewalks between Lyons, Morrissey and Howard Halls were also landscaped, according to Seetch.

"It's a very pretty place ... it looks very nice," he said. However, Seetch is unsure if all residents will be satisfied.

"Some students would be unhappy even in heaven," he

Office Space

The renovation of the Administration Building is one project still in the works after summer progress, Smith explained.

The fifth floor is the most complete - it's painted and has wood trim, but there's no carpet or antique fixtures [yet]," Smith explained. "The building is less complete as you go down [the

The estimated date for completion is July 1, 1999, Smith said.

Construction to convert Flanner Hall from a residence area to office space was completed this summer, according to Smith. The building now contains several University offices, includ-ing Career and Placement Services, the Erasmus Institute and University Press. A complete listing of the moves to Flanner can be found in Tuesday's

Dining

Other additions to campus include a Burger King franchise

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Recreation

Throughout the summer construction proceeded on the new, 18-hole William K. and Natalie O. Warren Golf Course. The project was funded by the William

K. Warren Foundation of Tulsa, whose chairman is the 1956 alumnus and son of the couple for whom the course is named, according to a recent press

The course, designed by Coore & Crensaw, Inc., is scheduled to open in the spring of 1999. Construction costs were approximately \$7 million, according to the release.

But the completion of these projects does not signal the end of campus construction. Smith said future undertakings will include the construction of a performing arts center at the south end of DeBartolo Hall and the renovation of the Hayes-Healy, Hurley and Crowley buildings, as well as Washington

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TECHNOLOGY BEAT

ResNet, cable among technical improvements

By COLLEEN McCARTHY Saint Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary's College is now

The College completed the installation of a residential network (ResNet), a multi-million dollar project that will allow students living in residence halls to connect to the Internet and send and receive e-mail without a modem connection, according to Joel Cooper, the College's director of Information Technology.

"Last year, if you had a computer you had to have a modem if you wanted to send or read e-mail in your room," Cooper said. "You couldn't use programs like Netscape either. With ResNet, it is exactly like if you were using a computer in one of the labs."

Each dorm room will have one

"port per pillow," Cooper said. For example, if a student lives in a triple room, there will three connections to the network. The updated technology also means that when using ResNet and connecting to the Internet, students will not tie up their phone

lines or encounter busy signals. Installation fairs will be held in residence halls beginning Sept. 14 to educate residents

about using and connecting to ResNet.

'Students first need to have a networkable computer," Cooper said. "Then all we will have to do is install the software to allow them to connect to the network."

Some computers may require an Ethernet card, an internal communication adapter that allows a computer to connect to

high-speed Information Technology staff at the installation fairs will help students determine if they need the Ethernet card for their computers. If they do, local contractors will be on-hand to sell and install the card.

"For students who don't have a computer, we still have over 100 computers throughout the campus," Cooper said.

The updated technology may also change classroom teaching techniques, according to Cooper.

"ResNet will improve classroom activities," Cooper said. "The faculty now have access to the Internet and e-mail and may require students to use e-mail and the Internet more than in the past. Professors may start putting course work on the Web. The networking changes the whole equation.

In addition to a networked campus, students will have cable television access in each dorm room. To have the cable TV activated, students need to sign up at the front desk of their residence halls.

'Before we had cable access, there were students who couldn't get a basic TV station because they were on the wrong side of the cement wall," Cooper

Even the cable access has educational benefits, Cooper said.

"It will be nice to have students able to access Scola or other foreign language channels," he said. "Maybe one day, Saint Mary's will have their own television station. That's where I would like to see us go."

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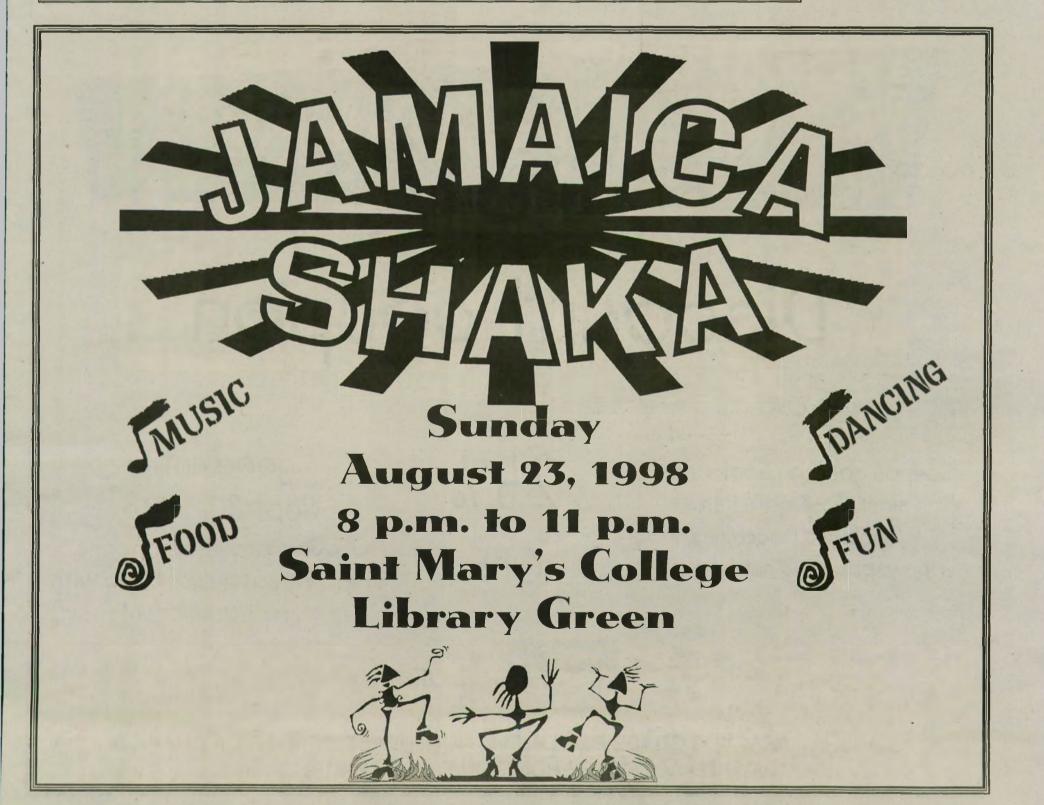
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The class of 2002 represents every corner of the nation's map, while some come from exotic spots around the globe. The new students come from 37 states, American Samoa, Puerto Rico and the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Eighty-one percent call the Midwest home; nine percent are from the South; four percent from the middle states; three percent from the West; two percent from the Southwest; and one percent from New England.

The group also brings diversity, an area which has received special attention from the Saint Mary's community. Just more than 10 percent of the incoming students represent ethnic minorities — the percentage is usually around 7.4.

Last year, only one African-American freshman enrolled at Saint Mary's. The class of 2002 brings five.

"We're all very pleased," said Maria Oropeza, interim director of Multicultural Affairs. "Not only are they academically talented, but they bring so many different experiences."

"The numbers have been increasing over the last couple of years," Oropeza continued. "But there is still a lot of room for improvement. Saint Mary's has a committed mission to women, now we need to extend that to all women."

Choosing Saint Mary's is also proving to be a growing tradition within families.

Nolan said the women reflect "the highest endorsement of the Saint MaryŌs experience," which is supported by the fact that more than 20 percent of the new students are alumnae-related.



The Observer/Manuela Hernande

Students and parents bear the financial and muscular burden of buying books at the Saint Mary's bookstore.

This number, up one percent from last year, indicates the impact of the Alumna Endorsed Application process which began two years ago. Through this process, an alumnae seeks out and sponsors a potential applicant.

The class also follows the

strong academic tradition of the College. Just more than 44 percent of the incoming students were recognized by Saint Maryos as merit scholars.

The average grade point average was a 3.54 on a 4.0 scale, and the average ACT score was 25

ND frosh

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tant provost for Enrollment Dan Saracino. With these additional resources, brighter and more qualified students will less frequently restricted from attending Notre Dame because of financial difficulties, Saracino said.

"These dollars will help us achieve the goal of meeting the needs of every admitted student," he said.

Of more than 8,500 applicants, Notre Dame accepted 3,586. As of Wednesday, 1,946 freshman agreed to attend, but a handful usually change their minds before move-in day, and final tallies will not be complete until enrollment.

One of the admissions department's aspirations in recent years has been "to improve on diversity in the broadest sense," said Saracino. The ultimate goal

is a "highly talented, motivated freshman class so diverse that we can learn from each other."

He said that the extra scholarship dollars will result in more socioeconomic diversity, while a modest increase in ethnic minorities and international students will help increase the overall diversity of the student body.

Also, 56 percent of entering Notre Dame undergraduates are studying more than 500 miles from home —compared with a national average of 10 percent — and freshmen are coming to Notre Dame from all 50 states.

Other facts about the class of 2002:

• Eighty-three percent of the new students are Roman Catholic.

• The male-to-female ratio is 54 percent male to 46 percent women, the same as last year's freshman class.

• Twenty-three percent are the children of Notre Dame alumni, up one percent from last year.



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New SDH serves up Reckers, more food options

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR Associate News Editor

Real plates, better selection of food, and a Starbucks frappucino to wash down dinner.

Those things had nothing in common with South Dining Hall last year. But after a sweeping renovation of the building, Notre Dame students have more mealtime options — this time, without Styrofoam plates, plastic cutlery and food imported from the North Dining Hall.

One dramatic change is with the original food service area, renamed the South Dining Hall Food Market to reflect the arrangement of the dining hall

Prentkowski said the designers tried to recreate the look of a farmer's market, moeling it after the Marchet restaurant in Toronto and Food Life restaurant in Chicago. These two models integrated variety and customization, which Prentkowski said were among the priorities in revamping the din-

In the new format, diners will be privy to much of the preparation of their food, which will be done in the main service area. That area is divided into twelve sections according to type of food.

The structure is similar in theory to the eatery format of North Dining Hall, but all the sections are consolidated into one main location. Planners also took care in naming and decorating the sections to avoid limiting the possibilities for the food serviced there.

"We didn't want to tie any area into a particular ethnic cuisine," said Prentkowski. Chefs are afforded more flexibility in planning meals introducing exotic alternatives without sacrificing the significance of the area design.

"One can do a lot of things with stir-fry that are clearly not

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Asian," Prentkowski noted as an to be the opposite of The

But for a break from the dining hall routine, students can look to South Dining Hall's other major addition Reckers, a 24-hour café located behind the building.

Reckers boasts both a Starbucks and a Freshens Yogurt franchise, and students can get anything from woodfired pizzas to veggie-wraps, from smoothies to made-toorder selections.

"There's no other college campus that I'm aware of that has a wood-fired pizza oven," said Prentkowski. "That's a very unique feature. We thought [it] would be a unique focal point."

Named for Clement Reckers, the University's first student, the restaurant was meant to meet both the need for on-campus social space and to offer a departure from dining hall food.

Bishop Dan Jenky suggested the name, which Prentkowski said was selected because it's short, memorable, relevant and unique designation, Students submitted other suggestions, including "The Max," "The Blue Oyster," "Southern Comfort," and "Notre Diner."

"In a lot of ways we wanted it

Huddle," said Prentkowski. That motivation led to a design plan that includes table and bar stool eating areas as well as more relaxed social areas.

The architects also tried to give Reckers a different feel, ideally letting students congregate there without a fast-food restaurant or dining hall atmosphere, Prentkowski said.

Reckers will also have board games and computer ResNet hook-ups, as well as a stage and the capacity to host outdoor performances in its patio seating area.

In the face of the South Quad changes, North Dining Hall remains the mostly the same. But food options did increase it now offers sandwich wraps in flavored tortilla shells and a refurbished stir-fry area.

As for traffic patterns, Notre Dame Food Services expects to have an influx of patrons at South Dining Hall at the start of the year, but for the clientele to balance out as geography and climate play more of a part in students' decisions about where

The hours at South Dining Hall have been extended by two hours at dinner, which will now

A chef at South Dining Hall serves freshly sliced pork for a waiting diner. The changes to the facility will allow for more personalized service and a bigger variety of food options

be available to all students until p.m., Monday through Thursday. Regular hours will be maintained at North Dining Hall seven days a week and on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays

at South.

Grab-N-Go has been relocated to the basement of South Dining Hall and has been redesigned for easier flow-through in both

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Film, Television and Theatre

WASHINGTON HALL--Donald Crafton, Chairman of the Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT). has announced that the annual reception for students interested in film, television or theatre will be held

Wednesday, August 26, at 6:00 pm in Washington Hall. Students interested in filmmaking, video/film production, broadcasting, stage management are encouraged to attend. Following refreshments, there will be a brief informational meeting to discuss ways to become involved in departmental activities.

Theatre at Notre Dame is open to all students-majors and non-majors--who wish to participate. There are theatre opportunities to fit every schedule and level of talent. If you have a willingness to learn, you are qualified.

Becoming involve in theatre is 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.

This season, the Department of Film, Television and Theatre will present a mainstage season consisting of four plays as well as many other acting and directing projects. Mainstage productions this season will be:

> Cat on a Hot Tin Roof Getting Wrecked

The Angels' Cradle performed by Theater Grottesco The School for Scandal

In addition, FTT will host a residency by THEATRE GROTTESCO, sponsored by the Henkels Visiting Lecture Series. Acting and directing projects are showcased at the end of each semester. All of these projects will need a great amount of student support. There are positions for all who wish to participate.

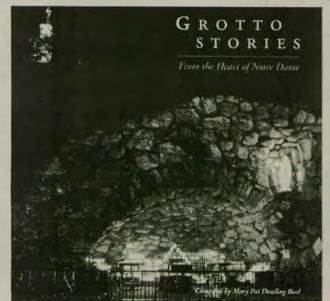
Auditions for the first two plays of the season will be held Wednesday, August 26, Thursday August 27, at 7:00 pm.

If you cannot attend the reception, but wish to be involved or have questions about the program, please call Tom Barkes at (219) 631-5956.

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■ CONSTRUCTION BEAT

'Busy summer' leads to SMC improvements

By M. SHANNON RYAN Saint Mary's Editor

Freshmen and transfer students may not know it, but driving up the Main Avenue or bathing in Le Mans Hall will be quite a different experience

Completion of a five-year, 47-bathroom renovation project and the four-week-long repaying of the tree-lined path were just two of the improvements made to the campus during summer break.

"It was a busy summer," said John Marshall, superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

Following the smooth, blacktopped road onto campus leads to more changes, including the newly repaved Le Mans parking lot. The lot has been equipped with gates and a Detex system.

Twenty-two parking spaces have been eliminated from the lot to make room for the gates and stone islands, leaving the total number of spaces at 230.

While the final utilization plans are not complete, the new system is designed to ensure public parking space during special events on campus, according to Security director Richard Chlebek.

During such events, the gates on the parking lot's northern entrance will be lowered after 5 p.m., and gates

for patron parking will be raised one hour prior to the event. Once the event begins and its patrons are parked, other motorists will be admitted for parking.

"It's not going to be too much different other than appearance," Chlebek said.
"The use of the lot will remain the same.'

The Detex system on the gates will allow entrance for faculty, staff and students with special needs.

A committee will be formed shortly to discuss restricted parking hours and the details of the gates' usage and will compile an addendum to be distributed to the college community explaining the new regulations.

In other projects, the business wing in Le Mans has been remodeled. Two new offices for residence hall staff have been created near the west entrance of the building.

Buildings and Grounds also rebuilt the heating and ventilation system in Regina Hall and added a fire alarm system in Havican Hall.

Elevators and windows were refurbished in Moreau Center for the Arts and Holy Cross Hall, and new ceilings and lights in were added in Moreau and Havican.

Other projects in Moreau will not be finished for a few more weeks, Marshall said.

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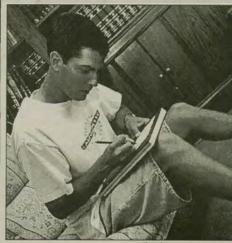
• Freshman Orientation •

[embers of the class of 2002 Munpacked their belongings yesterday and officially began their careers as Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

Above: Saint Mary's students register for orientation.

Right: Kathleen O'Connor gets some help from her family while unloading wood to build a loft in her Breen-Phillips

Below: Steven Ratay fills out forms while waiting to get settled into his Alumni Hall double





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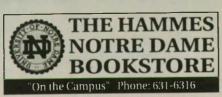
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The Observer welcomes students, faculty and alumni to write letters to the editor expressing their opinions.

The following is the Viewpoint department policy:

I.

All members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community may submit letters to the editor, columns, quotes, poems or cartoons to the Viewpoint department. Individuals not associated with the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community are also welcome to submit, but preference is given to members of the University community.

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III.

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are submitted.

Commentaries will not be printed if they are libelous or unintelligible or irrelevant as applied to local, national or world interest on a particular issue, its extension of existing issues on the Viewpoint pages, or its role in fostering spirited and intelligent discussion.

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The disclaimer will appear at the beginning of the letter and will alert readers to the serious nature of the piece in question.

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GARRY TRUDEAU

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■ DOONESBURY









QUOTE OF THE DAY

Never let the future disturb you. You will meet it, if you have to, with the same weapons of reason which today arm you against the present.'

— Marcus Aurelius

Welcome Class of 2002

Some insider advice to freshmen

SENIORS TURN BACK THE CLOCK

Sarah Dylag

Scene Editor

I can still remember everything almost perfectly. My Dad carried boxes to the second floor of Cavanaugh Hall, sweating and cursing the entire time while my

Mom tried to organize my room, make my bed and make friends with my roommates' parents.

I stood in the middle of the chaos, a little excited to meet new people, a little scared to be a freshman in college and a lot uncertain about everything else.

Three years later, it all happened almost the same way. This year my Dad sweated and cursed his way up the stairs in my Turtle Creek apartment while my mom

tried to organize the furniture, make my bed and remember the names of my roommates' parents.

I stood in the middle of the chaos, a little excited to start another year, a little scared to call myself a senior and a lot uncertain about everything else

Perhaps, then, being uncertain myself, I am not the best person to give advice to incoming freshmen. Certainly, I could say the same things that most anyone will tell you about Notre Dame. That it's an incredible place filled with incredible people. That you're standing on the edge of the best four years of your life and all of the upperclassmen would trade places with you if it didn't mean selling our souls to the devil or failing a good number of our classes.

I could also come up with some hard-earned words of wisdom from my own experiences here. I could tell you to take a semester or a year and study abroad, to take advantage of the intelligent and helpful faculty

Freshman year. Graffiti Dance and dorm parties. New friendships and new roommates. Struggling to find your place at Notre Dame

Most freshmen approach campus filled with anxiety and apprehension about what lies ahead. Many are overwhelmed with life away from home and others can't wait to leave their mark

on the world. I, too, was a freshman three years ago, which now seems like only yesterday. And although I won't pretend to be old and wise, here are a few things that I had to

find out on my own: •That it is never too late to get involved; with Notre Dame's numerous clubs, intermural athletic opportunities, leadership positions and student publications, there

excuse to say, "I'm bored That late nights up with friends talking are better than late nights out at the bars.

•That Papa John's is more than just better

That I would wear pajamas to mass.

•That tailgating begins before the sun comes

and make friends with your professors and to buy a really, really warm winter coat (and hat and gloves and boots). And I could remind you not to be afraid to change your mind about what you want to do here change your major, change your roommates and get involved in as many different activities as you can

But, in the end, I know you will each learn these things — and other important things — as you go along. I know, also, that the four-year journey will be more important than any words of advice I could write on a page. Nothing I say here will erase your uncertainty about the years to come.

So I ask you only to remember that things work themselves out. No matter how carefully you plan things, you will deviate from your plan and you will make mistakes, but somehow, you will each end up on the path that is right for you. There will be good times and bad times, but they'll all blend together into a wonderful adventure in which you'll learn a lot about yourself, a little about others and make a million good memories.

As Fyodor Dostoevsky wrote in The Brothers Karamazov, "there is nothing more lofty, nor more powerful, nor more healthy nor more useful later on in life than some good memory." If you live each day here to the fullest and recognize all of the possibilities that surround and await you, you will have four years of better memories than you can ever begin to imag-

I wish you each happiness, friendship, adventure and a little bit of luck. It's going to be a memorable

•That playing barefoot frisbee on a warm spring afternoon is a slice of heaven.

•That dining hall dishes come in handy for dorm living.

That you can love so many different people in so many different ways

•That roadtrips make the best conversations and the best memories.

•That rectors/rectresses can really be "cool." •That guys and girls can "just be friends.

•That reading an entire book the night before a test is one major headache ·That there are so many different abroad

opportunities. •That unity is seen in the student section of every home football game.

That I'd be saving pennies.

•That battery-powered alarm clocks come in handy during thunderstorms. •That halogen lamps can catch your room on

•That students do go to class in four-and-a-

half feet of snow. •That you get no studying done on the sec-

ond floor of the library. ·That you need to make time for you and

what makes you happy. •That you're only a freshman once.

WHAT I WISH I WOULD HAVE KNOWN

"That wearing tattoos on your face during a sunny football game can leave an interesting sunburn."



Heather Cocks Editor-in-Chief



Brian Reinthaler Managing Editor

"That when freshmen put inflatable pools in their room, seniors go swimming."

"That it's easier to be oneself than it is to try too hard to improve oneself."



Kevin Dalum Photo Editor



not just a job, it's a lifestyle."

Kathleen Lonez **Sports Editor**

"That The Observer is

LOOKING BACK AT LIFE AT SAINT MARY'S

Dear Saint Mary's women.

During your first days as a college student, my one piece of advice to you is stop.

As you unload your parents' minivans and unpack suitcase after suitcase, stop and appreciate what you are about to

Look at the Le Mans tower, stroll down The Avenue, say a prayer at the Church of Loretto.

You are helping to continue a rich, storied and unique 154-year tradition of women promoting other women. You are now part of the mission of "honoring tradition and pioneering change." You are Saint Mary's College,



Saint Mary's Editor

the premiere Catholic women's college in the nation.

No doubt you will change over the next four years, but that change will likely be growth.

Statistics will show that you have made a wise decision by choosing Saint Mary's College, but no chart or graph can weigh or explain how much you will actually benefit.

You are entering an environment where you will feel nurtured, yet challenged. Accomplished, but motivated to achieve. Leading others, but awed by the leaders around

As you take this opportunity to reflect, remember that it is also your responsibility to remind others of what you saw when you took the time to really observe Saint Mary's.

Be proud of our school. When somebody from home asks you where Saint Mary's is or tells you they have never heard of it, which will happen, don't be offended.

Look at it as an opportunity to share your experiences as a Saint Mary's woman. Enlighten them with stories about Saint Mary's outstanding professors, national acclaim, the rigorous academics and rewarding student organizations.

Remember, also, the art of pausing to reflect during the

Chances are you will be wound into a dizzying spiral by term papers, assignments, extracurricular activities and exams. But stop yourself again.

Pull an all-nighter talking to your roommate. Take advantage of the South Bend weather and build a mid-semester snowman. Put down those chemistry notes for 20 minutes and jog to the Grotto. Take pictures of everything and every-

Memories will be created when you least expect them Don't let yourself miss the chance to be inspired.

ORIENTATION WEEKEND'98

TOBACCO POLICY

In accordance with an administrative directive issued three years ago, all buildings on the Notre Dame campus are smoke-free in their entirety. This ban extends to the seating area of Notre Dame Stadium. Chewing-tobacco is not expressly included among the substances prohibited indoors. Ash cans are provided outside most buildings for the convenience of smokers. Your cooperation is appreciated.



SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

Notre Dame's sister school is located directly across South Bend's major north—south highway, U.S. 33/Business 31 (directly behind this panel on map). The schools offer an exchange program by which stu-dents from both institutions may take advantage of the opportunity to study on the neighboring institu-tion's campus. Also, the schools cosponsor the crew, downhill skiing golf, gymnastics, and sailing programs.

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The Business Administration Complex

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STUDENT REGISTER

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the above term (upperclassmen included), it is the official name for what is more routinely and infamously known on campus as the Dogbook. This thin, bound black-and-white volume contains the photograph and brief biographical information each incoming freshman was requested to provide shortly after being admitted. Its reputation is for frequently being the sole basis for selecting one's date to dormitory-sponsored theme dances (also known as "SYR"s, for which one is "set-up") and formals.



POST OFFICE

Notre Dame has its own campus Post Office (directly above on map) which features a special mail slot for letters to be postmarked "Notre Dame, IN." All mail not dropped in this slot will be postmarked "South Bend, IN." Be forewarned: the usual long lines often prevent being helped at the counter in the 15 minutes



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DINING HALLS

Students who live in residence halls have a choice between the basic 21-meal plan and the new Flex-14 plan, which allows students to eat 14 meals per week in the dining and get 20,000 points for use in the same hours of operation. Excluding finals and vacation weeks, they are: Breakfast......7:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Continental.....9:15 a.m. -10:30 a.m. Lunch.........10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Dinner----- 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Grab 'n' Go7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

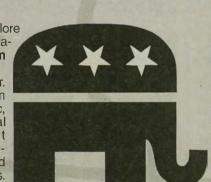


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ACTIVITIES NIGHT

A thorough opportunity to explore the wide range of campus organizations occurs Sept. 1 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Joyce Athletic & Convocation Center. Student representatives from the various academic, athletic, media, musical, and political clubs will be stationed at booths arranged for your perusal to answer questions and register prospective members.



FOOTBALL TICKETS

All students are guaranteed the opportunity to purchase one season ticket apiece. The procedure is as follows: application cards will be in student mailslots the week before tickets go on sale. Bring this card with your student ID and cash or check for \$90.00 to the Joyce Athletic & Convocation Center. Be prepared to wait in a lengthy line; many students camp out overnight. Any person may submit up to four applications provided he or she also furnishes a matching student ID and payment for each of the applications. For freshmen, season tickets will be available on Sept. 3 from 2:00-7:00.



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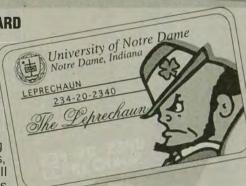
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Your Student ID is your ticket to the privileges and immunities granted to "Domers"; carry it with you at all times. Among the many instances it is required: eating at the dining halls, library services, registration, football and basketball games



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As you may have noticed by reading these panels, home football Saturdays are a slight departure from status quo in this area. Festivities and activities abound all weekend. This year's home games are: Sept. 5 vs. Michigan; Sept. 26 vs. Purdue; Oct.3 vs. Stanford; Oct. 24 vs. Army; Oct. 31 vs. Baylor; Nov. 21 vs. LSU.



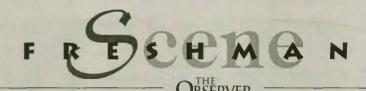
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How To Make your Dorm Room Home

Leave all of your carpet worries behind

Buying and laying down your carpet should be one of the very first things you do — even before you unpack. The less stuff you have unpacked in your room, the easier it will be to put carpet in your room.

- 1. Decide whether you want your carpet to go from wall to wall, cutting around air-conditioning units and sinks or centered in the middle of your room.
- 2. Measure the area where you want carpet. It is worth it to measure it carefully since cutting the carpet as you lay it is a big pain.
- 3. Shop around. You don't have to buy carpet at the first store you see. There are a number of places around campus that offer carpet

for the best price.

- 4. Decide what color carpet you want. A light colored carpet doesn't show as much lint and dust as a dark colored carpet, but spills can be harzardous and leave permanent stains on a light colored carpet.
- 5. Bargain with the person selling the carpet. Some, but not all, of the carpet stores are willing to make deals for students, especially if you're buying carpet for more than one room. Don't be afraid to ask for a lower price.
- 6. Drive back to campus with the carpet sticking out of your parents' car. Some places will deliver the carpet for a small fee,

remnants for a good price. Look but usually it's easier and quicker to make the short trek on your own.

- 7. Remove as much furniture and stuff from you dorm room as possible to make laying the carpet easier.
 - 8. Beg your parents to roll out the carpet in your room.

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Couches/chairs - help to make your dorm room feel like home. A good place to buy them is at Goodwill.

Coffee tables - in a larger quad or triple with lofted beds, coffee tables go along with your couch to make your social space more fun.

Futons - a good alternative to a normal couch because it takes up less space, sometimes costs less money and doubles as a bed. For a good deal, try the Futon Factory.

Posters - a great poster sale takes place in LaFortune Student Center during the first few weeks of school. UP Mall and the Notre Dame bookstore are also good places to look.

Bookshelves — if your dorm room doesn't include any kind of shelves, your cheap bookshelf from somewhere like Meijer will help keep your books and notebooks organized.

fortable than fun pictures of your friends from home and your new friends and roommates here at ND.

Glow-in-the-dark-stars - paste them on your wall and ceiling and you'll have a whole new galaxy to explore at night.

Message Board - when the school year keeps both you and your roommates insanely busy, a wipe-off message board will allow you to leave notes and relay phone messges to each other.

Bulletin Board — a good way to keep all your important information in one place.

Plants/Flowers - a great way to brighten up a dark room, just don't forget to water them.

Lamps - desk lamps, bed lamps and floor lamps come in all sorts of styles, but remember, halogen lamps are a no. no.

Notre Dame flags - hang them out your window or on your walls. These can be found at the Bookstore or JC Penney's.

Wind chimes/Wind socks - you can hang them inside your window and attract the attention of passer-by's.

Neon signs - a more expensive purchase for window decora-

Loft building made easy

For those freshmen whose dorms rooms do not include modular furniture with a Universityissued loft, building a loft helps create more space in a cramped dorm room, but be prepared for an all-day project. Lofts come in all shapes and sizes — some are suspended from the ceiling, others are similiar to a bed frame and still others are connected in a L-shape.

- 1. Some upperclassmen may actually post signs selling previously-used lofts if you find one of these, BUY IT! A previously-used loft will usually be easier to assemble.
- 2. If you must start from scratch, consider purchasing a loft-building kit. They coast about \$100 and include all of the necessary pre-cut lumber.
- 3. If you prefer to purchase your own lumber, you will need (in addition to a very-mechanically inclined mind) 4 x 4's for the legs of the loft, 2 x 6's and 2 x 2's for the bed-frame structure to rest on and 2 x 4 side frames and other wood for the ladder.
- 4. Gather up the necessary tools a drill and drill bits, screws, bolts, a rachet set, a hammer, wood screws and nails.
- 5. Start by screwing the 2 x 2's into the side plank 2 x 6's to form the platform for the bed frame.
- 6. Screw the 2 x 6 side planks into the 4 x 4 legs, leaving sufficient space between the ceiling and the mattress. (Most lofts are at least three feet from the ceiling). Repeat for both sides of the bed.
- 7. Take the end rails and screw them into the side rails to pull the structure together. Make sure that the distance between the two sides of the bed allow for the placement of the bed frame.
 - 8. Don't forget to reinforce each corner with 18-24 inch reinforcement boards.
 - 9. Construct a ladder.
 - 10. Decorate with stencils, paint and your creativity.
- 11. Take a nap.

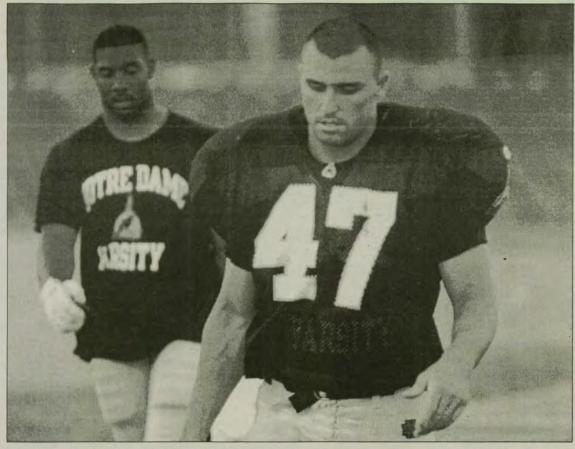
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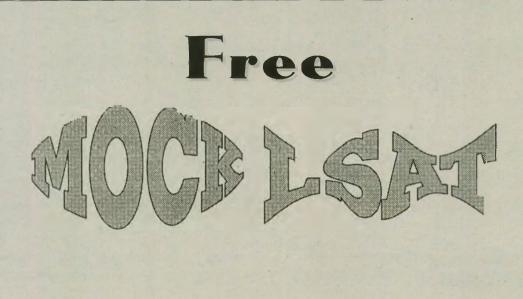
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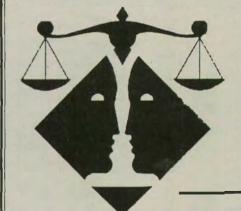
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Football

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over the heat of being the new kids, this season Davie ended the Irish tradition of putting a black stripe on the freshmen's helmets. In the past, freshmen had to "earn" the right to have the stripe removed.

'One thing we've talked about is being closer as a football team, operating as a family," Davie said. "These kids are part of this football team, part of the family. I think it's better off to start them off with the gold helmet because that's what they came here to

Davie is continuing the tradition of the Big Brother program where a veteran of the Irish football squad pairs up with a freshmen who they have something in common

"We try to do whatever we can to make it a little bit easier," Davie said. "I don't know that its so much the program as much as it is all our kids trying to help each other because they've all been through it before.'

'We announced the pairings the other night and they had some fun with it," Davie continued. "Our seniors take it pretty serious, they have dinner with them once a week, and at the end based on the younger brothers' reports we select who was the big brother of the year and I think last year it was Ronnie Nicks and Jamie Spencer. But It's more everybody helping everybody, and its not easy, it's a rough transition for these kids."

But the question remains: When will the Class of 2001 help?

With the defending co-champions of last year visiting Notre Dame Stadium on Sept. 5, the freshmen have been trying to make their mark and help at thin positions.

They have been impressive and continue to be impressive with the pads on," Davie said. "I think everyone is really encouraged about the future, it's a talented class that has some size and some speed to it, we Ore excited about them.'

With the size and talent of players like wide receivers David Givens and Javin Hunter, safety Rocky Boiman, linebackers Tyreo Harrision and Carlos Pierre-Antoine, and defensive lineman Anthony Weaver, members of the freshmen class will be fighting for playing time.

There are some young men out there who will be able to help this football team this season, but so many things have to happen," Davie said. "They have to be durable. They have to learn their assignments. They have to be unselfish. Most of all, they have to be able to hit.

With coach Davie opening discussions with reporters Monday night after practice by comparing his problems of stopping the run to President Clinton's problems, develop-ment on the defensive front is a priority.

The lone defensive lineman in the freshman class, Anthony Weaver, had been making some noise but he suffered a bruise knee.

"I'm disappointed he has the setback with the bruise, Davie said. "But he's talented. He's a kid at 250 pounds because of his leverage, strength and quickness. He's a kid that if he develops, he looks like he can help this football team in comparison to other guys we've had in the past at this same stage. He's got to get healthy and he's got to get healthy and develop, but he has the potential to get out here and help this football team this year. IOm excited about him.

If the freshman class are not making their impact in Notre Dame Stadium on Saturdays, they will provide much needed depth to the Irish squad.
"We can't put too much

pressure on the freshmen," defensive coordinator Greg Mattison said. "The thing that I'm probably most excited about is, I really truly can say when you ask, "who is the backup," that backup I feel really, really good about. We're getting to where we've got some depth at every posi-

At the beginning of practice back on Aug.10, Davie discussed the philosophy concerning the freshmen.

'There are just so many things you have to consider about freshmen," he said. "You never really know what you're going to get for a while. It just takes time. You have to keep a close eye on them.'

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Four teammates named finalists for Hermann trophy

Beene, Grubb, Streiffer and Makinen in pursuit of prestigious award

Special to The Observer

Four Notre Dame women's soccer players have been named finalists for the 1998 Hermann Trophy, which honors the outstanding male and female collegiate soccer players. The four Irish finalists are junior goalkeeper LaKeysia Beene, junior defender Jen Grubb, junior forward Jenny Streiffer and sophomore midfielder Anne Makinen, a finalist for the award in

1997 as a freshman.

Beene, Grubb, Streiffer and Makinen are looking to become Notre Dame's second recipient of the Hermann Trophy, joining 1996 winner Cindy Daws. Notre Dame's

Daws. Notre Dame's four finalists are the most of any school and is matched by only North Carolina, which also has four of the 15 finalists.

A selection board comprised of coaches, media and U.S. national team directors participated in choosing the finalists, who will now be listed on official ballots that will go out to a broader-based group of coaches and media on Oct. 15. A write-in allowance also will be included on final ballots, which will be due Nov. 30. The

winners of the 1998 Hermann Trophy will be announced Saturday, Dec. 12, in a ceremony at the Richmond Centre, in conjunction with the NCAA men's soccer championship.

1998 Women's Soccer Schedule

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Aug. 27 Ohio State
Sept. 1 at Michigan State
Sept. 4 West Virginia

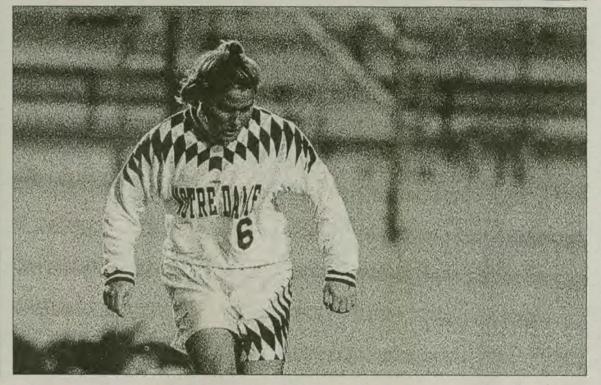
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Sept. 11 vs Duke at Chapel Hill Sept. 13 at North Carolina

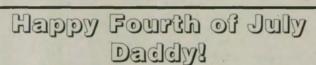
Sept. 18 Rutgers



Junior Jenny Streiffer looks to follow in the footsteps of former Irish player Cindy Daws by winning the Hermann trophy.



Junior defender Jen Grubb, a Hermann trophy finalist, raked in numerous accolades in her sophomore campaign including all-American honors.



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■ WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sobrero joins team as volunter assistant



Former all-american Kate Sobrero will serve as a volunteer assistant coach for the 1998 soccer season

Kate Sobrero, former Notre American and current U.S. women's soccer national team member, will be a volunteer assistant women's soccer coach, said University of Notre Dame women's soccer head coach Chris Petrucelli.

Sobrero joins sixth-year assistant coach Carla Chin-Baker and second-year assistant coach Sue-Moy Chin as a member of Petrucelli's staff. She will work closely with the defenders in addition to helping with the day-to-day coaching and administrative duties of the women's soccer program.

The Bloomfield Hills, Mich., native starred for Notre Dame from 1994-97 and was the NCAA tournament defensive MVP as the Irish won the 1995 NCAA championship. From 1995-97, Sobrero was named All-America three times by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and was voted Big East Conference defensive player of the year as a senior in 1997. Notre Dame played in three NCAA championship games, four NCAA semifinals, won four conference titles and compiled a 91-6-4 record during her four years. Sobrero graduated from the College of Science in May of 1998 with a science-business degree.

Sobrero was invited to the U.S. national team camp in April prior to two games against Argentina and was selected for the roster. Since then, she has played in eight games for the U.S. national team over the summer and has started four games. Sobrero started both games to help the U.S. win the Goodwill Games title.

The Irish are coming off a 23-1-1 season in which they advanced to their fourth straight NCAA championship semifinal appearance and won their third straight Big East title. With nine starters returning from the 1997 team, Notre Dame opens its season Sept. 1, at Michigan State.

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Tulisiak, who hails from Medina, Ohio, brings her experience as a regional Olympic development team member to the Notre Dame squad.

The freshmen are about exactly where I expected,'

Petrucelli said. "They're behind tactically, because everyone else has done this before, but not physically or in any other aspect.

But most importantly for them personally, they're fitting in very well with the team.'

The four freshmen get their first taste of college soccer as the Irish begin their quest for a national championship with an exhibition game against Ohio State on Thursday at Alumni

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■ SMC Soccer

Belles hope incoming class can fill vacant positions

By M. SHANNON RYAN Saint Mary's Editor

The bench is often a lonely seat reserved for freshmen.

The nine freshmen on Saint Mary's soccer team, however, will not have time to slump on the sidelines. With the departure of four seniors, including single- season scoring recordholder Eileen Newell, head coach Robert Sharp will have freshmen assigned to the field.

"We're looking to use the freshmen as starters or key contributors," Sharp said. "We look to use them all in games this year. We just have to get them used to the college level of play."

Usually about five freshmen appear on the roster. Thanks to improved communication and the team's second year in the Midwestern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, that number has almost doubled.

"I made a lot more phone calls and follow-up letters. I think the publicity of joining the conference helped, too," Sharp said. "I'm beginning my third year here, and this is the best recruiting year I've had."

Three of the players hail from Michigan, which Sharp said is in part due to the school's enrollment in the MIAA.

The class of 2002 brings four midfielders, four defenders and one forward to the squad.

Sharp not only brought in the numbers but rounded up the talent in hopes of turning around last season's 7-13 record.

Most come from high schoolos with solid programs and many led their teams to sectional playoffs.

First year players who are projected by Sharp to have significant impact on the team are Melissa Wychoki, Adrian Kirby and Erica Ziegler.

All three received high school conference honors and are academic scholarship recipients at Saint Mary's.

Saint Mary's.

Wychocki could easily develop into one of the strongest players for the Belles. She was

named all-area midfielder and helped lead Lake Central High School in St. John, Ind., to the Indiana Final Four. Her team suffered only one loss during her senior season.

Her speed should be her best asset, however she may need to fine-tune her one-on-one combat skills. She said she is also hoping to develop more than one fake to contribute as an all-around force on the field.

Ziegler not only received an all-conference honorable mention but was named team captain and Michigan's East Kentwood High School's most valuable defender.

King, also from Michigan, was named all-city and all-dis-

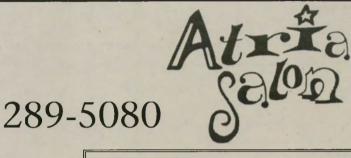
trict for her work as a midfielder on Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School's squad. As a two-year captain, she holds the team record for most goals in a season (26) and most goals in a single game (4).

Like Wychocki, her speed will be her gift to the team.

"I'm pretty quick—I can move with the ball pretty well," King

Sharp will use two-a-day practices and conditioning drills to prep the young talent for their next level of soccer.

The freshmen's first chance to see how they measure up in college play will take place Sept. 2 at home against Illinois Weslevan



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■ MEN'S SWIMMING

Szilier named to Team USA

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame sophomore Dan Szilier has been selected as a member of Team USA for the 1999 World University Games in the 200-meter breaststroke. The Norristown, Pa., native and former Methacton High School standout finished seventh at the Phillips 66 National Championships to qualify for the national team. He will travel with Team USA to Mallorca, Spain, for the Games on July 8-13, 1999.

Szilier placed seventh at the National Championships on Aug. 12, in Clovis, Calif. He swam 2:17.13 in the trials and 2:17.43 in the finals. He is coming off a freshman year at Notre Dame in which he helped the Irish placed fourth at the BIG EAST championship, their highest finish ever, and win the

Notre Dame Invitational.

He will become the first mens swimmer from Notre Dame to qualify for a U.S. national team in the 40-year history of the program. Szilier will follow in the footsteps of another Notre Dame swimmer in the World University Games. Erin Brooks capped off her Notre Dame career with a bronze medal in the 200-meter backstroke at the 1997 Games in Sicily.



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VOLLEYBALL

Brown in search of formula for success

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

For women's volleyball head coach Debbie Brown, it's time to rebuild her team.

Again

Two years ago, Notre Dame graduated one of the strongest classes in the school's volley-ball history — a team that boasted a 25-9 record and a trip to the Sweet Sixteen. Now, what may hurt the Irish the most is the loss of last year's seniors Jaimie Lee and Angie Harris, who were considered by many experts to be one of the top classmate combinations in NCAA history.

"I think it's a situation where you can't just replace a senior class like that," Brown remarked. "There's no magic equation you can use to plug

Still, the Irish amassed one of the strongest incoming classes in recent memory, with five players strong enough in their positions to pose a threat to the returning starters. At the same time, each has enough versatility to step into other positions as needed.

The class is led by Marcie Bomhack, the most heralded and honored of the newcomers. Bomhack, who hails from Waukesha, Wisc., was named to the Volleyball Magazine honorable mention All-American squad with just 23 other players. In her senior year at Catholic-Memorial High School, she led her team to the 1997 state title, while setting school records for

career kills (1301) and blocks (255). She was also recently named a national "Fab-50" selection.

"The first thing that stands out about Marcie is her hitting skills." Brown stated. "She also is a very good blocker and has experience playing every position in the front row."

Malinda Goralski, also a Fab-50 selection, led her team to the '97 regional title, earning team MVP and all-state honors in the process. In her senior year, the Missouri City, Texas, native posted a .440 hitting percentage while committing just three service errors over the course of 39 matches.

"Malinda is a good natural blocker who has very large hands and jumps well," Brown said about the middle blocker. "She does a great job of penetrating through the net, whereas most players tend to go straight up. Malinda also moves well laterally and just loves to block. That's something you have to have if you are going to be a good blocker."

Kristi Kreher, after making a verbal commitment to Notre Dame in February of 1997, finished her second year as team captain for a Marian High School team that was ranked fifth in the state of Michigan.

As a junior, she was named the team's MVP after earning her second straight all-state recognition. By the start of the season, she will probably provide support as a right-side hitter

"We are very excited with the versatility that Kristi will provide," Brown remarked on Kreher. "She is a classic rightside hitter but can go on the left if we need her to. She has a great left-handed swing and plays well in the back row. She'll be an important player for our program."

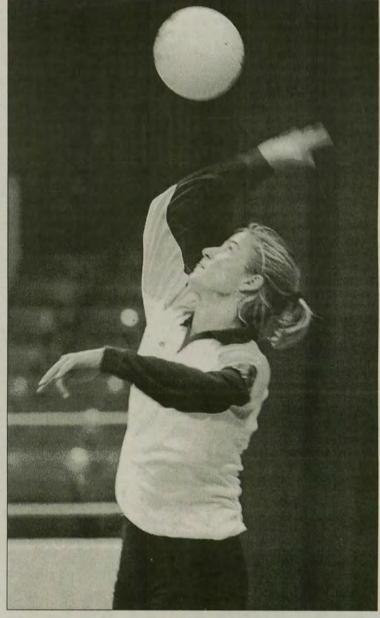
Two late transfers round out the new class for the Irish. Michelle Graham, a native of Austin, Texas, and a transfer from the University of Oregon, will take the back-up position for setter Denise Boylan while sophomore Lauren Stettin rehabilitates after back

"Michelle has helped us tremendously throughout the practices," Brown commented on the transfers. "She's a very good setter who's extremely competitive. That allows for us to have really competitive practices and scrimmages this season."

Emily Tarpoff, a transfer from the U.S. Air Force Academy, suffered a torn ACL on the first day of practice and is expected to be out for the entire season.

While the returning players offer a wealth of talent and experience, Brown expects that the incoming class will be put to the test right off the bat.

"I think they all will definitely make an impact on our team. It's too early to say right now whether any of them will start this year, but they will definitely get a lot of playing time as the season goes on."



The Observer/Joe Stark With the graduation of outside hitter Jaimie Lee, the Notre Dame volleyball squad will be counting on a team effort to fill the void.

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might come in the persons of Shane Walton, Matt Russo, and Tim Storino all members of the Class of 2002.

'We've created an environment where the team is committed to a strong work



Senior forward Ben Bocklage (left) and Phil Murphy hope the Irish return to their Big East championship form of 1996.

ethic," explained head coach Mike Berticelli. "And not just for the freshmen, but for everyone [on the team].

By stressing this goal equally among the freshmen as well as the upperclassmen, the new members of the squad are gaining the same experience as the upperclassmen. Being able to count on Walton, Russo and Storino places Berticelli in an

easier position when it comes to filling out the lineup card.

Almost as if it had been planned, the freshmen now have the opportunity to get game experience due to the early injuries of captain Matt Johnson and Reggie McKnight at midfield, and Griffin Howard at defense.

'This is a good reason to get them out there,' said coach Berticelli on the role that the freshmen now have as the season comes to a start.

"It's real important for the team that I step up with Howard out," commented freshman Tim Storino. Selected as one of the top defenders in Illinois by the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun Times, Storino is quickly making his name known on the college level.

"I never expected it,"

said Storing on gaining playing time this early in his career. "But the upperclassmen, especially [captain] Phil Murphy are taking me under their wing, making it all pretty easy

Fellow freshman Shane Walton's experiences have been much the same thus far, as the forward is looking to gain time early on due to the injuries.

'Walton is a fast, athletic forward that has already established himself on team,"

Berticelli, The

raw ability of the southern California native, coupled with the transition to the Irish system, will produce a freshman whose only bench time may be before the games start.

Completing the triumvirate is Matt Russo, whose good preseason effort gives the Irish continued confidence at the midfield spot. He too will see additional playing time early on as the upperclassmen

The men's soccer squad will be dependent on its veterans as well as explained coach its newcomers as it looks to utilize depth in the 1998 campaign.

recuperate from minor injuries.

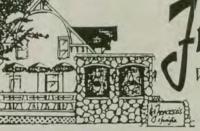
It is often said that pressure situations are the best way to gain knowledge and experience. For this year's squad, this holds true not just for the freshmen, but for the entire team

"Its been a real comfortable adjustment," said Walton, "The seniors and juniors are not just throwing me out there, they're going with me."

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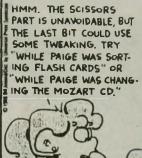




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FOOTBALL

Blue-chippers make transition to campus

By JOE CAVATO Associate Sports Editor

Several weeks ago, they finally

Head coach Bob Davie's recruiting class ranked in the nation's top five, and both he and Irish fans across the nation hope this class will help bring Notre Dame back to its traditional football standards

"The first day of freshman practice is probably one of the most exciting events for the coaches," Davie said when the

freshmen reported for their first workout Aug. 10. "You're kind of like little kids at Christmas. You've had those packages there, they're wrapped, you've heard all the good things that are inside those packages.

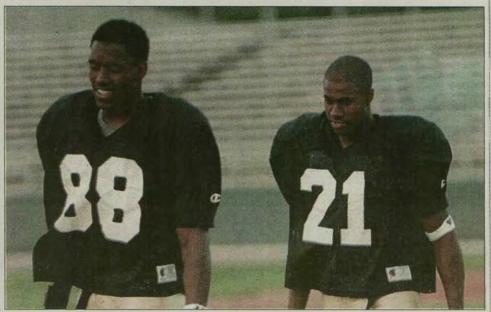
For almost two weeks, those athletes have been trying to make the jump from the high school ranks - where most of them were the best on the field -to Division I football, where opponents and teammates have the same personal accolades they received.

And now, with freshmen orientation

weekend upon them, the players have to start worrying about finding their classes, finding creative ways to get the most space out of their dorm rooms, getting used to the dining hall, and finding out what the heck a graffiti dance is.

But those adjustments are just a handful of the transitions they are mak-

ing.
"It's a growing experience in every facet," Davie said after last Monday's practice. "This is not a whole lot like what Notre Dame is as being a student here.



Veteren flanker Bobby Brown (88) shows freshmen wide receiver Javin Hunter the ropes durning the two-a-day practices this week as the Michigan game is just two weeks away.

These kids are coming out here going about 16 hours a day all football, they're sore, they're confused a little bit, they get thrown into this before they ever step onto that campus for a class. It's a huge transition.

With football, a key difference from other sports teams is that they are thrown into practice before they receive their class schedules.

'You look at college basketball and

kids come in and their students for a month and they kind of ease into the college lifestyle," Davie said. "You always worry because in recruiting you sell the University and academics and a certain lifestyle. When they get here those first couple of weeks are different from what they may have bargained for, they're thrown into the fire right away." In efforts to help the freshmen get

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MEN'S SOCCER

Head coach Bob Davie looks over some new weapons which

he hopes will help the Irish rebound from last season.

The men's soccer squad will look to the Class of 2001 to provide some scoring punch to fill the void left by year's top two scorers.

Freshman could see immediate action

By ANTHONY BIANCO Sports Writer

Contrary to the norm, learning the game from the sideline is not what the incoming freshmen are being called on to do. Instead, the Irish soccer squad is counting on a couple of them to gain their experience on the playing

Last year's loss of Notre Dame's top two leading scorers, seniors Ryan Turner and Bill Savarino, left the Irish questioning who would lead the team to the net for the 1998 campaign. Early on, it became apparent that the answer for the Irish

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Notre Dame returns solid lineup

By ALLISON KRILLA Associate Sports Editor

With nine starters returning from the 1997 NCAA semifinal campaign, the Notre Dame women's soccer team's four freshmen face a smooth transi-

There are no lofty expectations placed on Elizabeth Wagner, Lindsey Jones, Mia Sarkesian or Kelly Tulisiak, even despite the departure of All-Americans Holly Manthei and Kate Sobrero.

"To expect any freshman to come in and do the things Kate and Holly did is really unreasonable," head coach Chris Petrucelli said. "All of (the freshmen) are going to play an important role on this team. But it's difficult to ask a freshman step into a senior's role.

As the Irish make another run at the NCAA championship, the freshmem can add depth to a

solid and experienced squad. Goalkeeper Elizabeth Wagner finds herself learning the tools of her trade from a master junior all-American LaKeysia Beene. However, Wagner is no slouch in the net, having earned Parade and National Soccer Coaches Association of America High School All-American honors. The Spring, Texas, native was also one of Soccer America's Top 25 high school seniors.



Senior captain Shannon Boxx (left) and the women's soccer squad gear up for their 1998 season,

Freshmen midfielders Lindsey Jones, Mia Sarkesian and Kelly Tulisiak will add depth to a somewhat depleted area of the field, the outside. With Manthei's departure and Kara Brown's move to defense, the freshmen will give the Irish a boost where they need it most.

Jones, a South Bend resident

and John Adams High School product, brings impressive athleticism to the program. Sarkesian delivers a stellar resume from Canton, Mich., where the Plymouth Salem High School graduate also garnered Soccer America Top 25 senior

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