Building into the Millennium

454 new students exceed enrollment expectations

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Sue Mary's Editor

Since the fall of 1996, the fourth and fifth floors of Regnina 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 334.

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

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

ND class of 2002 breaks records for scores, ranks

By SARAH J. HILTZ
Assistant 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 impress.

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 assis­tant director of admissions, Nolan.

Summer construction gives new face to campus

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
The W-word

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

And welcome to the land of welcomes. The infamous W-word has already been injected upon you by freshman orientation commit­tees, half staff 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 and extracurricular activities. This is very discriminating. It may seem productive to strive to conduct ourselves as profes­sionals at all times.

But they surely don't sound at least more appealing than having cavities filled. However, keep in mind 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 AnSCCM community who call, write or e-mail The Observer staff regard­ing events they are planning. We encourage groups to contact us at Assistant News Editor Michelle Krupa, krupa.1@nd.edu.

We suggest, however, in this case the sponsoring group fill out an "Of Interest" form of 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.

Looking for a few good freshmen

Any student 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. Students must submit an application by 1 p.m. the day before the event.

Staff members edit and advise students, and students who contact us at "Of Interest" form of The Observer (freshmen who call, write or e-mail The Observer staff regarding events they are planning) may also take out an advertisement in the paper at our special campus rate.

We understand that there may be 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 to discuss news department coverage of an event, provided a group representative contacts the news editor at least one week in advance.

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

The Viewpress in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
the student body vice president chairs the Student Union Board, which holds a meeting every week. The board has many appointed Student Union officers, including representatives from the Senate, the Hall Presidents' Council and the student alcohol policy program. Recent Board accomplishments include the budget and approve many appointments Student Union officers. The body also has the power to implement rules. Chaired by the student body vice president, the Senate includes one member from each residence hall and an off-campus representative. Among the Senate's recent accomplishments include: • Dining hall reform • Recommendations on student alcohol policy • New gender and diversity education program.
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As described in the previous issue, the new greenhouse and wet labs were limited and in poor shape. We needed a 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, Banu said.

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

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.

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"If we have [new] restaurants, then we're going to add points," Smith explained.

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

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ResNet, cable among technical improvements

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Saint Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary's College is now wired.

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 be 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 a high-speed network. 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 said.

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."
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 Alumni Endowed 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 Mary's as merit scholars. The average grade point average was a 3.54 on a 4.0 scale, and the average ACT score was 25.

Students come from 37 states, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, American freshman enrolled at Saint Mary's. The class of 2002 represents ethnic minorities - the percentage is usually around 7.4 percent from New England. 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 percent. 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. Nalan said the women reflect "the highest expression of the Saint Mary's experience," which is supported by the fact that more than 20 percent of the new students are alumnae-related.

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The class of 2002 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

Real plates, better selection of food, no 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 facility. Prentkowski said the designers tried to recreate the look of a farmer's market, modeling it after the Marchet restaurant in Chicago. These two models integrated variety and customization, which Prentkowski said were among the priorities in revamping the dining hall.

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 served there.

"We didn't want to tie any area into a particular ethnic cuisine," said Prentkowski. Chef's also 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 Asian," Prentkowski noted as an example.

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

Reckers boasts both a Starbucks and a Freshness Yogurt franchise, and students can get anything from wood-fired pizzas to veggie wraps, from smoothies to made-to-order 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 designing the sections, students submitted other suggestions, including "The Max," "The Blue Oyster," "Southern Comfort," and "Diner.

"In a lot of ways we wanted it to be the opposite of The Huddle," said Prentkowski. That motivation led to a design plan that includes tables and bar seating 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.

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 to dine.

The hours at South Dining Hall have been extended by two hours at dinner, which will now be available to students until 9 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 locations.

NOTRE DAME 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.

Followings 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 involved 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 Angel's Cradle performed by Theater Grottesco The School for Scandal.

In addition, FTT will host a residency by Theater 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) 631-5856.

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‘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 parking in Le Mans Hall will be quite a different experience this fall.

Completion of a five-year, 47-bathroom renovation project and the four-week-long repaving of the two-lane 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, black-topped road onto campus leads to more changes, including the newly repaved Le Mans parking lot. The lot has been equipped with gates and a Detect system.

Twenty-five parking spaces have been eliminated from the lot to make room for the gates and same 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 Detect 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 will be compiled 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.

Home is where you pile your boxes ...

Members of the class of 2002 unpacked 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 room.
Below: Steven Ratay fills out forms while waiting to get settled into his Alumni Hall double.
The Viewpoint department provides the opportunity for the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities to share their opinions and reactions to campus, local, national or international issues. The Observer welcomes students, faculty and alumni to print those commentaries which express their opinions.

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IV. All commentaries submitted to The Observer must bear the signature of the author.

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Welcome Class of 2002

Seniors Turn Back the Clock

Some insider advice to freshmen

I can still remember everything almost perfectly. My Dad carried boxes to the second floor of Fallen 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, and not really sure what it takes 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 stand 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.

Preliminary advice to freshmen: I am not the best person to give advice to incoming freshmen. Frankly, I couldn't even be sure the same things that most any- one else will tell you about Notre Dame. That it's an incredible place filled with incredible people. That you'll be 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 your soul 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 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 handle.

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 catch 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 holy, 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 imagine now.

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

That night late at night in my room, stop and think about everything you've done, the people you've met and everything you've experienced. Isn't this what college is all about? No, I'm not saying college will be "the best four years of your life."" College is definitely a lot more than that. I'm sure you're all wondering how to make the most out of college.

First, let me tell you that you can't really plan college. College is hard work. College is a challenge. But college is also exciting. You'll make lots of great memories.

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 you’ll beSet all time.

That battery-powered alarm clocks come in handy during thunderstorms.

That halogen lamps can catch your room on fire.

That students do go to class in four-and-a-half feet of snow.

That you get no studying done on the second floor of the library.

That you need to make time for you and what makes you happy.

That you’re only a freshman once.

Look at it as an opportunity to share your experiences as a Saint Mary’s woman. Enliven them with stories about Saint Mary’s outstanding professors, national acclaim, the rigorous academicm and rewarding student organizations. Remember, also, the art of passing to reflect during the rest of your years here.

Chances are you will be wounded into a dizzying spiral by term papers, assignments, extracurricular activities and exams. But step back yourself. Pull an all-nighter to your roommate. Take advantage of the South Bend weather and build a mid-semester snowman. Put down three chemistry notes for 20 minutes and jog to the Grotto. Take pictures of everything and everyone.

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

Campus Security

For your protection Notre Dame employs a staff of uniformed police officers who provide 24-hour foot and vehicular patrols on the campus property. Additionally, 24 emergency call boxes are spread across campus. To contact the Security Building (directly below on map) from any campus phone, dial 1-5555. For an emergency dial 911. From 8:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. the SafeWalk program provides a free campus escort service; call 634-BLUE.

Computer-User Clusters

To help complete homework Notre Dame features over 500 computers distributed among several locations. These clusters, which support Macintosh and PC platforms, are networked to several laser printers at each location which output work at no charge. Clusters can be found in the following buildings:
- Computer/Math
- DeBartolo
- Fitzpatrick
- Hayes-Healy
- Hesburgh Library
- LaFountaine
- Nieuwland Science
- O'Shaughnessy
- Business Complex.

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 famously known on campus as the Dogbook. This thin, bound black-and-white volume contains the photograph and 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 between back-to-back classes.

Parietals Rules

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Welcome and congratulations on choosing Notre Dame! The information in this handbook could be entirely comprehensive, this guide will answer all the questions, highlight some things you may want to know, and inform you of the opportunities on this rather large campus. Good luck!
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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
Providing direct service to the U.P. Mall in Mishawaka and transfer service to most areas of South Bend, the city bus stops outside the Library (below on map) every half hour Monday–Friday from 7:01 a.m. until 6:31 p.m. and then at 7:40, 8:30 and 9:20 p.m., and stops hourly on Saturday from 7:31 a.m. to 5:31 p.m. Service in this area, Route 7, is not provided on home football Saturdays. The fare is 75c.

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 per-

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:

Football tickets

Alcohol policy

According to du Lac: Student Life Policies and Procedures, "students are responsible for compliance with Indiana Criminal Law regarding alcohol consumption. The University will enter a private residence room for the purpose of enforcing Indiana laws if drinking in such a room becomes public in any way." Public is defined as that which extends beyond the privacy of the room. It clarifies: "No alcoholic beverages may be carried in open containers in the corridors or any other public area of the residence halls such as lounges or lobbies." So keep it in your room.

TIME ZONE
Twice annually, when America adjusts its clocks for Daylight Savings, Arizona, Hawaii, and regions of Indiana do not change; Notre Dame is located in such a region. South Bend keeps its clocks set to Eastern Standard Time year-

HOME FOOTBALL WEEKENDS
As you may have noticed by read-

ing these panels, home foot-

ball Saturdays are a slight departure from status quo in this area. Festivities and activ-

ities abound all weekend. This year's home games are:

How To Make Your Dorm Room Home
Leave all of your carpet remnants behind for a good price. Look for the best price and
usual it's easier and quicker to make the short trek on your own.
7. Remove as much furniture and stuff from your dorm room as possible to make laying the carpet easier.
8. Beg your parents to roll out the carpet in your room.

WHERE TO GO TO GET YOUR CARPET

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Loft building made easy
For those freshmen whose dorm rooms do not include modular furniture with a University-issued 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 similar 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 ratchet 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.

WHERE TO GO TO GET YOUR LUMBER

MENARD'S
355 South West University Drive (Mishawaka)

LOWE'S
4060 Grape Road (Mishawaka)

CIRCLE LUMBER
1218 South Walnut (South Bend)

WICKES LUMBER
14150 McKinley Ave. (Mishawaka)

(LOFT-BUILDING KITS AVAILABLE FOR $110)
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 freshman'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 to start them off with the gold helmet because that's what they came here to wear."

Davie is continuing the tradition of the Big Brother program where a veteran of the Irish football squad pairs up with a freshman who has something in common with.

"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's all our kids trying to help each other because they've all been through this football team in college before."

"We announced the pairings the other night and they had some fun with it," Davie continued. "Our seniors take it pretty seriously, 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 transilnation 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're excited about them."

With the size and talent of players like wide receivers David Givens, and David Hunter, safety Rocky Boiman, linebackers Tyree Harrison and Carlos Pierre-Antoine, and defensive lineman Anthony Wever, 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 reliable. Most of all, they have to be able to hit."

With coach Davie opening discussions with reporters Monday night after practice by comparing it to the problem of stopping the run to President Clinton's problems, development on the defensive side is a priority.

The defensive linemen in the freshman class, Anthony Wever, had been made part of the team despite having a ser-

fered bruise knee.

I'm disappointed he has the setback with the bruise," Davie said "but he's talented. He's a kid at 230 pounds because of his leverage. He's a defensive line 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. 100 excited about him.

If the freshmen 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 what I'm probably most excited about is, I really truly can say if the freshmen, defensive line, they will provide some depth at the right tackle position 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. 100 excited about him."

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These 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. They have the potential to keep a close eye on them."

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Four teammates named finalists for Hermann trophy

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

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 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

Aug. 27 Ohio State
Sept. 1 at Michigan State
Sept. 4 West Virginia
Sept. 6 Pittsburgh
Sept. 11 vs Duke at Chapel Hill
Sept. 13 at North Carolina
Sept. 18 Rutgers

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Women’s Soccer

Sobrero joins team as volunteer assistant

Special to The Observer

Kate Sobrero, former Notre Dame women’s soccer All-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 Goldwall 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.

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 Field.

The athletic department is looking for a PA Announcer for the 1998-1999 men’s and women’s soccer home games. Experience in announcing and knowledge of soccer is preferred. Please call 631-6159 for more information.

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Belles hope incoming class can fill vacant positions

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

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Szilier named to Team USA

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 place fourth at the BIG EAST championship, their highest finish ever, and win the Notre Dame Invitational. He will become the first men’s 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.
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 volleyball 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 Jamie 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 in the gaps.”

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 Krehl, the most heralded and honored of the newcomers. Bombak, who hails from Waukesha, Wis., was named to the Volleyball Magazine honorable mention All-American squad with just 23 other players. In her senior year at Lautical Memorial High School, she led her team to the 1997 state title, while setting school records for career kills (1,301) and blocks (255). She was also recently named a national "Fab-30" 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-30 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 commuting 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 preventing 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 right-side 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 Theone Boylan while sophomore Lauren Siettlin rehabilitates after back surgery.

“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 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.”

With the graduation of outside hitter Jamie 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 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 captains 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 Storino on gaining playing time early on due to the injuries.

"Walton's experience has 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 the team," explained coach 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 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 recover 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. "It's 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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Senior forward Ben Bocklage (left) and Phil Murphy hope the Irish return to their Big East championship form of 1996.
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Happy Birthday! In the next year of your life, Speed some time driving any life's errands. Spiritual growth will make you more appreciative of what you have. An elevating activity like a picnic, dance or romantic evening is in order. Plus, you can make the most of your clothes by adding new items to your closet. Your personal life is on the upswing. Everything together counts and family spending will make your vacation possible (let's hope!). Read out to a newscaster who loves alone. A business alliance flourishes.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be cautious when a new business venture is concerned. Although the road ahead appears clear, there could be pitfalls. Let a romance develop in its own time. Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): New acquaintances may not be all they seem. People who would make a friend. A talent should support a talent.

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Blue-chippers make transition to campus

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

Several weeks ago, they finally arrived.

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 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 work-out Aug. 10. "You're kind of like little kids at Christmas. You've had these 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 making.

"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.

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

Freshman could see immediate action

By ANTHONY BIANCO
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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 field.

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 son of Seoul America's Top 25 high school seniors.

Notre Dame returns solid lineup

By ALLISON KRILLA
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With nine starters returning from the 1997 NCAA semifinal campaign, the Notre Dame women's soccer team's four freshmen face a smooth transition.

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

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

As the Irish make another run at the NCAA championship, the freshmen 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 MaryKay 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 also earned All-America honors.

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 Tieluskis 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 graduate, 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