A New Beginning: The Class of 2003
Admissions officers tout incoming classes as among best in the history of both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's

**Notre Dame class ‘strong’ in test scores, extracurriculars**

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Notre Dame News Editor

In the tradition of recent freshman classes, this year’s freshmen are breaking records. “The Class of 2003 is the strongest and most diverse and most interesting class ever admitted to Notre Dame,” said Dan Saramin, assistant provost for Enrollment. The Class of 2003 boasts a mean SAT score of 1360, up from last year’s record 1325, and a mean ACT of 30, said admissions counselor James Riley. With 43 percent admit in the top five percent of his or her graduating high school class, Riley says this year’s group is a “very strong freshman class.”

But it is a quick to note, however, that “[we’re] not just bringing in students with great numbers.” Approximately 85 percent of this year’s freshmen were involved in community service in high school, 81 percentlettered in at least one varsity sport and 12 percent worked on a high school publication. “We want to maintain the percentage of students that were super-involved in high school,” Saramin said. “I’ll keep my eye on those places.”

**New freshmen help SMC boost enrollment**

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary’s Editor

Four-hundred and thirty first-year students climbed the staircases to their dorm rooms armed with heavy boxes, clunky loft pieces and high expectations for the next four years. And as each step brought them closer to realizing those expectations, each of these 430 freshmen is helping Saint Mary’s reach an expectation of its own — that of higher enrollment.

The 473 incoming students — including 43 transfers — exceeded the College’s goal of 415 enrolled first-year students. It’s an accomplishment that Mary Pat Nolan, director of admissions, is startled about. “We want to have 1575 students enrolled by the year 2005,” Nolan said. “As far as incoming students are concerned, we are right on target to reach that goal.”

The class of 2003 also boasts higher GPAs and test scores than the most recent classes, and they claim two National Merit Finalists, four semi-finalists and four recommended scholars. Twenty supplementers and eight salutatorians are enrolled.

**Main Building reopens after a two-year renovation project**

By TIM LOGAN
New Editor

For the past two years, the most recognizable building on campus has been gutted, surrounded by fences on the outside and closed to the public. Now its doors are open once again.

After 25 months and $85.7 million of renovation, the Main Building, constructed in less than four months in 1879, has been fully restored to a usable — and visually magnificent — office building. Workers restored many of the public areas to their original states and modernized office suites while installing new mechanical systems and refurbishing the building’s exterior. The project aimed to restore the building and to increase its functionality, said Jim Lyphout, vice president for Business Operations. “It’s more functional now,” he said. “Functionality had deteriorated in some places.”

One of those places was the fifth floor, which had been closed since World War II because of structural weakness. It is reopened and now houses Graduate School offices. Workers also replaced a number of snapped floor beams and stabilized the north annex, which was leaning and pulling away from the rest of the structure.

The cosmetic repairs are the most visible improvements to the building. Artistic details, from the ceramic tile mosaic floors to the elaborately painted ceiling beneath the Golden Dome, give it a grand appearance. Ornate hanging lamps, intricate banisters and other details recreate the original decoration of the Main Building.

Some of the wall decorations were painted over in the 1960s. Workers removed the layers of paint and restored the decorations. “The public areas have been restored to what we think were the original decorations,” said one observer.

Saint Mary’s freshman Nicole Hastings, a LeMans Hall resident, puts her best face forward for her new student ID card. Getting an ID is just one of the many rites of passage which freshmen at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s will make this weekend. For a schedule of this weekend’s events on both campuses, turn to page 2 of The Observer.
Inside Column

Bubble boys and girls

I didn't go to Notre Dame football games as an infant, and my boyfriends weren't embarrassed with the interlocking "ND." In fact, I find it a little weird to consider Notre Dame to visit friends from high school. I almost know about the University was that Chicago-based United Limo bus service had a stop here.

That weekend in February 1995, I quickly acquired Notre Dame is an independent little village easily all my parents' separation worries. My bank was in the student center. I was an infant, and my booties weren't embroidered.

Notre Dame's campus, and the two schools are not just the University, the National and world news came through distance. My bank was in the student center.

For quite a while, I didn't go to Notre Dame until I realized the gathering of minds. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. The Observer staff strive to conduct ourselves as professionals at all times.

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Orientation Weekend 1999

Today
10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Suite Museum of Art tour
1 p.m. official orientation program, Joyce Center
5 p.m. students meet with hall rectors and staff, residence halls
8 p.m. movie Rudy, Eck Visitors' Center
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. coffeehouse featuring jazz, LaFayette Ballroom
10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Graffiti Dance, Step'an Courts (in rain, Alumni Senior Lounge)

Sunday
10 a.m. Barry's for new students and parents, Joyce Center
11:30 a.m. informal hot lunch, Joyce Center
12:15 p.m. Spirit of Notre Dame performances, Joyce Center
2 a.m. - 4:15 a.m. Academic Code of Honor meetings, Washington Hall
7 p.m. - 10 p.m. LaFayette open house

Monday
9 a.m. - 10 a.m. group discussions on academic life, TBA
10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. enrollment, Joyce Center Concours
7 p.m. "Gender Issues: Myth or Reality," Washington Hall

Tuesday
8 a.m. classes begin
5:30 p.m. opening Mass for academic year

A few good freshmen

Today
9 a.m. - noon Information Technology open house, library computer cluster
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. picnic, library green
1 p.m. - 2 p.m. "Life At a Woman's College," Carroll Auditorium
4:30 p.m. Mass for new students, Angela Athletic Facility
7 p.m. orientation group meetings, TBA

Sunday
3:30 p.m. orientation group meetings, TBA
4 p.m. SURV lecture, O'Laughlin Auditorium
5 p.m. - 6 p.m. discussion and question, dining hall
6:30 p.m. STVF lunch at O'Laughlin
8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. Jammin' Shaka, library green

Monday
8:45 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. registration, Regnaburns Lounge
8 a.m. - 10 a.m. football applications and yearbook distribution
2:45 p.m. orientation group meetings, TBA
3 p.m. Health Sererences presentation, Carroll Auditorium
3:30 p.m. "Knowing One Another: The College Experience," Carroll Auditorium
4:30 p.m. fall Eucharistic Liturgy, Angela Athletic Facility

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News department guidelines, policies

Observer Staff Report

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SMC falls to second in 2000 rankings

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

All good things must come to an end.

Ending a five-year marathon run as the top-ranked Midwest Regional
Liberal Arts College by U.S. News and World Report, Saint Mary's fell to number
two in the 2000 rankings.

"To be ranked second among 139 colleges in our cat-

egory by any standard is impressive," said Saint Mary's president Marilou Elford.

Saint Mary's ranked second behind Hillsdale College of
Hillsdale, Mich., a four-year private, coeducational liberal
arts college. Hillsdale ranked second behind Saint Mary's in 1999.

Slipping into second by one

percentage point, the factors

that define the identity of a
college play a large role in
deciding those rankings,

emphasized Elford.

"There are many elements that
define a top school, both
tangible and intangible," she said.

"A single percentage point

between ourselves and the

number one Midwest Regional
Liberal Arts College is minor," she said. "We are pleased with our success and secure in our
direction and congratulate other colleges that are also serving their students well."

Saint Mary's has held a top

10 spot in the rankings since

the survey's beginning in 1986. The only other college to
match Saint Mary's five-
year streak in the top spot of
any category is Susquehanna

University. Saint Mary's tied Susquehanna's record with their 1997-98 ranking.

U.S. News and World Report tabulates the rankings first by

combining results of a reputa
tional survey.

This survey is completed by

1,400 accredited four-year

colleges and universities

which provide the magazine

with educational data about

themselves.

College presidents, provosts, and deans of admission are

asked to rate the schools that

fall into their own categories.

Those surveys weight 25 per-

cent of the final tally.

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Lyphout said. Two additions that were not in the 1879 blueprints are the central air conditioning system and two elevators. The building had no elevators prior to the renovation and will now comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Lyphout said.

Staffers began moving into the building July 1 and had completed the transition by the end of that month. Most of the renovation was finished by the July deadline, but workers are still completing painting, decorations and installing locks. This work will be done by the end of August, Lyphout said.

University staffers in the refurbished building are generally pleased with their new surroundings.

"I think they're incredible," said Joanne Kline, a receptionist in the office of University Relations. "I think all of us who work here have been pleasantly surprised.

Kile, who also worked in the building before the renovations began, noted the improvement.

"Before it was just dark and dreary, and you realized that it was an historic building, but I found it to be somewhat drab with that," she said. "Now it's bright, cheery. It's just a pleasure to be here every morning."

La Fortuné, who works in the cashier's office on the first floor, agreed.

"It's gorgeous," she said. "I just past my expectations of what the building would be like. It's a very nice atmosphere to work in." The project expanded office work spaces and many offices received equipment upgrades. However, there are fewer people working in the Main Building than there were in 1997.

When it closed, the Main Building housed approximately 450 staffers and administrators. Now that number is down to 250. Several administrative offices moved from the Main Building into the newly-converted Grace Hall in 1997. Some of those offices, including Undergraduate Admissions and the registrar, returned to their offices under the dome, but others remain in Grace.

The Main Building also will house classrooms, as it originally did, and some conference rooms.

Another addition is a "Wall of Honor," located on the first floor. The wall names 20 individuals, including Father Edward Sorin, founder of the University, and trustee Donald Kough. According to the plaque, those honored are "exceptional men and women whose contributions to Notre Dame are lasting, pervasive and profound."

There will be a dedication ceremony for the renovated building Monday at 5:15 p.m.

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James Riley admissions counselor

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in the class, which is the first class to break the 3.5 record and enter with a mean GPA of 3.6.

The mean SAT verbal score rose 19 points to 574, and the math score 14 points to 578. "The quality of this applicant pool was definitely stronger," Nolan said.

Part of that is due to the three-tier scholarship program, which is in its second year of existence.

"The scholarship opportunities here are second only to Ivy League," said Saracino. Among the recipients of scholarships, eighty percent of the class will receive financial aid.

Alumnae connections were also crucial to recruiting the freshman class, through the alumnae-endorsed application process, now in its third year.

Each alumna receives one application each year to pass on to a young woman she feels is a match for Saint Mary's.

"This is a wonderful way for alumnae to contribute to the future of Saint Mary's," Nolan said. 

Approximately one-third of the applicant pool was referred to Saint Mary's by the alumnae endorsement program, and in turn, one-third of the incoming freshmen were admitted under the alumnae pool.

"I think that's another strong point of this year, aecording to Riley, "We've really wanted to build the freshman class," she said. "We want to increase the freshman ratio," Nolan said. "At a time where service learning is playing a larger part in the curriculum, the combination is great."

Sunday's presentation will include six members of the South Bend community who will discuss their involvement...
Sunlight illuminates a painting done in the trompe l'oeil style, an architectural device which simulates three dimensional objects on flat surfaces.

**UNDER THE DOME**

*photos by KEVIN DALUM*

They're down to the wire.

Finishing up detailing and construction, craftsmen have been working 12 hours a day, seven days a week to complete renovation of the Main Building before next Saturday's showdown with Kansas.

After 25 months and $58.7 million, the office facility has reopened, welcoming back departments that had relocated to the Hayes-Healy and Hurley Buildings and to Grace Hall during construction.

The Offices of the President and Provost of the University returned to the Main Building, as did the Admissions and Cashier's Offices.

The fifth floor, closed since World War II because of structural weaknesses, provides a new home for the Graduate School offices.

The three original stairways were reassembled after extensive refurbishing.

Members of the Stanford Hall Freshman Orientation committee tour the fifth floor during their lunch hour Thursday.

Scott Emery of Forsey Construction puts the finishing touches on fourth floor ceiling plaster.
New football ticket distribution system begins Monday

By ERICA THESING
Assoc News Editor

A new system for football ticket distribution, begins Monday, replacing a process that raised concerns about safety and trash.

Previously, students camped outside the Joyce Center the night before ticket sales. Last year's crowds left large amounts of debris around the Joyce Center. Administrators and some students complained last fall about rowdy behavior as lines formed at the ticket windows.

Alcohol consumption was also a problem, administrators said.

Thursday, 7 a.m.
• Seniors: Freshmen:
• Sophomores: Freshmen:
• Grad students: Freshmen:
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The new system allows students to camp out in the concourse of the Notre Dame Stadium and utilizes a lottery system for distribution. The system is scheduled over three nights to accommodate each class and graduate students, will begin at 10 a.m. in Gate B of the Stadium. As students arrive, Notre Dame Security/Police will inspect bags and coolers. Food and drink are welcome, but alcohol is prohibited, said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life.

Students will receive a lottery ticket for each ticket application and corresponding student ID. Each person can hold up to six ID cards. The lottery tickets will be distributed until 1 a.m. After 1 a.m. no one will be admitted to the concourse, Kirk said, but students are free to leave at any time.

At 1:15 a.m., lottery numbers will be drawn to create order of ticket purchasing. Distributions will follow numeric order established by the lottery.

Students who do not receive a lottery number between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. will form a line for tickets. Class officers are responsible for the activities that occur on their camp out night, said Michael Murphy, student body president. Murphy said the classes have organized live entertainment, disc jockeys, movies and breakfast. Each class must cover the cost of food and entertainment. Kirk expects the focus of the camp outs away from alcohol.

Use of the concourse and the increased security is a significant expense, Kirk said. He estimated the price tag at several thousand dollars and said that the numerous departments involved will help with the bill. The Athletic department, for example, will provide stadium ushers to assist Notre Dame Security officers.

"I think the expense is something people were willing to take on because it's something of a fun activity," Kirk said.

Murphy said that student government is grateful for the subsidized cost. "This was a way to preserve the ticket campout tradition," he said. "We are thrilled that they let us keep doing it."

However, Murphy is concerned that students will not know about the new process in time. Ticket sales must begin Tuesday because of the Aug. 28 football game. Murphy said it will be especially difficult to reach seniors who are living off-campus.

To spread the word, student government is hanging fliers at several local apartment complexes. Murphy and student body vice president Michael Palumbo spoke to the resident assistant Tuesday about the process and will have representatives at enrollment Monday to answer questions.

Murphy and Palumbo worked with several departments on the new system, including the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of Student Activities, Notre Dame Security/Police, the Ticket Office and the Athletic department.

Seniors will camp out Monday night, with tickets on sale Tuesday at 7 a.m. Juniors and graduate, law and MBA students will camp out Tuesday. Junior tickets go on sale at 7 a.m. Wednesday and graduate tickets go on sale at 2 p.m. Sophomores and freshmen may camp out Wednesday with sophomore tickets on sale at 7 a.m. Thursday and freshmen tickets available at 2 p.m. Thursday.

The seven-game ticket booklet costs $125, payable by cash or check. This price reflects a decrease of about $3 per game from last year's six-game price of $99.

A cameraman from WXYZ in Detroit films students camping outside the Joyce Center last August. Problems with trash and alcohol at last year's camp outs prompted a new system, which begins Monday. This year's camp outs will be inside the Stadium concourse.

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By KEVIN DALUM
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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Representatives of the students, administration, faculty and staff meet biweekly in the Campus Life Council (CLC) to discuss the issues that affect residence life at Notre Dame.

Officially, it is the CLC’s duty to make recommendations to Father Mark Poorman, vice-president of Student Affairs. Poorman is bound to reply in writing within two weeks, stating whether or not he will present the recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

On a broader level, however, the CLC functions as one of the only places on campus where students, faculty members and administrators meet for debate on a regular basis.

“Right away we’ll be having a resolution passed to get some more ATMs (automated teller machines) on campus,” said student body president Micah Murphy, who chairs the CLC.

Other projects may take the length of his term to accomplish, including his proposal regarding the Dever access system in the residence halls.

“We want to make it so that ... males can get into female dorms at a reasonable hour from, say, 12 noon to 10 at night using their ID card — just like a female in that dorm could, and vice versa,” Murphy said.

In addition, the CLC must also be ready to tackle whatever issues appear during the year.

The first CLC meeting is Monday, Aug. 30, at 4:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame room of LaFortune Student Center.

STUDENT SENATE

The Student Senate meets weekly to address the issues facing the Notre Dame student body. Senators represent each residence hall, including one representative for off-campus students.

Student body vice-president Michael Palumbo, who chairs the Senate, already has at least one goal he wants to see accomplished.

“We want ... the senators [to] really represent their dorms — not more or less speak for themselves,” Palumbo said.

He also stresses that a good relationship with the administration is key to an effective Senate.

“If you know where the administration is coming from it helps things out a little,” said Palumbo.

STUDENT UNION BOARD

The Student Union Board (SUB) is the programming body responsible for coordinating concerts, movies and other student activities on campus. In recent years, SUB has brought James Earl Jones, Ben Folds Five, and Ani DiFranco to the Stupan Center, in addition to dozens of speakers and weekend events. Bradford Marsalis performed in conjunction with the 1999 Collegiate Jazz Festival.

Senior Ross Kerr heads up SUB this year.

Funding for SUB and its programming comes from the general Student Union budget.

SAC President Nancy Midden works with groups such as SAB to increase participation in hall events and to promote interhall events. SUB is also responsible for planning such campus-wide functions as the all-campus formal, as well as the big sister program.

BOG recently added a technology commissioner, who will concentrate primarily on integrating the student government network with the student network to increase publicity of campus events.

STUDENT ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The Student Academic Council includes one representative from each department, and, according to student body vice president Angie Little, is the only organization that touches every woman at Saint Mary’s.

“Basically, our overriding goal this year is to create a mission statement, because we feel very strongly that every woman at SMC is actually a member of SAC,” said Little, who serves as chairwoman of the council.

The first SAC event of the year will be held on that theme. This event, scheduled for Sept. 5, includes pizza and skills for first-year students, hosted by the various boards on campus.

“We want first-year students to walk in and say, ‘This is something I’m already a part of,’ ” said Little.

Little and Midden are also involved in expanding the Maker of the Week program, which Little termed a “great success.” MCG is also in the midst of planning a time capsule for Saint Mary’s Pride Week, as well as a proposed “re-entry” program for students returning from a semester or year abroad.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

The Residence Hall Association functions under the auspices of the Board of Governance and acts as the programming body responsible for issues concerning hall life. Holy Cross Hall resident Rose Latzko will serve as president of RHA this year.

The Association aims to increase participation in hall events and to promote interhall events. RHA is also responsible for planning such campus-wide functions as the all-campus formal, as well as the big sister program.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

The fourth prong of Saint Mary’s student government is the Student Activity Board, which handles the programming for most campus-wide events. In addition to funding, SAB must also plan and promote events, such as SMConstat and the Jamaica Shaka, and the numerous concerts and speakers.

“We just want to basically provide fun events in a variety of different media (such as) bands, speakers and plays,” said senior Janet Horvath, who is beginning her second year as president of SAB.

“We’re trying to appeal to a wide range of students through different activities,” she added.

The 13 members of the board are chosen through an application process.
1999 NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL TICKET CAMPOUT

WHEN IS CAMPOUT AND WHEN DO TICKETS GO ON SALE?
- CLASS OF 2000: CAMPOUT MONDAY, AUGUST 23RD, TICKETS ON SALE TUESDAY, AUGUST 24TH AT 7:00 AM
- CLASS OF 2001: CAMPOUT TUESDAY, AUGUST 24TH, TICKETS ON SALE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25TH AT 7:00 AM
- GRAD/LAW/MBA: CAMPOUT TUESDAY, AUGUST 24TH, TICKETS ON SALE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25TH AT 7:00 AM
- CLASS OF 2002: CAMPOUT WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25TH, TICKETS ON SALE THURSDAY, AUGUST 26TH AT 7:00 AM
- CLASS OF 2003: CAMPOUT WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25TH, TICKETS ON SALE THURSDAY, AUGUST 26TH AT 7:00 AM

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For all three nights, Notre Dame Stadium Gate B will open at 10:00 PM and close at 1:00 AM. Upon arrival, bags and coolers are subject to search by ND Security. As students enter the gate, they will be given a lottery ticket for each ticket application and student I.D. shown. The limit for one person again is six lottery tickets. The campout will occur in the Notre Dame Stadium concourse.

At 1:00 A.M. the stadium gates will be locked. A Lottery Number will be drawn at 1:15 A.M. to determine who will be the first student in line. For instance, if number 59 is drawn in the lottery, the student holding number 59 gets the first pick. The line would proceed as follows: 59, 60, 61, etc. with number 59 being 200th in line. Gates will reopen at 6:00 A.M.

Please note, no entry or re-entry into the stadium by students is permitted after 1:00 A.M.

For all students not receiving their Lottery Number between 10:00 P.M. and 1:00 A.M., Lottery Numbers will be distributed beginning at 6:00 A.M. Also at that time, lines will be formed in groups of 200.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR CAMPOUT:
- 10:00 PM Entertainment commences.
- 1:00 AM Live or recorded entertainment concludes.
- 1:15 AM Ticket lottery begins.
- 1:30 AM Movie begins to play.
- 6:00 AM Students begin to lineup for tickets

WHERE DO I GET MY APPLICATION?

Applications for on-campus residence students will be distributed by your rector. Applications for off-campus students may be picked up at the Joyce Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M., beginning August 18th. You must have an application to participate in the lottery.

For more information, please call your respective Hall President/Senator or Hall Council Member, or call the Student Government Office at 631.7668.
SMC permanently joins MIAA

After two years as part-time member, College joins MIAA in full

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary’s Editor

Coming in the wake of Notre Dame’s Big Ten decision, Saint Mary’s campaign for permanent membership in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) may have been overshadowed. But the spring decision by the MIAA President’s Council to accept the College as a permanent member brings Saint Mary’s into the academic and athletic spotlight.

The move ended Saint Mary’s two-year provisional membership in the oldest collegiate athletic conference in the United States. Other MIAA members include Adrian, Albion, Alma, Calvin, Hope, Kalamazoo and Olivet colleges.

The decision gives Saint Mary’s no advantage in recruiting and competition opportunities within the conference, said acting Athletic Director Jim Cook.

"We aren’t here to be anyone’s doormat."

Jini Cook
acting Athletic Director

Saint Mary’s, with two academic All-American teams last year, ranks near the top academically in the conference.

“We compete in the classroom and we compete on the field,” said Cook. “Several MIAA colleges had academic All-American teams last year, as we did. Saint Mary’s is definitely a positive addition because of that academic reputation.”

Cook said that she has already seen the benefits of conference membership on recruiting.

“We have several strong freshmen coming in who will make an immediate impact in every sport,” she said.

Stronger and more effective recruiting efforts may improve team rankings within the MIAA. As provisional members, the Belles finished in third place in volleyball and tennis, fourth place in golf, fifth in soccer, softball and track, sixth in swimming, eighth in cross country, and ninth in basketball during the 1998-99 seasons.

"Every sport should see improvement athletically and academically this year,” Cook said. "I think that we have proved that we are real contenders in this conference and we aren’t here to be anyone’s doormat.”

Permanent membership also will help athletics become a bigger priority for the College. Six new tennis courts are part of this year’s plans.

"The students, the administration and prospective students are creating this demand,” said Cook.

MIAA member schools
- Adrian College
- Albion College
- Alma College
- Calvin College
- Defiance College
- Hope College
- Kalamazoo College
- Olivet College
- Saint Mary’s College

Saint Mary’s is the fourth MIAA member to add baseball to the slate of varsity sports.

Hesburgh receives two more degrees, tops list with 141

Special to The Observer

The record number of honorary degrees awarded to University president emeritus Frater Theodore Hesburgh continues to grow.

The president emeritus of Notre Dame received honorary doctor of humane letters degrees from the State University of New York, Utica/Home, on May 8, and from Connecticut College on May 29.

The two new honorary doctorates bring his total to 141, the most ever bestowed on one person, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

One of the 20th century’s leading figures in higher education, public service and the Church, Hesburgh served as Notre Dame’s president from 1952-87. His 35-year tenure included the transfer of governance from the founding religious community, the Congregation of Holy Cross, to a predominantly board of trustees in 1967. Notre Dame also began admitting women to the undergraduate program in 1972 under his tenure.

Since his retirement, Hesburgh, 82, has continued to advance the interests of several Notre Dame academic institutes. He serves on the boards of national and international organizations, writes articles and delivers speeches. He serves on the board of the United States Institute of Peace — his 15th presidential appointment — and was presented an honorary doctorate from Harvard University Board of Overseers from 1994-96.

Highlighting the lengthy list of awards to Hesburgh is the Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor, bestowed on him by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

On May 25, his 82nd birthday, he was nominated for the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor awarded by Congress.

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Bertelli loses cancer battle

Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame's first Heisman Trophy winner, died June 26 of brain cancer. He was 78.

Bertelli's college football career was cut short when he went into the Marine Corps in 1943. His career with the Irish was successful, yet short-lived, and he won the Heisman after playing only six games of the season.

The Heisman Trophy has been awarded to a record seven Notre Dame players since its creation in 1935. Bertelli won the Trophy on Nov. 27, 1943, while in boot camp at Parris Island, SC. He was a first-team All-American in 1942 and 43 and as a junior was Frank Leahy's first T-formation quarterback. He helped the 1943 National Championship team average 43.5 points a game and in 1972 was elected to the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame.

He played professionally for Chicago and Los Angeles of the All-America Football Conference for three seasons prior to a knee injury that ended his promising career.

Bertelli was born in West Springfield, Mass., and graduated from Notre Dame in 1944.
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National Science Foundation honors engineering profs

Special to The Observer

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has granted four University junior faculty members of the College of Engineering with Faculty Early Career Development (CAISE) awards. Recipients include Nikos Chrisochoides, assistant professor of computer science and engineering; Patrick Fay, assistant professor of electrical engineering; Vincent Freh, assistant professor of computer science and engineering; and Yavuz Kurama, assistant professor of civil engineering and geological sciences.

The CAISE program emphasizes professional development, research, and education. Proposals submitted by candidates must feature groundbreaking research and educational opportunities for students.

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Steven Bass, computer science and engineering chair

Past recipients include Jay Brockman, Danny Chen, Andrew Lumsdaine and Zigang Deng of the University of Arizona.

For his project, he will develop algorithms and software that will create a database of earthquake records so that the appropriate data arrive in the right place at the right time in order to accommodate the increasingly faster computer processors.

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What they forgot to tell you during Freshmen O

Over the next few days you, the class of 2003, will be subjected to all forms of advice. You will have read reports, presentations and prejudice reduction workshops. You will meet with your rectors, assistant rectors and resident assistants. You will list for you all of the Trustees and other important alumni that make sure that you don’t get a month’s worth of turnover worse than the Gross National Product.

This is all true. But, what follows is not nearly so serious. It simply exalts an idea to you. Student life at Notre Dame can be a war for survival. You will begin to realize how everything really tastes the same and how, oddly, none of it tastes like chicken.

There is a reason that they dim the lights during the candlelight buffet — Saturday night after a home football game — and it is not for ambiance. It’s because the “Blue Witch Project” was scary and hard to watch. Just try to see what you are eating.

Occasionally, Food Services will try to spice things up by handing out twinkies and dressing dining hall workers like clowns. But do not be fooled by the carnival atmosphere. This food is no more fun than the last food.

The best weapon against such biological warfare exists in the form of a labor union. Burger King and stealing food from your roommates’ care packages. Second, do not EVER utter the sentence, “The weather up here isn’t bad.” The Weather can bear you and will punish you for your infidelity.

The Weather in South Bend, while right now a soothing 168 degrees with a heat index of 230 degrees, will very quickly turn into your worst enemy and the bane of your existence.

The first days that the clouds roll over the sky will feel like a warm fall shower. But when you wake up to the 77th day of a sunless existence and look out your window to see the snow piled up over the roof of the library and then you realize that the temperature is below that of the dark side of the moon — you will be sorry that you angered The Weather.

(Not avoiding comments about The Weather will very likely prevent the apocalypse of winter, but it couldn’t hurt.)

This is a fight that you cannot win. I don’t care how close you are with Father Hesburgh. No one turns off the South Bend alarm machine. The best that you can do is to hold up in your dorm room where the heater keeps everything at a balmy 451 degrees Fahrenheit.

Third, do not torture too often into the Bookstore. It will take your soul, if they don’t have a lien on it already.

Sure, the new building is pretty and spacious. But the prices still pay their biology and math books on level with the purchase price for the Washington Redskins. If you do not procure with caution you could come out of this evil place wearing plaid ND pants, an alumni-type golfing cap and carrying a dump truck full of massive books that cost you three pints of blood in exchange to get you there. It happens.

Fourth, do not cross the stadium ushers. They are not depu- tized agents of the law, but they think they are. If you try to keep a food vendor from being strangled into the stands, they will hunt you down and wrestle the pigskin from your dead hands if need be. These guys are not kidding — and neither am I.

You are, for the most part, underage and we all know how good Notre Dame students are about underage drinking. So, we KNOW that you won’t be drinking before or after the game. But just for future reference, don’t bring anything to drink into the stadium. I don’t care how thick your coat is or how many pockets it has. They have guys that patrol the press box with binoculars — watching you. If you think I am joking, look at Malloy’s box during the Kansas game. You’ll see the guy.

Fifth, be careful what advice you take from someone in your dorm. Most of them will not go to many classes. My RA passed his four-class-a-week schedule on the bulletin board as proof of his lifestyle. Trust me on this one: you do not want to fall into the trap of constantly sleeping through classes. It is a hard habit to break — one that might get you a fifth year or a sub-3.0 GPA.

Sixth, a few random self-explanatory points:

Do not run naked around campus.

Do not drink running around campus unless you are wearing running shoes and are in good enough shape to finish your trip without stopping to the bushes to hide from the Campus Security.

Do not drink a half bottle of Jack Daniel’s unless you need a visual aid in trying to remember what you ate for every meal since 1990.

Do not treat ex-girlfriends or ex-boyfriends too badly. This is not Notre Dame — you may end up catching them in a Spanish class.

Finally, and most importantly, do not take yourself too seriously. No one will like you and they will all talk about you behind your back.

I hope that some of these things will help you to prepare for the battle to come:

Remember to keep your head down as you walk to class. You won’t be able to look anyone in the eye anyway because they all do it, too. You will remain in the food stadium until the alma mater is played. The last four words of the song are “Love thee, Notre Dame.” If you don’t learn any of the rest of this song, you better know this line so that you can shout it at the top of your lungs after having mumbled-murmured over the rest.

Now for the real, serious piece of advice. This school will only give you what you put it into.

Now for the real, serious piece of advice. This school will only give you what you put it into. If you spend all your time studying and reading and going to classes, you will leave with a solid 4.0 and no social skills. If you spend all your time in extracurricular activities and hanging out, you will leave before you graduate. You have to find a balance between a few good clubs or sports that interest you and actually making it to class to survive this war.

Notre Dame is an experience in and of itself. To get it, you have to really immerse yourself in what’s going on around you. Not a hard thing to do without a car to get off campus.

Matthew Loughran graduated in 1998 with a bachelor’s degree in government and international relations. He also served two years as an associate news editor for The Observer. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
LETTERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Poorman offers blessing

I would like to extend to you a warm welcome and a blessing to all of us who work in the Division of Student Affairs at Notre Dame—the Offices of Alcohol and Drug Education, Campus Ministry, the Career Center, Counseling Center, Health Services, International Student Affairs, Multicultural Student Affairs, Residence Life, Security, Student Activities, Student Residences and the staffs of your residence halls. Although we provide a variety of services, we share a common desire to do everything we can to help facilitate your intellectual, spiritual and personal growth.

We extend a special welcome to our new students—first-year students, transfer students and new graduate and professional students. We welcome back the sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as the returning graduate and professional students. As community, we draw our strength from the unique and diverse gifts offered by each of you. We hope that all of you—both those who are new and those who are returning—will be able to achieve the goals you set for yourselves this year.

I hope that I will have the opportunity to come to know as many of you as possible in the months ahead. Until I am able to greet you in person, please know that you have my very best wishes for a year filled with all God’s good blessings.

Rev. Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C.  
Vice President for Student Affairs  
University of Notre Dame  
August 18, 1999

Eldred explains College Master Plan

To those of you who are new students—welcome! And to those of you who are returning to Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame—welcome back to the start of a new academic year. Fall is always a time of great excitement on our campus, but this year is special in many ways. Saint Mary’s College has much to celebrate as we begin the 1999-2000 school year. We are welcoming 430 women as first-year students, making the Class of 2003 one of the College’s largest in recent years. Our incoming first-year students are remarkable not only in quantity, but in quality. Among them are a significant number of high school valedictorians, and the high school GPAs and SAT scores of this group are even higher than those of their predecessors.

Returning students to Saint Mary’s will note some positive changes on campus. They’ll find renovations in many residence halls and important upgrades in classroom technology. Among the most exciting improvements is the new Trumpeter Computer Cluster, now available for student use in the Cowlwood-Loggins Library. Perhaps most significantly, over the summer our Board of Trustees approved the Saint Mary’s College Master Plan. The Plan is a bold outline for campus expansion and renovation that will perpetuate the beauty of our campus while adding much-needed teaching, meeting and social space. Our students participated actively in the conception of the Plan, and both current and future students will benefit from its implementation over the next several years.

As I begin my third year as President of Saint Mary’s College, I am struck more than ever by the energy, spirit and intelligence of the women we serve here. I wish all of you the very best as you embark on this phase of your academic career!

Marlous Eldred  
President  
Saint Mary’s College  
August 18, 1999

LETTER FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Don’t miss out on first week of ND activities

Welcome back Domers! We would like to extend a special welcome to our first-year and transfer students. We are sure that you will find campus an enjoyable place to call home. While you are here, please take advantage of all the activities available (particularly those on a Monday night)! Seniors camp out for football tickets. Tuesday is the Opening School Mass, after which we will have residence hall and off-campus pictures in the Stadium, a picnic dinner, live entertainment and a fireworks show outside DeBartolo Quad. Tuesday night is also the new football ticket campout for juniors and seniors. Wednesday is when sophomore and freshmen can pick up their lottery tickets and sleepover in the Stadium.

On Thursday evening, Dillon Hall will present their annual pep rally. On Friday, there will be another pep rally in the Stadium with a special guest speaker. On both Thursday and Friday, be on the lookout for SUI’s “Welcome Week” activities from 4-7 at Fieldhouse Mall. To top off the week, the Irish take the field against Kansas in the Eddie Robinson Classic. It’s going to be a jam-packed week—we can hardly wait!

Of course, there will be many opportunities to participate in campus activities as well as join clubs and organizations throughout the year. But by participating in the first week of events, you will get a chance to meet new people, reminisce with old friends and take part in activities unique to Notre Dame.

Mica Murphy  
Student Body Vice President  
Michael Palumbo  
Student Body Vice President  
August 18, 1999
ORIENTATION WEEKEND '99

TOBACCO POLICY
In accordance with an administrative directive issued seven years ago, all buildings on the Notre Dame campus are smoke-free. This ban extends to the seating area of Notre Dame Stadium. Ash cans are provided outside most buildings for the convenience of smokers. Cooperation is appreciated.

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Welcome and congratulations on entering this new period of your life. To ensure your introduction could be entirely comprehensive, this guide will answer a few questions, highlight some things you may want to know and help you enjoy your time on this rather large campus. Good luck!
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Activities Night
A thorough opportunity to explore the wide range of campus organizations occurs Aug. 31 from 7-9 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 to answer questions and register prospective members.

Dining Halls
Students who live in residence halls can choose between the basic 21-meal plan and the Flex 14 plan, which allows students to eat 14 meals per week in the dining halls and get 20,000 points ($200) for use in various eating stops around campus. Excluding finals and vacation weeks, dining hall hours are: Breakfast...7 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 p.m. Grab 'n Go... 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Note: South Dining Hall remains open until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Football Tickets
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Police arrest another Husker

◆ Sixth year senior sexually assaults two girls

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. Nebraska receiver Shavon Higgins was arrested Friday and charged with sexually assaulting two 14-year-old girls outside a foster home.

Higgins, 24, and another man, Floyd Brown, 22, were accused of fondling the girls late July 25 or early July 26 in a camper in the driveway of the home, Sheriff Terry Wagner said.

The arrests followed a three-week investigation. Wagner said a third unidentified man involved in the incident has not been arrested.

Both men posted bonds of $10,000 and were released from jail.

Sexual assault of a child is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

Higgins, a senior who was granted a sixth year of eligibility, was indefinitely suspended from the team.

"It's unfortunate certainly for Shavon and all of us," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. The arrest "shocked us all, but we'll just have to move forward."

Wiggins, also a kick returner, was recruited in 1994 but sat out while gaining academic eligibility. He redshirted in 1995 and played the last three years.

He's best known for when he kicked a field goal at the goal line was caught by teammate Matt Biondi as the Cornhuskers rallied to beat Missouri.

Green Bay sends Mirer packing

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. The New York Jets, still seeking a backup quarterback, obtained Rick Mirer from the Green Bay Packers on Friday for an undisclosed draft choice.

Miker is expected to compete with Scott Zolak, signed as a free agent from New England, and Bay Lucas for the job as Vinny Testaverde's backup.

Miker, the former Irish quarterback, joined the Packers last Sept. 2 and was the Packers' third quarterback for 12 games, moving up to No. 2 when Doug Pederson was injured. This season, Pederson left for Philadelphia as a free agent, but the Packers deemed Mirer expendable because of the progress made by Matt Hasselbeck and rookie Aaron Brooks.
Irish tennis squads to compete in co-ed championship

The Notre Dame men and women's tennis teams have been selected as one of 16 schools to participate in the first-ever co-ed intercollegiate national tennis championship.

The event will take place this fall at the WingspanBank.com/WTT National Collegiate Tennis Championships, Oct. 1-3, at Stanford University.

The Irish will face fourth-seeded UCLA on Oct. 1, at 2 p.m., at the Taube Family Tennis Center.

Notre Dame received one of seven regional slots while the remaining nine teams were selected at-large based on combined season-ending Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings. The championship will use the World Team Tennis format that features teams comprised of two men and two women. Each team will play five sets, with one set each of men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

One point is awarded for each game won in the five sets.

The Irish will enter two of the top men and women's players in the field: senior Ryan Sachire and junior Michelle Dasso.

Sachire finished the 1998 season ranked fifth, while Dasso finished 12th.

Notre Dame joins Stanford as the only two teams in the field with a men and women's singles player ranked in the top 15 of the final 1998 ITA rankings.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

ND’s Riley earns silver medal in World University Games

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Junior Ruth Riley added a silver medal to her trophy case this summer as a member of the U.S. World University Games team.

The Americans fell to host country Spain in the finals 57-48. The U.S. had previously defeated them in the Spanish International Tournament, 56-52.

In the rematch, Spain took advantage of a depleted U.S. squad, playing without three key players including starting guard Brandi McCain. Riley scored 11 points and hauled in seven boards in 12 minutes of action off the bench.

“It’s kind of hard to say anything about the game,” Riley said afterward. “If you look at the stats, we rebounded well. We did a lot of things well but our shooting killed us. Having played them before, knowing how they play and who their personnel is, it’s really disappointing losing to a team you’ve already beaten.”

The U.S. reached the finals with opening round wins over China and South Africa. Riley scored 29 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in the first two games of the tournament.

In the final game of the opening round, the Ukrainians shut down Riley en route to an 81-70 win. Riley was held to just one point and three rebounds.

The Americans bounced back strong against Russia in the semifinals for an 87-79 win.

“T’ve learned a lot here, mostly because you play against so many different kinds of players,” she said. “You have to go up against teams you haven’t scouted and know nothing about their personnel. It’s all just a learning experience overall, and I think it’s made me better as a player and it will help me next year.”

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Freshman Jim Molinaro (70) wrestles Wednesday to gain playing time within a talented and deep defensive line. The Irish finished their summer workouts this week and are preparing for the season opener Saturday against Kansas.

**Summer Vacation?**

*photos by JOHN DAILY*

The Irish football team struggled through two-a-day practices, summer conditioning and hours in the weight room under the watchful eye of strength coach Mickey Marotti.

Irish captain Jarious Jackson executes the option.

Defensive coordinator Greg Mattison makes sure Ryan Roberts gets the point of the new 4-3 defense.

Inside linebacker Anthony Denman takes a break from Wednesday's practice. He begins his first year as a starter and defensive signal caller next Saturday.
CROSS COUNTRY

Deeter, Shay lead Irish runners into 1999 campaign

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

The starting guns will shoot off as a new season begins for the Notre Dame men's and women's cross country teams this fall.

Following a season that sent two athletes to the NCAA Championships, both teams state confidence about the coming season.

The women's squad, fifth in the Big East last season, is led by seniors JoAnna Deeter and Pati Rice. Deeter made a name for herself last season by placing 14th out of 254 runners at the NCAA Championships. She finished the 5,000-meter race in 17:19.3.

Rice led the 1998 squad with consistency. She was the second Irish runner across the finish line in all but one meet last season.

Putting aside her personal goals, Deeter is focused on the team's success this season.

"We definitely have our eyes on winning the Big East championship," Deeter said. "We also hope to be in the top 10 at the NCAAs."

To achieve such improvement, the team is relying on an improved performance from others.

"Alison Klemmer should definitely be our number three runner, then there is a multitude of other people," Deeter said.

"Erin Luby, Bridget O'Brien and Erin Olsen are just a few."

On the men's side, the competition is hot for spots on the varsity team after the graduation of mainstays Antonio Ace, Ryan Maxwell and Tim Engelhardt.

Led by junior Ryan Shay and sophomore Luke Watson, the young team hopes competition for the varsity team will lead to an improvement over last year's third-place finish in the Big East.

"Our top two is pretty well established as myself and Ryan (Shay)," said Watson. "We've got a lot of other guys who can contribute in the top seven."

That includes Marc Striowski, Sean McManus and Ryan Maxwell. There are also many others who can break into the top seven.

Although there is no standout senior on the men's team, the runners are far from short on experience.

Shay competed in the NCAA Championships last season, placing 229th. Watson ran last fall at the Junior World Championships in Belfast, Northern Ireland, placing 34th out of 155 runners.

Both the men's and women's squads begin their 1999 season on Sept. 11, at the Valparaiso Invitational.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Belles swing into second season

By MOLLY McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Although Saint Mary's golf begins just its second year as a varsity sport this fall, head coach Theresa Pekarek is already setting high goals.

"I foresee us being a stronger team than last year," Pekarek said. "There is no reason we can't be competitive for first or second in our conference."

The Belles finished their inaugural season with a fourth-place finish in the MIAC. Improving on that finish is not the only goal Pekarek has for her team.

Decreasing the team's overall stroke average and becoming more consistent rank high on her list of priorities.

Talented incoming freshmen and returning players should strengthen Saint Mary's performance. Four returning starters will provide leadership.

Sophomore Mary Claire Hathaway, who had a stroke average of 99.6, will be a key part of the team.

Also returning are seniors Melissa Nelson and Heather Podraza and junior Kyle Veltri.

Seven incoming students are trying out and getting acquainted with the team.

These freshmen will add the depth Pekarek is looking for.

"The incoming class can play at college level," she said. "They have tournament experience. We have four or five players who can be very competitive in both their freshman and sophomore years."

The Belles begin their season at Brookwood Golf Course against Tri-State on Sept. 1.

Conference play begins with a match at Alma College.

"Tri-State is a sort of warm-up for Alma," Pekarek said.

This season Hope College is likely to prove itself one of Saint Mary's toughest competitors.

The Belles will face the Flying Dutch early on in the season at Hope.

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**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

Irish players star for U.S.

By MIKE CONNOLLY
American Sports Editor

Three Irish seniors—defender Jen Grubb, goalie LaKeysia Beene and forward Jenny Streiffer—gained valuable international experience as members of the 1999 U.S. under-21 national team that won the Nordic Cup with a 2-1 overtime victory over Norway.

The Irish trio played an important role in capturing the Nordic Cup, which is considered the world championship for under-21 teams, after losing to Norway in the gold-medal game in 1998. Streiffer led the team in goals while Grubb and Beene never allowed a goal in three halves of action.

The three team members believe that their experience with the national team will help them play better this year for the Irish.

"It makes you play a lot faster," Streiffer said. "Everyone is so quick on that level. You can hardly get one touch on the ball before someone is nailing you. It makes you think quicker and play faster."

The U.S. team opened the tournament with a 3-0 victory over Finland. Streiffer scored the game-winning goal on an unassisted goal in the 22nd minute. Beene made two saves to record the shutout. Grubb started and played the entire game on the American defense.

In the second round of the tournament, the American offense exploded for three goals while again shutting out the opposition for a 3-0 win. Streiffer assisted on the second goal. Grubb played every minute of what was yet another American defensive gem.

The stifling defense and explosive American offense dominated Denmark in a 3-0 victory that set the stage for a showdown with Norway for the title.

Streiffer added another goal while Grubb and Beene continued their stellar play.

In the final against Norway, Streiffer scored the U.S. from defeat with a goal in the 85th minute to send the game to overtime.

In sudden-death overtime, the U.S. scored six minutes into overtime for the win. Streiffer’s third goal of the tournament made her the leading scorer for the U.S. team.

**BASEBALL**

**ND junior hurlers for America**

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame junior Aaron Heilman led the USA Baseball National Team in wins this summer with a 4-2 record.

In 14 appearances, Heilman compiled a 3.38 ERA, while holding opposing batters to a .270 batting average. Heilman had one of his best games against Mexico. In five shutout innings, Heilman allowed two hits with no walks and six strikeouts to pick up the win.

Heilman’s summer game ended when the U.S. lost in the finals of the National Baseball Congress World Series when the San Diego Stars defeated the U.S. 11-9.

Heilman allowed four runs on six hits and striking out only one batter in 2 2/3 innings. Although not delivering his best pitches, Heilman left the game with a 3-4 lead.

In the eighth inning, with the U.S. leading 9-6, San Diego scored three runs to tie the game before tucking on two more runs in the ninth to win.

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**Men’s Basketball**

Carroll competes with Team USA

Observer Staff Report

Incoming freshman Matt Carroll earned a silver medal in Almada, Portugal, this summer as a member of the 1999 U.S.A. Men’s World Junior Basketball Championship Team.

The U.S. advanced to the championship game with victories over China, 119-59, Greece, 92-87, Egypt, 96-55, Russia, 84-70 and Croatia, 83-62. Spain defeated the U.S. in the championship game for the gold medal, 94-87.

Carroll’s best games came against China, scoring eight points in 12 minutes, and against Egypt, scoring six points in 14 minutes. Carroll also added two steals against China.

Against Egypt, he had a rebound and a steal.

Carroll scored two points against Russia in the quarterfinals and pulled down a rebound and a steal against Croatia in the semifinals.
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7:45 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Announcements

8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The Billy Nix Quarter (jazz and blues)

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this year’s incoming class. Courtney Watson, Chris Yura and Julius Jones are all speedy backs who were highly coveted by many of the top programs in the country.

Watson rushed for more than 1,200 yards and scored 15 touchdowns as a senior. Yura was rated the 73rd best player in the country by the Chicago Sun-Times.

Jones has caught the eye of coaches at camp. Davie predicted that Jones may see playing time as a kick and punt returner this season. The honorable mention USA Today All-American is also a track star. He holds the Virginia state record for the 300-meter hurdles.

Jarious Jackson will have two new big targets this year when Jamaar Taylor and Gary Godsey take the field.

Davie finds Taylor’s receiving ability an asset for the Irish. His catch-making is a skill that earned Taylor a spot on the Chicago Sun-Times list of the country’s 100 best players.

Godsey will battle Jabari Holloway, Dan O’Leary, John Owens and Gerald Morgan for playing time at tight end, but may actually back up Jackson and company at QB.

The USA Today honorable mention All-American also played quarterback in high school and threw for more than 400 yards in a playoff game.

Nick Seita, from Lockport, Ill., will challenge senior Jim Sanson for kicking duties. Seita was rated the number one kicker in the country and was named a Parade and USA Today first team All-American.

Looking to replace Hunter Smith as the Irish punter is Joni Hildbold. He was a first team All-Met selection by the Washington Post.

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Men's Soccer

Irish enter rebuilding year without Walton, 7 starters

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

With the departure of seven starters from last year's 9-6-3 men's soccer team, head coach Mike Berticelli realizes he and his staff have their work cut out for them this fall.

"This season presents a particular challenge to us because it will require a restructuring of our team," said Berticelli, returning for his 10th season as head coach. "We've only been out a couple of days, but this is going to be a challenging pre-season."

Restructuring begins with trying to replace last year's leading scorer, Shane Walton. Walton, a second-team all-Big East selection and Big East all-rookie team member, accepted a scholarship to play football for the Irish.

His 10 goals and seven assists from last year will be missed by the Irish front line.

"It's always tough to lose your leading scorer, especially since he had three years left," Berticelli said. "It's a giant loss and will be difficult to overcome, so we need our current players to step up and fill that void."

Senior forward Ryan Cox, who started all 18 games last year, hopes to pick up where he left off last season. Cox, who had five goals and a team-high eight assists, will team with fellow seniors Andrew Arts and Jason Jarski to add experience up front.

Experience, however, is lacking in the midfield. Junior Connor LaHosn is the only midfielder to have started all 18 games.

Senior Matt McNew will anchor the defense again this season. The second-team all-Big East selection started at sweeper for three seasons.

Competition is fierce in practice as younger players vie for playing time and look to secure starting roles for the Irish.

"Practice has been extremely competitive and the coaching staff in approaching it open-minded," Berticelli said. "Right now, no player has a lock on any position and all the players are aware of that. It has been positive so far and our practices have been high-quality."

Reggie McKnight, Justin Pridmore and Matt Romes all have seen considerable playing time at midfield, but German freshman Andreas Forsterer and Alex Altman are putting pressure on the veterans.

Forsterer led his club team to the Bavarian championship this season, while Altman is a former member of the under-16 German national team.

Stephan Maio, Matt DelDonativis and B.J. Cotter return on defense. Highly-touted freshman Justin Ratcliffe, a member of the under-18 national team, looks to make his presence felt as well.

Evan Oliver is coming off knee surgery, which sidelined him for the '98 season, while fellow sophomore Tim Storino also returns in the backfield.

Fifth-year goalkeeper Gerrick Short was selected as the lone Irish player to make the U.S. team despite missing the past two seasons — most recently with a shoulder injury. Freshmen Greg Tall and Cole Sznabiel will battle Short for playing time this season.

"Gerrick is one of the reasons why our practices have been so competitive," Berticelli said. "He has great leadership qualities and is very motivated. He is one of the most intense players, but even he is fighting for the starting job."

The Irish enter the season ranked sixth in the Big East preseason poll. Notre Dame opens at Northwestern on Sept. 1 and begins Big East play at home against Boston College on Sept. 4.

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**Cross Country**

**Belles return starters**

By KATIE McVOY

Saint Mary's cross country team begins its third year this week on a varsity spot under the tenure of head coach David Barstis.

Belles Season Opener

Saint Mary's vs. Aquinas College

• When: Sept. 9
• Time: 5 p.m.

The Belles finished last season with a sixth-place finish at the MACCA chamionship and ranked eighth overall in the conference.

Belles Season Opener

Saint Mary's vs. Marian College

• When: Sept. 4
• Time: 5 p.m.

The Belles hope to gain strength and consistency at the MACCA championship this year.

**Women's Soccer**

12 freshmen, Milligan begin anew at SMC

By MOLLY McVOY

Saint Mary's soccer team begins this season with rookies on the field and on the sidelines. Head coach Jason Milligan begins his first year as head coach. In addition, the team expects as many as 12 incoming freshmen to join this season.

Milligan will look to both his returning starters and the freshmen to pull together what he said can be a very competitive team.

Belles Season Opener

Saint Mary's vs. Marian College

• When: Sept. 4

Milligan said that he looks forward to a fifth-place finish in the MIAA this year. "We're definitely going to improve on last year," said Milligan. "With this young talent, we'll likely start out strong and keep getting stronger."

Saint Mary's soccer season will provide plenty of opportunities for the Belles to show their capabilities.

They face all of the MIAA powerhouse teams this season, including last year's league champion Kalamazoo early on in the season.

Saint Mary's will also face three of the top 15 teams in the nation.

Belles first game is at home on Sept. 4 against Marian College.

**Volleyball**

Shields brings new leadership to courts

By KATIE McVOY

The Belles' volleyball team looks to serve up excitement this season with first-year head coach Brenda Shields.

Shields isn't unfamiliar with the Saint Mary's courts, however. Acting as an assistant coach last year, Saint Mary's finished with an 11-5 record — good enough for a third-place finish in the MIAA.

Shields said she would like to see the continuous improvement. "There are teams we have not beaten," Shields said. "We'd like to stop it up a level and win."

Saint Mary's welcomes back its entire 1998 roster. Returning senior Agnes Bill will be a key component of the squad. She led last year's team in kills and was named to the first-team All-MIAA. Juhing Bill for a second season are Suzanne Martin and Angie Meyers. Martin led the Belles with 652 assists last year, setting a new school record. Meyers also finished 13th in the country for Division III schools with a new school record of 550 digs as a freshman.

The roster also includes freshman Emily Nhill, sophomore Julie Le Beau, juniors Victoria Butko and seniors Layne Ogbalt and Mary Bodowicz.

With 16 women arriving for tryouts, the Belles could field a powerful squad with added depth.

Regardless of the number of players, Shields expects team work. "Everyone has their own talents," Shields said. "So nobody should have to pick anyone else up."

As a new coach, Shields main goal is to build a strong team that works well together. She has high hopes for the team, but she knows the importance of having a good time.

"Winning is a big factor," she said, "but having fun is also a big factor."

The Belles' 18-game schedule includes five home games, and seven conference games. They open the season at home against Elmhurst College on Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.
Volleyball

Notre Dame set for another run at Big East crown

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

The 29th-ranked Notre Dame women’s volleyball team enters the 1999 season with specific goals: to claim its fifth-straight Big East title and earn a seventh-straight NCAA tournament berth.

“Every year going in, I have pretty high expectations of the team and it’s no different this year,” head coach Debbie Brown said. “Our young players got a lot of experience last year with only one senior and that should make us stronger for this season.”

With only Lindsay Treadwell lost to graduation, the Irish return a strong nucleus which includes preseason All-Big East selection Denise Boylan and Christi Girton. Treadwell, however, led the team in aces, digs and blocks from her middle blocker position. Losing senior Maudie Powell to injury for the season also will be an obstacle.

“I think we have pretty good balance at the positions,” Brown said. “It hurts losing Mandi this year, because we don’t have as much depth at the outside hitter position. All her skills were very good, but we can overcome that and have a very successful year.”

Junior setter Boylan and senior middle blocker Mary Leffers will captain this year’s Notre Dame squad, which is the preseason favorite to claim its fifth-straight Big East conference title.

Junior Jo Jameson is a versatile player who stars at both the outside hitter and middle blocker positions. Jameson and sophomore Marci Bomhack will keys to the Irish success this season.

Adrienne Shimmel, who played in all but one game last season, will serve as both a defensive specialist and outside hitter.

“With a lot of fire, she talks on the court, and if the team is struggling, she can go in and change the nature of the game,” Brown said. “We know that once she goes in, she’s going to give you everything that she’s got, and that’s a real asset for her.”

The Irish also brought in three talented freshmen who will add depth at several positions. Middle blocker Kaitlin McEwen was an all-state selection and district MVP at Bishop Sullivan High School in Louisiana. McEwen led team last season to a bi-district championship and an undefeated district record, amassing 293 kills, 181 blocks, 114 digs and 56 aces.

“Kaitlin is someone who we believe has a very high top end,” said Brown after signing last spring. “She’s going to be able to find a spot right away, and that’s a real asset for her.”

Defensive specialist Janie Alderete and outside hitter Keena Goughlin round out the Class of 2003.

Sophomore Kristy Krisher

Junior Jo Jameson who could see time at the outside hitter position and at middle blocker. She looks to lead the Irish to a fifth-straight No. 1 finish in the Big East.

School in Louisiana. McEwen named to the Big East all-rookie team last season, became the first Irish player named to the USA Junior National Team. She will compete with Emily Schieb for the starting right hitter position this season.

The Irish will open the season with a home match against Valparaiso on Sept. 1 before facing top competition at the Shamrock Invitational which will be held from Sept. 3-5 at the Joyce Center. That field will include sixth-ranked Pacific and 26th-ranked Louisville.

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Women

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internationally experienced players Anne Makinen and Jenny Streiffer.

Makinen is a two-time Hermann Trophy finalist and a member of the Finnish national team.

Her first two seasons in an Irish uniform brought her the Big East championship most outstanding player honors. Makinen is the only player to win most outstanding player honors in consecutive championships.

Streiffer, noted as a talented scorer with excellent passing skills, led the U.S. under-21 team in scoring this summer at the Nordic Cup in Iceland.

She is on pace to become only the ninth woman in history to score 50 goals and tally 50 assists in her career. She also could become only the fourth woman in history to reach 60 goals and 60 assists this year.

At forward, the Irish will need to replace all-time leading scorer Monica Gerardo.

Notre Dame will most likely turn to junior Monica Gonzalez to replace Gerardo. Gonzalez missed the entire 1998 season with an injury but is back and playing strong. Gonzalez was a member of Mexico's World Cup team this past summer.

Senior forward Jenny Heft, who set a single-season Irish record by notching 28 goals last year, returns to the front line for the Irish in her second season of full-time action. Although the Irish have many talented returners, Waldrum will provide freshmen opportunities to contribute.

"We have got a very good group of seven freshmen," Waldrum said. "This is a very athletic group and it is going to improve our team speed. We are going to need two to step in and start for us right away. I think it is a good possibility that the rest of the players are going to come in and play a lot off the bench."

Headlining the group of incoming freshmen are two Parade All-Americans.

Exhibition Game

August 20

Notre Dame 4

Stanford 0

in 1999 before battling sophomore Elizabeth Wagner for the starting position in 2000.

In the midfield, two-time All-American Nancy Mikacenic will push for immediate playing time.

The former captain of the U.S. under-17 team led her high school to the state championship as a senior.

Alice Lovelace is another incoming freshman with international experience having played on the U.S. under-17 and under-18 teams.

Another freshman Kate Morrell, a native of Carmel, Ind., could also see playing time this year in the midfield.

Emily Barnes, Ashley Dryer and Vanessa Pruzinsky will provide depth and push for defensive playing time as Waldrum may experiment with the lineup.
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Waldrum era begins for seventh-ranked Irish squad

Four players named preseason All-Americans

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Entering the 1999 campaign with a new coach, public expectations are at the lowest in six years for the women's soccer team. Despite a number seven preseason ranking, the Irish expect limits to be exceeded this year. Armed with nine returning starters, four preseason All-Americans, and a wealth of international experience, the Irish are poised to make another run in the postseason.

Every year they have a reason to strive for, a Final Four, looking for a possible national championship, head coach Randy Waldrum said.

The former Baylor head coach takes over the Notre Dame program after former Irish head coach Chris Petretelli left to become head coach at the University of Texas. Inheriting an experienced team, Waldrum's transition into his new job was smooth.

"Chris left things pretty full for me here," Waldrum said. "It makes it easier having a veteran team."

The players also are out to prove doubters wrong this year.

"We are ranked seventh this year so I think that we have something to prove," Lakeysha Beene said. Beene is a big reason why the Irish were picked to win the Big East Conference in a preseason poll of conference coaches.

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"Irish players star for U.S."

By David M. Whitley

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FOOTBALL

Freshmen face tougher challenges under Dome

Tailback Jones impresses coach Davie in practices

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Every August a new crop of talented high school football players comes to campus and learns that previous accomplishments mean little in big time college football.

From studying a new playbook and terminology to struggling with a faster, more physical game, the freshmen discover that Notre Dame football is tougher than they ever imagined.

"We're going to push them and make it as hard as we can possibly make it," head coach Bob Davie said. "Because with young players they sometimes don't realize how hard that game really is."

Davie's grueling practices have pushed the freshmen to their limits and beyond as they compete with athletes who have been under the rigorous training for a year or more.

"Conditioning would be the most disappointing thing," Davie said. "I am sure it is not unique here, but in no way were they conditioned the way they need to be. That will be the last time that will happen and they know it."

The higher stresses of the college game resulted in many freshmen injuries. Cornerbacks Albert Poree and Jason Beckstrom have impressed the coaching staff at times but both have been hampered by injuries.

The most heralded freshman coming into camp this summer was Gerome Sapp. The 6-foot, 200-pound safety from Houston, Tex., was a first-team Parade All-American and touted as the top defensive back in the country by many recruiting experts.

Sapp faces a tough fight for playing time this year against A.J. Sanders and Deke Cooper, both returning starters at safety.

The freshman defensive back who impressed Davie the most so far is Glenn Earl. Earl was named a USA Today honorable mention All-American and a first-team all-state pick by both the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Sun-Times.

At linebackers, the Irish welcome Justin Thomas and Pat Ryan to the team. Ryan was named an honorable mention All-American by USA Today. Thomas is another honorable mention USA Today All-American who chose to sign with the Irish.

Thomas was another honorable mention USA Today All-American who chose to sign with the Irish. Oklahoma's Defensive Player of the Year was rated one of the top ten defensive ends in the country according to The Oklahoman.

On the defensive line, Darrell Campbell, Cedric Hilliard and Jim Molinaro added depth to an already talented unit.

Campbell and Molinaro were both named honorable mention All-Americans by USA Today while Hilliard was honored as a first-team All-American and rated the fifth best player in the country by the Sporting News.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Irish have five new linemen to open holes and protect quarterback Jarious Jackson.

Nel Ambron, Brennan Coutin, Jeff Faine, Ryan Gillis and Sean Milligan make up the best group of freshmen offensive linemen in the country.

Ambron and Coutin were named honorable mention All-Americans by USA Today. Coutin has been the freshman offensive lineman to impress Davie the most.

Gillis comes to South Bend from DeMatha Catholic High School in Bowie, Md. He was named a Parade All-American and an honorable mention All-American by USA Today.

Offensive linemen Milligan and Faine missed practices due to injuries. Faine is a USA Today first team All-American and the third best player nationally by the Chicago Sun-Times.

Milligan is a second team USA-Today All-American from Norcross, Ga. He was rated one of the top 50 prospects by Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

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Julius Jones, a football and track standout from Virginia, impressed coach Bob Davie with his speed and may receive playing time as a kick and punt returner.

Where's Walton?

The men's soccer team is set to kickoff the '99 season without last year's leading scorer Shane Walton, who accepted a scholarship with the football team.

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