Classes of 2004 rank among ND, SMC's best

• 438 freshman Belles committed to service

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Escorted by minivans bursting with dorm essentials, 438 first-year students arrived on campus Thursday ready to construct their lofts and their futures. The first-year students will also be constructing the future of the College as the largest class to be admitted since 1989. Like several women's colleges nationwide, Saint Mary's experienced a boost in admissions because of an increased popularity in women's colleges this fall. The incoming class is the largest class to be admitted in recent history at the College, according to Mary Pat Nolan, director of Admissions. "Women's colleges, on the whole, are

• Irish first-years' skills span academic, social spectrum

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Assistant News Editor

Carting boxes, suitcases and pieces of furniture, the class of 2004 moved into Notre Dame's residence halls this week. Along with their personal belongings, these students brought impressive resumes to the University.

The class of 2004 has a mean SAT score of 1341 and mean ACT score of 30. The average student graduated in the top 6 percent of his or her high school class. Academics are not the only area in which these students excelled during their years in high school. Seventy-two percent lettered in at least one varsity sport, while another 37 percent captured at least one sports team. Forty-four percent were involved in art, dance, music or drama. Six percent were student body or senior class presidents and 12 percent were editors of their high school's student newspaper. An impressive 88 percent were involved in community service.

Members of the class of 2004 come from all 50 states, with the largest portion — 40 percent — coming from the midwest. Ethnic minorities are 17 percent.

Freshmen to participate in first ever 'Domer Fest'

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Assistant News Editor

In past years, freshmen in white T-shirts carrying magic markers flocked to Stepan Center on the Saturday night of Freshman Orientation. This year, however, no markers are allowed. The traditional Graffiti Dance has been transformed into the Domer Fest.

"We've changed the ice-breaking activity, but there's still a dance," said Peggy Hnatukso, assistant director of programs for the Office of Student Activities.

At the Graffiti Dance, first-year students wore white T-shirts and wrote their names and telephone numbers on the shirts of other freshmen, primarily those of the opposite sex. Few students actually danced.

At the new event, freshmen will receive booklets to obtain signatures for a contest to see who can get the most within a certain time period. Organizers have also planned door prizes and a Notre Dame trivia contest.

A better sound system and a video screen will improve the quality of the dance itself, said PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Each fall, hundreds of first-year students make their way to their homes on campus for the first time. Francis Rooney (far left), a new Alumni Hall resident, unpacks his belongings with his dad Thursday.

"We had received numerous complaints about the Graffiti Dance."

David Moss
Notre Dame assistant vice president of Student Affairs

Hnatukso. For students who do not want to dance or participate in ice-breakers, there will be alternative activities such as carnival-style games. All of the activities, which take place in beginning at 10 p.m. Saturday in Stepan Center, are free of charge.

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Football, food and finding your way

When I stepped on to campus two years ago, I only had two questions I wanted answered: 1) When and where do we get football tickets? 2) Why does it smell like baking bread all the time?

Throughout my freshman orientation, I kept asking those two questions all the time but no one had a good answer. So I asked a service to all those freshmen who have the same two questions that I did. I will try to answer them.

Every student is entitled to one packet of season tickets for the football season. A packet of tickets costs $104 for Notre Dame students and $144 for Saint Mary's students. Freshman can buy their tickets on August 24 from 2 until 7 p.m. at Gate B of Notre Dame Stadium.

As for that bread dough smell that fills the campus every so often, it's not fresh bread baking at the dining halls. It's ethanol. There is an ethanol plant somewhere near here and when the wind blows in the right direction, the whole campus stinks of ethanol. If you want to know what ethanol is, go ask a chemistry professor.

So you have answers to the two most important questions you have as you start your college career. My only other piece of advice for you is this: Stop listening to other people's advice. Throughout this week, plato of people will try to tell you what Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are. Don't listen to them. Discover your college experience for yourself. If you spend all your time trying to do what other people say is fun, you may miss out on what you think is fun.

For me, the Notre Dame experience includes long hours in the basement of the dining hall working on stories while greasy slime drips from the ceiling. I spend days without sleeping so The Observer gets published every day. I know this is not everyone's idea of a good time. But long hours at The Observer are my favorite thing about Notre Dame. (OK, I take it back. It's my second favorite thing. Watching Notre Dame play beat USC or Michigan is my favorite.)

You may find that marching in the band or protesting sweatshops with the PSA is your favorite thing to do. Maybe working with SUB to bring concerts to campus is what makes you happy (if it is, bring Hits Day and the Knights to Stepan). Or perhaps hanging out with your friends and just shouting the breeze will be how you remember your college days. But whatever you do, make sure your college experience is your own.

Don't join the football managers just because your dad did. Don't try out for the crew team just because your brother did. Don't join Flip Side because your RA said it was fun. Look at everything these two campuses have to offer and find your own niche.

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**Orientation Weekend 2000**

**Today**

10 a.m. Hesburgh Library tour, departing from library concourse

10 - 11 a.m. Snite Museum of Art tour

11 a.m. campus tour from Eck Visitors' Center

1 p.m. official orientation program, Joyce Center

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. movie Friday, LaFortune Student Center

8 p.m. students to meet with hall rectors and staff, residence halls

9 p.m. - 11 p.m. coffeehouse featuring jazz music for family members, LaFortune Ballroom

10 p.m. - 11 p.m. Donor Fest, Stepan Center

**Saturday**

10 a.m. Chautauqua Lecture, Joyce Center

11:30 a.m. informal box lunch, Joyce Center

12:15 p.m. Spirit of Notre Dame performances, Joyce Center

1:30 p.m. reception for Hispanic, African American, Asian American and Native American students and families, Joyce Center

2 - 4:15 p.m. Academic Honor Code meetings, Washington Hall

6 - 8 p.m. LaFortune open house

**Monday**

9 - 10:30 a.m. group discussions on academic life, TBA

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. enrollment, Joyce Center Concours

3 - 5 p.m. Gender Issues: Men vs. Women, Washington Hall

5:30 - 8 p.m. football ticket lottery, Stepan Center

**Tuesday**

8 a.m. classes begin

5:30 p.m. opening Mass for academic year

**When the Class of 1904 graduated...**

Tuition, room and board was $400 at Notre Dame and $350 at Saint Mary's.

There were 755 students at ND in 1900, but not all were college students. The oldest student was 38 and the youngest was 5.

There were 217 students at Saint Mary's. Five came from Mexico.

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Picnic will replace stadium campout for football tickets

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY

A student picnic at Stepan Center on Monday, Aug. 20 will be the highlight of this year's student football ticket distribution, according to Perry Rieker, ticket manager at Notre Dame's Department of Athletics. This is the second consecutive year of changes for ticket sales.

"Ticket distribution was organized by the previous student government administration. We're excited about the improvements," said Brian O'Thongboogue, student body president.

Last year's distribution involved three nights of students camping in the stadium concourse with activities organized for them by student government. But the expensive process had minimal participation, so the event's organizers decided to revamp the system once again.

"Although the distribution ended up going well, the process provided by the Student Activities Office and chache councils was not very well attended — only two people actually spent the night in the stadium," said former student body president Miriah Murphy in the May 3 edition of The Observer.

The picnic will replace the traditional student campsouts for tickets, though the procedure for ticket distribution will be similar.

This year's event, called "Kickoff 2000," will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. at Stepan Center and students of all classes can receive lottery ticket sticklers. While waiting for tickets, students will be entertained with live music and special guests. This year's activities were organized by the office of Student Affairs and student government, said Rieker.

"There is going to be one big blowout bash now, instead of the small activities we had last year," said Keen Kere, former Student Union Board manager, last May.

Students will receive lottery numbers within their respective classes, and a drawing at the picnic's conclusion will determine which number will receive the first position in the ticket line. Students will line up in numerical order following the starting number, numbers from one to the winning number will line up after the highest number. Students not receiving lottery numbers at the picnic will join the end of the line on the day of ticket sales.

Each student will be able to hold up to six tickets applications and correspondence I.D. cards so that groups of friends will be able to receive consecutive lottery numbers and purchase tickets together. If a number in the middle of the group is selected to begin the sales, the group will be divided.

On-campus students will receive 2000 football ticket applications by Monday in their residence hall mailboxes. Graduate and law students will purchase tickets from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday. Freshmen and sophomore ticket sales will take place on Thursday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., respectively. All ticket sales will take place at gate 8 of the stadium.

The ticket price for the six-game season is $108 for Notre Dame students and $144 for Saint Mary's students, payable by check or cash. Last year's seven-game student ticket price was $123 for Notre Dame and $165 for Saint Mary's.

Laura Bumph and Finn Pressly contributed to this report.

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ND Frosh continued from page 1 percent of the class, and international students account for another 3 percent. About 84 percent of the class is Catholic, and 24 percent are children of alumni.

The class of 2004 is one of the most impressive in Notre Dame history, according to assistant provost for enrollment D. J. Saracino. "Notre Dame is appealing more and more to successful students," he said.

Saracino described the applicant pool of 10,054 as "the largest in [Notre Dame] history." Notre Dame admitted 34 percent, and about 57 percent of admitted students enrolled.

"There are less than 10 universities in the country who admit less than half of their applicants and enroll more than half of those they admit," noted Saracino. That is particularly impressive considering that a typical Notre Dame applicant applies to six schools and can expect to be admitted to four or five of those said Saracino.

The University was able to meet demonstrated financial need for all incoming students, according to Joseph Russo, director of Financial Aid, with an average University-based scholarship was $13,000. Approximately 770 incoming freshmen received a total of $10 million, up from $8.3 million to the class of 2003. "This is the largest amount of support ever provided to a freshman class," said Russo.

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on the upswing," Nolan said. "We have strong visibility in the marketplace. People are looking to us for strong academics."

This first-year class is also a step toward a more diverse campus for Saint Mary's. The 9 percent minority population is an increase from last year's incoming class, according to Nolan.

"Increasing diversity is definitely a focus area. We're definitely targeting our efforts to increase those numbers," Nolan said. "It's all part of enriching the experience for all students."

The class of 2004 is also a more geographically diverse group of students. Last year, 80 percent of the first-year students came from the Midwest while this year, only 75 percent are from the region. There is an increase in students from the South, the West and the Northeast.

"We're more national this year," Nolan said. "That's something we're very excited about. We come from 37 states and four countries."

In addition to increased diversity, the class of 2004 has strong academic numbers and involvement in many extra-curricular activities. This class stands out in their commitment to service, according to Nolan.

"A common thread in this class is community service," she said. "They are involved in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and Habitat for Humanity projects. They're working in homeless shelters and visiting the convalescent.

Nolan sees these students continuing that commitment to service in their college years.

"I get a sense from this group that there is a high level of enthusiasm. They want to get involved at Saint Mary's and make this community and the surrounding community a better place to live."

The link program with Holy Cross offers students an opportunity to attend Holy Cross College for a year and then transfer to Saint Mary's. During the year at Holy Cross, the students have the opportunity to be involved in all activities at Saint Mary's.

"With a year in the [link] program, the students can enhance their academic potential and they'll fit right in," Nolan explained.

Nolan feels that this class, like the classes in the past will contribute to Saint Mary's community and find what they were looking for in a college in their experience at Saint Mary's.

"The women who choose Saint Mary's have made the selection so carefully that they're happy here and they will stay and graduate," she said.
O'Donoghue predicts fresh term

With a productive six weeks already under his belt, Brian O'Donoghue, president of Notre Dame government has set its sights on improving the overall quality of life on campus, from addressing the smallest details to creating an ambitious plan for the future.

"We want to represent hope," said student body president Brian O'Donoghue. "It's something we're all up to. We're trying as best we can to make this hope manifest itself into a better reality," he said, recalling the memory of 1969 Notre Dame gradu­

date Dr. Tom Dooley.

First on this year's agenda is the opening of the school year Mass Tuesday, an event that will include a campus-wide dinner and ceremony honoring University president Emeritus Theodore Hesburgh. The events will conclude with a fireworks display.

When the smoke clears, however, O'Donoghue maintains that student government will remain an integral part of University life.

"Torn that step, we're going to be a visible and viable presence on campus," he said. "We're ready to start, ready to go. We are going to make a change, and we're here to plan it.

Joining O'Donoghue at the head of the Student Union is junior Brooke Norton.

Among the plans for the year is a commitment to bring a variety of speakers to campus.

"We've been working tirelessly to bring.. speakers to campus on a number of issues [from] sexual assault to political education as well as entertaining speakers," he said.

The issue of political education is of particular concern this year, O'Donoghue said, stressing his adminstration's commitment to promotong student participation in elec­tions.

"We are set and determined to make Notre Dame very much involved in the election year," he said. "We're going to target the registration of freshmen voters. We want them to register in St. Joseph County, if they want.

O'Donoghue also highlighted the need for freshmen to get involved in student government.

"We want freshmen to come up and get involved. This is their University, and this is their Student Union. It doesn't necessarily have to be an elected position. They just have to come up and say they want to get involved. We have a great group of dedicated students... but we can always use a fresh insight and a new voice for change.

Campus Life Council

With representatives hailing from all corners of the Notre Dame community, Campus Life Council has a "major year" ahead, according to O'Donoghue who chairs the committee.

"We're looking at the very structure of the body and organizing it," he said. "We do have a full agenda of issues.

The Council hosts rectors, students, administrators and faculty members in a forum designed to address issues that affect the entire University community.

The SLC has a large range of topics, from academic tenure to academic freedom to the incorporation of better community in the residence halls. Issues on diversity and gender and women's issues will all be at the forefront," O'Donoghue said.

With very few returning members, O'Donoghue predicts a "fresh, new council." The Council meets bi-weekly on Wednesdays in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune

Student Senate

The April 1 turnover in the student government office not only brought in a new administration, but also introduced a new roster for the Student Senate. With one senator for each residence hall and one senator for off-campus students, the senate remains primarily concerned with addressing the needs of the Notre Dame student body.

Under Norton, who chairs the body, the senate must improve the yearly Student Union budget, certify nominations to Student Union positions and provide a voice for the student body in the mechanics of student government.

Last semester, senators faced an agenda including a variety of issues. Some, such as the debate regarding the construction of a new student center, have been staples of recent discussion for years. Others, such as rising controversy about academic freedom, remain unresolved. During the term following a campus-wide debate on the subject.

With just six weeks of their term behind them, senators can expect to address many of the same, ongoing controversial, but must also react to issues as they arise on campus.

Renner: Communication is key

Preparing for the largest first-year class in Saint Mary's history is no easy task, but Chrisrie Renner is up to the challenge.

Renner, who began her term as student body president in the spring, has high hopes for the 438 new additions to the College.

"It's the biggest ever. They're going down in history," said Renner, who noted she has already been approached by some of the 42 freshmen in her sec­tion eager to get involved in the Student Government Association (SGA).

Last spring, Renner, with vice-presi­
dent Michelle Nagle, helped initiate a monthly newsletter, as well as a new website. Both are designed to help improve communication with the SGA.

The lines of communication need to be a little bit stronger among the Student Government Association," Renner said. "We're plugging synergy.

To that end, Renner has planned bi-weekly meetings with the various boards of the SGA, in an effort to increase collabora­tion among members and diffuse any potential problems with scheduling conflicts.

One of the events on the horizon, Saint Mary's Pride Week, began as a one-day event, but has recently expanded to a full week of activities.

"It turned into a week because we have so much to celebrate," she said. "One of the biggest items on the SGA agenda is the continuing attempt to have a study day added to the Saint Mary's academic calendar before finals week. While Notre Dame students have the Thursday and Friday before finals week designated as study days, Saint Mary's has none.

"We're asking for one right now," she said, claiming former president Nancy Midden and vice-president Angie Littie for initiating the study day debate. "We've developed a task force on the Board of Governance.

This year, students will also receive weekly e-mails to keep them in the know.

"We have incredible and very driven individuals," Renner said. First-year students looking to get involved be prepared to have many avenues to choose from. Renner said. One of the first, she said, will be the upcoming freshman class councils.

Because of the unprecedented size of the freshman class, Renner said that she and the rest of SGA have been brainstorming for a way to expand the candidate selection process to pro­mote what she predicts will be a large field of contenders.

"People are just being elected by campaign posters... I don't really like that," she said, adding that a "Meet the Candidates" night, or similar forum, is among the ideas being floated in the brainstorming process.
The Trek to South Bend

photos by LIZ LANG and PETER RICHARDSON

The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs welcomes the class of 2004.

We members of the Standing Committee are administrators, gay and lesbian students, and faculty who are a resource in identifying the ongoing needs of our gay and lesbian students. By implementing campus-wide educational programming on gay and lesbian issues, the Committee strives to eliminate homophobia and make Notre Dame a place that accepts and prizes the uniqueness of all its students.

For more information, consult our web page: www.nd.edu/~scglsn.

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as Campus-Wide Orientation Commissioners worked with Student Activities to create the new event and will help run it Saturday night.

Some students, however, did enjoy the Graffiti Dance and are upset that the tradition has ended.

"When I heard the Graffiti Dance was being changed, I was disappointed," said sophomore Katherine Karrat, who attended last year's event. "I think all the hype about it before the dance made it seem even more exciting. I thought it was a unique way to meet the guys."

"I thought the idea of the different color pens was not cool and just the initial mentality of the Graffiti Dance was not great — throwing guys and girls together, getting numbers, etc," said sophomore Christine Bryant. "But I think the idea of meeting new people is cool, and that can be done at the Graffiti Dance, so that's why I liked it."

Bryant said that she enjoyed the dance but admitted that she did not become friends with many of the people she met. "Though I met a lot of people at the Graffiti Dance and then forgot their names, it was cool to see where everyone was from and what they were studying and just to get a feel for the people we would be spending the next four years with," Bryant said.

Planners hope that all participants will feel included and comfortable, said Hunatusko. Organizers looked for a way for students to meet one another without feeling as though they are part of a "meat market," Moss said, alluding to the way one student described the Graffiti Dance.

Moss said that no one is sure whether Domer Fest will be a success. "Our goal is not to mandate what we do, but to always refine what we do," Moss said. "We are continuously trying to find ways to make people feel included. Any feedback we get will go into next year's plans."

Hunatusko said she hopes the different activities will help students overcome their reluctance to introduce themselves to new people.

"It's such a valuable tool to get first-year students to meet each other," she said.

As in years past, students primarily walk to Stepan from their residence halls, and many halls have already planned to walk over with their brother or sister dorms. Event planners would also like students to wear their hall T-shirts to demonstrate dorm pride, according to Hunatusko.

Although this is the only official Freshman Orientation event scheduled for Saturday night, students are not required to attend.
Student survival: Guidance for new arrivals on campus

Freshman year brings a slough of new experiences and issues. In a new environment, students can easily run into trouble finding assistance with challenges that you may think you have the flu?

How do you get help if you're computer illiterate? Here is a run-down of commonly utilized student services to help you get off the ground at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

By KATIE MCVOY
News Writer

First Year of Studies (FYS)

This fall, a First Year of Studies (FYS) orientation will begin with presentations by OADE (Office of Academic Development and Educational Services) and will last approximately two weeks. OADE will coordinate various events and activities, including peer counseling, workshops on study skills, and opportunities for students to connect with their peers. The orientation will be held at the Cullen Center on the campus of Notre Dame.

First Year of Studies
Brownstone Hall 1-7421

Office of First Year Students

The Office of First Year Students (OFS) serves as a resource for first-year students and their families. The OFS is located in Brownstone Hall, Notre Dame, and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Trustee Coleman passes away

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Special to The Observer

Board of Trustees member Thomas Coleman, 76, died Friday, July 14. Elected to the Board of Trustees in 1984, Coleman also served for 32 years on the advisory council for Notre Dame’s Menendez College of Business. He received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University in 1993.

In addition to his many years of service, Coleman made numerous significant contributions to the University, perhaps none more notable than his gift to endow the $7 million restoration of Notre Dame’s historic Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Completed in 1998, the project included the restoration of the church’s 19th century murals, stained glass, altars and statuary.

More recently, Coleman made a major gift in 1998 to underwrite construction of the Coleman Family Center for Campus Ministry, named in memory of his parents and brother.

Centralized located on South Quad, the center is one of the University’s largest classrooms and a rehearsal space for campus choirs and a classroom for religious education.

Coleman was honored in 1998 with the Rev. Howard J. Keen Award for service. He also received recognition from the Notre Dame Fire Department as an honorary fire chief.

Soon after graduation from Notre Dame, Coleman was elected a member of the New York Stock Exchange and in 1957 joined C.M. Partners, where he was a senior partner at the time of his death.

Coleman served on the boards of governors and directors of the New York Stock Exchange and the New York Futures Exchange. He was a director of the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation, the chairman of the board of St. Vincent’s Hospital and Medical Center, and a trustee of New York Catholic Charities and St. Patrick’s Cathedral. He served also as a member of the Board of Directors of the Knights of Malta and the Cardinal’s Commission of the Lady.

In addition to his leadership at the University, Coleman was similarly honored by St. Bonaventure University and the College of Mount St. Vincent.

Life trustee Archbishop McGrath dies at age 76

Special to The Observer

Father Mark McGrath, archbishop of Panama from 1989-94 and life trustee of the University of Notre Dame, passed away Aug. 3.

Archbishop McGrath died in Panama City of complications of Parkinson’s disease. He was 76 years old.

A native of Panama, Archbishop McGrath studied at Catholic University of Chile in Santiago, where he was ordained a priest in 1949. He served as theological journal editor "Teologi a y Vida."

In 1961 he was consecrated auxiliary bishop of Panama and three years later was named resident bishop of the new diocese of Santiago de Veraguas. During the Second Vatican Council, he served on the committee which produced the document "Gaudium et Spes."

From 1966-68 he served as secretary general of the Council of Latin American Bishops. and, until he retired for reasons of health in 1994, he served on numerous Vatican commissions, including the Secretariat for Non-Believers.

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Carving out your college niche

Annie Mattingly
News Editor

I am a Notre Dame-erible hubby. My grandfather attended high school at ND in the 1920s and studied in the seminary until he was expelled for swimming in Saint Mary's lake. My parents are both 1975 graduates of the University's law school and were married in the Basilica in 1976. Furniture donated to the Holy Cross priory by my Maryland ancestors is now on display in the log chapel. I learned the fight song when I was five and taught it to my youngest brother when he was three. I was instructed in the rules of football in the first grade and attended my first game against Purdue in 1987. I don't think it's possible to have Notre Dame in one's family much more than I do.

When I arrived on campus to start my freshman year in the fall of 1997, it was with incredible expectations. I assumed that the fun and exciting football weekend atmosphere that I had experienced as a child would pervade every aspect of my Notre Dame experience. It was time to sit back and enjoy the ride that was my college career. Little did I know it would not be that easy.

I had a less than delightful freshman year. None of my friends from high school had accompanied me to South Bend; fewer of them had ventured outside our home state of Ohio. My roommates were rarely home — Connie was in the band, Jeanne ran track, and Joni was a swimmer. They had dinner with their respective organizations almost every night, while I ate alone nearly daily. When it was time for our first West Quad formal, each of my roommates found parties to attend in other students' rooms; I took my date to the dances as early as possible so that we could have somewhere to go. I almost didn't enroll at the beginning of spring semester, and even before classes started I knew that there were only 55 days until spring break. I considered transferring. As a painfully shy and quiet girl, finding my place at Notre Dame presented a formidable challenge.

But what it took me a year to learn is that finding one's place is the key to having a great time in college. For me, that place was The Observer. For each of you, the members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's classes of 2004, it may be here at the paper reign — we're lots of fun, I promise. It may be in student government, in IROTC, as part of a sports team or in a volunteer group. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have hundreds of student organizations that sponsor an amazing number of events. Go to activities night fall of Tuesday, Aug. 29, from 7-9 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse for Notre Dame and Saturday, Aug. 30, at the same time in the Angelo Athletic Facility for Saint Mary's. What's your interest and get involved.

I chose to ease into campus organizations that interested me and invest myself in them wholeheartedly, you will develop friendships across up to seven graduating classes that will last long after graduation. In the meantime your fellow students will become the source of lessons that cannot be learned from textbooks or textbooks. Just a few examples of the invaluable tidbits I've learned from my fellow Observers.

If you scout out Stonehouse for campus security and run through after deciding the coed is clear only to find that the guards were hiding in the bushes and are now chasing you on motorized scooters, one good place to hide is the women's bathroom in Hesburgh Science Hall.

2. Sometimes it's better to just sleep in. If you're not going to be conscious for anything the professor is saying anyway, you might as well be comfortable in bed.

3. It is possible to party every night during study days and still pass all your finals.

4. When you go to the office at 6 p.m. and leave just as the sun is coming up, a trip to Ribble's pancake house is a must if you are to survive your 8 a.m. class if you go, that is — see #2.

Perhaps the most important thing I've learned through my experiences at Notre Dame and The Observer is to make every decision so that I will not regret anything. If you choose to cut your organic chemistry study session short to drop by a friend's party, consider whether you'll be sorry about the choice when you get your report card. Just as importantly, if you're going to pass on an invitation to the Alumni Wake to stay home and study for the MCATs, make sure you're equally certain that the test is where you want to invest your time. Remember that college life is a balance between the academic and the social, and that spending too much time on either means you'll be missing something. Work hard, have fun, but don't forget that your time here is limited. You owe it to yourself, your parents, and your bank account to make the most of every minute.

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Annie Mattingly is a senior biology major at Notre Dame and four-year member of The Observer's staff. She is currently applying to medical schools. Anyone interested in working for The Observer's news department may contact her at 1-3323 at observerv@nd.edu.
Student Affairs offers blessing

I would like to extend to you a warm welcome on behalf of all of us working in Division of Student Affairs — Offices of Alcohol and Drug Education, Campus Ministry, the Career Center, Counseling Center, Health Services, International Student Services and Activities, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, Residence Life, Security, Student Activities, Student Residents and the staff of our 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, transfers, non-students, and new and graduate professional students. We welcome back the sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as the returning graduate and professional students. As a community, we draw our strength from the unique and diverse gifts offered by each of you. We hope that all of you, both those who are new and those who are returning — will be able to achieve the goals you set for yourselves this year.

I hope that you will appreciate 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 of God’s blessings.

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Viewpoint Columnist

Melany Sonnenker

Welcome to Notre Dame. We have a beautiful campus and a talented faculty. I am sure that you will grow in every way as a thoughtful and reflective person prepared to make your way in the world. We are also proud of our student tradition on campus and the many activities available for you to use your God given talents in leadership and service.

It is my hope that during your time with us you will make some of the best friends of your life. We welcome students from every state in the union and from a wide array of foreign countries and cultures. We are enriched by the different experiences and perspectives that you bring to our common life.

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

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

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President Malloy

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LETTERS FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Embrace new journey of opportunities

On behalf of the University of Notre Dame du Lac student body, we want to welcome you to this great institution. As we are sure you know, your acceptance is no small accomplishment, and you should be proud of yourself. We are already a stronger family because of your decision to become a member of our community. Notre Dame is a special place. You are about to begin one of the greatest journeys of your life. It is a travel filled with marvels and miracles. Take it all in and treasure every moment. Sometimes there will be so much going on that you may take for granted just how special this place is. Never forget the value of midnight trips to the Grotto and food in the campus dorms. Have these conversations about life, the future and how many quarter dogs you can eat. These are all gifts, so cherish them.

Your horizon is anything that is available to you! You are a part of the unique, something that is already in your learning around here, so take it outside the classroom.

Brian O'Donoghue
Notre Dame Student Body President
Brooke Norton
Notre Dame Student Body Vice President
August 15, 2000

Exploring new and exciting horizons

On behalf of the entire student body, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the Saint Mary's family. The next four years of your life will be exciting ones, full of new people, new ideas, new experiences and many new dreams to nurture. You will have the opportunity to grow in an environment of diverse and talented women, and one that challenges and inspires you to grow in your knowledge. This is also a time for getting involved and expanding your horizons outside of your classes! The Saint Mary's Student Government Association and numerous campus clubs offer wonderful avenues to explore and pursue. Take advantage of everything that is available to you!

Notre Dame is about thinking in new ways, conquering new obstacles and just hanging out with friends. We encourage you to take part in this spirit and not just see, but feel what this University is all about. The best way to do this is to get involved, whether it be by running for Student Senate or being the best dryer on South Quad! Through these activities you get to know each other. You are, after all, a family. Remember, most of the learning around here takes place outside the classroom.

The next few years will challenge, develop and provide you with opportunities which you never dreamed possible. Embrace them. Notre Dame truly is an amazing place — not just because of the home or the Grotto (although both can be breathtaking), but because of the people. You are Notre Dame, and 158 years of tradition lie in your capable hands. It is a formidable task, but every one here believes in you. We are all here to help you. So, if you want to get involved in the Student Union or just want to talk, feel free to stop by the Student Government office on the second floor of LaFortune. It would be an honor to meet you.

In closing, God bless, good luck and welcome home.

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Making the tradition your own

Like any other incoming college freshman, I unpacked not only dorm supplies on my first day of college. Alongside my boxes, I delicately unpacked fear, high school memories and tentative expectations for the future.

My mom graduated from Saint Mary's in 1975; my dad from Notre Dame that same year. Following their graduation, we would have six other family members graduate from both institutions. From the time I was five I received Saint Mary's T-shirts as Christmas gifts and became accustomed to my dad saying Hall Mary's in front of televised football games on Saturday afternoons. Needless to say, my college destiny had me mapped straight for South Bend, Ind. I had the haunting feeling that my family had been there before me. It was almost like part of my discovery process of college had been violated, and nothing was my own.

What I didn't realize was that in the coming months, I would make my Saint Mary's experience more of my own than I had ever imagined. While I was walking in my parents' footsteps, I was using my own shoes — and leaving some large footprints. As I muddled my way through my first semester of classes, my first dorm parties, S.H.A.R.O.N. and working for The Observer, I suddenly realized at the end of it that I was calling this place in South Bend home. And magically the butterflies disappeared.

Over the next few months you will receive countless pieces of advice. Some you will find invaluable, some you will discard. However you decide to proceed with the next four years of your life, remember that it is your own. You, the class of 2004, are about to join a rich 156-year-old tradition that has been forged by many before you. But you will come in and make this place your own, with your spirit, your drive, and your willingness to embrace your Saint Mary's experience.

Within my quest to separate myself from my family, I found myself falling into the unique tradition that had characterized them for so many years. While I still remain bound and determined to forge my own path, somewhere along the way I realized that I wasn't following my family's path, but adding to it. And with that addition, my college experience was my own — and I had constructed it myself.

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Noreen Gillespie is a junior political science and sociology major at Saint Mary's College. Her best piece of advice for freshmen is to save all quarters for laundry, because the dollar bill changer usually just eats your money.

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Money can't buy happiness, but quarters help

I sat staring at this computer screen for hours, frantically searching for the perfect advice for this year’s incoming freshmen. My search seemed endless and hopeless, as the upcoming weeks will be filled with clichés, tips and rules from every facet of campus — what could I possibly add to the wisdom?

I took a break from my quest and instead read the paper and talked with some friends. It was then that a friend of mine told me a story that opened my eyes, ignited my temper and all of a sudden, my creative juices began to flow. Here’s the scenario: bright, young sophomore strolls enthusiastically into office (which will go unnamed, yet helps liberal arts students with financial problems) and asks for help in changing his major. Spirit of bright, young liberal arts student is consequently broken when snarling woman behind desk replies: “You better get a scholarship because you won’t be making any money when you graduate. Somehow, just then, I knew what I had to write about: happiness.

Money can’t buy happiness, but quarters help. Much of any normal college student’s life is spent being poor. This is a warning: you will be poor. It took me a myriad of guidance from parents, friends and relatives on how to make your college years the best they can be. You have heard wisdom on the best cure for homesickness, how to study for a college final and how to wash dishes in a two-by-two sink. While all these tidbits are useful, we’d like to offer some thoughts that are slightly more applicable to college-life here at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s — advice that knows what words like “parietals” and “SYR” mean. Straight from the mouths of those who have successfully survived the first year on these campuses, we bring you the undisputed champion of college-life authority, the ND/SMC Survival Guide.

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"Let down your inhibitions and get out and meet people. Be the one to initiate the introductions."
Brett Perkins
Resident Assistant
Keough Hall

"Visit the Center for Social Concerns and take advantage of all the service projects and regular volunteer work offered. And don’t forget to have fun!"
Maureen Rodgers
Danielle Gabriel
Resident Assistants
Welsh Family Hall

"Make memories, take pictures and don’t get so drunk that you forget them."
A.J. Boyd
Notre Dame Class of 2000

"Don’t be afraid to broaden your horizons and build friendships with men and women from both campuses."
Sara Price
Resident Advisor
Holy Cross Hall

"Realize that there are so many opportunities for involvement in student activities on both campuses."
Lindsay Landvogt
Resident Advisor
Annunciata Hall

For a healthy year, make sure not to get too sick on the first weekend (i.e. "knock your limits")."
Kristen Darcy
Resident Advisor
Holy Cross Hall

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Christine Kraly is a senior American Studies major who hopes to one day get paid to watch movies and criticize them. She finally lives off campus and no longer needs her laundry quarters.
TOBACCO POLICY
In accordance with an administrative directive issued eight 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.

CAMPUS SECURITY
For your protection, Notre Dame employs a staff of uniformed police officers who provide 24-hour foot and vehicular patrols on 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. In an emergency, dial 911. From 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., the SafeWalk program provides a free campus escort service: Call 634-BLUE.

COMPUTER-USER CLUSTERS
Notre Dame features more than 500 computers distributed among several locations. These clusters, which support Macintosh and PC platforms, are networked to several laser printers at each location. They print work at no charge. Clusters can be found in the following buildings: Computer/Math, DeBartolo, Fitzpatrick, Hesburgh Library, LaFortune, CLOB, Nieuwland Science and O'Shaughnessy.

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LAUNDRY SERVICE
Formerly available only to males and at a considerable premium, the campus laundry service is now available to students for a fee. A contract for $95 will provide two loads of laundry per week. Services can be purchased for $85 per load. Students must prepay for the contract. Transaction area are marked with an identifiable symbol. Bundled laundry is collected at your dorm and dropped off at the Laundry Di (directly below on map). The schedule is posted in your dorm. Other services include dry cleaning, tailoring and alterations.

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PARISH RULES
Notre Dame and Saint Mary's enforce their own policies concerning the visiting hours of opposite-sex visitors. Students enjoy unlimited visitation beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at midnight on Sundays and until 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Students are identified on this map in pink.
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 6:31 p.m. Service in this area, Route 7, is not provided on home football Saturdays. The fare is 75¢.

For more transportation between the two campuses, see the shuttle info on the next page.

ACTIVITIES NIGHT
A thorough opportunity to explore the wide range of campus organizations occurs Aug. 29 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.

FOOTBALL TICKETS
Students are guaranteed the opportunity to purchase one season ticket apiece. The procedure is as follows: application cards will be mailed. Go to the picnic on Monday to receive a number that will place you in the line. Bring the card with a student ID and payment for $105 to the Gate B concourse of Notre Dame Stadium. Lottery will take place after the picnic. Each student may submit up to six applications if provided he or she also furnishes a matching student ID and payment for each of the application. Freshmen will receive their tickets Aug. 24 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

IDENTIFICATION CARD
The student ID is a ticket to the privileges and immunities granted to all students. Carry at all times of the day. Among the many instances it is required: eating at the dining halls, library services, registration, football and basketball games.

ALCOHOL POLICY
According to the University's 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."

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, like all other cities in this region, uses Eastern Standard Time year-round. Therefore, from fall until spring it is the same hour of the day here as in Chicago, whereas from fall until spring it is the same hour of the day here as in Boston.
Football Tickets
Saint Mary's students will follow the same procedure as Notre Dame students, outlined on the previous page. Saint Mary's students should note, however, that the cost of their tickets is $144, payable in either cash or check.

Tobacco Policy
As of this year, Saint Mary's is a smoke-free campus. Ashtrays are placed outside buildings for the convenience of smokers, though all buildings prohibit indoor smoking.

Activities Night
Belles can discover great ways to be involved in campus activities on Wednesday, August 30th at 7 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility.

Shuttle
Campus shuttle services are available between Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross. Schedules are available in the lobbies of all Saint Mary's residence halls, in LaFortune and on the shuttle.

Visitation Hours
Saint Mary's and Notre Dame both observe rules regarding visitation hours in residence halls for members of the opposite sex. Through most of the academic year, open visitation exists from 10 a.m. through midnight on Sundays through Thursdays and from 10 a.m. until 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Alcohol Policy
Saint Mary's students must abide by state regulations concerning the consumption of alcohol. However, Saint Mary's administration also stipulates that those of legal age may not consume alcohol in the presence of minors.

Computer Labs
Computers are available 24 hours a day in Trumper computer cluster, located in the basement of the library. Each residence hall also has its own computer lab. The labs feature both Apple and PCs. Also, ResNet connections are available in each room.
Men and Women need freshmen to fill in major gaps

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame cross country teams must build around a new nucleus of athletes after losing more than half of both varsity squads to graduation.

The women, who earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Championships a season ago, must replace All-American Joanna Heeter, All-American 10,000-meter runner Alison Klemmer and classmates Patty McKeown, Valerie Labelle and Erin Luby.

"If you look at our paper, we lost a lot from last year," head women's cross country coach Tim Connelly said. "Five of our top nine runners graduated. If we can get some of our older kids to fulfill their potential and get some of the freshmen to step up, we could be pretty good."

Connelly will turn to a bevy of new freshmen to fill the gaps.

Megan Johnson hails from Washington as a state champion in the mile.

Both Androsky and Maggie Neben each captured third in cross country in their states, New Jersey and Missouri, respectively.

Rachel Endress and Julia Schmidt took sixth each in Illinois and Missouri in cross-country.

Michigan native Jessica Campbell was a state-champion in the 3,200-meter run in track.

"I think Megan Johnson would come in and contribute, not just in cross country, but on the track as well," Connelly said. "But any of the girls in that whole group could make an impact."

Notre Dame Brandy and junior Hilary Burn serve as captains for the Irish.

Other veterans include sophomores Jennifer Hardley, Muffy Schmidt and Kari Eaton, and seniors Chrissy Kuenster, Erin Oison and Bridget O'Brien.

"We'd like to improve in the Big East, after fifth last year," Connelly said. "Obviously we want to qualify for nationals and improve on what we did last year."

The men find themselves in the same boat, as four of the top seven runners graduated.

Last year the Irish captured the Big East title and placed eighth in the NCAA Championships.

In addition to losing Ryan Maxwell, Sean McGann, John Dudley and Mike Grewe to graduation, the Irish may be without All-American senior Ryan Shay.

Shay placed tenth in the 10,000-meter run in the U.S. Olympic Trials in July, and may not be fully recoved for cross country.

Leading the way in replacing the missing links, head cross country coach Joe Plano hopes to be returning freshman Todd Molloy.

The Michigan native placed 18th at the Foot Locker national cross-country meet

By his side will be Brian Kerwin, a state cross county champion in New Jersey.

"Those two guys should help us immensely," Plano said.

Joining Molloy and Kerwin at the forefront of the new runners will be David Albert of Ohio and Kevin Somak of Connecticut.

"Those are the bulk of our freshmen," Plano said. "We're going to need one in our top five and another at least in our top seven."

Top returning runners include seniors Lake Watson, Marc Srohiwski and Pat Conway. Watson and Shay are set to serve as captains.

The first cross country meet of the season will be the Valparaiso Invitational Sept. 9.
VOLLEYBALL

Netters have high hopes for 2000

Sophomore middle blocker Malinda Garaiski (No. 3) and sophomore opposite hitter Marcie Bombok (No. 6) will be joined by five freshmen in the volleyball Class of 2004. The Irish are predicted to win the Big East Championship.

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

When coach Debbie Brown first saw freshmen Jessica and Kristen Kinde on a volleyball court, she knew the twins from Fresno, Calif., would be a welcome addition to an already talented Irish squad.

There was only one problem: recognizing who was Jessica and who was Kristen. "They had different numbers," Brown said. "That's how I told them apart." Brown still does not always get their names right, but she has continued to notice their talent.

The Kinde twins are joined by middle blockers Kim Fletcher and Katherine Neff and walk-on Christa Moe in the volleyball Class of 2004. The five freshmen, who began practice on August 9, comprise one-third of the team's roster.

"They're blending in well," Brown said. "They'll all have a possibility to contribute this year." Those are strong words for a team returning five of six starters. A year ago, Notre Dame finished at 20-9 overall including a 11-0 Big East mark, Ohio State spoiled the season in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, defeating the Irish in four sets.

Preseason Big East Player of the Year Denise Boylan will lead the Irish. The senior setter earned first-team All-Big East honors last season after ranking first on the team with 1,132 assists and 35 aces. Classmate Christi Gorton joins Boylan on the preseason first-team all-conference team. Gorton led the Irish with 333 kills and 201 digs as a junior.

Other returnees include junior Marci Bombach, who started 27 of 29 matches last season, junior Kristy Keber, a 1999 second-team All-Big East selection and sophomore Keara Coughlin.

The lone graduated starter was Mary Leffers, the 1999 Big East Player of the Year. "Last year was a bit disappointing," Boylan said of her team who qualified for their third straight NCAA tournament. "We had some good moments but that loss (to Ohio State) was tough."

Though they have yet to wear the Blue and Gold, the freshmen are no strangers to high-level volleyball. Fletcher and Neff, teammates on the St. Louis East elite club team, bring depth at middle blocker. Fletcher, who attended Notre Dame High School near St. Louis, was a two-time USA Volleyball All-American while the 6-foot-4 Neff earned All-State honors as a junior and senior at Cor Jesu Academy. Neff owns Missouri state records for total games (317) and matches (114) played in a career.

Then there's the twins. Jessica, an outside hitter and Kristen, a setter, were both named All-Americans while leading their club team, Fresno to national prominence and their high school, Bullard High to a No. 1 national ranking in 1999. "They're both good all-around players," Brown said. "They're strong, quick and competitive."

GOLF

Freshmen vie for starting positions

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The fighting Irish women's golf team hopes its three freshmen will step up in a big way as the team looks to prove it is among the elite squads in the nation.

The Irish received an invitation to the NCAA Preview in Florida, a tournament reserved for the top 15 teams in the nation in addition to two at-large teams.

The top three freshmen this season will be Rebecca Rogers of Atlanta, Virginia and Shannon Byrne of Arlington Heights, Illinois. "I think all three of them have an opportunity to play right away," head coach Ross Smith said. "They'll be vying for starting spots. We'll be looking for big things from Rebecca Rogers."

While Notre Dame did lose several athletes to graduation, the impact will not be as deep as it could have been since several of last year's seniors did not complete last season. Captain Andrea Kwie graduated but did not play last year due to injury. Beth Cooper graduated in December, opening up her spot on the varsity squad to younger players. Senior Mary Klein also opted not to play this season, choosing instead to concentrate on her studies.

These players' absences allowed this year's captains to gain experience leading the team. Senior Shane Smith and junior Lauren Furh took over at the top of the team. "We never had the full benefit of our seniors last year," Smith said. "I think the team's going to be more competitive among itself this year. I feel like these freshmen are going to play a couple of roles for us. We're going to try to play well enough to go to the NCAA's."

The Notre Dame men's golf team swung into action with the tough task of replacing graduated seniors Jeff Connell, who holds the second-best stroke average in Notre Dame history, and inaugural player of the year Joe O'Brien.

Three freshmen will compete to fill these spots. Gavin Ferrie, a South Bend native, Peter Revis of New Orleans and Laos Thompson of Memphis should contend for spots on the varsity squad. They're hoping that out of this group we can find a couple players to fill the spots of Todd Vernon and Jeff Connell," head coach George Thomas said. "Gavin Ferrie will be in a force to reckon with for making the team, and Peter Revis is a very strong player."

Soraya Rayaz, a junior, looks at this year as a capstone. "It's done some remarkable things for the University golf teams in the past two years," Thomas said. Other returning players for the Irish are seniors Alex Kent and Adam Anderson, junior Chris Whitten and sophomore Brandon Lamke.

"We're very, very much looking highly in the Collegiate Tournament," Thomas said. "It's a lot of fun for the coaches and we hope to win the Big East Championships. There's no reason we can't compete in that range."

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**MEN’S SOCCER**

Apple era begins with best recruiting class in history

By MOLLY McVOY
Sports Writer

The 2000 season will be a time of transition for the men’s soccer team in more ways than one.

Head coach Chris Apple faces the challenge of leading his team after the unexpected departure of his longtime assistant coach Mike Bertelli in January. Apple, an assistant coach for the past five years, will be taking over after Bertelli’s death. The team had been working to regroup and refocus since that time.

“I think every member of the team has grown in different ways as a result of this,” Apple said. “It has been tough, but I think we have all learned something about life from it.”

Bertelli’s name will not be completely absent from the Irish soccer field, however. Nino Bertelli, Mike Bertelli’s son and a 1996 graduate of Notre Dame, was named an assistant coach on Apple’s staff.

Bertelli will join Mike Avery as Apple’s assistant coach for the 2000 season. Avery, however, will work with the Irish goalkeepers, a position he has been working on since Bertelli’s death.

The goalkeeper spot was left vacant when Gerick Short graduated. His replacement has not yet been named and sophomore Greg Tait and Cole Straub are in competition for the job. Tait played in three games in 1999 while Straub has not seen any playing time.

“The goal keeper spot is a spot that there’s an ongoing fierce battle for and they’re both looking great,” Apple said. “On the field, they battle it out, but off the field, they’re roommates and great friends. When one or the other gets the start, the other one will be his biggest fan.”

In addition to searching for a starting goalkeeper, the Irish squad will be looking for support for their leading scorer and Big East Rookie of the Year, Erin McCabes. The Irish did not find solid scorers to back up the scoring of Braun last season and are looking for seven or eight players that can score five or more goals this season, according to Apple.

“This week of preseason has shown that a number of players have finishing potential,” Apple said. “I think we’ll be a little more balanced than last year.”

The strong incoming freshman class may provide a source for some of the needed personnel. Notre Dame has one of the best recruiting classes in recent history this year. Several new players will join the Irish squad this season. Two of the recruits, Brian Jarvis and Devon Prescod, played forward in their high school careers and will hopefully add to the Irish offensive attack.

Three midfielders, Kevin Richards, Filippo Chellini and Chad Riley will also be joining Notre Dame this season. The Irish built last season on a strong defense and recruited Greg Martin and Justin Detter have the potential to contribute defensively.

“This is the best recruiting class we have ever seen,” Coach Apple said. “These guys are unselfish and dedicated and they add a lot of depth to this team.”

The team was ranked seventh in the Big East’s preseason rankings, an improvement on the eighth place finish of last season. The preseason poll by a vote of the league’s 12 head coaches picked Connecticut, last year’s conference champion, to repeat last year’s championship. Notre Dame faces a tough early schedule when they play six of their first seven games on the road. Their first home match is against Bradley on Sept. 6.

Sophomore Matt Rosso will be among the players head coach Chris Apple will depend on this season to support 1999 lead- ercher Erin McCabes.

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

Milligan needs freshman class to compete in MIAA

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s soccer is in full swing as the freshmen arrive on campus that is meeting the goals they set just a week ago when practice began.

“Division III soccer offers women an ideal environment to participate in highly competitive and fulfilling athletic and academic pursuits,” said Jason Milligan, second-year head coach. “We are committed to the growth and development of student-athletes who accept nothing but the best and always strive for improvement.”

The leadership of the team falls on senior Laura Paulin’s shoulders. The lone senior on the team, Paulin fills the shoes of last season’s senior tri-captains: leading scorer and member of the MIAA First Team Kay Barger, defensive leader Babek Eger and forward Frini McCabe.

Paulin will depend upon junior Tina Kappahl, Adrian Kirby, Jessica Klins, Kathy Robinson and Kristin Prignor to step up and lend their strong leadership skills to the team.

Sophomores Shavna Janszoni, Tiffany Math, and Lynn Taylor also return, bringing a core of solid play to the team. Math was named to the MIAA’s Honorable Mention list for her freshman season.

But it is the freshmen to whom Milligan looks to cement the team’s base of skill and determination and build a powerhouse in the MIAA. The returning members of the team echo this philosophy.

“We’re excited because we have freshmen coming in with great talent,” Paulin said. “We’re counting on them to step up and fill the spaces that we have. With the returning players and the freshmen coming in we have a solid base to build from there.”

Math said the freshmen were already a part of the team after only a few days of practice.

“They are fitting right into the team,” Math said. “They filled all the gaps that we have.”

The individuality each freshman brings to the team has been important, according to Taylor.

“They bring not only their skill but their personality to the team,” Taylor said.

So while Barger, Eger, McCabe and the other returning players who did not return will be sorely missed, the remaining players and their new teammates are fully prepared to make the 2000 season a success.

“We’re really excited about this season,” Math said.

Milligan’s expanded efforts to recruit nationally has brought freshmen from Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Texas, New York, Michigan, Florida and Alabama.

“The majority of our team played for Division I and Division II clubs from all over the U.S., and about half have experience at the state and regional levels of the Olympic Development Team,” Milligan said. “With these women in action and you will understand that there is a dynamic group of women whose enthusiasm is unmatched.”

Milligan hopes to build a team that will be even more successful than last year’s 9-6-2 record and fifth place finish in the MIAA. A positive attitude, diligent work ethic, and an unyielding desire to be successful are the cornerstones that will ensure a bright future for Saint Mary’s
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achieve: There’s no need to rush it.”

Holiday, rated the 48th-best high school player by the
Chicago Sun-Times last season, is already popular among Irish
fans. On Feb. 2, the first official signing day, Holiday chose
Notre Dame over Nebraska, denying the Cornhuskers
another top recruit and
upgrading an already solid
Irish quarterback class. As a
senior at Roosevelt High School in
San Antonio, Holiday com­
peted 48 of 105 passes for 719
yards and rushed for 876 yards
and 13 touchdowns on the
ground.

LoVerschil verbally com­
mitted to the Irish after attending the
summer football camp in 1999. Partly due to his early
commitment, LoVerschil did not
gain the attention from the
recruiting analysts that Clark
and Holiday received but still
was named an honorable men­
tion USA Today All-American.
A four-year letter winner at
Bergen Catholic in New Jersey,
LoVerschil completed nearly 60
percent of his passes for 1,500
yards and a senior.

Clark, a 6-foot-4 220-pound
freshman from Sarasota, Fla.,
also attended the 1999 summer
camp. He started for Cardinal
Moorhey High School since the
seventh game of his freshman
season and was named first­team all-state last season. Clark
finished his high school career
accounting for over 5,000 yards
in total offense, including 2,113
as a senior.

“I don’t think I’ve seen a
more talented group from top
to bottom,” Davie said. “We
have it stoked for quite
awhile.”

Davie’s enthusiasm is not
limited to the quarterback unit.
Other freshmen he mentioned
on Wednesday as being “mature” were tight end Billy
Palmer, defensive backs
Vonzor Duff and Preston
Jackson and drop linebacker
Mike Goobly.

“He’s a coach’s dream,” said
Davie of Goobly. “Football is
very important to him. He’ll be
playing in games this year.”

And for all freshmen,
whether or not they play this
season, Davie has instituted a
mentor program. Each fresh­
man has a “Big Brother,” an
upperclassman who helps
them adjust to college life, on
and off the field.

“You really see the dif­
ference in speed and intensity
(from high school to college),”
said Grant Irons, a senior cap­
tain, who’s a “Big Brother” to
wide receiver Omar Jenkins.

“But it’s all part of the process.
They’ve all approached it real
well.”

Irish Class of 2004

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VOLLEYBALL

Belles bring young squad to the court

By KATIE MAFOY
Associate Sports Editor

The Saint Mary’s volleyball
team, under the direction of
head coach Julie Schrader­
Bick is a very young, but very
enthusiastic team.

“The volleyball team is so
young this year after
graduating most of the
squad,” said
athletic director
Lynn Kachmarik.

“But we are
excited about this
team and
about its coach.”

Schrader-Bick is returning
to Saint Mary’s after taking
three seasons off. Schrader­
Bick acted as head volleyball
coach for the 1991-1996 seas­
sons. Schrader-Bick is a
1988 alumna of the college.

“We are so excited to have
an alumnae for a coach
again,” Kachmarik said.

“We’re really hoping to
improve student support from
last season,” Kachmarik com­
mented.

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Irish gain playing experience on summer trip to Brazil

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

Forget big shoes. This year’s women’s soccer squad has huge shoes to fill.

Winning its fifth-consecutive Big East championship and advancing in its fourth National Championship game in six years, the 1999 squad produced a stellar class of seniors that will be nearly impossible to replace.

The loss of five starters and Notre Dame’s most impressive class in the program’s history does not necessarily mean a lapse in performance, however.

Second-year head coach Randy Waldrum has put a spin on his preseason training to better ready his freshman recruits for high-level competition.

Instead of typical on-site training at Notre Dame, Waldrum broke with tradition and accompanied his squad to Brazil for an 11-day tour of the country in order to square off against top Brazilian club teams. The squad will return Sunday to continue preparations for its season opener against Detroit on Aug. 27.

Providing the backbone for the Irish squad this season is senior All-American Anne Makinen in the midfield, senior defender Kelly Lindsey and top-returning scorer Melissa Erikson, yet there are many gaps left to fill.

Waldrum’s freshman recruiting class will have to step up and make an immediate impact in order for the 2000 squad to produce the successes of previous years.

At the forward position, freshmen Amanda Guerzin, Melissa Tancredi and Amy Warner will help to fill the void left by the loss of Jenny Heff and Jenny Stroffer, who each scored more than 70 goals in their four-year stints for the Irish.

The freshman forwards arrive at Notre Dame having impressed in achievements. Guerzin earned Parade All-American honors, Warner was a leading player in New Mexico, earning back-to-back Albuquerque Tribune Athlete of the Year honors in 1998 and 1999, while Tancredi excelled as a member of the Canadian National Team.

In the midfield, freshman Randi Scholl will join an already talented group of players. The Pennsylvania native is a two-time Parade All-American.

In the backfield, freshmen Kim Carpenter and Jennifer Carter will look to gain some playing experience from a back line that is weakened by the loss of four-time All-American Jen Griffith. Freshman goalkeeper Lauren Keen will also be seeking some collegiate experience before making a big impact on the squad.

Senior All-American Anne Makinen hopes to lead the Irish back to the national championship game. The Irish lost a top class of seniors, and will turn to freshmen to fill the gaps.

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be someone they would look at closely," Brey said. "With how teams in the dominant fall in this business, and I’ve been in this business for awhile, I knew that something like this could happen."

He was right. Within a week, Doherty had been installed as the new head coach of the North Carolina TarHeels, and Brey had taken over as the coach of the Fighting Irish.

Doherty arrived at Notre Dame after a long search under Williams for seven years, but with no head coaching experience. In his first year as a head coach, Doherty led the Irish to their best record in 11 years, with upset victories over top teams such as Connecticut and Ohio State.

But perhaps his biggest accomplishment was as a salesman. Doherty sold Irish fans on coming back to the stands, making basketball bigger news than football in South Bend for the first time in recent memory. He sold Notre Dame in recruits, during Terrion Jones, Tom Ammonimanns and Chris Markwood for this season, and coach in 2001-02 season in Chris Williams and Jordan Cornette.

And he sold All-American power forward Trey Murphy on coming back to the stands for his junior season instead of heading for the NBA.

Doherty’s decision to stay was new, his wife in their house in North Carolina. He experienced playing for the TarHeels under Dean Smith and a conversation with former teammate Michael Jordan urging him to reconsider.

"I didn’t have any vision of leaving," Doherty said. "Only two places intrigued me, Kansas and North Carolina. Looking back, I wouldn’t have left Notre Dame but for one place, and that’s the place I’m at now. This was my alma mater, and this is where my wife was from. At least, I wonder what it would have been like if he had stayed.

While Notre Dame’s new athletic director, found himself in position to prove his worth as a leader for the first time, Brey continued his reputation as a great recruiter by convincing Thomas and Cornette to reaffirm their plans to attend Notre Dame. He also ended rumors that current Irish players such as sophomore guard Matt Carroll or sophomore forward Jerre Macurci might transfer because of the coaching change.

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Once Brey was brought in, the players began to feel more at ease about their Irish future. "It just felt like a connection with him as soon as I met him," sophomore guard Matt Carroll told the South Bend Tribune. "He seems very genuine and an easy guy to get along with. I’m definitely staying, and I think everyone else will," Brey emphasized getting to know the current players.

Matt Doherty left Notre Dame after just 16 months as head coach to accept the head coaching position at North Carolina, his alma mater.

White chose Brey over a host of prospects, including former NBA coach P.J. Carlezeno and Oregon coach Ernie Kent.

Brey shares Doherty’s qualifications as a top recruiter. While at Duke coaching under Mike Krzyzewski, Brey pulled in many of the top players in the nation.

He also has major inroads in the New York-Washington, D.C. area as a result of his five years at Delaware and his seasons coaching under the legendary Morgan Wooten at DeMatha High School in Washington, D.C.

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Once Brey was brought in, the players began to feel more at ease about their Irish future. "It just felt like a connection with him as soon as I met him," sophomore guard Matt Carroll told the South Bend Tribune. "He seems very genuine and an easy guy to get along with. I’m definitely staying, and I think everyone else will," Brey emphasized getting to know the current players.

I think they’ve been really good, considering for some of them, it’s the third coach in three years," Brey said. "A guy has to earn their trust and that’s what I’ve been trying to do. I’m the first priority after getting the job was the current coach."

There was no time to kick back and relax at Brey’s vacation home in Rehoboth Beach, Del., after taking the Notre Dame job. Besides getting to know the Irish players, he had to hire a new staff, hit the recruiting trail, make plans for the upcoming season and move his family out to Indiana. Brey hopes to fulfill the predictions of preseason polls that have Notre Dame ranked among the top 20 teams in the country.

"They [the players] took a step last year, but they really didn’t get where they wanted to get, and that was the NCAA Tournament," Brey said. "Our goal has to be to be high-flying on Selection Sunday. I told them that I think I can help with that. This program has not been in the NCAA Tournament since 1990 and that’s an amazingly dry spell.

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While at DePaul, Smith helped coach the women’s basketball team to a two-year record of 42-10, back to back Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships, and a trip to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament in 1999.

"Suzanne brings a wealth of knowledge with her," Brey said. "She was a player, too. I can relate to her at their level. She’s going to energize them and bring new enthusiasm to the program."

Joining Smith on the coaching staff is assistant coach Berry Donnelly. Donnelly will work with the post players, help recruit, and encourage community relations. Where Smith brings knowledge as a collegiate coach, Donnelly brings experience as a player. She recently participated in a WNBA tryout with the Orlando Miracle.

"(Donnelly) brings maturity, humor, and expertise as a coach and a player," said athletic director John I. D’Arco. "I think this will be a competitive and exciting team."

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Belles’ athletics get a new look for 2001

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary’s athletic department is looking forward to a successful year for Saint Mary’s athletics, first-year students, and returning students.

New staff members, increased intramural sports, and a new club team are a few of the changes in the athletic department.

The Triathlon Club is the first club sport comprised entirely of Saint Mary’s women. The club began training together last spring and makes its debut this year.

In addition to traveling to triathlons around the country, the club, in association with the rest of the athletic department, will be sponsoring a triathlon at Saint Mary’s.

The department hired a new basketball coach and Sports Information Director, Suzanne Smith.

With Smith relieving her information duties, assistant athletic director Gretchen Hildebrandt will have more time to focus on the intramural sports program. The intramural program kicked off last year with Midnight Madness and looks for continued improvement this year.

“We want to double student participation this year,” athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said. “We aren’t looking at small numbers here.”

Within the next month an intramural, club, and recreation guide will be available for all students that will provide information on intramural sign-ups, club sports, and other recreation information.

“This year we are offering fall, winter, and spring intramural sports,” Kachmarik said.

In addition to club and intramural sports, a dance and cheerleading squad has been created.

Kachmarik hopes that the squad will be in performance shape by the advent of basketball season.

Finally, the athletic department is continuing to look out for the welfare of the average student at Saint Mary’s.

Sept. 5, 6 and 7 members of the staff will be present at Angola Athletic facility to help any member of the Saint Mary’s community interested in creating a personal fitness program.

Golf aims for top league spot

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Belles golf team is looking to swing into action this fall with a strong returning team.

Saint Mary’s finished last season with a third place ranking in the MIAA, only six strokes out of second place in the MIAA tournament.

They plan on improving that record this year.

“It is very realistic for us to finish in the top two,” head coach Theresa Pekarek said. “We have the players to do that.”

After graduating only one senior last year, the Belles have the players for another successful season. Senior Natalie Cook returns after being named Junior Most Valuable Player and second-team all MIAA last season.

“I’m going to be looking to Klock to really lead the team this year,” Pekarek said.

Joining Cook as leaders are senior captain and junior Mary Claire Hathaway.

Returning sophomore Molly Lee, will also play an important role after being named to second-team all MIAA with teammate Cook.

Three freshman players will also be joining the team this fall and Pekarek is looking for them to be important members of the team.

“I think they have the potential to have an impact on this team,” she said. “They have good experience and a lot of tournament play after.”

Pekarek hopes to adjust the longer distances of college, they have the potential to play very well.”

Pekarek is looking for improvement in the women’s short game before competition begins this season.

“The short game can really save you,” she said. “We’re going to work on putting, chipping, and hitting out of the sand. We will be focusing a lot on the short game.”

The players have been working hard this summer to lower their handicaps and get more tournament experience. They hope this will help them take part in tough league competition.

Saint Mary’s is gearing up to defeat Albion and Hope in league rankings this year. Albion was the league leader last year while Hope won the MIAA two seasons ago.

“Albion and Hope have strong players and a lot of depth,” Pekarek said. “But we’re going to play against the course and not the team.”

The Belles are looking forward to their home meet at Brookwood Golf Course on Sept. 14.

“It’s nice for the team to have a break from traveling and have support in the middle of the season,” Pekarek said.

This year promises a lot of support at that home meet because the Saint Mary’s athletic department is sponsoring a bus to transport students, family, and faculty to the Brookwood Golf Course to support the team.

Official practice begins when classes resume on Tuesday. The Belles will open their season at Ferris State University in a two-day tournament on Sept. 2 and 3.
MEN'S BASKETBALL

Brey takes over as Irish basketball coach

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

When Notre Dame hired basketball coach Matt Doherty in March 1999, little did fans know it would be a short love affair with the popular new coach.

Doherty led the Fighting Irish to the finals of the National Invitation Tournament and a 22-15 record, also bringing swarms of fans back to the Joyce Center. But in July, Doherty fired the blue and gold of Notre Dame in favor of the blue and white of his alma mater North Carolina, bringing his 16-month stint at the helm of the Fighting Irish men's basketball program to an end.

"I never thought that this would come about so soon in my career," Doherty said. "I was never set in my mind that I was going to leave. I was the most surprised I'd ever been in my life because I didn't know what I wanted to do. It was the hardest decision I've ever had to make.

That opened up the possibility for Delaware head coach Mike Doherty to take a second shot at his dream job. Notre Dame passed Doherty over in '99, but new athletic director Kevin White jumped at the chance to hire Doherty this time around.

The new Notre Dame head basketball coach hopes to usher in a new era of success and stability.

"I'm here to stay. They're going to have to kick me out," Doherty said. "A year ago it was an opportunity and I came up short. I always thought it was a good fit for me with how I've been trained. But I never thought the Notre Dame job would come up again so soon."

Doherty had an idea the Notre Dame position might come open before Doherty's name was even mentioned in conjunction with the North Carolina spot. TarHeels coach Bill Guthridge resigned June 30, and once former North Carolina assistant coach Roy Williams announced his decision to stay at Kansas on July 6, Brey knew Doherty might make the short list of possibilities.

New head basketball coach Mike Brey is already hard at work preparing for the rigors of the upcoming season. Brey comes to Notre Dame after five years as head coach at Delaware.

FOOTBALL

Hoping for some new heroes beneath the Golden Dome

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

The eighteen freshmen football players arrived for their first practice on August 7, with impressive resumes and high expectations.

Within a few days, they realized the difficult transition from high school hero to Notre Dame newcomer.

"That's natural," said coach Bob Davie of the freshmen, who are not allowed to speak with the media until after the Sept. 2 opening game against Texas A&M. "We just tell them to take it one day at a time."

For Davie, in the fourth year of his highly-publicized (and critical) tenure, getting that cliché message across to the Class of 2004, may seem like the least of his worries. But he remains focused on maintaining the confidence of impressionable freshmen.

Included in the class are three quarterbacks — Carlyle Holiday, Matt LoVecchio and Jared Clark — who are competing with junior starter Arman Battle and sophomore Gary Godsey for playing time.

In preparation for the college game, Davie sent the new quarterbacks play books and videotapes during the summer. But, complying with NCAA rules, the coaches could not spend extensive time teaching them. When the trio came here, that all changed.

Battle and Godsey have helped make the transition easier, counseling the freshmen on the physical and mental aspects of the position while the coaching staff can now work with them in person.

"There's a lot to learn: schemes, reading defenses and picking up blitzes," Godsey said. "It'll take time."

Less than two weeks into practice, the results are unclear. On Wednesday, Holiday, LoVecchio and Clark each took snaps for the first time against the defense. As of now, Davie said the freshmen are behind the upperclassmen on the depth chart. The three freshmen may even be grouped together for the season instead of naming a single starter.

"We want to be fair to them," Davie said. "We want to give them enough reps under pressure."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Smith to lead Belles' hoops

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Suzanne Smith will join the hundreds of new freshmen unpacking their bags in South Bend this week as she arrives on campus to take the reins for the Belles basketball program.

But that won't be an easy task.

Walking into a fledgling program that struggled under former head coach Dave Roeder, Smith has the challenge of turning around last season's 4-22 losing record and restoring energy and confidence to the program.

Roeder left last season after four years and four consecutive losing seasons.

"This year my main goal is to get the confidence back in the program and have some fun," Smith said. "There is a ton of talent here. I need to get them to work together and trust each other."

At Smith will be joining the staff as a full-time assistant coach and recruiting for the basketball team. Smith will be the hub of information about all Saint Mary's basketball.