**College makes changes to comply with Clery Act**

By MYRA McGRIFF  
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's reporting procedure on sexual assaults is under review by the Department of Education (DOE) due to a complaint issued by the watchdog organization Security on Campus (SOC). The complaint was filed against Saint Mary's on May 13, 2001, alleging inadequate compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act, according to the text of the complaint.

In 1991, an amendment to the Jeanne Clery Act stated all colleges had to report assaults under a calendar year, January to January, instead of a fiscal year, June to June. Saint Mary's did not change their reporting procedure. Consequently, two sexual assaults were filed under the wrong years: one assault was filed under 1997 instead of 1996 and another was filed under 1998 instead of 1999.

Although the complaint is extensive, the two major points of complaint raised rested in two areas, the way Saint Mary's reported sexual assault statistics and non-compliance with sexual assault disclosure in their Safety Security Information brochure. "We were not reporting the way we should have been reporting," Keith Dennis, vice president of finances and administration, said.

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This Week at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's

Thursday
- Car wash: Coaches' car wash, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Gold Field parking lot, west of Eck Baseball Stadium
- Picnic: Graduate Student Union picnic, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Fischer-O'Hara Grace parking area

Friday
- Movie: "Finding Forrester," 7:30 p.m.
- Party: Graduate Student Union welcome-back party, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
- Alumni Senior Club

Saturday
- Comedy show: Bobby Collins, 9 p.m., Washington Hall
- Breakfast: Midnight pancake breakfast, 12 to 1:30 a.m., North Dining Hall

Sunday
- Holiday: Labor Day, all administrative offices closed, classes in session

Beyond Campus

Report raises questions about Duke shoe deal

DURHAM, N.C. - When top basketball recruit Amare Stoudemire's mother accepted money from Nike consultant George Raveling, she might have jeopardized her son's NCAA eligibility.

But she also sparked questions about the role of big-time shoe companies in college athletics.

Those same questions surfaced in July when the Knight Foundation's Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics released a report that argued that the commercialization hurt higher education. Now, administrators and fans of Duke University are wondering if the Nike swoosh is mightier than the Duke shield.

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Local area code set to change

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
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Because the current 219 area code serving all of northern Indiana is nearing capacity, callers will have to dial a new area code 574 to reach Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and South Bend residents as early as June 2002. According to Notre Dame's telecommunications manager Steve Ellis, during the next four months, until Dec. 14, callers will notice no changes while telephone companies prepare their equipment for the new area code.

Starting Dec. 14, a period called permissive dialing will begin, when callers may dial either the old 219 area code or the new 574 area code. Then beginning June 14, 2002, callers must dial the new 574 area code.

The December and June deadlines were set by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, but may be moved back as a result of appeals from telephone companies.

Before the new area code takes affect, the University has to prepare for the change.

"All literature has to be changed [with the new area code]. It's very painful," Voice telecommunications manager Ellis said. That includes brochures and other media with the new area code, Notre Dame procurement services alerted the University community of the area code change.

Ellis said he suggests that departments use their current supply of media and change the area code when they reorder during the six-month permissive period.

"We are pleased we got the information so early and we sent an alert out well enough in advance that people almost a year [to change the area code on current media]. We see no additional cost to the University since we have given early notice to the departments and we have asked the printing suppliers to work with each department in ordering appropriate quantities through the transition," said assistant vice president for procurement services Tim Gibney.

According to Saint Mary's director of marketing communications Nick Farmer, the College has not yet sent out instructions for ordering media with the new area code, but will do so soon.

"It came as somewhat of a surprise to people over the summer [that the area code would change]. We will be sending out guidelines for the new area code very soon," said Farmer.

The telecommunications departments at both schools will continue to publicize information about the area code change as the change over date approaches and Ellis said he suggests callers begin using the 574 area code as soon as the permissive dialing period begins.

"Everybody will approach using the new area code a different way, but the quicker I forget 219, the better I'm going to be," Ellis said.

Officials from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission split the region into three parts, each with its own area code: the eastern region including Fort Wayne, the central region including South Bend and the western region including Gary.

During the summer, a lottery was held to determine which region would keep the 219 area code and which would adopt two new area codes: 260 and 574.

The Gary area was randomly selected to keep 219. South Bend was assigned 574 and Fort Wayne was assigned 260.

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Governor appoints SMC prof to board

By MARY CAMPE
News Writer

Saint Mary's College social work professor Jo Ann Burke has been appointed by Governor Frank O'Bannon to a two-year term on the board of Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Aging (CHOICE).

The CHOICE board advises the governor in policies related to care for the elderly and disabled and works with the Indiana Bureau of Aging and In-Home Services.

Dr. Burke hopes to bring new ideas and solutions to move toward providing community-based services enabling people with disabilities to remain in their homes instead of solely relying on institutions, or nursing homes.

"This is a very exciting time to be on this board," says Burke. "People are living longer and we need to come up with ways for the next wave of nursing home patients to be accommodated.

Burke also works with Real Services Inc., a community-based elderly care agency that covers Northwest Indiana. One member of the agency saw the motivation and time Burke devotes to the cause of elderly care and nominated her.

Rebecca Zaseck, the nominating colleague, believes strongly in Burke's depth and breadth of experience and believes those qualities will make her an effective board member for the CHOICE program.

"JoAnn is an educator but she's also a practitioner," Zaseck, said.

Burke's background includes 12 years in geriatric and community health nursing and 10 years in family therapy practice, including five years as an American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy-approved supervisor.

She earned her master's and doctorate in social work from Bryn Mawr College. She has an under-graduate nursing degree from the University of Cincinnati. Burke has been teaching at Saint Mary's for the past four years.

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wrongly reported sexual assault and a draft of the new Safety and Security brochure. Now they brochure spells out the procedures of the campus alerts, as well as statistical information on assault and other crimes over the last three years. However, even with the improvements, DOE sent Saint Mary’s follow-up questions on Aug. 14 to clarify the college’s July 6 response. The interim correspondence asks Saint Mary’s to further explain their reporting procedures of the crimes over the assault and other statistical procedures of the school. It is clear that their way of accounting is inadequate and not clear. So how much of a priority are these cases to the school if it takes the threat of federal action to make the changes?”

S. Daniel Carter
SOC spokesperson

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Now that he has Cassidy’s former job, Coughlin said there are some changes he would like to make, although he added that the Student Activities office is already an excellent resource for students.

“I think this office is in really good shape and the people who work here are great,” Coughlin said.

However, he said he would like the office to become more “user friendly.” He explained that when students plan events or fundraisers, they currently have to go through several steps of paperwork to get approval. Although Coughlin said reducing the amount of paperwork might not be possible, he hopes the Student Activities office can begin offering students more assistance in working through the event approval process.

Another important area Coughlin would like to improve is weekend programming. Student Activities has created new positions for students interested in helping to plan weekend activities. In addition, the office will offer more weekend activities, including having a comedian perform once a month. Coughlin would also like Student Activities to work more with other University offices that plan events for students, including the Center for Social Concerns, BeckSports and the Multicultural Student Programs and Services office. Because he was a rector for three years, Coughlin said he knows people in a number of departments.

In fact, Coughlin believes his three years as Carroll’s rector are perfect preparation for Student Activities director.

“I don’t think anyone knows this University better than the rectors,” Coughlin said.

In addition, Coughlin brings to the position of Student Activities director a number of different academic and work experiences. After graduating from Notre Dame in 1995, Coughlin went to Bethany College in West Virginia, where he was in charge of freshman residents halls before becoming coordinator of residence life and student leadership development in 1996. While working at Bethany, Coughlin also earned a masters degree in educational leadership from West Virginia University in 1997. He left West Virginia in 1997 to become a residence hall director at Boston College before returning to his alma mater in 1998.

Coughlin is also the advisor to the Men’s and women’s water polo clubs.
AFGHANISTAN

Foreign aid workers to stand trial

Two American women and six other foreigners jailed in Afghanistan on charges of preaching Christianity will be put on trial, the radical Islamic Taliban militia said Wednesday.

The parents of Dayna Curry and Heather Mercer said their daughters were healthy and in "good spirit." They met with them on Monday. "We are now working with the ministry of foreign affairs to get back in to see our daughters on a more frequent basis and everything is going very well," said Heather's father, John Mercer. "They have been very gracious hosts. They have treated us very warmly. We are just working with them closely to hopefully resolve this issue."

The foreigners - two American women, four Britons and two Australians - have been held for more than three weeks. They are members of a German-based Christian organization, Shelter Now International, and were arrested along with 16 Afghan employees. The penalty for an Afghan who converts to Christianity is death.

Committee: 40,000 tax returns lost: At least 40,000 federal tax returns and payments involving $810 million were either lost or destroyed at a Pittsburgh processing facility. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., said a previous estimate of 1,800 lost or destroyed payments was "only a small fraction" of the actual total.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Fire destroys Evansville factory: Fire gutted a cardboard factory on Evansville's North Side on Wednesday, forcing the evacuation of nearby homes and businesses. Five firefighters who responded to the fire at the Sisco Corp. suffered heat exhaustion and were treated at a hospital, officials said. They were released by late afternoon. Buildings within a half-mile of the fire were evacuated for a few hours because of concerns that fertilizer tanks and gasoline from a nearby sporting goods store could explode.

Texas 7 leader receives death sentence

The ringleader of the biggest prison breakout in Texas history was sentenced to death Wednesday after unexpectedly pleading with a jury to give him the death penalty for killing a policeman while on the run.

"I don't want to just exist anymore like an animal in prison," said George Rivas, 31, in a courtroom filled with relatives of the slain officer. The jury took less than two hours to grant Rivas' wish.

Rivas was the first of the seven escaped convicts to be tried in the slaying of Irving Officer Aubrey Hawkins, who was shot 11 times and run over twice during a holdup Christmas Eve at a Dallas-area sporting goods store.

"What you call the death penalty, I call freedom," he said, speaking haltingly. "I can finally be free. I'm telling you right now I don't want another life sentence."

After the verdict was read, Hawkins' wife and mother told Rivas he had destroyed their lives and that of the officer's young son, Andrew. Both demanded he look directly at them.

"You sit there with no remorse on your face and you make me sick," said the officer's sobbing wife, Lori Hawkins. "I will never forgive you."
Lawyers honor SMC alumna

By KATIE RAND

Helen Burke, a Saint Mary's graduate of the class of 1990, was recently named one of Illinois 40 leading attorneys under 40.

The list is compiled annually by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company, which prints Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, a daily court newspaper that has provided lawyers with important legal information and news of the day since 1854.

Every year, the Law Bulletin asks its Illinois based readers to nominate attorneys under 40 to join the ranks of their prestigious peers. This past July, Burke was added to the list.

Burke's practice focuses on all aspects of litigation including mechanics lien and commercial litigation, although her primary area of focus is construction. Working with contractors, subcontractors and owners has proven to be a tough job, but Burke has risen to the top of her field.

"I know that contractors and developers can be among the toughest, most opinionated and strong-willed of any client. Helen can stand toe-to-toe with any of them. She knows the law inside and out," Peter Herzog, a colleague of Burke's, said.

In addition to working for a private practice for the last four and half years, Burke is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, National Association of Women In Construction, Chicago Women In Trades and other organizations. She has also taught Constitutional Law at DePaul University and Political Participation at Saint Mary's College.

Currently she is writing an article with Judge Meacham on construction litigation, her specialty.

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CAMBODIA

Flood victims flee to capital

By KATIE RAND

About 100 villagers packed into five vans empty-handed for the ride back to their homes in Kandal and Prey Veng provinces. The remaining victims stayed back in the pagoda, saying they were too poor and too hungry to return home, and would wait for help.

More than 40 policemen backed by wagons and two fire trucks stood outside the Royal Palace and prevented the destitute farmers from congregating at the corner park, which has been a favorite gathering place in recent years for the downtrodden.

"Since I was born, I've never gone begging from anyone but this is the worst time for us and I have to overcome my shame to beg for my family," said Tum Phally, 35.

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Shimon Peres and Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer.

SECRETARY OF STATE Colin Powell talked with leaders on both sides to try to defuse the crisis. He called Arafat on Wednesday to assure him the Bush administration was pressing Israel to withdraw from Beit Jalla, just south of Jerusalem, State Department officials said. Powell also asked Arafat to help restore calm to the region, they said. Later, Powell called Peres, said a statement from Peres' office.

Peres spent Wednesday talking to officials on all sides in an effort to stop the shooting between Palestinian gunmen and Israeli forces and to pull the Israeli troops out of the town.

An aide to European Union envoy Miguel Moratinos said European Union experts were in the region trying to help bring an end to the fighting.

During the two days Israeli forces held positions in the town, Palestinian gunmen continued to target Gilo, a Jewish neighborhood built on land captured by Israel in the 1967 war and annexed to Jerusalem. For the first time, they aimed 50-caliber machine-gun fire at the Jewish houses, and they also fired 60mm mortar shells. One Palestinian policeman was killed and at least 20 people were injured, Palestinians said.

The State Department had welcomed the withdrawal agreement and held out hope that the truce could be a springboard to a wider accord. "Stopping the violence is the way of getting there," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Wednesday.

But the State Department heightened its criticism of the measures used by Israel in retaliation for terrorist attacks.

"I think we've seen incursions before," Boucher said. "There is a fundamental issue here, and that's trying to reverse agreements and understandings that have been made in the past.

The statement appeared a muted warning to Israel to reverse the Beit Jalla Incursion, the longest-lasting of several into territory Israel turned over to the Palestinian Authority under the 1993 Oslo Accords.

Ben-Eliezer said Wednesday he had no plans to reoccupy Gilo. However, he said, if Palestinians resumed shooting on Gilo after an Israeli withdrawal, his troops would "absolutely" move back into Beit Jalla.

In 11 months of Israeli-Palestinian fighting, Israeli forces have repeatedly entered Palestinian territories, but stayed only a few hours. The incursion, the most extended, threatened to enflame violence to a new peak.
The Celebration Choir sings every Wednesday night for Interfaith Christian Night Prayer held from 10pm-10:30pm in Morrissey Chapel. The Celebration Choir also provides music for liturgies following each Home Football Game in Stepan Center. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 8-9:45pm.

The Handbell Choir plays for six liturgies each semester in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 8:15-10pm.

If interested in either of these groups, contact Karen Kirner at 1-9326.
Residents return home after fires

Associated Press

WEAVERVILLE, Calif. Residents began returning to see what was left of their homes Wednesday as firefighters continued to battle a wildfire that forced the evacuation of more than half of this former mining town of 3,500.

The blaze burned more than 1,600 acres and destroyed at least a dozen homes. No serious injuries were reported. By Wednesday night, the fire was 65 percent contained, and at least a dozen homes. No serious injuries were reported. By Wednesday night, the fire was 65 percent contained, and no serious injuries were reported. By Wednesday night, the fire was 65 percent contained, and no serious injuries were reported.

The night before, he had refused to leave until the last minute, spraying down his roof with a garden hose until the fire crept onto his property and trees started exploding, he said. On Wednesday, his home was the only one five in the immediate area still standing.

High wind gusts had fanned the fire toward the western side of the town, about 200 miles north of San Francisco. About 100 miles to the south, authorities continued to battle a wildfire that led to the deaths of two pilots whose firefighting planes collided over the 270-acre blaze.

Prosecutors said Frank Proffitt, 50, was operating a methamphetamine lab in the woods that may be connected to the Hells Angels motorcycle gang.

In Northern California, about 55 miles northeast of the immediate area still standing, a man was arraigned over the 9,000-acre blaze. He said that the company is cleared to fly charters under an air-taxi certificate, which authorizes a single pilot to fly the plane.

Officials: Pilot flying Aaliyah not cleared

Associated Press

MIAMI The pilot of the ill-fated Bahamas flight carrying pop star Aaliyah and eight others did not have federal authorization to fly the plane and had been in court on a crack cocaine possession charge 12 days before the deadly crash, authorities said Wednesday.

Luis Antonio Morales Bianes, 30, had not been listed as the pilot for the twin-engine Cessna by Blackhawk International Airways, Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said.

She said the company is cleared to fly charters under an air-taxi certificate, which authorizes a single pilot to fly the plane. Bergen said that pilot wasn't Morales.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation. U.S. and Bahamian aviation officials are investigating whether excess weight from baggage — among other possible causes — contributed to Saturday's crash.

Aaliyah, a Grammy-nominated star with a platinum-selling album and high-profile movie roles to her credit, had come to the Bahamas with the others to shoot a music video.

Bergen said the FAA was still trying to clarify the relationship between Blackhawk and the plane's registered owner, a Florida company called Skystream. The Miami Herald reported Wednesday that Blackhawk was listed on customs documents as the plane's operator.

"It is not unusual for one company to lease an aircraft to another, but that's something we have to clarify with regard to this flight," Bergen said.

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Castro makes stop before heading to South Africa

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RIO DE JANEIRO

Fidel Castro arrived in Brazil Wednesday for an overnight stopover en route to South Africa, where he will address a world conference on racism.

The Cuban president was greeted at the military section of Rio de Janeiro's Galeao airport by state governor Anthony Garotinho before heading for a hotel near the city's legendary Copacabana beach.

He was welcomed at the Othon Palace hotel by about 100 boisterous supporters, waving signs reading "Viva Fidel" and flags of the Brazilian Communist Party and other leftist movements.

As Castro walked into the hotel, wearing his traditional olive-green military fatigues, eager onlookers jostled to get a glimpse of him.

Castro had been scheduled to dine with Garotinho at the governor's palace, but hotel chef Mario Tavares said he had been asked to prepare a dinner of salmon with green salad and green corn for the Cuban guest, the same dish he had eaten last time he stayed here.

There was no word of Castro's schedule for Thursday, except that he was due to leave for Durban, South Africa for the U.N. World Conference Against Racism.

Although Latin America's largest country has a center-left, market-friendly government, Brazil and communist Cuba have warm relations.

Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso is one of the region's most outspoken supporters of involving Cuba in all regional bodies, including the U.S.-sponsored Free Trade Area of the Americas, scheduled to start in 2005.

Cuba has spoken up to support Brazil in its fight to produce generic drugs and force lower prices from multinational pharmaceutical companies.

Sharpton: Florida hostile to blacks

Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. - The Rev. Al Sharpton on Wednesday criticized the government and police in South Florida, saying he sees a pattern of racial bias causing blacks to be treated as second-class citizens.

"Everyone is not welcome, everyone is not treated the same and South Beach is looking like the Deep South," Sharpton said.

Sharpton spoke before a hearing of a State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The panel held the informal hearing to listen to residents' complaints about discrimination and mistreatment at the hands of police.

Sharpton told the committee that his group, the National Action Network, would pressure South Florida government and law enforcement officials to fix what he called a pattern of "continued profiling, abuse and police misconduct."

"We intend to make this a national cry ... we intend to see something rectified here," Sharpton told the panel.

About 150 people attended.

Bobby Doctor, regional director for the commission, said the panel has received several complaints alleging police abuse, discrimination in Ft. Lauderdale government offices and concerns over the impact of a federal housing program.

"It is very, very clear that there are a number of problems in the South Florida area," Doctor said.

Some of those waiting to speak before the panel at the hearing occasionally chanted a refrain often heard during the presidential election recount last year: "No Justice, No Peace."

Sharpton and others have alleged that black voters were disenfranchised by institutional racism.

Among other incidents he cited: A Maryland lawmaker earlier this year entered a bar in Perry and was told to sit in a separate area for blacks, and police actions with high-profile black celebrities, such as rapper Sean Combs and Raymond Scott, co-owner of the hip-hop magazine The Source.

"Florida in many ways has represented nationally some of the worst forms of abuse of civil rights in recent memory," Sharpton said. "The commission needs to know that there's a national concern."

Last week, Scott was arrested hours after The Source Hip-Hop Awards 2001 was taped on Miami Beach. Scott, 36, was charged with speeding and eight other violations.

Police are investigating his allegation that the arresting officer hit him.

Miami Beach Police charged Combs with driving with a suspended license in April. The State Attorney's Office was also investigating a June 9 incident in which Combs allegedly ran a red light and almost hit a pedestrian.

Telephone calls seeking comment from the Miami Beach Police Department were not immediately returned Wednesday.

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Abidjan: Wade is asking the conference to endorse proposals for an apology and financial compensation from nations that benefited from the trans-Atlantic slave trade. By the most widely accepted estimate, the trade saw 12 to 15 million Africans shipped across the ocean into slavery in the Americas and Europe. Although many African countries have signed past statements of support for reparations and an apology, African leaders have largely been silent in the run-up to the conference.

On Wednesday, Wade joined the Vatican and South African President Thabo Mbeki in urging acknowledgment of the slave trade as an injustice. Pope John Paul II already has asked divine forgiveness — a gesture made during the pontiff's visit to an old slave barracks on Goree Island off Senegal, and still often remembered by the people of that nation.

The Vatican's Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace said Wednesday that a calculation of compensation for slavery could be difficult. It suggested that an apology or expression of regret to the victim state by the state responsible for the wrong.
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Overcoming "idiot." There are also minors in Catholic social tradition and medieval studies. If you feel drawn but who otherwise are as serious about Catholicism as practicing virtually all that the Pope demands (and sophomores who have yet to do so) should go straight to the International Studies office and get a list of programs for study abroad. Do it now so that you can begin to prepare for this journey. For instance, learn Spanish if you wish to go to Latin America. Find a people to whom you feel drawn but who otherwise are as different from you as possible and live with them. If you come back from that experience an idiot, I'll stop writing this column.

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Henry Adams

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Offering sympathy where it’s due

The Houston chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) is rallying support for Andrea Yates, the Clear Lake woman who drowned her five children on June 20. According to the Houston Chronicle, the group is forming the Andrea Pia Yates Support Coalition to raise money for her defense. A candlelight vigil will be held the night before a competency hearing on Sept. 12 to determine if she is fit to stand trial. NOW believes that her husband, Russell Yates, also should be held accountable for the murders because he knew she was mentally unstable. Yates faces capital murder charges in the deaths of three of her children — Noah, 7, John, 2 and Mary, 6 months. She is not yet charged in the deaths of Paul, 3 and Luke, 2. She has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity.

However, it is NOW that has lost its mind. This irrelevant shell of an organization should condemn Yates just like any other murderer. Perhaps she was, as the organization contends, so severely depressed that she held each child's head under water in a bathtub. But depression is not an excuse for committing cold-blooded murder, and it is outrageous for feminists or anyone else to offer excuses for her. The Houston chapter of NOW, as well as those who would support its efforts, do a grave disservice to justice and children everywhere. Shortly after the killings, columnist Anna Quindlen explained in the pages of "The New York Times" the reaction of some fellow feminists with whom she had discussed the murders. She wrote of their reactions, "And the look says that at some forbidden level she understands. That look says that there are two very different kinds of horror here. There is the entirely imaginable idea of the killings. And then there is the unimaginable idea of being quietly bonkers in the house with five kids under the age of seven." She goes on to write of the "insidious cult of motherhood." Imagine the response to a man, just after beating his wife beyond recognition, who tries to offer a similar excuse or explanation. Yates' lawyers claim she had a prolonged history of mental disease, including postpartum depression. As a result, her supporters want her husband criminally prosecuted. A charge against Russell Yates is not likely because there is no evidence that she or he took part in the killings.

Houston Attorney Brian Wice said in the Houston Chronicle, "He may be condemned, and rightfully so, in the court of public opinion, but there is no legal basis for him to stand or sit in a court of law." He probably could have been more supporting at home. But the sad facts of Andrea Yates' actions remain and her husband had no way to look into the future. Raising several young children at the same time is not an easy task. But every year, thousands of parents across the nation work through the stress. They also reap the rewards of selflessness that only raising children can provide. There is no evidence of mental instability, and even the severest depression should not absolve guilt. Five children are dead, and she is responsible. Andrea Yates deserves no sympathy, and NOW only chips away at what little credibility it has left when defense funds are set up and vigils are held in her honor.

Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal has announced he is seeking the death penalty for Andrea Yates. Justice demands it; Yates deserves to die for her crimes. She held the heads of five children underwater until they drowned, methodically laying the bodies across a bed before bringing in the next child to repeat the ghastly act. Its horror has no equivalent.

To offer aid and comfort to Andrea Yates is far more insane than Andrea Yates ever was. Her husband, who has lost his five children and his wife, is the one who deserves a support coalition.

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Guest Column

Senior expects bittersweet final year

Until now, I did not realize the truth about my body. I'm pregnant. And here's the news, fellow seniors: all of you who are pregnant with me.

Such a profound realization can only be the result of a long and intense period of craving, one of which I have just enjoyed during the past seven-day weekend. Months ago I anticipated that it would eventually be Senior Week I, and it has been by all accounts. The joyful reification of great friends in old haunts has been only tempered by the lights that eventually go up at the Linebacker. Not even seniors can stop the coming of 3 a.m.

As a result, my life altering event that will forever change the corridors of Fitzpatrick. These guys may have been college senior rock stars once, but by now those days have faded into the kind of glossy, neatly packaged nostalgia from whence so many VH1 specials have sprung. Undergrads simply do it better.

Consciousness of time will become a compelling factor as we go through our favorite signature events for perhaps the final time. I weep for the day when I'll enjoy my favorite three-layered South Dining Hall cereal concoction for the last time. Already, I wait and lament my last chance to watch my classmates box in Bengal Bouts. Also, and I'll really miss this one, the last time I'll ever attend the post-Bouts party.

For all the talk of seizing last opportunities in this final year, I'll begin taking some initiative right now with a shout out. Phil Madonia has been asking to get mentioned in something I write since he started critiquing my work at the end of freshman year. Phil's a cross between George Wallace and Ralph Macchio. He's got more children than yours University, but he's also an example to every fresh­man (if not also to the dream of every coed, he'd try and tell you because he knows more people at Notre Dame than anyone I've seen. It's impossible to stand beside him anywhere on campus and not be immersed in constant conversations with passersby. Thick drawl or not, I salute you, Phil.

Enrollment was the consummation that has assured we are all now pregnant with real life. Football and basketball seasons will roughly mark the first two trimesters. Then there's what promises to be a physically debilitating seven-day delivery. Call it Senior Week II. It will break us down again before Notre Dame builds us up for the last time at graduation.

Realize that we're all expecting until that final Sunday in May. Baby, it's on the way.

Paul Camarata
senior
off-campus
August 20, 2001
Scene Staff Report

Moviegoers seeking enjoyable summer entertainment over the past three months were hard pressed to find it. From "Pearl Harbor" to "Planet of the Apes," audiences ate up Hollywood's cinematic product but failed to produce the positive word-of-mouth needed for the film to have, what insiders call, "legs." Week after week, the major releases opened to big office receipts but then quickly fell off the charts. With the exception of DreamWorks' "Shrek," 2001's summer movies just didn't capture audience support. And, based on what our critics have to say, most didn't deserve it.

"Planet of the Apes"

This past summer, few movies were touted with as much advertising propaganda as "Planet of the Apes." Not only is "Apes" a big-budget enterprise that features the ultra-creative Tim Burton in the director's chair, but it is also a remake of the revered 1967 scifi-classic of the same name. And, like the original, Burton's "Apes" sports Oscar-caliber makeup and is based on Pierre Boulle's novel. Unfortunately, the similarities—most notably quality—end there.

Cited a "re-imagination, not a remake" by the 20th Century Fox hype machine, "Apes" showcases Mark Wahlberg as a human astronaut in the not-too-distant future. While investigating a spatial anomaly, Wahlberg unwittingly lands on an unknown planet that is controlled by the hereafter lesser members of the primate family. Wahlberg and Estella Warren, the requisite scantily-clad female human, are immediately swept into the center of the ape-human conflict when they are captured by the demonical General Thade (Tim Roth) on a slave-gathering expedition. Helena Bonham Carter enters the fray as a human-rights advocate chimp who alarmingly falls for Wahlberg, the Hairless Biped. Once Wahlberg convinces Carter that her beliefs should be put into practice, it is only a matter of time before the rudimentary "man-beasts" are pitted against the erudite apes in an epic battle for the planet. "Apes" does a number of things very, very wrong. Unlike the original, the humans can speak and communicate at a level similar to the apes, waiving the distinction between human and ape and rendering Wahlberg an unwilling messiah more akin to Monty Python's title character in "Life of Brian" than the manthropic Charlton Heston. And the sex-appeal of the human-family is undeniably killed when the foundation and modern-day parable of the '67 version, is instead replaced by a simpler, animal rights agenda. Aberrations such as these and many others have left more than one moviegoer echoing Heston's immortal growl, "Haley Joel's son' and is later cast out when things go wrong. In a dark forest full of broken "A.I.: Artificial Intelligence"

Written and directed by Steven Spielberg, and based on years of input by the late Stanley Kubrick, "A.I." is a futuristic twist on the famous "Pinocchio" fairy tale. Haley Joel Osment stars as David, an 11-year-old robot who lives at a time when computers are helping humans survive. David is adopted by a family to be their 'son' and is later cast out when things go wrong. In a dark forest full of broken androids, David begins his journey towards finding the blue fairy, who he thinks will make him a real boy. "A.I." promised to be intriguing mix of styles: Kubrick's chilliness and Spielberg's warmth. Unfortunately, their methods aren't coherent, leaving the audience torn between a curiously chilling sci-fi flick and an uplifting fantasy film. Oment once again delivers a powerful performance. We see him gradually absorb the emotions of humans as the movie progresses. His co-stars, Jude Law and Frances O'Connor, deliver satisfactory performances. The money that went into the production is easily seen in the great cinematography and special effects. Despite these positive elements, "A.I." has a bleak ending and, like the social construct of his world, slowly falls apart, leaving the viewer less than satisfied.

"Moulin Rouge"

 Baz Luhrmann's "Moulin Rouge" is an ingeniously scored, enormously sized musical for the new millennium. As visually rich as any film in recent memory, it overwhims his viewers with a dazzling barrage of sumptuous imagery.

Much like the director's previous effort, "William Shakespeare's Romeo + Juliet," "Moulin Rouge" is set in an alternate universe where the historical trappings of the narrative peacefully coexist with today's popular culture.

The story revolves around two lovers, Christian (Ewan McGregor), a writer who has come to Paris, and Satine (Nicole Kidman), a tantalizing courtesan at the Rouge. Through the course of the story, Christian must choose between the penniless writer, whom she loves, and the wealthy Duke, whose finances will make her a star and ensure a future for the club.

Simply put, there is no modesty to be found in this film, as Luhrmann has taken everything to the extreme. The hallucinogenic cinematography, incorporating quick edits, vibrant colors and plenty of overblown spectacle is sure to induce sensory overload.

Like the Hollywood musicals of old, the characters in "Moulin Rouge" burst out into song at the drop of a hat. However, in this case, the words they sing are culled from a who's who of pop music from the 20th Century, which are seamlessly combined in new and exciting ways.

One could go on and on about the luscious production design, the priceless costumes and the recklessly delightful digital effects that blend this whole world together, but "Moulin Rouge" is best seen for yourself. As movies shy away from emotions not rooted in The Julia Roberts School of Romantic Musicals, it's nice to know something as unconventional and potent as "Moulin Rouge" can slip through the cracks and give cinema a swift kick in the butt.

"America's Sweethearts"

..."America's Sweethearts" is a light, romantic comedy about the 'real,' behind-the-scenes world of Hollywood. Julia Roberts plays Kiki, the under-appreciated sister and personal assistant to movie star Gwen (Catherine Zeta-Jones), who's married to actor and husband Eddie (John Cusack). When the "perfect couple" go through a tough break-up, Gwen's talent and fame are met with criticism from American audiences. It is up to producer Lee Phillips (Billy Crystal) to sell their latest movie in order to keep his job. In the midst of all the chaos, Kiki and Eddie find their friendship to be much more.

"Sweethearts" was co-written by Crystal and has a full, talented cast, yet it cannot seem to meet the standards of a good film. The storyline is of course predictable and full of far-fetched, stupid comments. One new twist the movie offers, though, is a chance to see Roberts out of the spotlight, playing a lesser role.

But director Joe Roth tries to cover up his poor camerawork with fake Hollywood glamour and a bunch of beautiful actors. Also, Zeta-Jones delivers one of her worst performances as she tries a little too hard to play a conceited, spoiled actress.

"America's Sweethearts" definitely loses a few points because of its emphasis on the importance of losing weight to become sexy. Eddie doesn't even look twice at Kiki until she loses 60 pounds and buys tighter clothes. Also, the film moves slowly towards its obvious ending. With characters that are vain, greedy and insane, "Sweethearts" is best seen on video, if at all.
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"Jurassic Park 3"

Everyone who worked on "Jurassic Park 3" was well aware of the fact that seeing realistic, computer-generated dinosaurs on the rampage loses its novelty by the third go-round. The original, Steven Spielberg-directed "Jurassic Park" succeeded largely because audiences had not seen such astonishingly lifelike dinosaurs before. But there is still giddy, guiltless fun to be had, "it’s a whole lot of expositionally build-up and gets right to the meat of things: Dinosaurs attacking humans. Within 20 minutes we’re in the heart of the action, and it doesn’t let up until the movie is over, after a breathless 90 minutes.

Returning from the first film is Sam Neill as Dr. Grant. Grant allows himself to be talked into flying a wealthy couple, William H. Macy and Tea Leoni, over Isla Sorna, the B-site island featured in "The Lost World," in hopes of observing, from afar, the wild dinos. However, it turns out that Leoni and Macy are a desperate divorced couple on an illegal search mission for their 13-year-old son who disappeared on the island while parasailing several weeks earlier. Unfortunately for Grant, he finds this out after their plane crashes on the island.

"JPS is more playful than its predecessors, happily lurching into self-parody in order to keep its gears running. Indeed, there’s nothing original to be found here—virtually every scene is a reworking of a scene from an earlier installment—but the tone is slightly twisted to allow for more comedy. Also, the speed with which the supporting characters are killed off is astounding, quickly leaving us with only a core group of characters struggling to make it off the island. Both of these elements create a concise and enjoyable narrative experience, a necessary trait for any new instalment of the series.

The 140-million-dollar budget casts Ben Affleck as flyboy Rafe McCawley. Rafe is sent away to England to help the British fight in The Battle of Britain. Meanwhile, Rafe’s childhood buddy and fellow flyboy, Danny (Josh Hartnett), gets sent to Pearl Harbor and lives it up in the Tropical Paradise. When word is sent that Rafe is dead (yeah, right), Danny tries to woo Rafe’s girlfriend, Evelyn (Kate Beckinsale). The two “fall in love” immediately.

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"Pearl Harbor"

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Liam Dacey
NEW YORK

John Franco, a veteran of two strikes and a lockout, doesn't have any advice for teammates on how to expect another way the sport will be run this fall.

"Nobody's said nothing yet," the New York Mets' reliever said. "It's been — quiet — since 84.

Labor's contract expires two months from Friday.

Baseball's labor contract expires two months from Friday. Since 1972, and some owners want major economic changes, saying baseball has become a game where only the rich get richer.

Since the end of the last strike, a 232-day walkout that will end the 1994 World Series, the New York Yankees have won the World Series, including the last three.

The Atlanta Braves, another big spender, failed to win the title in 1995 and the Florida Marlins won in 1997 after boosting their payrolls to among the top third.

The Major League Baseball Players Association, the union, is the strongest union in sports and in perhaps the United States, says the sport doesn't need the salary cap some owners favor and the idea that the revenue sharing of large-market teams is an anomaly, caused partly because the smaller clubs record the fastest from the strike.

But in contrast to the virulism that was near continuous dur-
Public records expert looks into Almonte conflict

Associated Press

MOCA, Dominican Republic

A public records expert trod over to this remote farming town Wednesday to determine once and for all whether star Little League pitcher Danny Almonte is 12 or 14.

Conflicting documents about Almonte's age have surfaced this week, even as he and his teammates were honored with a parade through the Bronx and a celebration at Yankee Stadium for their play at the Little League World Series.

"Danny! Danny!" chanted thousands of people waving Dominican flags as the Rolando Paulino All-Stars Little League team paraded through the Bronx.

"12 or 14 - so what," said a sign along the parade route. "Why investigate only us ... Why, because we are from the Bronx," said another.

At Yankee Stadium, the Little Leaguers posed on the field and stood alongside the Yankees' starters during the national anthems. The team was invited to spend three nights at Universal Studios in Florida.

The search by the Dominican Republic government official in Moca, about 90 miles north of Santo Domingo, entails thumb­ring through books of birth records, verifying the identity numbers of the witnesses who signed the documents, and perhaps finding and interviewing those who notarized them years ago.

"We will evaluate who registered the documents to determine which of the two is false," said Ramon Reyes, a spokesman for the national public records office.

An announcement wasn't expected until late Thursday.

Along with her son's gold­plated baseball trophies and newspaper clipping, Sonia Rojas Brerton has a handwritten, photocopied birth certificate that says he was born April 7, 1989. Ten blocks away, the town's official records office has another birth certificate that says Danny was born April 7, 1987.

Still another handwritten doc­ument obtained by the New York Daily News from Dr. Toribio Bencosme Hospital in Moca states that Rojas gave birth to a boy on April 7, 1987. Rojas, who said she gave birth to Danny at home with the help of a midwife in the nearby town of Jamao, insists all docu­ments but hers are false.

"I don't know why those people are lying," Rojas told The Associated Press Tuesday at her cement home.

She is baffled by the lack of records at the school she said both Danny and his older brother Juan attended.

"Danny never went to school here but his brother "Chelo" did," Ermenia de la Rosa, director of the Escuela Evangelica Alianza in Moca, said Wednesday. She did not know his exact age.

"We don't know where those documents are coming from."

Rojas told the AP on Wednesday, is in a tattered school notebook and lists the names of 30 other women who gave birth the same day. It is not notarized, nor is it signed by a hospital official.

The AP reporter also was shown a birth certificate for Danny's older brother. Danny's mother says he is 14, but the birth certificate says he was born Dec. 15, 1985, making him nearly 16.

The government official who was sent to investigate the records, Rojas insisted his son is 12.

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Danny's father, Felipe de Jesus Almonte, had registered his son's birth twice, with the earlier record saying he was born April 7, 1987 and the later one showing 1989 - the same evidence an AP reporter had found Tuesday.

If documents prove Danny is really 14, Little League spokesman Lance Van Aukcn said his Dominicanouisiana team probably would have to forfeit its last victory.

In 1992, a Little League team from the Philippines won the final game in the World Series but it was then stripped of their title for using over-age and ineligible players.

On ABC's "Good Morning America," de Jesus said Wednesday he doesn't understand how the two birth records could be different. Through an interpreter, he said he is not trying to cheat anyone and insisted his son is 14.

"I registered him only one time," de Jesus said, adding he did it in 2000.

The case has stirred a frenzy in the baseball-driven Dominican Republic, which has produced such greats as Sammy Sosa and Pedro Martinez, but also is known for its poor record-keeping: Nearly 25 percent of children over 5 lack proper birth certificates, according to UNICEF.

The lack of adequate records and prospect of lucrative base­ball contracts creates an atmos­phere vulnerable to fraud.

"Families in the Dominican Republic expect to generate income from their children's baseball future," said Pablo Pefuego, the Los Angeles Dodgers' supervisor of baseball operations in the Dominican Republic.

Major league teams are pro­hibited from signing players under the age of 16.

The Dodgers signed their Dominican third baseman Adrian Beltre, signing baseball commissioner Bud Selig ruled in December 1991 that the team had recruited him before his 16th birthday and altered documents to make the signs appear legal under baseball rules.

Other controversies involving Dominican players include the 1991 case of Israel Galan, signed by the Braves as a 19-year-old when he was really 22, and Wilson Betemit, signed in 1996 when he was 14.
Garciaparra returns to DL

Associated Press

CLEVELAND Nomar Garciaparra says his season's over. Without him, Boston's might be.

The All-Star shortstop was placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday after Red Sox on Wednesday after an MRI showed swelling in his surgically repaired right wrist.

"It just wasn't recovering the way it should be," said Garciaparra, who underwent surgery in April and missed nearly three months of the season. "It's still in the healing process. I need to give it some time. We've got to let it calm down. It's healing, but it's kind of on the wall."

Garciaparra said he can no longer ignore the soreness in his wrist, and he needs two weeks' rest before deciding if he can play again this season.

"I don't know," he said when asked if he'll play down the stretch, "I'm on the disabled list for a couple of weeks. We'll test it. This is giving me the time to do the right thing.

"I'm going to do everything I can," Garciaparra said, "but I can't check out there.

Garciaparra's loss comes as the Red Sox enter a critical stretch in their quest for a postseason spot.

The Red Sox trail the first-place New York Yankees by five games in the AL East and are four games behind the Oakland Athletics in the wild card chase.

Including Wednesday night's game against the AL Central-leader Minnesota, Garciaparra said the Red Sox will play their next 12 games against Cleveland (five) and New York.

Boston opens a three-game series at Yankee Stadium on Friday.

"We've played all year without Nomar," manager Joe Torre said. "This is really nothing new to us. We were trying a lot that I tried to come back and play for us, but this team is used to playing without Nomar.

If the Red Sox fall farther back in the race over the final four months of the season, it would seem highly unlikely that Garciaparra or the club would rule him out of harm's way during meaningless games in late September.

Garciaparra said he would be upset at sitting even if the Red Sox were playing the Tampa Bay Devil Rays or if the season was moving into May and not the final month of the regular season.

"I'm going to be disappointed if I can't play period, whether it's the Yankees or anyone," Garciaparra said.

Red Sox team physician, Dr. Bill Morgan, said an MRI on Tuesday showed "no new adverse developments... other than inflammation."

"The good news is there is nothing damaged," Garciaparra said. "But the bad news is that the inflammation increased to the point where I have to shut it down completely and let it heal."

Garciaparra said he consulted with Kerrigan and general manager Dan Duquette as well as the team's medical and training staff before deciding to rest his wrist.

With the Red Sox fighting for a playoff spot, Garciaparra knows it's going to be even tougher to watch. But he knows that if he kept playing he would risk permanent damage.

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**Boxing**

**Key match pits Lewis, Rahman**

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NEW YORK

Lennox Lewis won't fight again if he loses his rematch with WBC-IBF heavyweight champion Hasim Rahman.

"If I can't win this fight, why should I go on?" the 36-year-old Lewis said Wednesday at the second news conference in two days for the Nov. 17 bout.

The boxers opened the fight hype Monday in Rahman's hometown of Baltimore.

Lewis, a prohibitive favorite when he was knocked out in the fifth round by a single Rahman right hand April 22 in South Africa, is a 3-1 pick to win the title back at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas.

Rahman responded.

"I'm the pick again," Rahman said. "I respect the boxing business. I'm a fighter. I'll show you this is my game and I'll continue fighting."

**PGA**

**Woods may use Nike clubs**

Associated Press

TIGER Woods the entire swoosh package with his own brand of golf clubs.

"We've had a discussion with him, but that's pretty much it so far," said Mike Kelly, Nike's director of golf.

Woods' agent, Mark Steinberg of Cleveland-based International Management Group, was at a meeting in New York and not immediately available for comment.

Woods uses Titleist clubs, and a spokesman at company headquarters in Fairhaven, Mass., said Titleist expects Woods to keep using the brand.

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"We're depending on these two guys to help develop our product," Kelly said.

Nike products that represent a significant expansion into high-end sports equipment for a company founded on running shoes.

The Nike clubs will compete with other premium brands, including Titleist, Callaway, Ping and TaylorMade — manufactured by Nike rival Adidas.

A set of Nike graphite-shaft irons — 3-iron through pitching wedge — likely will top $1,000, the same range as other brands.

But it will mark the first time Nike has introduced a product that expensive, despite a host of other pricey items now bearing the Nike label, including a $425 leather coat, a $249 music player and $160 Air Jordan shoes.

Despite the price, retailers are excited about the new clubs, said Jerry Offerdahl, owner of Golf Headquarters in Portland.

Nike took the unusual step of consulting retailers during the development of the clubs, rather than just telling them what kind of design they could expect, Offerdahl said.

"They want respectability and trust in their name in the hard-goods business, because they're coming into somebody else's turf now," Offerdahl said.

"You can't walk into the ring and not get hit. That punch that got through was his lottery punch," Lewis said.

"He's definitely right," Rahman responded.

"I cashed in on it," Rahman said. "I helped me get this fight. It changed my attitude toward boxing. I learned you can't take anybody lightly, and you've got to give 100 percent."

Rahman, who signed a promotional contract with Don King after becoming champion, wanted to have another fight before giving Lewis a rematch.

Lewis, who received $7 million this time, is to get a minimum of $10 million. Lewis declined to blame the federal judge ruled Rahman had to fight Lewis or another fight before giving Lewis a rematch.

"If I don't give Lennox any credibility, I listened to his statements before the first fight. None of them came true. Why should I listen to him?"

Lewis declined to blame the loss on his preparation or lack thereof. He instead suggested Rahman landed a lucky punch.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish will generate headlines in spring

PISCATAWAY, N.J.
The cold Memorial Day weekend rain washed out the dream of a national lacrosse title for a school from Indiana. But it also nourished the seeds of success for the 2001 Irish men's lacrosse squad planted. Before 2001, no one could expect that a non-scholarship program from Indiana would ever qualify for the Final Four.

But with a Final Four appearance under their belt and scholarships to award for the first time next year, an Irish appearance on Memorial Day weekend will no longer be an anomaly.

"We've taken it one more step. Getting scholarships is going to be great," senior John Harvey said. "This is definitely a program on the rise. Hopefully you will be reading a lot more about Notre Dame in the future."

A full-scholarship Irish team will certainly generate plenty of headlines and acclaim in the future. But those great teams of the future would be wise to remember the 2001 seniors.

This group of seniors that played key roles on the first Notre Dame team of the '90s not to qualify for the NCAA tournament as freshmen played even bigger roles on the first Irish team to win a quarterfinal game as seniors.

They got to Piscataway with the second best players from the great high school lacrosse programs and the diamonds on the rough from lesser high school programs.

Tom Glazel wasn't even considered the best attack player on his high school team—now he was named InsideLacrosse.com's attack player of the year.

David Ulrich didn't even start his senior year of high school but he was a two-time All-American in college. And no one could have predicted that a goalie from Tennessee who played college lacrosse in Indiana would lead his team to the semifinals. But Kirk Howell did just that.

Coach Kevin Corrigan has cultivated quite a lacrosse program in the previously barren lacrosse soil of Indiana. He may one day add a national championship bloom to the top of his creation.

There will be more first teams All-Americans in the future. But the roots of those All-Americans will always be the Class of 2001. So as the Orangemen trotted happily off the field after making the Irish just one more team to fall before the strongest lacrosse program in America, the Irish were in no hurry to escape the cold Memorial Day weekend rain.

The Irish, especially the seniors, lingered and soaked up the memories wash over them, the memories of the Final Four. And promised to return again, only stronger.

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Football
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In LoVecchio, Davie has a proven, consistent quarter-
back. And in Holiday and Clark, the Irish have a solid
group of backups in case LoVecchio is injured — some-
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But it’s no secret that
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“It’s clear to
all of us right now that Matt
LoVecchio is No. 1,” Davie
said. “You’d love one guy to
step up and make it easy on
the coaches.”
That doesn’t mean that
Holiday or Clark won’t see
playing time.
In a scrimmage last Sunday,
Rogers thought that Holiday
played the best, while Davie
thought Clark, despite fum-
buling the ball too much for
the coaches’ liking, made several
great throws. And Davie has
repeatedly said all three are so
close in playing ability they
will all have to see playing
time at some point.
Still, the Irish are slowly
beginning to tailor the offense
around LoVecchio’s specific
abilities. With an established
quarterback such as
LoVecchio behind center, the
Irish are now able to do some-
ting they haven’t been able to
do in the past — pass the ball.
Both Davie and LoVecchio
have said the Irish are work-
ning on making the passing
game a potent part of the
offense.
“I think we’ve thrown
more balls, but I guess I
can only compare it
to last year and
this spring since
I’ve been
here,”
LoVecchio
said. “Our accuracy’s
improved. I think the more you
throw the ball, the more you’ll
become a better thrower.”
It all comes back to experi-
tence — experience that has
been acquired over the course
of eight games and countless
practices. LoVecchio believes
that he’s becoming a better
quarterback because he’s becoming
more patient because he’s
more knowledgeable.

“I think going into your
sophomore year, you’re not a veteran by any
means but you kind of
know the ropes a little bit and know what to
expect.”
Matt LoVecchio
starting quarterback

“That’s one thing that I’ve
worked on, just totally slowing
things down,” he said. “I think
the more comfortable you are
with the game plan and all the
throws and everything that’s
going on, the better player
you’ll be. It’s just a matter of
slowing things down and
knowing where everybody’s
going to be is going to make you a better player.”
“I think we’ve thrown
the ball a lot more efficiently than
we did obviously in the fall
and even in the spring,” Davie
said. “I think [LoVecchio has]
come back and he’s a little bit more patient back there. But
at the same time, when he
makes a decision to release
the ball he lets it go. He had a
little bit of holding onto the
ball too long. His release is a
little bit quicker. He’s a little bit
stronger.”
It’s all a part of that matura-
tion process for LoVecchio —
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him the starting job a year
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Sophomore Jared Clark throws a pass in preseason practice.
Clark is one of three contending quarterbacks for the Irish.
Top freshman recruits start workouts

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame's highly-touted group of freshman baseball players has arrived for the 2001 fall semester and is touted as one of the nation's top incoming classes.

Tuesday, the freshmen took the field for their first unofficial workout with head coach Paul Mainieri and pitching coach Brian O'Connor.

Five of the freshmen joined three Irish returnees as players who were selected in the 2001 Major League draft — but none of the draftees signed during the summer. The teams ultimately lost any rights to the players after the players attended their first class on Tuesday morning.

The talented group of newcomers is led by shortstop/pitcher Matt Macri and right-hander Chris Niesel — who some consider to be the nation's top incoming freshmen at their respective positions.

"Matt Macri was the best high school shortstop in the country and would have been a first-round pick if he hadn't been so intent on playing at Notre Dame," said Baseball America editor Allan Simpson. "They've also at least got four pitchers who should make major contributions as freshmen."

Right-handers Martin Verger and Grant Johnson joined Macri by earning Gatorade player-of-the-year honors for their respective states while another right-hander, John Axford, resided in the country.

The other newcomers include right-hander Tyler Jones, shortstop Matt Edwards, catcher Jay Molina and left-hander Scott Bickford.

"There's no question that Notre Dame's is one of the strongest recruiting classes in college baseball, and maybe the best," Simpson said.

The most talked about member of the class, Macri hit .465 from the No. 2 spot in the batting order during his senior season with 10 home runs and 65 RBI while leading Dowling to its 42-3 state championship season.

"Filling the shortstop position with freshmen is difficult, as well as having a majority of your pitching staff be freshmen," said Irish head coach Paul Mainieri.

"The thing that makes it sooth­ing for us is to know that eight starting players are back, so that gives a level of maturity and poise to our team and allows the freshmen to get their feet wet and go at their pace."

Niesel's eye-popping senior season for the nation's 12th-ranked team, Aquinas High School, included a 13-0 record and 0.35 ERA, plus 120 Ks and just 11 walks in 81 innings for nine-inning averages of 13.3 strikeouts and 1.2 walks, with a 10.9 K-to-walk ratio. The 6-0, 185-pounder was one of five pitchers named a first team All-American by Baseball America and was named Broward County pitcher of the year.

"Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo are among the best pitchers in college baseball last year," Mainieri said. "And we brought in a half-dozen guys that have really good arms and have the potential to be as dominating as Heilman or Tamayo. Now they're all young kids and you've got to let them develop. But I'm anxious to see [Irish pitching coach] Brian O'Connor work with them."

After signing with the Irish in the fall, Vergara went 10-0 with an 0.30 ERA for DePaul Catholic, earning the New Jersey Player of the Year award for Gatorade. Johnson earned the same award in Illinois, going 12-1 with an 0.70 ERA before traveling to Cuba with the U.S. Junior National Team.

"This is as outstanding a class as you'd ever hope to put together," Mainieri said. "Not just for their tremendous ability, but they also are outstanding young men who have a great deal of maturity, poise and confidence—all the attributes that you are looking for—and they all love Notre Dame. It's a great combination and I think this class is going to contribute great things during their career."

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Freshman turnout largest ever at SMC

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Last year, several Saint Mary's teams had trouble filling their rosters. This year, they're over capacity.

The number of freshmen coming out for Saint Mary's fall sports this year has exceeded the expectations of administrators and coaches. The 13 women at preseason volleyball practice alone topped the total number of first-year athletes last year. The turnout is a good indication to the athletic department.

"The numbers this year are just an indication of where we're going," said athletic director Lynn Kachmar.

In addition to the 13 athletes who came out for volleyball, upwards of 17 players showed up for preseason soccer tryouts and 10 showed interest in cross country.

Although not all of those athletes will be starting this season, the numbers alone are a sign that the athletic department is beginning to stand on its own.

"In the past athletics has relied on admissions and now I see us as a team," Kachmar said. "You can't just provide an athletic opportunity, you have to provide a good athletic opportunity."

Kachmar counts two main factors as the cause of the large turnout this season: coaching staff and recruiting. The coaching staff at Saint Mary's has seen improvements as a whole both in quality and quantity.

Last year, the department added a new full-time basketball coach, a first step towards making the entire coaching staff full-time. In addition, part-time coaches have been putting in more time and work.

"Above and beyond a full time coaching staff, we have such a quality part-time coaching staff," Kachmar said.

New head soccer coach Bobby Johnston, working only on a part-time salary, works full-time hours and head volleyball coach Julie Schroeder-Biek has been spending more time at Angela working with her team.

However, time spent during the season is supplemented by the time the coaches have spent recruiting during the off-season. "I would say we've been able to attract some amazing quality part-time coaches who bring more experience to recruiting," Kachmar said. "And it has made a dynamic impact on recruiting."

Johnston spent time after he was hired last spring recruiting for this year's soccer team. "Some of the girls that are here, I tried to recruit," he said.

"I talked to a number of incoming freshmen — some that hadn't committed and weren't 100 percent sure this is where they wanted to come."

The 12 freshmen that decided to stick with soccer after pre-season conditioning speak for the benefit of that recruiting.

The more than 30 women that have already arrived on the practice fields are not the end of the interest. A 6:30 p.m. open meeting in the library promises to bring even more potential first-year athletes.

Assistant athletic director Greg Petcoff expects up to 30 more women to come to the meeting.

The high numbers are not the only benefit that Kachmarik sees, however. "We're going to be able to add diversity in the student body," she said. "It's a win-win for everybody."

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A Saint Mary's soccer player looks to make a pass during preseason practice. Seventeen freshmen came out for the soccer team during a record year for the Saint Mary's fall sports teams.

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Men's Lacrosse

Notre Dame falls in semifinals

The Syracuse Orangemen only needed one player to end Notre Dame's improbable run to the lacrosse semifinals on May 26. Attackman Michael Springer, a third team All-American pick, scored six goals on the day to lead the Orangemen to a 12-5 victory. Springer’s six goals — one short of the semifinals record — was the surest sign of a great day by the entire Syracuse team, according to Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan.

"Whenever Mike Springer has a big day, it means that a lot of people were doing things well," Corrigan said. It was hard to find a weakness in Syracuse’s semifinal effort. The Orangemen won more face-offs, scooped up more ground balls and had a better clearing percentage than the Irish. On offense, the Orange attack found Springer open in front of the net over and over again as if the Irish defense was pieces. “I really didn’t do anything," Springer said. "My

Former athlete murdered

Audrey Gomez, a star high school guard in New Jersey who played two seasons for the Irish between 1991 and 1993 before transferring to USC, was found dead in the back seat of her Mazda 626 in a Whittier, Calif. park over the weekend. Gomez, 28, was shot in the back. Police arrested Angela H. Shepard, 37, early Sunday morning in connection with the death. Shepard was Gomez’s supervisor at the Los Angeles shelter for troubled youths, where Gomez had been working for the past 13 months.

“It’s tragic,” said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw, who coached Gomez during her years at Notre Dame. “It’s appalling that could happen to someone who was that young and had so much promise in her life and had so much talent.”

“THERE was some type of argument that led up to the shooting,” Whittier Police spokesman Alan dela Pena told the LA Times. “But we don’t know anything beyond that.”

The shooting stunned the Gomez family and co-workers.

One of those in mourning is Jack Sheehan, a spokesman for Girls and Boys Town of California, the group that operates the shelter where Gomez and Shepard worked.

“We were floored when we heard about it,” Sheehan told the LA Times Tuesday. “They were very good employees and the kids liked them.”

Former USC teammate Karleen Shields remembered Gomez as a calm, friendly person.

“She was one of those cool, calm and collected-type people,” Shields told the Orange County Register. “She always seemed relaxed. But she was really a really good basketball player who fit in everywhere she went. She was always laughing.”

McGraw hadn’t heard from Gomez in years, but wasn’t surprised to hear that Gomez was working with children.

“She was just a sweetheart of a girl,” McGraw remembered. “What she was doing out there with the shelter, she did those kinds of things when she was in high school. She was always looking to give something back to the community. She always wanted to get involved with kids and helping kids.”

McGraw also remembered Gomez and her basketball family.

Her younger sister, Erica Gomez, was an All-American at UCLA and her father, Larry

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FOOTBALL

Irish confident in quarterbacks

It’s amazing what a year can do for a quarterback.

Take sophomore Matt LoVecchio, for example. In just one short year, he has gone from being a frantic replacement for a sputtering Irish offense to the undisputed starter entering next week’s season opener at Nebraska. In between, he led the Irish to seven straight wins and a Fiesta Bowl berth.

Or look at LoVecchio’s classmates, Carlyle Holiday and Jared Clark. They’ve gone from no-name freshmen to legitimate contenders for LoVecchio’s position even though neither one of them has taken a snap in a college game.

And it’s that extra year of experience that has Notre Dame head coach Bob Davie much more satisfied this season with the quarterback situation than he was last year.

“We’re just light years ahead of where we were a year ago,” he said. “No question all three of those guys could go in a game and play. They all know the checks, they all know the offense, they all have a high enough skill ability.”

Davie couldn’t say the same thing last year with current wide receiver Arman Battle as the starting quarterback. Battle had been limited playing time and had coaches and fans alike wondering what he was capable of.