Notre Dame welcomes most diverse incoming class

Incoming students boast high test scores, strong credentials

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

The University has high expectations for the class of 2010, and given their similar credentials, the roughly 2,025 students in this year's freshman class should have no trouble rising to the challenge.

The Class of 2010 is the most diverse in Notre Dame's history, with minority groups making up 24 percent of the incoming freshman class, said Dan Saracino, assistant provost for enrollment. In prior years, the percentage of minority students has hovered around 22 percent.

All 50 U.S. states are represented in the freshman class, which also boasts students from 41 nations. Freshmen come from as far north as North Pole, Alaska and as far south as La Paz, Bolivia, Saracino said. "It's a great mix of kids," he said.

Eighty-six percent were in the top 10 percent of their class. Seventy-three percent earned varsity letters in high school. And they were selected from among 16,000 applicants.

For the first time, seven percent of the incoming students are non-U.S. citizens. The class also includes students from 41 nations.

Notre Dame welcomes most diverse incoming class

Freshmen Army, Air Force, Navy participants arrive for training

By MEGHAN WONS
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While many members of the Class of 2010 have been marching to the Bookstore to purchase "The Shirt," freshmen in Notre Dame's Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program have been wearing uniforms of a different kind.

Notre Dame's Air Force, Army and Navy ROTC, New Student Orientation drew approximately 70 students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Bethel College, Indiana University South Bend and Valparaiso University to campus last week.

"New Student Orientation is a whirlwind introduction into military bearing, customs and courtesies, uniform wear and physical training, so each day incorporates a bit of wind introduction into military bearing," said Eileen Shannon, assistant director of the Army ROTC program at Notre Dame. "Not only does orientation explain what ROTC is all about, it also shows the new cadets what they will be capable of in a few short years."

Midshipman 2nd class Lawrence Sullivan, left, runs a group of Navy ROTC freshmen in standard drills Monday. First year ROTC participants arrived on campus before the rest of the Class of 2010 to get an introduction to military training.

ROTC students suit up for orientation

Reality hits post Frosh-O

College's Class of 2010 largest in last five years

Freshmen to tour South Bend

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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Students often spend Freshman Orientation weekend unpacking and meeting their classmates — but this year, the Senate Committee Relations committee and the city of South Bend are teaming up to expose new students to opportunities available beyond the shadow of the Dome.

The student government, Mayor Steven Luke's office and several local businesses are sponsoring the first-ever "Explore South Bend Tour."

Mikki Dobbski, director of communications and special projects for the Mayor's office, said a Transpo bus will be used Monday to give freshmen a tour of the surrounding South Bend area.

By KIMABEEL
News Writer

The 426 members of the Saint Mary's class of 2010 are not just academically gifted — they also form the largest incoming freshman class since 2001. The freshmen arrived on campus Thursday morning from 41 states and three countries outside the U.S.

The Class of 2010 has raised the bar academically, boasting an average ACT score of 25 and an average SAT composite based only on critical reading and mathematics of 1160, said Twardzik, his pool of classmates will grow from 31, the size of his high school class, to his approximately 2,025 Notre Dame classmates.

The three activity-filled days do end, though, and on Tuesday, college begins. And often, the transition from high school to college presents challenges for first year students.

For freshman Adam Twardzik, his pool of classmates will grow from 31, the size of his high school class, to his approximately 2,025 Notre Dame classmates. Twardzik said the new situation would
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Local businesses get boost as students move in

Area stores, restaurants advertise discounts, specials as they anticipate major sales increase with back-to-school rush

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

With more than 8,000 Notre Dame students slated to arrive in South Bend by Sunday, local businesses are prepping for their arrival — and a likely boost in sales.

Superstore Meijer on Grape Road in Mishawaka has stocked up on items usually needed by college students, said General Manager Michael McKinnies. They have everything from fusions, laundry baskets and hangers to kitchen and bath accessories, stationery and storage containers.

Knott Hall sophomore and Freshman Commissioner Ilan Canders has been to Meijer three times already to pick up food and other necessities.

"It's good because you can get things you forget at home, like shower stuff," he said.

To lure students — especially freshmen — the store is planning a celebration on Friday and Saturday. Events for the store's "Welcome" sign over its main entrance. They also extended store hours for this weekend.

Assistant Store Manager Steve Ruiz said that he wants students to take advantage of the company's "pack and hold scan items" system. The service allows students to find and pay for items at any Bed Bath & Beyond in the country and then pick them up at the Grape Road location.

Borders Bookstore is preparing for the increase in student shoppers by bringing in more back-to-school supplies, as well as having a few more staff members in the store, said inventory supervisor Heathar Planert.

"We're treating the rush just like any holiday," she said.

Pineapple Athletic Club on Edison Road has received calls from students inquiring about membership sign-ups, said general manager Jim Bradford.

"It's the one place where students, faculty, campus students and incoming freshmen come into the store in the coming week," said Springfield's general manager of Bruno's Pizza.

Gas stations are also vying for student business.

Cody and Erin Groeber, recently married, are third-year law students looking to furnish their new home. Furniture Now Outlet was one of the area stores they visited and liked because of the low prices they found.

"We've been doing a few car loads the last few days," Erin said.

Craig Summerix, a first-year store manager of Furniture Now, said he is not sure what to expect as far as the number of patrons goes, but that he is sure his sales will have a "big bump." Summerix expects to see off-campus students and incoming freshmen come into the store in the coming week.

Local restaurants also took steps to attract students to their establishments, as they are often good customers throughout the year, said John Cataldo, general manager of Bruno's Pizza.

"Toni" Williams, a disc jockey for 95.3 WAOR, said she sees the students coming back to South Bend.

"They are definitely huge for our economy," she said. "We need to embrace them the best we can."

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What's on the agenda?

This is a question asked often on campus, with Notre Dame's unified Web-based calendar system that lists events for all segments of the University community.

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Welcome to campus!
Transfer student enrollment grows for '06-'07

Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s maintain standards but admit greater number of transfers, face on-campus housing shortages

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

As freshmen try to adjust to college life, 173 additional students on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s campuses face the same challenge — just at different schools than last year.

One hundred forty students are enrolled as transfer students to Notre Dame, while 31 are enrolled at Saint Mary’s for fall admission.

"Ninety-eight students applied for transfer admission this fall versus 90 in 2005 and 84 in 2004."

Dan Meyer
vice president
Enrollment Management
Saint Mary’s

An online message board created exclusively for admitted students provided them with a way to “talk to each other about finding apartments and roommates,” Joyce said.

One challenge for students at Saint Mary’s is the size of the freshman class and a larger percent of seniors choosing to stay on campus, Joyce said.

"Approximately 20 to 25 percent of the incoming transfer students have been offered on-campus housing at this point."

The office of Residence Life and Housing has worked closely with students and their families to resolve housing issues, she said.

"It's been several years since the school of architecture had room to admit transfers," Joyce said. "The school (limited by the space lavaliuble) in Rome during the third year."

Despite the unavoidable obstacles transfers face, the University works to provide students with a smooth transition by offering a special transfer orientation.

Joyce said the Notre Dame orientation is organized and run by 20 current students.

The orientation itinerary includes activities that provide transfers with opportunities to meet, such as a sub sandwich party in LaFountaine Student Center, lakeside bonfire and bus trip to the Warren Dunes. There are also events planned to inform students about campus life including the mandatory information fair and the transfer information panel where students can ask questions.

Transfer students at Saint Mary’s are not provided with a specialized orientation, but are invited to participate in the first-year student summer orientation program if they are transferring in with less than sophomore-level standing, Meyer said.

"I think we need to consider a special transfer orientation session to better meet the unique needs of these students," he said.

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Hurricane Katrina ravages Gulf Coast. Jenkins inaugurated as University President. Trustees travel to Rome.

Hurricane Katrina slams into coast

On Aug. 29, 2005, the most devastating storm to recent memory in the Gulf Coast and tore through the levees protecting the city of New Orleans, killing thousands, leaving millions homeless and inflicting damages some total in the hundreds of billions of dollars. It was hurricane Katrina.

As the country turned its attention and its aid to the areas affected by Katrina and its aid to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's family rushed to help not only its own, but all those stranded by the storm.

The student government and other student organizations from both schools made strides to help those hurt by Katrina, including a large-scale University-sponsored stadium relief collection held during the Michigan State home football game Sept. 17. The pre- liminary total raised from that effort was over $240,000, with money still pouring from smaller collections.

A large portion of the funds went to Catholic Charities USA, the Congregation of Holy Cross in Louisiana and members of the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) in the devastated areas.

Twenty-five ACE instructors were in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, with several more Saint Mary's and Notre Dame graduates working in a similar area with organizations like Teach for America.

They stayed on even after many of their schools were closed to help rebuild, and to instruct refugees.

At Notre Dame, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart held nine consecutive days of prayer, while the Center for Social Concerns organized Hurricane Katrina Response Day and an Academic Forum for Disaster Relief to both aid relief efforts and educate the community about the hurricane.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's alumni from around the country pooled their resources to aid in disaster relief, while many University and College students spent their winter and spring breaks in New Orleans and other affected areas helping with the rebuilding effort.

Both institutions also went beyond donating money and supplies, as Saint Mary's took in several students whose colleges were closed by the storm.

Notre Dame officials, including University President Father John Jenkins — who went to New Orleans to view the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina and meet with Archbishop Alfred Hughes and other community leaders.

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Jenkins is inaugurated

On Sept. 29, 2005, University President Father John Jenkins was inaugurated as the 17th president of Notre Dame.

In his inaugural address at the Joyce Center, Jenkins spoke about the quest for knowledge, the unity between faith and reason and the role of community and call to service.

"With respect and gratitude for all who embraced Notre Dame's mission in earlier times, let us rise up and embrace the mission for our time," Jenkins said in his inaugural address.

"This is our goal. Let no one ever again say that we dreamed too small."

Jenkins added that Notre Dame was to be the "most Catholic university in the 21st century for research and learning."

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh and Father Edward Malloy blessed the incoming president after his address, and distinguished guests included Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, Provost Thomas Burris, Alumni Association President Timothy Brady, Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop John D'Arcy, Faculty Senate Chair Seth Brown and Holy Cross Provincial Superior David Tyson.

A picnic and fireworks followed Jenkins' address on South Quad.

Classes pass housing ordinance amendment

A city ordinance amendment passed over the summer of 2005 not only helped the South Bend social scene, but also cost several students their apartments.

Campus-wide opposition swirled as students questioned the passage of the local law, which will be set aside if neither the tenant nor landlord, however, opts to evict the tenants within 30 days of notification, the civil case is dropped.

This threat led Turtle Creek Management to evict six students — who were notified of their eviction upon returning from fall break — for a party thrown on the weekend of Sept. 9-10, where 100 minors were cited for underage drinking.

In response to the evictions, then-student body president Dave Baron confronted the ordinance implications along with the Student Senate Community Relations committee by presenting a resolution to the South Bend Community Council meeting Feb. 17.

Council members said they would consider the propositions of amending the ordinance by sending a notice to abate after the second violation or allow landlords to pass their fines on to tenants to reduce the tendency to evict after only one violation.

Council members said they were impressed with Baron's desire to cooperate with them on meeting mutual goals and making community relations a priority at Notre Dame.

Student body president Lizzi Shappell and student body vice president Bill Andrichicks have also verbally committed their administration to improving community relations.

SMC replaces two top administrators

In January 2006, Saint Mary's College found itself having to replace two top administrators as Vice President of Student Affairs Linda Timm and Vice President and Dean of Faculty Pat White individually announced they would vacate their position at the conclusion of the semester.

After serving as vice president of Student Affairs at the College for 11 years, Timm said she would be leaving at the end of Fall semester to begin her presidency at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"This is the next move in my life," Timm said in an interview Jan. 17. "It's been a good run developing some new ideas and a new beginning for me — a new beginning professionally and a new beginning personally."

Like Timm, White will also leave his post as a Saint Mary's vice president to head another academic institution — Walsh College.

White, who had served Saint Mary's for 17 years — will begin his presidency at the nationally ranked men's college July 1.

College President Carol Ann Mooney has publicly announced that economics professor Jill Vithalic as the interim vice president for academic affairs at the University until a permanent replacement is found — a position Mooney said Vithalic might fill for the next two academic years.

Mooney said she hopes to fill the vice president of Student Affairs position by the start of the 2006-07 school year, but has yet to release the names of any potential candidates.

Jenkins speaks on academic freedom

On Jan. 23 and 24, University President Father John Jenkins spoke to faculty members and students about the interaction of academic freedom and Catholic character at Notre Dame.

The address — almost the same for both groups — outlined Jenkins' concerns about the inconsistency of the University's sponsorship of certain events in light of Catholic teaching. Jenkins asked for continued dialogue.
Campus debates academic freedom and Catholic character. "Monologues" not prohibited.

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Events in light of Catholic teaching. Jenkins asked for continued dialogue on the issues before a formal policy announcement.

Jenkins said events sponsored by the University, regardless of its unique relationship with academic departments — that are deemed single events to appear to conflict with Catholic values "should not be allowed at Notre Dame."

The wave of response to Jenkins' speech — which he said was intended to open dialogue on the subject, and not be a final decision on anything — was massive. Floodings dorms, classrooms, publications and student and faculty government.

An e-mail account was opened for the opinions of JCLs to express their concerns to Jenkins, who promised to read every last letter.

The most outspoken were the opponents of Jenkins's statements, who fought for and secured restrictions placed on what could and could not take place at Notre Dame. The student organization United for Life Week was created primarily as a means to defend academic freedom on campus. It was formed in a classroom and followed up in a formal process.

In his annual address the previous year, Jenkins praised the play for its goals, he said he supports both the future production of a play written by student organizers, "Monologues" entitled "Loyal Daughters" and the formation of an ad hoc University committee to address the issues of violence and sensitive words.

Jenkins also said academic departments are "best situated to decide what events should or should not be sponsored" and have the responsibility to make sure that their sponsorship of an event does not imply endorsement — a large point of contention during the academic freedom debate. Jenkins' decision gave department chairs and College Deans a large amount of responsibility in handling contentious issues while setting up a process for dealing with any events that go beyond the bounds of the department.

Many faculty members and students expressed their satisfaction with Jenkins' conclusion, though the most enthusiastic came from approval of the University president's open dialogue throughout the decision-making process.

Several loud dissenters disapproved of the decision, however, including law professor Charles Rice — who called for Jenkins' resignation — several faculty members and Holy Cross priests and South Bend-Fort Wayne Bishop John D'Arcy. Jenkins acknowledged the criticism, noting the University benefits from a strong, two-sided debate.

Trustees convene in Rome

For the first time, Notre Dame's Board of Trustees convened in Rome for its annual winter meetings on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, meeting with key Vatican leaders, participating in an academic conference and confering two honorary degrees in the process.

The trip was touted both as an opportunity to renew ties with the Vatican and as an avenue to improve understanding of how the University can better serve the Church.

A meeting in Rome had been on the Board of Trustees' agenda for several years, and University President Father John Jenkins' first year in office was deemed an appropriate time by members of the conference group.

Trustees met with numerous Vatican officials, including representatives of the Congregation for Catholic Education, the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Secretariat of State.

Jenkins and other members of the Notre Dame delegation were also personally greeted by Pope Benedict XVI after his public audience Feb. 1.

The conference group attended "The Vagina Monologues" and "The Church and Culture," featured addresses by Jenkins, Rino Fisichella, auxiliary bishop of Rome and rector of St. John (Pontifical) Lateran University and Notre Dame Trustee Daniel Jenky, bishop of Peoria, Ill.

Honorary degrees were presented to Fisichella and L. Frances Bacon III, former U.S. ambassador to the Holy See.

The event marked Jenkins' first major trip as University president and a new era in Notre Dame-Vatican relations.

CLAP Labor Action Project mobilizes

This year, a new social action group made itself known at Notre Dame — the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP). Formed by students in the fall of 2005, CLAP welcomed workers, students, faculty, alumni and others to join their effort to secure a "living wage" for campus workers.

The living wage — a movement instituted by policy at institutions nationwide, including Harvard University and Georgetown University — is the hourly rate of income that a worker in a specific area must make in a 40-hour workweek to support a family of four. To establish a living wage at Notre Dame, CLAP suggested a minimum $12.10 per hour wage, or $25,164 a year, for University employees.

On March 8, members of CLAP passed out copies of their 11-page report on the living wage and its potential implementation at Notre Dame to several University officials, including University President Father John Jenkins, Provost Tom Burish, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves and Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Powers. In the report, CLAP outlined three goals, which included meeting with Jenkins, Jenkins making a public commitment to the principle of living wage and creating a joint task force of the workers, faculty and administrators to address worker issues and come up with a just policy.

CLAP supported its cause with several petitions and was backed by Notre Dame's student government, arguing its efforts were part of Catholic social teaching. Affleck-Graves issued a statement April 19 responding to CLAP's report, maintaining the University already provides a "living wage" for its employees by including benefits on top of their base salary.

CLAP responded with a rally and finally a sit-in at Jenkins' office on May 2, still demanding the joint task force outlined in its earlier report. Jenkins issued a statement that day saying he was outraged by the matter to Affleck-Graves, and the University was committed to paying just wages and benefits to its workers.

As the semester ended, members of CLAP were left unsatisfied.

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Freshmen welcomed to campus during Frosh-O

Dorm commissioners tailor activities for new class, encourage early discussion of gender relations, alcohol use

By STEVE KERINS

While the majority of activities planned for this week’s Freshman Orientation are similar to those of previous years, members of the Notre Dame community will notice a few key differences emphasized in this year’s program.

Although the University has made no significant changes to the program, the orientation staffs in the residence halls have worked to tailor their activities to meet the needs of incoming students, said Peggy Hnatusko, associate director of student activities.

“Some halls may be considering planning activities that mirror popular culture from this summer,” Hnatusko said, referring to an activity modeled after the game show “America’s Got Talent.”

Junior Marissa Buck, a Cavanagh Hall Frosh-O commissioner, said her orientation staff made some slight changes to last year’s schedule when making plans for the class of 2010.

“We’re trying to do a lot more in-dorm activities,” Buck said. “We changed one activity that had been with another dorm to just our dorm.”

Gender relations were of particular importance for Frosh-O planners. Some past Frosh-O events received criticism from students and administrators for complaints about awkward single- and mixed-gender activities. Fisher rec. Father Robert Mess said although the hall has not planned any significant departures from the traditional Frosh-O structure, a component on gender relations is always included.

“There’s a regular gender relations program for all the halls to be involved in,” Mess said.

Gender Relations Center (GRC) Director Heather Rakoczy expects positive changes in this year’s orientation program. A team of students under the direction of Hnatusko and the Student Activities Office has formed the Student Campus Orientation Committee, now in its fourth year, to serve as consultants to the residence hall orientation staffs.

“They will give feedback and guidance to the Frosh-O staffs regarding opportunities for balancing programming,” Rakoczy said.

Problems have arisen in the past when that balance was missing and when the focus of the activities became meeting members of the opposite sex, she said.

“I think a worst-case scenario would be a first-year student who feels disconnected from the Notre Dame community following Frosh-O,” Rakoczy said. “Rather, I think we should provide diverse opportunities to connect so that our new students might feel at home.”

The GRC has designed a program for this year’s orientation weekend called “College HAS Issues: Hookups, Alcohol and Sexual Assault.” It will be included in the mandatory orientation for all freshmen on Sunday, Rakoczy said.

Within some residence halls, certain activities have also been restructured to address gender relations criticism.

“We were asked to encourage mingling with the opposite sex, but not to have it be polarized,” Buck said. “We’ve tried to do activities that didn’t encourage … ‘coupling, things that you could enjoy whether you’re male or female.’”

Marissa Buck
Frosh-O commissioner

“I think we should provide diverse opportunities to connect so that our new students might feel at home.”

Heather Rakoczy
director
Gender Relations Center

“We’re going to have a mandatory event where we don’t encourage a coupling,” Buck said. “We noticed that last year some students didn’t go to that event because it was mandatory, and we’re going to make it voluntary this year.”

But gender relations aren’t the only concern for orientation leaders.

Last spring, the Campus Life Council passed a resolution encouraging Frosh-O leaders to insert cautionary material about third-party Web sites in the booklets they distribute to incoming freshmen. But Hnatusko said there has been little talk among Frosh-O leaders and Student Activities about the issues regarding sites like Facebook.com and MySpace.com.

“There was no discussion between the Student Activities Office and the Frosh-O Commissioners on privacy issues relating to social networking sites,” Hnatusko said. “Although personal privacy and the public nature of such sites is very important to consider when placing any personal information on the Web.”

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Freshmen

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The largest pool of applicants the University has ever welcomed. The Office of Admissions received 12,800 applications this year — and just 3,490 students were admitted to the University.

What makes this class unique is the staggering number of students who chose Notre Dame once they learned about it, Saracino said. For the first time, 93 percent of admitted students decided to enroll, the highest in the University's history.

Saracino said more students are choosing Notre Dame because the University is committed to meeting the financial needs of admitted students. "Notre Dame for the last 10 years has been a leader in full scholarships for admitted students," Saracino said. "So to that single student. "If we educating the leads and have a significant representation of ethnically underrepresented students, than we're not doing it," Saracino said.

The class' gender breakdowns buck the national trend. Saracino said. The class is comprised of 51 percent female and 49 percent female, which reflects Notre Dame's applicant pool.

"We're gender blind in admissions," Saracino said. "We're aware of the pool of applicants, but it's a lot of different high school publications. The University's peak numbers were seen in 2010:

- 42 percent are Catholic.
- 24 percent are children of alumni (the highest of any university in the country),
- 8 percent are first-generation

university.

Dean Kenneth DeBoer had more hope.

"All Notre Dame kids are smart, but those who relate to history and learning and memorization in high school," he said. "Courses in college are more challenging and require a different set of skills ... In the end, students find they have them.

FYS advisors like Deboer provide an outlet for freshmen concerns and point them in the right direction. The advisors meet with students during the first week of classes and in September for introductions. Peer advisors also meet with freshmen during September and October.

"In our sessions, we try to make the students feel comfortable and articulate a lot of support," she said. "I know when I was there, our rector made sure she could keep an eye on the kids in the dormitories".

"Many students also have difficulty adjusting to their new family," more specifically.

Deboer said that problems often arise between roommates. "You'll have a student that's on campus for 75 freshmen and their parents will be here to ask a question to the audience: how many had ever flown before?"

Not one hand went up.

"It's a challenge," Deboer said, "but it's a good challenge."

Parents, too, must acclimate themselves to their new family, with the one member.

"It will definitely be different around the house with (Elizabeth)," Dillon said. "My younger daughter! Bridget is concerned that she will get far too much attention from her parents. Both are welcome to be walk-in the area around Notre Dame is fit for human habitation," he said. "So, I think they're both happy to be here."

Ultimately, most students adjust to the college lifestyle, Deboer said.

"As a freshman, you're more concerned about the dorm than the student," he said. "They've picked up the tools they need to be successful."

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ROTC

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Shannon and her staff led 23 Air Force ROTC freshmen in the New Student Orientation — a 40 percent increase from 2010 participation from last year, she said.

Michele Laning, a freshman from Texas, was among the new voices juiced up to join the Air Force ROTC program. She said she was excited when the 6 a.m. wake up time was the earliest she has gotten up all semester, she has a job and is studying this week.

"For me, it's a new experience in college," Laning said. "The appeal of tuition assistance drew her to join Notre Dame's Air Force ROTC program. She started her week off by waking up at 6 a.m. Sunday, the 6 a.m. wake up time is the earliest she has gotten up all semester, she has a job and is studying this week.

For Shannon Mary, freshman Air Force ROTC cadet Elizabeth Mitchell, ROTC is a family tradition.

"My dad participated in Navy ROTC when he was a student at Notre Dame," Mitchell said. "It's been great meeting all of the other cadets in my class and the uploading of this week.

"I've had so many different things — from learning how to wear our clothes, to the Air Force Officer Qualifying Exam and participating in activities. It's been challenging, but fun."

The Navy ROTC midshipmen began their orientation Aug. 13 with a Welcome Luncheon and run on campus Friday morning. Lieutenant Greg Keigher, coordinator of the New Student Orientation.

"Orientation week provides a community for military etiquette, uniforms, policies and how to do things in the military," Keigher said. "The NBOTC staff really emphasizes teamwork, camaraderie and Navy tradition."

"Keigher said the goal during New Student Orientation is to prepare the new midshipmen to function as 'knowledgeable members of the NBOTC battalion.

"Upon graduation, all of these midshipmen will become military officers, and many will be leading sailors and marines into battle against the enemy," Keigher said.

"Similar to the Air Force New Student Orientation, an early wake up call is a hallmark of the Navy's New Student Orientation.

"A day during 00 week is pretty long," Keigher said. "It starts around 6:15 a.m. and doesn't end until 10 p.m."

"We had been expecting over Saint Mary's Lake Thursday morning," Keigher said. "The NBOTC midshipmen gathered on Carroll Field in their blue and white uniforms just before 6:30 a.m. Shouting words of encouragement to each other, the new midshipmen took a mock Physical Readiness Test that included a sit-and-reach, timed sit-up and push-up tests and a one-mile run."

They will take the official PRT in October, battalion commanding officer Erin Smith said.

"The PRT is a test of precision and professionalism and instills an understanding of the military chain of command for the rest of the year," Smith said. "The Navy requires attention to detail and the concept of working as a team, so we try to instill this as much as possible throughout the week."

Smith recalled the feeling of accomplishment that come with completing the New Student Orientation when she was a freshman.

"The entire week is very challenging and you spend some time questioning why you're putting yourself through it, but in the end you realize that there is a purpose behind everything and that you have just pushed yourself to new levels and made it through," Smith said.

"It's a tough job to do that," Saracino said. "Perhaps what these freshmen have to look for is the sense of camaraderie.

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Transition

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"take some getting used to."

The sense of being a little fish swimming in a big pond is common among incoming freshmen, said Susan Steibe-Pasalich, director of the University Counseling Center. Students tend to compare their freshmen year in college to their senior year in high school, which is useless, she said.

"You're in college and you're going to be a freshman, when we're in a new pool of ship, or at a new job ... you're going to be on the bottom rung," Steibe-Pasalich said. "Transition is just something that takes time."

Academics are the main concern for freshmen, said Carilli, who said his high school was "not exactly big on academics."

"I'm really worried I'm going to flunk out the first semester," he said when asked about the upcoming quarter. First Year of Studies Assistant
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average GPA of 3.7 — the highest in the nation since the entering class of 1996. Fourteen percent of freshmen ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class.

Last fall, 1,180 applications were submitted, marking the school's highest total in the past 17 years. Of the 912 admitted applicants, 426 hailed from Arizona, for Enrollment Management Dan Meyer said the Colorado school received applications from Arizona, and the top 10 percent of the class to minority groups — a number that has not been seen at Saint Mary's since 1993, Director of Admission Mary Meyer said. Bowe said the diversity of the class is mostly due to the College's recent enrollment of students in recruitment regions.

Meyer said the College has recently altered recruitment efforts by emphasizing its focus on 10 percent of its inquiry pool of 25,000 high school seniors considered most likely to apply to Saint Mary's. The College focused its travel on targeted high schools, Bowe said, and admissions counselors and current students spent much more time on follow-up with prospective student.

"The more current students are involved, the more we can maintain a positive quality. This is a college-wide effort," Meyer said.

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mayor's office, said the city believes it is important to make campus feel welcome in South Bend and give students something the mayor's office this summer. "There's actually a lot to do in South Bend that most people don't realize," Pasquesi senior said.

The introduction to Notre Dame students of South Bend as a component of the Freshman weekend grew out of the Community Engagement Committee that was created by former student body president Dave Baron. "South Bend is unique," Pasquesi, chairman of the committee, has been involved in organizing the tour. His goal is to give students a positive first impression of South Bend.

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"It's a great relationship between Notre Dame and South Bend," Dobski said.

Monday at noon, students will board Transpo buses for the hour and half tour of the city. Local volunteers will talk about their experience living in the city and highlight what makes South Bend unique.

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Obtain your lottery number on Monday, August 21, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Notre Dame Stadium Gate B

Lottery numbers will be distributed by class. Each student may bring up to TEN applications.

In order to purchase tickets seated together, you MUST obtain consecutive lottery numbers for each application in the group.

**STEP 2**

Magic Number Drawing on Monday, August 21, 7:00 pm, Alumni Field (Men’s Soccer vs. St. Francis)

Magic Number will be drawn and announced at halftime of the game. Email announcements will be made following Magic Number drawing, and can be found at [http://sao.nd.edu](http://sao.nd.edu) after 10:00 pm.

A separate Magic Number will be drawn for Law/MBA/Grad students.

**STEP 3**

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Students will be seated by class. Your lottery number determines the Ticket Distribution order for each class (right). To purchase tickets, bring Ticket Applications and I.D. cards, along with payment. Cash or check only. Checks should be made payable to “University of Notre Dame”, and include your local or cell phone number, name and address. A maximum of 10 Applications and I.D. cards, including your own, may be presented by each student to purchase tickets.

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Colleage continues linkage program with Class of 2010

Saint Mary's collaborates with Holy Cross College to grant acceptance to students with academic potential

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

For nearly 20 years, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's have taken advantage of their neighboring locations by collaborating on a little-known academic program for freshmen.

The Saint Mary's/Holy Cross linkage program has granted between 30 and 50 incoming freshmen acceptance into Saint Mary's on a conditional basis.

The program is a way for the admissions committee to offer prospective students who may not have strong academic backgrounds a chance to attend Saint Mary's, said Dan Meyer, Saint Mary's vice president for enrollment management.

After reviewing applications, the admissions committee identifies students they think show academic promise and offer them acceptance to the College as long as they participate in the linkage program for their first academic year, which they will complete largely at Holy Cross.

These participants live on the Saint Mary's campus while taking four classes at Holy Cross and one at Saint Mary's each semester.

If at the end of the academic year the linkage program student maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.0, she is accepted as a full-time sophomore at Saint Mary's. But if she does not meet this criteria, she may either apply to be admitted as a transfer student at Holy Cross or apply to another institution altogether.

Meyer said he has generally found that students do well academically after "graduating" from the program. And while the graduation rate of Saint Mary's students who participate in the program is slightly lower than traditional students, Meyer said the graduation rate of those students is still higher than if the linkage program was not offered at all.

"The program is great if you really want to go to Saint Mary's," said sophomore Meghan Corcoran, a former linkage program participant who led an orientation for incoming program participants.

Cara Ford, assistant director of first year studies and head of the linkage program, worked with Corcoran on the orientation. She said that students have generally found the classes at both Saint Mary's and Holy Cross to be challenging.

"This is an opportunity for students to strengthen their academic backgrounds," Ford said.

Senior Amanda Shropshire, a former participant, said she thinks the linkage program is a good idea as students are able to complete their core electives.

"It's good I took them at Holy Cross, when I probably would have had trouble with them at Saint Mary's," she said.

She said the program "prepared me for the workload that Saint Mary's has." While the program has garnered praise from participating students and involved faculty members, usually only an average of 10 of those accepted into the program actually participate each year.

This year, however, only nine were accepted to participate in the program. The smaller-than-usual number is due to the fact that the students who are offered participation in the program must decide whether to accept the invitation or go to a college or university that may have already accepted the student on a full-time basis, Meyer said.

"When we admit [students] to the program, we see that as a positive," Meyer said. "[The program] is also positive in that it does allow a student to prove herself."

But for students who would rather not drive to and from classes, juggle advisors from both Saint Mary's and Holy Cross and take courses located on two campuses, the linkage program may not be right for everyone.

"I think it was beneficial to me," Corcoran said. "I always wanted to go to Saint Mary's, and now that I'm finally here, I love it."

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Notre Dame ranked highly in new surveys

Special to The Observer

Two new surveys have rated Notre Dame among the leading universities in the nation.


The Kaplan/Newweek list of "new Ivies" recognizes universities whose "first-rate academic programs, combined with a population boom in top students, have fueled their rise in stature and favor among the nation's top students, administrators and faculty — edging them to a competitive status rivaling the Ivy League."

The selections were based on admissions statistics and interviews with administrators, students, faculty and alumni.

Among the other "new Ivies" are Emory, New York, Rice, Vanderbilt and Washington Universities, UCLA and the Universities of Michigan, North Carolina and Virginia.

The Kaplan/Newweek book "How to Get into College Guide," which is available on newsstands Aug. 21, also contains articles on the admissions process, financial aid, and standardized tests. The rankings are available online at http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id!14352172/.

The second annual Washington Monthly College Rankings rate universities on three primary criteria: performance on rigorous classes, research spending, and the percentage of Pell Grant recipients.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology ranked No. 1, followed by the University of California, Berkeley, Penn State University; UCLA; Texas A&M; University of California, San Diego; Stanford University; Cornell University; South Carolina State University; and the University of California, Davis.

Welcome Class of 2010

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Holy Cross nun Gude retiring after 25 years

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Professor Frank O'Malley, one of the most affectionately celebrated "bachelor dons" of Notre Dame history, famously said of the University's older buildings that "there's blood in the bricks." He was speaking of the years of work, worry and loving witness that have made the place what it is. He was speaking, perhaps unwittingly, of himself. He could as easily have been speaking of Sister Mary Louis Gude, C.S.C.

"I'm one of the last Holy Cross sisters at Notre Dame," said Gude, who is addressed and referred to by all who know her simply as "ML." She is retiring after a quarter of a century of multifaceted professional service to the University, in its residence halls, its classrooms, its administrative offices, and on the 13th floor of the campus center. It is surprising to many of those who work with her, or who watch her vocation has drawn her.

"Retiring," in this instance, is merely a neutral term to be replaced by the more dignified language of professional status. People like Gude are incapable of inactivity.

A member of the faculty of Notre Dame for 37 years in languages and literatures department, Gude has an enviable reputation as an scholar of 17th century French fiction and 20th century American romantic literature. Her publications include two books, "Le Page Ducange: The Text as Confession," and "Louis Massignon: The Crucible of Islam.

In 1983, while chairing the modern languages department at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Gude moved across the road to Notre Dame to become vice rector at Notre Dame's Breen-Phillips Hall. She successfully managed those demanding careers until 1987, when she became rector of Farley Hall, serving in that post until 1993. She stayed on the Notre Dame campus teaching French, and became assistant vice president for student affairs in 1998.

Although a remarkably modest, even self-deprecating woman, Gude conveys some degree of pride at her work in the student affairs office as chair of the Student Conduct Committee and Gay and Lesbian Student Needs (recently renamed the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students).

"I think it's work with our gay and lesbian students that I'm most satisfied with," she said, "and let me tell you, it's not the easiest work in the world. On the other hand, our committee obliges us to do all we can to respond to their needs, to make Notre Dame a welcoming place."

University President Emeritus Father Edward "Monk" Malloy and University President Father John Jenkins have praised the committee's efforts over the years, and vice president of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman recently described it as indispensable to the University.

Gude's pride is amply justified. Tirelessly at work in a ministry which all but guaranteeed the fury of passionately held, deeply opposed, and vehemently expressed convictions, she endured the recriminations of angry activists while establishing a secure and charitable institutional environment in which gay and lesbian students would be heard, respected, and, most importantly, loved.

"Basically, my method was hanging in there," she said, "But you've got to go away," she said. Even now, she won't be going too far away.

"I'm looking forward to this transition, to being able to refer to her participation in an international conference of Holy Cross sisters last month in France. "Later on, I'll probably find something to do around Saint Mary's and Notre Dame." No one who knows Gude is surprised by this statement, but they are good news all the same.

Hesburgh documentary to air

Program features interviews with Condoleezza Rice, Ara Parseghian

Special to The Observer

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh is the subject of a new documentary television program to be aired Wednesday at 8 p.m. on WNTI.

The program, "God, Country: The Story of Father Ted Hesburgh, C.S.C.,” concerns Hesburgh's priestly ministry, his career in higher education, and his role as a public servant. It includes interviews with several of Hesburgh's colleagues and friends, including all of the living former U.S. presidents; Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, a Notre Dame alumna and former University trustee; former Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian; and Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, former archbishop of Washington, D.C. It is narrated by Notre Dame alumni and television celebrity Regis Philbin and actors Sean Astin (who played the title role in the film "Rudy") and Clarence Gilyard.

Hesburgh, now 89 years old, stepped down as Notre Dame's leader on June 1, 1987, ending the longest tenure at that time among active presidents of American colleges and universities. Since his retirement he has remained active, working in his office on the 13th floor of the campus library that is renamed in his honor. His 1990 autobiography, "God, Country, Notre Dame," became a national best seller, and in 2000 his long public service career, which featured 16 presidential appointments, was recognized when he became the first person from Notre Dame's Romance language departments to be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

Father Hesburgh's considerable impact on Notre Dame is suggested by a statistical comparison of the University in 1952, when he became president, and in 1987, when he retired. The annual operating budget went from $9.7 million to $176.6 million, and research funding from $735,000 to $15 million. Enrollment increased from 389 to 950, and the number of degrees annually awarded from 1,212 to 2,500. Also during the Hesburgh era the governance of the University was transferred from the founding religious community, the Congregation of Holy Cross, to a two-tiered, mixed board of lay and religious trustees and fellows in 1967, and women began to be admitted to the undergraduate program in 1972.

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I never knew I wanted to go to Notre Dame. I wasn’t swaddled in blue and gold blankets as a child, wasn’t taught the Victory Man in my AllIs, wasn’t trucked out to the Bend each fall. My first exposure came during the game of the season.

I hope you’ll extend your official welcome into the Notre Dame family—I was for you—for then I can consider you. A few weeks into my freshman year, I fell hard for this tradition-stepped school. And I’m sure you will, too.

As a Film, Television and Theatre director, I’ve finally found myself fascinated by the way life’s realities are reflected in the movies. Every film—from the major blockbusters great on down to the most mundane and mediocre scenes—contains elements that awaken memories and stir the senses. Often the pictures we remember best are those that remind us of love, places we admire or simply an encounter, that sparks fond recollection of a near time in our lives.

College is no different. For the first time, I’ve been mining this source for decades, amounting to hundreds of films that brush the subject, the subject matter, more forcefully than others. Whether it’s a quirky character, unexpected plot curve, a singular line of dialogue, there’s something universally familiar about these films.

With this in mind, I tried to recall a scene from a film that most strongly reminded me of my Notre Dame experience. And, while my first gut instinct was to write a loving ode to the spiritual wonders of “Buddy,” for the sake of originality I forced myself to broaden my search.

Surprisingly, the film that surfaced most often wasn’t the tale of a pint-sized walking miracle or the binary of athletic talent. It was director Edward Zwick’s “The Last Samurai.”

The film chronicles the account of American Civil War veteran Nathan Algren, who is drafted by the Japanese emperor to instruct his samurai in the ways of Western firearms. Algren begrudgingly submits into his civic cap­ tivity, his attitude towards the samu­ rai’s adherence to the time-honored traditions of Japanese culture changes from one of animosity to genuine won­ der. A wayward warrior most of his life, Algren admits to a mysterious presence scrawling in the masts of his Japanese village deep in the moutains, a presence that envelopes him despite its unfamiliarity. He tries to col­ lect his thoughts in a journal, strug­ gling to put on paper his wavering allegiance.

“This marks the longest I’ve stayed in one place since I left the farm at 17,” begins Algren. “I’ve never been a churchgoing man, and what I’ve seen on this field of battle has led me to question God’s purpose. But there is indeed something spiritual in this place. And though it may forever be obscure to me, I cannot but be aware of it.”

When I first saw “The Last Samurai” in theaters, I was comfortably settled in my sophomore dorm room in Notre Dame. But something about those words, penned by screenplay writer John Logan and lodged in my mind like a well­come splinter, I wasn’t aware of it then, but they would come to epitomize what Notre Dame means to me after what seems like a lifetime here.

Although I was born in India, my family has been moving almost nonstop since I was three years old. In fact, by the time my Notre Dame career comes to a close, I will have lived under the shadow of the Golden Dome longer than any of the dozen other places around the world I’ve called home. When people ask where I’m from, my stock answer is universally “All over, but I currently live in Illinois.” It’s a bit easier than trying to splay out recollec­ tions of the spots in India, England, and the United States where some of my fondest memories remain.

And while my Jesuitical school experience never felt unwelcome, I was raised Hindu and continue to learn something new about the Catholic faith everyday. In fact, the first time I was within ourshred of a homely dance during ninth grade at a required high school Mass. As the only Hindu in attendance, I felt lost as I clumsily tried to mimic the words and gestures of a foreign liturgy, wondering whether I’d ever fit in.

Fortunately, almost a decade later, I have to do is glance across Notre Dame’s campus to find my answer. When I round the first bend of the Quads or the shimmer of the lakes on a crisp fall day, there’s something about this campus that demands a quiet attention. While the Notre Dame family continues to be the driving force behind our University’s relevance, I can’t help but feel there’s something else afoot as well.

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Dear Class of 2010,

With the beginning of a new academic year, I extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students of the University of Notre Dame. In particular, I wish to congratulate and welcome our freshmen and transfer students. We are excited and grateful that you are here, and it is our intention to help you achieve all of your goals and ambitions.

Over the course of your time at Notre Dame, I encourage you to make the most of each moment. Be open to engaging new friends, those who may have very similar or very different personal stories and perspectives. Embrace each classroom experience as an opportunity to expand your knowledge, hone your talents, and share your ideas. If you live in a residence hall, explore the many ways that you can contribute as a leader. When you face challenge, know that you are not alone and do not hesitate to seek support from those around you. Finally, in all that you do, take a few moments each day for personal reflection to refresh your spirit.

Jenkins

One of the primary objectives of Notre Dame, as a Catholic university, is to develop young minds that are prepared to make positive contributions to the world and help solve society's challenges. We are confident that you possess the talent and desire to make meaningful and lasting contributions to the university community and to the world.

Once again, welcome to Notre Dame. May you soon come to feel at home on campus, and to love this place, as do so many graduates of past years. I hope to meet you in person over the course of your time here, and throughout that time, I will keep you in my prayers.

In Notre Dame,

Reverend John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
President
University of Notre Dame
August 19, 2006

On behalf of the University of Notre Dame du Lac student body, we 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.

These first few days as a Notre Dame student will be both exciting and overwhelming. In between the chaos of moving in, orientation activities and saying goodbye to your parents, we encourage you to take a moment to appreciate the journey you are about to embark upon.

The weekend is the first step. Get to know your roommates. Participate in every Freshman activity. Be introduced to the vibrant faith life at the Center for Student Development and the Counseling Center. Participate in the many opportunities available to grow intellectually, socially, spiritually, and personally. Join a club, sign up for an intramural sport or even run for student body president. Embrace each classroom experience as an opportunity to expand your knowledge, hone your talents, and share your ideas. If you live in a residence hall, explore the many ways that you can contribute as a leader. When you face challenge, know that you are not alone and do not hesitate to seek support from those around you. Finally, in all that you do, take a few moments each day for personal reflection to refresh your spirit.

In Notre Dame,

Welcome to the Notre Dame Family. Whether you join us as a first-year undergraduate, a transfer student, or a new graduate/professional student, it is an honor to be among the first to welcome you to the University of Notre Dame. On behalf of all of us who serve in Student Affairs, we are glad you are here and hope that you will soon feel comfortable calling this place home.

This University offers a host of incredible resources that exist to help you do just that. Our 27 undergraduate residence halls and two graduate residence facilities are at the heart of the very real sense of community that is one of the most distinctive features of a Notre Dame education. The quality of the student service departments in the Division of Student Affairs is unparalleled; these offices include Alcohol and Drug Education, Campus Ministry, the Career Center, the Counseling Center, the Gender Relations Center, Health Services, International Student Services and Activities, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, the Office of Residence Life and Housing, Notre Dame Security/Police and Student Activities. The staffs in your residence halls and graduate residences are present to assist and to support you in your transition to life at Notre Dame.

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.

As a community, we draw our strength from the unique and diverse gifts offered by each of you. We hope that all of you will be able to achieve the goals you set for yourselves this year.

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

Father Mark Poorman
Vice President for Student Affairs
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On behalf of behalf of the faculty and staff at Saint Mary's College, I extend a warm welcome to the Class of 2010 and to our transfer students. As a graduate of Saint Mary's and now its 11th president, I care deeply about this special place, and about you, our students. At Saint Mary's, you are following in the footsteps of generations of remarkable, accomplished women, and, like them, your talents will leave your distinct mark on the College.

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As a Catholic college, we cherish intellectual pursuits because they enrich our understanding of God and God's creation, which in turn helps us build and sustain more just and equitable communities. We hope one result of your Saint Mary's education is that you will develop a sense of obligation to the common good and that your life and work will reflect that understanding.

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In light of this weekend's PGA championship in Medinah, Ill., it seems an appropriate time to tell one of my favorite stories about a past tournament champion.

John Daly was a young, 22-year-old kid from Arkansas traveling to the 1991 PGA Championship as the ninth alternate. He received word that he would be playing in the tournament at 2 a.m. the morning of the opening round, only after eight golfers had bailed.

Daly fired opening rounds of 69-67 and went into Saturday on top of the leaderboard amidst little pressure from the media and Friday afternoon crowd. After a 69 Saturday, The Lien headed into Sunday as a fan favorite, poised for a storybook ending.

Here's where it gets interesting.

If you don't know that John Daly is a long hitter, well then in the words of The Dude, you must not be a golfer.

For most of the weekend, Daly, who led the PGA Tour in driving distance from 1991-2002, got by with hitting drives straighter and lob wedge into the green (an impressive feat considering most people can't hit a lob more than 50 yards). But on the back nine Sunday, Daly was looking at a difficult par four where hitting a driver might have put him in a tough location. Sensing Daly's hesitation, his caddy looked him in the eye and said, " Rip it, John," handing him his favorite club.

For those of you still reading, you must be wondering why this has to do with becoming freshman at Notre Dame. It's pretty simple, the same bit of the Obotch, but hear me out.

In the back of Daly's mind there was a voice telling him to make a quick adjustment that might be the safer approach. He could have hit a 3-wood and had a better look at the hole. Nobody would have shaken their heads at his decision and plenty would have credited his maturity.

But instead, Daly went with his gut. He relied on the driving distance he had presented me with in the past.

It's normal, really. A huge aspect of maturity is the way we handle life's little challenges. How you react to a problem as an 18-year-old might be very different than how you will see it in three years.

But that doesn't mean you have to change what you are. Your strengths are your strengths, and don't be afraid to rely on them.

For instance, have you crammed for tests your entire life and gotten by fairly well? Don't fool yourself. That's not changing in college.

But instead of looking at the people who are spending hours in the library every night, understand that it is simply not you. That doesn't mean that you shouldn't at least try to finish assignments in a timely manner, but don't be intimidated by students with a different work ethic.

This works on the flip side, too. If you know that in order to do well in class, it's imperative that you work hard on a daily basis, don't be influenced by your friends who can blow things off and worry about it later. They are probably not doing it differently.

Instead of winning tournaments by crushing drivers, they are perfecting their short game and putting. Know your limitations and play to your strengths.

Look, I'm not advocating blowing off your responsibilities. That will put you on this list at Notre Dame faster than you can say Zielinski. But you all have succeeded thus far in your lives operating in many different ways.

Don't let the patterns of others affect what has gotten you to where you are.

Instead of seeing aspects of your individuality as impediments to your success, view them as part of your overall package. If you have never been able to sit down and analyze numbers, you probably won't be much of a math-ematician.

But you might be the best damn salesman in the office. So whatever you do, don't view college as a huge obstacle that you will have to somehow conquer despite your limitations. Look at everything that got you to where you are as the backbone of who you are, for better or worse. Nobody is perfect and everyone would like to do things a little different.

But regardless of your differences, you all have one thing in common. You were all admitted into Notre Dame, and probably a number of other top 20 universities. You all have shown somebody along the way that you are special people with distinct qualities.

Some of you are athletes and others are artists. Some of you can do advanced linear algebra and others think a matrix is a Keeno Reeves movie. Some of you can quote 19th century literature and others only focus on the sports pages.

You are who you are, and it has impressed people along the way. Remember that.

By the way, Daly made par on the hole. Now it's your turn. Just don't be afraid to take out the driver when everyone else might be using a 3-wood.

Bobby Griffin is an assistant managing editor at The Observer. He is a senior American Studies major who is exploring the possibility of seeing the Yankees win the World Series, Notre Dame win the national title and the Giants win the Super Bowl, all in succession. He enjoys Miller Light, Pot Limit Omaha and New York strips. He expects John Daly to make the cut at this year's PGA Championship.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Places to Eat:

1. Bistro on the Race
2. Casa Del Rio
3. Colonial Pancake House
4. Fiddler’s Hearth
5. Hana Yori
6. Lula’s Cafe
7. Macri’s
8. Nick’s Patio
9. Rocco’s
10. The Vine

Attractions:

1. Chippewa Bowl
2. Cinemark Movies 14
3. Kerasotes 16
4. University Park Mall

Note: The above map only shows main roads to indicate attraction locations.

Around the Bend

   It’s on the pricey side, but Bistro on the Race is one of the very best restaurants in South Bend. The traditional fare includes an assortment of steak, fish and chicken dishes. Not exactly for everyday or casual dining, but a good place to take visiting parents on football weekends.

2. Casa Del Rio 1705 South Bend Ave.
   For those looking for more authentic Mexican than Taco Bell, Casa Del Rio delivers on its promise of “a real taste of Mexico.” Standard fare includes enchiladas, fajitas and tacos, but the best deal is probably on Tuesdays, when tacos cost a mere dollar.

3. Colonial Pancake House 508 N. Dixie Way
   An affordable and delicious alternative to breakfast places like IHOP, the Pancake House is a great way to start the day. The portions are generous, but be warned — the restaurant keeps “breakfast” hours and often closes by one in the afternoon.

4. Fiddler’s Hearth 127 N. Main St.
   Perhaps the most Irish restaurant in South Bend, Fiddler’s Hearth doubles as a Celtic restaurant and a pub. Often featuring live music (including bagpipes on Friday evenings), Fiddler’s Hearth has an inviting, rustic feel that appeals to both students and families.

5. Hana Yori 3601 Grape Rd.
   While this traditional Japanese steakhouse is pricey, you’re also paying for the show. Chefs prepare food right at the table, with a menu that includes steak, chicken and shrimp. Patrons interact with the chefs at large tables that contain a stove in the middle and watch as they create volcanoes out of onions and flip shrimp tails into their aprons.

6. Lula’s 1631 Edison Rd.
   Lula’s is a hip, relaxing coffee shop located right off campus that also serves a variety of sandwiches. A popular place to meet, study or just hang out, Lula’s offers indoor and outdoor seating for cool fall days.

7. Macri’s 214 N. Niles Ave.
   A laid-back Italian-American restaurant featuring mostly pasta and sandwiches, Macri’s is a good place to relax and hang out. The average entree costs less than $8, which makes it one of the most affordable dining hall alternatives in the city.
Getting Out From under the Dome

A guide to life in and out of the Notre Dame bubble

8. Nick’s Patio 1710 N. Ironwood Dr.
One of the few places open 24 hours, Nick’s Patio offers casual Greek dining at affordable prices. A mecca for late-night students, Nick’s Patio is a good alternative to typical fast food any time of the day.

9. Rocco’s 537 North St. Louis Blvd.
One of the best pizza places in South Bend, Rocco’s décor is adorned with pictures of past coaches and famous visitors who have also enjoyed one of the restaurant’s pies. Though a bit more expensive than the chains, Rocco’s more than makes up for it with the quality of its pizzas.

10. The Vine 103 W. Colfax
Calling itself “The Purveyors of Fine Wine and Food,” The Vine is a funky, classy change of pace from traditional South Bend fare. The steaks, pastas, seafood and pizza are delicious, and the atmosphere is unmatched.

Attractions

With “2 for 1 Tuesdays” and $0.99 games on Wednesdays, Chippewa Bowl is an inexpensive option for some weekday or weekend fun. This is a place for those nights when the workload is light and you do not want to spend much money.

Both of these theaters — the two most popular among students — offer the big blockbusters. Cinemark, on Edison, is the closer theater for those who want to see a popular movie and do not want to drive. But Kerasotes also offers some diverse fare, showing smaller budget, limited release films.

4. University Park Mall - 6501 Grape Rd.
Only a bus ride away, the University Park Mall is a good place to meet your general shopping needs. The large department stores include JC Penney and Ayres, and specialty shops range from Banana Republic to Yankee Candle to Journey’s.

Football Weekends

Drummer’s Circle
The drummers of the Band of the Fighting Irish gather on the steps of the Main Building on Fridays at midnight, performing cadences and cheers heard throughout Notre Dame Stadium on Saturdays.

Pep Rally
A pep rally is held in the Joyce Center every football Friday at 6 p.m. The Notre Dame marching band leads skits, speeches and cheers. The team arrives midway through the rally, with head coach Charlie Weis and a few players giving speeches. Watch for special guests, alumni and past players, like Joe Montana, Tim Brown and Chris Zorich, all of whom spoke last year.

Pregame Traditions
Saturday morning pregame traditions are anchored by the Notre Dame band, which performs on the steps of Bond Hall before marching to the stadium. The football team and coaches can be seen on their customary walk from Mass at the Basilica to the stadium before the game.

Entertainment Around Campus

The DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts
The DPAC offers a wide range of concerts, plays, films and other performances. Upcoming events include the Winter 2006 performance of “The Comedy of Errors” and various film screenings. Current information about upcoming events can be found on the DPAC’s Web site: http://dpac.nd.edu

Legends
Legends periodically hosts concerts, which range from campus bands to big name acts such as Gavin DeGraw, the Walkmen and Virginia Coalition.

WVFI
WVFI is a student-run radio station that also features student DJs. Current schedules can be found on its Web site: http://www.nd.edu/~wvfi/

Eating Around Campus

Café Commons
If you’re in the Mendoza College of Business, Café Commons is a great place to get food like soup, salad, sandwiches, fruit, coffee and a wide array of drinks. Open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Café de Grasta
A close choice for Mod Quad residents (but a hike for everyone else), Café de Grasta is located on the first floor of Grace Hall. It has a by-weight salad bar, coffee, wraps, stir-fry and a wide selection of drinks. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Café Poche
Located on the first floor of Bond Hall, Café Poche may go unnoticed by most non-architecture students. It offers deli sandwiches, soups, baked goods, drinks and coffee. Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Decio Faculty Hall
Expect to be surrounded by professors if eating in Decio Faculty Hall, housed in the same building as many offices. Coffee and sandwiches are the regular fare, and it’s a great place to meet with a teacher. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Greenfields
Greenfields is located in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, and offers a variety of global cuisine for between five and eight dollars a dish. The fare is far more eclectic than expected, and the best part is that it accepts both Domer Dollars and Flex Points. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Irish Café
Located in the Law School, the Irish Café is not exclusively for law students and is the closest option to Main Circle. Baked goods, salads, sandwiches and soups are just some of the foods offered. Open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Legends
While it also hosts shows and other entertainment, Legends is primarily a full-scale restaurant and bar that serves various Notre Dame-themed dishes and American fare. Open Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m.; Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 12 a.m.; Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 12 a.m. Closed Sundays.

Reckers
Located behind South Dining Hall, Reckers is a 24-hour haven for students. With relatively inexpensive grill fare, personal pizzas, sandwiches, smoothies and ice cream, it is a popular and often-crowded hangout. It also has several televisions.

Waddicks
One of the most popular cafés on campus, Waddicks is conveniently located on the first floor of O’Shaughnessy. A large selection of baked goods, food and drinks are available, but the coffee and espresso may be the most popular options. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Information compiled by RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA and BRIAN DOXTADER
New stadium a splash of optimism in the desert

Once woe-begone Cardinals franchise signs impact free agents, has high hopes for upcoming campaign

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The new silver palace shimmers like some desert mirage in the western suburbs of Phoenix.

Yes, the Arizona Cardinals — a franchise that long set the standard for futility in professional sports — finally have a home.

This is a team that seems reborn.

In addition to their $455 million stadium, the Cardinals signed Edgerrin James, one of the top running backs in the NFL, and, believe it or not, are sold out at home for the season.

Could the tentacles of pro football parity reach all the way to owner Bill Bidwill's long-vilified operation?

"People are starting to understand that we're not fooling around," said Bidwill's son, Michael, Cardinals vice president and general counsel.

"We want to build a championship team," he said.

Until the fancy trappings and big names translate to victories, though, the term "same old Cardinals" will be in use.

"The only way you can change people's perception of your team is by winning," wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald said. "We've got all the pieces.

No more excuses."

Arkansas State's Sun Devil Stadium under the scorching sun to support the franchise's 1985-91.

Until then, the Cardinals have had one winning season, going 9-7 in 1998 and upsetting Dallas in the playoffs for the franchise's first postseason victory since beating Philadelphia for the NFL title in 1947.

The success proved fleeting, and crowds dwindled.

Fears to sit in the metal bleachers of Arizona in 1988 with nothing to watch but bad football. The players, meanwhile, sweat and suffered.

"The best index was just off the charts," said Ron Wolfe, Cardinals radio analyst who played for the team from 1985-91. "If you were a farmer, you'd tell your cattle to stay inside."

In 1996, Bidwill brought son Michael, a former federal prosecutor, into the organization with the charge to get a stadium.

"With the team's lack of popularity, it was a struggle."

But in 2000, after an ingenious campaign that downplayed the Cardinals while focusing on improving base- ball spring training facilities and building youth sports fields, voters approved a hotel tax and car rental surcharge to help build the facility.

The Cardinals put in $155 million and the result was the silver monolith in Glendale, which features a retractable roof and a natural grass field that slides out of the stadium when not in use.

The stadium, Michael Bidwill said, has changed everything about how what had been a notoriously penny-pinching organization does business.

"We started a couple of years ago, when we knew that we had the stadium secured, that it would open in 2006, where we could start changing our business operations plan and our football cap manage ment plan and start doing things that other NFL teams are able to do," the younger Bidwill said.

The result, he said, was "having the cash to go out and spend money to sign players like Bertrand Berry, Kurt Warner and Edgerrin James, and being able to extend the contracts of our core group of players like Adrian Wilson and Anquan Boldin."

James was the big prize. The four-time Pro Bowl back, who topped 1,500 yards each of the last two seasons for the Indianapolis Colts, surprised the NFL by signing a four-year, $30 million contract with Arizona.

"If you want to be winners, you've got to do what the winners do, and from Day 1 when I got here, they've done what the winners have done," James said.

Warner, the former Super Bowl and NFL MVP who at 35 is the quarterback designated to lead the team to success while Leinart learns, said the team is trying to build "a culture of winning."

A state-of-the-art stadium does not guarantee success.

"Houston got a new stadium," James said, "and they haven't done nothing."

But standing in the cavernous home locker room after the team's preseason victory over Pittsburgh, Bill Bidwill expect to "relief and satisfaction" that the building was finished.

A quiet man who prefers football to public face, he said he thinks people no longer doubt his commitment to winning.

Wolffey, a four-time Pro Bowl special teams player, echoed the sentiment of those who had long suffered the ridicule that comes with being a Cardinal.

"I'm happy for the players. I'm happy for the fans," he said. "I'm happy for anyone who ever bled Cardinal red."

Arizona Cardinals fans cheer during Arizona's 21-13 preseason win over the Pittsburgh Steelers. Aug. 12. The game was the first in brand-new Cardinals Stadium in Glendale, Ariz.
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**Bonds’ trainer withholds testimony from grand jury hearing**

*Associated Press*

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds’ personal trainer may go back to jail for refusing again to testify about his acquaintances before a grand jury. What he told federal prosecutors, however, has dragged Tom Brady's name into the BALCO case.

In a June statement to prosecutors about his intentions to stay mum, Greg Anderson said he and the New England Patriots quarterback had spoken over the phone — but never established further contact.

"I had only one brief conversation with Tom Brady regarding a potential future workout," Anderson said. "I never had another phone conversation with him and never discussed it with anyone."

Anderson also told federal prosecutors June 23 that he would continue to withhold testimony from a newly assembled grand jury that is reportedly also investigating track coach Trevor Graham.

"I will not ever make statements about other people," Anderson said in the statement, which was included in court documents unsealed Wednesday. "That has always been my position and will continue to be."

On Thursday, prosecutors planned to ask U.S. District Judge William Alsup to send Anderson to prison if he stands by that policy.

Paula Canny, an Anderson attorney and friend, said Brady's name appears along with "10 to 20" other athletes that Anderson's grand jury subpoena lists as people the trainer should be prepared to answer questions about. Canny said investigators may have gotten Brady's name from Anderson's phone records seized by the government.

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*San Francisco Chronicle*

Fearing Anderson's refusal to testify may result in prison time, prosecutors have repeatedly advised him to cooperate in the investigation.

The New York Times reported last month that the grand jury who leaked them to reporters they must tell a "clear" story of the perjury allegations, since Bonds reportedly testified that the trainer gave him substances that fit the description of "the cream" and "the clear" — two performance-enhancing drugs linked to BALCO.

In 2003, Bonds reportedly testified to the grand jury investigating BALCO that he believed the substances were flaxseed oil and arthritis balm, not steroids.

Anderson also could offer insight into the doping calendars of other elite athletes with performance-enhancing drugs. The New York Times reported last month that the grand jury is also looking into the possible involvement of Graham, the track coach of Marion Jones and Justin Gatlin, who tested positive earlier this year for elevated testosterone.

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The Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students Welcomes the Class of 2010.

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

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The subtext? That same Deaver team went on to win two consecutive Super Bowls. If Manning wants to shake the persistent notion that he can put up numbers but can't win the big one, he'll have to follow in Elway's footsteps.

"It's a great lesson," Manning said. "They took their time to put it aside and not feel sorry for themselves. And making their peace with the football gods, they did something about it and played a little angry the next year and won two in a row.


Playing a little angry might be a good place to start. Elway told Manning that the Broncos' dismay at that bitter loss in the Jaguars made them more eager to come back quickly. They ended up with a wildcard slot the following season -- forcing them to play hard all the way -- and beat Green Bay in the Super Bowl.

But anger isn't Manning's comfort zone. Intellect and a ferocious work ethic are.

That frenetic motion that fans see on the field -- pointing and waving at the line of scrimmage -- calling audibles or faking them -- is a manifestation of the intelligence. The fact that he can communicate his vision to teammates speaks to his tireless striving for perfection.

Manning is a leader by example, spending countless hours studying and throwing to his receivers in offseason workouts.

"Forty straight outs," he says.

"Not an out, then a pass, then some other route like a lot of quarterbacks do. It's repetition, repetition, repetition, so that when you're in a game, it's automatic."

His teammates reciprocate:

"If Peyton asks me, I'll do it. I ask Peyton to do something, he'll do it," says Marvin Harrison, his favorite receiver who is on course to finish his career second only to Jerry Rice in many receiving categories.

Manning, meanwhile, already broke Dan Marino's season record for touchdown passes in 2004 with 49, and has a real shot at eclipsing his career passing records. If he never wins a title, though, he and Marino will have that in common.

"Maybe it's too early to label Manning a loser. But he remains a non-winner.

The Super Bowl question is legitimate," he said. "I've done a lot, but that's one thing I've never done since I've been here."

Colts coach Tony Dungy -- who carries that label of a sparkling regular-season record but no Super Bowl -- is quick to point to another great athlete who started to hear the whispers.

"You forget that they were the best of the best last year. Michael Jordan after the Bulls kept losing to Detroit," Dungy said. "He'd better win. Then he won six championships. Peyton will win. He's just going to finish what he's started and he'll keep going.

Until last season, Manning's playoff losses were to arguably better teams. Although he played horribly in two playoff losses in Foxborough to New England, it's only fair to point that both the Patriots were en route to their second and third Super Bowl, and he and Super Bowl.

But for the better part of last year the Colts were the best team in football.

Their run to 13-0 was the only one that could trump any annals of an obtuse receiver then with the Eagles. Not only were they the favorite to get to the Super Bowl, but they appeared well on their way to becoming the first team beside the 1972 Miami Dolphins to go unbeaten.

With home-field advantage well in hand, Indianapolis lost at home to the Seattle Seahawks 18, a loss that was followed by the death of Dungy's son. The perfect season gone and a cloud of sadness hanging over the franchise, the team began to gear up for play-off.

Manning and the rest of the starters sat for most of the last two regular-season games, a move to look even more rested for Arizona.

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Favre shows unequaled, unexpected optimism

By the British skier Arnie Hertrich travels both hemispheres, battles frigid temperatures, volcanoes searching for altitudinal adventure

Rainer Hertrich loves what he does so much that he hasn't taken a day off since Nov. 1, 2003.

No sick days. No vacation days. He doesn't need them.

After all, Hertrich is not stuck in an office or making sales calls. He's crisscrossing down another ski slope to keep his world-record streak alive.

Hertrich reached the milestone of 1,000 consecutive days of skiing when he barreled through a snowstorm with Hurricane Isabel last month, his body nearly contorted from the sheer vertical feet of his descent.

Hertrich has already skied 34 million vertical feet. He's climbed Everest and climbed the vertical feet of his descent more than 100 times.

And while he's having way too much fun and the accomplishment for too long, there was more than the usual exuberance in his online diary following the day when he set the record:

"I'm going to South America for the adventure and keeping up the vertical feet," he said. "The adventure part is really killing myself."

In a telephone interview from Oregon, Hertrich sounds like a day-to-day job as a snow groomer, running the big slopes that he skis, suits his passion perfectly. In the winter months, he works on Colorado's Copper Mountain and in the summer he helps maintain Mt. Hood in Oregon during the racing season.

Favre grew up in Boulder, Colo., learning to ski at an early age. A typical career path was not in his future. He dreamed of things beyond the confines of a classroom or an office cubicle.

"I didn't want to go to college. I thought about the outdoors while in class," he recalled.

Hertrich's father had never changed since he was young. To get a better view of skiing is the freedom to look up on the mountain, and the scenery.

Hertrich's skiing endeavor began when he discovered an elite club at Jackson Hole, Wyo. — for those who had skied 6 million vertical feet in a year.

"I was up for the challenge, and he soon surpassed that mark, skiing more than 7 million vertical feet in a year.

"You have to ski every day," he said, "and you have to ski a lot every day."

With all this skiing, he began to wonder if he was near any record. He was, and that's when his test of endurance against Mother Nature and himself truly began.

He began logging his vertical elevation with a sophisticated altimeter watch. Skiing daily was a faster calculation to power his sports career.

Hertrich has weathered brutal conditions along the way. But he's continued to ski — through bitter cold, frostbite, rain and illness.

"The worst days were when I thought I was going to die," he said. "I was freezing and I know I have to go," he said.

There have been close calls, too. Before flying to South America, for example, he's learned to take pre-dawn runs on Mt. Hood before going to the airport on a travel day.

One time in Chile, he rented a bus at the airport and got lost in Santiago. He almost didn't make it to the slopes before the bus driver left and he hopped a bus to the mountain not realizing it was the scenic route.

Perhaps the biggest bizarre, though, was when he hiked up an active volcano since it had more snow to ski down than any other mountain during a dry spell in Chile's winter.
Former Charger Leaf hired to coach D-II QBs

Associated Press

CANYON, Texas — Ryan Leaf’s eyes are bloodshot and his hair is matted down at the end of a 17-hour workday. The new quarterbacks coach at West Texas A&M sets aside his Styrofoam tobacco spit cup and paces to check the upcoming schedule.

It’ll be another long day all right, with practice, meetings and plenty of time stuck in his cramped office. Leaf estimates he spends at least 70 hours a week in his new job at this Division II school — all for no paycheck.

Yes, this hardworking volunteer coach is the same Ryan Leaf who was supposed to take the NFL by storm but instead found himself hunkered down at a Division II school — all for no paycheck.

Leaf told him: “The people in San Diego did not move on,” said Leaf, who was booted and benchmarked regularly while losing 14 of 18 starts with the Chargers. “They would never say anything to my face. It was always behind my back, or little punches in the paper.”

While he was eager for distance from his NFL past, in November 2001 he realized how much he missed college football. He called his former coach at Washington State, Mike Price, and they devised a plan to get him back into the game.

Leaf started by going back to college at WSU and finishing his degree. Price, now the coach at Texas-El Paso, encouraged Leaf to apply at West Texas A&M and recommended that coach Don Carthel give him the job.

“We all know, just as Ryan knows, that he messed up when he was younger,” Carthel said. “But in the right environment, Ryan Leaf can use his good qualities and really help somebody achieve some great things. That’s the Ryan Leaf that we’re all looking for.”

The quarterbacks he would coach didn’t know what to think when he arrived in February.

“I was wondering who found him and where he was and how they got abold of him and got him here,” backup Keith Null said.

Starters Dalton Bell said “never in a thousand years would I have thought he’d be my quarterbacks coach.” Having seen Leaf’s infamous meltdowns on television, he thought, “Man, maybe this guy could be a jerk.”

“But,” Bell said. “He’s a really good guy.”

And a decent coach, too.

Bell and Null said Leaf immediately improved their fundamental throwing motion and helped with their timing, pocket presence and reading defenses.

It’s not like those things were terrible before. West Texas A&M led Division II in passing offense last year by averaging 364 yards and 40 points per game, prompting Baylor to hire away the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. That opened the job Leaf filled.

Bell said Leaf has plenty of patience and advice. He said Leaf told him: “Any time you’re feeling down and out, you can come to me because I’ve probably been there.”
Teams take advantage of new transfer rules

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Urban Meyer spoke out against the NCAA’s new graduate-transfer rule in May, calling it a loophole that needed to be — and eventually would be — closed, even as it paved the way for the new legislation.

The Division I board of directors passed the legislation in late May, amidst a backdrop of student-athletes more overtly voicing their concerns. The rule allows athletes who graduate and have eligibility remaining to transfer without the penalty of sitting out a year. Coaches believe the rule won’t significantly affect their schools because most players who transfer annually and mentally exhausted their careers to secretly recruit players.

However, most coaches believe the rule won’t have a widespread effect, as they fear it will encourage programs to secretly recruit players who qualify to transfer. It might have already happened. At least three prominent players have taken advantage of the change.

Smith started 12 games for Meyer and the Gators in 2008 and 2009. He returned to the lineup midway through the season by the new coaching staff.

He left Utah after spring practice, saying he was physically and mentally exhausted from the game, but quickly began making plans to move to Gainesville.

His transfer somewhat coincided with the departure of quarterback Avery Aikens, who was released from his scholarship in June after he was accused of striking the mother of his 2-month-old child.

Smith said he considered transferring long before Aikens’ troubles. But he also didn’t choose Florida solely for its graduate program in education. He wanted to be reunited with Meyer and position coach Chuck Fleiter. "It could possibly affect every school in the wrong way," Roof said. "I don’t think the intent of every rule is to enhance the quality of the game and the experience. But this is one I know a lot of people don’t agree with." Roof acknowledges having a somewhat biased view, having lost a two-year starter on the offensive line to Cal because of the legislation.

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Although Meyer took an exception to the legislation, he still believes NCAA members and conference representatives will vote to override the legislation in January.

Until then, though, the rule could help some teams and hurt others. "I think everybody’s susceptible and they should be worried because it can negatively affect anyone," Roof said. "The rule needs to be changed."
Colts looking for kickers

Without Smith and Vinatieri, Indy seeks emergency backups

Associated Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Backup kickers should send job applications to the Indianapolis Colts.

Adam Vinatieri and punter Hunter Smith are both injured and expected to miss Sunday’s preseason game against Seattle, leaving the Colts scrambling to find replacements.

On Wednesday, that meant trying out backup quarter­back Shaun King at kicker and tight end Ben Utecht at punter.

Dungy appreciated their efforts, but by Thursday, he’d already decided the Colts needed to add two experienced kickers for the preseason home opener.

He said after the morning workout that the team would probably sign kicker Shane Andrus and a punter.

Andrus came to training camp in the unenviable posi­tion of having to beat out Vinatieri, widely regarded as the NFL’s best in the clutch, a reputation he earned after making two Super Bowl-win­ning kicks for New England.

The Colts signed Vinatieri to a five-year, $12 million con­tract in March.

So it was no surprise when Indy released Andrus, a free­agent from Murray State, on Monday when five new play­ers joined the roster.

Then the rash of injuries finally hit the Colts’ special­ists.

Vinatieri sprained his left ankle — or plant foot — while running. He hasn’t practiced since.

Dungy initially planned to use Smith as the backup, but that changed Tuesday when the punter strained his groin and missed practice the past two days.

So the coach improvised.

While King tried kicking for the first time in his life, Utecht returned to a spot he once held at the University of Minnesota.

The results were mixed.

“I should have retired after my first one,” King joked Thursday. “I hit the first one, then got in a rut.”

Utecht was the Gophers’ backup punter until his sen­ior season when a sports hernia forced him to give up the role.

Utecht said it was the first time in nearly four years he’d tried punt­ing in any­thing other than a proc­essful manner.

“I’m pretty comfort­able in those situa­tions,” Utecht said. “Somebody asked me yester­day if it was like riding a bike, you don’t forget. It didn’t take me long to get used to it again.”

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Notre Dame needed to replace two All-Americans, a four-year-starting goalkeeper and a starting senior midfielder after they graduated in May. No problem.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum signed five players to letters of intent in February, and four more have joined the team to start the 2006 campaign, as the team kicks off with a preseason No. 5 ranking.

Waldrum announced the signings of forward Michele Man, mid­fielder Amanda Rosen and midfielder Courtney Clark, Feb. 5.

He later added defenders Mara Paz de Araujo, Rachel VanderGuenegut and Ashley Galie and mid­fielders Amber Lattner and Micaela Alvarez to the team's fall roster.

"We've been very pleased with all five," Waldrum said after Notre Dame's 5-0 victory over Xavier in an exhibition game Thursday on Alumni Field. "They've all come in like veterans."

Weissenhoffer, who scored a goal and added an assist in the win, will take the roster spot of Katie Thorlakson. Thorlakson was a two-time All-American who tallied 18 goals and 35 assists (73 points) her senior season after leading the Irish to a national championship in 2004 with 23 goals and 24 assists.

Weissenhoffer was a club teammate of Clark, who led the back line of their Eclipse Select club team that won national titles in 2004 and 2005.

At 5-foot-6, Clark offers the physical versatility both to shut down opposing offenses and stretch the field as a defender or midfielder. The freshman class' natural midfielder, Rose, is a product of Brecksville, Ohio, and has played on the U.S. U-17 and U-18 national squads since she was 15.

While Rose, Clark and Weissenhoffer all were highly sought-after recruits, Waldrum said the 5-foot-9 defender Ford slipped under the radar of many other programs.

"They've all come in like veterans," Waldrum Irish head coach Randy Waldrum said.

Ford was a dedicated player in high school, regularly traveling five and a half hours from her hometown of Midland, Texas, to Dallas to play with her club team, the Dallas Texans.

"It's a lot easier now," Ford said of living on campus within a few minutes of the practice field.

"We never know (who we will have on our roster) until we see them on the field," Mackenzie said. "We don't know until Monday what our team will look like."

Mackenzie said that the nine freshmen who started Thursday — Briana Canta (Austin, Texas), Kat Dorkin (Pontiac, Mich.), Colleen Ferguson (B undlap, Ill.), Molly Gaffney (Hudson, Ohio), Samantha Goudreau (Lake Forest, Ill.), Michelle Hedinger (Jasper, Ind.), Bridget Romolly (Mundelein, Ill.), Jessica Sleaw (Allion Park, Penn.) and Katie Wehrli (Fort Wayne, Ind.) — will be slotted into positions once Mackenzie sees them on the practice field.

"I don't get too wrapped up in it," Mackenzie said. "They do for me, but I'm totally different than what they did for their old coach."}

While the Belles only lost three seniors off last year's team, Mackenzie said there are plenty of opportunities for the freshmen to see playing time.

"It's just a matter of how talented they are and how quickly they make the transition to the college level," she said.

Mackenzie needs to replace most of her back wall after losing defenders Carrie Orr, Shannon Colbertson and Maura Schoen to graduation. Orr was a first-team All-MIAA pick last season. Junior Justine Higgin, who started 16 games in 2005, is the lone return­er starting in the back. To fill the holes, Mackenzie said she may move midfielders to defense.

"There's certainly an opportunity for anyone to play there," she said. "The opportunity is there if you’re willing to make the plays."

Up front, the Belles return 2005 leading scorer Lauren Hinton, who netted 14 goals in 19 games last season. Her sister, senior Ashley Hinton, also returns after scoring four goals from her starting midfield spot.

At goalie, senior Laura Heline returns after starting all 19 games last season when she posted 14 shutouts and allowed a lit­tle over a goal per game.

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Walker, Hagerman, Kiley lead new class

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Notre Dame will have to replace departing seniors like Sean O'Donnell, above. O'Donnell finished fifth at home in the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 30.

Women's Cross Country

New runners vie for five positions

Connolly stresses high expectations

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

In the process of reloading a squad that lost five of its top seven runners to graduation after last season, Notre Dame coach Tim Connelly brought five freshmen distance runners to bolster his roster.

"There are some of them that we think can contribute right away," Connelly said of his class of 2010, which starts practice with the team Aug. 21.

Last season, then-freshman Runney Kavan burst on the scene, finishing No. 11 in the Notre Dame invitational in her first collegiate race and holding down the team's fourth position for most of the season.

This year, Connelly has said he has three runners that may make an immediate impact — Molly Sullivan of Elmhurst, Ill., Beth Tadd of St. Cloud, Minn. and Lindsay Ferguson of Greenfield Center, N.Y.

Ferguson holds the national high school record for the 2,000-meter steeplechase and ran the second-fastest high school time in the nation in the 3,000 meters during indoor track season last fall.

"She's a pretty talented kid and a really good competitor, so we're counting on her to make an impact right off the bat," Connelly said of Ferguson.

Sullivan spent most of the summer nursing an injury, but Connelly said he expects her to be ready when practice starts.

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Men's Cross Country

Piane welcomes 12 new freshmen

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With a multi-year contract extension extension in hand, Irish coach Joe Piane will begin his 32nd season at Notre Dame with 12 new faces on his roster.

After losing four top seniors — Tim Moore, Kaelin Van Ort, Sean O'Donnell and Vinny Ambrio — Piane said the freshmen will have a chance to make an immediate impact.

"I've got some holes to fill," he said. "We're going to have some pretty good kids, but we're going to have to fill in with some freshmen."

Piane singled out freshmen Brock Hagerman of Muncieville, Ind., Greg Kiley of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. and Luke Wolfe of Ellwood City, Penn. as the leading candidates to run with Notre Dame's top seven early in the season.

Hagerman won the individual Indiana state cross country championship last fall, while Kiley was the New York state champion in the indoor 1,600 meters. Walker recorded the fourth fastest high school indoor 3,000-meter time in the nation as a senior.

Piane said other freshmen may also contribute, but that several of the twelve in the incoming class — mainly middle-distance track runners — will be on the roster purely to stay in shape for track season.

The Irish coaching staff sent each new runner a packet with workout instructions at the beginning of the summer. The program included a slow build-up in mileage, starting at 35 miles per week and growing throughout the summer. Piane also asked his runners to compete in several road races.

The idea, Piane said, was to acclimate the freshmen to running longer distances. College cross country races are 10 kilometers, twice the distance of high school.

"That's a heck of a jump," Piane said. "What I'm asking them to do is run their high school best twice in one race. There really aren't other sports that are analogous.

While Piane said the newcomers have stuck faithfully to the program, it hasn't always been easy, according to freshman Jim Notwell of Upper Arlington, Ohio.

"In high school, our workouts were pretty light," he said. "Our coaches tried to make sure we didn't get hurt, with shin splints and things you can get if you run too much."

Notwell said, "I'm doing twice as much running now as I ever did in high school in terms of mileage."

The Irish open fall practice Sunday and will run their first race Sept. 8 at the Valparaiso Invitational in Valparaiso, Ind.

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Women's Cross Country

New runners vie for five positions

Connolly stresses high expectations

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Frosh foursome hits the Irish links

American Junior Golf Association puts Fortner at No. 48

By GREG ARCOGAST
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Fore is a dirty word in golf, but it can be very nice to Notre Dame this year.

In the case of the men's golf team, four is the number of incoming freshmen expected to bolster the lineup of an already very impressive Irish squad.

The foursome is the first freshman group under Irish head coach Jim Kubinski.

"I'm very excited about this," Kubinski said. "They're a very talented group of players." 

All four incoming freshmen have resumes with high school experience and time on the major junior tour — three on the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) tour.

Fortner leads the group with a 73.11 stroke average on the AJGA tour in 2006. He has also been as high as No. 43 on the Golfweek/TeeTime rankings for junior golfers. He currently stands at No. 48.

A n a t o o - O c a l career top-25 finishes on the AJGA tour and has a 74.43 stroke average in 2006. Willis isn't far behind with a 76.14 stroke average this year.

"The AJGA is the best program there is," Fortner said. "If you are predicting if success in high school will translate to success in college," Kubinski said. "One reason is because the courses they play on the junior tours are so difficult. They are not comparable to college courses as they have long holes, thick rough, and difficult greens.

Batista Filho doesn't have a 2006 AJGA stroke average because he has played in Brazil. Batista Filho finished second in the New York state tournament his sophomore year, then moved back to Brazil to finish his high school education.

Kubinski expects that Batista Filho will need some time to adjust to playing in America.

"The fall season will be an acclimation period for him," Kubinski said. "I think he'll become more competitive by the end of the season and the rest of his career here.

While all four freshmen have enjoyed success on the links, they have succeeded in other areas as well. Both Batista Filho and Santos-Ocampo were members of the National Honor Society at their respective high schools. Santos-Ocampo also won his AJGA Bob Carter Sportsmanship Award for his play on the junior tour.

"Character was maybe the single biggest factor for this recruiting class. When these guys may come from all over the U.S. — and outside it — all four guys are the same mold regarding character and work ethic." — Jim Kubinski

Irish head coach

"This year's class is very talented, though, and I think we can see two, three, or even all four in the starting lineup at some point this season.

That approach will be important as the team is in the midst of a resurgent season.

In the 2004-05 season, Notre Dame posted a school-record team-stroke average of 292.77. The Irish also won their third consecutive Big East title and competed in their third consecutive NCAA regional tournament. Notre Dame rose as high as No. 12 in The Golfweek/Nagano Performance Index ratings. If last season was any indication of how Notre Dame freshmen typically perform, Kubinski has nothing to be very worried about. Sophomore Josh Sandman was one of the team's key players last year.

The trio represents the first time that the Irish have signed three Fab 50 players since 1997, when Denise Boylan, Christi Giron and Jo Jameson all entered Notre Dame. All three entering freshman were also All-Americans, according to Prepvolleyball.com. They will be joined by setter Jamael Nicholas, also Prepvolleyball.com All-American, middle blocker Tara Enswerre, outside hitter Serinity Phillips and defensive specialist/libero Colleen Dziedzic.

Throughout fall practices, Brown has raved about the progress her rookies have made.

"The freshmen are coming in and just stepping up and being right in the middle of things," Brown said. "If someone walked into our gym right now there's no way they would know who the freshmen are and who the upperclassmen are, because the freshmen are fitting in very well and doing a great job.

And they're competing for almost every starting spot.

"I think it's wide open," Brown said. "The coaching staff is going to have a tough time picking the starting lineup, because it's just really competitive and (the players are) pushing each other every day.

Brown, however, does not see this as a negative.

"It's going to be a good problem to have," she said. "I'm seriously just not even in a position to say at this point who could or who might or might not be (in the starting lineup).

"But I can guarantee you that there will be at least two and maybe three, maybe four freshmen that are going to be starting and having significant roles.

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MEN'S SOCCER

No. 16 ranked freshman class takes to the pitch

College Soccer News ranks both 2006 squad, rookie players highly a season after appearance in NCAA round of 16

By ERIC RETTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Entering the season, 16 seems to be the number most associated with Notre Dame. The Irish, who advanced to the Sweet 16 in last season's NCAA tournament, begin their 2006 campaign ranked No. 16 in the nation by College Soccer News.

After the Irish successfully signed another strong recruiting class, College Soccer News gave Notre Dame's incoming freshmen the same ranking — No. 16.

"They're a very good class," head coach Bobby Clark said Tuesday. "We've had a lot of good classes the last few years, but this certainly is another one, with some outstanding players."

This year's freshman class includes two high school All-American midfields in Justin Morrow and Michael Thomas, who scored 42 and 41 goals, respectively, in their high school careers.

Additionally, two Irish freshmen won All-State honors, as midfielder Dave Donahue was named to Massachusetts' All-State team twice, while Tamba Samba was an All-State award in Indiana in his senior season.

Joining them as rookies on the roster will be defender John Schafer, midfielder John Baumgardner and goalkeeper Philip Tuttle.

While these seven players are a talented group, they may face an uphill battle if they plan to see significant minutes early on in the season. Notre Dame will return nine starters and 14 monogram winners from a year ago, including All-American midfielder Greg Dalby.

"We've got a very strong returning group, so we're not in a position where we need to hurry anyone in," Clark said. "At the same time, if anyone deserves to be in, they'll be in."

In the few weeks that the freshmen have been practicing with the team, Clark has seen an improvement in the play of his rookies.

"All of them have actually done pretty well [in practice through Tuesday]. They've all shaped up, [and] they've all shown promise," Clark said.

Before the Irish played their first of two exhibitions on Thursday at Drake, Clark was optimistic the games would shed a better light on the potential impact of the youngest team members.

"At the moment they're still learning, still learning the system," Clark said. "Until you've seen them play in a real game, it's difficult to know where they are."

Clark also said he plans to give his new players plenty of time to learn the system and make an impression.

"I try not to judge youngsters too early, because if you judge them too early before they're ready and before they get comfortably, you can perhaps come to the wrong conclusions," he said.

Regardless of how much playing time they will see this season, Clark is confident that all the freshmen on the team will continue to improve and will serve as a solid foundation for upcoming seasons.

"You can learn by getting thrown into the deep end, or you can learn by working everyday at practice with quality players," he said. "Good players will learn by competing for time with experienced players. If they're good players, they're going to be fine."

Notes:
• Notre Dame will play its home opener Monday in an exhibition game against St. Francis at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field. The team will ask for a $1 contribution from all those in attendance to support Grassroot Soccer, a program that aims to combat the AIDS epidemic in Africa using soccer as a means of communication. Last season, the Irish took in slightly over $2,500 at the gate, and that number was matched by both a Notre Dame soccer alumnus — who wishes to remain anonymous — as well as the Notre Dame soccer camps, meaning the Irish were able to donate nearly $8,000 to the program.

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Senior Ian Etherington dribbles the ball upfield Nov. 2, 2005 in the first round of the Big East playoffs.

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Though the decision not to retain Bender as head coach surprised some in the community, Kachmarik says it was a result of Bender and the school "moving in different directions," as Saint Mary's took a bold turn when it hired Henley. "We have elevated the position from part-time to full-time, which allowed us to do a national search for the first time for our basketball coaching position," Kachmarik said.

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Dame's backup running back a year ago. That's given freshman Munir Prince a better shot at the backup running back job. Walker has been impressed with Prince's quickness throughout camp.

The first thing you think of when you talk about my man Munir is speed," Walker said after the team's evening practice Wednesday. Another No. 2 job with freshman in the mix is at quarterback. Zach Frazer and Demetrius Jones, both highly ranked recruits, have been sharing snaps with sophomore Jon Sharpley in the battle to backup Quinn.

"Both are good physically," Weiss said. "But obviously Evan has the mental advantage."

On defense, Notre Dame added Sergio Brown, Jashaad Gaines, Leonard Gordon, Basheen McNeil and Dacian Walle in the off-season. Brown, Gaines and Gordon came to Notre Dame as safeties, while McNeil and Walle were lipped cornerback prospects.

The team also added four freshman receivers: West, Robby Parris, Richard Jackson and Barry Gallop.

"It's pretty rare when you get a big receiving class like that of four guys coming in for a team, for one," said senior receiver Jeff Kamarzadeh. "And then two, when you've got four guys who look like they could play in a week or two. It's real boost.

"It brings that confidence to the offense ... knowing the young guys are picking up ... right where everyone else left off where they left the program."

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9 Hoosier home
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**FOOTBALL**

**New fall, new faces**

Weis welcomes 28 freshmen; Young, Prince and Burkhart fight for time

They've arrived, and they are battling each other and returning players for spaces on the depth chart.

But the new faces on campus are not the only ones that will be new to the field when the Irish kick off against Georgia Tech on Sept. 2 in Atlanta.

Three freshmen for 2007 came to Notre Dame in January. Offensive tackle Chris Stewart, running back James Aldridge and wide receiver George West were the first early entrants in school history, enrolling for the 2006 spring academic semester and participating in spring practices.

The 6-foot-5, 340-pound Stewart entered Notre Dame as a guard, where he will likely play a backup role this season. His fellow freshman, 6-foot-7, 292-pound Sam Young, has fought for a starting job all off-season with sophomore Paul Duncan, Young figures prominently in the battle for starting right tackle.

If Young starts, it will be only the fourth time in school history a true freshman has started any games on the offensive line. The last freshman to accomplish the feat was Ryan Harris — now the team's senior left tackle.

Harris, who started eight games in 2003, said the six freshmen offensive lineman are far more advanced than he was when he came to Notre Dame.

"I think all of our freshmen that came in could legitimately perform and contribute to this team immediately," Harris said. "I don't know that we had that as a freshman at our first game," Harris said. "Sam Young, in particular, I don't think he needs any coaching decisions — what he needs is a chance to play."

Harris said the team's 25 incoming freshmen would provide important depth during fall camp.

Offensive line depth during fall camp.

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**BASEBALL**

Schrage takes over for Mainieri on diamond

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Schrage believes he is fully prepared — and fully enthused — to replace Paul Mainieri as Notre Dame's skipper.

"I'm excited to take this job," Schrage said during his introductory press conference July 18. "All the hard work and coaching comes to fruition today."

Schrage comes to Notre Dame after four years leading Evansville. Before that, he coached at Northern Illinois and Northern Iowa.

The toughest challenge for Schrage is replacing Paul Mainieri as Notre Dame's skipper.

**SMC BASKETBALL**

Henley controls Belles court

**Bender's replacement comes to team with collegiate experience**

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's emerged from a busy off-season with new head coach Jennifer Henley in charge of the Belles as they head toward a new landscape.

Henley comes to Saint Mary's with five years of head coaching experience at Division III Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, where her teams went 43-87 with two seasons at .500 or better in 2002-03 and 2004-05.

Athletic Director Lynn Kachmarik said Henley is the first coach to take over the Saint Mary's program with prior college head coaching experience.

"I am incredibly excited to begin this season," Henley said. "My goals are to build on last season's success and improve upon our MIAA finish. I want our student-athletes to reach their full potential both on and off the court."

Henley will be taking over a squad that finished 11-15, including a third-place finish in the conference after being picked to place seventh in the nine-team league. The 2005-06 performance set a new school record for league wins since Saint Mary's joined the MIAA in 1997, earning former head coach Steve Bender MIAA Coach of the Year honors in his first year with the Belles.

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