2 ND students shot outside Club 23
Recovering seniors expected to enroll for fall semester; police continue investigation

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

Police are still searching for the man who shot and wounded two Notre Dame students early Tuesday outside the Club 23 bar on Notre Dame Avenue.

Seniors Matthew Collins and Mitchell Depree were shot around 1 a.m. Tuesday following a "harsh" conversation with the shooter, who returned several minutes later in an SUV and fired five shots at the students, said Capt. Phil Trent, a spokesperson for the South Bend Police Department.

The students were taken to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, where Depree was treated for a leg wound and then released, Trent said. The gunshot wounds Collins received to his abdomen and leg, however, were initially considered so life-threatening that he requested and received last rites.

Collins said Thursday he is "doing fine" and expected to make a full recovery. A bullet will remain permanently in his abdomen, however, since any procedure to remove it would be too risky, he said.

Collins said the shooter — who neither he nor his assistant to Chief Information Officer Dan Meyer need to — is critical to enforcing the bill and defend against any legal challenges — two concerns raised at the Community Relations Committee meeting held earlier Monday night.

Immediately before the Council meeting, Mayor Steven Luecke advised the Community Relations Committee to postpone the hearing for 30 days.

"Through good dialogue, the bill will have a chance to do what we want it to do," he said.

Large class arrives at Saint Mary's
Increase in freshman enrollment part of 5-year plan to boost school size

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

The 481 students who will enroll at Saint Mary's this week comprise the largest freshman class to enter the College in 17 years — an increase that officials say is critical to the College's development.

The increase comes as the first goal in a five-year plan to stabilize enrollment at 1,600, said Dan Meyer, Vice President for Enrollment Management. "At this size [1,600 to 1,700], Saint Mary's will be a more robust institution, better able to absorb..."
Inside Column

Guns and laws

Two Notre Dame seniors just got shot. The South Bend city council is planning ahead with an consultant that, many outraged students argue, would mean the deaths of off-campus house parties. It’s a bleak-gripping. I know. But before you start bitterly wishing you were in that state school in a real college town with forty other kids from your high school, remember why you came. This is Notre Dame. Rudy images aside, there are plenty of people who only dream of going here — and plenty more who flock campus for a taste of that dream every football weekend. We’re the lucky ones.

We’re more fortunate than popular. However. You’ve arrived on campus at a time when long-simmering town-gown tensions have reached a new peak. For years, South Bend residents have complained about the music-blaring, lawn-littering habits of Notre Dame neighbors. For years, South Bend bars have housed Notre Dame students, a situation that occasionally results in an embarrassing bust. For years, South Bend and police officers have patrolled Notre Dame-heavy apartment complexes, slapping out-of-state legal partygoers (and those ending bosses) with arrest tickets and fines.

The proposed party permit ordinance — followed by the shooting in a student neighborhood — only makes the situation worse.

Why do twenty percent of us still insist on living off campus?

As gorgeous as Notre Dame’s campus is, it’s also extremely insular. That’s great for walking in class without having to dodge traffic, for always spotting a familiar face in LaFortune, for spending sunny afternoons among the foliage. But as we get older, whether we stay on campus or move off, our Notre Dame lives increasingly edge into South Bend. A few weeks here, and you’ll look forward to a trip to Miller’s. You’ll consider an off-campus dinner a treat. Eventually, you’ll find dorm parties a little too sweaty. And you’ll know more and more friends who move into apartments or houses.

I can’t tell you exactly how many rude Notre Dame students are to blame for the shaky relationship with the community, or how many angry South Bend residents, resenting past incidents, are unfairly shoving blame on the rest of the student body. I don’t know exactly what happened before Matthew Collins and Mitchell Deppe got shot, whether the violence was completely random or related, to some degree, by the fact that they go to Notre Dame.

But I know that the time I’ve spent off campus has defined my Notre Dame experience — the group trips to Turtle Creek, the lazy Saturday mornings at Lifepointe, the late nights at Nick’s Patio. It’s far from a perfect situation, but Notre Dame and South Bend are linked. The streets outside of Notre Dame’s green grounds are, in parts, ugly and rough, but they shouldn’t be shamed — just approached with the intelligence that got you here in the first place.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Chief information officer, Student Involvement director, Residence Life director, and Multicultural Affairs director selected vacant administrative positions. Janice Thomasson began her new position as chief information officer (CIO) July 23. Thomasson most recently served as CIO at Murray State University in Kentucky and has held similar positions at Daytona Beach Community College and the Medical College of Georgia.

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"It was a more descriptive name of what that office does — it is much more than just activities," Johnson said.

The College also hired Shaneh Dieujuste, who will serve as the assistant director of Multicultural Affairs. Dieujuste comes to Saint Mary's from Northeastern University in Boston, where she was the assistant director of residence life. She also won the Resident Assistant of the Year Award at Boston College, where she completed her undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Larisa Olin also took over a new position at the College during the summer. Olin, who served as the assistant director of multicultural affairs for close to two years, recently became the director of multicultural affairs after that position remained open for a year.

Olin's plans for the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) include the creation of a new student club and issuing a biannual newsletter to alumni who were active with OMA.

"I'll be working with the student leaders this year to incorporate other cultural aspects that reflect the diversity present here in our campus," Olin said.

She also plans to reach out to other offices and departments on campus to "coordinate programs and explore where we can potentially collaborate."

While it is an important role of OMA, Olin said increasing the recognition of diversity at Saint Mary's is a task that extends beyond the office.

"Diversity requires everybody's commitment and a change in our attitudes to create an inclusive environment in which every single member of a community has a very important contribution to make, she said.

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Construction projects continue across campus

Law School construction begins on Notre Dame Avenue; Duncan Hall remains on schedule for summer 2008 completion

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Several construction projects are underway at Notre Dame as the University continues to execute its 10-year development plan.

On the west side of campus, Duncan Hall, a new male dormitory, is being built next to McGlinn Hall on West Quad. The dorm is scheduled to be finished by the summer of 2008.

McGlinn Hall. Work on the building, funded by 1952 Notre Dame graduate Raymond T. Duncan, will be completed by the summer of 2008 and should house students in the fall of that year. The dorm will house 232 students and is being built to relieve overcrowding in the residence halls on campus.

The construction of three more dorms is included in the 10-year master plan. Workers are currently in the process of completing masonry work on the second floor of Duncan, Vice President for Business Operations Jim Lyphout said. In preparation for a new Law School building on DeBartolo quad, work was done last spring on the chilled water system between the Morris Inn and the Notre Dame Post Office. The Post Office was then torn down during the summer to accommodate the new building.

Work is now underway on the law building, Lyphout said. An area beside the existing Law School has been fenced off, including pedestrian traffic down sidewalks from Main Circle to DeBartolo Hall.

Excavation for the building is slated to start during the first week of school.

Further south on Notre Dame Avenue, construction on the new engineering building should start this fall at Stinson-Remnick Hall, a $69.4 million engineering building, will be erected on the site currently occupied by the University Commons.

The University Club will be torn down around Thanksgiving to make way for the work. Stinson-Remnick Hall should be completed in approximately three years.

The segment of Juniper Road which previously ran through campus was closed to traffic last year and has been transformed into a walker-friendly area, with a pedestrian plaza between Notre Dame Stadium and the Joyce Center.

During the week before commencement in May, a storm with high winds passed through the campus and knocked a small spire off the upper part of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. As a precaution, the three remaining small spires were removed during the summer. The spires will be replaced and other renovation and repair work will be done on the outside of the building. These repairs will not take place until summer 2008.

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The storm also knocked down about 20 trees near the Clark Park Memorial Fountain commonly known as Stonehenge and eight trees near the Grotto. The trees will be replaced in the spring of 2008.

Work is continuing on the Melissa Cook Stadium, which will house the varsity softball team. Construction began this summer and should be finished in April 2008.

Starting this semester, the area between the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and Edison Road will be developed into Notre Dame Commons, a park-like area of approximately 12 acres.

The space will be landscaped and sidewalks will be added. Eventually, Lyphout said, the Commons area may have features like a tower and a sundial.

Immediately south of campus, construction should begin this fall on Edy Street Commons, a 25-acre, $206 million project that will create a new residential area and will feature retail shops, restaurants and hotels.

The retail and restaurant sections should be completed by the summer of 2009, and the town homes and condominiums will be developed in phases, with completion set between 2009 and 2011.

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University President Father John Jenkins sent an email to the student body Aug. 13 in which he described the notification system and requested that students participate in the program.

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"Our hope and prayer is that we never need to use the system at Notre Dame, but to be certain that everything is in place should a major emergency occur." 

Father John Jenkins President University father

W ith Connect-ED, the University can upload contact information for students, faculty and staff onto a Web portal. The system allows information to be sent in several ways, including text messages, voice mail messages and e-mails. Clients of Connect-ED can also send text- or email-based messages and can also write new messages according to the circumstances of an emergency. 

The pre-recorded messages were composed by the Office of News and Information, Steed said. They have already been loaded messages for potential emergencies, such as tornadoes, lightening, a gunman on campus, and a gas leak, among others. The Office of News and Information will most likely send out additional notifications, said Melki Saracino, chair of the Emergency Planning Committee at Notre Dame.

"The idea is to provide the safest and easiest way to communicate for the Notre Dame community," Steed said.

The service costs $2 per person per year, an unlimited messages. Notre Dame currently has contact information for 16,500 people, largely from the Office of the Registrar, since the number varies during web enrollment. The service allows multiple numbers and email addresses per person — hence the University's request for cell phone numbers for quitting e-mail addresses.

"The goal is to reach the maximum amount of people in as short a time as possible," Steed said. They are still exploring other avenues to reach people, and the University is working with Comcast to develop a means of communication through campus television.

"If we reach enough of the campus through different vectors, people will start to talk and go to the Web site to find out what is going on," Steed said.

The University will test the service in the next few weeks. "It will be tested on each semester to confirm reliability," Steed said.

"Notre Dame's will also use Connect-ED to notify students of any emergency.

"New students and their parents have responded to the Connect-ED system positively," said Melanie McDonald, a spokesperson for Notre Dame. "They are grateful to know that safety is a top priority, and that we have begun to implement a very efficient emergency communication processes,

The College has been studying a new system, ACT. "It makes me very proud as an alumnus to see the young men and women who are coming to Notre Dame. [...] These are students who are passionate about the place, who want to come to Notre Dame and who will leave it a better place."

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The University seeks a student body with diversity of extracurricular activities — often in leadership roles — on one percent of students are editor of a school publication. 

10 percent were student body president or senior class president.

This year's class draws from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as 21 foreign countries, Saracino said. Three percent of the freshman class is made up of international students. The most commonly represented foreign country is South Korea, which is home to 22 members of the Class of 2011. China and Canada are the next most represented countries.

The Office of Admissions would like to bring in a class which is five percent international. Saracino said "because "we learn from each other when we are different." 

International students are the only applicants who are not guaranteed financial aid for full demonstration need. 

Saracino said.

The University has practiced a need-blind admissions policy and continues to meet all demonstrated financial need since 1997, he said.

Students who identified themselves as Catholic make up 85 percent of the class, while 23 percent of incoming freshmen are the children of an alumnus. These students mirror those of the applicant pool, Saracino said.

Men account for 52 percent of the class and the women 48 percent, figures that are mirror those of the applicant pool, said Saracino. "This is because Notre Dame can attract such high interest among men at a time when there is a numerical predominance of women is becoming increasingly common in higher education because of its academic major — such as engineering, business and science, Saracino said.

While in high school, the University has a variety of interest in Notre Dame athletics should come to an informational meeting...
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works asked the Council to refine the bill so that it is "understandable, enforceable and effective." Both Council member Al "Buddy" Kirits, a sponsor of the bill, and Council attorney Kathleen Cekanski-Farrand said after the meeting that seven days would be enough time to make any changes necessary for the bill to be passed.

"We wouldn't have to do this, but when students left, our neighborhoods were ripped apart," he said.

While several dozen students and residents attended the meeting, no one was allowed to speak. District 4 Council member Bill Ponzello said the decision to postpone for seven days rather than the mayor's recommendation was due to a desire to quickly pass the ordinance, which includes legislation to regulate lawn parking.

"This is football season," he said. "We're anxious to do it as soon as possible.

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want to know why a man who who encountered Vultaggio might have been at risk.

"There is no tripling of stu- dents in any dorm," Meyer said. "We opened a new place in McCandless (Hall) that was previously closed and hired additional (resident assistants). We have housing space that can expand modestly, however, next year could be troublesome." Additional professors were also hired, including in the Department of Modern Languages, Meyer said. The applicant pool increased this year to 1,281 — an 8.6 percent increase from the previous year's pool. More than 60 per- cent of incoming students had an average high school GPA of 3.6 or higher.

Enrolling freshmen come from 32 states and include one international student from China and two U.S. stu- dents who are living abroad — one in Germany and one in Turkey.

President Carol Ann Mooney's initiative to increase enrollment is one goal to boost Saint Mary's national recognition.

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average build wearing a clean, white T-shirt — then walked out of sight. He reappeared moments later in the passenger seat of a black SUV as it drove up to the curb where the two officers stood, then said, "Thanks for the ride, you (expletive) Notre Dame stu- dents," K a r e n Collins said. The man fired five shots, of which two hit Collins and one hit Depree. The car's driver then drove northbound on Notre Dame Avenue, Trent said.

University officials were notified of the shooting before 2 a.m. Tuesday and became immediately involved, University spokesman Phil Brown said.

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The college recruited heavily in California, Florida and Texas. All three states experi- enced anywhere from a 25% to 75% increase in enrolled students.

Those three states con- tributed to the higher number of Hispanic students in the class of 2011. Last year there were 20 Hispanic freshmen; this year, there are 33. Other minority groups, however, such as African Americans, were less represented this year than last.

"We welcome diversity across the board," Meyer said. "But we don't target any specific group." Contact Katie Kohler at kkohle01@Saintmarys.edu

State trooper fatally shot near Fort Wayne

Man who killed officer, then himself, in July along U.S. 24 had history of mental problems, police say after investigation

Associated Press

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Police want to know why a man who fatally shot a state trooper and then killed himself was able to obtain firearms despite a history of mental problems.

The investigation into the July 5 shootings death of Indiana State Police Master Patrol Trooper David Rich along U.S. 24 near Wabash is complete, but questions remain about whether his slaying was preventable.

Preliminary examination of the psychiatric records of the shooter, 21- year-old Joseph von Valoghie Jr. of Gaylord, Mich., but they have not yet been turned over, state police Detective Mark Heffelfinger said Tuesday.

"That is one thing that concerned us," Heffelfinger said. "That even with his psychological issues that he did have access to guns." Detective Mark Heffelfinger Indiana State Patrol.

"That is one thing that concerned us," Heffelfinger said. Rich, a detective who was an 18-year state police veteran, was on his way home from the Peru post when he stopped to help Vultaggio, who thought he was a stranded motorist. Rich did not know that before stopping to help.

Rich was shot in the chest. Vultaggio then红楼ed his shotgun and killed himself, police said.

Tests showed Vultaggio was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol and had only nicotine in his system, Heffelfinger said. Rich, who was in plain clothes and an unmarked car, displayed his badge and followed proper procedures when he stopped to help, Heffelfinger said. He was not wearing a bulletproof vest, but he was wearing a helmet when he was shot in the face.

The shooting took place near a school where Rich went to school. Rich's father had reported the SUV stolen a day earlier, but Rich did not know that before stopping to help.

F O R T O N T H E E N D
At global health forum, Jenkins announces a new initiative in Uganda. Brann dies in crash. McAlarney suspended.

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**November 10**

Notre Dame senior Caitlin Brann dies in an early-morning car crash on Indiana State Toll Road near LaPorte, Indiana. Brann, whose blood-alcohol content was more than three times the legal limit at .249 percent, had her rear passenger-side tire blow out, causing her to lose control of her 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier convertible, according to an Indiana State Police report.

**January 5**

Jenkins leads a group of delegates including Executive Assistant to the President Frances Shavers, Associate Vice President for Marketing Communication Todd Woodward and Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative (NDMDI) Director Father Bob Dobrow — in a week-long trip to Uganda to see firsthand the University's NDMDI partners' village.

**November 13**

"Loyal Daughters," a student-created production about sexuality and sexual assault at Notre Dame premiered Nov. 13 at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center without Jenkins' endorsement. The play, whose inception he praised in his "Closing Statement" on academic freedom in April 2006, ran without his endorsement because of what he called a "neutral" stance on extramarital sexual relationships.

The performances were followed on three nights by panels discussing the prevalence of sexual assaults on college campuses — including Notre Dame — and the hope of promoting an environment more conducive to fostering better gender relationships.

McAlarney arrested, suspended

Notre Dame basketball starting point guard Kyle McAlarney was suspended for the spring semester after his arrest Dec. 29 on marijuana possession charges. McAlarney, who was pulled over during what a police report called a "routine" traffic stop, was enrolled in classes for more than a week in January before turning in his suspension from the Office of President and Housing Jan. 23.

McAlarney's mother, Janice, said in interviews that she was upset with the length of time it took the University to come to a decision on McAlarney's punishment.

The decision also sparked campus debate over the severity of such punishments and whether Notre Dame was consistent in its treatment of McAlarney.

**Hodges makes history**

Kim Hodges and Kelly Payne came away with a narrow victory over opponents Colleen Ferreira and Jenny Antonelli in the Saint Mary's student body presidential and vice presidential elections Jan. 25. Hodges, who is black and came to the College hoping to "be the first at something," was inaugurated April 1, becoming the first African-American to lead the College's student government.

**Notebaert follows McCarten**

Richard Notebaert, a 10-year member of the University Board of Trustees and chief executive officer of Qwest Communications International, was elected to a three-year term in February. His term was set to begin on July 1, making him Notre Dame's sixth chairman.

He succeeded Patrick McCarten, who was chairman and CEO for seven years. Notebaert, who received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin, has served as chair of the University Relations and Public Affairs and Communication Committee. Notebaert is also one of the University's 13 executive officers.
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Fellows, who make up the "University's ultimate governing body."

Crews cause gas leaks

A Jan. 15 leak at St. Joseph's Drive caused the evacuation of seven buildings — including DeBartolo Hall and McGlinn Hall — on campus Feb. 13. Crews working to fix a broken water line struck a 4-inch gas line with a backhoe, prompting gas and smoke to rise more than 20 feet in the air for more than an hour.

Concerns swirl around construction of new buildings

DeBartolo Hall and Decio Hall were among seven buildings — including McGlinn — on campus Feb. 13. The incident, vibrations from the digging, unsettled the soil and caused rupture in the transition point. "It had been falling already," said Director of Utilities Paul Kempf.

University officials defended staff efforts after each incident and cited examples of the inherent possibility of construction.

Brown, Braun make history

Brown and Braun became the first all-female ticket to lead Notre Dame's student body when their term began April 1. And the pair's choice of Sheena Plamoottil as chief executive assistant created an all-female top-three for Notre Dame's student government.

"Vagina Monologues" opens off campus

Students performed the first of three renditions of "The Vagina Monologues" in front of an audience of approximately 30 people at South Bend's First Unitarian Church Feb. 28. The presentation, which was moved off campus after organizers could not secure the endorsement of an academic department at Notre Dame, came nearly a year after Jenkins' decision not to ban the play from campus but instead restrict it to an academic setting, in which it cannot raise money.

By moving off-campus, the performance was able to collect more than $200 for opening night and donate the money to charities, including the YWCA of St. Joseph County, which has served as the only overnight shelter in the county.

Campus construction progresses

Construction on several projects continued throughout the school year, with work on campus roads, new buildings and repairs.

The most striking change early in the school year was the closing of Juniper Road and the creation of a new entrance to campus several hundred feet west of Twyckenham Road. The University also pushed forward its planned development south of campus, with Kite Realty submitting its proposal to South Bend for zoning approval in late April. As the university plans the future of the southern side of campus, it continued construction of a new road from the "C" parking lot to Edison Road to replace Juniper Road.

In March, Notre Dame broke ground on Duncan Hall, a planned male dormitory on West Quad. Duncan Hall will house 232 students and is next to McGlinn Hall, which was the last dorm built by the University, complete in 1997. The new dorm will be the first of four new dormitories the University hopes to build in the next 10 years.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said the new building, funded by 1952 Notre Dame graduate Raymond T. Duncan, will be completed by the summer of 2008 and will house students that fall. Construction on "Athletic Quad" — between Notre Dame Stadium and the Joyce Center — will continue as the University makes the space more pedestrian-friendly.

Memorial Mass held for Va. Tech victims

Notre Dame held a memorial Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart April 17 for the victims of the shooting massacre at Virginia Tech days earlier.

The Basilica was packed to the standing room only capacity, with the entire rear lobby of the church completely full. The Mass drew more people than the 9/11 five-year anniversary Mass, which took place in the Basilica during the fall semester.

In the days after the incident, Notre Dame officials were initially hesitant to comment on the University security protocols. Three days after the shootings, Jenkins sent an e-mail to students — which was also posted on the University Web site — assuring students and the University has a plan in place to respond to emergencies.

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February 18

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NCAA president discusses reform

Special to The Observer

NCAA President Myles Brand acknowledged that he was moving from the one-man job when he discussed academic and athletic reform in intercollegiate athletics at Notre Dame on Aug. 20. "You can't do it all very well, here," Brand told an invited assembly of Notre Dame faculty, staff and sports administrators, who co-sponsored controversial academic and athletic reform initiatives established during his tenure.

"The goal is to change the culture that leads student-athletes to be at risk," Fein said at the conference. "We will have a clear strategy to address environmental issues.

"The NCAA center offers a unique opportunity for researchers that involve departments across the country," Maginn said. "It will be very important for everyone to renew the carbon cycle at McGill University in Montreal.

"The team—Maginn, Joan F. Brennecke, the Keating-Crawford Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and director of the Notre Dame Energy Center; William F. Schneider, associate professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering; and postdoctoral researchers Jeanneille Dixon, Wei Lin, and Babar Tonk—have developed a new class of ionic solvents with promising properties for use in carbon capture technologies.

"With the exception of the exciting things about research is how pursuing a career can be a light on another, opening totally new avenues of possibility," said the team. "My research on ionic solvents in the atmosphere has increased since the onset of industrialization. Today levels are at approximately 380 parts per million, a number that's expected to rise to 500 or more parts per million by 2050. It is any wonder that finding a way to reduce these carbon emissions is a popular idea?"

"Based on our findings, Maginn, there are basically three approaches to capturing CO2 in the atmosphere: precombustion capture, post-combustion capture, and oxy-firing. Maginn and the team are conducting on-campus and off-campus activities, which apply to the vast majority of power plants in the world. In fact, they have established a comprehensive research and development agreement to develop new technology and commercially focus on the separation and capture of CO2 in the world.

"We didn't expect the carbon dioxide to be so soluble," Maginn said in an interview for the article "Making Dirt Coal Plants Cleaner," which appeared in the July 13 issue of the journal Science. "It sounds trite, I know, but one of the exciting things about research is how pursuing a career can be a light on another, opening totally new avenues of possibility."
RSC names Bohn North American associate editor

Paul W. Bohn, Arthur J. Schmitt, and K. Joseph Murray of the Department of Chemistry at Notre Dame, have been named the North American associate editors of The Analyst by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC). A journal of the RSC, The Analyst publishes original research discussing the fundamentals of theory, practice and application of analytical, biosensorial and detection science. Its readers include academic and industrial researchers working in a variety of areas, including analytical chemistry, biochemical science, biomedicine, clinical science, pharmacy, physics, materials science and engineering.

Bohn's responsibilities as associate editor will include evaluating manuscripts submitted to the journal, identifying qualified reviewers and working with reviewers to address revisions and mediate technical issues while maintaining the standards of The Analyst.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1985, Bohn's research interests encompass molecular transport on the nanoscale; the development of optical spectroscopy measurement strategies for surface and thin film studies; luminescence; and chemical sensors and molecular approaches to nanotechnology.

Bohn is a member of the American Chemical Society (ACS) and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He also has received numerous awards, including the 2006 Research Team Award from the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory; the 2005 Frank H. North Carolina Award; and the 2004-2005 Michigan State University Award from the Coblentz Society. Presented to scientists who have advanced the techniques of vibrational, molecular, Raman or electronic spectroscopy in memory of Professor A.A. Michelson, the Michelson interferometer; the 2004 Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of spectroscopy; and the Spectrochemical Analysis Award from the ACS.

Bohn received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Notre Dame in 1977 and his doctorate in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1981. He joined Bell Laboratories that same year as a member of the technical staff. Most recently, he served as the Center's Professor of Chemistry Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh at Urbana-Champaign.

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The federal Voting Rights Act has been indispensable to the political progress of minority populations in the United States, but they still are severely underrepresented at every level of government, new research by a University of Notre Dame political scientist indicates.

Writing with three co-researchers in a journal of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Dianne M. Pinderhughes, professor of African studies and political science, observed that, at the congressional level, "the vast majority of nonwhite House members" were elected from districts covered by the Voting Rights Act, which was passed originally in 1965 to end discriminatory electoral practices in the South. The law has been renewed several times, and its coverage expanded to assure access to the vote for people who speak languages other than English. Beginning in 1982, the law also protected the creation of "majority-minority" districts, so that nonwhite voters would have a chance to elect candidates of their respective groups to office.

Pinderhughes and her colleague found that 71 of the 71 black, Latinx, Asian and American Indian House members in the 109th Congress, more than 60 percent came from districts covered by one or another of the anti-disenfranchising provisions of the Voting Rights Act. All 25 of the Latino members came from such districts. At both the congressional and state legislative levels, the sheer numbers of non-white representatives have grown substantially over the last quarter century, but in percentage terms, they remain far short of true proportionality.

Nonwhites were 31 percent of the U.S. population in 2000, but they were less than 12 percent of the members of the House of Representatives. The 891 nonwhite members of state legislatures in 2006 were only 12 percent of the total 7,382 state lawmakers.

Pinderhughes and her co-researchers are Polite Lien of the University of Utah, Carol Hardy-Fanta of the University of Massachusetts at Boston, and Christine M. Sierra of the University of New Mexico.

The voting rights article appeared in PS: Political Science and Politics, one of three journals published by APSA. The data in the article are related to a larger study on elected officials of color being conducted by the same research team.

Pinderhughes joined the Notre Dame faculty in autumn 2007. Fohn is a member of the University of Illinois-Urbana. She currently is president-elect of APSA and will assume the presidency at the organization's 2007 annual meeting in Chicago next month.
Farmers anticipate stormy weather, gather crops in advance

**Associated Press**

INDIANAPOLIS — Some Corn Belt farmers are starting harvests earlier, worried that stormy weather now could cause damage to corn plants already suffering from a dry, hot summer.

"If we start getting a lot of wet weather with the wind, it could cause these stressed plants to fall over," said Randy Greenwell, a farmer who has started harvesting his 7,500 acres of corn in Union County, Ky. "You have the potential of a lot of loss."

The long string of hot days has pushed their own growth about a week ahead of the average time, so harvest will be a little earlier this year for much of the country, said Chris Hurt, an agricultural economist at Purdue University.

Greenwell, who has about 10 percent of his corn crop harvested so far, said Wednesday he would typically be starting the harvest in a few weeks. Farmers in dry parts of Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky are starting to harvest corn, although some are waiting.

An early harvest can come with a price.

"We're jazzed like Greenwell must dry out the corn manually since it isn't spending as much time drying on corn, but Greenwell says it costs him about $30 an acre in energy costs — or more than $250,000 total — to dry corn. But he's willing to pay rather than worry about even bigger problems.

"It outweighs the loss potential," he said.

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But if you failed to detect the unreality in simple arguments, you wouldn't be here today. And if you don't believe you can change the world, Notre Dame isn't the place for you.

Seven blocks from a four-lane road overlooking the sea of peace and only one from the pathway of post is a pristine church called St. Monica’s in a city by (roughly) the same name. Cruising along the Pacific Coast Highway two days before starting a summer internship in Los Angeles, I had mapped out the parish for 5:30 p.m. Mass on a 70-degree Saturday. It was a chocolate bar, impinging on a celebration with solos fit for West L.A. and arches that reach for the oh-so-tangible sky.

Besides a general recollection of being nervous, awkward and homesick, I have a very vivid memory of Freshman Orientation.

We were having small-group chats in the basement of Farley Hall, where nervous freshmen were supposed to share their most embarrassing moments or, if they could be a fruit, which they would choose.

I had never had a beard, a boyfriends or a bunk bed, and day one at Notre Dame was supposed to be overwhelming, at best. I was supposed to be loving it here, but I was friendless and unsettled. This was my hunch that if only I had known what awaited me. But that's what being a freshman is all about. It's about not knowing—and finding your way in spite of it.

If you're like me when I was a freshman, you're probably reading this with a tinge of nostalgia for the days we gathered in North Dining Hall, sitting next to and across from "friends" who were strangers only 24 hours ago.

Granted, most of you stellar-than-you kids these days are too young to appreciate college, another uncle added. By the time they realize how many opportunities they had, they're in cap and gown.

Don't let that be your Notre Dame yours. Whether you're a fourth-generation Dome or the student who moved here from the desert and a prayer from Oregon, you belong here. Find where you fit, and then go leave your mark.

The truth is, I still feel like a freshman. Not in that homesick-awkward-scared sense, but because Notre Dame still feels new.

Three years here, and even though I've walked well-worn paths, ate hundreds of dining hall meals, and cheered my heart out at many football games, Notre Dame has never lost its luster.

And that's how I hope it stays forever. Life is better when it feels like it's new, and you really are at the starting line.

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Welcome Home Class of 2011.

On behalf of your new roommates, best friends, classmates, teammates, co-workers and sisters, we extend a warm welcome to Class of 2011. You are now joining an alliance of intelligent, accomplished, and innovative women who are dedicated to helping you conquer all of your academic and personal endeavors. As the student body president and vice president, we extend our warm welcome to the Saint Mary's College community.

We encourage you to be open to new friends and diverse experiences throughout the next four years. Your classes will allow you to enhance your skills. Each dormitory will be a home for you to find new friends and a chance for independence. There will be innumerable possibilities for you to embrace your spirituality, expand your cultural experience, and advance in academics. Saint Mary's will also inspire you to be involved in positive contributions to the community at large.

It is our hope that you will use your individual skills and talents for the betterment of our community. As you begin your transformation from young ladies to women, know that we are here for you. We look forward to meeting you!

Welcome home Saint Mary's Women of 2011.

Kimberly Hodges
Saint Mary's student body president
Kelly Payne
Saint Mary's student body vice president
August 24, 2007

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 and Wellness, Multicultural Services and Activities, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, the Office of Residence Life and Housing, Notre Dame Security/Police, and Student Activities. The staff in these areas work tirelessly to ensure that you are present and assist 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 I am able to greet you in person, please know that you have my very best wishes for a year filled with all God's blessings.

Father Mark Poorman
vice president for student affairs
August 24, 2007
Socratic wisdom

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As I prepare to enter my junior year, I am more excited than ever to do all the things that make Saint Mary's special. I am excited to add to the list: Staying involved and participating in what you love. You have four years to make something of yourself. And I have no doubt you will do just that as a Belle.

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1. Start by unpacking your gear

2. Say good-bye to Mom and Dad

3. Prepare for the best four years of your life

4. But before the football games, SYRs and other campus antics can begin, it helps to know the lay o’ the land as you navigate the twists and turns of life here in our corner of the Bend

5. Whether you’re looking for some non-dining hall chow, decide you need some peace and quiet to crack some of those shiny new textbooks, or just want to check out something new, here are some of the lesser-known crooks and crannies located around campus

6. So here’s the key: green flags stand for grub, blue flags stand for books, and flags stand for... well, some of the “hidden gems” tucked away around campus.

7. One more thing: welcome home
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However, Pittsburgh was only 28th in the league in punting average (41.1) last season, and 19th in net aver­age (36.7 yards).

Rookie Daniel Sepulveda benefits from Tomlin's increased focus on special teams.
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CROSS COUNTRY

Skilled freshmen will aid returning starters

Springer and Jackson may make an impact immediately for already-strong Irish squad

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

A year older, a year better.

At least that's what coaches Joe Plano and Tim Connelly hope their teams display this season. Both the men and women return a strong group of runners from teams that finished third in the Big East last season.

Junior Patrick Smyth and senior Jake Watson lead a men's squad that captured first in the Crusader Invitational and the National Catholic Championship (NCC) in 2006. Smyth and Watson both posted top-10 finishes in the Big East meet last October, earning all-conference honors in the process. Men's coach Joe Plano said he expects the same consistency from Smyth and big things from Watson this season and also expects some members of the freshmen class to contribute immediately.

"There's two kids [Paul Springer and Dan Jackson] who I think who could step in and help us and the rest of our kids can help us down the road," Plano. "In terms of cross-country, it's a very good class."

Senior Sunni Olding will anchor a group of runners that developed last year and improved as the season went along. The women placed first at the NCC and fifth at the Great Lakes Regional. Olding, who was named to the 2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American Track/Cross Country second team in June, is ready to race again after having off-season surgery.

"I'm very honest with you, she wasn't 100 percent in last year," Connelly said. "But she's had a good summer and is ready to go."

Connelly said he has high expectations for his team to win the Big East title this year because they have last year's experience.

"Anytime you go into something like that that's your goal," Connelly said. "On paper it looks like we might be very good. We have our whole team back from last year plus we've got a handful of freshmen coming in that have the potential to contribute."

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Senior all-conference runner Jake Watson finishes up his race at the Catholic Invitational on Sept. 15, 2006.
ND TENNIS

Bass, Thompson twins leave ‘big shoes’ to fill

Irish men add seven new faces to roster for the 2007-08 season

By JAY WADE
Senior Writer

The Notre Dame men will begin the new year with many new faces.

The Irish, who finished 26-4 in 2006, graduated four seniors, three of whom played in every singles and doubles match. That group includes former No. 1 singles player Stephen Bass.

"That creates big shoes to fill," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

But Notre Dame has an influx of new talent this year with seven freshmen — David Anderson, David Davis, Stephen Havens, Matt Johnson, David Stahl and Andrew Zurt.

But Bayliss is willing to be patient. While the newcomers are talented, he said, they will need time to develop, though.

"The depth we had last year was a real luxury that we will not be likely to afford this year," Bayliss said. "I think that those [senior] losses will be very significant, but when you have freshmen and even returning players who did not play you have a ton of enthusiasm, so I think we’ll be a very spirited and hard-working team and I expect us to be very tough in the top part of our line up."

The Irish are not without veteran leadership, however, as they return such standouts as Sheeva Parbhoo, Andrew Ross and Brett Heigeson. Parbhoo is expected to fill the big shoes of Bass this year at No. 1 singles and will have to step up his play and assume a leadership position on the team.

The return of players, especially Ross, have been showing improvement, Bayliss said.

"Ross has made a jump over the summer improving his volleying and backhand and will be a strong lineup presence for us," Bayliss said.

The Irish take their opening match against Wisconsin on September 13 at the Olympic Field Invitational in Chicago.

Women replace Thompson twins

The Notre Dame women will begin the 2007 season with high expectations.

The 2006-07 team, which finished 28-4, featured only two seniors in twins Catrina and Christiana Thompson. While their departure vacates the top two singles and No. 1 doubles positions, the 2007-08 Irish welcome back integral players from last year’s team, and have added even more talent to their roster.

"They were so good for us for four years, it’s a big spot to replace, but I think that we have a lot of returning players that played well at lower positions and can step up," coach Jay Loudenback said.

Leading the charge of new, young talent coming to the team is freshman Kristin Rafael, one of the top high school players in the country last year.

"She is a great competitor," Louderback said. "I think doubly-wise she should help us and I think [her playing] singles will play a big part."

The biggest hurdle for the Irish will be figuring out who has improved over the summer and made the necessary leaps needed to step up and play at a higher level. With all of their returning talent, it could get crowded at the top.

The top candidate for the No. 1 singles position could be Colleen Rielley, a sophomore who went 26-9 at No. 3 singles spot in 2006-07. Other notable returning players will be juniors Kelsey Tefft, who played was 26-9 at No. 4 singles, and her partner on last year’s No. 2 doubles team, senior Brooke Buck.

At doubles, the pair went 25-7 last year.

"The big thing for us this fall is going to be to establish our lineup and our doubles teams," Louderback said. "We have a lot returning, a lot of people coming back, and we just need to get everyone to get back playing."

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**Banner year for Irish brings in strong recruits**

By KYLE CASSILY and DAN MURPHY

Sports Writers

Notre Dame’s name splays across a boldly-lettered banner that hangs high over the ice at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit now, and it has a twin above the team’s first league champion banner year for Irish brings in strong recruits.

**By KYLE MURPHY**

Notre Dame’s hockey rink, but they aren’t to head coach Jeff Jackson, who has three national championships at Lake Superior State. In just two years he and his staff have transformed the Irish from an average to subpar program into a national powerhouse, and he did it with none of his own recruits.

That changes this year when the Class of 2011 walks onto campus. The seven incoming freshmen have been called the best recruiting class in the nation — a more than solid addition to an Irish team that lost eight seniors, four of which have signed pro contracts.

This is going to be my first go-around. This is really our first class together as a staff,” Jackson said.

Four of the freshmen were selected in the NHL Draft in June, and two will come from Stockholm, Sweden. “From a talent perspective this is probably as good as class we ever had at Lake Superior,” Jackson said. “The one difference we have is that they are younger.”

The biggest single loss for the Irish from last season was the graduation of goaltender Dave Brown, who amassed numerous school records and was a finalist for the Hobey Baker Award.

There are two front-runners to replace Brown between the pipes — junior Jordan Pearce and freshman Brad Phillips — but Jackson isn’t quick to give the starting job to either netminder and may continue that way well into the season.

“It’s too early for me to say,” Jackson said. “I have all the confidence in the world in Jordan Pearce. He’s going to come in and compete to that No. 1 spot, but we recruited Brad Phillips for a reason. I assume that I’ll probably do exactly what I did two years ago when I started here. I’m going to play a couple guys early on.”

Pearce platooned in the net with Brown two years ago as a freshman before Brown proved that he was capable of starting for the Irish every night. Since then, Pearce has received spot starts and spelled Brown in several mid-season games.

Phillips was a prime grab for Jackson and his stuff in the recruiting season. He was the highest-rated North American goaltender among collegiates-bound players and was selected in the seventh round of the NHL draft in June by the Philadelphia Flyers.

To prepare for life at Notre Dame as a student-athlete, Phillips enrolled at the University this summer to take classes and work out, adding eight pounds to his 160-pound frame.

“I can’t watch him in the weight room or on the ice, but I hear the guys said he did really well,” Jackson said.

Regardless of who ends up in the starting job, Jackson believes his team will be grittier on defense than last year’s No. 1 ranked unit in the nation.

The Irish added two top prospects in Ian Cole and Teddy Ruth. Cole was drafted in the first round, 18th overall, by the St. Louis Blues, making him the highest picked Notre Dame player in program history.

“They’re both big strong kids. They’re going to really make a difference for us, especially clearing out our net.” Jackson said.

Jackson plans to pair the two freshmen with more experienced players, most likely senior Brock Sheahan and sophomore Kyle Lawson.

The Irish also add depth on the offensive end with Swedish recruits Robin Bergman and Calle Ridderwall out of Stockholm and Ben Ryan out of the United States Hockey League. Nashville selected Ryan in the fourth round of June’s draft.

The international trio will supplement the “little guy” line of junior Erik Condra and sophomores Ryan Thang and Kevin Deeth, who produced most of Notre Dame’s goals last season.

Jackson wasn’t ready to say whether this year’s team will be better than last’s. “It will be more talented, but better is a different word,” Jackson said. “I can’t give you the answer to that question yet.”

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ND Women's Basketball

McGraw's frost trio bring new skills to squad

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Some may see Notre Dame's close loss to No. 1 seed North Carolina in the second round of last year's NCAA Tournament as diminishing Irish coach Muffet McGraw's frost trio bring new skills to squad.

"I think she's someone who can really rebound," McGraw said. "She can block shots. That was something we lacked last year, was a shot blocker. She runs the floor extremely well, so she's going to help our press."

Peters will also help fill the void in the defense and rebounding department created by the graduations of Brena Gray and Crystal Erwin.

In addition to being named to the all-illinois second team by the Chicago Tribune, Peters was awarded all-conference honors in 2000 and 2006.

Mallory brings a different skill set.

"We were not a very good three-point shooting team, and I think that (Mallory) is a very good three-point shooter," McGraw said of the 5-foot-10 guard from McDonough School in Baltimore, Md. "I think she'll be a real asset for us just because of her ability to do, really, what we struggled with last year."

Mallory averaged 20.1 points and 7.8 rebounds per game in her senior year, when McDonough went 23-6.

"She's someone who we feel fits in really well with our offense because she can handle the ball. She can shoot the three, she can rebound," McGraw said. "She's someone who we think can post up smaller guards and use her size to her advantage."

Despite the talent these freshmen bring, they will have trouble earning playing time. The Irish return seven veterans, including junior Lindsay Schroeder, who missed last season with a knee injury.

"Initially, it will be a good situation for them because there won't be a lot of pressure on them," McGraw said. "It will be really a chance for them to grow, learn the system, and fill in."

McGraw said that the eight-man rotation of last year's team was one body short, and the team will likely utilize a nine-man rotation this year.

One of those eight, sophomore guard Melissa Lechlitner, competed with the gold-medal-winning U.S. under-19 team in the World Championships in Bratislava, Slovakia.

"I think it's going to do great things for her leadership and confidence, not that she needed it — she's very confident," McGraw said.

While Lechlitner was looked upon as a leader rather than a scorer on the under-19 team, McGraw hopes she can return to putting points on the board for the Irish.

Perimeter defense, the bane of Notre Dame's defense, will be the focal point of preseason practice.

"We gave up way too many threes. That is a huge problem that we've got to fix," McGraw said. "I'm hoping the veterans are able to learn a little more determined to be better defensively."

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Guards

Connect

With K-Mac back on court, Irish look to reload

BY CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Despite graduating its two leading scorers — guards Colin Falls and Russell Carter — Notre Dame retains a strong nucleus of talent and experience headed into the 2007-08 season.

Mike Brey, 2007 Big East coach of the year, will look to juniors Kyle McAlarney and Ryan Ayers to fill the gaps in the lineup left by Falls and Carter.

McAlarney returns to Notre Dame's starting lineup after sitting out most of last season. The University suspended the sophomore after he was arrested last December for marijuana possession.

Before his suspension, McAlarney averaged 10.3 points and 5.5 assists per game. He is poised for a breakout year in the Big East.

"He's a young man who has absolutely accepted responsibility and learned from a mistake and is honored to be back, thrilled to be back with his teammates. He did a fabulous job leading as soon as he got back," Brey said. "He's very hungry to get back on the court and be part of this and he's done a great job coming right in and his teammates love having him back. There's a toughness and an edge about Kyle that helps our team toughness."

Ayers was mostly a spot-up shooter off the bench last season, but this season, Brey hopes he can gain the confidence to use his 6-foot-7 frame to create more shots inside 3-point line. So far, Brey likes what he sees from Ayers in his summer workouts.

"We're excited and enthused about him stepping in to a Carter or Falls kind of role and being able to be a shot maker for us and do other things too, and he did that last year," Brey said. "His eyes are on the door swinging open with Carter leaving and jumping on that. He's done everything this summer to solidify that in my mind."

Senior Rob Kurz and sophomore Luke Harangody will compete for the Irish frontcourt for the second year in a row. Harangody averaged 11.2 points and 6.2 rebounds per game and earned a starting spot thanks to his hard-nosed style of play around the basket.

Kurz, the lone senior on the team this season, averaged 12.6 points and eight rebounds, but his role this season will extend beyond the court.

"Rob did a fabulous job leading and running the pick and roll game, and you know Rob is that workhorse that's going to be there every day leading the team," Brey said.

Sophomore Tory Jackson will round out the starting lineup. Jackson entered the lineup after McAlarney's suspension and played solid defense from the start. As the season progressed, he grew into a major offensive threat due to his ability to get to the basket off the dribble.

Off the bench, junior Zach Hillesland will lend versatility with his size, quickness and basketball smarts, junior Luke Zeller, the tallest player on the team, continues to develop, while sophomore Jonathan Peoples will back up Jackson and McAlarney.

Fighting for spots with the battle-tested veterans will be four freshmen who bring a variety of options to the table. So far, their biggest impact has been to push the team harder.

"I think what was impressive about them as a group, the eight veteran guys that they're joining are pretty intense, hard-working, business-like guys, and they did separate themselves with their work ethic this summer," Brey said.

"They did that last year," Brey said.

Brey said he did not know whether any freshmen will be red-shirted or which players would see what amount of time come November, but he likes what they add to the team.

Carleton Scott brings some depth in the post, and Brey said his long wingspan should help in rebounding and grabbing loose balls.

Tim Abromaitis spent his senior year of high school and summer workouts putting on more muscle, Brey said.

"He's in good shape. He can shoot the ball, so that makes him interesting because we lost two real good shot makers," Brey said. "Anytime you're a shot maker I think there could be an opportunity given what we lost."

Ty Proffitt will contribute some versatility to the guard position, with his ability to play point or off the ball, while Tyrone Nash could see some minutes, thanks to his 6-foot-8 frame and knowledge of the game.

"Nash is probably the most physically ready to go because he went to a year of prep school, and he's already got Big East strength which really helps him," Brey said. "I don't know what position he is — he's just a good basketball player. When you're a versatile guy like that and you're physically ready, you make yourself valuable early as a freshman."

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the starting lineup and know that the backbone of his mid-
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Hermann Trophy semi-finalist and former captain of the U.S.
under-20 national team.

"It was huge what [Greg Dalby] brought to our program, and
most impressive of all was just that he was a great per-
son," Clark said. "He did so much for us — both on and off
the field — and I don't think I've ever heard anyone say a
bad word about Greg Dalby. That won't be easy to replace."

Who will be assigned the unenviable task of filling
Dalby's cleats is still up in the air, but Clark has a plethora of
options. Returning starters Michael Thomas, Cory Bellas,
and Alex Yoshinaga are all poss-
sibilities, but Clark is consider-
ing all three at other positions.
The wildcard is freshman Matt
Armstrong, a high school All-
American, who has impressed in
preseason practice.

"Armstrong, judging by pre-
season, looks like a very strong
player," Clark said. "He has all the
tools to play, and I don't know
if there are many better freshmen central midfielders
than him in the country."

Defensive center midfielder isn't the only vacancy left
behind by graduating seniors.
With the graduations of Dalby and central defender Dale
Bellas, Notre Dame will be
without their co-captains from
the past two seasons, and
Clark will be forced to replace
what he called very good lead-
ership.

"That's the big unknown," Clark said of this year's leader-
ship. "While the new captains
[Hyen Miller, Matt Besler and
Yoshinaga] have done every-
thing asked of them so far, you
won't really know how it will
go until you hit some road
bumps."

While Notre Dame is sur-
rrounded by questions for this
upcoming season, they will
have one definitive answer up
front. Joseph Lapira will once
again line up at forward this
season, and so will his 32
career goals, 13 career assists
and Hermann Trophy.

After spending the summer
training with European clubs
Derby County (English Premier
League), Glasgow
(Scottish Premier League) and a stint with the Irish national
team, Lapira could be set to
improve on last year's record-
breaking season — at least
according to Clark.

"Those experiences have
been fantastic, and I expect Joe
to be a better all-around player
this year," Clark said. "I don't
care if he scores 22 goals
again, as long as the team is
scoring goals, but I expect him
to be a better player."

The No. 11 Irish won't have
to wait long to find out whether
their raised expectations for
this season will be met. Their
first four opponents, including
the two preseason games, are
all ranked in the top 20, and
Notre Dame's first six games
will match the Irish against
top-30 squads.

"I think we'll be in good
shape, and we'll find out pretty
early," Clark said. "That's the
way we want it to be."

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Senior forward Kurt Martin takes a shot during Notre Dame's 2-1 NCAA Tournament victory over

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"When you play a team like (the Tar Heels), it’s not an exhibition game."

Notre Dame lost eight seniors from last year’s team, which finished 25-1-1 and won the Big East championship. The Irish took big graduation hits in the midfield, where Jou Bunkowski and Jill Krivacek started last season, and along the back line, where Christie Shaner and team captain Kim Lorenzen led an otherwise young defense.

Against North Carolina, Waldrum used a rotation of sophomores Courtney Rosen, junior Ashley Jones, junior Rebecca Mendoza and freshman Lauren Fowlkes alongside returning starters sophomore Brittany Bock and senior Amanda Cinalli in the midfield. Senior Susan Pimick did not play against North Carolina, but is also expected to be part of the rotation.

Waldrum said he was pleased with his inexperienced midfielders.

"I like our depth. We played a lot of people today, and I think we did pretty well," he said.

He also said he was pleasantly surprised by Rosen, who is coming off a foot injury, and Mendoza, who played only infrequently last year.

"She’s shown that after her first two years, she’s ready to come in and play," Waldrum said of the junior.

At defender, sophomores Amanda Clark and Haley Ford return after contributing early and often as freshmen. Junior Carrie Dew, who missed most of last season with a knee injury, did not play in the rain as a precaution, but is expected to start this season as she did her freshman year.

Junior Elize Weber and freshman Julie Schleder got much of the playing time at the remaining defensive spot against North Carolina. Weber is a transfer from Wisconsin. Up front, the Irish return their two leading goal scorers from last season — junior Kerri Hanks, who scored 22 goals, and sophomore Michele Weissenhofer, who found the back of the net 18 times.

Weissenhofer is also known for her acrobatic flip throw-ins, which give the Irish an extra offensive weapon.

Notre Dame will play a tough non-conference schedule, which includes five ranked teams — No. 7 Penn State, No. 8 Santa Clara, No. 9 Stanford, No. 13 Florida, and No. 23 Oklahoma State.

Then the Irish will begin their Big East season, where No. 12 Rutgers and No. 16 Connecticut await.

Waldrum said he is excited by this year’s team but was reluctant to predict a return to the championship game.

"It’s too early to tell," he said. "We had a great result today, but lots of things can happen over the course of the season."

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Senior midfielder Amanda Cinalli moves upfield during Notre Dame’s 2-1 win over Florida State in the NCAA College Cup on Dec. 1.
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win this year? I think I have an ethical responsibility to all those nine guys that came back. They all graduated; it isn't like they're coming back to graduate. They all graduated. They all came back to win this year. I owe it to those nine guys to try to win now.

Offensive positions up for grabs

With so many starters departing, nearly every position on the field is open for competition.

The most important starting race is at quarterback, where Quinn's departure leaves the Irish with three quarterbacks who have thrown a combined total of two collegiate passes.

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Taking the next step

Belles' fall sports look to build on successful 2006 seasons and challenge for MIAA titles in 2007

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

The four Saint Mary's fall sports teams, which all ranked in the middle of their conferences in the 2006 season, look to take the next step and compete for spots in the top of the MIAA in 2007.

Volleyball

After finishing 17-10 and fourth in the MIAA last year, Saint Mary's wants to finish even higher in the league standings.

I want to see us challenge for the top spot in the conference," Belles coach Jule Schroeder-Birk said. "We have been making a climb and I expect us to continue that climb. We gained a lot of confidence as a squad this past season."

Last season, senior Anne Cusack won the conference's defensive player of the year award and Lorna Slupczynski earned freshman-of-the-year honors. Junior setter Amanda David was fourth in the MIAA in assists per game.

And while Cusack has graduated, Slupczynski and David are back to lead an experienced squad that includes hitters Kaella Hellman and Cathy Kurckz.

"These two lead our team in attack percentage," Schroeder-Birk said of Hellman and Kurckz. "And rounding out the returning key players is senior defensive specialist, Marissa Gross. She is a very powerful player and positive court presence."

Saint Mary's begins its season with the Mùstemouth tournament on Sept. 1 with three matches in a single day of play. They will first face Robert Morris College at 9 a.m., followed by a match against Loras College at 1 p.m. and a third match later in the day with the opponent determined by the results of the day's early matches.

The Belles open their conference slate on Sept. 4 against Adrian College on the road. Adrian was ranked third in the MIAA last season with a league record of 12-4.

"I am really looking forward to another great year. We grew so much last year and earned a lot of respect within our conference and within our region," Schroeder-Birk said. "Despite the losses of our very strong senior class, I don't look at this as building a year. We will just continue to work hard and not take our eye off our goal."

Cross Country

The Belles finished in fifth place in the MIAA in the 2006 season, and they are hoping to perform better and move into the upper half MIAA teams this fall.

Saint Mary's score of 125 at last year's MIAA championships earned it its best conference finish in Belles history.

Coach Jackie Baurer said she thinks the young squad can do even better.

"The team is going to be very different this season, with eight of our seniors graduating and nine freshman joining the team," she said.

Among the key returners are senior Megan Gray, junior Allison Miller, junior Cailltin Stevenson and sophomore Emily Graf.

Last season, Gray earned first-team MIAA honors and became the first Saint Mary's runner to compete in the NCAA Division III Championship.

Meghan McGilroy also will be a key runner for the squad. Competing last year as the Belles' top freshman, McGilroy never finished worse than fifth place in any race.

Rauters said this year's freshman will have a similar impact.

"We have a wonderful group of freshmen bringing a ton of talent to the team this year. I believe that the program and team continue to grow and strengthen every year," Rauters said. "We are looking to improve within the conference this year, placing better at both our Jamboree (at Tri-State) and Conference Championship (at Albion)."

The Belles will kick off their season on Sept. 1 at the Tri-State Invitational in Angola, Ind.

Although the 2006-07 Saint Mary's golf squad failed to win the MIAA Championship for the first time in five years, Saint Mary's is working hard to ensure that they regain the title.

The Belles, who did not lose any players to graduation, finished fifth in the MIAA last year, but coach Mark Hamilton believes a year of experience will pay off with dramatic improvement.

"Katie O'Brien is a returning senior who we expect to lead the team both on and off the course," he said. "She has been playing golf all summer in tournaments in Florida. I am positive that she will come back this season stronger than ever."

During the 2005 season, O'Brien received second-team honors in the MIAA.

In addition to O'Brien, Hamilton looks to juniors Meredith Fantom and Perri Hamma to lead the team. Fantom and Hamma both consistently shot rounds in the low 90s last year.

While the upperclassmen will try to pick up where they left off, Hamilton is also counting on the incoming freshmen to perform at a top-notch level.

"We have a pretty big freshman group joining the team this fall," he said. "A big determinant of our season will be the success of our freshmen. This is definitely one of the best freshman classes we've ever brought in."

The Belles begin their season on Sept. 1 at the Ferris State Invitational. The tournament includes a mixture of top Division II and Division III schools. The Belles will have a chance to compete against DePauw University who is ranked No. 2 in Division III.

"The tournament will be a great chance to get a first look at our conference rivals. We will be able to get an early look at how we will stack up against this year's competition," Hamilton said.

Soccer

Under the coaching of four-year veteran Caryl MacKenzie, the Belles captured fourth place in the MIAA in the 2006 fall season with a 4-3-1 conference record and a 5-2-1 overall record.

After graduating six seniors last season, the Belles return 14 players, nine of whom played in all 15 games last year, and add nine freshmen.

At forward, the loss of top scorer Ashley Hinton will be filled by her sister, junior Lauren Hinton. Ashley Hinton scored seven goals while assisting six others in the 2006 season and scored 21 career goals. She was also twice named to the MIAA's first team.

Lauren Hinton also scored seven goals last season.

The Belles also have to replace a four-year starter at goalkeeper. Laura Hellein had 94 saves in 2006 and started all but one game in the past four years. Her replacement has not yet been named.

MacKenzie will be looking for freshmen Micki Hedinger and Katie Wehrli to fill the forward positions. While Hedinger scored two goals last season, Wehrli started 11 of the 15 played by the Belles.

After allowing only 1.5 goals per game in 2006, returning defenders senior Sarah Dufree, senior Justine Higgins, and junior Mandy Thompson will be key parts to the Belles defense.

Saint Mary's will play its first non-conference game of the season on Sept. 1 at Case Western. Their conference season begins Sept. 22 at Saint Mary's against Kalamazoo College, who finished behind the Belles in 2006.

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FOOTBALL

Rebuilding?

Weis refuses to lower expectations despite losing 12 starters from 2006 squad

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

"Tradition never graduates." That’s the mantra for Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis this season, after his team lost 12 starters from last year’s 10-3 squad.

Gone are quarterback Brady Quinn, holder of more than 30 school records, running back Darius Walker, who ran for over 1,000 yards in each of the last two seasons, and the two most prolific receivers in Notre Dame history statistically — Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight — as well as three linemen on each side of the ball, two defensive backs and the placekicker.

But for Weis, who refuses to say the word "rebuilding," the 2007 team will be expected to perform at least as well as the previous one.

"May God strike me dead if I use that word. I’ll never use that word. You use it, I’m not using it," Weis said when his team arrived for fall camp Aug. 6.

"You know, I have nine fifth-year seniors that came back for another year. Don’t you think I owe it to them to try to

ND VOLLEYBALL

Veterans return for shot at title

By DAN MURPHY
Assistant Sports Editor

Last season, Notre Dame came three points away from capturing the Big East championship. This time around the Irish have a new look and are the preseason favorites to win it all.

Four talented freshmen join the squad this year despite losing only one senior to graduation in 2007. Stephanie Matti, Kelli Secore, Angela Pundt and Megan Dunne are expected to use their speed to contribute right out of the gate.

“They’re all working really hard and making good progress,” Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "They have a great work ethic and the senior leadership has really set the tone for that."

Co-captains Adrianna Stassiuk and Ashley Tarutis are Notre Dame’s only seniors this season, but bring an abundance of talent and experience to the table. Both players have been starters.

ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

No. 1 squad aims for championship

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame came within one game of a national championship last season. But, with the opening regular season game of the 2007 still a week away, the Irish have already erased the memory of that loss.

Notre Dame and North Carolina, tied for No. 1 in the preseason coaches poll, played an exhibition match Sunday in a rematch of the 2006 Women’s College Cup final. The 2-2 draw, played in soggy conditions, featured much of the same intensity and passion as last year’s title game.

And although his team did not come away with a win, Irish coach Randy Waldrum was pleased with what he saw.

"We’re very happy with the result, especially since it’s the preseason," Waldrum said. "I thought today we had the better opportunities. We fought for every loose ball. It’s one of the best games we’ve played against Carolina since I’ve been here."

"The legacy of the previous teams has been terrific, but the question now is if we can take it a step further," Clark said. "Every year you try to get a little bit better and this squad has the potential to do that."

Whatever potential this Irish team may have, there remains a gaping hole at defensive center midfield that will be difficult to replace. For the past four seasons, Clark has been able to pencil Greg Dalby’s name into

MEN’S SOCCER

Lofty goals follow historic tourney run

Senior forward Joseph Lapira battles for the ball in Notre Dame’s 2-1 win over DePaul last year in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Irish coach Bobby Clark is nothing if not ambitious.

One year after enjoying the most successful season in program history — one that included Notre Dame’s first-ever trip to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament, as well as the program’s first-ever Hermann Trophy winner — Clark and his team are raising the expectations.

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