Two years ago, the University of Notre Dame lauded its class of 1999 as being the best and the brightest. Last year’s freshman class, with 1,925 members, entered the record books as the largest group ever to enroll at Notre Dame.

This year’s freshmen, though slightly fewer in number, are continuing the record-breaking trend. Daniel Saracino, assistant provost for enrollment, touted the Class of 2001 as the strongest group academically that Notre Dame has ever welcomed.

“This is the strongest class in our history,” Saracino said. “On average, they were in the top 6.3 percent of their high school graduating classes.”

Saracino said the students’ mean SAT score is 1313, higher than the previous record of 1302, which was set by last year’s freshmen. It should be noted that SAT scores were re-centered in 1996, resulting in a trend of higher verbal scores.

"Each year, the classes get stronger. That makes a Notre Dame admit easier," Saracino said. "They are a match for both each other and their college."

"This is a very talented and diverse group of incoming freshmen. They are academically well-suited material for Saint Mary’s College," said director of admissions Mary Pat Nolan. "They were very involved leaders in school — strong, very involved leaders in school."
Geographic Distribution for ND and SMC Incoming Freshmen

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NOTE DAME OBITUARIES

Professor emeritus Sandeen passes away at age 89

Ernest Sandeen, professor emeritus of English at the University of Notre Dame, died June 12 at his home in South Bend.

Born in 1908 to a small farming family, he was educated at Knox College in Illinois and received a fellowship from Oxford University. He later taught at Knox College and the University of Iowa, where he received a doctorate in English in 1940, with a dissertation on Ralph Waldo Emerson. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and in 1946 joined the faculty of Notre Dame, where he remained for the next 50 years, leaving only to travel to the University of Aarhus in Denmark as a Fulbright Fellow in 1967.

Sandeen chaired Notre Dame’s English department from 1965-68 and received several honors for his teaching, including the College of Arts and Letters’ Sheedy Award in 1976. His commitment to the work of beginning poets ranked his courses among the most popular in the College of Arts and Letters. He liked to convene his poetry writing classes in the living room of his home, where he and his wife were also the hosts of countless dinners and long evenings, which became legendary in scholarly and popular journals.

He displayed a seemingly limitless and encouraging patience, according to clumsier practitioners. “You ought to assume that your reader is at least as intelligent as you are,” he once teasingly admonished to a student.

His poems appeared in a wide variety of periodicals, including Poetry from New York, Commonweal, Sewanee Review, The Nation and the Saturday Review, as well as the London Review of Books and The New Republic. He received a political science degree from Cambridge University in England and a law degree from the German Universities of Munich and Kiel. He left Germany in 1932 for Spain and finally the United States, where he joined the faculty of Princeton University in 1937.

In 1950, the U.S. State Department appointed Niemeyer to the planning staff of its Bureau of United Nations Affairs. After three years in that position, he became an analyst for the Council on Foreign Relations, a position he held until joining the Notre Dame faculty. Niemeyer became a canon in the Episcopal church in 1967.

NIEMEYER,dies after 40 years at ND

Former Laetare winner dies at 91

Gerhart Niemeyer, professor emeritus of government and international studies, died on June 24 at the age of 90. Niemeyer joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1952 and taught introductory courses and two advanced courses on political theory until he retired. He also wrote many articles in scholarly and popular journals on a variety of topics including cultural history, education, and the writings of Eric Voegelin and Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

In 1941, Niemeyer published a critically acclaimed book, "Law Without Force," which became required reading for many international law students.

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INDIANA WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

Saturday: 73°-48°

Sunday: 78°-54°

Monday: 83°-64°

Tuesday: 80°-66°

Wednesday: 80°-66°

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Saturday, Aug. 22.

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If you build it, they will come...

Stadium ready to host a swarm of Yellow Jackets

From buildings to sidewalks, statues to shrubbery, most of campus was rejuvenated this summer, and some projects still boast the bulldozers and dirt piles to prove it.

Photos by Kevin Dalum/Text by Michelle Krupa

Arguably the most prominent of campus construction projects, the stadium expansion is moving along as scheduled, according to John DeLee, director of Utilities. "Contractor Casteel Construction Co. has finished their work and right now we are focusing on University installations," DeLee said. Included in those installations are furniture, training equipment, NBC and WNDU wiring, telephone cabling, and concession equipment. Workers still need to add grass and sod to the landscaping, but all trees have been planted. The two-year-old project has increased the seating capacity of the stadium by 21,915 seats and added a three-story press box that extends to each of the two 20-yard lines.

Dirt piles evolve into RecSports

Just north of the Joyce Center, construction continues on the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center set for completion in January 1998. The 70,000 sq. ft. facility will house a 5,000 sq. ft. fitness room, a multipurpose court resembling a hockey rink, three maple-floored basketball courts, two rooms with state-of-the-art sound systems and a floor suitable for dance, self-defense and aerobics classes, and a one-tenth mile elevated track. First priority for use of the building's facilities will be given to non-varsity athletes. According to Paula Catracina, project manager for Facilities Engineering, all outside work is finished except for installation of windows surrounding the elevated track. The project, begun in mid-May by the Verkler Construction Co., was undertaken for purely aesthetic improvements. Also, the exterior walkways of the library outside the building's eaves and overhangs, made of Mankato stone, are being reconstructed to reduce the "hazard for pedestrians and to minimize the potential for injury," according to Dave Woods, director of Support Services. The stone, which was included during the building's erection in the early 1960s, has deteriorated and will be replaced with more sturdy and durable concrete. All walkways under the eaves will be paved and thoroughly cleaned. The project began two weeks ago and should be complete by Sept. 2.

Walkway refurbishing afoot across ND campus

The asphalt walks of God Quad (left) were replaced with cement carriage ways and brick paths. The improved sidewalks extend from the Christ statue in all directions - toward LaFortune Student Center, Sorin Hall, South Quad and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Old trees and overgrown bushes were removed and new shrubbery will be added in the coming weeks, as will a granite seat wall around the statue. The project, begun in mid-May by the Verkler Construction Co., was undertaken for purely aesthetic improvements. Also, the exterior walkways of the library outside the building's eaves and overhangs, made of Mankato stone, are being reconstructed to reduce the "hazard for pedestrians and to minimize the potential for injury," according to Dave Woods, director of Support Services. The stone, which was included during the building's erection in the early 1960s, has deteriorated and will be replaced with more sturdy and durable concrete. All walkways under the eaves will be paved and thoroughly cleaned. The project began two weeks ago and should be complete by Sept. 2.

Green means go - out of D6

In an effort to manage football game traffic and ensure the safety of pedestrians and bikers crossing U.S. 31, a traffic light was installed at the intersection of U.S. 31 and the D6 parking lot entrance.

According to Butch Layman, construction administrator for Facilities Engineering, the signal "will facilitate more parking at Holy Cross College on game days as we are constantly looking for parking to accommodate for the new seats in the stadium."

Work was begun on the light, constructed by TransTech, on June 20 and completed on Tues., Aug. 19. It includes a push-button activated pedestrian crossing system.
The Observer open house for freshmen has been moved to Monday. See page 15 for more details.
The Huddle convenience store gets a face-lift

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Associate News Editor

The days of piling quarter-dogs onto a tray moments after midnight, squished in between the cappuccino machine and a grocery aisle in the dimly lit Little Store in The Huddle, have come to an end.

On Monday, a completely renovated Huddle Mart opened in the southeast corner of LaFortune’s first floor. The $200,000 project has more than tripled the size of the store to 1,900 sq. ft. and will allow for amenities impossible in the old location.

“We just needed to have a bigger store,” said Jim LaBella, operations manager for the project. “The concept was to keep the store uncluttered with a clean, crisp look to it. We have a lot of room to expand for the future, too.”

LaBella, who lobbied for the project for the past four years, noted that more space has definitely has that.”

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“We saved at least $40,000 by not hiring a designing consultant for the project,” he said. “It was a lot of fun to put together and we hope students and faculty will like it.”

The new store will be open from 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. daily during the academic year.

The new Huddle Mart features a Wall of Candy, one of the most noticeable additions.

Vendors anticipate benefits as well because more of their products will be visibly available to customers, according to Michael Thomas, Coca-Cola’s district sales manager.

“If you’re going to sell,” he said. “With the new Huddle Mart, we have three times as much stuff on the floor. Shopability is what people look for, and this place definitely has that.”

Six hundred sq. ft. roughly one-third of seating eliminated by the Huddle Mart’s construction, will be relocated to The Little Store’s former location. It is presently being painted and carpeted. LaBella said that discussions have begun with SUB regarding the relocation of Acoustic Cafe but no decision has been reached.

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He's being all that he can be...

An Army ROTC freshman was pulled back to the mainland in front of a crowd of onlookers Friday, having successfully pulled himself across St. Joseph’s Lake to a small island near Carroll Hall.

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Start me up...

ResNet users surf the Web without hassle of modems

By DEREK BETCHER
Associate News Editor

Students living on campus this fall will be greeted by the long-awaited completion of ResNet. Once activated, ResNet provides students direct Ethernet access to e-mail, the Internet and the University’s network software from the convenience of their dorm rooms.

Twelve months after the first close dorms officially went online, the campus-wide Ethernet connection has reached its final stages. Welsh Hall and McGlinn Hall were activated over the summer and O’Hara-Grace Graduate Residences are scheduled to be brought online in the coming weeks.

With those moves, Morrissey Hall and Old College will remain the only campus residences still waiting for Ethernet access. "The reason it's taken so long is that we've tried to coordinate our wiring installations with campus construction," said Larry Rapagnani, associate provost for Information Technologies.

Once a dorm is physically connected and switched on, each resident has direct access to the campus network by using an Ethernet jack instead of a telephone line and modem. The benefits from this change in technology are threefold: First, a computer hooked up to the network with Ethernet runs roughly 350 times faster than an identical computer using a modem. Ethernet also allows students to simultaneously work on the computer and use the telephone.

ResNet also increases network capacity, as dial-in flow is limited by the size of the OIT modem pool, which contains 128 modems. ResNet operates independently of the campus telephone system, allowing greater access to the network.

"We're very close to our original schedule, and our only expectation is that changes this fall will go even more quickly than last year," Rapagnani said.

Morrissey is scheduled for activation Oct. 27 and Old College is set to go online Jan. 19.

With 12 months to reflect on its partial implementation (North Quad went online last August, followed by most of South Quad in late 1996), directors are more than pleased with ResNet. "It has been an overwhelming success," Rapagnani said. "It exceeded our expectations."

"There have been very few problems," Information Resource Center consultant Chris Kolik said. "The small percentage of problems we've had were with people with unique computer systems.

Rapagnani noted that new developments are being planned to expand on Ethernet's current offerings. Using recommendations from Hall Presidents' Council, OIT is installing ResNet jacks in campus buildings for use by students studying in libraries. Several jacks are online in Hesburgh Library, and plans call for more jacks next spring in LaFortune Student Center.

Rapagnani also said the OIT is devising a new package of services which he hopes will be available to ResNet users in the near future.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMS

109 Hurley Bldg.
General information session with Fr. Timothy Scully, C.S.C.; Vice President and Senior Associate Provost

When: Saturday, August 23, 1997
Where: Joyce Center Arena
Time: 4:30 p.m.

Immediately following the general 4:30 information session, which will last approximately 20 minutes, sessions for the various programs will be held in the following rooms:

Sessions will be led by faculty.
Former student participants will also be on hand to discuss their experiences, offer comments and answer questions.

London - Arts and Letters
London - Engineering (Summer)
London - Engineering (Fall)
Auditorium, Room C14

Dublin, Ireland
Maynooth, Ireland (SMC)
Angers, France
Monogram Room A
Monogram Room B
Monogram Room C

Athens, Greece
Nagoya, Japan
Rome, Italy (SMC)
Carriebean
Mexico City, Mexico
Monterrey, Mexico
Santiago, Chile

Gate 10, Gym 2

Florence (SMC)
Dublin, Ireland
Naples, Italy

Gate 3, Gym 4
Gate 9, Gym 1
Gate 10, Gym 2

INFRONT OF NDH

The Observer/ Kevin Dalum

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News department story policies and guidelines

The Observer staff report

The Observer is a daily, student-run newspaper serving both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. The Observer news department uses the following guidelines in its news gathering:

The Observer news department strives to report on all campus and local events that affect both campuses and the surrounding areas. In addition to local news, the Observer uses Associated Press stories and graphics to keep readers informed about national and world events.

As stated in our editorial policy, "The news is reported as accurately and objectively as possible." We realize that the department is comprised of amateur journalists, yet we strive to conduct ourselves as professionals at all times.

Story ideas come largely from Notre Dame's Department of Public Information and Relations. We also generate our own ideas from advertisements in The Observer, other publications, and campus posters.

A final and important source of story ideas is the members of the NDSMC community who call, write, or e-mail The Observer staff regarding events they are planning. We encourage groups to contact us at least one week prior to the event.

As a rule, we do not run previews of lectures that we are planning to cover. We simply do not have the staff or space to run previews of every campus lecture. Exceptions to this rule may be made if a lecture is to be given by a speaker of international or national prominence.

We suggest, however, that the sponsoring group fill out an "Of Interest" form at The Observer by 1 p.m. the day before the event. Another alternative is taking out an advertisement in the paper at our special campus rate.

With certain events, we only run previews if having a reporter cover or attend the event is not feasible.

We understand that there are times when a preview article is more appropriate than an article reporting on the event. This type of decision is made by the news editor. However, we are always to discuss news department coverage of an event, provided a group representative contacts the news editor at least one week prior to the event.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Heather Cocks, news editor, at 631-5323.

Questions or comments can also be e-mailed to the news department at Observer.obsnews.l@nd.edu.

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SMC adds policies to handbook

By SARAH CORREREAN

"I think the revised policies to the student handbook this year will add more defined guidelines for the community which will hopefully avoid any controversies that occur in the future regarding the issues of harassment and compliance with requests from college employees," said LeMans Hall director Jill Anderson.

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SMC adds policies to handbook

By SARAH CORREREAN

Not only will freshmen and transfers be acquainting themselves to new surroundings of campus this weekend, returning upperclassmen will be reacquainting themselves to revised policies in the Saint Mary's student handbook.

Although the few bomb threats last year turned out to be hoaxes, procedures have been established to respond to such incidents for the safety of all members of the Saint Mary's community. In the event a bomb threat is received, students will be evacuated from all buildings and required to stand at least 100 yards from all buildings. No one may re-enter the campus until determined safe by either Safety and Security or the residence hall director.

Should it be determined that the individual responsible for the bomb threat is a student, the College will initiate immediate disciplinary action and criminal prosecution will also be a consideration.

Previously an almost hidden resource, the WellnessSMC office will relocate to the basement of Holy Cross Hall, a larger location, to better serve students.

Programs offered this year are geared toward nutrition, fitness, and alcohol and drug awareness education.

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Of interest

Independence Day: A celebration of the 50th anniversary of Pakistan's independence will take place on Sunday at 6 p.m. at 1784 E. Turtle Creek, apt. #2. For more information on the celebration call Noman Sattar at 777-4250.

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The Viewpoint page: Express yourself

I. All members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community may submit columns, letters to the editor, quotes, poems or cartoons to the Viewpoint department of The Observer. Individuals not associated with the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community are also welcome to submit, but preference is given to members of the University communities.

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V. All commentaries printed in the Viewpoint section must be verified before being printed. Authors of all columns, letters to the editor, quotes, poems and cartoons must be verified before being published in The Observer.

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XV. This policy is available to the public during normal business hours and must be prominently displayed in the Viewpoint department of The Observer.
Saturday, August 23, 1997

Dear Members of the Class of 2001,

Congratulations. I'm not the first to say it, and I won't be the last but welcome to the beginning of the best years of your life.

You are a part of an institution rich in tradition and honor, and are entering — with high hopes and a big effect — your college years.

These are years sure to be filled with memories both good and bad, sacred and scary. You will get to work with people who will become family, friends who when you look back on you will wonder how they ever lived without.

Ask any upperclasswoman, and she will tell you that she wished she had a few more pictures to go along with reliving stories of the past. So before the academic pressures of the semester begin, buy a box or photo album to start storing the memories from football weekend, hall dances, parties, or simply hanging out with friends. These are the years sure to be filled with memories both good and bad, sacred and scary.

Life at Notre Dame is very interesting. You hear all these stories about the Notre Dame family. Their stories will amaze and how you finally realize that it does exist. There was an article in a magazine a few years ago that I came across as I was trying to figure out what college to go to, and quite frankly Notre Dame wasn't near the top of that list. It told the story of Notre Dame beyond the football games. It was true celebration of humanity and of the school. A student's mother tragically passed away and the article was a testament to how the other students rallied around him and offered their support. It was touching and such a celebration of the Notre Dame family as was apparent in the article, but the possibly is invariably there.

This wouldn't be a complete article if the issue of the weather wasn't addressed. The skies are eternally gray in South Bend. It is very cold in the winter and it rains almost every day. Walking to class will at times be downright painful. But it is worth it to endure this kind of torture. You bet. It can't rain all the time.

Sincerely,
Joey Crawford

Welcome...again

Dear Saint Mary's Women,

Welcome! I know that this is the first time to say it, and I won't be the last but welcome to the beginning of the best years of your life.

You are a part of an institution rich in tradition and honor, and are entering — with high hopes and a big effect — your college years.

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You won't realize it now, but that extra chapter of biology palces in comparison to that late night chat with your first roommates. It's true, but no one ever graduates and wishes that she had spent more time studying and less time with friends.

It is perfect balance. It may take a semester — or two or three — but find a routine that makes you appreciate every moment for what it's worth. Organize your time well, and you will succeed.

Most importantly, be your own person. There's only one you. Don't be afraid to speak your mind; people will respect you more for what you said than what you were afraid to speak.

Remember this is your time and place; make it everything you want it to be. I hope that in four years, you too will look back on this chapter in your life and the time spent here, and realize you wouldn't trade it for anything in the world.

Best of luck and enjoy the ride. It goes by faster than you would ever imagine.

Cordially yours,
Lori Allen

What do the upperclassmen have to say about their freshman orientation?

"I think the graffiti dance is nothing more than freshmen ego-boosting."
Steven Gomez
Sophomore, Sorin

"What's your name? Where are you from?"
Angela Anderson
Sophomore, Lyons

"When does the freshmen dogbook come out?"
Adam Heck
Junior, Dillon

"What do the upperclassmen have to say about their freshman orientation?"
Patrick Coyle
Junior, Dillon

"Ten cases of beer, plus one mix tape, plus 150 people in a double equals one freshman party!"

"It looks like a pretty good crowd: lots of parties."
Sean Ryker
Junior, Carroll
TOBACCO POLICY
In accordance with an administrative directive issued two years ago, all buildings on the Notre Dame campus are smoke-free in their entirety. This ban extends to the seating area of Notre Dame Stadium. Chewing-tobacco is not expressly included among the substances prohibited indoors. Ash cans are provided outside most buildings for the convenience of smokers. Your cooperation is appreciated.

CAMPUS SECURITY
For your protection Notre Dame employs a staff of uniformed police officers who provide 24-hour foot and vehicular patrols on the campus property. Additionally, eighteen emergency call boxes are spread across campus, and more are being added. To contact the Security Building (directly below on map) from any campus phone, dial 911. From 8:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. the SafeWalk program provides a free campus escort service; call 634-BLUE.

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
Notre Dame's sister school is located directly across South Bend's major north-south highway, U.S. 33/Business 31 (directly behind this panel on map). The schools offer an exchange program via which students from both institutions may take advantage of the opportunity to study on the neighboring institution's campus. Also, the schools cosponsor the crew, downhill skiing, golf, gymnastics, and sailing programs.

LAUNDRY SERVICE
Formerly available only to males and the campus laundry service is now students for a fee. A contract for services can be purchased for $75. Without the contract, transaction charged to your student account. Id complete with your account number. Bundled laundry is collected at an available for you to pick up at the Laundry (directly below on map); the schedule is posted in your dorm. Other services include dry cleaning, tailoring alterations.

Welcome and congratulations on choosing Notre Dame! Although this guide could be entirely comprehensive, this guide will answer your questions, highlight some things you may want to know, and aid you in your bearings on this rather large campus. Good luck!
While no intro-
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in a more precarious fashion than running back Tony Driver. The 6-foot-2, 239-pound All-American from Louisville was the first freshman on the team to have the backfield stripped from his helmet, a long-standing Irish tradition that marks the rookies until they are able to distinguish themselves in practice.

After less than a week of practice, Driver's blocking ability on many of the veteran linemen has been noted by the coaching staff and the upperclassmen, thus earning him the unashamed gold helmet from Dave. Driver is currently listed as third on the depth chart behind junior Autry Denson and senior Clinkenbeard, but it is expected to give both upperclassmen a run for their money at the tailback position.

"Tony Driver is really a fine looking back," Davie said of the freshman. "He's going to push Autry Denson at No. 2 and Clinkenbeard. He's a player."

Joining Driver with a gold helmet in the first week of practice was 5-foot-7 receiver Joey Gerithell. Gerithell has managed to amaze both coaches and teammates with his handling of the abrupt transition into college football, especially after burning the co-captain Rossman a few times in practice.

Although Rossman chucked at the insinuation, claiming it was before they had pads on, he did give the freshmen credit. "He did catch a pass on me and may have caught two," Rossman commented. "He's a good receiver."

Getherall has already moved up to the No. 2 spot on the depth chart, trailing only senior Malcolm Johnson at split end. He looks to be a sure bet as a member of a five-man receiving core that includes Johnson, junior Bobby Brown, sophomore John Neolin, and possibly Rossman, who is still being looked to for big-play potential on both sides of the ball.

Another freshman receiver making an early impression is 6-foot-2, 195-pound Darcey Levy. But he is also a candidate for the backfield.

"I said before we started camp that our receivers would be better than what people give them credit for," Davie said. "Our numbers are solidified with Joey Gerithell and Darcey Levy. So we pleased them with a group as a whole.

In addition to Driver and Getherall, two other freshmen earned the right to take the stripes from veterans at tight end. Junior Joe Libby and lin­backer Anthony Denman. The Denman also has surprised none with both his size and talent, but his adaptability to the Irish system will most likely earn him a spot in the offense. The position of tight end and both has been a question mark for the Irish, especially with the departure of John Cerusani, but Holloway looks like a likely candidate to back up sophomore Dan O'Leary.

"Jabari has been consistent from day one," Davie said. "He looks like he's ready to emerge. He's had an excellent training camp."

Denman provided a bit of surprise for the coaching staff with his early emergence as a standout. Although he entered camp as one of the highly-touted All-Americans, it appeared as though he would be lost in the shuffle of the running backs. After beginning practice as a running back, he was quickly handed over to linebacker coach Kevin Dansby, who is working out with the defense.

Denman is listed as No. 2 on the depth chart and earned the moniker of a five-man receiving core that includes Johnson, Bobby Brown, Neolin, Rossman, and possibly Darcey Levy.

Another freshman possibility to help fill the holes on defense.

Overall, the strength of the freshman class, like that of the team as a whole, lies in the offense, especially in the backfield. Cooper Rego, who stands 5-foot-9, 185-pounds, has also shown that he has the ability and drive to make his way into the Irish offense this season. The Reebok and Parade All-American has aowed his teammates with his slashing ability and speed and the off-speed option.

The one thing the 2011 freshmen have in common, however, is the desire to take their potential off of the practice field and onto the playing field to prove that all that has been hyped about the class of 2001 is true. They will have that opportunity on Sept. 6, when they break up in the blue and the gold for the first time against Georgia Tech.
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bright, young leader with the charisma and personality that should create an attitude that has been missing in recent years.

Already, players have talked about being more relaxed, upbeat and actually looking forward to going to practice. And at the same time, the intensity seems to be every bit as high as under the more dictatorial Lou Holtz.

That’s not to say that Holtz will not be missed in these parts. The legend resurrected the Irish football program while carving out his place in ND history alongside Rockne, Leahy, and Parseghian. Indeed, Lou Holtz is the essence of Notre Dame football.

But it was time for a change.

Over the last three years, the program has seemed to be stuck in the mud and has watched rivals pass it by. While Holtz was still the master motivator, in other areas he was a dinosaur in a constantly changing world.

He never lost the respect of his players, but he may have lost the ability to relate to them. Practices were tense, and the players were tight. On the field, Holtz struggled to find an offense to match his personnel, and the Irish developed a penchant for failing to make the big play.

Davie has the chance to change all that.

With his first recruiting class, Davie has made strides in putting his stamp on the Irish. In past years under Holtz, teams like Ohio State and Florida State exploited Notre Dame’s lack of speed and athleticism.

With freshmen like Tony Driver, Joey Gethraii, Ron Israel, and Cooper Rego, the Irish have addressed their weakness while adding a little spice to Notre Dame football in the process.

Davie and the Irish could not have written a better script, launching the new regime in the recently completed Notre Dame Stadium. After two years of construction, the addition to the stadium is set to be unveiled Sept. 6 against Georgia Tech.

While it will always be the House that Rockne Built, Davie looks forward to the chance of putting his name on the addition. It is certainly possible.

For the first time in years, an aura of excitement permeates the land of the Golden Dome. It is something that should not be taken for granted and should be soaked in to its fullest. With so much going on and with so much excitement in the air, times could not be better for Notre Dame football or for the University.

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Athlete graduation rates among best in nation

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame ranks third among the nation's Division I-A colleges and universities in the cumulative graduation rate of all student-athletes and is No. 1 in women's sports, according to an annual report compiled by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The 1997 NCAA Graduation Rate Survey, the seventh such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between 1987 and 1990 at 306 Division I institutions. NCAA graduation rates are based on the comparison of the number of those who graduated within six years.

The report regards students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, as nongraduates. Among Notre Dame student-athletes who completed their eligibility at the University, 99 percent earn a degree.

Based upon the NCAA's primary standard, Notre Dame graduated 87 percent of its student-athletes, trailing only Duke University at 91 percent and Boston College at 88 percent. The national average was 59 percent.

Notre Dame graduated 97 percent of women competing in varsity athletics at the University, tops among the 110 Division I-A schools. The 84-percent graduation rate of male student-athletes ranks third nationally.

Fighting Irish football players graduate at a 77 percent rate, seventh nationally, and 84 percent of Notre Dame men's basketball players graduate, third highest in the Big East Conference.

Notre Dame's 87-percent graduation rate is first among the top 20 universities in the 1997 Sears Directors Cup rankings of all-around athletic excellence, demonstrating that academic and athletic success need not be mutually exclusive.

Among the general student body, Notre Dame's graduation rate of 94 percent trails only Harvard, Princeton, and Yale.

WASHINGTN HALL—Bruce Auerbach, Director of Theatre of Notre Dame Communications and Theatre, has announced that the annual reception for students interested in theatre will be held Wednesday, August 27, at 6:00 P.M. in Washington Hall. Students interested in acting, directing, sets, costumes, lights, management, or theatre as a major are encouraged to attend.

Theatre at Notre Dame is open to all students—majors and minors—who wish to participate. A wide variety of activities is available including acting, scenic design and construction, costume design and construction, lighting design and execution, marketing, directing and stage management. There are theatre opportunities to fit every schedule and level of talent. If you have a willingness to learn, you are qualified.

Becoming involved in theatre is an excellent way to meet new people, make new friends, and have a great time while involving yourself in the creation of something special on campus.

This season, the Department of Communications and Theatre (COTH) will present a mainstage season consisting of five plays as well as many other acting and directing projects. Mainstage productions this season will be: Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) As You Like It.

In addition, COTH will host a residency by Actors From the London Stage sponsored by the Paul M. and Barbara Henkels Visiting Scholars Series, and Father David Gierick will stage a reading of his new play The Escape of Kropotkin. Acting and directing projects are showcased at the end of each semester. All of these projects will need a great amount of student support. There are positions for all who wish to participate.

Auditions for the first two plays of the season will be held Wednesday, August 27, and Thursday, August 28, at 7:00 P.M. If you cannot attend the reception, but wish to be involved or have questions about the program, please call Bruce Auerbach at (219) 631-5957.

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Katie Ward Blocker 6-1 Chicago, IL

Volleyball

Freshmen look to set the stage

By JOE CAVATO Assistant Sports Editor

Last May, Notre Dame head volleyball coach Debbie Brown graduated one of the finest classes to grace the floor of the Joyce Center. The departure of two-time captain Jenny Birkner and her classmates Jen Roane, Kristina Ervin, and Jen Briggs leave Brown looking for fresh faces to fill the void.

Several weeks ago, Brown received some help when the class of 2001 arrived at Notre Dame. That class of five athletes include three players named to Volleyball Magazine's "Fab 50" high school recruits.

Freshman setter Denise Boylan, outside hitters Christi Girton and Adrienne Shimmel, middle blocker Jo Jameson, and walk-on Katie Ward join the Irish this August.

"I am really pleased with the entire class," Brown said. "There is a great balance of ball control and strong net play."

According to Brown, the youngsters have not been overwhelmed by the adjustment to play at the college level.

"Starting with the preseason, I've been happy with how they've done. i think all of them have adapted really well, and some of them are behind. They have been able to get right in there and play."

The atmosphere around the practice gym has been intense as the starting lineup is not set and everyone is looking to make an impression.

"At this point, we're going to have real good depth," Brown said. "When we scrimmage, it's been really competitive." People are getting better because they're being pushed all the time, not just the freshmen. There's just a really positive atmosphere in the gym."

The freshman with the most pronounced high school resume is 6-foot-2 Boylan. The Lisle, Ill., native was named the 1997 "Fab 50" high school recruit. She and senior Carey May give Brown two true setters, something that the Irish did not have last year before May was hurt in the preseason.

"She (Boylan) and Carey are battling for the starting spot," said Brown. "Having Denise and Carey on opposite sides of the net has made the scrimmages that much better."

The most unique thing that Boylan brings is her height at the setter slot.

"It's very rare to have someone who is 6-2 as your setter. It's great to have a setter that can block that well. We made some technique changes, and as she gets used to the system, she's going to get better and better."

The competition for the starting right-side hitter position, which was filled by Jenny Birkner for the past four years, is the most wide open. Sophomores Emily Schimmel and Mandi Powell, along with freshman Christi Girton, are looking to fill the starting slot.

"Christi has played on the left side, middle, and right side, so we could use her at any of those positions," Brown said. "Emily, Mandi, and Christi are having a pretty good battle for the right-side hitter spot."

Jo Jameson out of Alvin, Texas is working as a middle blocker, and her athleticism has impressed the coaching staff.

"Jo is real strong at the net, and she is very quick," Brown commented. "It's nice to have a middle with good lateral speed. She is a good all-around player, and she's going to add depth."

With left-side hitter Jaime Lee competing at the World University Games in Italy, until early September, the starting position for the first several matches is open.

Girton and fellow freshman Adrienne Shimmel, from Mission Viejo, Calif., will be battling for that slot until Lee's return. What Shimmel lacks in height she makes up for in her enthusiasm.

"Adrienne is 5-10, but she is really feisty, energetic and vocal," Brown remarked. "She brings another dimension. If she is not starting, she'll be a great person to bring off the bench."

The fifth addition to the Class of 2001 is walk-on Katie Ward, a 6-foot-1 middle blocker from Chicago.

"She is a very good athlete but she does not have great volleyball skills," Brown said. "It's great to have another middle block in the gym, and I think that in time she has the potential to be really good. I'm glad that she's here with us, I think that she'll help in the long run."

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Dan Storino. The three pure defenders of the bunch are Stephen Maio, Patrick Moss, and Andy Murray. Bob Miske can play either in the middle or up front, while Dustin Pridmore is experienced at the midfield and defensive positions.

"We’ve been pleasantly surprised by a number of players," said Berticelli of the freshmen. "As a group they have done very well. Steve Main has been doing exceptionally well.

Maio, a native of Ontario and a member of the Canadian Under-20 National Team, has a great deal of game experience which should benefit the Irish this season. Maio was also captain of his high school squad, Sacred Heart Catholic, for four years and was named the MVP following each of those seasons.

When asked if any of the freshmen were in the running for a starting job, Berticelli indicated that Maio would almost certainly find his way into the lineup before the season is over.

Some of the other rookies that have impressed the eighth-year Irish coach thus far include McKnight, Howard, Pridmore, and LaRose.

Berticelli has also been happy about the development of chemistry between the recruits and the veteran players. He acknowledged the benefit of having experienced players who have enjoyed success early in their college careers.

"It is certainly a plus for the freshmen to have guys around them who have succeeded in their first year," explained Berticelli. "Credit goes to the upperclassmen. They have been very accommodating and helpful."

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Freshmen embark on new era for Irish
By BETSY BAKER
Assistant Sports Editor

The time has come for the speculation and anticipation to end and for the questions surrounding the future of Notre Dame football to be answered.

When the 19 members of the Class of 2001 reported for duty on Aug. 11, they signed up to be the pioneers of a new era of Irish football. Of course, they will be led into the wilderness by the experience of such players as fifth-year quarterback Ron Powlus, fifth-year defensive lineman Melvin Dansby, and senior defensive back Allen Rossom, but this year's freshmen will be the first official class to make their way through the Irish ranks under the tutelage of head coach Bob Davie.

Naturally, the Class of 2001 will serve as a barometer for the success of the Davie era, and thus far, after two weeks of pre-season practice, they appear to be handling the pressure quite well.

Many of the freshmen have managed to impress both coaches and teammates in the first two weeks, but none more than Freshmen / page 12

Irish survive off-season overhaul
Notre Dame works to recover from graduation
By KATHLEEN LÓPEZ
Assistant Sports Editor

This year's freshman class has big shoes to fill. The women's soccer team is looking to fill some gaps in the lineup with the graduation of several seniors this past year, including the Hermann Trophy winner, National Soccer Coaches Player of the Year, two Academic All-Americans, and several on the All-Big East team.

The loss of Kate Fisher, Amy VanLaercke, Jen Redmond, and Cindy Daws leaves the Irish starting lineup with vacancies on all parts of the field.

The goalkeeping chores will be inherited by sophomore LaKeaysia Beene, but other positions will be up for grabs. There are 11 new freshmen trying to contend with the current seniors this past two seasons, the classes of 1999 and 2000 appear to form the next generation of team leaders.

Fortunately for head coach Mike Berticelli, this season's roster is stacked with talented and experienced underclassmen. In fact, due to the success of freshmen in the past two seasons, the classes of 1999 and 2000 appear to form the foundation of this year's squad. Seven starters are returning and the four remaining positions could be won by sophomores and juniors.

If the recent past is any sign of things to come, though, this year's recruits should be able to make an impact. Berticelli has proven that he will field the best possible team, regardless of seniority.

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Sports A A Glance

Freshmen look to continue last year's success
By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

There appears to be a youth movement underway in the Irish men's soccer program. With the graduation of captains Tony Capasso, and Peter Gansler, along with Brian Engesser and midfield regulars Konstantin Koloskov and Chris Mathis, Notre Dame finds itself searching for the next generation of team leaders.

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