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CLASS OF 2002
BUILDING INTO THE MILLENNIUM

454 new students exceed enrollment expectations
By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

Since the fall of 1996, the fourth and fifth floors of Regina North Hall have been dark, vacant and eerily quiet. But when 454 new students began their careers at Saint Mary's on Thursday, the floors' dorm rooms were revived as homes — a symbol of the school's boosted enrollment.

Extending its expected goal, the entering first-year students represent a 25 percent increase in freshmen enrollment and the largest class since 1990. Last year, the entering class numbered 334.

"We seemed to have really turned a corner here," said director of admissions, Mary Pat Nolan.

Of the incoming students, 409 are entering their first year of college. Similar to previous years, 45 are transfer students.

ND class of 2002 breaks records for scores, ranks
By SARAH J. HILTZ
Associate News Editor
With higher test scores, more scholarship dollars and a steadily increasing percentage of minority students, Notre Dame's class of 2002 is continuing the trend of freshman classes that never cease to impress.

The incoming class has a mean SAT score of 1325, up from last year's mean of 1313, and a mean ACT of 30, up from 29. In addition, 65 percent of Notre Dame freshmen were in the top five percent of their graduating high school classes, up 4 percent from last year. All of these figures break records set by last year's freshman.

One reason for the improving academic standards is a 37 percent increase in scholarship dollars for this year's class, according to assistant

Summer construction gives new face to campus
By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
Assistant News Editor

After approximately 36,000 man-hours performed by 800 workers, the face of Notre Dame changed again this summer as construction crews finished or moved forward on several campus construction projects.

This summer's progress was typical in both the dollar amounts and time invested, and extended to nearly every corner of the campus, according to Mike Smith, director of Facilities Engineering.

Eck Center
The nearly finished Eck Center will house a new bookstore, Alumni Association offices and a visitors' center. Scheduled for completion early this fall, the Alumni Association and visitors' center should move into the center over Christmas break, according to Smith, who anticipates the new bookstore's grand opening for February's Junior Parents' Weekend. The $10 million project was funded by a donation from Frank Eck, a 1944 alumnus of the University.

Academic Additions
The $5 million Hank Family Center for Environmental Sciences, an addition to the Galvin Life Science Center, has increased the size of that facility by 30,000 square feet, according to Smith.

The new areas include research labs and offices for faculty and graduate students, said Jack Dunman, chair of the department of Biological Sciences. Other areas include two conference rooms, aquatic labs and storage areas for aquatic organisms, a solarium and greenhouses on the roof, according to Dunman.

"This allows for an expansion, mostly for ecological research," Dunman said. "Space in the
Welcome, freshmen, to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. You're in South Bend; welcome in page two of The Observer; welcome to probably four years of studying, miserable academics and high expectations.

And welcome to the land of welcomes. The infamous W-word has already been dished out upon you by freshman orientation committees, hall staff and now The Observer. In my old age, I've developed a keen perspective on what it means to be a fledgling frosh, and I've probably been inflicted upon you by freshman orientation committees. While 23 percent of you have parents surely find readily available in many locations. While 23 percent of you have parents who graduated from Notre Dame and you probably know your way around, the fact remains that there's more to campus than knowing where to find The Huddle and cool ND merchandise — they won't help you find your classroom or local events that affect you. Conversely, local community events that affect campus life and 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 Observer 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 professional as possible. Freshmen are strongly recommended to apply. We are always glad to have people with prior experience, but we readily accept applications from students who are looking to try something new. The Observer is located at 242 South Dining Hall, on the lower level.

Looking for a few good freshman

Any students interested in writing or editing for The Observer news department have an opportunity to visit the office and meet the staff during our open house on Mon. Aug. 25, from 3–5 p.m. Staff members of the newspaper will be on hand to answer any questions about how The Observer functions. Individuals who are interested but cannot attend can contact the news editor, Michelle Krupa, at 631-5323.

Right now, the news department is looking for an unlimited number of reporters and also has four paid positions available at the wire service or international prominence. This type of decision is made by the news editor. However, we are always willing to discuss department coverage of an event, provided a group representative contacts the news editor at least one week in advance.
The board’s main responsibility is to provide a forum for discussion on issues and policies of concern to Saint Mary’s students and its community. Members are responsible for making formal recommendations on behalf of the students about policies, procedures or amendments. They also support or deny official status to any student group, club or organization.

The board oversees class governments, clubs and organizations and is led by the student president. The president for 1998-99 is senior Sarah Siefert. With student body vice president Nancy Midden, Siefert plans to create awareness of campus technology updates. “We want students to take advantage of the technology,” Siefert said.

SAAC, also sanctioned by BOG, provides intellectual programming, serves as a liaison between faculty and students and upholds the academic standards of the College. The members also are responsible for making formal recommendations regarding academic departments, curricula and standards. Midden will serve as the 1998-99 chair of SAAC.

Midden’s plans include developing and further establishing Saint Mary’s Pride Day, now in its second year. Recognizing students for academic achievement in each major is another SAAC goal. By highlighting students’ classroom successes, Middlen hopes to expose the students behind Saint Mary’s strong academic reputation.

“We are hoping to celebrate why we are number one in U.S. News and World Report,” Midden said.

Along with this year’s secretary, Siefert, and treasurer, Middlen, SAAC also plans to work toward establishing a “Major of the Week” program, publicizing a different major each week.

HRA, sanctioned by BOG, addresses issues and polices for programming for students living on campus. The members oversee budget allocations of resident hall government and art as liaisons for student councils with BOG.

This year, junior Gina Guerrero will serve as HRA president with the assistance of vice president Mary Ellen Blumreich. Guerrero served as McCandless Residence Hall president last year.

Guerrero’s primary goal this year is to promote awareness of its organization and increase involvement in hall activities. Members’ plans include inter-hall festivals, forums for open discussion and the annual all-hall campus formal, including a pre- and post-party, and a big sister program. Association is also developing a Web page and a newsletter.

RHA committees, such as social, spiritual, multicultural and community awareness committees, still have open positions. Hall councils also need to be formed in Regina and McCandless Halls, a priority of RHA, according to Guerrero.

“Freshman involvement would be great,” Guerrero said. “When I talked with freshmen before, there was a great need for it. We can really learn a lot from them.”

Entertainment, movies and munchies, public relations, social and traditional events. Besides bringing recent movies to campus this year, the SAO plans a Third Wish and comedy troupe, "Eight Degrees Below Normal."

“We want to provide the opportunity for students to have fun on campus in a variety of ways,” Horvath said. "We want to bring "Third Wish" in again.

Horvath noted that positions on the work committee are still open to students, including
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greenhouse and wet labs was limited and in pretty poor shape. We needed new greenhouse research space.

The new area also boast more storage space and a room in which ecologists can process scientific samples. The space that previously contained the ecology offices and laboratories will be used to expand other departments, Duman said.

The project was a gift from Bernard "Jerry" Hank, Jr., an alumnus and trustee, and his wife Joyce McMahon Hank.

Residence Halls

The complete renovation of Morrissy Hall was yet another of the campus improvements completed during the summer months. The building was completely gutted and rebuilt, said hall rector Father William Seetch.

"All interior walls were knocked out and new ones were built," he said. "[We have] new lights, plumbing, sinks, bathroom, furniture, stair and carpet.

The sidewalks between Lyons, Morrissy and Howard Halls were also landscaped, according to Seetch. "It's a very pretty place ... it looks very nice," he said.

Office Space

The renovation of the Administration Building is one project still in the works after summer progress, Smith explained. "The fifth floor is the most complete — it's painted and has wood trim, but there's no carpet or antique fixtures yet," Smith explained. "The building is less complete as you go down the floors."

The estimated date for completion is July 1, 1999, Smith said. Construction to convert Flanner Hall from a residence area to office space was completed this summer, according to Smith. The building now contains several University offices, including Career and Placement Services, the Erasmus Institute and University Press. A complete listing of the moves to Planner Hall from a residence area to office space was completed as you go down "the floors."

Dining

Other additions to campus include a Burger King franchise and an Ely's ice cream parlor in the LaFortune Student Center. These new restaurants will accept points from the Flex 14 meal plan.

Recreation

Throughout the summer construction proceeded on the new, 18-hole William K. and Natalie O. Warren Golf Course. The project was funded by the William K. Warren Foundation of Tulsa, whose chairman is the 1956 alumnus and son of the couple for whom the course is named, according to a recent press release.

The course, designed by Coore & Crenshaw, Inc., is scheduled to open in the spring of 1999. Construction costs were approximately $7 million, according to the release.

But the completion of these projects does not signal the end of campus construction. Smith said future undertakings will include the construction of a performing arts center at the south end of DeBartolo Hall and the renovation of the Hayes Healy, Hurley and Crowley buildings, as well as Washington Hall.

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ResNet, cable among technical improvements

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Saint Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary's College is now wired.

The College completed the installation of a residential network (ResNet), a multi-million dollar project that will allow students living in residence halls to connect to the Internet and send and receive e-mail without a modem connection, according to Joel Cooper, the College's director of Information Technology.

"Last year, if you had a computer you had to have a modem if you wanted to send or read e-mail in your room," Cooper said. "You couldn't use programs like Netscape either. With ResNet, it is exactly like if you were using a computer in one of the labs."

Each dorm room will have one "port per pillow," Cooper said. For example, if a student lives in a triple room, there will three connections to the network. The updated technology also means that when using ResNet and connecting to the Internet, students will not tie up their phone lines or encounter busy signals. Installation fairs will be held in residence halls beginning Sept. 14 to educate residents about using and connecting to ResNet.

"Students first need to have a networkable computer," Cooper said. "Then all we will have to do is install the software to allow them to connect to the network."

Some computers may require an Ethernet card, an internal communication adapter that allows a computer to connect to a high-speed network. Information Technology staff at the installation fairs will help students determine if they need the Ethernet card for their computers. If they do, local contractors will be on-hand to sell and install the card.

"For students who don't have a computer, we still have over 100 computers throughout the campus," Cooper said. The updated technology may also change classroom teaching techniques, according to Cooper.

"ResNet will improve classroom activities," Cooper said. "The faculty now have access to the Internet and e-mail and may require students to use e-mail and the Internet more than in the past. Professors may start putting course work on the Web. The networking changes the whole equation."

In addition to a networked campus, students will have cable television access in each dorm room. To have the cable TV activated, students need to sign up at the front desk of their residence halls.

"Before we had cable access, there were students who couldn't get a basic TV station because they were on the wrong side of the cement wall," Cooper said. Even the cable access has educational benefits, Cooper said.

"It will be nice to have students able to access Scvla or other foreign language channels," he said. "Maybe one day, Saint Mary's will have their own television station. That's where I would like to see us go."
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is a "highly talented, motivated freshman class so diverse that we can learn from each other." He said that the extra scholarship dollars will result in more socioeconomic diversity, while a modest increase in ethnic minorities and international students will help increase the overall diversity of the student body.

Also, 56 percent of entering Notre Dame undergraduates are studying more than 500 miles from home—compared with a national average of 10 percent—and freshmen are coming to Notre Dame from all 50 states.

Other facts about the class of 2002:
• Eighty-three percent of the new students are Roman Catholic.
• The male-to-female ratio is 54 percent male to 46 percent women; the same as last year's freshman class.
• Twenty-three percent are the children of Notre Dame alumni, up one percent from last year.

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The class of 2002 represents more than 20 percent of the incoming students are alumnae-related, but they bring so many different experiences.

"These dollars will help us achieve the goal of meeting the needs of every admitted student," he said.

Of more than 8,500 applicants, Notre Dame accepted 3,586. As of Wednesday, 1,946 freshman agreed to attend, but a handful usually change their minds before move-in day, and final tallies will not be complete until enrollment.

One of the admissions department's aspirations in recent years has been "to improve on diversity in the broadest sense," said Saracino. The ultimate goal

...students and parents bear the financial and muscular burden of buying books at the Saint Mary's bookstore.

This number, up one percent from last year, indicates the impact of the Alumna Endorsed Application process which began two years ago. Through this process, an alumnae seeks out and sponsors a potential applicant.

The class also follows the strong academic tradition of the College. Just more than 44 percent of the incoming students were recognized by Saint Mary's as merit scholars.

The average grade point average was 3.54 on a 4.0 scale, and the average ACT score was 25.

...Choosing Saint Mary's is also proving to be a growing tradition within families.

Nolan said the women reflect "the highest endorsement of the Saint Mary's experience," which is supported by the fact that more than 20 percent of the new students are alumnae-related.

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New SDH serves up Reckers, more food options

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
Assistant News Editor

Bed plates, better selection of food, and a Starbucks fragranceto wash down dinner. Those things had nothing in common with South Dining Hall last year. But after a sweeping renovation of the building, Notre Dame students have more mealtime options—this time, without Styrofoam plates, plastic cutlery and food imported from the North Dining Hall.

One dramatic change is with the original food service area, renamed the South Dining Hall. Food Market to reflect the arrangement of the dining hall facility. Prentkowski said the designers tried to recreate the look of a farmer’s market, modeling it after the Marchet restaurant in Toronto and Food Life restaurant in Chicago. Those two models integrated variety and customization, which Prentkowski said were among the priorities in revamping the dining hall.

In the new format, diners will be privy to much of the preparation of their food, which will be done in the main service area. That area is divided into twelve sections according to type of food.

The structure is similar in theory to the eatery format of North Dining Hall, but all the sections are consolidated into one area in South. Prentkowski also took care in naming and decorating the sections to avoid sacrificing the significance of their food, which will be available to all students until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Regular hours will be maintained at North Dining Hall seven days a week and on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at South.

Grotto Sories:
From the Heart of Notre Dame

This season, the Department of Film, Television and Theatre will present a mainstage season consisting of four plays as well as many other acting and directing projects. Mainstage productions this season will be: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof Getting Wrecks The Angels’ Share performed by Theater Grottesco The School for Scandal

In addition, FTT will host a residency by theater Grottesco, sponsored by the Henkels Visiting Lecture Series. 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 26, Thursday August 27, at 7:00 p.m. If you cannot attend the reception, but wish to be involved or have questions about the program, please call Tom Barnes at (219) 631-5956.

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"Busy summer' leads to SMC improvements

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

Freshmen and transfer students may not know it, but driving up the Main Avenue or halting in Le Mans Hall will be quite a different experience this fall.

Completion of a five-year, 47-bathroom renovation project and the four-week-long repaving of the tree-lined path were just two of the improvements made to the campus during summer break.

"It was a busy summer," said John Marshall, superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

Following the smooth, black-topped road onto campus leads to more changes, including the newly repaved Le Mans parking lot. The lot has been equipped with gates and a Detex system.

Twenty-two parking spaces have been eliminated from the lot to make room for the gates and stone islands, leaving the total number of spaces at 230.

While the final utilization plans are not complete, the new system is designed to ensure public parking space during special events on campus, according to Security director Richard Chlebek.

During such events, the gates on the parking lot's northern entrance will be lowered after 5 p.m., and gates for patron parking will be raised one hour prior to the event. Once the event begins and its patrons are parked, other motorists will be admitted for parking.

"It's not going to be too much different other than appearance," Chlebek said. "The use of the lot will remain the same."

The Detex system on the gates will allow entrance for faculty, staff and students with special needs. A committee will be formed shortly to discuss restricted parking hours and the details of the gates' usage and will compile an addendum to be distributed to the college community explaining the new regulations.

In other projects, the business wing in Le Mans has been remodeled. Two new offices for residence hall staff have been created near the west entrance of the building.

Buildings and Grounds also rebuilt the heating and ventilation system in Regina Hall and added a fire alarm system in Havican Hall.

Elevators and windows were refurbished in Moreau Center for the Arts and Holy Cross Hall, and new ceilings and lights in were added in Moreau and Havican.

Other projects in Moreau will not be finished for a few more weeks, Marshall said.

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I. All members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community may submit letters to the editor, columns, quotes or cartoons to the Viewpoint department. 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 community.

II. Letters to the Editor may not exceed 250 words. The Viewpoint editor may shorten any letter regardless of length or deem it worthy of print in its entirety as a commentary, though the length of the commentary may not exceed 550 words.

III. The Viewpoint department reserves the right to edit all comments submitted. The Observer has no obligation to print those commentaries which are submitted.

Commentaries will not be printed if they are libelous or unintelligible or irrelevant as applied to local, national or world interest on a particular issue, its exclusion of existing issues on the Viewpoint pages, or its role in fostering spirited and intelligent discussion.

A disclaimer will appear with any letter deemed highly graphic, profane or discriminatory, yet nonetheless relevant. The disclaimer will appear at the beginning of the letter and will alert readers to the serious nature of the piece in question.

IV. All commentaries submitted to The Observer must bear the signature of the author.

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

VI. Only those individuals authorized to speak as representatives for a group will be allowed to use the organization's name. In such cases, the primary author of the commentary is the individual(s), and the commentary is, in effect, only being co-signed by the organization.

VII. No commentaries of any kind will be printed in the Viewpoint section concerning any candidate for student government or hall office once the official campaign period has begun for that office. This ban on commentaries continues until the election for this position has been completed. The Observer reserves the right to comment on any candidate or issue it wishes throughout the campaign period.

At any time the editor-in-chief and the Viewpoint editor may suspend this article.

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The procedures outlined in this policy apply only to the Viewpoint department of The Observer.

XV. This policy is available to the public during normal business hours and must be prominently displayed in the Viewpoint department of The Observer.
Some insider advice to freshmen

SENIORS TURN BACK THE CLOCK

I can still remember everything almost perfectly. My dad carried boxes to the second floor of Cushin Hall, weeping and cursing the entire time while Mom tried to organize my room, make my bed and make friends with my roommates’ parents. I stood in the middle of the chaos, a little excited to meet new people. A little scared to be a freshman in college and a lot uncertain about everything else.

Perhaps, then, being uncertain myself, I am not the best person to give advice to incoming freshmen. Certainly, I could say the same things that most anyone will tell you about Notre Dame. That it’s an incredible place filled with incredible people. That you’re standing on the edge of the next four years of your life and all of the uncertainties you’ll face. That life will never be the same after you leave Notre Dame. That you’re standing on the edge of the best four years of your life and all of the upperclassmen would trade places with you if it didn’t mean selling their souls to the devil or failing a good number of our classes.

I could also come up with some hard-earned words of wisdom from my own experiences here. I could tell you to take a semester or a year and study abroad, to change your major, change your roommates and get involved in as many different activities as you can handle.

But, in the end, I know you will each learn these things — and other important things — as you go along. So I ask only to remember that things work themselves out. No matter how carefully you plan things, you will deviate from your plan and you will make mistakes, but somehow, you will each end up on the path that is right for you. There will be good times and bad times, but they’ll all blend together into a wonderful adventure in which you’ll learn a lot about yourself, a little about others and make a million good memories.

As Fyodor Dostoevsky wrote in The Brothers Karamazov, “there is nothing more lofty, nor more healthy nor more useful later on in life than some good memory.” If you live each day here to the fullest and recognize all of the possibilities that surround you and await you, you will have four years of better memories than you can ever begin to imagine now.

I wish you each happiness, friendship, adventure and a little bit of luck. It’s going to be a memorable ride.

Freshman year. Graffiti Dance and dorm parties. New friendships and new roommates. Struggling to find your place at Notre Dame. Ruminating over a campus filled with anxiety and apprehension about what lies ahead. Many are overwhelmed with life away from home and others can’t wait to leave their mark on the world.

I, too, was a freshman three years ago, which now seems like only yesterday. And although I was unprepared to be old and wise, here are a few things that I had to find out on my own:

• That it is never too late to get involved, with Notre Dame’s numerous clubs, intramural athletic opportunities, leadership positions and student publications, there’s never an excuse to say, “I’m bored.”

• That late nights up with friends talking are better than late nights out at the bars. • That Papa John’s is more than just better pizza.

• That I would wear pajamas to mass.

• That tailgating begins before the sun comes up.

Some of the things that I had to learn on my own make friends with your professors and to buy a really, really warm winter coat (and hat and gloves and boots). And I could remind you not to be afraid to change your major, change your roommates and get involved in as many different activities as you can handle.

What I wish I would have known

That wearing tattoos on your face during a sunny football game can leave an interesting sunburn.

That freshmen put inflatable pools in their room, seniors go swimming.

That it’s easier to be oneself than it is to try too hard to improve oneself.

That The Observer is not just a job, it’s a lifestyle.

Looking back at life at Saint Mary’s

Dear Saint Mary’s women,

As you begin your journey as a college student, my one piece of advice is for you to stop.

As you unpack your parents’ mountain of things, make sure enough suitcases for all of your things, suitcases for shoes and suitcases for clothes.

Look at it as an opportunity to share your experiences as a Saint Mary’s woman. Enrich them with stories about Saint Mary’s outstanding professors, national acclaim, the rigorous academics and rewarding student organizations. Remember, also, the art of passing to reflect during the rest of your years here.

Chances are you will be wound into a dizzying spiral by your first year. Your first year will be a strange and unique experience, but that change will likely be worth it.

Statistics will show that you have made a wise decision by choosing Saint Mary’s College, but no chart or graph can weigh or explain how much you will actually benefit.

You are entering an environment where you will feel nurtured, yet challenged. Accomplished, but motivated to achieve. Leading others, but awed by the leaders around you.

As you take this opportunity to reflect, remember that it is also your responsibility to remind others of what you saw when you took the time to really observe Saint Mary’s.

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ORIENTATION WEEKEND '98

TOBACCO POLICY
In accordance with an administrative directive issued three 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, 24 emergency call boxes are spread across campus. To contact the Security Building (directly below on map) from any campus phone, dial 1-5555. For an emergency dial 911. From 8:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. the SafeWalk program provides a free campus escort service; call 634-BLUE.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS
Welcome and congratulations on choosing Notre Dame! Production could be entirely comprehensive, this guide will answer questions, highlight some things you may want to know, and help you get the most out of your bearings on this rather large campus. Good luck!

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 above on map). The schools offer an exchange program by which students from both institutions may take advantage of the opportunity to study on the neighboring institution's campus. Also, the schools co-sponsor the crew, downhill skiing, golf, gymnastics, and sailing programs.

LAUNDRY SERVICE
Formerly available only to males and at the campus laundry service is now available to all students for a fee. A contract for $95 services can be purchased for $85.00, without the contract, transactions are charged to your student account. Clubs may be marked with an identification. Bundled laundry is collected at your dormitory and available to you for pick up at the Laundry Office (directly below on map); the schedule is posted in your dorm. Other services include dry cleaning, tailoring/alterations, and pressing.

COMPUTER-USER CLUSTERS
To help complete homework, Notre Dame features over 500 computers distributed among several locations. These clusters, which support Macintosh and PC platforms, are networked to several laser printers at each location which output work at no charge. Clusters can be found in the following buildings: Computer/Math, DeBartolo, Fitzpatrick, Hayes-Healy, Hesburgh Library, LaFor­tune, Nieuwland Science, O'Shaugh­nessy, and the Business Complex.

STUDENT REGISTER
For those of you who are unfamiliar with the above term (upperclassmen included), it is the official name for what is more routinely known on campus as the Dogbook. This thin, bound black-and-white volume contains the photograph and brief biographical information of each entering freshman. This slot will be postmarked "South Bend, IN." Be fore­warned: the usual long lines often prevent being helped at the counter in the 15 minutes between back-to-back classes.

STUDENT SERVICES
FUNCTION will be the most important aspect of your social life. On-campus opportunities for your extracurricular activities include research, student government, and major national and international conferences. Approximately 50 clubs and organizations are on campus, and new organizations are constantly being formed. The Student Center, located in the LaFortune Student Center, is the center of student activities. In the Student Center are available fitness facilities, an interna­tional student lounge, a bookstore, an information desk, the Notre Dame Bookstore, and the Espresso Kitchen. The Student Center is also the home of the Student Union, which sponsors a variety of events, including dances, concerts, and other social activities.

LAUNDRY SERVICES
Laundry services can be obtained at the Laundry Office (below on map) or the Laundry Center (directly above on map). Both locations provide a wide variety of services, including washing, drying, and ironing. The Laundry Office also offers laundry pickup and delivery services. Hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday. Prices vary depending on the service requested.

POST OFFICE
Notre Dame has its own campus Post Office (directly above on map) which features a special mail slot for letters to be postmarked "Notre Dame, IN." Mail not dropped in this slot will be postmarked "South Bend, IN." Be forewarned: the usual long lines often prevent being helped at the counter in the 15 minutes between back-to-back classes.

PARETALS RULES
As a feature of its in loco parentis pol­icy, Notre Dame enforces restrictions upon the dormitory hours of guests of the opposite sex between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. On Fridays and Saturdays, guests are permitted to spend the night. On Sundays, guests may spend the night, but must check with a resident advisor or the security office before entering. All guests of students must sign in at the security office and have a guest pass to enter the dormitory.
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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
Providing direct service to the U.P. Mall in Mishawaka and transfer service to most areas of South Bend, the city bus stops outside the Library (below on map) every half hour Monday-Friday from 7:01 a.m. until 6:31 p.m. and then at 7:40, 8:30 and 9:20 p.m., and stops hourly on Saturday from 7:31 a.m. to 5:31 p.m. Service in this area, Route 7, is not provided on home football Saturdays. The fare is 75c.

DINING HALLS
Students who live in residence halls have a choice between the basic 21-meal plan and the new Flex-14 plan, which allows students to eat 14 meals per week in the dining hall and get 20,000 points for use in the same hour of operation. Excluding finals and vacation weeks, they are: Breakfast...7:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Continental...7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Lunch...........10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Dinner...........5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

FOOTBALL TICKETS
All students are guaranteed the opportunity to purchase one season ticket apiece. The procedure is as follows: application cards will be in student mailslots the week before tickets go on sale. Bring this card with your student ID and cash or check for $90.00 to the Joyce Athletic & Convocation Center. Be prepared to wait in a lengthy line; many students camp out overnight. Any person may submit up to four applications provided he or she also furnishes a matching student ID and payment for each of the applications. For freshmen, season tickets will be available on Sept. 3 from 2:00-7:00.

IDENTIFICATION CARD
Your Student ID is your ticket to the privileges and immunities granted to "Domers". Carry it with you at all times. Among the many instances it is required:
- Student mailslots the week before tickets go on sale.
- The university will enter a private residence room for the purpose of enforcing Indiana laws if drinking in such a room becomes public in any way.
- Public is defined as that which extends beyond the privacy of the room.
- No alcoholic beverages may be carried in open containers in the corridors or any other public area of the residence halls such as lounges or lobbies.

ALCOHOL POLICY
According to law, student life policies and procedures, "students are responsible for compliance with Indiana Criminal Law regarding alcohol consumption. The University will enter a private residence room for the purpose of enforcing Indiana laws if drinking in such a room becomes public in any way." Public is defined as that which extends beyond the privacy of the room. If it clarifies, "No alcoholic beverages may be carried in open containers in the corridors or any other public area of the residence halls such as lounges or lobbies."

TIME ZONE
Twice annually, when America adjusts its clocks for Daylight Savings, Arizona, Hawaii, and regions of Indiana do not follow. Notre Dame is located in such a region. South Bend keeps its clocks set to Eastern Standard Time year-round. Therefore, from spring through fall it is the same hour of the day here as in Chicago, whereas from fall through spring it is the same hour of the day here as in Detroit.
How To Make Your Dorm Room Home

Leave all of your carpet worries behind

Buying and laying down your carpet is one of the first things you do — even before you unpack. The less stuff you have unpacked in your room, the easier it will be to put carpet in your room.

1. Decide whether you want your carpet to go from wall to wall, cutting around air-conditioning units and sinks or centered in the middle of your room.

2. Measure the area where you want carpet. It is worth to measure carefully since cutting the carpet as you lay it is a big pain.

3. Shop around. You don’t have to buy carpet at the first store you see. There are a number of places around campus that offer carpet remnants for a good price. Look for the best price for your carpet.

4. Decide what color carpet you want. A light colored carpet doesn’t show as much lint and dust as a dark colored carpet, but spills can be hazardous and leave permanent stains on a light colored carpet.

5. Bargain with the person selling the carpet. Some, but not all, of the carpet stores are willing to make deals for students, especially if you’re buying carpet for more than one room. Don’t be afraid to ask for a lower price.

6. Drive back to campus with the carpet sticking out of your parents’ car. Some places will deliver the carpet for a small fee.

7. Remove as much furniture and stuff from your dorm room as possible to make laying the carpet easier.

8. Beg your parents to roll out the carpet in your room.

WHERE TO GO TO GET YOUR CARPET

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2907 SOUTH 11TH STREET (NILES)
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5505 GRAPE ROAD (MISHAWAKA)
**LOWE’S**
4066 GRAPE ROAD (MISH)

Loft building made easy

For those freshmen whose dorm rooms do not include modular furniture with a University-issued loft, building a loft helps create more space in a cramped dorm room, but be prepared for an all-day project. Lofts come in all shapes and sizes — some are suspended from the ceiling, others are similar to a bed frame and still others are connected in a L-shape.

1. Some upperclassmen may actually post signs selling previously-used lofts — if you find one of these, BUY IT! A previously-used loft will usually be easier to assemble.

2. If you must start from scratch, consider purchasing a loft-building kit. They coast about $100 and include all of the necessary pre-cut lumber.

3. If you prefer to purchase your own lumber, you will need (in addition to a very-mechanically inclined mind) 4 x 6’s for the legs of the loft, 2 x 6’s and 2 x 2’s for the bed-frame structure to rest on and 2 x 4 side frames and other wood for the ladder.

4. Gather up the necessary tools — a drill and drill bits, screws, bolts, a ratchet set, a hammer, wood screws and nails.

5. Start by screwing the 2 x 2’s into the side plank 2 x 6’s to form the platform for the bed frame.

6. Screw the 2 x 6 side planks into the 4 x 4 legs, leaving sufficient space between the ceiling and the mattress. (Most lofts are at least three feet from the ceiling). Repeat for both sides of the bed.

7. Take the end rails and screw them into the side rails to pull the structure together. Make sure that the distance between the two sides of the bed allow for the placement of the bed frame.

8. Don’t forget to reinforce each corner with 18-24 inch reinforcement boards.

9. Construct a ladder.

10. Decorate with stencils, paint and your creativity.

11. Take a nap.

Dorm Room Essentials

Refrigerator — A must for any college student. Good for keeping soft drinks, milk, juices and late-night study munchies cold. Refrigerators come in many different shapes and sizes, and can be found at Best Buy, Meijer and Lowe’s.

Yaffa Blocks and Crates — good for storing and stacking all of your things, especially in cramped closets. These storing essentials can be found at Target, Wal-Mart, Meijer and Pier 1 Imports.

Couches/chairs — help to make your dorm room feel like home. A good place to buy them is at Goodwill.

Coffee tables — in a larger quad or triple with lofted beds, coffee tables go along with your couch to make your social space more fun.

Futons — a good alternative to a normal couch because it takes up less space, sometimes costs less money and doubles as a bed. For a good deal, try the Futon Factory.

Posters — a great poster sale takes place in LaFortune Student Center during the first few weeks of school. UP Mall and the Notre Dame bookstore are also good places to look.

Bookshelves — if your dorm room doesn’t include any kind of shelves, your cheap bookshelf from somewhere like Meijer will help keep your books and notebooks organized.

Photos/Collages — nothing makes a dorm room more comfortable than fun pictures of your friends from home and your new friends and roommates here at ND.

Glow-in-the-dark-stars — paste them on your wall and ceiling and you’ll have a whole new galaxy to explore at night.

Message Board — when the school year keeps both you and your roommates insanely busy, a wipe-off message board will allow you to leave notes and relay phone messages to each other.

Bulletin Board — a good way to keep all your important information in one place.

Plants/Flowers — a great way to brighten up a dark room, just don’t forget to water them.

Lamps — desk lamps, bed lamps and floor lamps come in all sorts of styles, but remember, halogen lamps are a no, no.

Notre Dame flags — hang them out your window or on your walls. These can be found at the Bookstore or JC Penney’s.

Wind chimes/Wind socks — you can hang them inside your window and attract the attention of passer-by’s.

Neon signs — a more expensive purchase for window decoration.
Football

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over the heat of being the new kids, this season Davie ended the Irish tradition of putting a blank stripe on the freshman's helmets. In the past, freshmen had to "earn" the right to have the stripe removed.

"One thing we've talked about is being closer as a football team, operating as a family," Davie said. "Those kids are part of this football team, part of the family. I think it's better off to start them off with the gold helmet because that's what they came here to wear."

Davie is continuing the tradition of the Big Brother program where a veteran of the Irish football squad pairs up with a freshman who has something in common with him. "We try to do whatever we can to make it a little bit easier," Davie said. "I don't know that it's such a much program as much as it is all our kids trying to help each other because they've all been through it before."

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Four teammates named finalists for Hermann trophy

Beene, Grubb, Streiffer and Makinen in pursuit of prestigious award

Special to The Observer

Four Notre Dame women’s soccer players have been named finalists for the 1998 Hermann Trophy, which honors the outstanding male and female collegiate soccer players. The four Irish finalists are junior goalkeeper LaKeysia Beene, junior defender Jen Grubb, junior forward Jenny Streiffer and sophomore midfielder Anne Makinen, a finalist for the award in 1997 as a freshman.

Beene, Grubb, Streiffer and Makinen are looking to become Notre Dame’s second recipient of the Hermann Trophy, joining 1996 winner Cindy Daws. Notre Dame’s four finalists are the most of any school and is matched by only North Carolina, which also has four of the 15 finalists.

A selection board comprised of coaches, media and U.S. national team directors participated in choosing the finalists, who will now be listed on official ballots that will go out to a broader-based group of coaches and media on Oct. 15. A write-in allowance also will be included on final ballots, which will be due Nov. 30. The winners of the 1998 Hermann Trophy will be announced Saturday, Dec. 12, in a ceremony at the Richmond Centre, in conjunction with the NCAA men’s soccer championship.

Junior Jenny Streiffer looks to follow in the footsteps of former Irish player Cindy Daws by winning the Hermann trophy.

Happy Fourth of July Daddy!
"Day is done" led to one killer gas pedal

Thank you.
Love Always
Lil’ Moo-Ha
Sobrero joins team as volunteer assistant

Kate Sobrero, former Notre Dame women's soccer All-American and current U.S. women's soccer national team member, will be a volunteer assistant women's soccer coach, said University of Notre Dame women's soccer head coach Chris Petrucelli.

Sobrero joins sixth-year assistant coach Carla Chin-Baker and second-year assistant coach Sue-May Chin as a member of Petrucelli's staff. She will work closely with the defenders in addition to helping with the day-to-day coaching and administrative duties of the women's soccer program.

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The Bloomfield Hills, Mich., native starred for Notre Dame from 1994-97 and was the NCAA tournament defensive MVP as the Irish won the 1995 NCAA championship. From 1995-97, Sobrero was named All-America three times by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and was voted Big East Conference defensive player of the year as a senior in 1997. Notre Dame played in three NCAA championship games, four NCAA semifinals, won four conference titles and compiled a 91-6-4 record during her four years. Sobrero graduated from the College of Science in May of 1998 with a science-business degree.

Sobrero was invited to the U.S. national team camp in April prior to two games against Argentina and was selected for the roster. Since then, she has played in eight games for the U.S. national team over the summer and has started four games. Sobrero started both games to help the U.S. win the Goodwill Games title.

The Irish are coming off a 23-1-1 season in which they advanced to their fourth straight NCAA championship semifinal appearance and won their third straight Big East title. With nine starters returning from the 1997 team, Notre Dame opens its season Sept. 1, at Michigan State.

Petrucelli said: "They're behind tactically, because everyone else has done this before, but not physically or in any other aspect. "But most importantly for them personally, they're fitting in very well with the team."

The four freshmen get their first taste of college soccer as the Irish begin their quest for a national championship with an exhibition game against Ohio State on Thursday at Alumni Field.
New Year
New Look
New Location

Come to our office on Monday from 3-5 p.m. to meet the editors and find out what reporting, editing and design positions are open for the 1998-1999 school year.

If you have questions or can’t make the Open House, stop by or call us anytime!

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Belles hope incoming class can fill vacant positions

By M. Shannon Ryan
Saint Mary's Editor

The bench is often a lonely seat reserved for freshmen.
The nine freshmen on Saint Mary's soccer team, however, will not have time to slump on the sidelines. With the departure of four seniors, including single-season scoring record-holder Eileen Newell, head coach Robert Sharp will have freshmen assigned to the field.

"We're looking to use the freshmen as starters or key contributors," Sharp said. "We look to use them all in games this year. We just have to get them used to the college level of play."

Sharp not only brought in the numbers but rounded up the talent in hopes of turning around last season's 7-13 record.

Most come from high schools with solid programs and many led their teams to sectional playoffs.

First year players who are projected by Sharp to have significant impact on the team are Melissa Wychocki, Adrian Kirby and Erica Ziegler.

All three received high school conference honors and are academic scholarship recipients at Saint Mary's.

Wychocki could easily develop into one of the strongest players for the Belles. She was named all-area midfielder and helped lead Lake Central High School in the Mid-Indiana Final Four.

"I'm pretty quick—I can move with the ball pretty well," King said.

Sharp will use two-a-day practices and conditioning drills to prep the young talent for their first year.

The freshmen's first chance to see how they measure up in college play will take place Sept. 2 at home against Illinois Wesleyan.
MEN'S SWIMMING

Szilier named to Team USA

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Notre Dame sophomore Dan Szilier has been selected as a member of Team USA for the 1999 World University Games in the 200-meter breaststroke. The Norristown, Pa., native and former Methacton High School standout finished seventh at the Phillips 66 National Championships to qualify for the national team. He will travel with Team USA to Mallorca, Spain, for the Games on July 8-13, 1999.

Szilier placed seventh at the National Championships on Aug. 12, in Clovis, Calif. He swam 2:17.13 in the trials and 2:17.43 in the finals. He is coming off a freshman year at Notre Dame in which he helped the Irish placed fourth at the BIG EAST championship, their highest finish ever, and win the Notre Dame Invitational. He will become the first men's swimmer from Notre Dame to qualify for a U.S. national team in the 40-year history of the program. Szilier will follow in the footsteps of another Notre Dame swimmer in the World University Games. Erin Brooks capped off her Notre Dame career with a bronze medal in the 200-meter backstroke at the 1997 Games in Sicily.
Brown in search of formula for success

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For women's volleyball head coach Debbie Brown, it's time to rebuild her team. Again.

Two years ago, Notre Dame graduated one of the strongest classes in the school's volleyball history—a team that boasted a 25-9 record and a trip to the Sweet 16. Now, what may hurt the Irish the most is the loss of last year's seniors Jamie Lee and Angie Harris, who were considered by many experts to be one of the top classroom combinations in NCAA history.

"I think it's a situation where you can't just replace a senior class like that," Brown remarked. "There's no magic equation you can use to plug in the gaps."

Still, the Irish amassed one of the strongest incoming classes in recent memory, with five players strong enough in their positions to pose a threat to the returning starters. At the same time, each has enough versatility to step into other positions as needed.

The class is led by Marcie Kreher, the most heralded and honored of the newcomers. The 6-foot-1 middle blocker, who hails from Waukesha, Wis., was named to the Volleyball Magazine honorable mention All-American squad with just 23 other players. In her senior year at Catholic Memorial High School, she led her team to the '97 regional title, earning team MVP and all-state honors in the process. In her senior year, the Missouri City, Texas, native posted a .440 hitting percentage while committing just three service errors over the course of 39 matches.

"Malinda is a natural blocker who has very large hands and jumps well," Brown said about the middle blocker. "She does a great job of penetrating through the net, whereas most players tend to go straight up. Malinda also moves well laterally and just loves to block. That's something you have to have if you are going to be a good blocker."

Kristi Kreher, after making a verbal commitment to Notre Dame in February of 1997, finished her second year as team captain for a Marian High School team that was ranked fifth in the state of Michigan.

As a junior, she was named the team's MVP after earning her second straight all-state recognition. By the start of the season, she will probably provide support as a right-side hitter.

"We are very excited with the versatility that Kristi will provide," Brown remarked on Kreher. "She is a classic right-side hitter but can go on the left if we need her to. She has a great left-hand swing and plays well in the back row. She'll be an important player for our program."

Two late transfers round out the new class for the Irish. Michelle Graham, a native of Austin, Texas, and a transfer from the University of Oregon, will take the back-up position for setter Denise Boylan while sophomore Lauren Stetlin rehabilitates after back surgery.

"Michelle has helped us tremendously throughout the practices," Brown commented on the transfers. "She's a very good setter who's extremely competitive. That allows for us to have really competitive practices and scrimmages this season."

Emily Farpoff, a transfer from the U.S. Air Force Academy, suffered a torn ACL on the first day of practice and is expected to be out for the entire season.

While the returning players offer a wealth of talent and experience, Brown expects that the incoming class will be put to the test right off the bat.

"I think they all will definitely make an impact on our team. It's too early to say right now whether any of them will start this year, but they will definitely get a lot of playing time as the season goes on."

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Senior forward Ben Bocklage (left) and Phil Murphy hope the
Irish return to their Big East championship form of 1996.

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might come in the persons of Shane Walton, Matt Russo, and Tim Storino — all members of the Class of 2002.

"We've created an environment where the team is committed to a strong work ethic," explained head coach Mike Berticelli. "And not just for the freshmen, but for everyone on the team."

By stressing this goal equally among the freshmen as well as the upperclassmen, the new members of the squad are gaining the same experience as the upperclassmen. Being able to count on Walton, Russo and Storino places Berticelli in an easier position when it comes to filling out the lineup card.

"Almost as if it had been planned, the freshmen now have the opportunity to get game experience due to the early injuries of captain Matt Johnson and Reggio McKnight at midfield, and Griffin Howard at defense.

"This is a good reason to get them out there," said coach Berticelli on the role that the freshmen now have as the season comes to a start. "It's really important for the team that I step up with Howard out," commented freshman Tim Storino. Selected as one of the top defenders in Illinois by the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun Times, Storino is quickly making his name known on the college level.

"I never expected it," said Storino on gaining playing time this early in his career. "But the upperclassmen, especially [captain] Phil Murphy are taking me under their wing, making it all pretty easy."

Fellow freshman Shane Walton's experiences have been much the same thus far, as the forward is looking to gain time early on due to the injuries.

"Walton is a fast, athletic forward that has already established himself on the team," explained coach Berticelli. "The raw ability of the southern California native, coupled with the transition to the Irish system, will produce a freshman whose only bench time may be before the games start.

Completing the triumvirate is Matt Russo, whose good preseason effort gives the Irish continued confidence at the midfield spot. He too will see additional playing time early on as the upperclassmen

The men's soccer squad will be dependent on its veterans as well as its newcomers as it looks to utilize depth in the 1998 campaign.

It is often said that pressure situations are the best way to gain knowledge and experience. For this year's squad, this holds true not just for the freshmen, but for the entire team.

"It's been a real comfortable adjustment," said Walton. "The seniors and juniors are not just throwing me out there, they're going with me."
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Blue-chippers make transition to campus

By JOE CAVATO
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Several weeks ago, they finally arrived. Head coach Bob Davie's recruiting class ranked in the nation's top five, and both he and Irish fans across the nation hope this class will help bring Notre Dame back to its traditional football standards.

"The first day of freshman practice is probably one of the most exciting events for the coaches," Davie said when the freshmen reported for their first work-out of August. "You're kind of like little kids at Christmas. You've had these packages there, they're wrapped, you've heard all the good things that are inside those packages."

For almost two weeks, those athletes have been trying to make the jump from the high school ranks — where most of them were the best on the field to Division I football, where opponents and teammates have the same personal accolades they received.

And now, with freshmen orientation weekend upon them, the players have to start worrying about finding their classes, finding creative ways to get the most space out of their dorm rooms, getting used to the dining hall and finding out what the heck a graffiti dance is.

"It's a growing experience in every facet," Davie said after last Monday's practice. "This is not a whole lot like what Notre Dame was as a being a student here."

But those adjustments are just a handful of the transitions they are making.

"They're coming in and do the things Kate and Holly did is really unreasonable," head coach Chris Petrucci said. "All of the freshmen are going to play an important role on this team. But it's difficult to ask a freshman to step into a senior's role."

As the Irish make another run at the NCAA championship, the freshman can add depth to a solid and experienced squad.

Senior captain Shannon Boxx (left) and the women's soccer squad gear up for their 1998 season.

Freshmen midfielders Lindsey Jones, Mia Sarkesian and Kelly Tulasinski will add depth to a somewhat depleted area of the field, the outside. With Manthel's departure and Kara Brown's move to defense, the freshmen will give the Irish a boost where they need it most.

Jones, a South Bend resident and John Adams High School product, brings impressive athleticism to the program. Sarkesian delivers a similar resume from Canton, Mich., where the Plymouth Salem High School graduate also garnered Soccer America's Top 25 high school seniors.

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