Grads bid adieu to ND, SMC

After four years of juggling busy class schedules, a changing social scene, crazy football weekends and close friendships, the Class of 1999 will say goodbye.

They have heard about tradition; they have heard story after story about the unique character that each of their schools has to offer. They have learned the simple skill of building bonds and the more delicate art of constructing a future. They have spent hundreds of late nights in front of computer screens and textbooks, and filled minutes of conversations that built the friendships that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

This weekend, 1,796 Notre Dame undergraduates and 325 Saint Mary's undergraduates will say goodbye to their college years, carrying with them the traditions they have spent four years learning to understand.

Each of the classes have watched their schools change throughout their stay; there was a constant growth in technology on both campuses. Notre Dame saw the construction of several new buildings — four new dorms, the additions to Notre Dame Stadium and the Main Building, and Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center. Saint Mary's students gave input for future renovation plans by voicing their ideas for the Performa proposal and utilized a wired campus with cable and ResNet for the first time.

Saint Mary’s students bid goodbye to former president William Hickey and welcomed current president Marilou Eldred as she took the administrative reins in 1997. They also celebrated academic excellence, helping Saint Mary’s to a No. 1 U.S. News and World Report ranking for five straight years.

The graduating seniors have also witnessed and participated in debate on issues like the Spirit of Inclusion and admission into the Big Ten. Underage Drinking and Sales (SUDS) raids on Bridget McGuire’s Filling Station in 1998 and The Irish Connection last semester.

As commencement exercises rapidly approach, graduates are jumping at the chance to relax after the past four years.

Valedictorians spent college focused on life, service

Education and biology major came to learn, not compete for grades

By COLLEEN McCARTHY

Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s senior and valedictorian Carrie Ferkenhoff has never been focused on grades. This is partly why she said she was “surprised and shocked” when she was named the Class of 1999 valedictorian.

“I initially came to Saint Mary’s because I knew there was an emphasis on learning and not competing for grades,” Ferkenhoff said. “There is hardly a class here that I’ve taken that I haven’t loved. The grades just followed from those experiences.”

An elementary education major and biology minor, Ferkenhoff has been able to develop her interest in biology and combine it with teaching children during her time at Saint Mary’s. The science classes she took focused mainly on environmental issues.

Ferkenhoff credits Saint Mary’s with developing her interest in environmental issues. “I’ve always been interested in environmental issues. From experiences in high school, I had developed the impression that I was not good at science,” said Ferkenhoff. “But when I came to Saint Mary’s, that changed with the first class I took in the science department. The emphasis on learning and not competing for grades helped develop my interest in biology.”

Chemical engineering major thanks family, friends for successes

By CHRISTINE KRALY

Assistant News Editor

Jennifer Ehren loves to sing. When she’s not studying, the 1999 Notre Dame valedictorian sings in Chorale and loves to go out dancing with her friends. Her most important memories of Notre Dame, in fact, involve friends and volunteer service work rather than academics.

“There have been ups and downs,” said Ehren of her time at Notre Dame. “I can’t imagine being anywhere else.”

She also can’t believe she is this year’s valedictorian.

“I feel so honored,” she said. “It’s still shocking.”

Humility comes naturally to the chemical engineering major from Cottage Grove, Wis., who said that it wouldn’t have been “physically or emotionally possible” to get where she is today without her family and friends. Her grandfather, especially, "was always my role model.”

“Family and friends are the most important things in life,” she said. “I’d quit,” she added, if a job ever threaten­ed her closest relationships.

But Ehren won’t have to worry about any corporate stress for a while. On May 28 she begins a two-year commit­ment to Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program, a
Gleason to receive Laetare Medal

Special to The Observer

Philip Gleason, professor emeritus of history at Notre Dame, will receive the University's 1999 Laetare Medal, widely regarded as the most prestigious honor awarded to American Catholics, at Sunday's commencement exercises.

As the leading figure in the history of American Catholic higher education, Phil Gleason set a rigorous standard of faith-inspired scholarship. As an interpreter of American ethnicity and immigration, he won the acclaim of historians throughout Europe and the U.S. for his insights into the assimilation of diverse peoples into a truly national community.

University president Father Edward Malloy said an award announcement.

Phil's tenacious fidelity to the Church and to Catholic intellectual life recalls many scholars and teachers of his generation at Notre Dame, and we celebrate them also in awarding him this richly deserved honor," said Gleason.

Gleason, whose scholarship also includes U.S. intellectual and social history, has been a member of Notre Dame's faculty since 1959. A native of Wilmington, Ohio, he graduated from the University of Dayton in 1951 and worked briefly for the U.S. Air Force as an eight-grade teacher before coming to Notre Dame to pursue a master's degree in history. He received that degree in 1955 and his doctoral degree in 1960.

Gleason chaired Notre Dame's history department from 1971-74. He was a visiting professor of American Catholic history at Catholic University of America in 1982 and chair of the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs from 1986-88.

Gleason has received numerous awards from Notre Dame for his teaching and scholarship. He also has received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Loyola University in Chicago, the University of Dayton's Marianist Award and the Theodore M. Hesburgh Award from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

The Laetare Medal is so named because its recipient is announced each year just before Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. "Laetare," the Latin word for "rejoice," is the first word in the entrance antiphon of the Mass that Sunday, which ritually anticipates the celebration of Easter.

The medal bears the Latin inscription, "Magna est veritas et praevalebit," or "Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail."

Established at Notre Dame in 1883, the Laetare Medal was conceived as an American counterpart of the Golden Rose, a papal honor which antedates the 11th century. The medal has been awarded annually at Notre Dame to a Catholic "whose life has contributed the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity."

Among the 120 previous recipients of the Laetare Medal are Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman, opera star John McCormack, Catholic Worker founder Dorothy Day, novelist Walker Percy, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, death penalty abolitionist Sister Helen Prejean and medical ethicist Dr. Edmund Pellegrino.


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Freshman loses fight with cancer

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Assistant News Editor

Miranda Thomas came to Notre Dame last August just like every other incoming freshman, ready to take on the world — or at the very least, the campus. But she had no idea what she would be taking on.

In September, Thomas was diagnosed with leukemia, and fell campus to seek treatment at the Indiana University Cancer Center in Indianapolis. She received a bone marrow transplant in early February, but died Monday after an eight-month battle with the disease.

But she will leave behind a memory, however brief, and a lesson about strength to those who knew her well.

"She was able to laugh even throughout her sickness," said Sister Thomas. "She could take anybody out."

Her potential for impact at Notre Dame was also evident in those first three weeks.

"I was just getting to know her, but she was very personable. She would have had a million friends here," said Walsh Hall resident assistant Patty Ummel. "She was going to be huge."

Thomas kept in contact with friends at Notre Dame during her illness lush through phone calls and letters.

"She always talked about her goals for the illness — what she wanted to do that week. She always sounded hopeful. A lot of the time she didn't achieve those goals, but she never seemed to tire," Ummel said. "Instead of looking for support, it was Thomas who gave it."

"I will always remember what an example she was," Ummel said. "Miranda showed us how to be strong — she showed us when we were working about grades, and tests, and roommate problems, about strength... It shows what an incredible person she was."

Thomas returned to her home in Stuttgart, Ky. last week after doctors realized there was nothing more they could do, Sister Thomas said.

"She got to see her family and friends before she died," Sister Thomas said.

Funeral services were held in her hometown Wednesday morning.

- Thank you all for your hard work, dedication and leadership. You have helped build a newspaper tradition that we are proud to continue.

Good luck to all your endeavors.

— The 1999-2000 Staff

ND prepares for Dunbar hearing

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Notre Dame officials will attend a hearing before the NCAA Committee on Infractions on Friday, June 4 to discuss the University's alleged violations involving gifts former football booster Kimberly Dunbar gave to a number of former Irish players.

To prepare for the hearing, the University has retained the services of Bond, Schoeneck & King, a firm that specializes in dealing with the NCAA. The hearing was called after the Committee on Infractions determined that major violations may have occurred. Notre Dame has not appeared before the committee since 1971.

While the NCAA enforcement staff first characterized the violations as secondary, the Committee on Infractions wanted to study the matter on its own, according to committee chair David Swank.

"We want to have a careful look at the case to make sure that it is in fact a secondary case, if it's a major case," Swank told the Tribune. "If determination of whether it's secondary or major, you'll have to decide what penalties should be imposed."

The enforcement staff studied 24 current cases, interviewed people involved and considered earlier precedent in concluding that a secondary violation had occurred, said Chuck Smrt, NCAA director of Public Relations.

"We made a recommendation that they process it as secondary, Smrt said, but the Committee on Infractions chose to file the case as major and hold a hearing. For a case to be processed, the enforcement staff must believe that a violation of some kind has taken place, according to Smrt.

At the hearing, the enforcement staff members will read the allegations and report their findings. Notre Dame officials will have an opportunity to respond and the Committee on Infractions will ask questions.

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David Swank
NCAA Committee on Infractions

University president Father Edward Malloy will be among those attending the hearings on behalf of Notre Dame.

Bond, Schoeneck & King will help Notre Dame prepare, according to Dennis Moore, director of Public Relations.

"We have no experience of this process. This is what they specialize in," he said. "You're looking for someone who knows to advise you on what the process is."

University officials are reviewing the information they reported to the NCAA and are putting together a response to the letter of inquiry sent by the Committee on Infractions. The response was returned Monday, Moore said.

After the hearing, the Committee on Infractions will deliberate on possible sanctions, a process that could take as long as six weeks. Once the committee returns its decision, the University will have 15 days to appeal. Penalties for a major violation could include a loss of television appearances or restrictions on recruiting or postseason play.

Secondary violations carry a smaller sanction, ranging from probation without penalty to a minor loss of scholarships.

Notre Dame has never been assessed for a major violation. The University has appeared before the Committee on Infractions twice — in 1967 and again in 1971 — but did not receive sanctions in either case.

Since reporting the incident to the NCAA in March 1998, Notre Dame has continued to share information with the NCAA enforcement staff.

While ESPN reported last week that Dunbar took former Irish players Jarvis Edison and Allen Rossman, along with Rossman's girlfriend, on a trip to Las Vegas in 1997, Moore said that is not a new development in the case. It is one of the incidents the University reported to the NCAA.

"ESPN was boding over backward to give us the impression that there was something new in the case, but there wasn't," he said. "Nothing that has come out is the bad news to us or to the NCAA, we've given it all to them."

While other programs are facing a four-year prison term for embezzling more than $1.4 million from Dominick Mechanical, Inc. of South Bend, Notre Dame reportedly gave $18,000 in gifts to 12 Notre Dame football players, five of whom were members of the 1998 squad. Any gifts given after June 1995 are considered violations of NCAA regulations because of Dunbar's $25 million donation to the University, which has since been disbursed.
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stress of finals and enjoy the relationships they have built over the past four years.

End of the road and nervousness are the feelings sweeping the campuses as seniors wind down their four years.

"I cannot believe four years have come and gone," said Notre Dame senior Tricia Sewell. "It's all felt like one packed year with all of the changes on campus and events we've lived through.

"I'm definitely nervous," said Saint Mary's senior Kelly Curtis. "It's a scary thing to leave a place that you've been a part of."

"It felt like one senior wind down their four years," Curtis said. "It's a scary thing to leave a place that you've become so comfortable in.

After all the information resources this year for many underclassmen, the Class of 1999 finally has time this week to reflect on what college has meant to them. In most cases, this has been the friendships, and the sense of 'home' that Notre Dame and Saint Mary's provide.

"It's so easy living here. (Notre Dame) kind of becomes your home and you start thinking of this place more as home than your actual home," said Notre Dame senior Sean Leonard.

"After only one semester here, I knew that my life was at Saint Mary's," said Saint Mary's senior Jamie Simonne.

"My first memory is driving down the tree-lined road, just knowing that this was the only place I wanted to be.

"I just grew up being here," said Saint Mary's senior Casey O'Neill. "The friendships that I have gained here have helped me grow spiritually and intellectually, and I know that these are going to be the friends that I keep for the rest of my life."

Many seniors agree that friendships are the most important part of what makes Notre Dame and Saint Mary's special.

"It's been a four awesome years," said Saint Mary's senior Jessey Min. "The friendships will be what we remember most.

But leaving the security blanket of those friends is frightening as well as sad, seniors said.

"I didn't expect to make such lifelong friendships here," Curtis said. "It's scary to leave that."

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Senior Week activities have kept students busy while they prepare to take their place in the world beyond South Bend.

Many graduates have jobs lined up for this summer, while others will continue their education in graduate schools around the country.

Elizabeth Doel, former president of the Red Cross and a possible presidential candidate in 2000, will give the Notre Dame commencement address at the end of the year.

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2 SMC appoints Eldred president

After an exhaustive, year-long search, the Board of Trustees of Saint Mary's College appointed Marilou Eldred as the new College president. The first female layperson to hold the job, Eldred came from a position as academic dean of the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn.

Apr. 14, 1997

3 Council sends clause to Malloy

The Academic Council voted to approve an amendment to add sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause. The amendment was then sent to University president Edward Malloy. Malloy presented the amendment to the Board of Trustees, which rejected it Feb. 5.

Nov. 18, 1996

4 Bridget's closes after police raid

More than 1,650 patrons received citations for underage drinking at Bridget McGuire's Irish Pub, when local and state excise police raided the bar. Police cited Bridget's for violations of state liquor laws and management voluntarily closed the establishment.

Feb. 2, 1998

5 University adopts 'Spirit of Inclusion'

President Edward Malloy announced that the University would not revise its non-discrimination clause to include sexual orientation, arguing that the courts define homosexual orientation differently than the Church does. Instead, officials offered a statement entitled the "Spirit of Inclusion," which accepts all people into the community.

Aug. 29, 1997

6 Eldred denies The Alliance

President Marilou Eldred denied official club status to The Alliance of Lesbian, Bisexual, Straight and Questioning Women of Saint Mary's College after six months of deliberation. Eldred claimed that other campus organizations were already meeting the proposed goals of The Alliance.

Feb. 27, 1998

7 Garrick resigns to protest gay policy

Father David Garrick, assistant professor of communications and theatre, resigned in protest of the University's approach to gay and lesbian students and faculty. Garrick said that, after coming out as a celibate homosexual in an April 1996 letter to The Observer, he was suspended from Basilia ministry.

March 19, 1998

8 Students, faculty rally for change

In the first protest of its kind, almost 400 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's faculty, staff and students gathered to express their support for the addition of sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause. Many students felt the change was necessary following the University's January 1995 refusal to recognize GLSEN.

April 25, 1997

9 University combats sweatshop labor

University officials announced plans to hire the independent accounting firm PriceWaterhouseCoopers to monitor conditions in factories producing Notre Dame apparel. Notre Dame also founded a sweatshop task force and was an early member of the Fair Labor Association.

March 3, 1999

10 Moore wins suit for discrimination

Former offensive line coach Joe Moore won $86,000 in damages from the University in a suit claiming that head football coach Bob Davie discriminated against him on the basis of age. A court considered granting Moore additional damages but ultimately denied an increase in the award.

Aug. 25, 1998
Fires, debates over discipline and two big decisions in London highlight '99

By TIM LOGAN

Burning couches, flying squid and a declaration of institutional independence were among the highlights of Notre Dame's 1998-99 academic year—a year filled with much debate, little change and a string of minor controversies.

Perhaps the one issue which truly captivated the Notre Dame community was the possibility of the University joining the Big Ten athletic conference.

Clinging the importance of Notre Dame's unique institutional identity, the Board of Trustees voted on Feb. 5 to not enter negotiations on joining the Big Ten and its academic arm, the Committee for Institutional Cooperation (CIC), but the debate leading up to that decision addressed a wide range of issues.

"The decision was complex," said University president Father Edward Malloy in February. "The decision transcends the many individual factors, academic and athletic. The ultimate rationale behind the decision lies in a loss of institutional identity."

Big Ten membership was widely considered to be one of the University's biggest decisions since its admission of women in 1972, and what began as an athletic issue came to symbolize a much larger debate about Notre Dame's identity.

When the Faculty Senate voted in December to encourage CIC membership over Big Ten membership, there was concern that undergraduate education would suffer as a result.

Big Ten membership could have threatened Notre Dame's financial success, some said. However, there were a variety of opinions on the subject, and finances never fully entered the public discussion of the issue.

Undergraduate students overwhelmingly opposed Big Ten membership and showed it. Banners such as "Big Ten, Big Mistake," were hung from dorm windows and the Student Senate unanimously supported a resolution calling on the Trustees to reject conference membership. The concerns for many students were the threat to undergraduate education, regionalization of the athletic program and a loss of Notre Dame's independence.

Ultimately the decision was made by the Board of Trustees, which followed the Board of Fellows' unanimous vote to not enter negotiations with the Big Ten.

An inclusive "Spirit?"

This academic year saw a continuation of Notre Dame's struggle with gay rights issues as the Board of Trustees chose not to add sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause and another faculty member resigned over the issue.

In the wake of Father David Garrick's resignation in March 1998 and the Faculty Senate's call for the clause amendment that May, the non-discrimination clause was hotly debated for much of the fall semester. A number of campus groups voted to recommend the addition, culminating in the Academic Council's Nov. 17 vote, which sent the matter to the Board of Trustees.

Talk show pioneer Phil Donahue came to speak at two campus rallies in support of the amendment and 120 students fasted for three days before the Trustees' meeting, hoping to influence the decision. However, a strong recommendation had already been made when the Board of Fellows unanimously voted against the proposal on Dec. 1.

The administration kept this recommendation silent until the February meeting, where the Trustees "expressed their full support and affirmation" for the Fellows' decision. In their report the Trustees formally reaffirmed the goals put forth in the Spirit of Inclusion statement.

Since the decision, campus activists for the clause have been relatively quiet with the exception of the March resignation of Mark Jordan, an openly homosexual professor of medieval studies. Before leaving to take a chaired position at Emory University, Jordan harshly criticized Notre Dame administrators for their reluctance to legally protect homosexuals.

"This atmosphere allows the University to selectively get rid of whomever they want, or at least threaten them," he said. Jordan's resignation came a few months after Carolyn Woo, dean of the College of Business Administration, revealed at an Academic Council meeting that a candidate for a job in the College was rejected for being a practicing homosexual.

April showers don't douse fires

The Notre Dame Fire Department had a busy April as flames lit the night sky over campus on two occasions. An explosion and fire at the Notre Dame power plant in the early morning hours of April 3 injured two bystanders and destroyed six cooling cells that provide campus air conditioning. Eleven days later, an unrelated power outage motivated students to take to the quad, where they lit six bonfires across campus. No one was injured in the disturbance, but disciplinary action was taken against a number of students.

No cause has been discovered for the power plant fire and both of the injured University staffers were released two days after the blaze. Early estimates set the damage at $1.35 million and officials expect that campus-wide air conditioning will not be repaired until the summer of 2000.

The disturbance during and after the blackout was criticized by administrators and student leaders at the Campus Life Council meeting that day. Disciplinary action will likely be taken against several students.

ND alum and talk show pioneer Phil Donahue came to campus twice to speak in favor of adding sexual orientation to the University's legal non-discrimination clause. The rallies and other campus activism culminated in a three-day hunger strike, but no change to the clause was made.

BURGER KING

Franchise food services came to LaFortune Student Center this year with the addition of Burger King. Students flocked to the fast-food establishment with their Flex points, also introduced this year. Starbucks coffee was also sold for the first time in Reckers, the new 24-hour restaurant.

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NEW SWEATSHOP POLICY UNVEILED, TWO HURT IN POWER PLANT FIRE, STUDENTS SET FIRES ON QUADS

The Year in Review

A Notre Dame Security official looks on as one of six bonfires set on campus during and after the April 26 power outage burned itself out. Residence Life.

The Dunbar plot thickens

As the school year comes to an end, Notre Dame prepares for a hearing before the NCAA Committee on Infractions over the gifts that former football booster Kimberly Dunbar gave students at Notre Dame were different, sanctioned or not, paid for by Dunbar.

The hearing will be held June 4, and a decision will likely be reached by the committee in the ensuing weeks regarding possible sanctions. While it initially appeared that the violation would be ruled secondary in nature, the infractions committee said on April 21 that it may be major. Punishments for a major violation could include loss of television revenues and bowl appearances. Committee members gave no indication, however, of which way they would rule or if they would judge that Notre Dame lacked institutional control.

The University has hired the law firm of Bond, Schoenbeck & King to prepare for the hearing. The firm is experienced in defending universities at NCAA hearings.

No sweat for ND

As universities across the nation dealt with the issue of labor abuse in licensed apparel manufacturing, Notre Dame took the unprecedented step of hiring an independent monitoring firm to ensure that its licensees comply with the University's code of conduct.

Notre Dame hired the accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers in March to conduct random spot inspections of factories for code violations. The University has also joined with more than 50 colleges and universities nationwide in the Fair Labor Association, a White House initiative to ensure safe working conditions in the manufacture of clothing sold in the U.S. and has entered into several other alliances to prevent sweatshop labor.

"We continue to seek ways to strengthen our code by improving accountability structures and by joining other universities seeking ways to more effectively oppose inhumane workplace conditions," said Father Malloy said in a written statement.

Notre Dame has also formed a task force to study the issue of sweatshop labor and discuss further adjustments to the code. Two issues under consideration are payment of a living wage and full disclosure of factory locations.

Student activists have criticized the University on these two issues, and a number of rallies and teach-ins have num bered in the past year, according to its chairman William Hays.

Renovating SMC

A long-term study of renovations to the Saint Mary's campus conducted by the Performa consulting group neared completion in April when the Board of Trustees of the College approved the group's proposals for a range of campus facilities.

Plans include revamping the Angela Athletic Facility, the first floor of Le Mans Hall and the Noble Family Dining Hall. Overall, the Trustees chose to focus renovations on improving existing facilities rather than constructing new ones. They also decided not to build a free-standing student center.

The Trustees followed many of the recommendations of the consulting group, which had held a number of campus-wide forums to solicit opinion on the subject.

"The Board of Trustees generally approved what Performa had proposed but they made some minor changes," said College president Marilou Efron.

A messy football season

Flying squid and trash heaps outside the Joyce Center marked an otherwise memorable football season as student behavior again drew criticism and controversy.

The traditional halftime marshmallow fights turned ugly during several football games this season as seniors flung a variety of marine life through the air, causing injuries and safety problems in the stadium. Two non-students were hurt during the Baylor game, but conditions improved at the Louisiana State game after numerous warnings, ejections and widespread confiscation of marshmallows and other projectiles.

"This is really out of character for Notre Dame," said Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Notre Dame Security/Police. "Fun is fun, but when fun is getting people hurt, we have to reevaluate our definition of fun."

Another "fun" tradition reconsidered this year is the annual campaign for football tickets. Campus security and residence life officials expressed disappointment in student behavior during the three nights of camping out and at the gate outside the Joyce Center in their wake.

"It was disgusting," said Kirk. "Just the mess was distressing enough. It was something that was embarrassing for me to look at. It was apparent that a lot of alcohol was consumed."

Administrators said they would study different options for next year's ticket distribution, but no plans have been formally announced yet.

Busted ... again

SUDS (Stop Underage Drinking and Sales) made its presence felt around campus this year with its second major bust in November. Most of those cited were Notre Dame or Saint Mary's students.

The University disciplined those involved, who were also fined by the city of South Bend.
Dole, Quinn to address ND, SMC grads

GOP presidential candidate will speak to ND Class of '99

By CHRISTOPHER SHIPLEY
Assistant News Editor

When Elizabeth Dole was chosen in the fall to give the commencement address to the Class of 1999, few political analysts expected her to jump into the 2000 presidential race.

Dole's January decision to step down as president of the Red Cross was ideal, and her desire to serve has led to positions in three different presidential administrations. Dole served as American Red Cross president from 1991 until she stepped down in January. She was Secretary of Labor from 1989-1990 under President George Bush, Secretary of Transportation from 1983-1987 under the Ronald Reagan administration and served as Federal Trade Commissioner for President Richard Nixon from 1974-1979.

Some concern arose with the University administration over the idea that Dole's change in political ambition might affect the direction of the graduation speech and turn the event into an opportunity for personal political gain. University policy, however, prohibits politicians giving the keynote address from using the pulpit to make a stump speech.

"We have every confidence that the speech will be directed at graduates and not the presidential election," Rieck said. "Also, her public presence as a financial consultant will be helpful to individuals looking to begin careers."

"I've heard soundbites from her speeches at other schools and some of them have been campaign speeches," said St. Edward's Hall senior Sean Leonard. "I want to hear her address us, the graduates, and not her political intentions."

Author, financial commentator will talk at Saint Mary's

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's News Editor

Jane Bryant Quinn, a nationally renowned commentator on personal finance, will speak to Saint Mary's graduates at commencement exercises on Saturday.

Quinn, who has written columns for publications such as Newsweek, Good Housekeeping and The New York Times, was chosen because she "encompasses what we want Saint Mary's women to be," said College president Marilou Eldred. "She was chosen for several reasons. One, because she is an expert in the field of personal finance, which is largely dominated by men," Eldred said. "Also, her public presence as a financial consultant will be helpful to individuals looking to begin careers."

Quinn's public experience ranges from books to television. She is currently the co-host of the PBS program "Beyond Wall Street." Before PBS, Quinn worked for CBS News, including "CBS Morning News" and "Evening News with Dan Rather.

Additionally, Quinn hosted her own program, "Take Charge!" and has appeared on "The Home Show," "Good Morning America," and "Nightline," to discuss personal finance.

"Jane Bryant Quinn is clearly a leader in her field," Eldred said. "We are confident that her address will inspire our audience, parents and students alike, and that her comments will be useful and pertinent to the Class of 1999 as they prepare to enter the job market or graduate school."

Quinn was named by the World Almanac as one of the 25 most influential women in the United States and won an Emmy for outstanding news coverage. She is a three-time "winner of the National Press Club award for consumer journalism."

"She can offer the importance of wise financial management and speak about developing one's career in the field of financial management or any other field," Eldred said. "She is a role model for Saint Mary's graduates because Saint Mary's women become experts in their field, and we hope that they will contribute to the larger society."

1999 commencement exercises

NOTRE DAME
Sunday, 3 - 5 p.m.
Joyce Center
South Dome

SAINT MARY'S
Saturday, noon
Le Mans Courtyard
(rain location: Angela)

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS
1999 departmental award winners

The following Seniors were awarded departmental awards for excellence in their studies

DAVID A. FREDDOSO Excellence in Greek Studies

JOHN A. JOYCE Excellence in Latin Studies
Board of Trustees to consider Performa plans

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Saint Mary’s Editer

The Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees will be presented with the time frame and a detailed financial component for the projects included in the master plan designed by Performa Consulting at their board’s June retreat. Performa Consulting presented a master plan to renovate campus facilities in order to improve student services, classrooms, recreation spaces and to accommodate increased enrollment. The plans, approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on April 23 and 24, include renovation areas such as the first floor of Le Mans Hall, Angela Athletic Facility and the Noble Family Dining Hall.

The board decided that the overall goal is to reinvest in existing facilities although this may include some new construction,” College president Marilou Eldred said.

More possible campus improvements approved by the board include the addition of a swimming pool and better recreational facilities to Angela Athletic Facility. Haggar College Center will be renovated to house administrative offices. Renovations to the Noble Family Dining Hall will include the addition of spaces for campus retail facilities including a bookstore, travel agency, post office and a general store. Study space will also be included.

Although there had been a push for the construction of a student center, Eldred said the board decided that creating a single building as a student center went against its objectives.

There are two reasons the reasoning shifted regarding building a new student center,” said Eldred. “First, we talked about the need to enhance a sense of community throughout the campus. The point of this is trying to build community on campus and you don’t have to have just one place to go do that.

“The second reason is there is a great need for faculty and small gathering space all over campus. That is why we would disperse the space throughout campus rather than putting all the meeting space in one building,” she said. “This decision does not diminish the student center kind of space. Rather it enhances student space by having it throughout campus.”

The plan also includes creating apartment style housing which would be built in phases to accommodate increased enrollment.

Other changes include renovations to classrooms and faculty offices in Madeleva Hall, Science Hall and Moreau Center for the Arts, updating residence hall rooms in Le Mans Hall, Regina Hall and Holy Cross Hall, centralizing shipping and receiving and improving lighting, signs and parking campus-wide.

The plans also calls for providing more green space for outdoor activities and channels leading to the perimeter of campus.

Plans for a new dining hall, bookstore, coffee house, mail center and study area will be presented to the Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees during its June retreat. Under this plan, Havican Hall would be demolished and the Early Childhood Development Center would be relocated. If approved, the project is expected to cost between $65 and $70 million.

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O’Hara to leave Student Affairs, head Law School

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY

American News Editor

For the past nine years, Patricia O’Hara has been a part of the Notre Dame Law School and the University of Notre Dame’s Student Affairs. As such, she has overseen departments running the gamut from Campus Ministry to University Health Services. But effective Friday, May 14, O’Hara moves on to become the Joseph A. Mutual Dean of the Notre Dame Law School and to serve as University counsel.

"She has a broad range of skills and experiences," said Michael Healy, a third-year law student and assistant rector for Siegfried Hall. "She’s been able to use these effectively and empower us." Healy added, "She’s also made an incredible impact in the Notre Dame community during her tenure, having increased the number of minority students.

"She has a broad range of intellectual and approach to situations. There’s no half-cooked answers from Professor O’Hara.

"When Father Malloy first took office as president in 1987 — under-represented students comprised only 7 percent of the undergraduate student body. [Malloy] hoped to increase it to 15 percent in his first five years as president. In fact, we reached that goal in the first three years of that presidency and have been trying to increase the representation ever since."

Director of Multicultural Student Affairs Iris Outlaw said O’Hara has been an asset throughout her term. "Working with Professor O’Hara has been a very good experience for me," she said, noting that she took on her position the year after O’Hara took over Student Affairs. "Under her tutelage, the department has really grown with regard to what it does.

Outlaw said that Multicultural Affairs has filled out its financial support and latitude in the types of programming under O’Hara’s leadership. "I think we’ll sorely miss her," she said. "She was a good ally for our students.

O’Hara expressed enthusiasm about her new position as dean of the law school and hopes that she will be able to make the school even better. "I’m excited about the challenges. I’m excited about the challenge of trying to lead the law school to the next level of excellence and at the same time I’m humbled by the appointment," she said.

She recognizes that following the longest-serving law school dean in the United States will be a major challenge. "Dean [David] Link leaves big shoes to fill," she said. "The law school is currently ranked 21st in U.S. News and World Reports and much of its advance in its ranking is attributable to the efforts of Dean Link.

Current law students who have taken O’Hara’s classes believe that she will be an excellent dean. "Everyone in the law school loves her," said Karen DuBay, a third-year law student. "I’m really excited. I think she’s going to be a great dean."

O’Hara expressed support for her successor, Father Mark Purmann, who currently serves as an executive assistant to the University president. "I think Father Purmann is a wonderful choice for this position," she said. "He’s well known to undergraduates and enjoys a strong base of popular support among students. I think he can contribute to his ability to build trust with students.

Provided a similar admiration for O’Hara and hopes to be able to live up to her performance in the position. "She’s one of my closest personal friends. I think I understand the world of her," she said. "She brought a powerful intellect and her own dedicated best Catholic faith to the position. The phenomenal job she has born incredible fruit in Student Affairs."

"I look forward to the privilege and the challenge of serving in the position," he added. "She’s set a very high standard.

O’Hara said that the most challenging parts of her job were not those that students would expect, yet it was interaction with the Notre Dame community that she found most fulfilling. "On far more occasions than I will ever be able to count, I have seen our students demonstrated over and over again their intelligence, their deep commitment to faith, and the way that they feel to share their gifts with those in need, and my most enduring memory of my time in Student Affairs will be the goodness of our students," she said.

She graduated summa cum laude and first in her class from Notre Dame Law School in 1974. She was elected vice president for Student Affairs by the University’s Board of Trustees in June 1990 and was the first woman to serve as an officer of Notre Dame.

ND News, another sweatshop-monitoring coalition

By TIM LOGAN

News Editor

Notre Dame has joined forces with the University of Michigan and the California University system in a new effort to pool resources and pool their resources, administrators say. "This is one more thing we’re doing to try to eradicate sweatshop labor in the manufacturer of Notre Dame apparel," said O’Hara.

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"O’Hara leaves Student Affairs, head Law School

by TIM LOGAN

News Editor

Patricia O’Hara, the University’s vice president for Student Affairs, has been named dean of the Notre Dame Law School, effective Friday, May 14.

O’Hara is a native of Iowa and attended the University of Iowa, where she received a bachelor’s degree in English and a law degree. She then joined the faculty of the University of Notre Dame Law School, where she served as associate dean and dean of students.

During her time at Notre Dame, O’Hara has been involved in a number of initiatives aimed at improving the student experience. She has been a strong advocate for the creation of more intercultural programs and has worked to increase the number of minority students on campus.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to lead the law school," O’Hara said. "Notre Dame has a long tradition of excellence, and I am committed to maintaining that tradition.

"I look forward to working with the faculty, staff, and students to continue to build on the strong traditions of the law school," she added.

O’Hara取代了学生事务主管，成为法学院院长

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY

美国新闻编辑

在过去的九年中，帕特丽夏·奥哈拉一直是诺特达大学法学院和大学学生事务的一部分。作为她所监督的部门的负责人，她从大学生基督教社区到大学健康服务中心。但是，从5月14日起，奥哈拉将搬到约瑟夫·阿·马土森诺特达法学院，并成为大学法律顾问。

“她拥有广泛的技能和经验，”迈克尔·希伊，一名三年级的法律学生和西格弗里德厅的副长说。“她已经能够有效地使用这些并赋予我们力量。”希伊补充说。“她还在诺特达社区中做出了巨大的影响，并增加了少数民族学生的数量。

“她拥有广泛的智力和对待情况的态度。没有半生不熟的答案从奥哈拉教授。

“当法阵主席迈洛伊在1987年首次就任时——在位的代表学生人数仅占7%的本科生人数。迈洛伊希望在五年内将这一比例提高到15%。事实上，我们在头三年就达成了这一目标，并且一直在努力提高这一比例。

奥哈拉说，多元文化学生事务主任艾里斯·奥肖恩在她的领导下已经提供了充分的财务支持和在类型上的进步。"我想我们将会非常想念她，"她说。 "她是我们的好盟友。

奥哈拉表达了她对新工作的热情，也希望能继续与学生进行交流。"我对法律学院的下一层级的卓越和在她的领导下的一路挑战感到非常兴奋。"她补充说。"我喜欢并希望在她的领导下继续进步。

她说，她对她的新工作充满期待。"我非常期待。"她接着说。"我希望我能继续与学生进行交流。"她补充说。"我喜欢，并且希望我能继续与学生进行交流。"

奥哈拉和她的前任大卫·林克教授留下了巨大的影响。

"我为他的领导感到自豪。"一位学生说，"他是一位伟大的院长。

"我非常尊敬他。"另一位学生说，"他是一位伟大的院长。

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Four men will answer call to seminary life

By LAURA PETELLE
Assistant Managing Editor

While most graduates are preparing for jobs or postponing the real world for a few more years in medical, law or grad school, four Notre Dame men are pursuing a different post-graduate avenue: the seminary.

Notre Dame senior Nate Wills, Chuck Wurzt and Michael Wisehorck will enter the Holy Cross novitiate on August 10. The four men currently live in Moreau Seminary, as members of Notre Dame's college seminary program. They will spend next year, their novitiate year, in grad school, four Notre Dame seminary years. They will spend next year, their novitiate year, in grad school, four Notre Dame seminary years.

Before entering the novitiate, the four Notre Dame men have been asked to complete the seminary training program for a year. The program, which emphasizes missions but also includes opportunities to do community service and philanthropic work, will last six months and will include a three-month retreat in South America that has taken root in this country.

After working in Baltimore, the future could take him anywhere, he said. If all goes well and he continues to do well, he will be Keenan's next rector.

It's going to be interesting to see what goes on in the dorm next year," said Marshall. "A big part of Keenan tradition is leaving with Brother."
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Feigl to receive President’s Medal
Special to The Observer

Dorothy Feigl, outgoing vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty at Saint Mary’s, will be presented with the President’s Medal in recognition of outstanding community service and contribution to the life of the College at the Saint Mary’s commencement ceremony.

During Feigl’s 33 years with the College, she served first as a chemistry professor and in her current position for the past 14 years. She has overseen the work of 19 academic departments, as well as the Cushwa-Leighton Library, the Center for Academic Innovation, The Freshman Study Program, the Registrar’s Office, the Office of Information Technology and the foreign language programs. Feigl’s colleagues had high praise for her.

“She is a delight to work with, always straightforward and direct,” said Teresa Marcy, assistant to the vice president. Feigl will spend next year on sabbatical before returning to teaching in the chemistry and physics departments.

“She is passionate about the kind of education students receive,” said Linda Timm, vice president of Student Affairs. “She’s very dedicated to this institution. I look forward to seeing her in a full coat and goggles.”

Sarah Mepness contributed to this article.

Rioters to appear in fall Residence Life hearings
By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Approximately 12 students will have hearings with the Office of Residence Life for their involvement in the disturbances that took place during and after the power outage early April 26, according to Jeffrey Shoup, director of Residence Life.

Students will be disciplined for obstructing police and fire officials, adding fuel to bonfires and disrupting security personnel. Reports have been filed with Residence Life. Shoup said, but most hearings will not be held until next semester. Disciplinary action will be decided after the hearings are held.

It is policy of the office of Residence Life not to hold disciplinary hearings during final exams, and the reports were not completely filed or reviewed before classes ended. Any involved students who will be on campus in the summer or who live in the area may be called in to Residence Life. Shoup said.

Administrators will not release the names of students involved or discuss individual cases, but they have repeatedly emphasized that the behavior of some students that night was unacceptable.

“I hope our students recognize how inappropriate it was,” said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life. “There’s just nothing attractive about this behavior.”

Shoup expressed hope that the disciplinary process will remind students of what their responsibilities are to the University community.

“I think you could say our process is a way to educate people of our standards,” Shoup said. “This is a way to re-educate people about what is appropriate and what is inappropriate.”

During and after an approximately 40 minute power outage at 1 a.m. on Monday, April 26, large groups of students left darkened buildings and flooded the quads. Six bonfires were lit in various locations across campus, which fire officials put out before any significant damage was done.

Some students harassed fire and security officials who were attempting to douse the blazes, and a few attempted to physically obstruct their efforts. Those identified in the disturbances will have a hearing with the office of Residence Life.

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A small fire caused the evacuation of Regina Hall Saturday night as Saint Mary’s Security and the Notre Dame Fire Department (NDFD) worked to control the blaze.

A couch in the south lounge was ignited at approximately 7:08 p.m., and the fire was controlled by Security within minutes, officials said. NDFD and the South Bend Fire Department (SBFD) arrived on the scene at 7:13 p.m., extinguished the smoldering couch and removed smoke from the building. Students returned to their rooms at approximately 9 p.m.

The cause of the fire is still unknown.

Regina Hall director Melinda Brown said she noticed smoke coming from the lounge. She removed a couch cushion and realized the couch was on fire. “The probable cause of the fire is a cigarette,” said Marty Orlowski, NDFD crew chief.

“Saint Mary’s did not ask for a fire investigation, so the cause will be documented as ‘suspicious,’” said Pati Valentine, director of Media and Community Relations.

“The fire department had said that the cause was most likely accidental due to an ash or a cigarette, and Security felt that no additional investigation was necessary,” Valentine said.

“The fire could have been a serious danger because certain toxic materials are released when couches burn,” explained Al Kirsch, SBFD battalion chief.

“Because of the material in couches, a simple couch fire is different,” he said.

Couches can generate toxic smoke, and the fuel for the fire causes increased temperatures in buildings. Especially in old couches, if even a small hole is burned, it can smolder. When you think you’ve got it out, it re-ignites.”

“Saint Mary’s prohibits candles and strings of lights in dorm rooms; however, smoking in selected lounges, like the south lounge, is allowed.”

“This is one of the reasons that there is no smoking in dorm buildings at Notre Dame,” Orlowski said. “Our primary concern is student safety. There are no candles allowed and no smoking allowed to practice fire prevention.”

### Security Beat

**Police arrest man for vandalism**

By COLLEEN GAUGHEN

The Notre Dame Security/Police arrested Michigan resident Joe Banda on May 6 for theft after receiving reports that several automobiles had been broken into in the C-1, D-2 and D-6 parking lots during the past few weeks.

The most recent of the break-ins occurred early Thursday morning between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m., when stereo equipment and compact discs were stolen from a locked car in the D-6 parking lot.

“Joe’s a known thief and burglar,” said director of security police Box Rakow. Banda was also found in possession of marijuana and other stolen material and is now in jail, according to Rakow. The department is investigating the situation further.

Students whose cars allegedly were broken into included rising junior Pat Gilligan and rising sophomores Peter Baggenstos and Arnaz Battle.

Senior Rina Chiapetta’s car was keyed, but nothing was stolen.

“The thief had a device that knocks out the lock on the car door,” said Chiapetta. “I was glad Pat and I were woken up by fire alarms.”

Rakow said the break-ins are not necessarily due to students moving out, but that the probability of theft increases whenever there is a large gathering of cars.

“There hasn’t really been much theft this year,” said Rakow. It’s just been the last three weeks.”

According to Rakow, there have not been any more reported break-ins since the arrest of Banda, but he still cautions everyone to be aware of what is going on and to report any suspicious activity.

“It is also helpful to check your car everyday,” Rakow said. “If you see anything suspicious or out of place, call in and we’ll check it out.”
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By CHRISTINE KRALY

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...The Center for Social Concerns (CSC), approximately 170 seniors have committed to service programs upon graduation. That number is down from last year's group of 188, but Shappell added, it should raise to around 180 by the end of summer.

"Some students see [service] as a way of exploring career options," said Shappell, who noted a trend for students to defer job offers or graduate school to commit to service opportunities. For most students, she said, "[service] is a natural transition."

"I didn't want to jump into the business world," said Melissa Matheny, who plans to spend two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Latin America. "I want to make money, but it's not necessarily all about." Matheny, who plans to spend two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Latin America. "I want to make money, but it's not necessarily all about.

"I don't see it as a way of figuring out your life," she said, but noted that service "opens up a broader base of opportunities."

Bridget Holland might agree with Shappell. Holland is deciding between positions as a college program coordinator or as a member of Americorps in Northern California. She said she was "interested in service," and her decision will be based on "whatever's more challenging."

One thing Holland is sure of is that service "is a natural part of life." She said the decision will be based on "whatever's more challenging.

Many students agree that Notre Dame has influenced their decisions. "I think about things differently," said Matheny. "Experience at Notre Dame helped me learn about the poverty of the world." The CSC will host the Senior Send-Off on Saturday, May 15, to celebrate the graduates committed to service after graduation. The event will honor the 170 graduates who will spend the next year helping in countries around the world.

ACE graduates will be honored at the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) ceremony will honor service-bound seniors.

Some 170 Notre Dame graduating seniors who are embarking on a year or more of service in this country and abroad will be honored at the University's annual Senior Send-Off Saturday at 10 a.m. in Washington Hall.

The ceremony will honor the graduates who will be serving in more than 40 service programs in 15 countries.

Edmund Cardinal Szoka, president of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City and former archbishop of Detroit, will lead a prayer to open the ceremony. Cardinal Szoka will also receive an honorary degree from the University at commencement exercises Sunday.

University president Father Edward Malloy will address the seniors, as will Mark Labbe, a 1989 Notre Dame graduate and Holy Cross associate in Chile from 1989 to 1991. Labbe now directs Annie House, the young adult volunteer program for the Catholic archdiocese of Chicago, where several Notre Dame graduates have been volunteers.

A special feature of this year's send-off will be an appearance by former U.S. senator Harris Wofford, now chief executive officer of the Corporation for Public Service.

Wofford has played an important role in the advancement of volunteer service from the foundation of the Peace Corps to the foundation of AmeriCorps.

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The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) at Notre Dame has received two new grants and annual education awards totaling almost $1 million from the Corporation for National Service, the parent agency for AmeriCorps and other federal service initiatives.

ACE has been awarded $119,200 in funding for programs in support of the program's summer teacher-training and service-learning institute, as well as on-site supervision of ACE teachers by University faculty.

Another grant will provide Notre Dame's Model Programs in Teacher Training and Education with $100,000 to recruit master teachers as clinical faculty members in the Master in Education Program, maintain program evaluation and support on-site mentorship of ACE teachers.

A portion of the latter grant also will be used to fund two significant educational research studies—one by Michael Pressley, the Notre Dame Professor of Catholic Education and professor of psychology, who will examine the challenges for first-year teachers; and a second by F. Clark Power, chair and professor in the Program of Liberal Studies, who will study moral educators.

Since the founding of ACE in 1994, the Corporation for National Service has served as the program's largest federal benefactor. At that time, ACE was selected as one of 31 Higher Education Demonstration Programs in a national competition.

Through the Learn and Serve America Program and AmeriCorps, the corporation has provided grants, as well as $4,725 annual awards to all qualifying ACE participants, who are thereby considered full-time AmeriCorps members. This year, 127 ACE participants will receive more than $600,000 in AmeriCorps education awards, which the program's graduates can use to reduce federal student loans or to pursue further graduate study.

Celebrating the class of 1999

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Good Luck

Chickens!
The Choices We Make Determine the End of the Story

On Feb. 10, 1999, I decided that I'd go for a jog. Unless you remember back that far, this should seem perfectly normal, but if you live anywhere in the northeast of the country, you probably remember the blizzard of 1999.

You may remember it because you had to miss work or because you got to miss school; or because it shut down entire cities for a week. My family and friends remember it because I decided to go for a jog. It was three degrees above freezing, and the wind-chill was well below zero. Needless to say, this will not be a story of intelligence.

For the first 3.3 miles of my run, my mind was somewhere else. I couldn't remember a thing. What happened immediately after would change a whole bunch of lives in a hurry.

I don't remember much about what happened next — just waking up in the hospital about 45 minutes later. Come to think of it, I don't remember much about the next seven months either. Still don't know what really happened. I just knew it was something that had to do with my heart. Apparently it's a bad thing when it stops beating. Oh, yeah, I almost forgot — my memory stopped working, too.

It wasn't partially damaged — I didn't just forget little things. Nah. The thing simply broke. Any ability to learn new information was gone. I couldn't remember Jack. (If I'm not being rude, Ma — I really couldn't remember meeting Jack.) I couldn't remember what people, actually (for longer than a few seconds, anyway). I couldn't remember that I had taken a shower. I couldn't remember that I had eaten. I couldn't learn anything new in school.

We went to Johns Hopkins to see the best neurologist in the country. The group there had never seen anything like this before. Hell, they had never "heard" of anything like this before. They called it pure amnesia; simply for lack of a better term. The only other thing that had happened to someone who had a hemisphere of his brain removed.

For a moment, put yourself in my parents' shoes. Their kid went from captain of two varsity sports teams and president of the student body to a walking, talking, no-memory-havin' vegetable. One year's pride and joy (okay, one of your seven prides and joys) has been taken over by the tail. The next moment, the best doctors in the country are telling you that he probably won't ever be able to do anything for himself again.

College? Law school?

It looks easy on paper, but in reality, the real story of this story begins here. My Ma basically shut down her life for the next seven months or so to do everything for me that I used to do for myself. My Daddy had to face the choice that every graduating senior will have to face some day. Work, or family? It looks easy on paper, but in reality, the choice could read more like: What you worked for for the past 30 to 40 years of your life or family?

They made the choice that I'm sure everyone who could make the choice chose family. They had never had to drop everything of their own interest before, but they did.

Faith asked my brothers and sisters to cancel usual commitments to do things for me — take me to and from rehab, take me to and from school, and to help me with my rehab. It asked them to understand how this kid who appeared perfectly normal (except for the 35 pounds I put on in the month immediately following my jog) needed someone to tell him when to shower, when to stop showering, and which towel to use. They had choices to make — and never once did they choose selfishly.

My high school football team was chosen to sacrifice her senior prom so that she could take me and basically chauffeur me for the evening.

My high school teachers never had to face the decision of whether or not to take a kid back in school for a fifth year who probably wouldn't be able to pass his classes. But when the subject came up in a faculty meeting, the head of the discipline board (who had just recently taken me off of probation) closed the matter to debate by saying, "Let's do this."

The high school basketball coach never had to decide which he wanted more: to win basketball games or help kids out. (Doctors had said that physical activity would be good to help me return to the way my life was. Soccer was out because striking a ball with one's head is more-or-less out — to lose control of your body — the best way to regain memory.)

The coach was building an impressive basketball program, but the next step in proving you're serious about winning games is not to let a school of reprobate zombie on your team who had never played basketball before in his life. Fate made him make a choice.

There's more to the story, but no space here. There's the anecdote about my father walking into the hospital to ask me if I had eaten. I told him "no" right before he realized that there were 8 empty personal pan pizza boxes behind me (that, apparently, was breakfast). I couldn't remember when I ate, so I just ate the air.

Or the one about me showers constantly until I learned to put my clothes inside-out to signal to myself, at a glance, that I had showered.

There are countless stories of me meeting people 10, 20 times. Just like Corn Flakes: Meet them again — for the first time.

The list is endless, but the stories are for another day. Before I go, I've got three points for everyone.

First, anyone who thinks that graduation is a personal triumph rather than the culmination of other people's effort, is dreadfully misguided. I don't know about you specifically, but my support network deserves the degree I get on Sunday more than I do.

Secondly, everyone in this column was pushed to make decisions that they never dreamed they would have to make. When pushed, everyone in this column — without fail — chose the selfish, less route. This is the true story. Heck, my Ma never went more than a few hours without seeing me for five or six months.

All graduating seniors will be making these choices in no time. The choices we make will determine the endings to these stories. We can choose to be part of stories that read like this, or we can choose to be part of stories that read like the one about inner-city kids. We can have the choices. We can make the choices.

These will be our decisions very soon. If we do half as well as the people mentioned above, the people who depend on us will be as lucky as I was.

Godspeed.

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

—Mary Schmich
Loving the Tarnished Dome

The last thing I expected was to graduate from the University of Notre Dame. The school in South Bend, Ind., was everything I disliked about high school, being part of the crowd and being a preppy, conservative, Midwestern and football-obsessed. To almost everyone in my family, these images screamed uncomfortably and nervously for a Protestant, southern girl like myself. This was a place where 90 percent of the population could never imagine having a woman lead a church service. The school that is used to snow, wind, sandals and scrubs. Notre Dame was the epitome of everything I had experienced or imagined.

But I was determined. The more I read about Notre Dame, the more I was convinced it was where I could finally find myself. And after visiting, I felt that stereotypical sense of home — everything seemed to fit somehow. Like I was myself walking in front of the Dome, meeting friends in LaFortune singing in the Basilica. I could survive the frigid weather of the Midwestern town. This was the place.

To me, college offered an escape from the high school world I hated where perfectly tanned girls crossed the hallways in impenetrable cliques and determined the fair of the masses with the point of a manicured finger or the flip of straight, blonde hair. I was not one of those smart, silly and unremarkable to ever be considered popular. I signed the acceptance letter and started over. I joined clubs and went to mixers, flirted shamelessly and met people that I guessed I had never had a date in high school, had never been drunk before that party in 915 Flanner Hall. For about three weeks, I led the perfect life of a Notre Dame freshman.

But even those days in one semester could not quash the loneliness I felt as the novelty of community bathrooms and bunkbeds started to thin. I kept telling myself there was no reason to be unhappy with this place, this school where no one knew I used to hang out in preppy MKMs and plus-size French Crimson nights while the rest of my classmates were hanging out at football games and movies together. I had nothing. My basketball and my preppy wardrobe 15 hours a day and 5 miles north of Atlanta, but my mind had not yet left high school. I was surrounded by people I had never even wanted — the popular crowd, the partiers, the Pennsylvania prep — and by everything I thought I had been missing. So one told me that sometimes the middle of the crowd was the loneliest place.

Blaming Notre Dame for my unhappiness was the easiest thing to do. Instead of admitting that the process of finding out who I really was was the perfect reason to leave. I refused to admit that the thing I perhaps was the only person responsible for the misery, that every other university I had turned down had its own set of real and imagined faults just like the ones I imagined the Golden Dome. There isn't one particular moment that made me decide to give Notre Dame a second chance. It might have been the way the light fell on the water one lonely night around the lakes, or the way my voice floated in the Basilica during my first choir concert. Slowly I realized I was judging Notre Dame by the same impossible standards that had been used to judge me in high school, criticizing all the unimportant parts without considering the completeness of the whole.

Notre Dame was not there to be perfect, it was there to help me discover the beauty of imperfection.

One of the most important lessons a college can teach are those of independence, decision and change. Ideas of infallibility can breed close-mindedness, and Notre Dame, far from infallible, will always be in the process of finding herself. She still offers the narrow view that discrimination based on sex or orientation is tolerable. She is still over-protective of her children to a fault, even as they reach adulthood. But could we have ever worried as much about ourselves in a place we never fought with, a place that was "Always right!"

I always used to roll my eyes when my parents told me that one day they would realize they were right. Sometimes I still do. But as I stand to leave this place, finally understand what they meant, somewhere in the middle of everything, between the tears, the moments when my dreams were packed my bags, the moments I wished graduation would never arrive, I think I understand. All those things I disagreed with here made me a stronger person, a more open-minded student, a better person.

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What I've Learned From My Kids: Growing Up

Deteriorates Society

Children represent one of the most fulfilling passions in my life. I work and volunteer in day care. Yes, I know guys are supposed to appear tough and not become completely vulnerable at the sight of an infant, but whatever that makes me, so be it. I am not going to deny myself the single most rewarding part of my day to fit into a stereotype or be like the other guys.

At one of the daycare centers where I volunteer, I am the only male out of two dozen employees. When I started, parents often looked twice at me, and one even commented, "That's nice of you," as if I was doing mandatory service against my will. None of that bothers me. I sincerely love children, and we have a lot to learn from them.

I watch these kids of all different races, nationalities and religions interact as well with one another, recognizing everyone else as equal friends. Beyond name, every other characteristic is irrelevant. After attaining perfection at such an early age, something drastic occurs: They grow up. These innocent, all-loving children become tainted in this world saturated with racial crimes, religious wars and discrimination.

What happens to us between the ages of 3 and 23? We learn to look down on those different from us because we live in a world which contaminates our most important resource. Fortunately, "we" does not apply to all of us. This book does reflect a small portion. Considerable progress has been made, but we still have a long road ahead before we recapture that perfect state we held as mere children.

Every time I consider this three-year-old's utopia, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of hope. I also warn current society.

What makes everyone as equals is not a new concept for us. It's just one we've long since forgotten.
Why I Won't Miss ND

When I thought about what the last four years have meant to me, I realized that I wouldn’t change a thing. Don’t get me wrong — I had my frustrations and express myself anyway. I was a theatre and English major, so I figured I could either express myself through my writings or performance. Wrong again, ladies and gentlemen. Not only was it sad, but it was humiliating to work with some people in the film, television and theatre department. Everyone usually considered the theatre majors as the most un-mindful of all students. Don’t be fooled, though. Some of my peers can be the biggest jerks and small-minded people at times. And let’s not forget those who teach us. I tried of those professors who thought they were all into multiculturalism and felt that because they had two or three people of color in their class that they are down for the fight against racism. Time after time, I’ve heard people of color do not audition for plays. The answer is simple: People of color who do audition never get cast and if they do get cast, it is always a small role. And let’s not overlook the plays that are performed here. How many are written by people of color or homosexuals? I’ve realized that the only way one is perhaps to be another person of color directs one. I have had my good times, though, with my friends. That is one thing that I knew Notre Dame credit for. It doesn’t really make much to be my friend. You have to be open-minded and a good listener basically. My friends have taught me a lot, especially since they all come from different background and religious traditions andCookie. I pity those who went four years trying to get to know a person who is gay or homosexual. I know there are many of you out there who have missed out on wonderful friendships. So stop being deprived and get ready for a big slap in the face in the real world.

I won’t miss Notre Dame. And I won’t miss most of the Dormers either. People need to stop depending and learn to love one another. Remember that it is Jesus’ greatest commandment. Dormers need to learn how to dress and dance, too. I’m so gay I wanted it. I loved that Four Year.”

Ricky Ramón is graduating with a bachelor’s degree in film, television and theatre and English.

Today, I feel compelled to write this quick little letter that is, I am afraid, not at all controversial and lacking in all debate. It’s simply something I feel like sharing with my fellow Dormers. Kind of a shout out to those who find Notre Dame amusing. Take from it what you will.

It seems someday there are a million little things that drive me absolutely insane about Notre Dame and make me wonder where the heck am I and what have I done to myself to come here. I read The Observer so I know others feel the same way. See, I am a junior transfer, or at least that was how I introduced myself until I survived my first semester without immediately falling out (which was nice).

Now I consider myself a fully actualized Domer and I am immensely proud of this fact. One of the perks of being a full-fledged Notre Dame student is that now I can write to The Observer and share my mundane views with you all. I am enjoying this privilege. I came here having gone to Saint Louis University my freshman year, then studying in Ireland my entire sophomore year. Yes, this is my third university in three years — back off. Anyway, as the year is coming to a close, I have been asked on more than one occasion how I feel about my new school, what my impressions are having been to two other colleges and if I have any regrets.

Well, I am one of those people who openly mocks what seems to be all that is Notre Dame. Lots of things amuse me about the way things run here that maybe shouldn’t. If I am to consider myself a true Domer. I own very little Notre Dame apparel or paraphernalia, and you won’t see me wearing shamrocks on my face at the football games. I have no idea what the words to the famous Fight Song are or the Alma Mater, and don’t even ask me where our football team stands in the rankings. The fact that every local news television station seems to resolve around what’s happening on campus is creepy. The old-school relations between sexes on campuses are entirely weird to me. I shouldn’t even go into the whole phenomenon of single-sex dorms and partisals. The fact that the RA on duly jangle keys every night as a code at parietal time to get you bad boys out has put me over the edge more than a few times. I am not a regular frequenter of the famous Notre Dame SYR — or falls for that matter. The dorm mascot thing is odd to me, too. I think I’m a Purple Weasel’s some sort, but I haven’t really grasped the meaning of this yet. The list goes on and on. Don’t let my avoidance and occasional fear of these traditional Notre Dame characteristics fool you though; I consider this school mine and I regret nothing in transferring here.

Notre Dame is not parturals and shamrock stickers to me, and these little personal annoyances cannot ever truly change the bigger picture for me. While I may not seem to represent the typical Notre Dame student, and I may cringe at the sight of the ultra-Domers, don’t doubt that I have as much love for this place as the guy next to me in NEH wearing the full Notre Dame sweat suit. To me, and I imagine most, the Notre Dame degree embodies hard work, overcoming intellectual challenges and becoming a well-rounded person. Notre Dame will always have a special place in my life as a goal I had in mind and a goal I worked hard to achieve, and it will continue to be a source of confidence to me to achieve new goals and face new challenges.

So while the obsessive outward worship of Notre Dame by more than a few alumni and students may frighten me, I must say I still dig it here for all its bizarriness. So in short, even though I jest, I have no regrets and I love this whole creepy place.

And that’s all I have to say about that.

Nora Daly
Junior
Peppers, IL
April 15, 1999
When Canada finally got to Notre Dame the next year, he was presented with a new challenge: becoming part of Notre Dame while living off-campus. It was not the same atmosphere, nor the same kind of environment where deep bonds of real friendship had been formed before he had arrived at either Notre Dame or his dorm.

The challenges of being a transfer student are great. How many of us have heard other students question whether a particular transfer student even belongs at Notre Dame? How many of us have assumed that transfer students must be "less" or they would have been here from the beginning? But history shows us that the path of transfer students is perhaps more difficult than those who started their college experience at Notre Dame. For someone whose lifelong dream is to come to Notre Dame, being granted admission is only the beginning of realizing that dream. The biggest challenge is being accepted as a peer among the students who started here as freshmen.

Yet after little more than a semester, Canada was able to earn the friendship, respect and trust of those who surrounded him. He was selected to be resident of Sorin College, he had to deal with the awkwardness of trying to fit in with a new challenge: becoming part of Notre Dame while living off-campus. It was not the same atmosphere, nor the same kind of environment where deep bonds of real friendship had been formed before he had arrived at either Notre Dame or his dorm.

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Describe your experience at Notre Dame in three words.

“Alcohol. Parietals. Friends.”
Erin Evans
Farley Hall

“These are [the] days.”
Missy Tushak
McGlinn Hall

“Food. Folks. Fun.”
Brian Fremeau
Carol Hall

“Fat Shirley’s Trucks’ Special.”
Johanna Ward
Welsh Family Hall

“My Susalla.
Anna Susalla
Breen-Phillips Hall

“I Love ND.”
Beth Lawler
McGlinn Hall

Beware, graduating seniors. It is time to relinquish

THE UNFORTUNATE ADULT

By MICHAEL VANEGAS
Scene staff

Less than four years ago, Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame welcomed the Class of 1999 to good ol’ South Bend. This weekend, Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame wave a long goodbye to the same students, who after four years are older (duh), smarter (hopefully) and wiser (depending on a student’s weekend habits).

As graduating seniors were wee freshmen, it was expected that they not know exactly what they were doing. Come Monday, however, these college graduates will have to face a shady future of solving problems that life shoots their way. After four years of concentrating solely on getting decent grades and planning weekend extravaganzas, it is now time to enter the realm of invasiveness that all young people face: adulthood.

Now it is clear that a vast majority of the Class of 1999 already has its immediate futures planned. Some are continuing their educations in law, medical or graduate schools. Some have had jobs lined up since autumn. A certain militaristic sect of the student body has known its future since freshman year, and it will be continuing ROTC training in the real armed forces. Wherever the members of the Class of 1999 may be headed, they certainly have a whole life of adult-related situations to wade through, with hope that they reach the end of their lives with some degree of happiness and satisfaction.

Each and every graduate of Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame’s Class of 1999 will be facing a few challenges along the journey of adult life. And though everyone progresses at different rates, it’s inevitable that challenges will at least cross the minds of these graduates at some time throughout their lives.

Just as maps of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s were presented so many times during freshman orientation, so must there be a guide to the segment of one’s life that is dauntingly titled adulthood.

The Freewheeling 20s

It is suggested that the next eight or nine years be spent trying to perfect a recipe mixing the seriousness of the real world with the craziness of college life. This time in a person’s life is perhaps the only time that this craziness is still accepted. At the same time, it is also expected that young adults try to establish an emotional and financial foundation that will aid them in their middle age.

To understand the importance of the freewheeling 20s, one must only look at the cultural phenomenon of Must See TV Thursday.

One of the main reasons why “Seinfeld” was so successful throughout its long run was that it portrayed the pathetic lives of four adults in their 20s and 30s. The quartet of Jerry, Elaine, Kramer and George exhibited, in its greatest form, the immaturity that is the college person.

But when it came to respect, Jerry and company commanded none. The combination of middle age and immaturity is not acceptable in American society. The fact that “Seinfeld” was a ratings success and its simple identity as a comedy suggest that the pathetic nothingness of “Seinfeld” is merely an object of American ridicule.

If the characters were transplanted into their 20s, say, as the sextet of “Friends” are, then the respect they would gain would be abundant. Because they are young and because they are still learning the little lessons of life, Rachel, Ross, Monica, Joey, Phoebe and Chandler prove that the freewheeling 20s define the transitional part of one’s life that falls between hard-core adulthood and late adolescence.

So don’t get too serious on Monday, as the fun will continue in this altered state.

The Definitive 30s

Some time during this decade of one’s life, a career should already be established. Thus, when the graduates of ’99 reach this point in their lives, the center of their thoughts should be family. After 10 years of sleeping around, practicing safe sex to avoid the “family way” and disregarding any serious feelings about spending one’s whole life with that special someone, the 30th birthday should be the first time that marriage and kids cross the minds of the Class of 1999.
The pleasant and youthful life of college and enter...

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Fencers take second in NCAAs

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Connecticut Sports Editor

Led by senior captains Stephanie Aureli, Luke LaVallie, Tim Monahan, Nicole Mustilli and Nicole Paulina, Notre Dame finished the regular season as the second-ranked men’s team and the third-ranked women’s team and went on the claim its fourth straight second place finish at the NCAA Championships.

The men’s team relied on a combination of young talent and experienced leadership to post a 1-0 record and a perfect 12-0 in the conference.

Freshmen Gabor Szelle and Andie Crompton combined with captain LaVallie and senior Malcolm McQuade to form the top sabre team in the country. These four fencers combined for 172 wins and only 18 defeats.

At the NCAAs, Szelle and LaVallie earned 32 points — few more than any other school. Szelle claimed second place in the tournament and earned first-team All-American honors. LaVallie took fourth. Monahan and Mustilli earned All-American honors for the fourth time in his career.

Auréli and junior Chad Hayes represented the full team at the NCAAs, and Hayes struggled on their first day of competition before bouncing back on the second day to score critical points for the Irish. Hayes won five of his nine bouts on the second day, while Auréli won six of nine bouts to rally the full team to a seventh-place finish.

The team featured junior James Gatller and freshmen Brian Casas. Casas was a solid prescence for the Irish throughout the season and claimed second-team All-American honors at the NCAAs. Gatller, whose late season success at the Midwest Championships and Regionals earned him a NCAA berth, finished 14th on the day.

The women’s team had a successful regular season as well. Going 19-4 overall and 11-2 in the Midwest, the women’s team entered the 1999 NCAA Championships with four NCAA-experienced fencers and hopes for a First-place finish.

Despite All-American efforts from Myriah Brown, Sara Walsh, Magda Krol and Mustilli, the Irish were unable to defeat Penn State and finished second for the fourth-straight year.

Brown and Walsh each earned All-American honors for the fourth-straight year, becoming the only two Irish women to win a medal in the past four years. Mustilli earned All-American accolades for the second time, while Krol was named an All-American for the third time.

At the Midwest Conference Championships provided one of the most dramatic moments of the entire season. The Irish batcuk, up when the Buckeyes of Ohio State down to the final bout.

With the Irish leading by one point, junior Gina Conquerer was taken down by the Buckeyes to win the bout and the Buckeyes would win the title on tie-breakers. Despite the pressure, Krol calmly defeated her opponent 5-2 to win the title for the Irish.

In the end, this year’s seniors displayed leadership skills that overshadowed their impressive athletic successes.

While Paulina and Monahan didn’t qualify for the NCAA tournament, they gave their strength and ambition their best. Four out of five of Team Paulina captured the men’s foil squad and Monahan captured the men’s epee squad.

Both squads won the Midwest Conference Championship by defeating opponents that previously beaten them.

Defeated Varsity to come across with a distinct height advantage, but with individual honors. Senior Prime time star Raam Jani and without a doubt —组合郡，兰草， scores a win for the championship.

Combing for over 1,800 wins, the team, the class of 1999 set a standard of excellence that future Irish fencing teams will look to break through.
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led by Deke Cooper and Jimmy Friday came up with a stop that kept alive the Irish hope for a major bowl invitation.

"When you can stop a 1,500-yard rusher (Cloud), four straight times inside your own five-yard-line, somebody is looking out for you," said senior receiver Malcolm Johnson.

The 30-0 victory over Navy was the day Denson put his name in the record books. His 107 yards — the 22nd time he has surpassed the 100-yard barrier in his career — put him ahead of Allen Pinkett as the all-time leading rusher in Notre Dame history.

"The greatest thing about getting this record is that it's a team record, something we can all share," said Denson. "I'm fortunate to have a cast like I do."

The final home game of the season pitted the ninth-ranked Irish against a talented LSU Tigers squad. Although the Irish came back from a two-touchdown deficit to post a 29-36 victory over the Tigers, it was the final moments that were most memorable.

With three seconds remaining in the game Jackson was hit by Tiger linebacker Arnold Miller and strong safety Clarence LeBlanc while attempting to execute a safety in the endzone. The senior quarterback suffered medial collateral ligament damage in his knee that would sideline him the next week against USC, and severely limit him in the bowl game.

"It's all about Jarious. That's what I feel. I just feel bad for him," said Davie following the game. "I mean, he's a kid who plays his heart out, running quarter back draw and he gets hurt taking a safe-

Senior tailback Autry Denson prances into the endzone during Notre Dame's 35-28 loss to Georgia Tech in the Toyota Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. Denson and the rest of the senior class were 0-3 in bowl appearances during their careers.

The duo of junior Eric Chappell and freshman Arnaz Battle could not replace Jackson the next week against USC. The Irish were unable to amount a threatening offense against the Trojans in a 10-0 defeat.

The loss against the Trojans denied the Irish any chance of playing in the Bowl Championship Series, but their postseason chances were not completely erased. The Irish accepted an invitation to the Toyota Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., on New Year's Day against Georgia Tech.

Dunning green jerseys for the first time since the 1995 Fiesta Bowl, the Irish battled the Yellow Jackets before succumbing, 35-28. It was an end of an era for a group of talented seniors, one which saw them leave without a single bowl victory. While the seniors never achieved postseason success, they did help lay the foundation for a strong Irish program in the future.

"I think (the program) is in good hands with the coaches and the guys that are coming back," said tri-captain Mike Rothenhal after the loss to Georgia Tech. "They are guys that know how to work, know how to win and know how to get things done."

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PORTLAND boots Notre Dame from NCAA tourney

By BRIAN KESSLER

After making four-straight NCAA semifinal appearances, the lack of the Irish finally ran out on the Notre Dame women's soccer team this season.

The Irish repeated as Big East champions for the fourth consecutive season, but came up just one win shy of yet another Big East appearance. Portland came to Alumni Field on Nov. 24 and ended Notre Dame's season, as well as its 45-game home unbeaten streak with a 2-1 victory. The Irish had won the last five meetings between the two soccer powerhouses, but that day belonged to the Pilots.

"This is our year," said Portland head coach Clive Charles following the game. "I think we had the better team. We have a lot of quality players and the Irish just didn't have the answers they needed."

Sophomore Vanessa Talbot made the difference in the game, scoring the game winner with less than three minutes remaining in the contest.

While the Irish didn't reach their goal of getting back to the NCAA Championship game, the season was still a success. The Irish suffered a disappointing 5-1 loss to top-ranked North Carolina early in September and had a midseason set back with a 3-2 loss to unranked Seton Hall, but still went on to win 20 games for the fifth-straight season. Notre Dame defeated top-seeded host Connecticut, 1-0 in the Big East championship game to claim their fourth-straight conference title.

Sophomore Anne Makinen scored the only goal of the game with less than 10 minutes left to play. She was named the tournament's most outstanding player for the second-straight season, and was later named a finalist for the Hermann Trophy.

Senior Monica Gerardo enjoyed another successful season for the Irish, setting the school record for career goals (73) and points (190).

Seniors Gerardo, Shannon Boxx and Laura Vandenbergh will all be missed, but the Irish suffered its biggest loss when two-time national coach of the year Chris Petrucelli announced on Dec. 31 that he was leaving Notre Dame to accept the head coaching position at Texas.

"He took a fledgling program and built it into a national power," said athletic director Mike Wisehart. "We are grateful to him for the contributions he has made during his nine years at Notre Dame."

Those accomplishments include a 175-22-10 record and the 1995 National Championship. 

Baylor's Randy Waldrum has accepted the challenge of following Petrucelli as the third Irish head coach in the program's history.

"I am looking forward to the challenge and making the changes," said Waldrum, who led the Bears to their first-ever Big Twelve Championship. "Chris Petrucelli did a great job and those are tough shoes to fill."

Waldrum recently named Tulsa head coach Amy Edwards to his staff. Edwards played and served as an assistant under Waldrum.

The postseason run gave the Irish a chance to get back to the NCAA tournament in three-straight seasons. The loss finished the season off with an 18-13 mark.

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Irish spike Hoyas for fourth-straight title

By BILL HART

Heading into the 1998 season, the Notre Dame volleyball team had big shoes to fill.

The departure of four seniors, including two honorable mention All-Americans, would be a difficult loss for any team. The Irish, however, were able to return to their usual prominence, winning the Big East tournament and advancing to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

While the Irish had a tough time in a tournament-heavy first half of the season, the team got back on track when the Big East regular season approached. The Irish started the season with wins over Seton Hall and Rutgers, but saw their 17-match conference winning streak halted with a five-game loss to Pittsburgh.

The team's success during the season was reflected in the Big East regular season awards. Senior captain Lindsay Treadwell captured a spot on the conference first team, while sophomore Christi Giritan captured second team honors. Freshmen Marci Bombask and Kristi Kreher, took spots on the Big East all-rookie team, more than any other school.

While the Irish were in the unfamiliar role of a three-seed in the conference tournament, they battled their way to an unprecedented fourth-consecutive tournament title.

Following an outstanding comeback from an 0-2 deficit against Connecticut, Notre Dame soundly defeated top-seed Georgetown 3-0 in the championship game. Bombask was named tournament MVP, averaging 3.3 kills and 3.3 digs per game over the weekend.

The postseason run gave the Irish a chance to continue their season at the NCAA tournament in Stanford, Calif. In the tournament, Notre Dame defeated Eastern Washington in the first round in four games, 15-2, 13-15, 15-11, 15-11, before falling to eighth-ranked host and defending national champion Stanford in three-straight.

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By TED BASSANTI

Hockey

Notre Dame had its first winning season in eight years as it compiled a
19-14-5 record, including wins over Michigan and North Dakota.

During the 1998-99 college hockey season, Notre Dame put its name back on the map and into the national rankings, thanks in large part to six talented and dedicated seniors.

Defenseman Cotnoir, Aniket Dhadhphale, Scott Giuliani, Craig Hagkull, Forrest Karr and Brian Urick helped lead the Irish to its first winning season in eight years (19-14-5). By posting an impressive 15-1-4 mark in the CCHA, Notre Dame achieved its season-long goal of earning home ice for the first round of the CCHA playoffs and finished just one win shy of the first NCAA tournament bid in school history.

In addition to providing the on-ice heroes and off-ice leadership necessary to achieve team goals, this year’s graduating class also set a new standard in Notre Dame hockey for individual achievement.

Defenseman Cotnoir became just the seventh Irish player in history to earn All-America honors, and the first since 1983. Cotnoir was also the first Notre Dame player ever given First Team All-Conference honors in the CCHA, in addition to earning Honorable Mention on the conference’s All-Academic Team.

Left wing Dhadhphale earned All-Academic Honors in the CCHA after earning Honorable Mention his junior season. Dhadhphale also finished his Notre Dame career fifth on the school’s all-time list with 25 power play goals.

Team captain Urick finished second on the team and eighth in the CCHA with 41 points, a season good enough to earn him Honorable Mention on the All-Conference Team. Urick leaves Notre Dame a member of the prestigious 20 goals/50 assists club, and his 13 career game-winning goals leaves him first all-time in that category along with current Irish head coach Dave Poulin.

Goalie Karr earned CCHA All-Academic Honors as well as being selected an Academic All-American. While logging the second-most minutes in school history for one season, Karr’s 2.58 goals-against average stands as the lowest single-season total in modern Notre Dame hockey. His career mark of 2.87 also stands first all-time.

"I look at the on-ice factors, but I look at the office leadership as well," Poulin said. "I look at a player like Scott Giuliani, who was able to play an extremely difficult role for four years, and that is of the support player who doesn’t get a lot of the glory of playing in games. I look at Craig Hagkull, who played a lot early in his career and less later on, which is maybe even more difficult."

By season’s end, these two role players each got a chance to contribute. Giuliani got a start at forward in the most crucial game of the regular season — the home finale against Northern Michigan — Notre Dame’s closest rival in the standings. Hagkull notched an assist on the go-ahead goal in the single biggest win in school history against No. 1 North Dakota.

When these six seniors arrived four years ago, a goal of home ice in the CCHA playoffs or of a possible NCAA Tournament bid would have been considered unattainable.

"It was a group that made the decision to come to Notre Dame when the program was at a very different stage, and yet they were able to meet the expectations that increased considerably," Poulin said.

Following up on two nine-win campaigns in their freshman and sophomore seasons, this senior class helped lead the team to four wins over NCAA Tournament-bound teams in their junior year.

Last season, the team managed four wins in five tries against teams that went on to the NCAAs, including a road tie versus [then] No. 1 University of Michigan and a road victory versus No. 3 North Dakota — the first win in Notre Dame hockey history against a top-ranked opponent. Following the loss over North Dakota in early January, the Irish got back on track by going 4-1-1 in the next six games, before what would become the biggest home game of the season — the Michigan game.

Accepting a 2-0 lead into the third period against the defending national champions, the Wolverines clawed back to tie the game midway through the third. Then, with 4:42 remaining and the power play winding down, Aniket Dhadhphale’s rebound goal gave the Irish a huge 3-2 win over their rivals from Ann Arbor.

What this class will be remembered for most is for finally giving Notre Dame a national contender in the sport of hockey. However, as coach Poulin pointed out, their accomplishments as a group amounted to much more than just wins on the ice.
Best regular season in ends in early NCAA exit

By ANTHONY BIANCO

For a team that built a strong postseason in recent years — through NCAA tournament berths, a first-ever Final Four appearance in 1999 and a run to the Sweet 16 in 1998 — the Irish are unable to realize similar success in the postseason. Needing an 11-2 run against 12th-seeded Saint Mary's in the final five minutes to win their first-round contest in the NCAA tournament, the Irish were unable to slip by in the last two days.

Turnovers led the Irish to a 76-64 loss to the Tigers and forced their earliest exit from the tournament since 1996. After averaging 19 turnovers per game against then-No. 6 UCLA (99-82), then-No. 6 Duke (84-57), and then-No. 25 Illinois — all in a span of 10 days. The season was made all the more promising by the strength of Notre Dame's schedule and the early successes. A 3-3 start pushed the Irish into the top 10 with a seventh-place ranking by the school's all-time record.

"If we're playing at home, we're winning," coach Muffet McGraw said. "If we're playing another ranked team, the best we can do is play hard." McGraw and her team were determined that this was one of the best-ever Irish records.

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Eight swimmers qualify for NCAA Championships

By WES RICHARDSON

The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team continued to dominate the conference by winning the Big East and American championships in their third-straight season.

While the Irish began with losses to Stanford and Miami, the team soon picked up victories over Army, Air Force, Purdue, Pittsburgh and Miami of Ohio. During the next two months, the women competed in the Minnesota, Notre Dame and Rainbow Invitational meets, placing second, third and first, respectively.

The highlight of the season, however, was the third-consecutive Big East title win. Scoring a record number of points, Irish swimmers set team records and six Big East records at the meet. In addition, head coach Bailey Weathers was named Big East coach of the year.

An unprecedented eight athletes went on to represent Notre Dame at the NCAA championships, where the team placed 23rd. Five Irish athletes competed in All-American events near the end of the season.

Although the Irish expected to place high, they were not disappointed with their performances. "A lot of people improved this year, and that's what it's all about," said senior Brittany Kline.

"Our team was so close this year," senior Meghan Eckstein said. "We all came together, and because of that, we made so much progress both in and out of the water.

"Aside from new records and improved times, an increased level of training in and out of the pool characterized the season. "We really stepped up in our training as far as doing more weights and more dry-land before practice, and it all paid off," Kline said.

"The best part of season was doing well and everybody swim fast in the end and knowing it was all worth it," Eckstein said. At the start of their careers at Notre Dame, this year's seniors faced a challenge when Weathers was hired in 1995.

"The first year was almost chaos," Kline said. "We didn't even know we were getting a new coach, and we didn't know what to expect from him.

That year was also the team's first in the Big East spotlight. "It was hard for our class with our goals and commitment levels hanged," captain Anne Jacobucci said. "It was hard for us when we came in as freshmen for different reasons than Bailey had in mind." In the end, the team adapted Weathers' long-term goals of bringing the team into the national spotlight.

According to Eckstein, it paid off. "We've done a complete 180 since freshman year, and we know it has a lot to do with Bailey coming in," she said.

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Belles overcome changes

By TRACY HARBOR

By battling through multiple coaching changes and injuries, the Belles softball team has shown that hard work does pay off.

The Belles finished the season 16-24 overall record and posted a 7-9 conference mark. The players had a rocky start in the season, finishing pre-conference play with an 8-12 record and wins over Concordia. They opened conference play splitting a doubleheader against Hope College.

The next few weeks of conference play were tough. However, the arrival of good coaching changes and injuries, which has basically been a roller-coaster ride since freshman year, we have found strength in each other and that is something I will never forget.

The following week the Irish competed at the National Catholic Championships, placing first overall in both the men's and women's races. Deeter again led the women with a first-place finish while freshman Luke Watson stepped to the forefront for the men, placing second.

As the season continued, Deeter proved to be a force to be reckoned with. She won the next two invitationals the Irish competed in, before taking second at the District IV meet. The victory qualified her for the NCAA championships, where she earned All-American status with a 14th-place finish.

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After over a month of preparation, the Irish traveled to the Big East Outdoor Championships. They matched their Big East Indoor finishes as the men again took second and the women third.

The senior leadership from Diane Andrews and Sarah Martin was especially important this season. Andrews played shortstop all four years, and Martin in the outfield all four years. Andrews ranked in the league with a .342 batting average and has 13 hits, with five RBIs. She played her freshman, junior, and senior year, starting at almost at every position at some point during her career.

I will miss the sport a great deal and the girls even more," said Andrews. "Although we have had numerous coaches, which is basically been a roller-coaster ride since freshman year, we have found strength in each other and that is something I will never forget.

Martin played outfield throughout the season. Martin has been strong defensively and offensively. She had 14 hits with nine RBIs and a double for the season.

While the seniors were great leaders, the juniors also played a key role in the Belles successful season. Elsie Hall, a junior who plays shortstop and second base, has been strong defensively. Klockner had 13 hits including 10 RBI, eight singles, four doubles and a home run for the season.

The sophomores and freshmen also had many highlights as they contributed to their team's success. kayla Brown was especially important this season. Brown finished third at the Big East Championships and fourth at the NCAA District IV meet.

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By BRIAN HOBBS

Sports Writer

It was a season of high and low strides for the men's and women's cross country and track teams during 1998-99.

The season began in the cool air of the Midwest autumn, as both the men's and women's cross country teams placed first at the Wolf and Ketle Invitational in Elgin, Ill. At that meet, junior Juanita Deeter led the women's squad with a first-place finish, while sophomore Ryan Shay led the men, placing second.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

1998-'99 squad falters in Big East

By BILL HART

With the departure of first-round NBA draft-pick Pat Garrity and the arrival of a highly touted freshman class, the Notre Dame men's basketball team began the 1998-'99 season as an inexperienced squad.

The Irish kicked off the season in up-tempo style with buzzer-beater results. Against Yale, a three-pointer by senior captain Antonio Wyche in the final minute followed by two free throws by freshman David Graves with 3.8 seconds on the clock gave the Irish their first victory, 64-62.

Six days later, two free throws with one second remaining gave Vanderbilt a close win over the Irish.

After three difficult games at the Carr's Great Alaska Shootout, an off-balance one-handed shot from senior Justin Leonard pushed a see-saw battle against Indiana into overtime. Despite close games with almost every opponent, the Irish found themselves with postseason hopes beginning to fade.

After some regrouping, a five-game winning streak that included a victory over Providence put the squad back on track heading into conference play. Following a loss to Villanova in a rescheduled game, Notre Dame bounced back with a 71-68 victory over Miami snapping a seven-game Hurricane winning streak.

The greatest test for the team came in mid-season, when an ankle injury kept Troy Murphy on the bench for Providence. Due to the departure of first-year guard Dennis Carroll, Murphy filled Garrity's shoes with aplomb.

While the Irish were 2-2 for dual meets heading into December's Big East Shootout at New York's Madison Square Garden, the team set four school records and crushed No. 12 Florida State to win the meet.

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**Irish shock Big East, capture 2nd**

By WES RICHARDSON

After a fourth-place finish in last year's Big East championships, the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team finished its season on a high note and stepped into second place in the Big East. In addition, Tim Welch and Caining Xie were named Big East and diving coach of the conference.

On their way to upsetting Syracuse by one point at the Big East championships, the men broke 14 team records, included in the 16 they broke throughout the season. They also achieved three NCAA championship consideration times.

"The thing that sums up the season as a whole was the last relay at Big East," captain Chris Fugate said of the 400 freestyle relay that secured second place for the Irish in the final seconds of the meet.

"That was the peak of our season, to achieve what we achieved. It all came to a height there and it was just incredible."

The team's dual meet record of 4-4 would not have led to predictions of a second-place finish. The season began with a rebounding from defending national champions Stanford. The Irish were 2-5 for dual meets heading into December's Notre Dame Invitational. There, the team set four school records and crushed No. 12 Florida State to win the meet.

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Doherty replaces MacLeod as men’s basketball coach

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

After eight seasons under the Dome, head basketball coach John MacLeod announced his resignation on March 9, making way for a long search process that resulted in the hiring of Kansas assistant Matt Doherty on March 30.

The Irish were 106-124 under MacLeod’s tenure, which put the coach’s job in jeopardy. "Sounds pretty good to me," said an emotional Doherty after the announcement. "This is a very proud moment in my life. Everything Notre Dame stands for and represents is how I try to live my life. I've been very fortunate to be involved in several championships, but this ranks right up there, if not the highest professional accomplishment of my career."

Doherty’s career has its fair share of highlights. He played alongside Michael Jordan and James Worthy on North Carolina’s 1982 National Championship team and led Kansas to the 1993 Final Four as an assistant under Roy Williams. Aside from his seven-season stint at Kansas, Doherty was also an assistant at Davidson from 1989-1992.

"Matt brings to Notre Dame a tremendous basketball background," athletic director Mike Wadsworth said on the hiring. "He’s extremely mature, he’s very knowledgeable as far as the game is concerned and he has a proven track record as a recruiter."

John MacLeod resigned as head coach of the men’s basketball team after eight seasons and only two postseason appearances. Athletic director Michael Wadsworth hired former University of Kansas assistant Matt Doherty as MacLeod’s replacement. Doherty has already become a student favorite through his participation in Bookstore Basketball as a member of Lebo’s Legends.
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Saint Mary's athletic directors hope to find increased stability and recruiting efforts with the hiring of four new coaches for the 1999-00 athletic season.

Soccer, volleyball, tennis and softball will change leadership hands in '99-00, joining what athletic director Jan Travis calls "a top-notch coaching staff."

Dan Stevenson takes over as head coach, bringing a history of national coaching honor to the club. Stevenson, a member of the 1960 Notre Dame national championship team, currently holds national and regional rankings for the men's over-60 tennis division.

"I think we'll see this program move up a notch," Travis said. "(Stevenson) brings personal playing experience, so I think we will also see a change in strategy."

After several coaching shifts during the past season, the softball program will seek stability in returning head coach Joe Speybrook, who created the Saint Mary's softball program in the '80s. Speybrook also began the Notre Dame softball program.

"We definitely will see a change in the level of ball that the girls will be playing," Travis said. "Since my tenure at Saint Mary's, we haven't had a coach with this knowledge of coaching and the knowledge of the game."

Jason Milligan will take over as head soccer coach for the fall season after contributing as the assistant coach for the 1998-99 season. Milligan's coaching experience includes coaching the junior Irish soccer club. He was also a three-year starter for Bethel College's top-ranked team in the NCAA in 1998.

Recruiting efforts are expected to be his strongest contribution, Travis said. "(Milligan) has the time for recruiting, which is important because we need to increase the squad size," Travis said. "He has enthusiasm, and combined with his recruiting, we should see him take the program to a new level."

Rhonda Shields, 1998-99 assistant volleyball coach, will take over as head coach in the fall and is expected to continue the growth of the program.

"She has a wealth of playing experience, and with her enthusiasm, should continue to add to the program," Travis said.

Shields has coached the Louisville Volleyball Club and has worked with the Saint Mary's volleyball camp. She was also a four-year scholarship winner at the University of Louisville, where she was a four-year varsity letter winner.

The hiring of the coaches marks the end of a season-long process. "It's a great way to end 1998-99," Travis said. 

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**Larger Belles squad finds greater success in '99**

**SMC wins its first ever MIAA conference meet**

By MOLLY MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's track team had nothing short of a record-breaking season.

Fielding one of the largest teams in recent history, the Belles broke school records and won their first conference meet ever.

"The entire season was an incredible one," said sophomore Kara Bergeman. "We only had six people last year and we still did very well. This year we had four freshmen as many people as last year and we did awesome. I feel very lucky to be surrounded by the talent on the track team."

Their success in conference meets may have been partly due to the tough competition they faced from the start of their season. They began their season at the Washburn Invitational and the Huntington Relays where they faced Division I, II and III schools. The Belles were very competitive and placed in the relays and individually.

Saint Mary's field team immediately was outstanding, led by junior Allyson Treloar.

Trebear finished the season undefeated in dual meets and finished second in the league championship. There, she not only qualified for nationals, but also broke the school record with a throw of 122 feet, 10 inches.

The Belles' first win in the MIAA came against Olivet and Albion in April. The Belles ran very strong at this meet and beat Olivet soundly 90-40. As in all meets, the team was outstanding, led by junior Allyson Treloar, another part of the field team, broke the record in discus with a throw of 107 feet, 9 inches, which earned her an eighth-place finish.

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**The track team had an outstanding season, performing very well in the conference," said Yavello. "We were led by our captains Stacy Davis and Sarah Gallagher, who made contributions to our team both on and off the track. We will really miss them both next year."

Davis has earned the college's scholar athlete of the year award by Saint Mary's this season and was an All-American as a sophomore. Her sophomore year, she placed fourth in the nation in the 55-meter dash (7.16 seconds) and 200-meter dash (24.96 seconds), 55-meter dash (7.16 seconds) and 200-meter dash (7.82 seconds).

"Stacy is the Saint Mary's definition of a scholar athlete," said junior teammate Claire Burke. "She is not only intelligent, humble and strong, but she looks out for her friends and teammates."

Even more than her records, Davis affected on her team speaks volumes.

"She looked so intimidating, but as it turns out, Stacy is the oldest, most sensitive, caring person," said freshman teammate Stefanie Roth. "Not only is she an outstanding runner, she would do anything for anyone on the team if they were in need."

"Stacy is by far the greatest runner that I have ever gotten the opportunity to run with," said senior co-captain Sarah Gallagher. "Every time we got in those starting blocks, you know you will see a great race and Stacy will always come out on top. She has a natural ability and works hard to remain at the level that she is at."

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Notre Dame wins fourth-straight Big East title

By WES JACOBS

While Notre Dame's chances and finals may have ended a week ago, the women's tennis team's work is just beginning.

The 12th-ranked Irish will host the NCAA Championship tournament's first and second rounds of the Midwest Region this weekend. In the first round, Notre Dame will face unranked Illinois-Chicago, who received an automatic bid to the tournament by winning the Midwestern Collegiate Conference crown to earn its first-ever NCAA bid.

The other first-round matchup will pit No. 79 Florida State against No. 39 Iowa, who the Irish defeated earlier this year, 8-1. Whichever of the four teams will stand at the end will advance to the round of 16 at the University of Florida.

"We're really excited to be selected as a host of the first and second rounds," said Irish head coach Lay Louderback.

"There are three talented teams coming to Notre Dame so I really hope we have three great matches," Notre Dame has beaten UIC in each of their five previous meetings, but the two teams have not met since the 1985-86 season. The Flames, seeded 49-64, will be making their second trip to Notre Dame this season, after competing in the Eck Classic in September.

"We're really excited right now," said Irish senior All-American Jennifer Hall. "We just have to go out there and play to win. Everyone's playing their best right now, so we feel like we can compete with anyone."

Florida State enters the NCAA Championships with an at-large bid on the strength of the strength of a 21-6 record. The Seminoles boast the nation's 94th-ranked player, freshman Alida Gallatiti. She is also ranked 47th in doubles with sophomore Nanette Duxin.

In the teams' only meeting in 1996, the Irish beat the Seminoles 6-1.

Iowa comes to South Bend with a 16-8 record and received an at-large selection to make its first-ever NCAA appearance. Freshman Toni Neykova and junior Shera Wiegel are ranked 38th in doubles. The Irish beat the Hawkeyes 8-1 earlier in the year at home and they have won all four meetings with Iowa, who is seeded 33-48.

After Notre Dame's exciting Big East championship win over Miami nearly three weeks ago, which advanced the team to record to 22-6, the Irish have had the luxury of a long break. While it has provided rest for the players, it has also forced everyone to remain focused.

"We've been practicing hard this week to get tournament tough," said sophomore Michelle Dasso. "If we stay focused, the break will help us because I think everyone needed a break."

"No changes are expected in the lineup for Notre Dame when they take the courts on Saturday. Ranked 10th nationally, Dasso will remain at the No. 1 singles player, with Hall right behind her. Senior Marisa Velasco will occupy the No. 3 slot, and freshman star Becky Varnum will be at No. 4. Sophomore Kelly Zalinski will continue her strong play at No. 5 and Lindsey Green is expected to finalize the singles lineup.

Doubles will remain strong for the Irish, with 8th-ranked Dasso and Hall anchoring the lineup. Velasco and Varnum will follow, while Green and Zalinski will complete the impressive lineup.

This tournament also presents Notre Dame with the end of an era. Two stellar seniors will be taking the courts for the final time — Velasco and Hall.

Hall has compiled a record of 115 singles wins and 90 doubles wins, making her Notre Dame's all time leader in singles and combined wins. She broke Mary Colligan's 13-year-old record earlier this year. Hall became the first Irish player to reach 100 wins under head coach Louderback on Feb. 19, when she beat UCLA's Annica Cooper 7-5, 6-3.

Velasco currently stands one win away from breaking the 100-win plateau, with a 99-45 career singles record.

"Right now, we have only one goal left to accomplish," said Hall. "The next two weeks really will define our season. Marisa and I want to go out winners."

Jennifer Hall and the women's tennis team won the Big East title for the fourth-straight year.

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Que tengan suerte y amor en la vida y que la copa de amor siempre esté llena.
Sluggers split two-game series with Hurricanes

By BRIAN KESSLER

Notre Dame's Alex Shilliday, Chris McKeown and Aaron Heilman combined for a one-hitter against the Hurricanes on Wednesday to record perhaps the biggest Irish victory in the history of Frank Eck Stadium.

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Irish finish perfect in Big East, capture first title

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

After finishing the regular season with a perfect 16-0 conference record and winning three straight tournament games, Notre Dame's softball team has its first Big East softball championship, defeating Seton Hall 5-1. The Irish finished the season 38-18 overall.

Sophomore Jennifer Sharron led the pitchers with 16 wins, going 9-0 in conference play. She also led the team with a 1.07 ERA, 145 strikeouts and kept opponents to a .194 batting average against her. She threw back-to-back one-hitters in the concluding weekend of Big East play.

Senior Angela Bessolo finished the regular season 14-5, 7-4 in conference. She also led all pitchers with 30 appearances throughout the season.

Offensively the Irish were tough to stop this year. Seven players finished with batting averages higher than .300 while the team had a .306 average, nearly 30 points above last year's mark. The team had a .306 average, and seven players finished with batting averages over .300.

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The Notre Dame softball team captured its first-ever Big East Championship Sunday with a 5-1 win over Seton Hall in Storrs, Conn. The win gives the Irish the Big East's automatic bid in the NCAA tournament.

The Irish entered the Big East tournament as the No. 1 seed and defeated fourth-seeded Connecticut 4-1 on the first day, before being replaced by Sharron and Angola Bessolo. Sharron gave up just one hit in her three innings of relief to earn the save.

Jarrah Myers' two-run double put the Irish in front for good. Offensively, Myers started every game at third for the Irish. Jenny Kriech started 23 games in right field and took over the lead-off spot for the Irish. She stole a team-high 10 bases in 13 attempts.

The young squad was successful partly because of its senior leadership. Laboe, who played in all 54 games, said, "We wanted our team to be on the same page and work together. We want to have the most successful Big East season at Notre Dame."

"We wanted to leave knowing that we did our best to build the program," she continued. "The program expects great things from the underclassmen and we would like to come back one day and know that we helped them achieve their potential."

The emergence of several key freshman contributors proved vital for the Irish. Showing a healthy future for Irish pitching, Michelle Mouchet went 5-3 for the season and posted three consecutive victories over Bowling Green and Toledo. She finished the season with a 2.30 ERA with 53 strikeouts to only seven walks.

Laboe said, "We were always pulling for each other — win or lose — and we developed a bond. We were playing for each other, rather than ourselves and that was important."
By MIKE CONNOLLY

After a one year hiatus, the men's lacrosse team returns to the familiar territory of the NCAA tournament to face a familiar opponent in the Georgetown Hoyas on Sunday in Towson, Md.

The Irish saw a six year tournament appearance streak snapped last year when they compiled a 5-7 record and failed to earn a tournament bid. In 1999, however, a mixture of talented sophomores and senior leadership has led the Irish to a 8-5 record and a 12th seed in the NCAA tournament.

"Especially after last year, it was important for us to get back to the tournament this year," senior midfielder Brad Owen said. "We didn't make it as juniors. We had a really good team last year and everyone expected us to go far. But for some reason, everything didn't come together. So this year, the team is really young and we wanted to prove to the NCAA that we could make it back."

The team has gotten stronger as the season wore on. The players adjusted to playing together and the victories have piled up.

"We play well together," Owen said. "In our first game against Penn State, we didn't play well together because we were so young, but the young guys have really stepped it up and we have learned to play together."

Most of the youth on the team is found on attack and in the midfield. Attackman David Ulrich and Tom Glatzel rank one and two, respectively on the points list for the Irish, while midfielder Todd Ulrich finished the year with 22 points — good for fourth on the points list. Glatzel and Ulrich have each been named Great Western Lacrosse League players of the week this year.

Despite being called upon to play such a critical role in their first NCAA tournament game, the sophomores are not nervous.

"There are a lot of sophomores on the team and we have been in pressure situations before," said Ulrich, who hails from Baltimore, Md. "I am a little nervous about playing at home in front of all my friends and family, but I am also deeply excited."

The pressure situations and game experience that the sophomores have faced this year make their youth no longer a liability, according to Owen.

"They are pretty much juniors now," he said. "They are really experienced. They have played in 15 games — including our scrimmages — so that's not going to be a problem. They are going to be excited about playing in front of a big crowd in Maryland, but they will be ready."

The sophomores have received veteran leadership from co-captain Chris Dusseau. Dusseau has led the Irish in goals in each of his four years under the Dome. This year he set a new career high with 15 goals.

Dusseau has been especially deadly for goalies the past three games. After the team dropped three straight to Georgetown, Hofstra and Ohio State, the Irish needed to win all of their last three games to secure a bid in the NCAA tournament. Dusseau stepped up his play to an 4-1 first quarter lead before being out scored 11-4 over the last 45 minutes.

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Despite being seeded behind Georgetown in the tournament, Notre Dame is confident that it can defeat Georgetown in the first round, especially since the Irish have faced the Hoyas already this year.

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Irish's first-ever win over Massachusetts. Dusseau earned his second GWLL player of the week honors of the year for his performance.

In the hume final for the seniors against Harvard, Dusseau added two more goals to give him 13 goals in his last three regular season games.

The hero of Harvard game, however, was another sophomore. Midfielder Steve Biskoski scored two goals in the last three minutes — including the game winner with three seconds left — to give the Irish a dramatic come-from-behind victory. Biskoski was named GWLL Player of the Week for his heroics against Harvard.

Against Georgetown in the first round of the tournament, the Irish will be looking for revenge after an earlier loss to the Hoyas. In their April 10 match-up, the Irish jumped out to an 4-1 first quarter lead before being out scored 11-4 over the last 45 minutes.

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Stedman Oakey and the Notre Dame lacrosse team travel to Towson, Md., Sunday to take on Georgetown in the NCAA tournament.

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By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Assistant News Editor

When junior Michelle Samreta heard her name announced as athlete of the year at the Saint Mary's varsity athletic banquet, she knew that she was stepping into some big shoes.

Following senior track standout and three-year winner Stacy Davis, Samreta wasn't sure she'd be able to fill them.

"I was extremely surprised," said Samreta, a three-year varsity swimmer. "It's an honor just to follow her — she is one of the best athletes to ever come through Saint Mary's. To even be considered to be close to that level is amazing."

But following an athlete of Davis' caliber also gave Samreta a role model, she said.

"Stacy has shown all Saint Mary's athletes what hard work and dedication can do," Samreta said. "I just want to be able to follow her dedication."

The award celebrates an athlete who boasts NCAA rankings, regional rankings, school records, a high level of performance in the regular season and academic and extra-curricular achievement.

Winning the award above nominees Julie Norman (basketball), Joe Wagner (soccer), Erica Burkett (track), Suzanne Martin (volleyball), Angie Meyers (volleyball) and Agnes Bill (volleyball), Samreta's edge came from her overall achievement.

"Samreta's name was on almost every award and in and out of the water," Cook said. "She's done a fabulous job with leadership both in and out of the water. She wants Saint Mary's voice to be heard both in the MIAA conference and nationally and that means a lot to Saint Mary's."

Samreta, who served as the vice president of the Student Athletic Council and the Saint Mary's 1998-99 MIAA student conference representative, is also running for the MIAA national representative in the NCAA for 1999-00.

"The position gives greater visibility to Saint Mary's athletes, as well as the MIAA," said Samreta, who will learn her status in August. "Having a national Saint Mary's representative shows that Saint Mary's is serious about sports, which we need."

After breaking her own record in the 100-yard breaststroke twice and in the 200 breaststroke once, Samreta finished the season with a national ranking of 39th in the 100 breaststroke and fourth in the MIAA conference.

She was also named co-MVP for the swim team.

Samreta, a junior elementary education major, was the class treasurer for student government for the past two years and is involved in Campus Ministry and the education club.

Samreta also co-sponsored the Indiana Make-A-Wish Foundation this past summer.

"Samreta will serve as co-captain of the Belles swim team again next winter and looks to defend her school records for a third year. Breaking them, however, isn't her main goal."

"If I don't get athlete of the year, if I don't get MVP, if I don't make the papers, I don't really care," Samreta said. "They're great awards, but I just want to better my times. My goal is to keep my mental focus. If I can do that, I'll know that I did my best."

**Recycle The Observer**
It's official: Davie succeeds Holtz

National Championship Edition

Old with the old... Women's soccer

W o m e n 's soccer championship

Davie takes the helm

Davie is only the second head coach to be hired within the ranks of the Irish staff. He became the 26th head football coach in school history.

Dec. 4, 1995

Irish hire Doherty

After an exhaustive search by athletic director Michael Wadsworth, former Kansas assistant coach Matt Doherty was named head coach of the men's basketball team.

Doherty became the 16th men's basketball coach in school history following John MacLeod's resignation.

March 31, 1999

Notre Dame defeats Michigan

Defending national champion Michigan saw its chances to repeat as No. 1 come crashing down as a stifling Notre Dame defense and high-powered offense crushed Michigan, 36-20.

Led by tailback Harry Douglas for 218 yards, the Irish ended the Wolverines' winning streak.

Sept. 7, 1999

Four Years in Review

Holtz leaves Notre Dame

After 11 years as head football coach at Notre Dame, Lou Holtz officially announced his resignation. His 100 career wins are second only to Knute Rockne's 102 victories.

Despite consistent success over the course of the 32 games he coached at Notre Dame, Holtz's only national championship came in 1988 when the Irish defeated West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl to complete a 12-0 season.

Holtz led the Irish to near misses in 1989 and 1993 but an loss to the Miami Hurricanes and a last second Eagles fumble goal spoiled any hopes of a second title.

Holtz did not indicate any specific reasons for his departure and gave no sign that another coaching offer was imminent.

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Jackson leads Irish to Jacksonville

By TIM CASEY

Sports Writer

Returning from a mediocre 7-6 season and an off-season marred with off-the-field controversy, Notre Dame faced a 1998 season full of questions about whether head coach Bob Davie and first-year starters Autry Denson could handle pressure to make matters worse, the season began with a showdown with defending National Champions Michigan. The Wolverines returned nine starters from a defense that allowed a paltry 9.5 points per game on its way to a perfect 12-0 record. Ranked fifth in the Associated Press preseason poll, the Wolverines came into Notre Dame stadium confident that they could plow through the Irish.

Notre Dame, however, proved them wrong. From Autry Denson's 58-yard run on the first Irish offensive play to an improbable 35-yard touchdown pass from Jackson to Raki Nelson that propelled the Irish to a 35-17 victory over Stanford, Joey Goodspeed gained 109 yards on four carries in sweltering heat and a hostile environment in a 28-9 drubbing at Arizona State.

"It was old fashioned Notre Dame football," said Davie after the win. "This is what we're used to playing and it feels good to just go out and dominate a team like that."

Denson proved to be the hero against Army. After a see-saw battle, his career best 45-yard field goal with 1:06 left on the clock clinched the 20-17 Irish victory.

The two mainstays on offense, Denson and Jackson led the charge that would see the Irish record eight-straight victories. Jamie Spencer's 199-yard rushing in position to mount a dramatic comeback.

"It was the fullbacks' turn to shine in the next two victories," said Davie. "This is the biggest win I've ever had, right here."

The following week against Michigan State the tides turned for the 10th-ranked Irish. After a 45-23 loss to the 0-2 Spartans, people questioned the team's embarrassed, Davie was noticeably distraught with Davie's performance, particularly after letting up 42 first-half points. "I'm embarrassed; this football team's embarrassed," said Davie after the game. "There's not going to be a whole lot of talk about it. I think we came in here expecting to play well and we didn't. We had no chance because of the execution."

The Irish responded from the defeat at Michigan State in a 31-20 home victory over Purdue. The win began a charge that would see the Irish record eight-straight victories. Every game a different player seemed to step up his game. Against Purdue, Tony Driver's two interceptions in the final minutes put the Irish in position to mount a dramatic comeback.

Sheila McMillen set a new record for three-point shooting as she rewrote the Irish record book en route to leading Notre Dame to its best regular season in history. Sheila McMillen led the Irish to their most three-pointers in a season. The following week's 31-26 win against Boston College will be remembered for the goal-line struggle that became known as "The Stand."

"With the ball on the one-yard line and four downs for the Eagles to score the decisive touchdown, the defense

Denson rushed his way into Irish legend, record books

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Associate Sports Editor

Passing such greats as George Gipp, Jerome Bettis and Allen Pinkett, Autry Denson amassed 1,176 yards to raise his career total to 4,318 yards and become the all-time leading rusher in Notre Dame football history. The senior from Lauderdale, Fla., emerged as an offensive threat his freshman year when he picked up 695 yards and started three games. His sophomore campaign marked his first of three 1,000-yard seasons. In four years under the Dome, he scored 41 touchdowns, good for second place all-time. His 15 touchdowns in 1997 were the fourth most ever by an Irish player in a single season.

During his record-breaking romp, Denson picked up numerous awards. The Associated Press honored him as a second-team All-American while Football News named him an honorable mention All-American. He was also recognized as one of six semifinalists for the Doak Walker award as the top backfield in the country.