A New Beginning: The Class of 2003

Admissions officers tout incoming classes as among best in the history of both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's

* Notre Dame class 'strong' in test scores, extracurriculars

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Associate News Editor

In the tradition of recent freshman classes, this year's freshmen are breaking records. "[The Class of 2003] is the strongest and most diverse and most interesting class ever admitted to Notre Dame," said Dan Saracino, assistant provost for Enrollment.

The Class of 2003 boasts a mean SAT score of 1360, up from last year's record 1325, and a mean ACT of 31, said admissions counselor James Riley. With the average admission in the top five percent of his or her graduating high school class, Riley says this year's group is a "very strong freshman class."

Saracino is quick to note, however, that "we're not just bringing in students with great numbers." Approximately 85 percent of this year's freshmen were involved in community service in high school, 81 percent lettered in at least one varsity sport and 52 percent worked on a high school publication.

"We want to maintain the percentage of students that were involved in community service, that 'we're' not just bringing in students with great numbers," Saracino said. "They keep us super-involved in high school."

Saint Mary's freshman Nicole Hastings, a LeMans Hall resident, puts her best face forward for her new student ID card. Getting an ID is just one of the many rites of passage which freshmen at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will make this weekend. For a schedule of this weekend's events on both campuses, turn to page 2 of The Observer.

Main Building reopens after a two-year renovation project

By TIM LOGAN
New Editor

For the past two years, the most recognizable building on campus has been gated, surrounded by fences on the outside and closed to the public. Now its doors are open once again.

After 25 months and $58.7 million of renovation, the Main Building, constructed in less than four months in 1879, has been fully restored to its usable — and visually magnificent — office building. Workers restored many of the public areas to their original states and modernized office suites while installing new mechanical systems and refurbishing the building's exterior.

The project aimed to restore the building and to increase its functionality, said Jim Lyphout, vice president for Business Operations. "It's more functional now," he said. "Functionality had deteriorated in some places."

One of those places was the fifth floor, which had been closed since World War II because of structural weakness. It is reopened and now houses Graduate School offices.

Workers also replaced a number of snapped floor beams and stabilized the north annex, which was leaning and pulling away from the rest of the structure.

The cosmetic repairs are the most visible improvements to the building. Artistic details, from the ceramic tile mosaic floors to the elaborately painted ceiling beneath the Golden Dome, give it a grand appearance. Ornate stair lighting, intricate banisters and other details recreate the original decoration of the Main Building.

Some of the wall decorations were painted over in the 1960s. Workers removed and restored the layers of paint and restored the decorations.

"The public areas have been restored to what we think were the original decorations," said Jim Lyphout.

Saint Mary's Drops to #2

Saint Mary's five-year reign atop the U.S. News & World Report rankings comes to an end as Hillsdale College edges out Saint Mary's in the annual list.

Welcome Back

The Observer staff welcomes everyone back to campus, and for those of you who are new, we're glad you're here. We will begin our regular publication schedule on Wednesday, August 25.

Saturday

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Saint Mary's Freshmen: The Class of 2003

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Four-hundred and thirty first-year students climbed the staircases to their dorm rooms around with heavy boxes, clumpy stuff pieces and high expectations for the next four years.

And as each step brought them closer to realizing those expectations, each of those 430 freshmen is helping Saint Mary's reach an expectation of its own — that of higher enrollment.

The 473 incoming students — including 43 transfers — exceeded the College's goal of 415 enrolled first-year students.

It's an accomplishment that Pat Nolan, director of admissions, is excited about. "We want to have 1750 students enrolled by the year 2005," Nolan said. "As far as incoming students are concerned, we are on target to reach that goal."

The class of 2003 also boasts higher GPAs and test scores, than the most recent classes, and can claim two National Merit Finalists, four semi-finalists and four commended scholars. Twenty valedictorians and eight salutatorians are enrolled.
Bible boys and girls

I didn't go to Notre Dame football games as an infant, and my boyhood wasn't emblazoned with the interlocking "ND." In fact, I first came to Notre Dame to visit friends from high school. All I knew about the University was that Chicago-based United Limo bus service had a stop here.

That weekend in February 1995, I quickly acclimated Notre Dame is an independent little village, an independent little city, eat, deep, worship, work, party and play. It's like Isla Del Encanto of the Biosphere: all of life's necessities in one giant bubble.

When I decided to attend the University, the safety of Notre Dame's campus was a paramount concern. I would live in a dorm where doors remain locked 24 hours and where a dozen trained staff members are on hand to solve problems.

I had e-mail, Internet access, a long-distance calling plan and a post office within walking distance. My bank was in the student center. Not Notre Dame's campus, but the University, the safety of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. The observer news department uses the following guidelines in its news gathering process.

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If you have any additional questions, please contact Tim Logan, News Editor, at 631-5323. Questions or comments can also be e-mailed to the news department at observer@bobs.nd.edu.
SMC falls to second in 2000 rankings

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Laker

All good things must come to an end.

Ending a five-year marathon run as the top-ranked Midwest Regional Liberal Arts College by U.S. News and World Report, Saint Mary's fell to second among 139 colleges in our category by any standard is extremely impressive," said Saint Mary's president Marilou Eldred. Saint Mary's ranked second behind Hillsdale College of Hillsdale, Mich., a four-year private, co-educational liberal arts college. Hillsdale ranked second behind Saint Mary's in 1999.

Slipping into second by one percentage point, the factors that define the identity of a college play a large role in deciding those rankings, emphasized Eldred.

"There are many elements that define a top school, both tangible and intangible," she said. "A single percentage point between ourselves and the number one Midwest Regional Liberal Arts College is minute," she said. "We are pleased with our success and secure in our direction and congratulate other colleges that are also serving their students well."

Saint Mary's has held a top 10 spot in the rankings since the survey's beginning in 1986. The only other college to match Saint Mary's five-year streak in the top spot of any category is Susquehanna University. Saint Mary's tied Susquehanna's record with their 1997-98 ranking.

"To be ranked second among 139 colleges in our category by any standard is impressive," said Saint Mary's president Marilou Eldred.

U.S. News and World Report tabulates the rankings first by combining results of a reputation survey. The survey is completed by 1,400 accredited four-year colleges and universities which provide the magazine with educational data about themselves. College presidents, provosts, and deans of admission are asked to rate the schools that fall into their own categories. These surveys weight 25 percent of the final tally.

Data collected measuring academic quality, graduation rates, faculty resources, freshmen retention account for the final 75 percent of the score. U.S. News and World Report ranks several colleges in a variety of categories annually. The full report will be available Monday at newstand.

Construction

Towers restore air conditioning

University spends $700,000 on chillers

The Observer Staff Report

The University has installed temporary cooling towers to restore air conditioning capacity lost during the April 12 fire at the Power Plant.

Air conditioning will be at normal capacity in residence halls at least from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., said Jim Lyphout, vice president for Business Operations. If conditions are good, dorms will be cool all day as well.

"If we don't have extremely high temperatures or technical difficulties we will have air conditioning at maximum capacity," he said.

The University rented the temporary cooling towers over the summer and will keep them in place until the new towers are built. Insurance payments covered the $700,000 rental cost.

Six of the nine towers that took air at the Power Plant were damaged in the blaze, and, as a result, air conditioning service to campus was severely curtailed at the end of the spring semester. Damage was estimated at between $1 and $2 million.

Two University employees were injured in the blaze and have since returned to work. The cause of the fire remains undetermined. Lyphout said Tuesday the cooling towers should be fixed by next spring. The residence halls that have air conditioning are: Keough, Knott, McGlinn, O'Neill, Pasquerilla East, Pasquerilla West, Siegfried and Welsh Family.

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Under the Dome
The following offices are now located in the Main Building:
- Office of Undergraduate Admissions
- Business Office
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The Main Building also will
house classrooms, as it original­ly
did, and some conference rooms.

Another addition is a "Wall of Honor," located on the first floor. The wall features 25 indi­viduals, including Father Edward Sorin, founder of the University, and trustee Donald Brough. According to the plaque, those honored are "exceptional men and women whose contributions to Notre Dame are lasting, pervasive and profound.

There will be a dedication cer­emony for the renovated build­ing Monday at 5:15 p.m.

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in the class, which is the first
class to break the 3.5 record and enter with a mean GPA of 3.6.

The mean SAT verbal score
was 593, and the math score was 583.

"The quality of this applicant pool was definitely stronger," Nolan said.

Part of that is due to the
three-tier scholarship program, which is in its second year of
existence.

"The scholarship opportuni­ties here are attracting a higher range of students, which may be
why we saw a stronger applicant
pool," Nolan said.

Forty-eight percent of
the incoming class are Saint Mary's
merit scholars, and 207 are
recipients of scholarship funds.
Eighty percent of the class will receive financial aid.

Alumni connections were
also crucial to recruiting the
freshman class, through the
alumnae-endorsed application
process, now in its third year.

Each alumna receives one
application each year to pass on
to a young woman she feels is a
match for Saint Mary's.

"This is a wonderful way for
alumnae to contribute to the future of Saint Mary's," Nolan said.

Approximately one-third of
the applicant pool was referred to Saint Mary's by the alumnae endorsement
program, and in turn, one-third of the incoming fresh­men were admitted under the
application. Twenty-one per­cent of incoming freshmen have an alumna tie either
through a mother, sister, aunt
or grandmother.

Multicultural enrollment
remained consistent with the
class of 2002, with 8 percent
of the class including students
of Asian, according to the
admissions office.

The class of 2003 repres­ents 36 states and four
countries.

Four percent are from the
West, 4 percent are from the
Southwest; 80 percent call the
Midwest home; 6 percent
come from the South; 3 per­cent are from the middle
states; and 2 percent hail from
New England.

Students also come from
different parts of the world,
with international students
arriving from the United
Kingdom, Bahrain, Bulgaria,
and Nicaragua.

One of the defining qualities
of the class is their commit­ment to community service,
said Nolan.

"The majority of admitted
students had completed com­munity service in high school,
and expressed a desire to
continue that service at Saint
Mary's," said Nolan.

Sister Linda Kors, director of
Speos Unica Volunteer and
Resource Center, will present a
panel during Sunday of
freshman orientation to dis­cuss
the role of community service
in life at Saint Mary's.

"We're really excited about
the freshman class," Kors said.
"At a time when service
learning is playing a larger
part in the curriculum, the
combination is great."

Sunday's presentation will
include six members of the
South Bend community who
will discuss their involvement
with their alma mater.
They're down to the wire.

Finishing up detailing and construction, craftsmen have been working 12 hours a day, seven days a week to complete renovation of the Main Building before next Saturday's showdown with Kansas.

After 25 months and $58.7 million, the office facility has reopened, welcoming back departments that had relocated to the Hayes-Healy and Hurley Buildings, and to Grace Hall during construction.

The Offices of the President and Provost of the University returned to the Main Building, as did the Admissions and Cashier's Offices.

The fifth floor, closed since World War II because of structural weaknesses, provides a new home for the Graduate School offices.

The three original stairways were reassembled after extensive refurbishing.
New football ticket distribution system begins Monday

By ERICA THESING
Associate News Editor

A new system for football ticket distribution begins Monday, replacing a process that raised concerns about safety and fraud.

Previously, students camped outside the Joyce Center the night before ticket sales. Last year’s crowds left large amounts of debris around the Joyce Center. Administrators and some students complained last fall about rowdy behavior as lines formed at the ticket windows.

Alcohol consumption was also a problem, administrators said.

The new system allows students to camp out in the concourse of the Notre Dame Stadium and utilizes a lottery system for distribution. The campsites, scheduled over three nights to accommodate each class and graduate students, will begin at 10 p.m. in Gate B of the Stadium. As students arrive, Notre Dame Security/Police will inspect bags and coolers.

Food and drink are welcome, but alcohol is prohibited, said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Student Life.

Students will receive a lottery ticket for each ticket application and corresponding student ID. Each person can hold up to six IDs. The lottery tickets will be distributed until 1 a.m. After 1 a.m., no one will be admitted to the concourse, Kirk said, but students are free to leave at any time.

At 1:15 a.m., lottery numbers will be drawn to determine the order of ticket purchasing. Distribution will follow a lottery order established by the lottery.

“Students who do not receive a lottery number before 1 a.m. may pick up a number at 6 a.m., when the ticket lines will form.”

Class officers are responsible for the activities that occur on their campus out night, said Mark Murphy, student body president.

Murphy said the classes have organized live entertainment, disc jockeys, movies and breakfast. Each class must cover the cost of food and entertainment. Kirk expressed hope that the organized activities will shift the focus of the camps away from alcohol.

Use of the concourse and the increased security is a significant expense, Kirk said. He estimated the price tag at several thousand dollars and said that the numerous departments involved will help with the bill. The Athletic department, for example, will provide stadium ushers to assist Notre Dame Security officers.

“I think the expense is something people were willing to take on because it’s something of a fun activity,” Kirk said.

Murphy said that student government is grateful for the subsidized cost.

“This was a way to preserve the ticket campout tradition,” he said. “We are thrilled that they let us keep doing it.”

However, Murphy in concerned that students will not know about the new process in time. Ticket sales must begin Tuesday because of the Aug. 28 football game. Murphy said it will be especially difficult to reach seniors who are living off-campus.

To spread the word, student government is hanging flyers at several local apartment complexes. Murphy and student body vice president Michael Pabon spoke to the resident assistants Tuesday about the process and will have representatives at enrollment Monday to answer questions.

Murphy and Pabon worked with several departments on the new system, including the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of Student Activities, Notre Dame Security/Police, the Ticket Office and the Athletic department.

Seniors will camp out Monday night, with tickets on sale Tuesday at 7 a.m. Juniors and graduate, law and MBA students will camp out Tuesday. Junior tickets go on sale at 2 p.m. Sophomores and freshmen camp out Wednesday with sophomore tickets on sale at 7 a.m. Thursday and freshmen tickets available at 2 p.m. Thursday.

The seven-game ticket book costs $123, payable by cash or check. This price reflects a increase of about $1 per game from last year’s six-game price of $99.

A cameraman from WXYZ in Detroit films students camping outside the Joyce Center last August. Problems with trash and alcohol at last year’s camp outs prompted a new system, which begins Monday. This year’s camp outs will be inside the Stadium concourse.
A look at who they are and what they do

The Office of the President oversees all branches of student government at Notre Dame.

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Representatives of the students, administration, faculty and staff meet biweekly in the Campus Life Council (CLC) to discuss the issues that affect residential life at Notre Dame.

Officially, it is the CLC’s duty to make recommendations to Father Mark Poorman, vice-president of Student Affairs. Poorman is bound to reply in writing within two weeks, stating whether or not he will present the recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

On a broader level, however, the CLC functions as one of the only places on campus where students, faculty members and administrators meet for debate on a regular basis.

“Right away we’ll be having a resolution grouped to get some more ATMs (automated teller machines) on campus,” said student body president Micah Murphy, who chairs the CLC.

Other projects may take the length of the term to accomplish, including his proposal regarding the Detox access system in the residence halls.

“We want to make it so that ... males can get into female dorms at a reasonable hour from, say, 12 noon to 10 at night using their ID card — just like a female in that dorm could, and vice versa,” Murphy said.

In addition, the CLC must also be ready to tackle whenever issues appear during the year.

The first CLC meeting is Monday, Aug. 30, at 4:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame room of LaFortune Student Center.

STUDENT SENATE

The Student Senate meets weekly to address the issues facing the Notre Dame student body. Senators represent each residence hall, including one representative for off-campus students.

Student body vice-president Michael Palumbo, who chairs the Senate, already has at least one goal he wants to see accomplished.

“We want ... the senators [not really represent their dorms — not more or less speak for themselves],” Palumbo said.

He also stresses that a good relationship with the administration is key to an effective Senate.

“If you know where the administration is coming from it helps things out a lit­tle,” said Palumbo.

STUDENT UNION BOARD

The Student Union Board (SUB) is the programming body responsible for coordinating concerts, movies and other student activities on campus.

In recent years, SUB has brought James Earl Jones, Ben Folds Five, and Ani DiFranco to the Stepan Center, in addition to dozens of speakers and weekend events. Bradford Marsalis performed in conjunction with the 1999 Collegiate Jazz Festival. Senior Bissi Kerr heads up SUB this year.

Funding for SUB and its programming comes from the general Student Union budget.

Nancy Midden President

Angie Little Vice President

The four branches of the Saint Mary’s Student Government Association are headed by the Office of the President.

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President oversees all branches of student government at Notre Dame.

Keough Hall West Chicago, Ill.

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Campfield, Ohio

Government

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Finance

Board of Governance

The Board of Governance (BOG) provides a forum for students to discuss issues regarding student life at Saint Mary’s.

“We plan on addressing each of the issues in our platform,” said student body president Nancy Midden, who heads the board.

BOG is currently drafting proposals that call for the inclusion of a designat­ed “study day” into the Saint Mary’s school calendar. The day would most likely be the last Friday before final exams.

BOG plans to expand Saint Mary’s Pride Week, scheduled for early October, said Midden.

“We’re trying to include each board and the class governments [to make all campus feel more a part of it],” she said.

Other ideas that have arisen from BOG discussions include the celebration of a winter carnival, as well as an alumni workshop and mentoring pro­gram.

BOG recently added a technology commissioner, who will concentrate primarily in integrating the student government network with the student net­work to increase publicity of campus events.

STUDENT ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The Student Academic Council includes one representative from each department, and, according to student body vice president Angie Little, is the only organization that touches every woman at Saint Mary’s.

“Basically, our overriding goal this year is to create a mission statement, because we feel very strongly that every woman at SMC is actually a member of SAC,” said Little, who serves as chairwoman of the council.

The first SAC event of the year will be held on that theme. The event, scheduled for Sept. 5, includes pizza and skits for first-year students, hosted by the various boards on campus.

“We want first-year students to walk in and say, ‘This is something I’m already a part of,’ ” Little said.

Little and Midden are also involved in expanding the Major of the Week program, which Little termed a “great success.”

SMC is also in the midst of planning a time capsule for Saint Mary’s Pride Week, as well as a proposed “re-entry” program for students returning from a semester or year abroad.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

The Residence Hall Association functions under the auspices of the Board of Governance and acts as the programming body responsible for issues concern­ing hall life. Holy Cross Hall resident Rose Lutsko will serve as president of RHA this year.

The Association aims to increase participation in hall events and to pro­mote interhall events. RHA is also responsible for planning such campus­wide functions as the all-campus formal, as well as the big sister program.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

The fourth prong of Saint Mary’s student government is the Student Activity Board, which handles the programming for most campus-wide events. In addition to funding, SAB must also plan and promote events, such as SMC Tosal and the Jamaica Shaka, and the numerous concerts and speak­ers.

“We just want to basically provide fun events in a variety of different media [such as] bands, speakers and plays,” said senior Janet Horvath, who is beginning her second year as president of SAB.

“We’re trying to appeal to a wide range of students through different activities,” she added.

The 13 members of the board are chosen through an application process.
1999 Notre Dame Football Ticket Campout

When is Campout and when do tickets go on sale?
Class of 2000: Campout Monday, August 23rd, Tickets on sale Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 AM
Class of 2001: Campout Tuesday, August 24th, Tickets on sale Wednesday, August 25th at 7:00 AM
Grad/Law/MBA: Campout Tuesday, August 24th, Tickets on sale Wednesday, August 25th at 2:00 PM
Class of 2002: Campout Wednesday, August 25th, Tickets on sale Thursday, August 26th at 7:00 AM
Class of 2003: Campout Wednesday, August 25th, Tickets on sale Thursday, August 26th at 2:00 PM

Where is Campout?
Gate B Concourse of Notre Dame Stadium

How much is a seven-game ticket booklet?
$123.00, payable by cash or check

How many ticket booklets can I hold at one time?
1 person can hold 6 ticket applications & corresponding student I.D. cards.

How does Campout work?
For all three nights, Notre Dame Stadium Gate B will open at 10:00 PM and close at 1:00 AM. Upon arrival, bags and coolers are subject to search by ND Security. As students enter the gate, they will be given a lottery ticket for each ticket application and student I.D. shown. The limit for one person again is six lottery tickets. The campout will occur in the Notre Dame Stadium concourse.

At 1:00 A.M. the stadium gates will be locked. A lottery number will be drawn at 1:15 A.M. to determine who will be the first student in line. For instance, if number 59 is drawn in the lottery, the student holding number 59 gets the first pick. The line would proceed as follows: 59, 60, 61, etc. With number 58 being 200th in line. Gates will reopen at 6:00 A.M.

Please note, no entry or re-entry into the stadium by students is permitted after 1:00 A.M.
For all students not receiving their lottery number between 10:00 P.M. and 1:00 A.M., lottery numbers will be distributed beginning at 6:00 A.M. Also at that time, lines will be formed in groups of 200.

Schedule of Events for Campout:
10:00 PM Entertainment commences.
1:00 AM Live or recorded entertainment concludes.
1:15 AM Ticket lottery begins.
1:30 AM Movie begins to play.
6:00 AM Students begin to lineup for tickets

Where do I get my application?
Applications for on-campus residence students will be distributed by your rector. Applications for off-campus residence students may be picked up at the Joyce Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., beginning August 18th. You must have an application to participate in the lottery.

For more information, please call your respective hall president/senator/or hall council member, or call the student government office at 631.7668
Hesburgh receives two more degrees, tops list with 141

pecial to The Observer

The record number of honorary degrees awarded to University president emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh continues to grow.

The president emeritus of Notre Dame received honorary doctor of humane letters degrees from the State University of New York, Utica/ Rome, on May 8, and from Connecticut College on May 29.

The two new honorary doctorates bring his total to 141, the most ever bestowed on one person, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

One of the 20th century’s leading figures in higher education, public service and the Church, Hesburgh served as Notre Dame’s president from 1952-87. His 35-year tenure included the transfer of governance from the founding religious community, the Congregation of Holy Cross, to a predominantly lay board of trustees in 1967. Notre Dame also began admitting women to the undergraduate program in 1972 under his tenure.

Since his retirement, Hesburgh, 82, has continued to advance the interests of several Notre Dame academic institutes. He serves on the boards of national and international organizations, writes articles and delivers speeches. He serves on the board of the United States Institute of Peace — his 15th presidential appointment — and was president of the Harvard University Board of Overseers from 1994-96.

Highlighting the lengthy list of awards to Hesburgh is the Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor, bestowed on him by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

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Benefactor, alumnus dies of heart failure

Special to The Observer

William Bond, a University of Notre Dame alumnus and benefactor, died May 26 of congestive heart failure at his home in Memphis. He was 79. Bond, who graduated in 1956, had been a member of the University's advisory council for the School of Architecture since 1974 and was a longtime benefactor. His $5 million gift in 1995 underwrote the expansion and renovation of the 82-year-old building that houses the University's School of Architecture. The facility was dedicated and named Bond Hall in March 1997. Among his many other gifts was $1.2 million in 1984 to establish the Montedonico Fellowship master's degree program in architecture in honor of his mother, Rose Montedonico Bond. Bond is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren.

English professor, chair dies

Special to The Observer

James Robinson, professor of English at Notre Dame, died Aug. 10 at St. Joseph's Medical Center in South Bend after a brief illness. He was 71 years old.

Robinson, a specialist in Renaissance scholarship, was named to the University's School of Architecture since 1974 and was a longtime benefactor. The facility was dedicated and named Bond Hall in March 1997. Among his many other gifts was $1.2 million in 1984 to establish the Montedonico Fellowship master's degree program in architecture in honor of his mother, Rose Montedonico Bond. Bond is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren.

Bertelli loses cancer battle

Observer Staff Report

Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame's first Heisman Trophy winner, died June 26 of brain cancer. He was 78.

Bertelli was a first-team All-American in 1942 and 1943 and as a junior was Frank Leahy's first T-formation quarterback. He helped the 1943 National Championship team average 43.5 points a game and in 1972 was elected to the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame. He played professionally for Chicago and Los Angeles of the All-America Football Conference for three seasons prior to a knee injury that ended his promising career. Bertelli was born in West Springfield, Mass., and graduated from Notre Dame in 1944.
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National Science Foundation honors engineering profs

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has granted four University junior faculty members of the College of Engineering with Faculty Early Career Development (CAEER) awards.

Recipients include Nikos Chrisochoides, assistant professor of computer science and engineering; Patrick Fay, assistant professor of electrical engineering; Vincent Freeh, assistant professor of computer science and engineering; and Yahya Kurama, assistant professor of civil engineering.

The CAREER program emphasizes professional development, research and educational opportunities for students. Steven Bass, computer science and engineering chair, said, "This is an honor few, if any, other computing departments in the country can claim." Freh is developing a model for systems software that will make use of emerging technologies that have changed the way computers are designed. "Memory can now be more like a person," says Freh. "It doesn't just have to be a filing cabinet anymore. You can input data and assign a task and it will come out processed, much like a secretary can take dictation and produce a composed letter.

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Complex engineering and scientific computing problem are the key points of Chrisochoides' research.

For his project, he will develop algorithms and software that will orchestrate the movement of data so that the appropriate data arrive in the right place at the right time in order to accommodate the increasingly faster computer processors.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1997, Chrisochoides received his bachelor's degree from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Greece and his master's and doctoral degrees from Purdue University.

Kurama also will develop a virtual Internet laboratory to help undergrad and grad students study the effects of earthquakes on concrete structures.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1998, Kurama received his bachelor's degree from Bogazici University in Turkey and his master's and doctoral degrees from Lehigh University.

Fay's research will develop and demonstrate viable micro-machining technology in a new class of materials that may be useful in constructing high-power, high-frequency micro-electronic devices and short-wavelength light emitters.

Applications for this technology include the manufacture of high-performance integrated power sensors for wireless communications devices such as microwave and satellite links.

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For your convenience the following Student Service Office will be open

Saturday, August 21, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and Sunday, August 22, 1999 from Noon to 5:00 p.m.

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What they forgot to tell you during Freshmen O

Over the next few days you, the class of 2003, will be subjected to all forms of advice. You will have experienced presentations and prejudice reduction workshops. You will meet with your tutors, assistant rectors and resident assistants. Some of you already have met with or will soon meet with advisors in the Freshman Year of Studies.

You will also be told of the great tradition of Notre Dame and how you will receive a top-notch education. They will list you for all of the Trustees and other important alumni that went from a month to the Gross National Product. This is all true. But, what follows is not nearly so serious. It simply exists as my advice to you. Student life at Notre Dame can be a war for survival. This is almost all of which comes from my own personal experience — we will help you in that fight.

First, do not underestimate the power of the dining hall food. If you do, it will conquer you. After you have exhausted every possible combination of grill, Italian, taco or whatever happens to be the main dish you will begin to realize how everything really tastes the same and how, oddly, none of it tastes like chicken.

This is a light that you cannot win. I don't care how close you are to the winning. This is a war for survival. This advice — "The Blair Witch Project" was scary and hard to watch. Just try to see what you are eating.

The best weapon against such biological warfare exists in the form of LaForteine Burger King and stealing food from your roommates' care packages.

Second, do not EVER utter the sentence, "The weather up here isn't that bad." The Weather can bear with you and punish you for your insolence.

The Weather in South Bend, white right now a soothing 68 degrees with a high index of 330 degrees, will very quickly turn into your worst enemy and the bane of your existence. The first days that the clouds roll over the sky will feel like a lifeless existence and look out your window to see the snow piled up over the roof of the library and then you realize that the school has fallen below that of the dark side of the moon — you will be sorry that you angered The Weather.

Note: just avoiding comments about The Weather will not necessarily prevent the apocalypse of winter, but it couldn't hurt.

This is a fight that you cannot win. I don't care how close you are with Father Busch. No one turns off the South Bend snow machine. The best that you can do is to hold up in your dorm room where the heater keeps everything at a balmy 451 degrees Fahrenheit.

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Poorman offers blessing

I would like to extend to you a warm welcome on behalf of all of us who work in the Division of Student Affairs at Notre Dame—the Offices of Alcohol and Drug Education, Campus Ministry, the Career Center, Counseling Center, Health Services, International Student Affairs, Multicultural Student Affairs, Residence Life, Security, Student Activities, Student Residences and the staffs of your residence halls. Although we provide a variety of services, we share a common desire to do everything we can to help facilitate your intellectual, spiritual and personal growth.

We extend a special welcome to our new students—first year students, transfer students and new graduate and professional students. We welcome back the sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as the returning graduate and professional students. As community, we draw our strength from the unique qualities of you. We hope that all of you set for yourselves this year. I hope that I will have the opportunity to come to know as many of you as possible in the months ahead. Until I am able to greet you in person, please know that you have my very best wishes for a year filled with all God's good blessings.

Rev. Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C.
Vice President for Student Affairs
University of Notre Dame
August 18, 1999

Eldred explains College Master Plan

To those of you who are new students—welcome! And to those of you who are returning to Saint Mary's and Notre Dame—welcome back to the start of a new academic year. Fall is always a time of great excitement on our campus, but this year is special in many ways. Saint Mary's College has much to celebrate as we begin the 1999-2000 school year. We are welcoming 430 women as first-year students, making the Class of 2003 one of the College's largest in recent years. Our incoming first-year students are remarkable not only in quantity, but in quality. Among them are a significant number of high school valedictorians, and the high school GPAs and SAT scores of this group are even higher than those of their predecessors.

Returning students to Saint Mary's will note some positive changes on campus. They'll find renovations in many residence halls and important upgrades in classroom technology. Among the most exciting improvements is the new Trumper Computer Center, now available for student use in the Cawdow-Loghlin Library. Perhaps most significantly, over the summer our Board of Trustees approved the Saint Mary's College Master Plan. The Plan is a bold outline for campus expansion and renovation that will perpetuate the beauty of our campus while adding much-needed teaching, meeting and social space. Our students participated actively in the conception of the Plan, and both current and future students will benefit from its implementation over the next several years.

As I begin my third year as President of Saint Mary's College, I am struck more than ever by the energy, spirit and intelligence of the women we serve here. I wish all of you the very best as you embark on this phase of your academic career!

Marilou Eldred
President
Saint Mary's College
August 18, 1999

Don't miss out on first week of ND activities

Welcome back Domers! We would like to extend a special welcome to our first year and transfer students. We are sure that you will find campus an enjoyable place to call home. While you are here, please take advantage of all the activities available (particularly the activities on Sunday night). Monday night is the seniors camp out for football tickets. Tuesday is the Opening School Mass, after which will be residence hall and off-campus pictures in the Stadium, a picnic dinner, live entertainment and a fireworks show outside the stadium. Tuesday night is also the new football ticket campout for juniors and Wednesday is when sophomores and freshmen can pick up their lottery tickets and sleepover in the Stadium. On Thursday evening, Dillon Hall will present their annual pep rally. On Friday, there will be another pep rally in the Stadium with a special guest speaker. On both Thursday and Friday, be on the lookout for SUB's "Welcome Week" activities from 4-7 at Fieldhouse Mall. To top off the week, the Irish take the field against Kansas in the Eddie Robinson Classic. It's going to be a jam-packed week—we can hardly wait!

Of course, there will be many opportunities to participate in campus activities as well as join clubs and organizations throughout the year, but by participating in the first week of events, you will get a chance to meet new people, reminisce with old friends and take part in activities unique to Notre Dame. Please, if either one of us can be helpful in any way throughout the year, do not hesitate to call the Student Government Office. We hope that you enjoy being back on campus. We are going to have a great year!

Michael Murphy
Student Body Vice President
August 10, 1999
TOBACCO POLICY
In accordance with an administrative directive issued seven years ago, all buildings on the Notre Dame campus are smoke-free. This ban extends to the seating areas of Notre Dame Stadium. Ash cans are provided outside most buildings for the convenience of smokers. Cooperation is appreciated.

CAMPUS SECURITY
For your protection Notre Dame employs a staff of uniformed police officers who provide 24-hour foot and vehicular patrols on campus property. Additionally, 24 emergency call boxes are spread across campus. To contact the Security Building (directly below on map) from any campus phone, dial 1-5555. For an emergency dial 911. From 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. the SafeWalk program provides a free campus escort service: Call 634-BLUE.

Welcome and congratulations on entering this new period of your life! The production could be entirely comprehensive, this guide will answer some of your questions, highlight some things you may want to know and help you to learn your name and number.

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

LAUNDRY SERVICE
Formerly available only to males, the campus laundry service is now available for a fee. A contract-service can be purchased for 2 washes, which are defined as being bundled. Laundry is collected at 10 p.m. and available for you to pick up at the Laundry Center (directly below on map); the schedule is posted in your dorm. Other services include dry cleaning, tailoring/alterations.

STUDENT REGISTER
For those who are unfamiliar with the above term (upperclassmen included), it is the official name for what is more commonly known on campus as the Dogbook. This volume contains the photograph and brief biographical information provided by each incoming freshman. It is sometimes used for selecting one's date to dormitory-sponsored semi-formals and formals.

POST OFFICE
Notre Dame has its own campus post office (directly above on map), which features a special mail slot for letters to be postmarked "Notre Dame, IN." All mail not dropped in this slot will be postmarked "South Bend, IN."

PARIETALS RULES
Notre Dame enforces restrictions on visiting hours of guests. Students enjoy unlimited midnight on Sunday through Thursday from 8 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. These rules are considered serious and can result in suspension or dorm offender. Male dorms are identified in blue text, female in pink.
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
Providing direct service to the U-Park Mall in Mishawaka and transfer service to most areas of South Bend, the city bus stops outside the Library (below on map) every half hour Monday–Friday from 7:01 a.m. until 6:31 p.m. and then at 7:40, 8:30 and 9:20 p.m., and stops hourly on Saturday from 7:31 a.m. to 5:31 p.m. Service in this area, Route 7, is not provided on home football Saturdays. The fare is 75c.

ACTIVITIES NIGHT
A thorough opportunity to explore the wide range of campus organizations occurs Aug. 31 from 7–9 p.m. in the Joyce Athletic & Convocation Center. Student representatives from the various academic, athletic, media, musical and political clubs will be stationed at booths to answer questions and register prospective members.

FOOTBALL TICKETS
All students are guaranteed the opportunity to purchase one season ticket apiece. The procedure is as follows: application cards will be available from rector's or at the JACC ticket office. Bring this card with a student ID and cash or check for $123 to the Gate B concourse of Notre Dame Stadium. An organized campout and lottery will take place at 10 p.m. on each assigned night. Each student may submit up to six applications provided he or she also furnishes a matching student ID and payment for each of the applications. Freshmen will campout Aug. 25.

IDENTIFICATION CARD
The student ID is a ticket to the privileges and immunities granted to all students. Carry at all times of the day.

ALCOHOL POLICY
According to Dula's Student Life Policies and Procedures, "students are responsible for compliance with Indiana criminal law regarding alcohol consumption. The University will enter a private residence room for the purpose of enforcing Indiana laws if drinking in such a room becomes public in any way." It is defined as that which extends beyond the privacy of the room. It clarifies: "No alcoholic beverages may be carried in open containers in the corridors or any other public area of the residence halls such as lobbies or lounges."
**Police arrest another Husker**

**Sixth year senior sexually assaults two girls**

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb.

Nebraska receiver Shevin Wiggins was arrested Friday and charged with sexually assaulting two 14-year-old girls outside a home. Wiggins, 24, and another man, Floyd Brown, 23, were accused of fondling the girls late July 25 or early July 26 in a camper in the driveway of the home, Sheriff Terry Wagner said.

The arrests followed a three-week investigation. Wagner said a third unidentified man involved in the incident has not been arrested.

Both men posted bonds of $10,000 and were released from jail.

Sexual assault of a child is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

Wiggins, a senior who was granted a sixth year of eligibility, was indefinitely suspended from the team.

"It's unfortunate certainly for Shevin and all of us," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. The arrest "shocked us all, but we'll just have to move forward," he said.

Wiggins, also a kick returner, was recruited in 1994 but sat out while gaining academic eligibility. He redshirted in 1995 and piled up the last three years.

He's best known for when his kicked ball at the goal line was caught by teammate Matt Davison as the Cornhuskers rallied to beat Missouri.

**Green Bay sends Mirer packing**

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

The New York Jets, still seeking a backup quarterback, obtained Rick Mirer from the Green Bay Packers on Friday for an undisclosed draft choice.

Miler is expected to compete with Scott Zolak, signed as a free agent from New England, and Ray Lucas for the job as Vinny Testaverde's backup.

Miler, the former Irish quarterback, joined the Packers last Sept. 2 and was the Packers' third quarterback for 12 games, moving up to No. 2 when Doug Pederson was injured. This season, Pederson left for Philadelphia as a free agent, but the Packers deemed Mirer expendable because of the progress made by Matt Hasselbeck and rookie Aaron Brooks.

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Irish tennis squads to compete in co-ed championship

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame men and women’s tennis teams have been selected as one of 16 schools to participate in the first-ever co-ed intercollegiate national tennis championship. The event will take place this fall at the WingspanBank.com/WTT National Collegiate Tennis Championships, Oct. 1-3, at Stanford University.

The Irish will face fourth-seeded UCLA on Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. at the Taube Family Tennis Center.

Notre Dame received one of seven regional slots while the remaining nine teams were selected at-large based on combined season-ending Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings.

The championship will use the World Team Tennis format that features teams comprised of two men and two women. Each team will play five sets, with one set each of men’s singles, women’s singles, men’s doubles, women’s doubles and mixed doubles.

One point is awarded for each game won in the five sets.

The Irish will enter two of the top men and women’s players in the field: senior Ryan Sachire and junior Michelle Dasso.

Sachire finished the 1998 season ranked fifth, while Dasso finished 13th.

Notre Dame joins Stanford as the only two teams in the field with a men and women’s singles player ranked in the top 15 of the final 1998 ITA rankings.

FALL MALL
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10 am - 8 pm

Sunday, August 22
11 am - 5 pm

SWIMMING
Szilier finishes ninth in international meet

Observer Staff Report

Junior breaststroker Dan Szilier represented the United States this summer at the World University Games in Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

Szilier, the 1999 Big East 200-meter breaststroke champion, finished ninth in the 200 with a time of 2:18.88. He placed just five one-hundredths of a second behind eighth place finisher and fellow American Barry Wynn.

“I think I did well considering it was my first international meet,” Szilier said. “I would have liked to have gone faster but I ended up finishing in the same place that I was seeded.”

With the event scheduled for Independence Day, the Americans had an extra incentive to succeed.

“Competing on July 4th was a lot of fun,” he said. “We have a lot of extra energy in our team area that day.”

Szilier became the first Irish men’s swimmer to qualify for a national team when he placed seventh at the Phillips 66 National Championships in the summer of 1998.

Representing the U.S. was an exciting experience, Szilier said.

“When you are representing the U.S., it’s a whole different feeling,” he said. “When I got over here, everybody was trying to get close to the U.S. athletes. There is just a whole lot more spirit surrounding representing the United States.”
Women's Basketball
ND's Riley earns silver medal in World University Games

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Junior Ruth Riley added a silver medal to her trophy case this summer as a member of the U.S. World University Games team. The Americans fell to host country Spain in the finals 57-48. The U.S. had previously defeated them in the Spanish International Tournament, 56-52.

In the rematch, Spain took advantage of a depleted U.S. squad, playing without three key players including starting guard Brandi McCain. Riley scored 11 points and hauled in seven boards in 12 minutes of action off the bench.

"It's kind of hard to say anything about the game," Riley said afterward. "If you look at the stats, we rebounded well. We did a lot of things well but our shooting killed us. Having played them before, knowing how they play and who their personnel is, it's really disappointing losing to a team you've already beaten."

The U.S. reached the finals with opening round wins over China and South Africa. Riley scored 29 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in the first two games of the tournament.

In the final game of the opening round, the Ukrainians shut down Riley en route to an 81-70 win. Riley was held to just one point and three rebounds.

The Americans bounced back strong against Russia in the semifinals for an 87-79 win. Riley responded to her substandard play against the Ukraine with 12 points. With 3:58 remaining, she put a stop to a late Russian rally with two quick baskets to put the U.S. in control for good. Riley said her international experience will help her in the future.

"I've learned a lot here, mostly because you play against so many different kinds of players," she said. "You have to go up against teams you haven't scout ed and know nothing about their personnel. It's all just a learning experience overall, and I think it's made me better as a player and it will help me next year."

Concession Stands

All student groups which have been assigned a concession stand are required to pick up their informational packet in the Student Activities Office during one of the following times:

- Monday, August 23 9AM - 5PM
- Tuesday, August 24 1PM - 5PM
- Wednesday, August 25 9 AM - 3PM

Groups which do not pick up their packets could lose their concession stand! Please be sure to stop by.

Also, please be sure to send at least 3 representatives to attend a concession stand food service training session. Training sessions will be held as follows:

- Wed., Aug. 25 4:00 PM, ND Room
- Thurs., Sept. 9, 4:00 PM, ND Room
- Friday, Sept. 10, 4:00 PM, ND Room
- Wed., Sept. 22, 4:00 PM, ND Room

Questions? Call 631-7309 or check out the Student Activities web site: www.nd.edu/~sao/cs99/
Freshman Jim Molinaro (70) wrestles Wednesday to gain playing time within a talented and deep defensive line. The Irish finished their summer workouts this week and are preparing for the season opener Saturday against Kansas.

**Summer Vacation?**

*Photos by JOHN DAILY*

The Irish football team struggled through two-a-day practices, summer conditioning and hours in the weight room under the watchful eye of strength coach Mickey Marotti.

Irish captain Jarious Jackson executes the option.

Defensive coordinator Greg Mattison makes sure Ryan Roberts gets the point of the new 4-3 defense.

Inside linebacker Anthony Denman takes a break from Wednesday's practice. He begins his first year as a starter and defensive signal caller next Saturday.
Deeter, Shay lead Irish runners into 1999 campaign

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

The starting guns will sound off as a new season begins for the Notre Dame men's and women's cross country teams this fall.

Following a season that sent two athletes to the NCAA Championships, both teams state confidence about the coming season.

The women's squad, fifth in Big East last season, is led by seniors JoAnna Deeter and Patti Rice. Deeter made a name for herself last season by placing 14th out of 254 runners at the NCAA Championships. She finished the 5,000-meter race in 17:19.73. Rice led the 1998 season by relying on an improved performance from her consistency.

"We definitely have our eyes on winning the Big East championship," Deeter said. "We also hope to be in the top 10 at the NCAAs."

To achieve such improvement, the team is relying on an improved performance from other women.

"Alison Klemmer should definitely be our number three runner, then there is a multitude of other people," Deeter said. "Erin Luby, Bridget O'Brien and Erin Olson are just a few."

On the men's side, the competition is hot for spots on the varsity team after the graduation of mainstays Antonin Arce, Ryan Maxwell and Tim Engelhardt.

Led by junior Ryan Shay and sophomore Luke Watson, the young team hopes competition for the varsity team will lead to an improvement over last year's third-place finish in the Big East.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish players star for U.S.

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Three Irish seniors—defender Jen Grubb, goalie Laceyia Boone and forward Jenny Streiffer—gained valuable international experience as members of the 1999 U.S. under-21 national team that won the Nordic Cup with a 2-1 overtime victory over Norway.

The Irish trio played an important role in capturing the Nordic Cup, which is considered the world championship for under-21 teams, after losing the cup to Norway in 1998. Streiffer led the team in goals while Grubb started every game and Boone never allowed a goal in three halves of action.

The three team members believe that their experience with the national team will help them play better this season for the Irish.

"It makes you play a lot faster," Streiffer said. "Everyone is so quick on that level. You can hardly get one touch on the ball before someone is nailing you. It makes you think quicker and play faster."

The U.S. team opened the tournament with a 1-0 victory over Finland. Streiffer scored the game-winner on an unassisted goal in the second minute. Boone made two saves to record the shutout. Grubb started and played the entire game on the American defense.

In the second round of the tournament, the American offense exploded for three goals while again shutting out the opposition for a 3-0 win. Streiffer assisted on the second goal. Grubb played every minute of what was yet another American defensive gem.

The stifling defense and explosive American offense dominated Denmark in a 3-0 victory that set the stage for a showdown with Norway for the title.

Streiffer added another goal while Grubb and Boone combined their stellar play.

In the final against Norway, Streiffer saved the U.S. from defeat with a goal in the 85th minute to send the game to overtime.

In sudden-death overtime, the U.S. scored six minutes into overtime for the win. Streiffer's third goal of the tournament made her the leading scorer for the U.S. team.

Jenny Streiffer led the under-21 national team in goals with three this summer at the Nordic Cup.

MEN'S BASEBALL

Carroll competes with Team USA

Incoming freshman Matt Carroll earned a silver medal in Almada, Portugal, this summer as a member of the 1999 U.S.A. Men's World Junior Baseball Championship Team.

The U.S. advanced to the championship game with victories over China, 119-59, Greece, 92-87, Egypt, 96-53, Russia, 84-70 and Croatia, 83-62. Spain defeated the U.S. in the championship game for the gold medal, 94-87.

Carroll's best games came against China, scoring eight points in 12 minutes, and against Egypt, scoring six points in 14 minutes. Carroll also added two steals against China.

Against Egypt, he had a rebound and a steal.

Carroll scored two points against Russia in the quarterfinals and pulled down a rebound and a steal against Croatia in the semifinals.

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10:00 P.M. Announcements

8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The Billy Nix Quarter (Jazz and Blues)

9:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Dance Party Featuring Walker Candelario

6:45 P.M. Residence hall pictures in Notre Dame Stadium
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Irish

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this year's incoming class. Courtney Watson, Chris Yura and Julius Jones are all speedy backs who were highly coveted by many of the top programs in the country.

Watson rushed for more than 1,200 yards and scored 15 touchdowns as a senior. Yura was rated the 73rd best player in the country by the Chicago Sun-Times.

Jones has caught the eye of coaches at camp. Davie predicted that Jones may see playing time as a kick and punt returner this season. The honorable mention USA Today All-American is also a track star. He holds the Virginia state record for the 300-meter hurdles.

Jarious Jackson will have two new big targets this year when Jarnaar Taylor and Gary Godsey take the field.

Davie finds Taylor's receiving ability an asset for the Irish. His catch-making is a skill that earned Taylor a spot on the Chicago Sun-Times list of the country's 100 best players.

Godsey will battle Jabari Holloway, Dan O'Leary, John Owens and Gerald Morgan for playing time at tight end. but may actually back-up Jackson and company at QB.

The USA Today honorable mention All-American also played quarterback in high school and threw for more than 400 yards in a playoff game.

Nick Setta, from Lockport, Ill., will challenge senior Jim Sanson for kicking duties. Setta was rated the number one kicker in the country and was named a Parade and USA Today first team All-American.

Looking to replace Hunter Smith as the Irish punter is Joey Hildbold. He was a first team All-Met selection by the Washington Post.

Season Opener
Eddie Robinson Classic
♦ No. 18 Notre Dame vs. Kansas
♦ Where: Notre Dame Stadium
♦ When: Saturday, August 28, 2:30 p.m.

Freshman receiver Jarnaar Taylor goes up for a ball during Wednesday's practice. Taylor has proven why he earned a spot on the Chicago Sun-Times list of the country's 100 best players.
By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

With the departure of seven starters from last year’s 9-6-3 men’s soccer team, head coach Mike Berticelli realizes he and his staff have their work cut out for them this fall.

"This season presents a particular challenge to us because it will require a restructuring of our team," said Berticelli, returning for his 10th season as head coach. "We’ve only been out a couple of days, but this is going to be a challenging pre-season."

Restructuring begins with trying to replace last year’s leading scorer, Shane Walton. Walton, a second-team all-Big East selection and Big East all-rookie team member, accepted a scholarship to play football for the Irish.

"It’s always tough to lose your leading scorer, especially since he had three years left," Berticelli said. "It’s a giant loss and will be difficult to overcome, so we need our current players to step up and fill that void."

Senior forward Ryan Cox, who started all 18 games last year, hopes to pick up where he left off last season. Cox, who had five goals and seven assists, will team with fellow seniors Andrew Aris and Jason Pridmore to add experience up front.

Experience, however, is lacking in the midfield. Junior Connor Laufler is the only midfielder to have started all 18 games. Senior Matt McNew will anchor the defense again this season. The second-team all-Big East selection started at sweeper for three seasons. Competition is fierce in practice as younger players vie for starting roles for the Irish.

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Senior captain Gerrick Short (left) and fellow senior Ryan Cox (right) lead the Irish in the conditioning exercises at Friday’s practice.

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**Cross Country**

**Belles return starters**

By KATIE McVoy

Saint Mary’s cross country team begins its third year this week as a varsity sport under coach Jason Barstis.

The Belles finished last year with a sixth-place finish at the MIAA conference championship and ranked eighth overall in the conference.

The Belles return seven runners, providing leadership for the team, which will be seniors Bridget Heffernan, Krista Hildebrand and Melissa Miligan.

“We have seven returning starters and that is a very good core for us,” Barstis said.

Top finishers sophomore Melissa Goss and junior Friday VanderVelden will be counted on for experience, junior Katie Hummer and Nina Riconosciuto return as well.

Last year’s season was evidence that Saint Mary’s could be a title contender this year. The Belles finished ninth out of 27 teams at the Notre Dame Preseason Invitational and ninth out of 27 at the Notre Dame Preseason Invitational.

A large incoming freshman class, including Anna Dirkes, Nicole Prezioso and Megan Leaf Invitational, is expected to add strength and consistency early in the season.

Barstis and his team are aiming for a top-five finish this season. He said that he sees this as the first step in building a team that can compete on the national level and sees this year’s team as a real conference contender.

The Belles open their season on Sept. 9 at Aquinas College at 5 p.m., where they hope to gain strength and consistency early in the season in preparation for the National Catholic Cross Country Championships at the Notre Dame on Sept. 17.

“The Notre Dame meet will be our first real challenge,” Barstis said. “I hope we can use our first few meets to get back into the swing of racing.”

The Belles hope to be in top form for the MIAA conference championships at the Notre Dame of October. This year’s schedule includes six home meets and two non-conference competitions, as well as conference leader Calvin College and Hope College.

**Women’s Soccer**

**12 freshmen, Milligan begin anew at SMC**

By MOLLY McVoy

Saint Mary’s soccer team begins this season with rookies on the field and on the sidelines.

Head coach Jason Milligan begins his first year as head coach. In addition, the team expects as many as 12 incoming freshmen to join this season.

Milligan will look to both his returning starters and the freshmen to pull together what he said can be a very competitive team.

Milligan served as an assistant coach in 1998 and has an overall coaching record of 61-11-7. This week, as the Belles hold their first practice, Milligan needs the freshmen to pull together on defense.

Saint Mary’s is focused on recruiting defensive players this year and Milligan said it will pay off.

Included in this year’s class is Angela Meyer, a defensive player from Indiana’s state championship team last year. Sophomore Tia Kappahn will be Milligan’s assistant coach in 1998 and has an overall coaching record of 61-11-7.

By KATIE McVoy

**Volleyball**

Shields brings new leadership to courts

By KATIE McVoy

The Belles’ volleyball team looks to be undefeated this season with first-year head coach Bill Shields.

Shields isn’t unfamiliar with the Saint Mary’s courts, however.

A new assistant coach for the Belles in 1999, Shields returns to the team after a 12-year hiatus.

Milligan, who graduated in 1987, will provide plenty of enthusiasm and new energy in our freshmen.

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By KATIE McVoy

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The Sports Information Office will hold an informational meeting for new and returning students interested in becoming active in Irish Varsity Athletics. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 23 in the Sports Information Office which is located on the second floor of the Joyce Center near Gate 2.
By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

The 29th-ranked Notre Dame women's volleyball team enters the 1999 season with specific goals: to claim its fifth-straight Big East title and earn a seventh-straight NCAA tournament berth.

"Every year going in, I have pretty high expectations of the team and it's no different this year," head coach Debbie Brown said. "Our young players got a lot of experience last year with only one senior and that should make us stronger for this season."

With only Lindsay Treadwell lost to graduation, the Irish return a strong nucleus which includes preseason All-Big East selectors Denise Boylan and Christi Girton. Treadwell, however, led the team in aces, digs and blocks from her middle blocker position. Losing senior Mandi Powell to injury for the season also will be an obstacle.

"I think we have pretty good balance at the positions," Brown said. "It hurts losing Mandi this year, because we don't have as much depth at the outside hitter position. All her skills were very good, but we can overcome that and have a very successful year."

Junior setter Boylan and senior middle blocker Mary Leffers will captain this year's Notre Dame squad, which is the preseason favorite to claim its fifth-straight Big East conference title. Junior Jo Jameyson is a versatile player who stars at both the outside hitter and middle blocker positions.

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Women

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internationally experienced players Anne Makinen and Jenny Streiffer.

Makinen is a two-time Herman Trophy finalist and a member of the Finish national team.

Her first two seasons in an Irish uniform brought her the Big East championship most outstanding player honors. Makinen is the only player to win most outstanding player honors in consecutive championships.

Streiffer, noted as a talented scorer with excellent passing skills, led the U.S. under-21 team in scoring this summer at the Nordic Cup in Iceland.

She is on pace to become only the ninth woman in history to score 50 goals and tally 50 assists in her career. She also could become only the fourth woman in history to reach 60 goals and 60 assists this year.

At forward, the Irish will need to replace all-time leading scorer Monica Gerardo.

Notre Dame will most likely turn to junior Monica Gonzalez to replace Gerardo. Gonzalez missed the entire 1998 season with an injury, but is back and playing strong. Gonzalez was a member of Mexico's World Cup team this past summer.

Senior forward Jenny Heft, who set a single-season Irish record by notching 28 goals last year, returns to the front line for the Irish in her second season of full-time action.

Although the Irish have many talented returners, Waldrum will provide freshmen opportunities to contribute.

"We have got a very good group of seven freshmen," Waldrum said. "This is a very athletic group and is going to improve our team speed. We are going to need two or three in and start for us right away. I think it is a good possibility that the rest of the players are going to come in and play a lot off the bench."

Headlining the group of incoming freshmen are two Parade All-Americans.

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**Senior captain LaKeysia Beene, shown here during Friday's practice, was selected as the 1999 preseason Big East goalkeeper of the year.**
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Waldrum era begins for seventh-ranked Irish squad

Four players named preseason All-Americans

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Entering the 1999 campaign with a new coach, public expectations are at the lowest in six years for the women's soccer team. Despite a number seven preseason ranking, the Irish expect to succeed this year. Armed with nine returning starters, four preseason All-Americans, and a wealth of international experience, the Irish are poised to make a run in the post-season.

"Every year they have strived to be in the Final Four, looking for a possible national championship," new head coach Randy Waldrum said.

The former Baylor head coach takes over the Notre Dame program after former Irish head coach Chris Perretti left to become head coach at the University of Texas. Inheriting an experienced team, Waldrum's transition into his new job was smooth.

"Chris left things pretty full for me here," Waldrum said. "It makes it easier having a veteran team."

The players also are out to prove doubters wrong this year.

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FOOTBALL

Freshmen face tougher challenges under Dome

Tailback Jones impresses coach Davie in practices

By MIKE CONNOLLY
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As a new crop of talented high school football players comes to campus and learns that previous accomplishments mean little in big time college football, the freshmen discover that Notre Dame football is tougher than they ever imagined.

"We're going to push them and make it as hard as we can possibly make it," head coach Bob Davie said. "Because with young players they sometimes don't realize how hard that game really is."

Davie's grueling practices have pushed the freshmen to their limits and beyond as they compete with athletes who have been under the rigorous training for a year or more.

"Conditioning would be the most disappointing thing," Davie said. "I am sure it is not unique here, but in no way were they conditioned the way they need to be. That will be the last time that will happen."

The higher stresses of the college game resulted in many freshmen injuries.

Cornerbacks Albert Poore and Jason Beckstrom have impressed the coaching staff at times but both have been hampered by injuries.

The most heralded freshman coming into camp this summer was Gerard Sapp. The 6-foot, 240-pound safety from Houston, Tex., was a first-team Parade All-American and toured as the top defensive back in the country by many recruiting experts.

Sapp faces a tough fight for playing time this year against A'IJani Sanders and Davie Cooger, both returning starters at safety.

The freshman defensive back who impressed Davie the most so far is Glenn Earl. Earl was named a USA Today honor-able mention All-American and a first-team all-state pick by both the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Sun-Times.

At linebackers, the Irish welcome Justin Thomas and Pat Ryan to the team. Ryan was named an honorable mention All-American by USA Today for his play at Billings West High School in Billings, Mont. He was twice named Class AA Defensive Player of the Year in Montana.

Thomas was another honorable mention USA Today All-American who chose to sign with the Irish. Oklahoma's Defensive Player of the Year was rated one of the top 50 prospects by The Oklahoman.

On the defensive line, Darrell Campbell, Cedric Hilliard and Jim Molinaro add depth to an already talented unit.

Campbell and Molinaro were both named honorable mention All-Americans by USA Today while Hilliard was honored as a first-team All-American and ranked the 50th best player in the country by The Sporting News.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Irish have five new linemen to open holes and protect quarterback Jarious Jackson.

Neal Ambrion, Brennan Curtin, Jeff Faine, Ryan Gillis and Sean Milligan make up the best group of freshmen offensive linemen in the country.

Ambrion and Curtin were named honorable mention All-Americans by USA Today. Curtin has been the freshman offensive lineman to impress Davie the most.

Gillis comes to South Bend from DeMatha Catholic High School in Bowie, Md. He was named a Parade All-American and an honorable mention All-American by USA Today.

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