Classes of 2004 rank among ND, SMC's best

438 freshman Belles committed to service

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Escorted by minivans bursting with dorm essentials, 438 first-year students arrived on campus Thursday ready to construct their lofts and their futures.

The first-year students will also be constructing the future of the College as the largest class to be admitted since 1989. Like several women’s colleges nationwide, Saint Mary’s experienced a boost in admissions because of an increased popularity in women’s colleges this fall. The incoming class is the largest to be admitted in recent history at the College, according to Mary Pat Nolan, director of admissions.

“Women’s colleges, on the whole, are times when students are really interested in getting in,” Nolan said.

Each fall, hundreds of first-year students make their way to their homes on campus for the first time. Francis Rooney (far left), a new Alumni Hall resident, unpacks his belongings with his dad Thursday.

Freshmen to participate in first ever ‘Domer Fest’

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Assistant News Editor

In past years, freshmen in white T-shirts carrying magic markers flocked to Stepan Center on the Saturday night of Freshman Orientation.

This year, however, no markers are allowed. The traditional Graffiti Dance has been transformed into the Domer Fest.

“We have changed the ice-breaking activity, but there’s still a dance,” said Peggy Hnatusko, assistant director of programs for the Office of Student Activities.

At the Graffiti Dance, first-year students wore white T-shirts and wrote their names and telephone numbers on the shirts of other freshmen, primarily those of the opposite sex. Few students actually danced.

At the new event, freshmen will receive booklets to obtain signatures for a contest to see who can get the most within a certain time period. Organizers have also planned door prizes and a Notre Dame trivia contest.

A better sound system and a video screen will improve the quality of the dance itself, said Hnatusko.

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“We had received numerous complaints about the Graffiti Dance. From the feedback we received from students, we realized there wasn’t good relationship-building there,” said David Moss, assistant vice president of Student Affairs.

Dorm representatives knew
**Inside Column**

Football, food and finding your way

When I stepped on to campus two years ago, I only had two questions I wanted answered.

1. When and where do we get football tickets?
2. Why does it smell like baking bread all the time?

Throughout my freshman orientation, I kept asking these two questions all the time but no one had a good answer. So I asked everyone. One student told me to go to the Athletic Office and answer all those freshmen who have the same two questions that I did. I will try to answer them.

Every student is entitled to one packet of season tickets for the football season. A packet of tickets costs $104 for Notre Dame students and $144 for Saint Mary’s students.

Fresenius can buy their tickets on August 24 from 2 until 7 p.m. at Gate B of Notre Dame Stadium.

As for that bread dough smell that fills the campus every so often, it’s not fresh bread baking at the dining halls. It’s ethanol. There is an ethanol plant somewhere near here and when the wind blows in the right direction, the whole campus stinks of ethanol. If you want to know what ethanol is, go ask a chemistry professor.

So you have answers to the two most important questions you have as you start your college career. My only other piece of advice for you is this: Don’t listen to other people’s advice. Throughout this week, plenty of people will try to tell you what Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s are. Don’t listen to them. Discover your college experience for yourself. If you spend all your time trying to do what other people say is fun, you may miss out on what you think is fun.

For me, the Notre Dame experience includes long hours in the basement of the dining hall working on stories while greasy slime drips from the ceiling. I spend days without sleeping so The Observer gets published every day.

I know this is not everyone’s idea of a good time. But long hours at The Observer are my favorite thing about Notre Dame. (OK, I take it back. It’s my second favorite thing. Watching Notre Dame beat USC or Michigan is my favorite.)

You may find that marching in the band or protesting sweatshops with the PSAs is your favorite thing to do. Maybe working with SUB to bring concerts to campus is what makes you happy (if it is, bring tits and the Knights to Starbucks). Or perhaps hanging out with your friends and just shooting the breeze will be how you remember your college days. But whatever you do, make your college experience your own.

Don’t join the football managers just because your dad did. Don’t try out for the crew team just because your brother did. Don’t join Flip Side because your college offered your own niche.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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**Local Weather**

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**National Weather**

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Friday, Aug. 18.
Picnic will replace stadium campout for football tickets

By ANNE MARIE MATTLINGLY
News Editor

A student picnic at Stepan Center on Monday, Aug. 21 will be the highlight of this year's student football ticket distribution, according to Perry Burt, ticket manager at Notre Dame's Department of Athletics. This is the second consecutive year of changes for ticket sales.

Ticket distribution was organized by the previous student government administration. "We're excited about the event's organizers so the event's organizers improved things," said Brian O'Donoghue, student body president.

Last year's distribution involved three nights of students camping in the stadium conference with activities organized for each class by student government. But the expensive process had minimal participation, so the event's organizers decided to revamp the system once again.

"Although the distribution end of it went very well, the programming provided by the Student Activities Office and class councils was not very well attended — only two people actually spent the night in the stadium," said former student body president Micah Murphy in the May 3 edition of The Observer.

"The picnic will replace the traditional student councils for tickets, though the procedure for ticket distribution will be similar.

This year's event, called "Kickoff 2000," will be held on Tuesday, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Stepan Center and students of all classes can receive lottery ticket stickers. While waiting for tickets, students will be entertained with live music and special guests. This year's activities were organized by the office of Student Affairs and student government, said Burt.

There is going to be one big blowout bash now, instead of the four mini-events where there was one for each class. This way, we can build up support for the football team — as well as all sports — with a pep rally-type event, give out a bunch of prizes and select the winning ticket number. This is better than trying to coordinate separate events for each class," said Ross Kere, former Student Union Board manager, last May.

Students will receive lottery numbers within their respective classes, and a drawing at the picnic's conclusion will determine which numbers will receive the first position in the ticket line. Students will then line up in numerical order following the starting number, from one to the winning number; all numbers from one to the winning number will line up after the highest number. Students not receiving lottery numbers will still receive the end of the line on the day of ticket sales. Each student will be able to hold up to six ticket applications and corresponding I.D. cards so that groups of friends will be able to receive consecutive lottery numbers and purchase tickets together. If a number in the middle of the group is selected to begin the sales, the group will not be divided.

On-campus students will receive 2000 football ticket applications by Monday in their residence hall mailboxes. Graduate and law students will receive applications from their school; off-campus students may pick up their applications by presenting a current student I.D. at the second floor ticket window in the Joyce Center between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday. Saint Mary's students will receive their ticket applications at registration. The senior class can purchase tickets Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is required to purchase tickets within the residence hall mailboxes. Saint Mary's students will receive their ticket applications at registration. Each student will be able to receive consecutive lottery numbers and purchase tickets together. If a number in the middle of the group is selected to begin the sales, the group will not be divided.

Senior ticket numbers Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Juniors may purchase tickets Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Law and graduate students will purchase tickets from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday. Sophomore and freshman ticket sales will take place on Thursday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., respectively. All ticket sales will take place at gate B of the stadium.

The ticket prices for the six-game season is $108 for Notre Dame students and $144 for Saint Mary's students, payable by check or cash. Last year's seven-game student ticket price was $123 for Notre Dame and $165 for Saint Mary's.

Laura Blumpf and Finn Pressly contributed to this report.

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percent of the class, and international students account for another 3 percent. About 84 percent of the class is Catholic, and 20 percent are children of alumni.

The class of 2004 is one of the most impressive in Notre Dame history, according to assistant provost for enrollment B. a m Saracino. "N t r d e 1 a m i n , " n o t e d m o r e t h a n h a l f o f th ose th e i r applicants and enrollm e n t who adm it less than h a l f of t h e m "S a r a c i n o .

The University was able to meet demonstrated financial need for all incoming students, according to Joseph Russo, director of Financial Aid, with an average University-based scholarship was $13,000. Approximately 770 incoming freshmen received a total of $10 million, up from $8.5 million to the class of 2003. "This is the largest amount of support ever provided to a freshman class. We're very pleased to have contributed to the most outstanding freshman class in the history of the University."

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In addition to increased diversity, the class of 2004 has strong academic numbers and involvement in many extracurricular activities. This class stands out in their commitment to service, according to Nolan. "A common thread in this class is community service," she said. "They are involved in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and Habitat for Humanity projects. They're working in homeless shelters and visiting the convalescent."

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"[Increasing diversity] is definitely a focus area. We're definitely targeting our efforts to increase those numbers," Nolan said. "It's all part of enriching the experience for all students."

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"They both have been somewhere he is that they are looking for in a college in their experience at Saint Mary's. "We know what they want and they chose us."

The link program with Holy Cross offers students an opportunity to attend Holy Cross College for a year and then transfer to Saint Mary's. During the year at Holy Cross, the students have the opportunity to be involved in all activities at Saint Mary's. "With a year in the [link] program, the students can enhance their academic potential and they'll fit right in," Nolan explained.

Nolan feels that this class, like the classes in the past will contribute to Saint Mary's community and find what they were looking for in college in their experience at Saint Mary's. "The women who choose Saint Mary's have made the selection so carefully that they're happy here and they'll stay and graduate," she said.
O’Donoghue predicts fresh term

With a productive six weeks already under its belt, Notre Dame student government has set its sights on improving the overall quality of life at Notre Dame, from addressing the smallest details to crafting an ambitious plan for the future.

“We want to represent hope,” said student body president Brian O’Donoghue. “It’s something we’re all up to. We’re trying as best we can to make this hope manifest itself into a better reality,” he said, recalling the memory of 1948 Notre Dame graduat e Dr. Tom Dooley.

First on this year’s agenda is the opening of the school year Mass Tuesday, an evening that will include a pre- and post-Mass party honoring University president Emeritus Theodore Hesburgh. The events will conclude with a fireworks display.

“We’re going to be a visible and visible presence on this campus,” he said. “We’re ready to start, ready to go. We are going to make a difference, and we are in place to do so.”

Brian O’Donoghue
student body president

Preparing for the largest first-year class in Saint Mary’s history is no easy task, but Chrissie Renner is up to the challenge.

Renner, who began her term as student body president in the spring, has high hopes for the 438 new additions to the college.

“It’s the biggest ever. They’re going down in history,” said Renner, who noted she has already been approached by some of the 42 freshmen in her section eager to get involved in the Student Government Association (SGA).

Last spring, Renner, with vice-president Michelle Nagle, helped initiate a monthly newsletter, as well as a new website. Both are designed to help improve communication with the SGA.

“The lines of communication need to be a little bit stronger among the Student Government Association,” Renner said. “We’re plugging synergy.

By that end, Renner has planned bi-weekly meetings with the various boards of the SGA, in an effort to increase collaboration among members and diffuse any potential problems with scheduling overviews.

“One of the biggest items on the SGA agenda is the continuing attempt to have a study day added to the Saint Mary’s academic calendar before finals week. While Notre Dame students have the Thursday and Friday before Finals week designated as study days, Saint Mary’s has none.

“We are asking for one right now,” she said, crediting former president Nancy McQuade and vice-president Angela Little for initiating the study day debate.

“We’ve developed a task force on the Board of Governance.”

This year, students will also receive updates on campus in the dining hall. Renner said SGA has also investigated extending hours at the library, as well as the post office, which is currently open from noon to 3 p.m.

Under the SGA are five boards, each with their own particular mission and identity: the Board of Governance, Student Academic Council, Student Activities Board, Residence Hall Association and the Student Diversity Board.

“People are just being elected by campus individuals. Renner said. One of the first, she said, will be the incoming freshman class council elections. In addition to the positions of president and vice-president, who must run as a ticket together.

There are 13 other independent board positions.

Because of the unprecedented size of the freshman class, Renner said that and the rest of SGA have been brainstorming for a way to expand the candidate selection process to accommodate what she predicts will be a large field of contenders.

“People are just being elected by campaign posters. I don’t really like that,” she said, adding that a “Meet the Candidates” night, or similar forum, is among the ideas being floated in the brainstorming process.

Saint Mary’s Student Government

Chrissie Renner
student body president
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as Campus-Wide Orientation Commissioners worked with Student Activities to create the new event and will help run it Saturday night.

Some students, however, did enjoy the Graffiti Dance and are upset that the tradition has ended.

“When I heard the Graffiti Dance was being changed, I was disappointed,” said sophomore Katherine Karrat, who attended last year’s event. “I think all the hype about it before the dance made it seem even more exciting. I thought it was a unique way to meet the guys. “I thought the idea of the different color pens was not cool and just the initial mentality of the Graffiti Dance was not great — throwing guys and girls together, getting numbers, etc.,” said sophomore Christine Bryant. “But I think the idea of meeting new people is cool, and that can be done at the Graffiti Dance, so that’s why I liked it.”

Bryant said that she enjoyed the dance but admitted that she did not become friends with many of the people she met there.

“Though I met a lot of people at the Graffiti Dance and then forgot their names, it was cool to see where everyone was from and what they were studying and just to get a feel for the people we would be spending the next four years with,” Bryant said.

Planners hope that all participants will feel included and comfortable, said Hnatatuko. Organizers looked for a way for students to meet one another without feeling as though they are part of a “meat market,” Moss said, alluding to the way one student described the Graffiti Dance.

Moss said that no one is sure whether Domer Fest will be a success.

“Our goal is not to mandate what we do, but to always refine what we do,” Moss said. “We are continuously trying to find ways to make people feel included. Any feedback we get will go into next year’s plans.”

Hnatatuko said she hopes the different activities will help students overcome their reluctance to introduce themselves to new people.

“It’s such a valuable tool to get first-year students to meet each other,” she said.

As in years past, students primarily walk to Notre Dame from their residence halls, and many halls have already planned to walk over with their brother or sister dorms. Event planners would also like students to wear their hall T-shirts to demonstrate dorm pride, according to Hnatatuko.

Although this is the only official freshman orientation event scheduled for Saturday night, students are not required to attend.

The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs Welcomes the Class of 2004.

We members of the Standing Committee are administrators, gay and lesbian students, and faculty who are a resource in identifying the ongoing needs of our gay and lesbian students. By implementing campus-wide educational programming on gay and lesbian issues, the Committee strives to eliminate homophobia and make Notre Dame a place that accepts and prizes the uniqueness of all its students.

For more information, consult our web page: www.nd.edu/~scglns.

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Student survival: Guidance for new arrivals on campus

Freshman year brings a slough of new experiences and issues. In a new environment, students can easily run into trouble finding assistance with difficulties that arise. When faced with such a situation, do you know where to go?

How do you get help if you're computer illiterate? Here is a run-down of commonly utilized student services to help you get off the ground at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

First Year of Studies

Office of First Year Students

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Trustee Coleman passes away

Donor's gift funds Campus Ministry building

Special to The Observer

Board of Trustees member Thomas Coleman, '56, died Friday, July 14. Elected to the Board of Trustees in 1984, Coleman also served for 32 years on the advisory council for Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business. He received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University in 1993.

In addition to his many years of service, Coleman made numerous significant benefactions to the University, perhaps none more notable than his gift to underwrite the $7 million restoration of Notre Dame's historic Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Completed in 1993, the project included the restoration of the church's 19th century murals, stained glass, altars and statuary.

More recently, Coleman made a major gift in 1996 to underwrite construction of the Coleman Family Center for Campus Ministry, named in memory of his parents and brother.

Centrally located on South Quad, the center will include offices for Campus Ministry's programs in spirituality, retreats, campus liturgies, religious education and other ministries, as well as a chapel, a rehearsal space for campus choirs and a classroom for religious education.

Coleman was honored in 1998 with the Rev. Howard J. Kenna Award for service. He also received recognition from the Notre Dame Fire Department as an honorary fire chief and Notre Dame Security/Police as an honorary director of public safety.

Soon after graduation from Notre Dame, Coleman was elected a member of the New York Stock Exchange and in 1957 joined C.M.I. Partners, where he was a senior partner at the time of his death.

Coleman served on the boards of governors and directors of the New York Stock Exchange and the New York Futures Exchange. He was a director of the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation, the chairman of the board of St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center, and a trustee of New York Catholic Charities and St. Patrick's Cathedral. He also served as a member of the Board of Councilors of the Knights of Malta and the Cardinal's Committee of the Lady.

In addition to the honorary degree from Notre Dame, Coleman was similarly honored by St. Bonaventure University and the College of Mount St. Vincent.

Life trustee Archbishop McGrath dies at age 76

Special to The Observer

Father Mark McGrath, archbishop of Panama from 1969-94 and life trustee of the University of Notre Dame, passed away on Aug. 3.

Archbishop McGrath died in Panama City of complications of Parkinson's disease. He was 76 years old.

A native of Panama, Archbishop McGrath studied at Catholic University of Chile in Santiago before coming to Notre Dame in 1940. In 1942 he entered the novitiate of the Congregation of Holy Cross. After graduating from Notre Dame in 1945, he studied theology at Holy Cross College in Washington, D.C. and was ordained a priest in 1949. He studied at the Theological Institute of Paris and at the Angelicum in Rome, from which he received his doctorate in theology in 1953.

From 1953-61, Archbishop McGrath served in several ministries in Chile. He was rector of Holy Cross Seminary, professor and prefect of religion at Saint George's College in Santiago, professor and dean of theology at Catholic University and founder of a theological journal entitled "Teología y Vida."

In 1961 he was consecrated auxiliary bishop of Panama and three years later was named resident bishop of the new diocese of Santiago de Veraguas. During the Second Vatican Council, he served on the committee which produced the document "Gaudium et Spes." From 1966-68 he served as secretary general of the Council of Latin American Bishops. And, until he retired for reasons of health in 1994, he served on numerous Vatican commissions, including the Secretariat for Non-Believers.

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Carving out your college niche

Annie Marie Mattingly
News Editor

I am a Notre Dame cradle baby. My grandfather attended high school at ND in the 1920s and studied in the seminary until he was expelled for swimming in Saint Mary's lake. My parents are both 1975 graduates of the University's law school and were married in the Basilica in 1976. Furniture donated to the Holy Cross provis by my Maryland ancestors is now on display in the log chapel. I learned the fight song when I was five and taught it to my youngest brother or when he was three, I was instructed in the rules of football in the first grade and attended my first game against Purdon in 1987. I don't think it's possible to have Notre Dame in one's family much more than I do.

When I arrived on campus to start my freshman year in the fall of 1997, it was with incredible expectations. I assumed that the fun and exciting football weekend atmosphere that I had experienced as a child would pervade every aspect of my Notre Dame experience. It was time to sit back and enjoy the ride that was my college career. Little did I know it would not be that easy.

I had a less than delightful freshman year. None of my friends from high school had accompanied me to South Bend; few of them had ventured outside our home state of Ohio. My roommates were rarely home — Connie was on the basketball team, Leanne ran track, and you was a swimmer. They had dinner with their respective organizations almost every night, while I ate alone nearly daily. When it was time for our first West Quad formal, each of my roommates found parties to attend in other student's rooms. I took my date to the dance as early as possible so that we would have somewhere to go. I almost didn't enrol at the beginning of spring semester, and even before classes started I knew that there were only 53 days until spring break. I consid­ered transferring. As a painfully shy and quiet girl, finding my place at Notre Dame presented a formidable challenge.

But what it took me a year to learn is that finding one's place is the key to having a great time in college. For me, that place was at The Observer. For each of you, the members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's classes of 2004, it may be here at the paper (we're lots of fun, I promise!). It may be in student government, in ROTC, as part of a sports team or in a volunteer group. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have hundreds of student organizations that sponsor an amazing number of events. Go to activities night (it's Tuesday, Aug. 29, from 7-9 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse for Notre Dame students or Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the same time in the Angela Athletic Facility for Saint Mary's students); see what's available, find out what sparks your interest and get involved.

There was always a rush on campus organizations that interested you and invest yourself in them wholeheartedly. you will develop friendships across up to seven graduating classes that will last long after graduation. In the mean­time your fellow students will become the source of lessons that cannot be learned from lectures or textbooks. Just a few examples of the invaluable abilities I've learned from my fellow Observers.

1. If you scout out Stonehenge for campus security and run through after deciding the coast is clear only to find that the guards were hiding in the bushes and are now chasing you on motorized scooters, one good place to hide is the women's bathroom in Nedland Science Hall.

2. Sometimes it's better to just sleep in. If you're not going to be concerned for anything the professor is saying anyway, you might as well be comfortable sleeping.

3. It is possible to party every night during study days and still pass all your finals.

4. When you go to the office at 6 p.m. and leave just as the sun is coming up, a trip to Bibbler's pancake house is a must if you want to survive your 8:30 class if you go, that is — see #1. Perhaps the most important thing I've learned through my experiences at Notre Dame and The Observer is to make every decision so that I will not regret anything. If you choose to cut your organic chemistry study session short to drop by a friend's party, consider whether you'll be sorry about the choice when you get your report card. But just as importantly, if you're going to pass on an invitation to the Alumni Wake to stay home and study for the MULs, make sure you're equally cer­tain that the test is where you want to invest your time. Remember that college life is a balance between the academic and the social, and that spending too much time on either means you'll be missing something. Work hard, have fun, and get the time here is limited. You owe it to yourself, your parents and your bank account to make the most of every minute.

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HE WAS TOO UNINSPIRED TO FINISH SWALLOWING

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

John F. Kennedy
President of the United States
Welcome to Notre Dame. We have a beautiful campus and a talented faculty. I am sure that you will grow in ways as thoughtful and reflective as you prepare to make your way in the world. We are also proud of our residence tradition and make every effort to ensure that you have the best friends of your life. We welcome students from every state in the union and from a wide array of foreign countries and cultures. We are enriched by the different experiences and perspectives that you bring to our common life.

I will have the privilege of teaching some of you in my seminar class. Others will come to know through my residing in South Hall. I hope to have a chance to interact with all of you in some way or another during your time at Notre Dame. Once again welcome to Notre Dame! I am confident that this will be a great year for all of us. May God bless our life together.

Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C.
President
University of Notre Dame
August 17, 2000

Welcome back to Saint Mary's College for the 2000-2001 academic year! I hope that the summer for every student included a combination of rest and rejuvenation, a time to think about your academic life and your future — and I'm sure for all of you, earning money was a high priority! Now that we are back into the new year, I hope that it will be very challenging and rewarding for you. In particular, I welcome our new first-year and transfer students and assure you that your experience at Saint Mary's College will be an important time in your life.

I look forward to meeting with students and faculty members during the year and continuing our good relationships with the University of Notre Dame and Holy Cross College.

Marilou Eldred
President
Saint Mary's College
August 17, 2000

The powers that be here at our campus newspaper have asked me to write a column for the Freshman Orientation edition of the paper. They asked me specifically because I am a sophomore now, making me just one short, yet important, summer past being a freshman myself. This, they figure, puts me in a better position to have the fresh new freshmen a bit of interest in our humble University. So get ready for the full report on the present.

First of all, you, as freshmen, will get welcomed to death. There will be welcome-to-class welcomes, welcome-to-school welcomes, welcome-to-dorm welcomes, welcome-to-the-dorm welcomes, welcome-to-the-football-games welcomes, welcome-to-the-gym welcomes, welcome-to-the-dining-hall welcomes. You will almost feel unwelcome when you go to bed and on one welcomes you there.

You have probably had many of these welcomes already, but it gets better. You will be welcomed many times! Sometimes by the same people! Sometimes in the same conversation! The welcoming here literally never ends. And when you finally end your freshman year and think, "Well, at least the welcoming is over," you'll be wrong because when you return, you have to be welcomed back!

Everyone you meet wants you to shake your hand. If you are one of those people who is afraid of touching people because of germs, you should go home now. You'll never have another chance to do so. Everyone will also want to know your name, dorm, hometown and major. Now, you should know the first three of those three pretty definitely. If you don't, you should probably start worrying.

However, you probably aren't sure of your major. This is fine. Whenever you talk to a non-student, such as a professor or parent, you should lie and make up a major. Otherwise you are likely to get 9,534.873 kind-hearted lectures about how it is really okay not to be sure about your major and how you have plenty of time. So pretend you know your major. When you finally figure it out, you can just pretend that you are "changing" your major. Since you will really do that five or six times in the next four years, no one will know the difference.

Now, some of you will be homesick. If you are a homesick person, there will be times when you will look at the next year and think that it is going to last forever. And it will. It will also last approximately a week and a half. While you are living through it, some times the year seems to take forever. But at the end of the year, you will look back and think, "That was a nice couple of weeks," and probably refuse to believe that it was actually an entire school year.

But I jump ahead of myself. Many things will happen before you come to the point that I should share insight about. Perhaps most importantly, there will be the football games which you have to go to. Sometimes on football weekends, you almost get the feeling that God Himself will be annoyed at you if you don't go to the game, and that it may affect your chances of getting into Heaven. Which is, I suppose, is exactly why Notre Dame fans are so intense.

However, the real reason you have to go to the football games is because whenever you leave South Bend and people find out you go to Notre Dame, they will expect you to do something in the five-minute oral report on the football season. This should include a theory on why the season went the way it did. Information on one-to-three players that you personally liked, and at least one personal story about a game. So start thinking about this soon — October break is only two months away.

There are also a lot of parties around here. When you come to campus for the first time, you'll see people everywhere — up to a year later if your parents knew even then where you would be going; the tour guide probably attempted to reassure your parents that Notre Dame wasn't really a big drinking school. Well, the tour guide lied. You will most certainly not be deprived of that aspect of the college experience. Even the state schools have nothing on us when it comes to parties, except possibly sheer frequency. (Some nights we have to study.)

We also have those wonderful rules called partietals. No insightful Freshman Orientation column would be complete without something about these. Partietals are the administration's way of keeping Notre Dame guys, who, as we all know, become rapists and murderers at 12:00 a.m. on weekdays and 2:00 a.m. on weekends, away from the four defensive little girls.

Really, partietals are the administration's attempt to make themselves and our Parents believe they are doing something strong to stop sexual activity. It is a result of their ineffectiveness on that front. The administration certainty doesn't mean what they say about partietals, and it is best not to get caught breaking them. A lengthy meeting with the President and your parents is not the best way to start your freshman year. Let's see! What else is there around here? Oh yes. Between football games, parties, partietals, and welcoming sessions, you will actually be asked to attend classes. Which you should certainly do. After all, when you r call home you can't really tell your parents about the parties, so you'll need some classes to discuss. I'll hand out one last insight before I stop, and it is: Real life is not the rest of your four years of college and is not the best way to start your freshman year. Let's see. What else is there around here? Oh yes. Between football games, parties, partietals, and welcoming sessions, you will actually be asked to attend classes. Which you should certainly do. After all, when you r call home you can't really tell your parents about the parties, so you'll need some classes to discuss. I'll hand out one last insight before I stop, and it is simply this: Don't worry. Notre Dame is a good place to be. You'll have fun. I promise.
LETTERS FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Embrace new journey of opportunities

On behalf of the University of Notre Dame du Lac student body, we want to welcome you to this great institution. As we are sure you know, your acceptance is no small accomplishment, and you should be proud of yourself. We are already a stronger family because of your decision to become a member of our community. Notre Dame is a special place. You are about to begin one of the greatest journeys of your life. It is a travel filled with marvels and miracles. Take it all in and treasure every moment. Sometimes there will be so much going on that you may take for granted just how special this place is. Never forget the value of midnight trips to the Grotto and four in the morning conversations about life, the deful campus greets you with quarter dogs you can eat. These are all gifts, so cherish them.

Notre Dame is about thinking in new ways, conquering new obstacles and just hanging out with friends. We encourage you to take part in this spirit and not just see, but feel what this University is all about. The best way to do this is to get involved, whether it be by running for Student Senate or being the best欧元 on South Quad. Through these activities you get to know each other. You are, after all, a family. Remember, most of the learning around here takes place outside the classroom.

The next few years will challenge, develop and provide you with opportunities which you never dreamed possible. Embrace them. Notre Dame truly is an amazing place — not just because of the Dome or the Grotto (although both can be breathtaking), but because of Her people. You are Notre Dame, and 158 years of tradition lie in your capable hands. It is a formidable task, but everyone here believes in you. You are Notre Dame, and 158 years of tradition lie in your capable hands. It is a formidable task, but everyone here believes in you.

God bless, good luck and welcome home.

Brian O'Donoghue
Notre Dame Student Body President
Brooke Norton
Notre Dame Student Body Vice President
August 15, 2000

Exploring new and exciting horizons

On behalf of the entire student body, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the Saint Mary's family! The next four years of your life will be exciting ones, full of new people, new ideas, new experiences and many new dreams to nurture. You will have the opportunity to grow in an environment of diverse and talented women, one that challenges and inspires you to grow in your knowledge. This is also a time for getting involved and expanding your horizons outside of your classes! The Saint Mary's Student Government Association and numerous campus clubs offer wonderful avenues to explore and pursue. Take advantage of everything that is available to you.

Each morning will offer you a new day to explore and experience, and your journey at Saint Mary's will only become more incredible. We have been blessed with lasting friendships and professors who encourage us to pursue what we truly love. Each woman on the Saint Mary's campus brings something unique, something all their own to share with the rest of us. We are delighted that you have decided to brighten our campus as well!

We are looking forward to becoming acquainted with you and the rest of the Class of 2004. We are certain that you will enjoy and cherish the four years ahead of you as a Saint Mary's woman.

Like any other incoming college freshman, I unpacked not only dorm supplies on my first day of college. Alongside my boxes, I delicately unpacked fear, high school memories and job opportunities for the future. My mom graduated from Saint Mary's in 1976; my dad from Notre Dame that same year. Following their graduation, we would have six other family members graduate from both institutions. From the time I was five I received Saint Mary's T-shirts as Christmas gifts and became accustomed to my dad saying Hail Marys in front of televised football games on Saturday afternoons. Needless to say, my college destiny had me mapped straight for South Bend, Ind. I had certainly heard enough about this storied place to ease any uncomfortable feeling that may have settled in the pit of my stomach, but regardless of any legacies, the butterflies remained.

Perhaps it was the legacy itself that made me nervous. Every time I turned a corner on campus, I had the haunting feeling that my family had been there before me. It was almost like part of my discovery process of college had been violated, and nothing was my own.

What I didn't realize was that in the coming months, I would make my Saint Mary's experience more of my own than I had ever imagined. While I was walking in my parents' footsteps, I was using my own shoes — and leaving some large footprints. As I muddled my way through my first semester of classes, my first dorm parties, SYRs and working for The Observer, I suddenly realized at the end of it that I was calling this place in South Bend home. And magically the butterflies disappeared.

Over the next few months you will receive countless pieces of advice. Some you will find invaluable, some you will discard. However you decide to proceed with the next four years of your life, remember that it is your own. You, the class of 2004, are about to join a rich 156-year-old tradition that has been forged by many before you. But you will come in and make this place your own, with your spirit, your drive, and your willingness to embrace your Saint Mary's experience.

Within my quest to separate myself from my family, I found myself falling into the unique tradition that had characterized them for so many years. While I still remain bound and determined to forge my own path, somewhere along the way I realized that I wasn't following my family's path, but adding to it. And with that addition, my college experience was my own — and I had constricted it myself.

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Noreen Gillespie is a junior political science and sociology major at Saint Mary's College. Her best piece of advice to freshmen is to save all quarters for laundry, because the dollar bill changer usually just eats your money.

Only writers need apply.

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Noreen Gillespie
Managing Editor
Money can't buy happiness, but quarters help

I sat staring at this computer screen for hours, frantically searching for the perfect advice for this year's incoming freshmen. My search seemed endless and hopeless, as the upcoming weeks will be filled with cliches, tips and rules from every facet of campus — hopeless, as the upcoming weeks will be filled with emphatically searching for the perfect advice for this year's incoming freshmen. My search seemed endless and hopeless, as the upcoming weeks will be filled with cliches, tips and rules from every facet of campus —

"Let down your inhibitions and get out and meet people. Be the one to initiate the introductions."

Brett Perkins
Resident Assistant
Keough Hall

"Visit the Center for Social Concerns and take advantage of all the service projects and regular volunteer work offered. And don't forget to have fun!"

Maureen Rodgers
Danielle Gabriell
Resident Assistants
Welsh Family Hall

"Make memories, take pictures and don't get so drunk that you forget them."

A.J. Boyd
Notre Dame Class of 2000

"Don't be afraid to broaden your horizons and build friendships with men and women from both campuses."

Sara Price
Resident Advisor
Holy Cross Hall

"Realize that there are so many opportunities for involvement in student activities on both campuses."

Lindsay Landvogt
Resident Advisor
Annunciata Hall

"For a healthy year, make sure not to get too sick on the first weekend (i.e. know your limits!)."

Kristen Darcy
Resident Advisor
Holy Cross Hall

"Money can't buy happiness, but quarters help."

Christine Kraly
Assistant Managing Editor

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Christine Kraly is a senior American Studies major who hopes to one day get paid to watch movies and criticize them. She finally beat off campus and no longer needs her laundry quarters.

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Assistant Managing Editor

Saturday, August 19, 2000
LAUNDRY SERVICE
Formerly available only to males and at a cost, the campus laundry service is now available to students for a fee. A contract for $92 provides services for $85 per semester without the contract, transaction amounts charged to your student account. Clothing marked with an identification label is bundled for you to pick up at the Laundry Depot (directly below on map); the schedule of service is posted in your dorm. Other services include dry cleaning, tailoring, and alterations.

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 (see map next page). 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.

TOBACCO POLICY
In accordance with an administrative directive issued eight years ago, all buildings on the Notre Dame campus are smoke-free. This ban extends to the seating area 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), dial 1-5555. In an emergency, dial 911. From 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., the SafeWalk program provides a free campus escort service. Call 634-BLUE.

COMPUTER-USER CLUSTERS
Notre Dame features more than 500 computers distributed among several locations. These clusters, which support Macintosh and PC platforms, are networked to several laser printers at each location. They print work at no charge. Clusters can be found in the following buildings: Computer/Math, DeBartolo, Fitzpatrick, Hesburgh Library, LaFortune, C.O.B.A., and the University Bookstore.

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 SYR 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.”

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Providing direct service to the U.P. Mall in Mishawaka and transfer service to most areas of South Bend; the city bus stops outside the Library (below on map) every half hour Monday-Friday from 7:01 a.m. until 6:31 p.m. and then at 7:40 a.m. and 6:40 p.m., and stops hourly on Saturday from 7:31 a.m. to 9:31 p.m. Service in this area, Route 7, is not provided on home football Saturdays. The fare is 75¢.

ACTIVITIES NIGHT
A thorough opportunity to explore the wide range of campus organizations occurs Aug. 29 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 mailed. Go to the picnic on Monday to receive a number that will place you in the line. Bring the card with a student ID and cash or check for $108 to the Gate B concourse of Notre Dame Stadium. Lottery will take place after the picnic. Each student may submit up to six applications provided he or she also furnishes a matching student ID and payment for each of the application. Freshmen will receive their tickets Aug. 24 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

IDENTIFICATION CARD
The student ID is a ticket to the privileges and immunities granted to all students. Carry it at all times of the day. Among the many instances it is required: eating at the dining halls, library services, registration, football and basketball games.

ALCOHOL POLICY
According to du LaC'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. Public 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 lounges or lobbies."

HOME FOOTBALL WEEKENDS
Football Saturdays at ND are a departure from status quo in this area. Festivities and activities abound all weekend. This year's home games are:
- Sep. 2 vs. Texas A&M
- Sep. 9 vs. Nebraska
- Sep. 16 vs. Purdue
- Oct. 7 vs. Stanford
- Oct. 28 vs. Air Force
- Nov. 11 vs. Boston College

DINING HALLS
Students who live in residence halls can choose between the basic 21-meal plan and the Flex-14 plan, which allows students to eat 14 meals per week in the dining halls and get 20,000 points ($200) for use in various eating stops around campus. Excluding fall and spring breaks, dining hall hours:
- Breakfast: 7 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
- Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Dinner: 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Grab 'n Go: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Note: South Dining Hall remains open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

TIME ZONE
Twice annually, when America adjusts its clocks for Daylight Savings, Arizona, Hawaii and regions of Indiana do not change; Notre Dame is located in such a region. South Bend is 6 hours, 10 minutes to Eastern Standard Time year-round. Therefore, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. until fall is the same hour of the day here as in Chicago, whereas in fall until spring it is the same hour of the day here as in Boston.
Tobacco Policy
As of this year, Saint Mary's is a smoke-free campus. Ashtrays are placed outside buildings for the convenience of smokers, though all buildings prohibit indoor smoking.

Football Tickets
Saint Mary's students will follow the same procedure as Notre Dame students, outlined on the previous page. Saint Mary's students should note, however, that the cost of their tickets is $144, payable in either cash or check.

Visitation Hours
Saint Mary's and Notre Dame both observe rules regarding visitation hours in residence halls for members of the opposite sex. Through most of the academic year, open visitation exists from 10 a.m. through midnight on Sundays through Thursdays and from 10 a.m. until 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Activities Night
Belles can discover great ways to be involved in campus activities on Wednesday, August 30th at 7 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility.

Shuttle
Campus shuttle services are available between Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross. Schedules are available in the lobbies of all Saint Mary's residence halls, in LaFortune and on the shuttle.

Alcohol Policy
Saint Mary's students must abide by state regulations concerning the consumption of alcohol. However, Saint Mary's administration also stipulates that those of legal age may not consume alcohol in the presence of minors.

Computer Labs
Computers are available 24 hours a day in Trumper computer cluster, located in the basement of the library. Each residence hall also has its own computer lab. The labs feature both Apple and PCs. Also, ResNet connections are available in each room.
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By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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Joe, Matt, Lux, Lindsay, Sandra and Game. Thanks for the great summer and all the Sunday family dinners. I love you all — Christine

Observer freshman O staff thank you for all your hard work this week. It was greatly appreciated. Thanks for getting the year off to a great start — Kenne

Scott — Monday. I promises. Really

Shia — good luck missing in Can't wait to see you again. Even though I won't be there to help. I figured I knew you see you again.

You're not a bad driver. Anne Marie

Amanda — my prayers are with you and the rest of these troubled times. Hang tough, ladies. I love ya.

Molly

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VOLLEYBALL

Netters have high hopes for 2000

Sophomore middle blocker Malinda Goraliski (No. 3) and sophomore opposite hitter Marcie Bomback (No. 6) will be joined by five freshmen in the volleyball Class of 2004. The Irish are predicted to win the Big East Championship.

By TIM CASEY
Associated Sports Editor

When coach Debbie Brown first saw freshmen Jessica and Kristen Kinder on a volleyball court, she knew the twins from Fresno, Calif., would be a welcome addition to an already talented Irish squad.

There was only one problem: recognizing who was Jessica and who was Kristen.

"They had different numbers," Brown said. "That's how I told them apart."

Brown still does not get their names right but she has continued to notice the twins' talent.

The Kinder twins are joined by middle blockers Kim Fletcher and Katherine Neff and walk-on Christa Moen in the volleyball Class of 2000. The five freshmen, who began practice on August 9, comprise one-third of the team's roster.

"They're blending in well," Brown said. "They'll all have a possibility to contribute this year."

Those are strong words for a team returning five of six starters. A year ago, Notre Dame finished at 20-9 overall including a 11-0 Big East mark. Ohio State spoiled the season in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, defeating the Irish in four sets.

Proseason Big East Player of the Year Denise Boylan will lead the Irish. The senior setter earned first-team All-Big East honors last season after ranking first on the team with 1,132 assists and 35 aces. Classmate Christi Gorton joins Boylan on the preseason first-team all-conference team. Gorton led the Irish with 333 kills and 201 digs as a junior.

Other returnees include junior Marcie Bomback, who started 27 of 29 matches last season, junior Kristy Kreher, a 1999 second-team All-Big East selection and sophomore Kearsan Coughlin.

The lone graduating starter was Mary Jeffers, the 1999 Big East Player of the Year. "Last year was a bit disappointing," Boylan said of her team who qualified for their right straight NCAA tournament. "We had some good moments but that loss to Ohio State was tough."

Though they have yet to wear the Blue and Gold, the freshmen are no strangers to high level volleyball. Fletcher and Neff, teammates on the St. Louis Elite club team, bring depth at middle blocker. Fletcher, who attended Nerinx High School near St. Louis, was a two-time USA Volleyball All-American while the 6-foot-4 Neff earned All-State honors as a junior and senior at Cor Jesu Academy. Neff owns Missouri state records for total games (317) and matches (144) played in a career.

Then there's the twins. Jessica, an outside hitter and Kristen, a setter, were both named All-Americans while leading their club team. Francis played at national prominence and their high school, Ballard High in a No. 1 national ranking in'99.

"They're both all-around players," Brown said. "They're strong, quick and competitive."

GOLF

Freshmen vie for starting positions

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The fighting Irish women's golf team hopes its three freshmen will step up in a big way as the team looks to prove it is among the elite squads in the nation.

The Irish received an invitation to the NCAA Preview in Florida, a tournament reserved for the top 15 teams in the nation in addition to two at-large teams.

The top three freshmen this season will be Rebecca Rogers of Atlanta, Jeannie Murphy of Alexandria, Va., and Shannon Byrne of Arlington Heights, Ill.

"I think all three of them have an opportunity to play right away," head coach Ross Smith said. "They'll be vying for starting spots. We'll be looking for big things from Rebecca Rogers."

While Notre Dame did lose several athletes to graduation, the impact will not be as deep as it could have been since several of last year's seniors did not compete last season. Captain Andrea Klein graduated but did not play last year due to injury. Beth Cooper graduated in December, opening up her spot on the varsity squad to younger players. Senior Doyle Kleinschmidt also opted not to play this season, choosing instead to concentrate on her studies.

Those players' absences allowed this year's captain to gain experience leading the team. Senior Shane Smith and junior Lauren Fuchs take over at the top of the team.

"We never had the full benefit of our seniors last year," Smith said. "I think the team's going to be more competitive among itself this year. I feel like these freshmen are going to play a couple holes for us. We're going to try to play well enough to get into the NCAAs."

The Notre Dame men's golf team swings into action with the tough task of replacing graduated seniors Jeff Carroll, who holds the second-best stroke average in Notre Dame history, and Todd Vernon.

Three freshmen will compete to fill these spots. Gavin Ferry, a Smithfield native, Peter Revis of New Orleans joined Chris Thompson at Memphis should contend for places on the varsity squad.

"We're hoping that out of this group we can find a couple players to fill the shoes of Todd Vernon and Jeff Carroll," head coach George Thomas said. "Gavin Ferry will be in the thick of it to return and making the team. Peter Revis is considered a very strong player."

Stevie Flanary, a junior, looks to make the team this year as a captain.

"He's done some remarkable things for the University and we're hoping that out of this group we can find a couple players to fill the spots for us," Thomas said.

Other returning golfers for the Irish are seniors Alex Kent and Adam Anderson, junior Chris Whitten and sophomore Brandon Lamke.

"There's a lot of competition which is high this fall," head coach George Thomas said of the team, "and a lot of competition which is high this fall," head coach George Thomas said of the team.
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**Men's Soccer**

**Apple era begins with best recruiting class in history**

By MOLLY McVOY  
Sports Writer  

The 2000 season will be a time of transition for the men's soccer team in more ways than one.

Head coach Chris Apple faces the challenge of leading his team after the unexpected death of former assistant coach Mike Bertelli in January. Apple, an assistant coach for the past five years, will now take over after Bertelli's death. The team has been working to regroup and refocus since that time.

"I think everyone of the team has grown in different ways as a result of this," Apple said. "It has been tough, but I think we have all learned something about life from it."

The Bertelli name will not be completely absent from the Irish soccer field, however. Nino Bertelli, Mike Bertelli's son and a 1999 graduate of Notre Dame, was named an assistant coach by Apple in June.

Bertelli will join Mike Avery as Apple's assistant coach for the 2000 season. Avery will work with the Irish goalkeeper, a position that has struggled in recent years.

Sophomore Matt Rosso will be among the players head coach Chris Apple will depend on this season to support 1999 leading scorer Erich Braun.

**Women's Soccer**

**Milligan needs freshman class to compete in MIAA**

By SARAH RYKOWSKI  
Sports Writer  

Saint Mary's soccer is in full swing as the freshmen arrive on campus ready to meet the goals they set just a week ago when they signed their letters of intent.

"Division III soccer offers women an ideal environment to participate in highly competitive and fulfilling athletic and academic programs," said Jason Milligan, second-year head coach. "We are committed to the development and success of female athletes who accept nothing but the best and always strive for improvement.

The leadership of the team falls on senior Laura Paulsen's shoulders. The lone senior on the team, Paulsen fills the shoes of last season's senior tri-captains: leading scorer and member of the MIAA First Team Katy Barger, defensive leader Rachel Egger, and Erin McCabe.

Paulsen will depend upon juniors Tin Kappahn, Adrian Kirby, Jessica Klink, Katy Bobinson and Kristen Priganc to step up and lend their strength to the team.

Sophomores Shavonna Immone, Heather Muth, and Lynn Taylor also return, bringing back core of solid play to the team. Muth was named to the MIAA's Honorable Mention list for her freshman season.

But it is the freshmen to whom Milligan looks to cement the team's base of skill and determination and build a powerhouse in the MIAA. The returning members of the team echo this philosophy.

"We're excited because we have freshmen coming in with good talent," Paulsen said. "We're counting on them to step up and fill the spaces that we have. With the returning players and the freshmen coming in we have a solid base to build from there."

Muth said the freshmen were already a part of the team after only a few days of practice.

"They are fitting right into the team," Muth said. "They filled all the gaps that we have."

The individuality each freshman brings to the team has been important, according to Taylor.

"They bring not only their skill but their personality to the team," Taylor said.

So while Barger, Egger, McCabe, and the rest of the players who did not return will be sorely missed, the remaining players and their new teammates are fully prepared to make the 2000 season a success.

"We're really excited about this year," Muth said.

Milligan's expanded efforts to recruit nationally has brought freshmen from Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Texas, New York, Michigan, Florida, and Alabama.

"The majority of our team played for Division I and Division II clubs from all over the U.S., and about half have experience at the state and regional levels of the Olympic Development Team," Milligan said. "Watch these women in action and you will understand that this is a dynamic group of women whose enthusiasm is unmatched."

Milligan hopes to build a team that will be even more successful than last year's 9-6-2 record and fifth place finish in the MIAA. "A positive attitude, diligent work ethic, and an unyielding desire to be successful are the cornerstones that will ensure a bright future for Saint Mary's.
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Ronnie Podnarsh | wide receiver | 6'4" | 185 | West Virginia
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Matt LoVecchio | quarterback | 6'3" | 200 | New Jersey
Jason Sapp | linebacker | 6'1" | 230 | Connecticut
Jared Clark | quarterback | 6'4" | 225 | Florida
Derek Curry | linebacker | 6'3" | 230 | Texas
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By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

Forget big shoes. This year's women's soccer squad has huge shoes to fill.

Winning its fifth-consecutive Big East championship and advancing to its fourth National Championship game in six years, the 1999 squad produced a stellar class of seniors that will be nearly impossible to replace.

The loss of five starters and Notre Dame's most impressive class in the program's history does not necessarily mean a lapse in performance, however.

Second-year head coach Randy Waldrum has put a spin on his preseason training to better ready his freshman recruits for high-level competition.

Instead of typical on-site training at Notre Dame, Waldrum broke with tradition and accompanied his squad to Brazil for an 11-day tour of the country in order to square off against top Brazilian club teams. The squad will return Sunday to continue preparations for its season opener against Detroit on Aug. 27.

Providing the backbone for the Irish squad this season is senior All-American Anne Makinen in the midfield, senior defender Kelly Lindsey and top-returning scorer Monica Erikson, yet there are many gaps left to fill.

Waldrum's freshman recruiting class will have to step up and make an immediate impact in order for the 2000 squad to produce the successes of previous years.

At the forward position, freshmen Amanda Guertin, Melissa Tancredi and Amy Warner will help to fill the void left by the loss of Jenny Heft and Jeny Streifler, who each scored more than 70 goals in their four-year stints for the Irish.

The freshman forwards arrive at Notre Dame touting impressive achievements. Guertin earned Parade All-American honors, Warner was a leading player in New Mexico, earning back-to-back Albuquerque Tribune Athlete of the Year honors in 1998 and 1999, while Tancredi excelled as a member of the Canadian National Team.

In the midfield, freshman Randy Scheller will join an already talented group of players. The Pennsylvania native is a two-time Parade All-American.

In the backfield, freshmen Kim Carpenter and Jennifer Carter will look to gain some playing experiences from a back line that is weakened by the loss of four-time All American Jen Grubb.

Freshman goalkeeper Laura Kehoe comes back looking for some collegiate experience before making a big impact on the squad.
Matt Doherty left Notre Dame after just 16 months as head coach to accept the head coaching position at North Carolina, his alma mater.

"I think they've been really good, considering for some of them, it's the third coach in three years," Brey said. "A guy has to earn his trust and that's what I've been trying to do. I feel like I had the first priority after getting the job was the current team."

There was no time to kick back and relax at Brey's vacation home in Bethesb, Del., after taking the Notre Dame job. Besides getting to know the Irish players, he had to hire a new staff, hit the recruiting trail, make plans for the upcoming season and move his family out to Indiana. Brey hopes to fulfill the predictions of preseason polls that have Notre Dame ranked among the top 20 teams in the nation.

"Our goal has to be to be high-flying on Selection Sunday," Brey said. "I told them that I think I can help with that. This program has not been in the NCAA Tournament since 1990 and that's an amazingly dry spell.

"There's expectations now, and we've got to back that up," Brey said. "I think this group's ready to do that. They weren't last year, but with the leadership this year, I think they're ready, especially Martin (Ingelsby) and Troy Murphy, the team's captains. It's their team."

In the past month, Brey has filled out the rest of his coaching staff. Sean Kearney, Brey's top assistant last season, followed Brey to Notre Dame, and will serve as associate coach. Anthony Silvermann, followed Notre Dame as an assistant coach following two years as assistant athletic director for basketball operations at Crenshaw County (N.C.) High School, after leaving the Orange County (N.C.) High School in the fall to pursue his MBA.

The biggest question for Brey is whether the team can recapture its form.

"With some talented new faces, we've worked a lot with the players since last year, so we are still going to be an unbelievable group that can throw us into the NCAA Tournament," Brey said. "I think this group's ready to do it."

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Mary's varsity athletes. Having Smith as a full-time staff member opens the door to improvement for the program.

"There is a long history of where the basketball program has been and it's a time to change that," Kachmarik said. "There is a new opportunity, however, will be the first step in changing that history."

Smith began her DePauw University where she was the graduate assistant for basketball and volleyball. While at DePauw, Smith helped coach the women's basketball team to a two-year record of 42-10, back to back Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships, and a trip to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament in 1999.

"Suzanne brings a wealth of knowledge with her," Kachmarik said. "She's in a good position to complement us and help us improve."

Joining Smith on the coaching staff are assistant coach Sherry Donnelly. Donnelly will work with the post players, help recruit, and encourage recruitment. Where Smith brings knowledge as a college-level coach, Donnelly brings experience as a player. She recently participated in a WNBA tryout with the Orlando Miracle.

"Sherry brings knowledge, humor, and expertise as a coach and a player," said athletic director Lynn Karach. "(Donnelly and Smith) are going to bring a lot of enthusiasm to the program."

Faculty and IFS staff will lead sessions. Former student-athletes will also be on hand to discuss their experiences, offer comments and answer questions.
Belles’ athletics get a new look for 2001

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary’s athletic department is looking forward to a successful year for Saint Mary’s athletics, first-year students, and returning students. New staff members, increased intramural sports, and a new club team are a few of the changes in the athletic department.

The Triathlon Club is the first club sport comprised entirely of Saint Mary’s women. The club began training together last spring and makes its debut this year.

In addition to traveling to compete in triathlons around the country, the club, in association with the rest of the athletic department, will be sponsoring a triathlon at Saint Mary’s.

The department hired a new basketball coach and Sports Information Director, Suzanne Smith.

With Smith relieving her information duties, assistant athletic director Gretchen Hildrebrandt will have more time to focus on the intramural sports program. The intramural program kicked off last year with Midnight Madness and looks for continued improvement this year.

“We want to double student participation this year,” athletic director Lynn Kachmarr said. “We aren’t looking at small numbers here.”

Within the next month an intramural, club, and recreation guide will be available for all students that will provide information on intramural sign-ups, club sports, and other recreation information.

“This year we are offering fall, winter and spring intramural sports,” Kachmarr said.

In addition to club and intramural sports, a dance and cheerleading squad has been created.

Kachmarr hopes that the squad will be in performance shape by the advent of basketball season.

Finally, the athletic department is continuing to look out for the welfare of the average student-athlete at Saint Mary’s.

Sept. 5, 6 and 7 members of the staff will be present at Angela Athletic facility to help any member of the Saint Mary’s community interested in creating a personal fitness program.

Women’s Golf

Golf aims for top league spot

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Belles golf team is looking to swing into action this fall with a strong returning team.

Saint Mary’s finished last season with a third place ranking in the MIAA, only six strokes out of second place in the MIAA tournament.

They plan on improving that record this year.

“It is very realistic for us to finish in the top two,” head coach Theresa Pekarek said. “We have the players to do that.”

After graduating only one senior last year, the Belles have the players for another successful season. Senior Natalie Cook returns after being named Junior Most Valuable Player and second-team all-MIAA last season.

“I’m going to be looking to Natalie Mary for really lead the team this season,” Pekarek said.

Joining Cook as leaders are senior captain and junior Mary Claire Hathaway. Returning sophomore Molly Lee, will also play an important role after being named to second-team all-MIAA with teammate Cook.

Three freshmen players will also be joining the team this fall and Pekarek is looking for them to be important members of the team.

“I think they have the potential to have an impact on this team,” she said.

“They have good experience and a lot of tournament play and after they adjust to the longer distances of college, they have the potential to play very good golf,” Pekarek said.

Pekarek is looking for improvement in the women’s short game before competition begins this season.

“The short game can really save you,” she said. “We’re going to work on putting, chipping, and hitting out of the sand. We will be focusing a lot on the short game.”

The players have been working hard this summer to lower their handicaps and get more tournament experience. They hope this will help them take on tough league competition.

Saint Mary’s is gearing up to defeat Albion and Hope in league rankings this year. Albion was the league leader last year while Hope won the MIAA two seasons ago.

“Albion and Hope have strong players and a lot of depth,” Pekarek said. “But we’re going to play against the course and not the team.”

The Belles are looking forward to their home meet at Brookwood Golf Course on Sept. 14.

“It’s nice for the team to have a break from traveling and have support in the middle of the season,” Pekarek said.

This year promises a lot of support at that home meet because the Saint Mary’s athletic department is sponsoring a bus to transport students, family, and faculty to the Brookwood Golf Course to support the Belles.

Official practice begins on Tuesday in Ferris State University in a two-day tournament on Sept. 2 and 3.

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FOOTBALL

Hoping for some new heroes beneath the Golden Dome

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

The eighteen freshmen football players arrived for their first practice on August 7, all with impressive resumes and high expectations.

Within a few days, they realized the difficult transition from high school hero to Notre Dame newcomer.

"That's natural," said coach Bob Davie of the freshmen, who are not allowed to speak with the media until after the Sept. 2 opening game against Texas A&M. "We just tell them to take it one day at a time."

For Davie, in the fourth year of his highly-publicized (and critical) tenure, getting that cliché message across to the Class of 2004, may seem like the least of his worries. But he remains focused on maintaining the confidence of impressionable freshmen.

Included in the class are three quarterbacks — Carlyle Holiday, Matt LoVecchio and Jared Clark — who are competing with junior starter Arnaud Battle and sophomore Gary Godsey for playing time.

In preparation for the college game, Davie sent the new quarterbacks playbooks and videotapes during the summer. But, complying with NCAA rules, the coaches could not spend extensive time teaching them. When the trio came here, that all changed.

Battle and Godsey have helped the transition easier, counselling the freshmen on the physical and mental aspects of the position while the coaching staff can now work with them in person.

"There's a lot to learn: schemes, reading defenses and picking up blitzes," Godsey said. "It takes time."

Less than two weeks into practice, the results are unclear. On Wednesday, Holiday, LoVecchio and Clark each took snaps for the first time against the defense. As of now, Davie said the freshmen are behind the upperclassmen on the depth chart.

The three freshmen may even be grouped together for the season instead of naming a single third quarterback.

"We want to be fair to them," Davie said. "We want to give them enough reps under pressure."

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SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Brey takes over as Irish basketball coach

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

When Notre Dame hired basketball coach Matt Doherty in March 1999, little did fans know it would be a short love affair with the popular new coach.

Doherty led the Fighting Irish to the finals of the National Invitation Tournament and a 22-15 record, also bringing swarms of fans back to the Joyce Center. But in July, Doherty bid the blue and gold of Notre Dame in favor of the white and blue of his alma mater North Carolina, bringing his 16-month stint at the helm of the Fighting Irish men's basketball program to an end.

"I never thought that would come about so soon in my career," Doherty said. "I was not set in my mind that I would come about so soon. It was the most outlandish I've ever been in my life because I didn't know what I wanted to do. It was the hardest decision I've ever had to make."

That opened up the possibility for Delaware head coach Mike Brey to take a second shot at his alma mater. Brey passed Doherty over in '99, but his dream job. Notre Dame had an idea the Notre Dame position might come open.

Within a few days, they realized that struggled under former head coach Dave Musack. Smith has the challenge of turning around last season's 4-22 losing record and restoring energy and confidence to the program.

"This year my main goal is to get the confidence back in the program and have some fun," Smith said. "There is a ton of talent here. I need to get them to work together and trust each other."

Smith will be joining the athletic staff full-time as the sports information director. In addition to coaching and recruiting for the basketball team, Smith will be the hub of information about all Saint Mary's sports.

New head basketball coach Mike Brey is already hard at work preparing for the rigors of the upcoming season. Brey comes to Notre Dame after five years as head coach at Delaware.

Brey had an idea the Notre Dame job would come up again so soon. "As soon as I saw that Roy Williams did not go to Kansas, I knew that Matt Doherty would know it would be a short love affair with the popular new coach."

Jul 6, Brey knew Doherty might make the short list of possible Carolina successors.

"But that "seemed a little short. I always thought it was a good fit for me with how I've been trained. But I never thought the Notre Dame job would come up again so soon."

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