NEW CLASS BRINGS LEADERSHIP TO CAMPUS

OFFICIAL SAYS UNIVERSITY'S CLASS IS DESTINED FOR LEADERSHIP

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

After a yearlong process of scouring through academic records and recommendations, the director of Notre Dame undergraduate admissions Dan Saracino said the class of 2006 is destined for leadership.

Ninety percent of the 1948 first-year students expected to enroll this fall participated in community service during high school. "They're involved in such a myriad of activities," Saracino said.

Forty-four percent of the freshmen were in student government and another 44 percent were involved in music, art or drama. He added that the admissions office was happy with the "general diversity" of the new freshman class. The students represent all 50 states and 44 foreign countries, mostly from Latin America, as well as Europe, Southeast Asia and Canada.

In addition, students in the class of 2006 come from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds, and roughly 75 percent of the students are on financial aid, he said.

However, Saracino said the office has come up short in the area of minority recruitment.

Students from ethnic minority groups in this year's freshman class comprise 17 percent of the class, the same percentage as last year.

"That's the one area that we're still not pleased with," Saracino said. "We just have to spend more time and energy in that area."

While the admissions office has sponsored a visitation weekend in the spring for some minority applicants, Saracino said the office is planning to get high school minority students on campus before the spring. He said the office also wants to include current undergraduate students in the recruitment process more by having them call potential applicants from the admissions office phone center.

Other statistics about the class of 2006 include:

- The class is 53 percent male and 47 percent female.
- The middle 50 percent of the class scored between 1360 and 1450 on the SAT.
- Ninety percent of the class scored between 2060-1230 and ACT scores from 33 to 39.
- SAT scores from 1060-1230 and ACT scores from 22-27.

While the majority of the students are from the Midwest, the first year students come from many other areas.

"The class is geographical diversity, representing all of the regions of the United States," Nolan said.

There are also students from five foreign countries including Ecuador, India, Hungary and Brazil, with one American student living abroad in Korea. The 42 transfers include students from 13 countries Georgia, Albania and Rwanda.

Nolan said the high degree of geographical diversity is interesting, "especially in a year following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks."

She added that many people would be more inclined to stay closer to home for safety reasons. Saint Mary's also has implemented a number of strategies to target minority and international students. These include a direct mail campaign toward students abroad, the College Board Student Search Program and college fairs.
INSIDE COLUMN

It's t-o-w-n-i-e

Oh, good, you made it past the front page. Now, go to the 26 more pages of advice, welcome letters, campus maps and athletic team previews to go.

It's all very useful in that "thanks for giving me even more stuff to read this weekend" kind of way. Poor freshmen. At this point, some of you have probably received too many mailings and information packets. You're probably too young to know the bathroom without a list of detailed instructions in posting a problem. Just for kicks, here's another: "Don't worry, it's fun one."

But just because I'm no "This is a huge weekend for Notre Dame" kind of these aren't wise words. In fact, consider clipping the column and saving it in a nice frame, wooden if you have one. Just a thought.

Anyway, on the list of dos and don'ts for life at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Of course, life at the University and the College means life in South Bend, so we'll call this "the good, the bad and the Bend."

First, an admission. I know a Notre Dame student who's from the Bend. We'll call him Jason McFarley since he's me. Sure enough, I've lived here for a decade or so, but I don't feel like a true northerner. It's for all my life. So be it.

So here's rule No. 1. Remember, the term "South Bend resident" is tops with me and my ilk. But if you must refer to us by the "e word" please spell it "townie" and not "towny."

We may not have much choice in the matter of being from South Bend, but darn it, we will have some control over our indigenous nickname.

Another rule: Don't care what the sign says; for the next four years, you live in South Bend - not Notre Dame, Ind. Get used to telling people that South Bend is where you live and go to school. And say it with pride, for crying out loud. You're going to college in the Midwest, not being banished to a Siberian prison. Deal with it.

On that note, if by Siberian prison you imagine cold weather and strict rules, then disregard that last thought. Sorry 'bout that. But you'll thank me for these next observations.

Here's the first: Townies are people, too. It's not all that necessary to go out of your way to show up.

Inevitably, you will venture off campus late one weekend night, destined for a downtown South Bend bar. In the back of your mind will be the story that some junior told you about the 35-years-old with two teeth, a mullet and no shoes who tries to pick up unsuspecting coeds at 3 a.m. You'd do well to explore more of it instead of going to a "the good, the bad and the Bend." Issue rights reserved. All reproduction rights are reserved.

Orientation Weekend 2002

TODAY
10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Heidbrink Library tour
10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Smith Museum tour
11 a.m. Campus tour, Eck Visitors Center
1 p.m. Official Orientation program, Joyce Center
4:30 to 6 p.m. Information fair, DeBartolo Hall
7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. "Kettle Racket: All American," LaFortune Montgomery Theater
8 p.m. Students meet with hall faculty and staff
9:30 to 11 p.m. "Goodfellas," LaFortune Ballroom
10 p.m. to 1 a.m. "Freak of Fiestas," Stepan Center

SUNDAY
10 a.m. Mass, Joyce Center
11 a.m. Bay lunch, Joyce Center
Noon to 1:15 p.m. Spirit of Notre Dame performances, Joyce Center
1:30 p.m. Minority student reception, Joyce Center
Monogram Room
2 p.m. Heidbrink Library tour
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. LaFortune Student Center open house

MONDAY
9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Academic-life discussions
10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enrollment, Joyce Center
Concourse
2 p.m. Heidbrink Library tour
3 & 4 p.m. Gender-issues presentation, Washington Hall

TUESDAY
8 a.m. Classes begin
5:30 p.m. Year-opening Mass, Joyce Center
7 p.m. Picnic dinner, DeBartolo Quad

Film advisers to include Scorsese

Special to The Observer

Film directors Sydney Pollack and Martin Scorsese and actress Catherine Hicks are among the mem­ bers of a newly established Advisory Council for the Performing Arts at Notre Dame.

Other council members are Jennifer Brady, Eikker, left; John S. Cullen II, Buffalo, N.Y.; John Goberman, New York City; Martha Head, Vail, Colo.; Jeremiah P. O'Grady, Radnor, Pa.; Mark Radcliffe, Tulsa, Okla.; Edward R. Smith, San Francisco; Susan St. James, Litchfield, Conn.; Thomas L. Strader, Corona del Mar, Calif.; and Christine R. Swanstrom, Pasadena, Calif.

The advisory council will guide Notre Dame's future endeavors in the performing arts, which will be boosted in 2004 with the completion of the University's new Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

New under construction, the 123,000-square-foot DeBartolo Center will cost more than $50 million and has been underwritten with a portion of a $33-million gift to Notre Dame in 1993 from the late Edward J. DeBartolo, a 1932 Notre Dame gradu­ ate, in honor of his wife, Marie. The center will be home to the University's Department of Film, Television and Theatre and will house five performance spaces: the 900-seat Leighton Concert Hall, underwritten by South Bend civic leader and phil­ anthropist Judd Leighton and his late wife, Mary Lou; the 350-seat Patricia George Delorenzo Drama Theatre, under­ written by Notre Dame Trustee Arthur J. Decio in honor of his wife, the 100-seat Regis Philbin Studio Theatre, underwritten by the popular television host and 1952 Notre Dame graduate; a 200-seat cinema theatre; and a 100-seat organ and choral hall.

An accomplished actor, director and producer, Pollack is a two-time Academy Award winner, as both director and producer of the 1985 film "Out of Africa." Other films he has directed include "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?" "The Way We Were" and "Five Days of a Center," the 1990 film "The Absence of Malice" and "The Firm."

A South Bend native, he is chief execu­ tive officer of Mirage Productions, which has produced such films as "Presumed Innocent," "The Fabulous Baker Boys" and "Sense and Sensibility."

Scorsese is the director of such notable films as "Taxi Driver," which won the Palme d'Or at the 1976 Cannes Film Festival, "Raging Bull," "Goodfellas" and "Casino."

Pope-Davis takes on new positions

Special to The Observer

Donald Pope-Davis, professor of psychology at Notre Dame, has been appointed assistant vice president and associate dean for graduate studies at the University, effective Aug. 23.

In his new position, Pope-Davis will be involved with the promotion and administration of graduate studies for the University.

"Pope-Davis' experience and insight will be a tremendous asset to the Graduate School," said Jeffrey Kantor, vice president of graduate studies and research and dean of the Graduate School. "His leadership will be essential to establish­ ing Notre Dame among the first rank of graduate schools in the nation."

Pope-Davis also recently was appointed director of Notre Dame's CANDYS-ME McNair Program, a federally funded program that pro­ motes and prepares first genera­ tion and under-represented college­ students for doctoral studies. A member of the Notre Dame fac­ ulty since 2000, Pope-Davis earned his doctoral degree from Stanford University. He has published exten­ sively in the areas of cross-cultural and multicultural counseling, psy­ chology and education.

He recently was named a research fellow of the American Psychology Association and cur­ rently serves as editor of the Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development and associate editor of the Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology Journal.
Orientation gives transfers chance to adjust

By TERESA FRALISH
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While Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s begin to welcome about 2,500 new freshmen, another group of newcomers, transfer students, prepare to make their way on campus. This fall, 131 transfer students will enroll at Notre Dame and 43 at Saint Mary’s. These numbers are average figures for the fall semester.

All transfers are entering as either sophomores or juniors and bring previous experience at another college to Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s. “Transfers are very special because they have had an experience somewhere else,” said Mary Pat Nolan, director of admissions at Saint Mary’s. “When they come to Saint Mary’s, they adjust faster to their new school choice.”

A long with experience at another school, transfer students also contribute a wide range of views and a sense of assuredness about their decision, according to Michael Gantt, assistant director of admissions at Notre Dame. “[Transfer students bring] a sense of maturity and a variety of experience.”

Transfer students must meet stringent admissions standards and undergo a similar application and admission process to first year students. Saint Mary’s admits about 50 students each fall semester and admission is not based on individual class size or total enrollment, according to Nolan. Notre Dame bases the number of their admission decisions on a variety of factors, including revenue costs, students studying abroad, and the number of students who leave Notre Dame. “We looked at total enrollment and said it would be ideal to enroll 150 [transfer students],” said Gantt. Both Gantt and associate director Suman Joyce work closely with the undergraduate colleges when deciding which applicants they will admit.

Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s accepted more sophomores transfers than juniors. The University does not accept senior transfers, while Saint Mary’s will admit senior students, although the case is rare, said Nolan. Students at the University must complete at least half of their degree requirements at Notre Dame and transfers at the College are required to finish a minimum of 68 credits on campus. Both Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame will admit a smaller group of transfers in December for the spring semester.

Like the freshmen, transfer students bring sound credentials and diversity to their new schools. “Academically, they’re probably the most competitive ever,” said Gantt of the University’s incoming transfers.

The admissions office looks for students who have closely matched their course selections to the University’s requirements and a high college grade point average, usually above 3.5. Once at Notre Dame, transfer students perform as well as regular students, Gantt said. Notre Dame prepares to welcome two international students as well as students from across the country, including many from Indiana. Four direct foreign exchange students will also attend at the University this fall.

At Saint Mary’s, transfer students’ qualifications match first years’ qualifications according to Nolan. “Statistics parallel the freshmen in terms of quality and geographic distribution,” said Nolan.

Three international students, from Georgia, Alabama, and Rwanda, have also made their way to Saint Mary’s. After being admitted, transfers must begin the search to find local housing, as both Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s do not guarantee on-campus housing to transfer students. Despite having a high percentage of on-campus students, all students at Saint Mary’s who wish to live in a residence hall have been able to, according to Gerry Madsen, assistant director of residence life at Saint Mary’s. “We’re in the 95th percentile for capacity, but I wouldn’t say we’re at a shortage,” said Madsen.

While some transfers at Notre Dame have been assigned to a residence hall, the majority of students have been forced to look for other options. According to Gantt, Notre Dame faces a severe a housing shortage as last year due to fewer students living off campus than the University had originally planned for. In a reversal from last year, women transfer students are being given on-campus housing much more slowly than men. “This year it’s a problem for women,” said Gantt. Residence Life officials at Notre Dame declined to comment.

Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s offer special orientation events tailored to specific issues and concerns that transfers have. Notre Dame’s transfer orientation began Thursday with a mass at Sacred Heart Basilica and lunch with parents, while Saint Mary’s program began Friday with a luncheon for students. The College’s Office of Student Activities and Notre Dame’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions handle the preparations for transfer orientation.

Planners for the orientation programs said they hoped the events would acclimate the new students to campus life. “My biggest hope is that they feel like they belong at Notre Dame,” said Gantt. “We want them to feel welcome and acclimated to the Notre Dame culture.”

Both schools’ programs include transfer orientation counselors who were once transfer students themselves. Georgena Rosenbush, director of student activities at Saint Mary’s, said the counselors help provide incoming students with the best possible opportunity to feel welcome at their new school. “We hope it helps them to make a smooth transition to our college,” Rosenbush said.

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ND Student Government
Office of the President

Who we are ...
The Office of the Student Body President consists of President Libby Bishop and Vice President Trip Foley, along with a staff of other students. We serve as a primary voice for undergraduates at Notre Dame. Our job includes representing students in University affairs, assisting other campus organizations, and planning special events.

Where we’re located ...
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Some of what we have planned for this year ...
- Celebration of 30 years of coeducation at Notre Dame
- Improved Web site
- Working with administrators on policy areas important to students
- “Who Knew?” ads in The Observer every Wednesday
- Establish Distinguished Lecture Series
- Effective communication between Student Government and the student body
Ins and outs of campus leadership

Finding where first-year students fit in the big picture

Libby Bishop
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Vice President

Your new roommate was senior class president in high school. You were the student council reporter. If either of you wants to get involved in politics at Notre Dame, you're in luck. There's a leadership position here for anybody who wants one.

But freshmen, take note: Notre Dame student government is a complex tangle of acronyms, committees and boards. Here's a basic sketch.

Office of the President
The different branches of campus government make up the Student Union. At the head of the Student Union this year are Student Body President Libby Bishop and Vice President Trip Foley. Elected every February by the majority vote of the undergraduate student body, the pair are elected to these positions in a contest that begins each April.

The Office of the President staff includes Bishop and Foley's appointees to the chief of staff position and other posts in divisions such as academics, policy and technology.

After leading a campaign in the spring against changes to the alcohol policy, the office's key concern this fall will be helping students understand the new rules, Bishop said.

"These are such big changes, we want to make sure everyone knows the rules and is clear on them," she said.

Student Senate
The Senate includes one elected student from each of the 27 undergraduate residence halls as well as one senator who represents off-campus students. Senators are elected every spring semester and begin their terms April 1.

The Senate proposes and considers resolutions, which, if approved, are forwarded to administrators or the Campus Life Council. Members must serve on one of the Senate's seven standing committees that target such issues as residence life and University affairs.

Last spring, the Senate was part of the student movement against changes to the alcohol policy. This fall, the group will continue the effort to give students a voice in campus changes, said Foley, Senate chair.

Beginning Aug. 28, the body meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune Student Center. Meetings are open to the public.

Campus Life Council
The CLC's membership reflects all sides of Notre Dame residence life and includes administrators, faculty, rectors and students. Council members are elected to the group from other bodies, such as the Faculty and Student senate and the Hall Presidents and Club Coordination councils.

The CLC drafts its own resolutions and considers those forwarded to the council from other groups, generally the Student Senate. In the past, the CLC has been one of the few bodies with student membership to make policy recommendations directly to the Office of Student Affairs.

Work that began last semester on alcohol and tailgating issues will likely carry over this year, said Bishop, who chairs the CLC.

Starting Sept. 2, the council meets every other Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room. Meetings are open to the public.

Student Union Board
Think concerts, movies and other fun stuff. SUB, the programming arm of the Student Union, brings this entertainment to campus.

In past years, SUB has brought actor James Earl Jones and singer Ani DiFranco to the University's Stepan Center. Last winter, "Sex and the City" author Candace Bushnell spoke as part of SUB's annual Sophomore Literary Festival.

Other annual events include the Collegiate Jazz Festival and Antostal, the weekend spring carnival.

More student government
If those groups don't bring out the student leader in you, there are other opportunities.

Getting involved in class council is one way to get a foot in the student government door. Each fall, 27 first-year students are elected to class council through their residence halls. The freshman representatives then elect from among themselves the council's four executive officers.

Every spring semester, rising sophomores, juniors and seniors are elected to council through their residence halls. The freshman representatives then elect from among themselves the council's four executive officers.

Student Activities Board
SAB, the student government's programming arm, is very familiar with the acronym "BOG." The group sponsors campus events to increase diversity awareness among students. In order to change, enhance or add a board, it must first be passed by BOG. BOG also serves as the communication link between students, administration and the faculty.

"BOG this year is working to strengthen all of its ties," said Kim Jensen, student body president. "We are also working on building ties with Notre Dame's student body President [Libby Bishop] and Vice President [Trip Foley]."

Jensen, along with vice president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, sat on the committee that has put the detex system into the washers and dryers throughout Saint Mary's campus, which Jensen says was one of their goals.

"We are successful in working in partnership with Saint Mary's," Jensen said.

Saint Mary's student body President [Libby Bishop] and Vice President [Trip Foley]."

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Under President Jillian Kamaski, the RHA oversees hall councils and plans events including entertainers at Dalloway's coffeehouse and the occasional free-off-campus movie.

Residence Hall Association
Under President Jilian Kamaski, the RHA oversees hall councils and plans activities such as the All School Formal and Little Sibs Weekend.

Student Academic Council
This board deals with student concerns related to academics and faculty. SAC plans the Major of the Week and also works on policies. Student body Vice President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl is the president of SAC.

Student Body President Kim Jensen (middle) and Vice President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl pass out fliers in Regina Hall before the student body elections in January 2002.

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Key Events: Last Year on Campus

It's tough enough finding the way from the dorm to the class to the dining hall and back. First-year students don't want to get lost in the conversation loop, too.

Here's a brief look at last year's news at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's that might still come up in conversation on both campuses.

Chaotic coaching search
After years of inconsistent performance from former football head coach Bob Davie, the University decided that the football team needed a new leader. Athletic Director Kevin White fired Davie and put his confidence in former Georgia Tech head coach George O'Leary. But embellishments on the newly hired coach's resume led to a quick resignation and a widely reported embarrassment for the Notre Dame football team. Over the course of a month, White reconsidered an earlier candidate, former Stanford head coach Tyrone Willingham, as someone to fill the void O'Leary left behind. On Jan. 1, the new year rang in a new leader for the Irish as Willingham was formally introduced to the public as the team's head coach.

Sept. 11, 2001
The images of terrorist planes crashing into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon have become icons in American history, but during that time of sadness and mourning, thousands gathered on South Quad for a Mass to pray and reflect on the events of Sept. 11. A similar Mass was also held in Saint Mary's Regina chapel with about 400 people attending. Many students also embraced a patriotic spirit and displayed flags in their dorm windows. A collection at the Notre Dame-Michigan State game raised almost $300,000 for the families of New York firefighters and police.

Sexual assaults
Sexual assault cases emerged early in the 2001-2002 school year with reports of an alleged rape in Keough Hall and sexual misconduct in an off-campus student apartment.

Yet when a Notre Dame female claimed she was raped by four Notre Dame football players in an off-campus house, the issue attracted attention both on and off campus.

As the case remained in the St. Joseph County prosecutor's hands, the University arranged its own disciplinary procedure. It resulted in the expulsions of former students senior Donald Dykes, sophomores Lorenzo Crawford and Abram Elam and Justin Smith, who was taking graduate-level classes while finishing a fifth year of athletic eligibility.

On May 24, prosecutor Chris Toth charged all except for Elam with rape. All four were charged with conspiracy to commit rape among other charges.

Dykes, who would have graduated last year, had a prior incident with the police last July when he was arrested for criminal trespass.

The first trial begins in October.

Alcohol policy backlash
When the Office of Student Affairs bought a full-page ad in the Observer last spring to announce soon-to-come revisions affecting tailgating, in-hall dances and the type of alcohol permissible in the dorms, hundreds of students were in an uproar. Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman became the target of much student criticism as the author of the infamous letter that appeared in the March 19 Observer.

In one of the most largely attended Campus Life Council meetings in the past few years, Poorman defended his decision before students, rectors, faculty and other administrators. The meeting, usually held in a small conference room in LaFortune, was changed to the building's ballroom to accommodate the crowd.

The policy changes also spawned two rallies, one sponsored by student government and another planned by students in Walsh Hall. Both resulted in small fires in front of the Main Building. Nevertheless, Student Affairs did not budge and the changes took effect this fall.
FRESHMEN LEARNING THE BASICS

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popular menu item for late night sales, so that the North residence halls had something like the South residents do in Becker’s,” said Prentkowski. There is also talk that lounge area near the new Sharro will be completely “refurnished and redecorated to better service as a student hang out space.” Also, the Huddle Mart will undergo a smaller construction project to create a taco stand to be completed in January 2003.

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percent was 30 to 33, the same as last
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Most people who think of Notre Dame think of fall. Football games with pep rallies and tailgating parties bring more than 80,000 fans to campus every Saturday morning, and there are pipers, burgers, beer and the band. But among the chaos of face paint, footballs, little girls in Notre Dame cheerleading uniforms and old men in plaid pants is a certain reverence shared by alumni, students and fans alike — a respect for Notre Dame's history as well as its present.

For every heated debate about Bobby Brown's "excessive celebration" in '99 carried on in the parking lot next to Senior Bar, another consideration about how difficult it must be to be admitted to Notre Dame can be heard on the steps of the Dome. But this is fall — a time for students to stand and scream and embrace the most well-known of Notre Dame's traditions, while alumni knock at their old dorm room doors to remind new residents that Walsh wasn't always a girls dorm, or retrace their favorite path to the Grotto as the nation watches NBC. Fall is for fans. Most students at Notre Dame dread winter. The first snowfall always seems like the Fisher Revue's comedic quips at Notre Dame can be reached at knagenga@nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

The first snowfall always seems innocent, but lake-effect snow brings permanent cold, endless papers, impossible exams and a general inability to recognize your closest friends because you are on South Quad due to excessive layers of clothing and a constant need to eye the ice beneath your feet.

Melted snow floods the halls of DeBartolo and students who come to Notre Dame from anywhere between Tampa and Los Angeles question their own sanity every time they pass a dorm door whiteboard with a spring break countdown on it. Campus can feel tired and bleak, and in the same way the fall's traditions reveal a nationwide enthusiasm for Our Lady, winter's activities demonstrate frustrations and cabin fever.

But traditions prevail nonetheless. From Bengal Boots, an annual campus boxing tournament to benefit missions of Bangladesh, to snowball fights on the quad and the Keenan Revue's comedic quips at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's stereotypes, jabs of the physical and verbal variety give students a cathartic escape from finals and freezing weather.

But winter is also a chance to settle into Notre Dame. With little motivation to leave the dorms, winter allows time to relax and really get to know the people you meet in the stands at football games or in Calculus 105. Winter is for friends. There is nowhere like Notre Dame in the spring. When I decided to study abroad during my junior year most people thought I was crazy to go to London during the fall semester and miss a football season. As it turns out, 2001 was the season to miss. But that circumstance aside, I would have much preferred to miss a football season than a spring semester on campus.

Of course the excitement of football season cannot be replicated, but it can be experienced throughout life. Most Notre Dame alumni are football ticket holders, and a few have even attempted to reclaim the traditions of their undergraduate days, such as standing through games and doing push-ups after points, by requesting tickets in this season's inaugural Alumni Alley section of the stadium. Current students and alumni alike feel the same swell of emotion as the band steps off from the Dome steps or the basketball team beats a Big Ten rival — which is why fall is for fans of all ages, but spring is for students.

Only those who are in the midst of the four short years during which they call Notre Dame home can truly appreciate the traditions of spring. The first sunny day when thermostats break 65 degrees bring dozens of couches, stereo's and Frisbees to the quad. Attendance in Friday afternoon classes can get sparse during spring break, but students are not entirely absent. In fact, spring is the time students' presence — not spectators — is most sincerely felt on campus.

By mid-March they swarm campuses for five-week Madrid, to Bangladesh, and the largest five-on-five basketball tournaments in the country. All this takes place in April, a day of service in the South Bend community, and dorm events like the Fisher Revue, Alumni Wake or O'Neill's Mardi Gras. These are the events that alumni remember, but never recreate. They are solely for students, and the students make them their own with bigger and more eccentric additions each year.

Dillon had couches on the quad freshmen year; someone planted a palm tree in front of O'Shaughnessy sophomore year, and junior year brought kiddo pools and slip n' slides to the grass in front of Alumni Hall. Spring is the time for students to create their own traditions and "act their age" with the greatest abandon.

This was my first summer at Notre Dame. But it was also my last, just as I am about to experience my last fall, winter and spring. Though I wouldn't trade the time I've had at Notre Dame, I'm slightly jealous of the seasons freshmen have left to see. Although August may seem full of anxiety over meeting roommates and finding classrooms or even something edible in the dining halls, before you realize it, football season will become February and winter's frustrations will become springtime festivities.

Weather is one of the most talked about and unpredictable aspects of life in Northern Indiana, and it's impossible to predict what each season will bring to Notre Dame through out the next four years. Even campus traditions and rules will likely change, but for the most part, Notre Dame is for its students — so make sure your time here is full of memories to reminisce about when you return to Notre Dame in the fall of 2006 as a fan.

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Learning what brochures don’t tell you

This summer, you probably received dozens of mailings from the place you’re going to call home for the next four years, or maybe six years. If you took the time to read any of it, you’d learn the dining hall usually employs taste testers, your first year advisor really did spend lots of time making your excuse for a schedule people think your dorm is the coolest on campus. All those brochures, pamphlets, letters and other items you used to line your pet’s cage this summer served one purpose—adjusting you to college life. But nowhere will you read the stuff you need to know.

For example, this weekend, your fellow classmates don’t care about what music you like, what your hobbies are, or your views on how to achieve world peace. They want to know four things: name, hometown, dorm and major. That’s it.

And if I tell you you’re going to spend three days cramming for your first test, and you won’t study half as long for any other test during the rest of your college career? You may think you will, but it’s so much more fun to complain about how bad you’re going to fail and actually study.

Besides, in most cases, it’s inevitable—no matter how much you study, the test will still kick your butt.

Nowhere in Notre Dame’s packet of goodies did they tell you the two most popular sentences around campus. The first is, “There’s nothing to do on cam­pus.” And after you’ve gone to the mall, the movie theater and Grape Road, you realize, “There’s nothing to do off campus.” Welcome to South Bend. It’s the armpit of America.

I didn’t know about God’s gift to procrastinators—Instant Messenger—until I got to campus. With this wonderful program, you can communi­cate with your room­mate without opening your mouth, leave witty away messages so everyone knows what you’re doing at any given moment and appall your gram­mar instinct with gibberish like “ok, ggt” be back l8r.

Yes, you may be thrilled to have your parents out of your hair now and pumped to expe­rience this wonderful thing called inde­pendence but by late fall you can’t wait for them to come back to campus so you get a free meal at a real restaur­ant. And the best thing about being away from home is when fall break rolls around, the folks will be so eager to see you they don’t mind washing the three duffel bags of laundry you dragged home with you. It’s called freeloading. Learn to do it.

If you’re a guy in a female dorm when partials rolls around, expect a highly dan­gerous and lethal team of commandos known only as “female RA’s” to descend upon your location and fire dirty parietals.

There are thousands of other things nobody told you about, either. You’ll discover that girls have a recessive term called triggerfinger by Bon Jovi or other “80s” music, causes them to scream ecstatically, jump up and down hysterically and dance together obliviously.

I’ll find out that the best thing about a high-speed Internet connection is not the research sites, it’s the ability to down­load MP3s before you can say “copy­right infringement.”

Yes, your dorm is the coolest on cam­pus, unless the word “Zkah” is etched in stone on your building. And the two greatest words in the English language are “free food.”

The greatest irony of college is that the one thing everyone told you is the one thing you brushed aside. When your four years are up, you’re going to wish you could do it all over again.

You’re not here to get good grades; wish you could do it all over again.

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President welcome freshmen to community

Welcome to Saint Mary’s for the 2002-2003 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 first-year and transfer students and assure you that your experience at Saint Mary’s will be an important time in your life.

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

Andrew Soukup
Welcome to Saint Mary's College. It is our joy and privilege to welcome you to Notre Dame. We took office as Student Body President and Vice President this past April, and we are excited about being your representative this year.

As two seniors we still vividly remember what a big transition this first weekend is. We remember the excitement, the underlying anticipation, and the pressure of meeting hundreds of your classmates at orientation mixers and not remembering anyone's name. But the good news is that you're not alone — no one remembers anyone's name from those mixers and every freshman is probably just as nervous as you are this first week.

One piece of advice to you is this: Don't be afraid to try something new this year. This is your year to start over if you want, exploring things that you always wanted to do but never did for whatever reason. And here at Notre Dame there are numerous opportunities to do the extraordinary.

The Student Government office is located in 203 LaFortune, and we invite you to stop by sometime to introduce yourself. We would be more than happy to talk about student government or other opportunities to get involved on campus.

Use individuality to contribute

Welcome to Saint Mary's College.

It is our joy and privilege to extend a warm welcome on behalf of Saint Mary's College. Here you will find a close-knit community, rich in history, tradition, and opportunity. The campus is small, but far-reaching, and the year ahead will be everything you make of it. Each student will find something to suit her interests, be it in academics, sports or extra-curricular activities.

We are blessed with a very accomplished faculty, always willing to talk and help students. We as students have access to some of the most amazing people around, and they are willing to share their knowledge and experience both in and out of the class room. Reach out and hold your hand up to opportunities and friends, who will lead you where you need to go.

Each person on this campus has something unique to contribute to our community. Your individuality is such an asset to the College, so take care to maintain it. While you are getting continually more occupied with classes and activities, do not forget to take a little time for yourself each day to reflect on who you are and who you are becoming. Get involved on campus, but rather than assimilating yourself into a group, focus on what your unique personality and abilities will add to it.

If you ever have any questions, please stop by our office on the third floor of LaFortune College Center or give us a call. If we do not have the answer, we'll make one up. Just kidding, but we will do our very best to help you in any way we can. We love hearing from you. Bring your thoughts, cares and problems to us. If you'd like to be a part of Student Government Association, keep your eyes open for applications or for information on SGA.

On behalf of the student body, we would like to wish all of you the best of luck for the year ahead. Welcome to the academic year of 2002-2003. Let's make the most of it.

Kim Jensen
Saint Mary's student body president
Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl
Saint Mary's student body vice president
August 20, 2002

Move beyond cliches to make the best of college

Welcome to planet Notre Dame. I'm sure you've heard all the hype before: "Notre Dame is great; it's different from anywhere else on the planet." "You're entering the best years of your life," etc. True to any such cliché, each contains its own kernel of truth. But I urge you not to buy into them as a whole.

I'm entering my fourth year as a Domer, and I can tell you for absolutely certain, there really isn't any other place quite like Notre Dame. Love it or hate it, it's different. You'll find in the coming months as you try to explain Notre Dame's dorm setup to your state school friends, they just don't quite understand it, and no matter what you say, you just can't get the whole idea across to them. Some of you might have experienced my first night's horror as my mother was removed from my dorm by BAs at midnight. I'm sure I was a little bit different from you, however, as it was at that very moment that I first learned of parietals.

Some people claim that Notre Dame never changes. That's true and false at the same time as well. You'll be joining Notre Dame with no graffiti dance, no football ticket campout and, most shockingly, no hard liquor. You will, however, have a concert by a famous funk legend. I never got that. Those are changes for sure, but at the same time, for all the alumni — many of your parents as well — Notre Dame seems just the same as the day they left (or so I hear). I'm sure that among other things not to change, during your time at Notre Dame, both Alumni Hall will remain the greatest dorm on campus and Father Poumran will retain his likable personality. I guess what I'm saying is that, while circumstances at the University may change, the Notre Dame we all love will always be the Notre Dame we all love.

Lots of people will give you lots of advice these first weeks of school, so I'm not sure if what I'm saying will have much meaning. However, there are a couple of things I wish someone had said to me when I was a freshman that might have helped me in my first year.

The first thing is, welcome to college. You just got a chance to start out again from zero. No one here knows you, and everyone had great accomplishments in high school. The good thing is that now that you're here, you don't have to worry about all those things from high school, because no one cares. I wish I had gotten that through my head, as I might not have spent my first few weeks being intimidated by all these popular-looking, high-achieving people around me without realizing I was just the same as all of them: in a new place, alone, and wanting to meet some new people like me. Alternatively, and perhaps more upsetting in the long run, I might not have spent those first few weeks remembering how great I did in high school and how popular I was, only later to be brought down to earth realizing again, that I was just the same as everyone else, in a new place, alone, and wanting to meet people like me.

The next piece of advice I might have wanted was the advice to go out and meet friends and not to be afraid to be yourself. Some might criticize my advice, but so be it. Notre Dame is a college, but whatever you hear from your state school friends, not all colleges are just huge meat markets. (You know what I'm saying). Notre Dame is such a college. If you're a guy, I've seen it done both ways, and I tell you, you're much better to start off here by going out and meeting ladies on a friendly basis. This is as opposed to hoping to find meaningless sexual encounters. Of course, this advice holds true for the ladies as well. Notre Dame isn't like most schools, and you're going to be meeting some of the best friends of your life here. Making guy friends is very important. In the words of one of my best friends (who also happens to be female), "Don't get all focused on academics and only hang out with girls." I couldn't agree more.

My last point, of course, is that whole statement "the best years of your life." I've never liked that statement, because if it's true, the rest of your life will just be a constant look back on the past. But what I can say is this: It should be your goal to make every year of your life the best year of your life. Notre Dame will give you the tools to complete that task. It's up to you to make it happen.

John Little
Observer Columnist
You made the grades. You survived the stress-relat-
ed, heart attack-inducing application process. You got accepted. You stuffed all your worldly posse­sions into the family station wagon or a few suitcases. You finally made it. And now you might want to know how to escape.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s offer their residents a complete life. Any necessity you require is almost certainly available on campus. There are numerous restaurants, stores, salons, banks, laundry mats and doctor’s offices that offer a student access to all of his or her needs.

Hypothetically, a student could never set foot off campus until the end of the semester. In fact, as the workload increases, many freshmen will find that they spend more time on campus than they realize or would like.

Despite the material conveniences on campus, inevitably students will want to break away from the campus’ isolated bubble. Luckily, The Observer’s Scene staff has compiled a brief guide to living large in and around the Bend.

**Shopping**

South Bend has the average Mid-West area of shopping. Students particularly frequent the University Park Mall and its surrounding shopping centers. Busses to the mall leave from campus from the street side entrance to the Hesburgh Library. Take bus No. 7 to the University Park mall; tickets cost $0.75. The United Limo shuttle that runs between Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame also stops at Hesburgh Library. The shuttle is free on weekdays, but there is a small fee after 6:00 p.m. on weekends. Bus schedules are available at the information desk or LaFortune Student Center at Notre Dame and in the Security Office or Haggar Hall at Saint Mary’s.

For the greatest variety, the most popular student pit stop is Meijer. Originally a chain of generic stores sprinkled across the Midwest, Meijer has grown into a metaphor for capitalism. The mega-stores sell everything; groceries, clothes, furniture, hardware, gardening supplies, CD’s, appliances, and more. There are three Meijers in South Bend area; of the two closest to campus, one is located at 2660 Portage Road off Lincolnway and the other is at 5020 Grape Road about a half-mile south of the mall.

**Late Night Munchies**

As the dining halls close at 9:00 p.m., most students are just opening their books. An all-nighter might require a little brain food and, if you aren’t in the mood for a Recker’s buffet from 11 until 2 a.m., a large one-topping pizza for $7 late Saturday from 11 until 2 a.m. (depending upon demand), and from 12 p.m. until midnight Sunday. Papa John’s is open Monday through Saturday from 11 until 2 a.m., and from 12 p.m. until midnight Sunday.

**Ethnic Food**

South Bend is a bit short on quality ethnic meals, but a few establishments hide out here and there:

- **Boracho Burrito**: Located about 15 minutes southwest of campus, Boracho Burrito regularly has students standing in lines out the door on Thursday through Saturday nights for full-fried Mexican goodness. A burrito with chicken, steak, or ground beef costs about $4.75. Boracho Burrito is located on 1724 N Ironwood Drive, near Hollywood Video.
- **CJ’s Pub Greasyburgers**: A local staple of the college scene, CJ’s offers student tickets for $5 with a valid Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s ID. The nearby “dollar-theater” or Cinemark 6 at 3464 Grape Road shows slightly older movies at reduced prices. The largest and nicest movie theater in town, Kerasotes Theatres Showplace 16 at 450 Chippewa Drive, is a 10-minute drive from campus down State Road 214.

Despite the lack of a food court or mall, South Bend offers a number of tasty and sometimes exquisite Indian food.

- **Star of India**: Located at 620 W. Western Ave, Star of India not only serves delicious Indian food, but is conveniently located and slow to release some features, making the wait shorter.
- **Kerasotes Theatres Showplace 16**: A traditional staple of the college diet, pizza delivery is available from a number of establishments across the Bend. A few student favorites are:
  - **Papa John’s Pizza**: Call (574) 271-1177 for delivery or carry out. Ask about campus specials, generally a large one-topping pizza for $7 late night. Papa John’s is open Monday through Saturday from 11 until 2 a.m. (depending upon demand), and from 12 p.m. until midnight Sunday.
  - **Domino’s**: The closest to campus, Domino’s delivers from 4 to 1 a.m. on Monday through Thursday and from 4 and 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Call (574) 271-0303.
  - **Marco’s Pizza**: A bit farther from campus, but often a needed break from the hegemony of Papa John’s and Domino’s. Call (574) 243-1122 for delivery or carry out.
  - **Rocco’s Pizza**: Open from 11 a.m. until midnight, Sunday through Thursday, and from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

- **The Golden Dragon Restaurant**: The quickest and cheapest Chinese food near campus; located at 3302 Portage Avenue. The Golden Dragon delivers very quickly too, call (574) 243-3800 to place an order.
- **The Malabar**: Located on the corner of 1640 S Bend Ave adjacent to campus. The Malabar serves delicious but moderately pricey Indian food.
- **The Olive Garden, The Outback Steakhouse, Chili’s, Lone Star Steakhouse and Don Pablo’s**: All are located on the main drag of Grape Road.
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- **East of Chicago Pizza**: A newer player in the delivery scene, students either love it or hate it. Call (574) 271-1277 for delivery. East of Chicago is open Sunday through Thursday from 4 until 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 4 until 11 p.m.
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the Cinemark theaters, the Showplace 16 has stadium style
seating and love seats. It also is more in sync with current movie
release dates.
Vix's Theater is 20 miles north of campus on Route 20 at
6 North Elm Street in Three Oaks, Mich. and is the closest art
theater for movie snobs and Scene editors alike.
The closest places to rent
movies are Blockbuster Videos and Hollywood Video, which are both located on the corner of Ironwood Drive
State Road 23 near Berachio Burrito and Nick's Patio. Both
rent VHS and DVD as well as video games. Blockbuster
has a better selection but higher prices and shorter rental
periods than Hollywood Video. Hollywood Video offers a
rent two VHS or DVDs and get a third free. Be careful
because if you return movies late you are charged late fees for all three.

Getting Far Away
If you need to get out of Indiana Chicago is about 
two hours by train, the South Shore Train, which leaves from the South Bend airport. A round trip
ticket to downtown Chicago costs a little under $20. Unfortunately, the late trains out of Chicago don't all stop in South Bend so check the timetables for information.

Also, keep in mind that during the winter months there is a time difference between South Bend and Chicago. Heading west you lose an hour, so be sure to note the change. Chicago is about 90 minutes by car, housing west on 180-90. Parking in Chicago, run by organized crime, is the biggest rip off ever. If you can't find a metered space you might be paying up to $48 a day to park in a garage.

The fabled trip to Windsor, Canada takes about four hours by car. Windsor has a number of casinos, bars, clubs and other nightlife to offer in a country where the drinking age is 19. Remember to bring ID or you may be turned away by the board­
er by the grum py Canadian boarder patrol.

If you look like a seedy American student expect you and your car to be searched.

Taxis:
Walking home from late night off-campus parties in South Bend can be both a pain when the weather is bad and dangerous any­time of year. While South Bend isn't Hell's Kitchen, being drunken students on foot get mugged occasionally on their way back to campus. The safest way home is a cab. Most offer about $2 per person for groups of three or more to and from campus. Sharing cabs with strangers has been known to cause problems. Don't get in a cab if you feel unsafe; request an empty cab instead. If you are in an uncomfortable situation in a cab, ask for service directly to your dispatcher.

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TAXIS
Sports, whether they be varsity, intramural, club or a pick up game on a nice day, are a key part of life at Notre Dame. Nice weather finds athletes and non-athletes alike giving sports a shot.

Willingham, Tyrone a.k.a. "The Man." Coach Willingham is the head coach of the football team and looks to revive a program that has slowed in recent years. He's got a tough task at hand. Last year, the Irish Finished 5-6 and began the season this year against consecutive Big Ten bowl teams.

Xebec. It's a three-masted Mediterranean boat. Bet you didn't know...Xebec. Well, there's what else I could have done for 'X'.

Young. The Notre Dame women's basketball team. When Ruth Riley, Noble Ide and Kelley Simon graduated after Notre Dame's championship season two years ago, it left the team with a roster full of freshmen. This year, the Irish have only two seniors — guards Alicia Ratay and Karen Swanson — and eight of the team's 12 members are sophomores or freshmen. The good news is that many of these youngsters saw significant playing time last season and should be ready to challenge conference rival Connecticut, who lost four seniors from last year's National Championship team.

Zero. The number of reasons you have not to get excited about the year ahead. Fall is in the air, the first football game is just around the corner, and you're right in the middle of the best environment a sports fan could ask for.

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## Checking Out the Irish

### Team | Key Returners | Key Losses | Key Freshmen | Outlook
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**Football** | QB Carlyle Holiday, RB Ryan Grant, FL Arnav Battle, C Jeff Faine, DE Ryan Roberts, LB Courtney Watson, CB Shane Walton, CB Vontez Huff, K Nicholas Sutta, P Joey Hildhold | QB Matt LeVeque, BB-Julius Jones, RB Tony Fisher, RB Terrance Howard, WR David Gwens, WR Javin Hunter, DE Anthony Weaver, DE Grant Iroms, LB Rocky Ruhman, LB Tyree Harrison, SS Ben Israel, FS Abram Eham | QB Chris Olsen, RB Nate Schiccatano, WR Maurice Souvall, WR Rhema McKnights, DL Chris Frome, DL Travis Letko | First-year head coach Tyrone Willingham inherits a team that went 5-6 last season and had one of the most tumultuous off seasons in program history. The Irish will need to overcome that off season and learn Willingham's new offense to succeed.

### Mens Soccer | Forwards Eric Braun and Devon Presced, Midfielders Justin Deetor, Justin Ratcliffe, Chad Biley and Chris Sawyer | Defenders Andreas Forstner and Griffin Howard | Midfielders Nick Tarnay and Jon Mark Thompson, Defenders Ben Crouse and Daze Bells | The Irish lose only two starters from last year's 12-7 squad. The offense should be solid with a year of experience in coach Bobby Clark's scheme.

### Womens Soccer | | Midfielder Mia Sarksesian, Defenders Monica Gonzalez and Lindsey Jones, Goalkeeper Liz Wagner | Midfielder Katie Therlakson, Defender Catherine Sigler, Goalkeeper Erika Bohn | The Irish return five of their top six scorers from the 2001 squad that suffered a shocking season ending loss to Cincinnati in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

### Volleyball | Forwards Justin Detter, Justin Ratcliffe, Walton, CB Vonetz Duff, K Grant, FL Arnaz Battle, C Jeff Chad Riley and Chris Sawyer | Outside Hitter Marcie Bonshack, Middle Blocker Melinda Goralski, Opposite Kristy Kreher | Middle Blocker Lauren Brewster, Outside Hitter Meg Hencian | The addition of an incoming class that is rated fifth nationally should help the Irish in their quest for a fourth straight Big East title.

### Mens Tennis | | | | With the loss of All-Americans Taborga and Smith, who led the Irish to the NCAA Tournament, coach Bobby Bayliss will look to incoming freshmen to help fill the void.

### Womens Tennis | Katie Cunha, Casylan Leslie, Alvin Sains | Becky Varnum, Nina Vaughan, Lindsey Green | Lauren Connelly, Liz Donahue, Kelly Nelson, Jennifer Smith, Kristina Stasby | The Irish finished the season 23rd last year, but lost their top three players — Varnum, Vaughan and Green — to graduation. The five freshmen coming in will need to contribute right away.

### Mens Cross Country | John Keane, Todd Mobley, David Alber | Ryan Shea, Luke Watson, Patrick Conway, Mark Striowski, Sean Zanderson | Tim Moore, Tom Longo, Kaleb VanOrt | Replacing five of their top seven runners will be tough, but the Irish have several strong runners to fill the void. With a strong freshmen class that includes the Michigan state champ, Moore, the Irish should again field a competitive squad.

### Womens Cross Country | Jon Hundley, Jennifer Fibuchs, Megan Johnson, Lauren King | none | Stephanie Nadia | The womens squad returns all seven competitors from the 2002 NCAA Championship race. With incoming freshman Nadia, Notre Dame can only improve on last year's 19th place finish.

### Mens Golf | Brandon Larche, Steve Colimits, Ryan Marshall, K.C. Wiseman | | Tom Balderston, Scott Gustafson | The Irish hoisted the Big East Championship last spring and finished an impressive second. Losing Ratay, who set the Notre Dame record for single season scoring average, will be tough.

### Womens Golf | Karen Lotta | Lauren Fuehs, Kristin McMurtrie | Sarah Bassett, Lauren Barber, Kathleen Brooke | The Irish had an up-and-down season in 2001-2002, highlighted by a second place finish at the 22-team Northern Illinois Snowbird Invitation in Tampa, Fla. The team returns its leading scorer, Lotta, and hopes to get immediate contributions from the four incoming freshmen.
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## Soccer

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County and Aberdeen FC Under 2-1 by respective scores of 1-0 and 2-0. The Irish then tied Dunwoody United 1-1, sur­
dering the lying goal with just three minutes to play.

"Of all the teams I've taken on the Scotland trip — I took Dartmouth twice and Stanford once — but was certainly our best performance over there," Clark said. "That means this could be the best team I've taken there, or that American soccer is really improving."

The Irish had only two starters from its 2001 squad — defenders Griffin Howard and Andy Forren.

Some position shifting in the off-season and summer exhibi­tions, combined with the addition of a couple of freshmen defen­sives who could push for playing time make the backfield the most unstable area of the pro­gram. It's never easy to replace good players, but that's some­thing we've got to deal with," Clark said. "We have had to do some shuffling there over the spring and summer.

Sophomore Jack Stewart, who, along with defender Kevin Goldblumbe and guardkeeper Chris Sawyer, moved into start­ing roles last season and fresh­men Stewart, Goldblumbe and fellow defender Kevin Richards should secure three of the back­ field spots. The final slot is up in the air since the likely starter, Bourgone, will be temporarily sidelined with a bout of mononucleo­sitis. Contenders for the spot are sophomores Christopher High and freshmen Dale Relias and Ben Crouse.

"The position that's up for grabs in the backfield is the other central defender," Clark said. "Luke Bourgone has really played well there in the spring, but he came down with mono, so he won't be able to go right away. Christopher High played in Scotland in that spot and did pretty well. We've also got a cou­ple of freshmen coming in that could play in that spot as well."

Defensively, the Irish return their top six scorers from last season. Forwards Eric Braun and Devyn Prescod — the team's two leading scorers in 2001 — have already begun to assert their offensive potency, scoring eight of Notre Dame's 19 goals in Scotland.

Freshman striker Tony Megna, who has shown the promise of being an early contributor to the Irish offense, has been sidelined since the start of summer prac­tice with a back injury that kept him out of his entire senior sea­son in high school.

At midfield, the Irish finally have the advantage of depth and consistency, returning all players at that position and not having to endure a coaching change for the first time in three years. Tri­caption Justin Ratcliffe and Greg Martin, and junior Justin Deiter, Chad Riley and Filippo Chilieni, have had a full year to learn Clark's offensive and defensive schemes and play together as a unit.

This depth will allow incoming freshmen Nick Farnay, Jon Mark Thompson and the injured John Stephens time to settle into both Clark's system and the pressures of college life.

"The freshmen are all work­ing away, and I think it's far too early to say right now how much they'll be able to do right away," Clark said. "They're all young and are still excited to be out there. We'll let them settle in, and they'll basically tell us in when they're ready. They'll tell us by the way they come out to prac­tice every day. I've never been in a hurry to rush freshmen in because I think it's good to let them settle into school life first.

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Women's Basketball

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

This summer, there were more old faces than new. Following a season with five freshmen to old faces, this year's returning veterans.

Training in the weight room and practicing with teammates, LaVere got her first taste of college life.

Although some freshmen did not fit in quite so well, there were also those who hit the ground running. "When you look at the two young freshmen, from experience-wise, they're truly green, but they're so talented," offensivemanager Bill Diedrick said. "They didn't seem to go through normal period of freshman homesickness."

"You know who we are, and I think that was really a great thing," head coach Muffet McGraw said. "They really fit in well. The chemistry was tremendous.

"For me, I think it was the newbies, were more than willing to share those important bits of knowledge with the new recruits — like what time curfew is during away games. "They've told us just the little team rules, roadtrips, things that will help us if they didn't learn about until later," Duffy said.

"In addition to getting to know their teammates, Duffy and LaVere got an added bonus — a leg up on the rest of the freshman class hitting campus this week. They both have two college classes under their belts, have worked on balancing practice with academics and, most importantly, they know where the dining hall is.

"Yeah, I'm going to be a pro at freshman orientation," Duffy said.

"Duffy and LaVere both seemed to take to college life without much trouble."

"I was so pleased," McGraw said. "They didn't seem to go through that normal period of freshman homesickness. There weren't a lot of bumps in the road. So that seemed almost too easy."

But there is still much to do.

"Duffy, a 5-foot-7 point guard from Dayton, Ohio, will have her work cut out for her, both physically and mentally. She suffered a season-ending knee injury midway through her senior season at Champlain-Jullienne High School, then was back on the court in time for summer workouts. She will continue to rehabilitate the knee through the preseason.

"My knee's getting there," Duffy said. "It's starting to feel pretty decent. I'm excited to get back and start playing full go.

"In addition to making sure her knee is in working order, as a point guard, Duffy will have to not only learn her position on the floor, but also get to know her way around the whole offensive scheme, to know what everyone is supposed to be doing at any given moment.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles look to start fresh

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

There is only one word to describe the Saint Mary’s volleyball team — young. With one senior returning and no player with more than one year of collegiate play, experience will not be on the Belles’ list of assets.

“Everyone returning is only a second year player with this program,” coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. “So, in terms of experience, we’re very young.”

Four new freshmen will be joining the team, which finished last season with a record of 4-23, 1-13 in the MIAA. Shelly Bender, Juliane Miller, Tala Maturi-Vicaro and Heidi Superczynski will team up with the eight returning members of the team, including lone senior Elizabeth Albert.

Tryouts for the team concluded Thursday, leaving three of the seven women who came out for the team without a position. “All that tried out were very talented and hard-working,” Schroeder-Biek said. “It was a very difficult cut this year — nothing was clear cut. It just came down to how much depth was needed at the various positions.”

The four players joining the team will have to step up to make up for some serious losses. During the course of the season last year, the Belles lost team leader Angie Meyers to a season-ending ACL tear. With graduation, they also said goodbye to co-captain Jolie Lebeau, senior Jaimie Dineen and defensive specialist Denise Langlois. Meyers and Lebeau were both four-year players.

The Belles will be looking to recover from a last-place finish in the MIAA last season. They open play on Aug. 30 at the Alma Tournament.

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SMC SOCCER

Young team expects challenging season

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Following a year that saw major improvement marred by the departure of key seniors, starters and the head coach, fresh players and coaches will be as commonplace as returning veterans.

For the third time in four years, the Belles soccer team will be adjusting to a new coaching style — this time under the leadership of Chris Pfau, who came to Saint Mary’s from Mount Marty College in South Dakota, will take over a team that saw improvement under coach Bobby Johnston, who left Saint Mary’s for the University of Tampa last spring.

With so many changes the past four years, Pfau recognizes that the focus this season can’t be fancy footwork or long shots on goal. It must be nothing other than laying the first stones of a foundation necessary for success.

“All I’m going to do is give them a structure, something solid, a foundation on which they can play,” Pfau said. “It might take a month, it might take the whole season. That’s my biggest goal.”

Pfau will be passing that goal along to a very young team. Saint Mary’s graduated three key seniors and lost senior Heather Muth, who suffered several serious injuries last season and decided not to return after Johnston announced his resignation.

This season, the Belles will be welcoming six new recruits to the playing field. Leading the incoming class is freshman Carri Orr. The midfielder from Dayton, Ohio, stands a good chance of starting this season. Fans may also see freshman Shannon Collbern blocking opposing players at a defensive position.

Pfau identified Orr and Collbern as “big impact players” for the class of 2006.

Lynn Taylor, the only senior and four-year member of the squad, will undertake a heavy leadership role. However, the Belles will also be counting on sophomore Jen Concannon, who led the team in scoring last season.

Following the tumultuous off-season, it’s back to the drawing board with hopes of finding something solid enough to bring home some victories.

“There’s been a lot of turnover, so [I want] something they can always fall back upon and some stability,” Pfau said.

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CROSS COUNTRY
Same goal, different paths for 2 squads
By JOE HETTLER
American Sports Editor.

The Notre Dame mens and women's cross country teams will start their respective seasons trying to reach the same goal — a national championship. Each will be eyeing that goal from very different standpoints, however.

The men's team graduated five of its top seven runners from last season's fifth-ranked squad and hopes to use a strong incoming freshman class to turn more than a few heads this season.

"Are the freshmen going to be able to replace five All-Americans that graduated? No, of course not," national coach Tim Connelly said. "But I think we'll be better than people give us credit for."

The Irish do return All-American Todd Mobley and top runners David Alber and John Kelbley as well as Eric Morrison.

"We're in a pretty good position, we finished 19th at the NCAA Championships last year and we're hoping everyone's back," Connelly said.

The Irish return top runners such as All-American Lauren King as well as NCAA qualifier Jen Handley. Connelly also expects large contributions from Megan Johnson, Jennifer Libich, Christi Arnerich, Melissa Schmidt, Julia Schmidt and Rachel Endress.

Freshmen Molly Hudde, Stephanie Nadia, Laurie King and Jean Marinangeli will all be counted on to contribute as well.

"However, Connelly does not expect to start his full team at Notre Dame's first meet, the adidas Invitational hosted at Notre Dame on Sept. 6. "To be honest, we probably won't run our whole team [at the first meet] because I want the freshmen to get settled back," Connelly said. "I think we have enough depth to do that early in the season."

Both the men and women's cross country teams will open their season on Sept. 6 in the adidas Invitational at Notre Dame.

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ND VOLLEYBALL
Recruits stand above rest
By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Brown knows the freshmen are about to experience an entirely new level of competition. "The ball is coming a lot faster, hitters are bigger," Brown said. "The front row is significantly bigger than the past. We play above the net. The power is a lot more than their high school and club teams."

"Also, in terms of their high school season, the duration of the season and the intensity is different. That is very taxing mentally. Not being used to playing at that level for an extended period of time can be difficult."

"Besides making the transition on the court, the freshmen have to adapt to the change of living at college. Their upperclass teammates are attempting to make that transition as smooth as possible."

"The upperclassmen are amazing, they have all been great," Brewster said. "They were helpful in knowing what is going on — finding our classes, who we need to talk to. They made the transition easy."

"They are great," Kelbley agreed. "They gave us a little booklet telling us what we need for preseason. They are really helping us on and off the court."

Even before the freshmen arrived on campus, the upperclassmen were making their new teammates feel welcome.

"There has been a great job by the returners making the freshmen feel at home," Brown said. "Even before the first day, during the summer, the returners sent them stuff to let the freshmen know what to bring."

Overcoming the adjustment to college volleyball will allow the freshmen to contribute to the Irish's goal of winning a third consecutive Big East Championship and make its 11th straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

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The team now understands the importance of leadership — not just from your seniors, but all the veterans," Waldrum said. "They know we went astray last season, but that chapter is closed."

All three starting forwards from last year's team are back, including Amy Warner, Melissa Tancredi and 2001 Big East Tournament MVP Amanda Guertin. Freshmen Holly Law and Maggie Manning could provide solid energy off the bench to assist the trio of returning juniors.

The Irish also return midfielders Dryer and junior Randi Scheller. Waldrum was extremely impressed with Scheller's hard work and dedication over the off-season and believes she is poised for a break-out season.

"[Scheller] made a big step last year, but we think she can make a bigger one this year, to the point of getting some national recognition and getting into the national team pool," Waldrum said.

The Irish must replace the playmaking ability and creativity of departed captain Mia Sarkesian at the third midfield position. Juniors Kim Carpenter and Molly Tate and sophomore Mary Boland are all candidates to replace Sarkesian in the starting lineup, with highly touted freshman Katie Thorlakson also figuring into the mix. Fellow freshmen Michelle Daley and Jenny Waltz are also expected to compete for playing time at midfield. Versatile sophomore Sarah Halpeny — a transfer from UC-Irvine — may see time at either midfield or defense.

With only two returning starters, the Irish defense and goalkeeping positions remain the biggest question marks. Sophomore Candace Chapman and All-American Pruzinsky will be back at their starting defensive positions, but the Irish must replace All-American Monica Gonzales and three-year starter Lindsey Jones. To make matters worse, the Notre Dame defense suffered a huge blow before the season even began when top recruit Annie Shefter tore her ACL in late July and is expected to miss the entire season.

Sophomore Gunnar Gunnarsdottir figures to have the inside track for one of the two opening starting positions. Freshman Kat Sigler from Windsor, Calif., emerged as a leading candidate for the fourth defensive. Sophomore Kate Tuhlin and freshmen Amber McMillan, Annie Weiher and Miranda Ford will also see action at midfield.

The Irish goalkeeping position is still up for grabs. Junior Lauren Kent and freshman Erika Bohn are battling to replace the departed Liz Waggoner at the starting goalie position. Kent and Bohn's performances in upcoming exhibitions against perennial powers North Carolina and Kentucky will go a long way in helping Waldrum determine the starter.

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Mike Brey called his team in for a meeting just before the group concluded summer workouts.

As he looked at the 11 players gathered in front of him, he knew the Irish were in good shape.

"I said, 'Everybody here can play,'" the third-year mens basketball coach said. "I didn't feel that way my first year. I couldn't look all 12 in the eye and say I feel comfortable with you in the game, because I didn't. Last year, same thing. This year, I really feel that way."

The addition of freshmen Torin Francis, Rick Cornett, Chris Quinn and Omari Petrinck strengthen an already talented Irish roster that finished second in the Big East West Division last spring and narrowly fell to top-seeded Duke in the NCAA tournament.

For the first time since Brey took over as Irish head coach, three of the four Irish freshmen -- Francis, Cornett and Quinn -- came on campus to participate in summer workouts with the rest of the team.

So when Brey stood in front of his team in early August, he could praise the team's depth since a talented crop of freshmen had spent all summer practicing with the veterans.

During the six-week summer session, the freshmen played nearly every day with the rest of the team. The increased talent level meant pick-up games were significantly more intense. And when the Irish weren't on the court, they were in class. Francis, for example, began classes this week under his Irish head coach.

"I think it was very beneficial," Francis said. "The first two were on campus to begin the year, and I think that was good to be able to do it and make the transition in a laid-back atmosphere rather than in the fall with the rest of the other freshmen. In the fall, we're not really new students, we know the place."

The 6-foot-10 Francis, from Boston, is the most heralded recruit arriving on campus this fall. He joins sophomore point guard Chris Thomas as the second straight McDonald's All-American to play for the Irish. The 6-9 Chicago native Cornett could also help Notre Dame on the boards.

With the graduation of Ryan Humphrey, a first-round pick of the Orlando Magic, and Harold Swagman, the Irish have only senior tri-captain Jere Macura, junior Tom Timmermans and sophomore Jordan Cornell returning on the inside. The trio only averaged 11.7, 8.3 and 14.9 minutes per game last year respectively and Brey expects Francis and Cornett to come in and compete for playing time.

"I think if you have a major prospect out of high school, you expect them to be contributors. Everyone wants to make a contribution. You don't come in wanting to sit on the bench," Torin Francis freshman.
School Daze

Claire O'Brien

Happy Town

Jack Monahan

Crossword

Across:
1. Locker room handout
6. Alma products
14. Post of etiquette
20. It may be bitter
30. Former partner?

Down:
1. Head of France?
2. Muscat's land
3. Kind of show
4. 65-Acreoires, e.g.
5. Lodge member
6. Deceiving
7. White-faced
8. Haberdasher
9. Author LeShan
10. Cinnamon
11. Exact retribution
12. Grub

Clue:
WILL SHORTZ

Jumble

Henri Arnold

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday: It's time to be good to yourself for a change. Your health and well-being must be put before anything or anyone else. Get back to a simpler lifestyle and you will see how quickly your life improves. Rid yourself of anyone or anything that has been aggravating or stressful. This is your year to put yourself first. Your numbers are 4, 19, 31, 42, 46.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Emotional matters may be brewing today. Face any hidden head-on, chances are there has been a misunderstanding. Do not repress secrets in the private affairs of others. ***

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Your involvement in groups that you believe in will bring you satisfaction. Use your past record to get what you want when you want it. ***

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Don't let the things going on around you get you down. Get out and do things that will please you. A little shopping or spending time with a special friend will help. ***

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Your memory and vast knowledge will be admired. You have some good ideas and wonderful suggestions. Don't let anyone stand in your way or hold you back. ***

Leo (July 23-Aug 22): Financial opportunities are apparant. You will be able to help an older relative handle his or her responsibilities. A younger person may turn out to be a burden. Being strict will be necessary. ***

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone may be playing with your emotions today. Don't let anyone make you feel guilty. Plan your day carefully and don't pass on something you really want to do. ***

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may have some difficulties with a friend today if he or she doesn't want to do the same thing you do. Give this friend some space. Someone may withhold pertinent information so be sure to ask questions. ***

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be in a good position of you have already made plans to help a worthwhile cause. Children may play an important role in your life today. Take an interest in what these youngsters are doing. ***

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be deceived by someone who you won't agree. Keep your suggestions to yourself. You are going through a make-it or break-it period. Although you may feel like calling it quits, be observant for new. ***

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get together with good friends and you'll enjoy stimuluating conversations. At work, try to avoid getting into a debate with someone who may be trying to make you look bad. ***

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Use your creativity to make extra income. Financial matters are picturesque. You will be able to make good investments if you are quick to respond in an opportunity. ***

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You may find it difficult to deal with loved ones today. Addled responsibilities will get you down. Plan to lift your spirits by doing something special with someone you enjoy. ***

Birthday Baby: You will be caring, loving and sensitive. You will have a spiritual outlook as long as you don't let your emotions get the best of you. ***

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Fresh in the system

Freshmen look to adjust to new offensive, defensive schemes

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Chris Olsen was nervous.

In the corners of team meeting rooms and on the summer practice fields, upperclassmen hinted what kind of initiation routine the freshman quarterback would have to go through. Some hinted at shaving heads, others mentioned climbing up on tables and singing high school fight songs.

Bookie quarterback Olsen and the other 17 freshman recruits weren't quite sure what to expect. But they didn't plan on first-year head coach Tyrone Willingham banning freshman hazing.

"I think that made the freshmen feel a lot better," Olsen said. "There were a few worries that we were going to have to do something things hazing-wise, but most of the upperclassmen told us that there would be none of that this year, and they wanted to make it easier on us as freshmen. I think that put everyone at ease."

Besides, the freshmen had enough to worry about trying to learn the complex new offensive and defensive schemes thrown at them by Irish coaches.

When the first-year players arrived on campus nearly three weeks ago, the coaching staff handed the entire playbook to the young recruits, forcing them to try to understand everything to which the rest of the team had eight months to assimilate.

That's a ton of information to learn in a short period of time. Blocking schemes, coverages, pass routes, audibles — the list piled up quickly. In many cases, the newest members of the Irish squad learned more schemes in a week than they did during their senior seasons.

"It's a lot to learn, and at some point, that overload hits, and then they don't respond very well to the conditions around them," Willingham said. "Most freshmen go through it, and ours are no different. They're going through it, and they're trying to find their way to break through it and really start to find their place on this team."

Four freshmen — Olsen, running back Nate Schieratore, safety John Carroll, and offensive lineman Scott Burdton — spent the summer with the rest of the team participating in conditioning drills. That gave them a bit of a clue about what to expect when what many referred to as the fall camp started in August.

"Anything is going to be difficult at first," Carney said. "But once we got in and got some reps, we started to grasp it a little better, and having the team around makes it a little less nerve-racking."

"The first few days it's real intimidating being out there with the other guys, but I got more comfortable with them," Olsen added. "They always say good job and try to make it easier for me."

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Irish return with depth

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After a very successful inaugural season for men's soccer coach Bobby Clark in 2001, the seniors will return to Alumni Field this fall with a young, but experienced squad looking to build on last season's NCAA Tournament appearance, the program's first in five years.

The Irish return nine starters from last season's team that shocked many in the collegiate soccer world by turning a 7-9-2 team in 2000 into a 12-7 finisher.

The Irish played to a 7-3 record in the Big East and finished in a tie for second by advancing to the Big East Tournament Semifinals before dropping a 1-0 decision to the eventual conference champion St. John's University.

The 2002 campaign again began for the Irish on Aug. 2 in Scotland with a two-week, five-game exhibition tour for the returning upperclassmen.

"On the Scotland trip, the guys worked very hard," Clark said. "They played five games in 11 days with only an 18 man roster."

Clark said that two of those guys junior Alan Lykwa and sophomore Luke Boughen were unable to play because of an injury, and two were goalkeepers, that left us with 14 players. Since European rules don't allow us to have free substitution like we do in the states, that can be very exhausting for the guys.

The Irish went 4-0-1 during the trip, knocking off semi-pro squads Torrante United 6-1 and Banks of Dee 8-1. Notre Dame then faced the heavier competition of the full-time professionals, beating Rosssdale 4-0 and Dauntless 2-0. The Irish went 4-0-1 during the trip, knocking off semi-pro squads Torrante United 6-1 and Banks of Dee 8-1. Notre Dame then faced the heavier competition of the full-time professionals, beating Rosssdale 4-0 and Dauntless 2-0.

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Men's Soccer

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A shocking second-round NCAA Tournament upset loss to Cincinnati ended Notre Dame's frustrating 2001 campaign. This season, with ten new names on his roster and thirteen returning players, Irish coach Randy Waldrum is looking to hope his squad is ready to return to national prominence.

"Our freshman class also will be led by some highly-competitive and driven players," he said. "I'd be very surprised if we don't rediscover that focus and consistency that's so important to what Notre Dame soccer is all about."

Of 23 players, only Ashley Dryer and Vanessa Pruzinsky are seniors, meaning leadership could be an issue for the Irish. However, Waldrum is confident in the leadership abilities of the other veterans to help the incomers.