Class of 2007 arrives on campus

Larger classes may impact University's identity
By SHEILA FLYNN
News Writer

The two largest classes in Notre Dame's history will descend on the University this academic year, and a continued trend in increasing class size could have significant implications for the University's future, the administration said.

"We expect our second largest class, close to 2,000 students," said Angie Chamblee, associate dean of First Year of Studies. The biggest recorded freshman group, she said, arrived two years ago with 2,038 students.

Assistant director of admissions James Riley said the Class of 2007 applicant pool of 12,100 exceeded last year's by nearly 2,000—an increase that could be the result of stepped-up recruiting efforts. The higher number of applicants allowed the University to be more selective in the admittance process, Riley said.

"I think with the caliber of students we admitted this year, the word is out that Notre Dame is a unique and challenging environment," Riley said.

The average accepted student in the Class of 2007 had a grade point average of 3.8 and average SAT score in the upper 1300s. The freshman class includes several valedictorians and one student who earned perfect scores on both the SAT and ACT exams, Riley said.

"The larger size of the entering class is not related to the increase in applications. The number of minority applications showed a decrease of about 20 from last year," said Michael Gannt, the University's coordinator of transfer admissions.

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Saint Mary's increased recruitment boosts freshman enrollment

By ANNELINE WOOLFORD
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After employing a new tactic to boost enrollment numbers, Saint Mary's College welcomes a freshman class of more students, 403 of which are off-campus, a new tactic to engender such credentials to its community this weekend.

The Admission Office received 1,014 applications for admittance and accepted 828 students, 403 of which are officially enrolled to begin their first year as full-time students. In comparison to last year's class size of 376, enrollment is up by seven percent, said Mary Pat Nolan, director of admissions.

"In fact, we exceeded our goal," Nolan said.

Four of the 403 women are international students, representing Guatemala, the Ivory Coast, Latvia and Uganda. One sending Guatemala, the Ivory Coast, Latvia and Uganda. One...

Transfers welcomed during orientation
By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

As 2,000 freshmen descend on campus this weekend, about 160 transfer students will be familiarizing themselves with campus and, for most, their off-campus housing as well.

Each transfer student enters with sophomore or junior status, depending on their previous college experience. This semester, 15% transfers plan to enroll at Notre Dame — 106 as sophomores, 52 as juniors and one as a first-semester senior. The total number of incoming students increased by about 20 from last year, said Michael Gant, the University's coordinator of transfer admissions.

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Summer reading required for ND frosh
By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

In between internships and reality television, the Class of 2007 had another task to occupy their summer vacation: required reading. For the first time, incoming Notre Dame freshmen completed an assigned reading in preparation for an academic convocation titled "The United States and the Middle East: De We Face a Clash of Civilizations?" Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College did not require the assignment or a similar task for their freshman classes.

Scott Appleby, professor of history and director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, will moderate the Sept. 23 conversation discussing Bryan Hossenfelder's book "The Heart Of Islam: Enduring Values for Humanity" and four supplementary articles.

Appleby said the reading requirement and convocation will introduce incoming freshmen to how scholars analyze issues such as the tension between the United States and the Middle East.

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SMC freshmen greeted with new campus developments

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
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Development on the Saint Mary's campus holds great promise for its incoming students, both this year and beyond, as a result of the continuation of the College's Master Plan.

Two main components of the plan are slated for completion by 2007, with a third estimated to be significantly underway. In addition to the recently constructed Noble Family Dining Hall, freshman students will be among the first to utilize a large portion of the Master Plan facilities as they come to fruition.

"Saint Mary's is continuing to move forward in very positive and innovative kinds of ways," said Linda Timm, vice president for Student Affairs. "This incoming class will really have seen the benefit of the new facilities and how they all tie in together: the variety of places that students will be able to gather, to eat, to socialize and to use technology."

Most incoming students are already aware of the additions that will be made during their time at Saint Mary's, Timm said. Tour guides have recently been explaining the locations and expected time frame of changes to visiting students and their families.

The next two stages of the Master Plan that students can anticipate are the addition of an on-campus, apartment-style housing complex, scheduled for occupancy in fall 2004, and a multi-purpose student center with a projected completion date of January 2005.

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The addition of an on-campus, apartment-style housing complex, scheduled for occupancy in fall 2004, will mark the second phase in Saint Mary's Master Plan for construction of new campus facilities.

Groundbreaking for a new academic building is the third phase of the Master Plan that students are likely to see. Timm said, although no date can be set until all funding for the project is received. "The College has secured a significant portion of the funding, but until we have it all committed, we can't begin that project," she said.

Despite the uncertainty of this third phase of the project, Timm said that Saint Mary's students will see an unprecedented amount of activity on campus throughout the academic year. "These next 18 months or so are going to be dusty, noisy and, at times, a little inconvenient, but the end result for those first two projects really are going to be such a wonderful addition for our students," she said.

Administrators expect the academic interior of Saint Mary's to grow along with its physical exterior. Timm said she anticipates the academic curriculum as a whole to expand, providing an increase in programs over the next four years.

"I really think we have some great opportunities, not just for students, but for the rest of the college community to experience," she said. "It'll be interesting to see how the culture of the campus begins to shift."

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Orientation activities prompt discussion of campus issues

By NATALIE BAILEY
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Saint Mary's Student Activities and Orientation Committees have been busy preparing Orientation 2003 in hopes of easing the transition from high school to college for students and parents of the Class of 2007. Many first-year students will already have most necessary tasks completed before arriving on campus Thursday — the result of a summer pre-orientation program that Saint Mary's developed over the last three years.

"Sex Signals will give both parents and students a provocative look at the issues of dating, sex and, ultimately, date rape on college campuses." Georgeanna Rosenbush, director of student activities advising along with sessions regarding information technology and student employment, which gave us additional flexibility with our traditional fall orientation program," said Georgeanna Rosenbush, director of student activities.

The committee anticipates that this year's changes will allow for needed free time throughout fall orientation, giving students and parents an opportunity to take care of last-minute shopping, room organization and other activities common to the weekend.

Helping to facilitate the transition into college for students and their families, the committee will also work to provide education about contemporary social realities, ranging from alcohol to security to date rape.

This year, there is a new session in the program entitled, "Sex Signals." The program consists of improvisational comedy and has been educating Saint Mary's women in past years on issues related to the dating scene, specifically date rape and sexual assault. However, this is the first year that "Sex Signals" will be presented during orientation weekend.

"Sex Signals will give both parents and students a provocative look at the issues of dating, sex and, ultimately, date rape on college campuses and will explore how mixed messages, gender role stereotypes and unrealistic fantasies contribute to misunderstandings between the sexes," Rosenbush said.

Other traditionally popular events are also on the schedule for students, including Taste of Saint Mary's, held Friday at 9 p.m. and the Jamaica Shaka, held Sunday at 8 p.m.

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LESSONS FROM MONK

Father Edward Malloy, University president, speaks to transfer students Thursday at a luncheon held in South Dining Hall.
Program aids academic adjustment at Saint Mary's

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

The Office of Academic Affairs combats year students to take between their academic paths.

Students are encouraged to enroll in classes they find interesting during their first semester, said Susan Vanek, director of the Office of First Year Studies.

"We advise students to take what they're interested in because it does make the transition easier," Vanek said. "The first year for students can be a little overwhelming. They all do fine in the end, but sometimes it would be easier and less overwhelming to start with courses they like.

Vanek said that students should wait until the spring semester or their sophomore year to take increasingly difficult courses.

"Something that might be difficult for them may be easier for them later when they develop more college-level skills," she said.

With that in mind, the First Year of Studies office allows students the flexibility to design a fairly personalized schedule with a variety of courses to complete by the end of the spring semester.

One such course is the Writing Proficiency, popularly referred to as the "W." Saint Mary's requires that all students, regardless of major, must complete the course before graduating. The Writing Proficiency course is obtained after enrolling in a designated course and, upon completing the course, submitting essays and work from the semester for professor review.

"If a student does not pass the review, they are given an opportunity to enroll in other designated courses until successfully obtaining the proficiency. This is one reason why the Office of Academic Affairs highlights to students the importance of getting an early start," Vanek said.

A second reason, she said, is in the preparation that it gives to basic collegiate level writing skills and to the advanced writing proficiency course required in a student's third or fourth year.

"In all courses at Saint Mary's, students are going to be writing," Vanek said. "It's essential to good communication and good thinking, so we think it's important for them to be working on their writing skills early because they're going to be doing more and more of it. It's such a basic requirement, that's why we recommend that it be taken in the first year.

A final requirement for freshmen is an Introduction to Information Technology course that meets twice each semester.

The course is designed for a minicamp/ workshop that introduces students to and provides awareness of campus technology.

These requirements, coupled with general education requirements, are what Vanek and others in Academic Affairs said lead first year students to successful academic careers at Saint Mary's.

"We try to emphasize in the first year that the general education program is a wonderful basis for choosing majors and for beginning this broad based background, where students are learning to analyze and develop different skills.

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Computing essentials required for freshmen

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

The proliferation of viruses and worms on computers connected to the Internet has prompted both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's to schedule mandatory computing sessions for first-year students.

"It is primarily an awareness-raising session on viruses and threats and how to computer security," said Gary Dobbins, director of information services for Notre Dame's Office of Information Technologies.

The 15-minute sessions at Notre Dame will be held Aug. 25 in DeBartolo Hall at Notre Dame and in O'Keefe Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

The worm in the past have spread widely across campus networks. Officials will instruct students on how to install AntiVirus software and other techniques to keep their computers safe.

The Blaster worm, which exploits a vulnerability in the last version of Microsoft operating systems, has the potential to infect computers that have not been patched since they connect to the Internet. To respond to this threat, Notre Dame has prepared a limited number of patch CDs that will be available.

Keith Folkes, director of information technology at Saint Mary's, said the college's technology orientation will also address the security implications of installing peer-to-peer file-sharing applications.

Notre Dame's session will not directly discuss illegal file sharing but will instead address the security implications of installing peer-to-peer file-sharing applications.

The Recording Industry Association of America has begun to issue subpoenas to determine the identity of persons who are using illegally-obtained, copyrighted files, with the intention of filing lawsuits against those persons.

In the past, both schools have been issued "cease and desist" orders, which require that users possessing copyrighted files delete them. In these cases, a student's identity was not disclosed. However, a subpoena requires that the school turn over the names of users, which would put the offender at risk of legal action.

Notre Dame chief information officer Gordon Wishnoff said that, while the University's responsible use policy has not changed, the elimination of every targeting file sharing has changed.

"We are advising all students to think very carefully about the degree to which they put themselves at legal risk by downloading or sharing copyrighted files," Wishnoff said.

For more information about file sharing or copyright issues, see the article next week in The Observer.

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quite a few from Holy Cross and Saint Mary's. Similar to applicants for the incoming freshman class, transfer applicant must endure the rigors of the application process and meet climbing admissions standards.

"Transfers have high grades," Gantt said. "Typically, it's the students who have a 3.5 or higher."

Unlike an applicant for the freshman class, transfers must apply to the colleges they want to enter. Gantt said the college makes a decision based on the compatibility of the transfer's courses to the college's curriculum. Transfer students must then complete at least half their degree requirements at Notre Dame to earn a diploma.

Recently, the most challenging part of the transfer process has been the search for local housing. The steady increase in the size of the freshman class, as well as the trend of fewer juniors and seniors moving off-campus, combined to make most dorms at or near their capacity. "The housing office has done everything they can," Gantt said. "We've converted study lounges into dorm rooms. Unfortunately, most of the transfer students will still be living off-campus."

The Office of Residential Life and Housing attempts to assist the transfers who must seek off-campus living arrangements by referring them to University's off-campus housing department. Mark Witschorik, a student transfer co-commissioner at Notre Dame, said the housing crunch is often the most difficult thing to explain to arriving transfer students.

They expect to live on campus, and it's always a disappointment to tell them otherwise," Witschorik said.

Witschorik and Ashley Benton-Smith, a student transfer co-commissioner, designed an orientation program to ease transfers' adjustment to life on campus and selected a committee to run activities that is comparable to a typical dorm's Fresh-O-Treat.

"Our major activities are called Huddles, which are mixers that help make the scramble to meet people a little more focused," Witschorik said.

Transfer students also attend scheduled programs with their advisors, as well as a parent-student luncheon in South Dining Hall on Thursday with University President Father Edward Malloy and other administrators.

They explain what the Notre Dame environment is all about," Witschorik said. "We hope this whole weekend will help smooth the transition — give transfers a home base in a sense to relate in."

Holy Cross and Saint Mary's also will welcome 26 and 22 transfer students respectively.

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"I think the 'story of Notre Dame' is reaching a much more diverse population than it had before," said Saracino. "To hire a black football coach — that says something to the culturally strong with academic ability and geographic diversity, whereas ethnic minority diversity was an area where Notre Dame has been weak. Minorities accounted for 17 percent of Notre Dame's undergraduate students in the spring 2003 semester.

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By MEGHANNE DOWNES

Sea of Green

The winning enthusiasm and spirit of the Sea of Green flooded Notre Dame last fall. Students, alumni and fans followed the Notre Dame football team as they returned glory to Notre Dame Stadium under the guidance of new coach Tyrone Willingham.

At the beginning of the season, several sports analysts dismissed the team and Notre Dame entered many games as the underdog. But Willingham and his players made the Irish a force to be reckoned with and climbed the polls by winning their first eight games before falling to Catholic rival Boston College.

Though the season was a roller coaster of emotions for many fans with carefree victories, unexpected losses, and USC, fluctuations in poll standings and the possibility of a BCS berth, the legendary Notre Dame spirit did not disappear on football weekends. Fans donned this year’s green Return to Glory shirt and waved their green signs. Football players wore green jerseys against Boston College as Willingham requested that the sea of green take the Stadium by storm.

Enthusiasm for the season built up, as students and fans took the Sea of Green on the road and followed the team to games against Michigan State and Florida State.

As December approached, fans waited anxiously while praying that winter break would include a trip to Tempe, Ariz. Miami, Pasadena, Calif. or New Orleans. However, hopes of a BCS berth were dashed with last season losses. With the team headed to the Gator Bowl against North Carolina State, the spirit seemed to have run out, but loyal fans supported their team and cheered in Jacksonville, Fla. as the Irish fell to the Wolfpack 28-6.

PW assistant rector dismissed

The abrupt departure of Pasquerilla West assistant rector Belinda Phillips left many lingering questions for Pasquerilla West residents and other assistant rectors who wondered about their own job security.

Sister Sue Bruno, Pasquerilla West rector, asked Phillips to leave in October. Though Bruno declined to comment, Phillips said she was removed after Bruno requested the two share a “closer relationship.” Phillips maintained she supported Bruno’s leadership and never had a conflict with her.

The Office of Residence Life formally removed Phillips as AR in November, following a series of meetings, but she retained her employee benefits for the remainder of the academic year.

Phillips, a second-year law student, was honored with the Distinguished Notre Dame Woman Award in April for her contributions to the Notre Dame and South Bend community.

Biography Life changed the AR contracts for next year after reviewing the events that occurred in the past academic year, said Bill Kirk, vice president for Student Affairs. The new contracts, which are renewed by semester and provide a more detailed definition of the AR’s role, state that contracts may be terminated with or without cause and disputes between an AR and the University will be settled via arbitration.

ARs who are terminated without cause will receive benefits for the remainder of the semester.

Saint Mary’s Security

Amidst security department changes and improvements, Saint Mary’s suspended security officer Belinda Rathert because her college transcripts were reportedly not on file.

The College suspended and banned Rathert from campus while it investigated whether she misrepresented herself to the College. Rathert questioned the professionalism of the manner in which the situation was handled and maintained that she contacted College officials in order to turn over her transcripts. At the time, College officials stated that Rathert had not turned over her transcripts.

In November, the suspended officer said she filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and intended to sue the College for sexual harassment and discrimination, unequal wages and a hostile work environment.

Police flood The Boat Club

On a chilly January morning, The Boat Club, students’ underage drinking haven, faced a similar fate as that of Finnegan’s Irish Pub in 2000, as Excise Police and South Bend Police bustled the bar.

Over 200 Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students waited in line for hours as police, assisted by Notre Dame Security Police officers carrying student directories, verified the identification of patrons and issued citations.

Though Saint Mary’s students did not receive punishment from the College, Notre Dame students were fined monetarily and ordered to complete service hours in addition to the fines and service hours they had to complete for Saint Joseph County.

While many cited students believed they had put The Boat Club bust behind them, Millennium Entertainment Inc., the club’s owner, sued each cited student in small claims courts for damages of $3,000. The suits alleged that the defendants misrepresented themselves in the nightclub in order to gain entrance.

In an unrelated bar bust, Excise Police raided The Library Irish Pub in April and issued 51 citations, many to Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students. The Library was raided twice years ago when it was called Finnegan’s and has changed ownership since the previous bust. It is unclear whether the owners of The Library will also file suits against cited individuals as Millennium Entertainment did this April.

Freshman dies

Freshman Chad Sharon was found dead Feb. 12 under the Angola Bridge after being reported missing Dec. 12 by Fisher Hall staff because he did not return to his residence hall that weekend. Friends said they last saw Sharon around 2 a.m. at a party on Corby Street.

Sharon did not show up for any of his finals, and state and local police began an extensive search for the freshman.

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Jan. 25: Police bust The Boat Club and over 200 citations are issued

February: Construction workers find Chad Sharon’s body under the Angola Bridge

Jan. 16: Father Scully confronts reporters at a Mass for Chad Sharon

Jan. 17: Four assailants mug a Keenan freshman three blocks south of campus returning from The Boat Club

October: Cynthia Phillips terminated as PW Assistant Rector

Nov. 7: Saint Mary’s Security Officer Belinda Rathert suspended

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By MEGHANNE DOWNES

News Editor
Freshman drowns. Students participate in protests. Saint Mary's reading day passes. Saint Mary's president retires.

2003

During their search for Sharon, police discovered a Madison Center employee who may have talked to Sharon outside the hospital around 4 a.m. the morning after her disappearance. The employee said that an individual closely matching Sharon’s description asked for directions to the nearest convenience store. The hospital worker directed the student to a local 7-Eleven.

The investigation expanded to include searches of the area and the nearby Saint Joseph River, using dogs and helicopters, but turned up few additional leads.

University officials offered a $25,000 reward, which was later increased to $50,000 with the help of local businesses, to encourage anyone with information about Sharon to come forward.

Sharon’s parents visited campus in January to meet with investigators and students who might have been unwilling to speak with police.

The search ended when local construction workers found a body floating under the Angela Bridge that was later identified as Sharon’s. Though the river had been searched, police speculated that the body had been dislodged from elsewhere in the river by high winds the day before. An autopsy and blood tests later revealed that Sharon’s blood alcohol content was 0.224, although it could have been lower at the time of death, and that foul play was likely not involved.

For Sharon’s family and friends, these unfortunate developments finally brought some closure to months of uncertainty, and hundreds of members of the Notre Dame community joined the Sharon family for a memorial Mass and a community-wide funeral mass.

With Eldred’s supervision and initiative came the development of the College’s Strategic Plan to improve the curriculum, technology and diversity of campus.

Eldred also headed the development of the Master Plan, a renovation and construction effort to update facilities and meet the growing needs of the college community at large.

Eldred secured a $12 million grant loan from Lilly Endowment, Inc., which provided crucial funding for the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership that opened in 2001. The Center is believed to be the only of its kind in colleges and universities across the country.

Efforts such as these helped Saint Mary’s earn the reputation as the nation’s premier Catholic women’s college. The College has received a number-one ranking for Midwest Liberal Arts Colleges by “U.S. News and World Report” for five of Eldred’s six years at the helm of the College.

“Experience at Saint Mary’s has been fantastic,” Eldred said. "It has been a privilege to lead this College to the next level; to work with our faculty and staff to provide the highest quality education possible for the talented students who come to Saint Mary’s." Eldred agreed to hold her position at the College until the Board of Trustees names her successor, which is expected to occur at some point in the 2003-04 academic year.

Saint Mary’s Reading Day

After a 10-year student government-led struggle, Saint Mary’s Academic Affairs Committee finally approved the proposal to add reading days to the College’s final schedule.

The approval will now allow Saint Mary’s students to pursue work on projects, meet with professors and prepare for exams the Friday before finals week.

War in Iraq

While New York, Chicago and London erupted in anti-war and peace protests, Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students voiced their opinions, as well.

Several students traveled to New York and Chicago to participate in protests while others organized forums and demonstrations on campus.

Hundreds of students and faculty members, including Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of Notre Dame, signed an anti-war petition started at Notre Dame.

Pro-war, anti-war, pro-troops and pro-peace voices could be heard on both campuses.

Though it is unclear whether anyone from the Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s communities died in Operation Iraqi Freedom, several Notre Dame professors were sent to fight. A 2000 Notre Dame graduate, Dustin Ferrell, was severely injured in a humvee accident in Iraq and is recovering in the United States. He was awarded a Purple Heart for his efforts.

Scully resigns

Following a reported leadership crisis in the University, Father Timothy Scully resigned as executive vice president at the May Board of Trustees meeting. A committee formed to investigate Scully’s behavior was scheduled to deliver a report at the meeting.

His resignation followed a January incident where he accused a reporter and cameraman from WNDO-TV in the Fisher Hall parking lot before a Mass for then-missing freshman Chad Sharon.

WNDO-TV is owned by the University and Scully was director of operations for the station. The cameraman said Scully smelled of alcohol when he approached them and told them to move their vehicles. Reporter Bonnie Druker filed a report with NDSP and later withdrew her complaint after Scully apologized.

Scully will remain as a political science professor at Notre Dame.

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March 22 and 25: Mens and Womens basketball reach Sweet 16 of NCAA Tournament

March 5: Saint Mary’s president Marilou Eldred officially announced her retirement March 5.

Eldred was the 10th president and first laywoman president of the College upon her inauguration in 1997.

Since then, she helped to implement Saint Mary’s mission, and worked closely with the local community.

April

March: Saint Mary’s approves Reading Day proposal

March 19: The nation goes to war in Iraq as students voice their opinions.

Apr. 19: Server crashes and officials are forced to change Web registration times

May 1: University removes Father Sam Peters as Sorin rector due to an inappropriate sexual relationship
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"It’s something we’re seriously considering doing again," Nolan said. "In terms of other things we did, I think that was the most unique and cutting-edge. There was one other college in the country that used the strategy, and that was Georgetown, so we were very excited to be able to participate in the project."

In Nolan’s opinion, the magazine was well received by both students and parents of the class of 2007, and Saint Mary’s is looking forward to welcoming the class into its community.

Ten women in the class of 2007 were the valedictorians of their high school graduating classes and six were salutatorians.

The median SAT verbal score for the class ranged from 500 to 610 and the SAT math score was between 510 and 610. The average high school grade point average for the class was 3.69, an improvement from last year’s 3.66.

The incoming students represent 35 states, with 29 percent concentrated in Indiana and 72 percent concentrated in the Midwest, including Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Ohio.

"I think this group of women represent a geographic diversity that will demonstrate a wealth of experience," Nolan said. "There is a wide range of gifts and special talents in these women and we’re very excited that they’re all here."

Natalie Bailey contributed to this story.

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Office of Undergraduate Admissions accepted the same number of students as last year but experienced a confirmation rate of 59 percent—the highest in the past few years, Riley said. More students are choosing to attend Notre Dame than ever before, and therefore the classes are larger than expected.

"These right now, look like aberrations," Chamblee said of the exceptionally large freshman and junior classes.

"Down the road, the University will have to look at housing and decide if the present configuration will accommodate this if we have four years in a row," Chamblee said.

But even with just two larger classes, the housing situation has been tight. Dormitories have had to convert study lounges into rooms and force triples, and more transfer students have been denied on-campus housing, said Scott Kachmarik, associate director of Residence Life and Housing.

"The raw number of people living off campus is higher than it has been, say, four years ago," Kachmarik said. "But if they weren't living off campus, I don't know where else there is."

Maintaining the community in terms of numbers is one thing, but maintaining the community in terms of quality is another," Kachmarik said occupancy has been near or at 100 percent in recent years and the University is looking into a strategic plan that includes the construction of additional dorms within the next few years.

But housing and residential issues are not the only aspects of the University affected by rising enrollment numbers.

"In terms of classes, we've been very fortunate in that we have been able to place all students in classes and, in most cases, their first or second request," Chamblee said. "What implications it will have in the future, the colleges will have to answer."

Regardless, though, she said new rules and procedures cannot be based on the current large freshman and junior classes; she said the trend should be studied for five or 10 more years.

Andrew Thagard contributed to this story.

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JUST HANGING AROUND

Army ROTC cadet Peter DeMoss of Williamsburg, Va. is pulled back across a rope bridge over Saint Mary's Lake. Freshman cadets arrived at Notre Dame earlier this week and participated in several activities, which included the rope bridge, climbing wall exercises, flying in an Apache helicopter and examining weapons.
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Welcome to college. By now you are supposed to have moved into your dorm and "settled in" (with the exception of that poor guy whose belongings flew off the top of his parents' minivan on the Ohio Turnpike). Of course, being settled in just means that all of your things are in one room and that you have sheets on your bed. By the end of the year, that room will feel like home and you will have adjusted to all its quirks, whether that be coming to terms with the fact that it is smaller than a prison cell, learning to coexist with the 500 ladybugs that invade it or being able to ignore the bird that repeatedly flies into the window at six every morning.

But what is supposed to happen between now and then? Obviously college is a learning experience — otherwise your parents wouldn't have shelled out more than 30 grand for you to come here. Sure, you will have taken around 30 credits of classes, but a year of college is about much more than learning in the classroom.

By the end of the year, I'd wager that most of you have learned other lessons. You will have learned how to live with another person, how to deal with conflict, how to deal with failure for the first time when that first math test gets returned to you, and how much alcohol you can drink before you get sick (sorry half staff, but it happens). Look at your four years at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's as one big learning experience, in and out of the classroom. And it's a learning experience that you get to direct. Sure, those that have gone before you have loved Notre Dame football and dorm spirit and alumni all ages — from those who graduated last year to those who are in the plaid pants — would love for you to continue those traditions.

But don't have to do what they want. Your parents may want you to become a doctor or a lawyer. But you don't have to do what they want. Your section may want you to go out drinking. But you don't have to do what they want.

This is your college experience. Use these four years to find out what you want to do and what you like. Don't feel that you have to follow the paths that those before you set. Use these four years to find out what you want to do and what you like. Best of luck in the next four years.
**The best time of your life**

There are two things that an incoming freshman inevitably thinks before he or she ever steps foot on campus: 1. "College is the best time of your life." 2. "These next four years will fly by." Whoever gave you this advice — whether your parents, your friend or a random person you can't remember meeting at your graduation party — is right. Add me to that list.

I don't quite know how and when it happened, but somehow along the way I found that I am having the time of my life and could barely catch my breath to realize it before entering senior year. I can still remember my first day at Saint Mary's. It was my brother John's first day when he went here, and I was his first real Notre Dame experience — one I could call my own. It's funny how the smallest things can stick with you, but stick with you for a reason. Of all the memories accumulated over the past three years, both good and bad, I wouldn't trade a single one.

It's impossible to know what these next four years of your life have in store. It's impossible for me to tell you. You can try to map out your entire college experience, but I guarantee it'll turn out to be something completely different.

My best advice is to enjoy every minute and to take advantage of the opportunities that come your way. Trust me, there will be plenty. Go out on a limb and meet new people; experience new things. The South Bend community — more specifically Notre Dame and Saint Mary's — will become home for four very important, challenging and exciting years of your life — four years that seem like one.

Anneliese Woolford
Saint Mary's Editor
Aug. 20, 2003

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**SMC willing to help**

On behalf of the Student Government Association and the entire student body — welcome to Saint Mary's.

Orientation weekend is undoubtedly one of the most exciting and monumental weekends of your life — and also incredibly hectic. You are beginning your college career and also learning your way around a new place. You have already received, and will continue to receive, lots of information and paperwork. The most important thing to remember is that every single person here at Saint Mary's, from your fellow Belles to the faculty and administration, is always willing to help you out with anything.

You may contact your Student Government representatives in lots of ways — by calling the office at 284-5737, visiting the office in 304 Haggan College Center, e-mailing us at smcog@smcoh.edu, instant messaging at SMCOG or by just stopping us up around campus. We are hard to miss in our polo shirts.

The Notre Dame student government was invited to write a letter for this edition, but did not submit one to The Observer by the publication deadline.

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**Beware ResLife**

You will dread it. You will despise it. You will come to fear... the Office of Residence Life and Housing. It is not just because they won't let you triple bunk.

You have dreamed for 18 years of that distant world of individual freedom, that world where laundry did not have to be done, where money was not a problem, where one of the things you would acknowledge, anyway — and where the food you normally you had was to have fun.

Well, it's here. You have the power to do whatever you want with your life. Want to be light weight? Go to the gym. Want to watch television? Watch television. Want to sleep all day? Sleep all day. Want to go out with your friends? Have fun! Want to work on a project? Work on a project. The choice is yours.

Saint Mary's student body vice president
August 20, 2003

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**Pat Leonard**

Sports Writer

Flipside is led by admirable students who believe you can have just as much fun without alcohol in a social setting. Sobriety is cool.

As much as I would like to support this cause due to its moral soundness, most students would and do "respectfully disagree." So this is where ResLife (many students affectionate name for the organization) comes in.

They agree with Flipside, wherein lies the problem for many drinkers, or, in other words, "frat brothers and frat sisters." They extend blessing in a quiet place for that big test on Monday? Go to the Hesburgh Library. Want to go to a Flipside event? Don't. They aren't fun.

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Hienvenue! Willkommen!

Many of you haven’t the slightest clue as to what these words mean. How quaint, you will soon learn. The University requires most of you to take the study of foreign language during your tenure here, but those who are majors being the exception. Those who do have to take the standard three might be fortunate enough to have already earned credit towards them by scoring well on placement tests. Kudos to those fortunate few. Regardless, you will graduate from Notre Dame with a debatable level of proficiency in some unnamed foreign tongue. How quaint? Willkommen? Well, I don’t speak French or German. But luckily enough, devoted study to beginning and intermediate level Español has taught me the Spanish equivalent, Bienvenido. Hence, Hienvenue! Welcome to Notre Dame. If all goes as planned, you will learn many great and not so great, quick and pointless, fact, things during your years here. One of them is the absolute butt-pain that is nine credits of language. Clearly, the administration takes language requirement in my opinion, this most glorious initiative is probably in the administration’s complete inability to limit true diversity to these lush lawns and hallowed halls. They thus compensate for this lack of diversity by creating their own in turn, substituting the real Spanish caballeros aspiring Spanish speakers like myself. If only they carried it through.

On my first day of introductory Spanish, my mistress told me and my fellow classmates that we would learn just three things that semester. First, we would learn how to make a most delicious salsa. Next, we would learn how to dance a most delicious salsa. Finally, we would learn how to dance a most delicious salsa. And did we ever. Whew, might be Latin, or might just be salsa, but it will be great.

Another thing you will learn here will carry you far beyond the fine arts and intoxicating rhythm of delicious salsa. It might take you a few years and might sound a bit cliché, but if you are lucky, you’ll learn how to be yourself.

I remember those last few weeks before freshman year. I thought a fresh pair of cargo khakis, or perhaps a pair of faded, ultra hip jeans, would assure me unparallelled popularity amongst my freshman peers, but I’d be the cool kid with the sweet jeans. You may have already noticed, but trendy clothes aren’t going to set you apart. Your all-American looks and values won’t either. No, let being all great looking and God fearing. Take a look around, or at least this way. Right here, you, what’s happening? Call me sugar. You have to find something else to set you apart. Or better yet, hold onto that something else that always has. Doing your own thing is probably a large part of what got you here. It wasn’t just the 4.0, the 1500, or the legacy, it was the extra-curricularities and the Intangibles. It was playing the flute or prancing around in a little tutu, whether you liked it or you hated it. Try not to lose it. Feel free to throw away the flute if you can’t play it like you used to. ”One of the things that doesn’t fit you anymore. Just make sure you do it because you want to and not simply because everybody else is doing it. Be yourself—you are a way cooler than that. It took me a long time to realize that being “cool” is simply doing your own thing. There’s something cool about that kid who volunteers and volunteers and volunteers. There’s something cool about the kid who writes poetry and stays up all night playing guitar. There’s something slightly cool about the kid who plays the flute. I still stress slightly. So, from language requirements to salsa to being yourself, you are going to learn a lot about yourself and a lot about your school. It is both easy and fun to nitpick about the school’s few shortcomings, but now is not the time.

Now is the time to get psyched about Notre Dame. It is time to skip classes, slam beers and stumble home. It is time to go to the chapel, your tests and help the homeless. Not the time to nitpick.

I love to nitpick, but Notre Dame is totally awesome. It is easy to say, tradition, religion and so on. But it is so much more than that. It’s the whole package, language requirements being one of all. Take any of that away and it’s no longer Notre Dame. You’ll see. You’re going to love it. Just be yourself.

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In four years you won’t be the same person. That dynamic change begins now.

You hit the ground running as a freshman. You break away from the tragedies and gloires of high school and find new ways of connecting to old friends and family. You’re freer to be an individual and to focus more on your character than your reputation. The independence can be disorienting, and students at Freshman Retreat describe similar struggles finding their way, whether in studying, activities, dating, partying or prayer.

This is a key year to ask the bigger questions, to ask why often and dig deeply to determine even one’s purpose for living. Scripture says simply that our ultimate purpose is to love God and each other. But determining how can be more difficult.

Underclassmen are challenged right off to choose a major. Three questions must be asked. What are you good at? How can that bring you joy? And how can that be used to help others? The world has never had you before. You are needed to bring together unique talents and passions in a way never seen before. You may find many of your answers early in the Center for Social Concerns. The CSC is one little building with a global reach. Discovering inside life-saving work that satisfies the heart by joining diverse volunteer organizations that come together at the CSC. Find support for an activity you want to pursue. Learn about opportunities for student leadership. Or check out the service-learning immersion experiences over school breaks. Drop in for a visit, even if you don’t think you’re “into” service. Too many seniors graduate regretting not having been more involved at the Center.

The spirit of this place will also leave an indelible mark on you. You quickly learn that no school can match the Irish spirit. That energy takes root in our school’s unshakable faith. During good and bad moments, on momentous and ordinary days, in times of decision, worries, fears, anger, or delicious happiness, sit in the quiet of a chapel or the Basilica and listen to the secrets God whispers through the peace within. Or take refuge in the heart of our campus, the Grotto. Discover why Doctor Dooley’s words on plaque nearby, taken from his 1969 deathbed letter, ask, “Do the students even appreciate what they have while they have it?”

The Grotto is also where you will meet with your class one last time four years from now on the Thursday night before Graduation. In that gathering are likely to be friends you’ll keep for life. Friends who may be in your wedding and maybe even the one for whom you’ll say, ”I do.”

Parts of life here you don’t like will shape you also. Generations preceding you complained about the weather, the administration, the rules, lack of cultural diversity, a difficult dating scene and the infamous p-word. Yours will too.

Maybe you will find inspiration in Notre Dame’s own beginnings. Father Edward Sorin dared parching frosts, malaria, cholera, food shortages and financial problems in beginning. He had a 1797 mission statement, one of his lifework to ashes. One account recalls Sorin’s rhetoric: “There was absolute faith, confidence and resolution in his very look and pose. If I were all gone I should not give up—were his words in closing. The effect was electric.”

In another account Sorin says, “I came here as a young man and dreamed of building a great university in honor of Our Lady. But I built it too small, and she had to burn it to the ground in 1869. So tomorrow, as soon as the bricks cool, we will rebuild it, bigger and better than ever.”

Now our university is a renowned and beautiful place of learning. Our mission statement declares that the University seeks to cultivate in its students “a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice and oppression that burden the lives of so many.” If we graduate with a primary focus on having a successful career and a comfortable life, we are not worthy to call ourselves alumni of Notre Dame. The founders and leaders have worked too hard, hoped too much and given too much life to the character that is the cornerstone of this University for us not to follow.

As Gaddi Vasquez, the director of the Peace Corps, recently said, “You can be the generation that makes service to others a way of life and not a condition of having extra time on your hands. You can be the architect of hope for those with the greatest needs in our society and throughout the world.”

In you, the Class of 2007, is the power of mind and soul to make this happen. May God’s passion fill each of your days here and may His purpose drive your every step.

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Late-Night Cravings

Late-night food is still going strong to offer you a place to hang out. The Huddle is open until 2 a.m. and Recker’s is 24-hours, but when you want to get off campus, where do you go?

Denny’s is well known for serving breakfast at any time, but they have a broad menu over all. The local Denny’s is at 52626 US Highway 33, just north of Saint Mary’s and the toll road ramp. Steak’n Shake is on the corner of Grape and Douglas, just a few miles east of campus. It’s well known for its thick shakes and famous “steak burgers.” Denny’s and Steak and Shake are both open 24 hours.

Nick’s is open 24 hours a day. It specializes in American grill food, has a nice atmosphere and fairly decent food. It’s a nice place to hang out with friends when you need to get away; located on Ironwood, it’s a pretty convenient spot. Another local late-night place is The White House Restaurant, also known as Fat Shirley’s. Like Nick’s, it offers run of the mill American dishes. It’s a bit more of a drive than Nick’s, located out on the corner of Mishawaka and Twyckenham Dr. The restaurant is renowned as being filled to the brim with “character.” But when you’re hungry for spaghetti at 5 a.m., you probably won’t be choosy.

If you haven’t learned already, you will soon come to realize that, for late-night Mexican food, nothing is better than Horchata Burrito. Located at 1724 N. Ironwood Dr., it’s just a stone’s throw from campus. Started and run by two Notre Dame graduates, it is a very student-friendly business ready to cater to your burrito needs. They’re open on Sunday and Monday till 2 a.m. and the rest of the week until 4 a.m.

Ethnic Food

The Golden Dragon Restaurant. The quickest and cheapest Chinese food near campus located on 3302 Portage Ave., this restaurant is offers delivery until closing. They are open Monday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call (574) 243-8800 to place an order.

Hanayori of Japan: This is a really fun Japanese restaurant, where you get to see all of your food prepared right at your table! Located on Grape Rd., the prices are fair and the night is guaranteed to be an awesome experience.

The Malabar: Located on the corner of 1640 South Bend Ave, adjacent to campus, The Malabar serves delicious but moderately pricey Indian food. Siam Thai Restaurant: Just minutes from the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s campuses, Siam offers a great environment in which professional and novice Thai connoisseurs can enjoy good food. Siam is located at 311 N Main Street in downtown South Bend.

Star of India: Located at 620 W Edison Rd. near Grape, Star of India has decent and cheap Indian food. They have an excellent lunch buffet from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. for just $6. Don’t forget to try one of their delicious mango shakes to complete a great culinary experience.

Those Old Familiar Places

If you’re looking for those old familiar chains that you remember from your home town, have no fear Grape Road has a strip of restaurants with national names that you should recognize: Olive Garden, T.G.I. Friday’s, Outback Steakhouse, Chili’s, Lone Star Steak
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to life off campus around the Bend

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14. University Park Mall
15. Beacon Mall
16. C.J.’s Pub

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The airport covers all needs as far as traveling. It

expresses as not only an airport, but also as a
bus and train station. With flights to Chicago,
Philadelphia, St. Louis and Atlanta, getting out of
the Bend to wherever one needs to go is not
difficult.

For all the breaks, one can take a taxi to the
airport, get a nice friend to drive or take a direct
bus from campus to Chicago, making holiday
transportation easier and, many times, less
expensive.

The local bus system is called Transpo and
students without cars can utilize it to get to
the mall and other places throughout the
city. Maps and schedules are posted at the
bus stops across cam­
pus.

Shopping

Incoming students who are accustomed to
typical shopping centers will find the Bend more than ade­quate for average store
runs. You’ll find all your basic needs such as
merchandise, dorm room sup­plies and furniture,
drinks and SYR gifts.

For everything you

needed to park but for­
got, or for everything

that wouldn’t fit into
your overstuffed family

van, Meijer and Target
are the answer for all-purpose
necessities like utensils, shelving, alarm clocks, fans,
CD’s, posters, muffin tins and just about anything else
your heart desires. Target is also stepping it up in the
coolness factor, with designers like Todd Oldham selling
brightly-patterned dorm décor that might make your
tiny cubicle look better.

Both stores are also
handy for grocery runs, as
is Martin’s Supermarket.

Even though there is
never a pressing need for
on-campus students to
stock up on groceries,
there are always snacks
or soft drinks offered in a
greater variety than the
Huddle. Meijer is conve­ni­ently located at 5020
Grape Rd., Target at 1112
South Bend Mall and
Martin’s at 314 N.
Ironwood.

For clothes shopping,
University Park Mall has
a variety of stores includ­
ing The Limited, Lerner,
Express, American Eagle,
Abercrombie, Marshall Field’s, Gap, Banana Republic,
B. Moss and other non­clothing stores for jewelry,
accessories, toys and other fun boys. UP Mall is also
located on Grape Road, and a bus from Library Circle
goes directly there.

Road Trips

If you’ve already adopted an apathetic attitude

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toward classes by the time the first study days of your
freshman year roll around, some road trips may be in
order. There are also options close enough to be man­ageable as weekend trips on non-football weekends, for
activities like concerts or legal drinking for 19-year-
olds.

The possibilities in Chicago are endless and include
parks, shopping, restaurants, museums, music and
nightlife. The drive is less than two hours on I-90-94, or
you can take the South Shore Train if you don’t want to
worry about parking. Speaking of the shores, there’s
an accessible beach for those missing the water.

A trip to the Dunes is only an hour away, and you can
even stay to camp for a small fee.

Farther away but just as full of possibility, if not more
is Windsor. Two years until you’re legal? Take a trip to
Canada for gambling and nightlife, where the legal
drinking age is 19. There are also more cultural attrac­tions like galleries, monuments and amusement parks,
all only four hours away. Also quite a drive, but well
worth it for thrill seekers, is Cedar Point. Located in
Sandusky, Ohio, Cedar Point has roller coasters that put
other amusement parks to shame, and the park stays
open on weekends well into the fall. Check for times

Health Services

Should you need immediate medical attention, the
closest hospital is St. Joseph’s. Most likely, the on-cam­
pus University Health Services will be able to meet your
needs. The Health Center is open at all times, while
physicians are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on
Monday through Friday. The Health Center, open 24
hours, is located near the main building.

Other places to fill prescriptions include Meijer, Wal­
Mart or Osco Drug. The University Health Center does
not prescribe birth control, but prescriptions can be
filled at Planned Parenthood on 1811 Miami St. as
another health resource.

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Meijer, located on Grape Road, uses clever advertising and recreational drinks to welcome back “ND” students.

House and Don Pablo’s.

Movies

A classic form of entertainment found anywhere is
the two-hour divulgence into the lives of people, or even
animals, which provides students relief from the hustle
and bustle of everyday stresses. Whether actually going
out sounds appealing, or simply dashing into the movie
house to rent that film you’ve been dying to see, South
Bend provides.

Family Video can be found on Main Street near Wal­
Mart. Blockbuster Video has two locations in the area.
One is on the corner of Hickory and McKinley and the
other can be found on the corner of Ironwood and State
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Nowhere else but Notre Dame

There are several places to worship on Notre Dame's campus — in the Basilica and inside Notre Dame Stadium. It's at these cherished grounds that Notre Dame's student body gives thanks to their saviors — Jesus Christ and Knute Rockne. From Notre Dame's first football game — a loss to Michigan in 1887 — Irish fans have been obsessed with the pigskin. This is a place where the forward pass and four guys on horses became part of college football history. A place where opponents enter as No. 1 but leave with dashed hopes and a blundered record. A place where football means more than a 100-yard field and two goal posts — it means tradition.

Just look around campus and you'll see how football has meshed itself into many aspects of Notre Dame.

The library's mural was supposed to depict the Word of Life, with Jesus teaching his disciples on the 132-foot building. But when Notre Dame students looked at the mural, with a huge picture of J.C. and his hands raised, facing the end zone of Notre Dame Stadium, it became too clear — the Savior of the World also did a side gig as a referee. Hence, "Touchdown Jesus" was born. Jesus isn't the only biblical figure that has roots for the Irish. Directly beside the library is a sculpture of Moses created by Josef Turkaj. The sculpture is supposed to be Moses chastising the Israelites who had fallen into idolatry in his absence. Therefore, Moses' hand is pointed straight into the air to proclaim there is only one God. But the fact that he's facing Notre Dame Stadium disproves this theory. Instead, Irish fans know what Moses is really proclaiming — Notre Dame is No. 1. Only at this place does a driving wind die down for Irish kickers (just ask Harry O). Only here can you find a priest calling for a fair-catch (Corby Hall) or see where Reggie Brooks caught the game-winning 2-point conversion in the famous "Snow Bowl" in '92. And only here can you see the steps where George Gipp supposedly caught pneumonia (Washington Hall), inspiring Rockne's timeless "Win one for the Gipper" speech.

It's here where you can walk between the Joyce Center and Notre Dame Stadium and take a picture with a man that didn't lose a football game for more than four years. Or go across the street to sit beside Mr. Notre Dame himself, Moose Krause. Inside the Joyce Center, you'll see the Walk of Fame with everything from bowl trophies to classic pictures. It's here where dorms have tryouts and cut for their respective interhall football teams. Where these teams play in full contact, usually have at least one coach and several referees at games and compete for a chance to play the championship game inside Notre Dame Stadium. Every Sunday, hundreds of students flock to the interhall fields to watch their friends and roommates knock each other around.

Football is more than just football at Notre Dame. Even though the school didn't invent the game, it has embraced it during the past 100 years. The game has become a significant chunk of its history. It's made heroes out of 19-year old kids and 154-pound coaches that speak with a lisp (Lou). It's changed the face of the University for the better. It's become synonymous with the words Notre Dame.

But with all this, we should still keep one thing in mind — God might not care who wins college football games on Saturdays, but His mother sure does.

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Michigan offense is strong, but questions persist on D

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan hasn't played in the Rose Bowl since Jan. 1, 1998, when they beat Washington to win the national championship. If Michigan doesn't go to the Rose Bowl this season, it will have gone six years without a trip to Pasadena, Calif., for the first time since 1965.

Michigan's offense is expected to be dominating. Four returning starters on the offensive line will be in front of quarterback John Navarre, a 29-game starter, running back Chris Perry, coming off a career year, and receiver Braylon Edwards, whose production matched his talent last season.

Lloyd Carr for pleading guilty to aggravated assault earlier this month in a plea agreement. The Big Ten's preseason defensive player of the year, who moved from cornerback to safety, was accused of striking a man in the right eye with a bottle. He said he punched the man, but did not strike him with a bottle, and Carr said a lie-detector test supported Jackson's claim.

Michigan State Michigan State hopes this is the year of the comeback for the Spartans. The team is coming off a horrible season on the field and an embarrassing one off it. Quarterback Jeff Smoker is back as the starter after a substance-abuse problem cut short his junior season. And running back Tyrell Dortch hasn't played in nearly two years after breaking his right leg in gruesome fashion.

The Spartans started last season with hype and high expectations, with some even believing they could wind up at the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1988. Michigan State was ranked 15th after a 2-0 start, but finished 4-8 overall — its worst record in 11 years. Coach Bobby Williams was fired with three games remaining as his program collapsed against opponents and was in internal disarray.

Smoker was kicked off the team with five games left in the season, and his family later announced he was seeking treatment for substance abuse.

Back running back Da'wawn Moss, a catalyst, was arrested and later spent time in jail for driving under the influence and staging to elude police after Michigan handed the Spartans a 49-3 loss, their worst defeat since 1947.

The Trojans appear to have the talent and depth to stay there. But as always, there are questions, especially at quarterback, where they have to replace Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer.

And recent history says Pac-10 teams without significant experience there fall short.

Third-year sophomore Matt Leinart is expected to start Aug. 30 when the eighth-ranked Trojans open at No. 6 Auburn.

Leinart hasn't thrown a pass that counts since high school, but as USC coach Pete Carroll put it, "Matt comes in as our leader. He's his job to lose."

The Trojans were 11-2 last season, winning their last eight games after a 30-27 overtime loss to Washington State that cost them the Pac-10 title.

Before the winning streak, USC was 9-8 under Carroll and 49-37 since the beginning of the 1996 season — a major comedown for a school with eight national titles and 28 Rose Bowl appearances. The Trojans demolished UCLA, Notre Dame and Iowa in the Orange Bowl in their last three games and finished fourth in the final Associated Press poll.

Fourteen starters return including six on a defense that figures to be among the nation's finest.

Florida State

Media favorite Bobby Bowden hasn't been quite as approachable lately.

The 73-year-old Florida State coach has endured the ignominious trial of former quarterback Adrian McPherson, been swindled out of millions by his eldest son and taken hits by some who believe he's lost control of the storied football program — on and off the field.

Bowden even told his secretary he wasn't returning calls — for the entire summer.

How about his team, which has lost a total of nine games the last two seasons, and been bumped from the list of perennial Top 10 teams? The Seminoles have won 10 of 11 ACC crowns since joining the league in 1992, but the dominance appears to be ending.

North Carolina State, Maryland and Virginia should challenge Florida State for the league championship in 2003.

Florida State's inconsistency the last two seasons has come on defense, and now the Seminoles should find it tough to replace seven players from that unit. Under材or Larry Smith.

First-year coach Jimbo Fisher was 3-0 with six days rest and the Seminoles have excelled for most of Bowden's 27 years in Tallahassee. The defense will see 10 starters return this year.

"It's pretty simple. When I need them, they're there."

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CHECKING OUT THE TEAMS

Football

In their second season under coach Tyrone Willingham, the Irish seek to build on the success of 2002, in which the team finished 8-4 and earned a Gator Bowl berth. Last year, the Irish defense propelled the team to an 8-0 start with a tenacious style of play that forced turnovers and put points on the board for the sometimes sluggish offense. With eight projected starters returning on defense, the unit should be a powerful force. Preseason All-Americans linebacker Courtney Watson and cornerbitch Vontez Duff led an experienced Irish defense.

Players to Watch
Quarterback Carlyle Holiday returns for his third year under Willingham and Deirdre's revamped Irish offense. Tailback Ryan Grant was last season's leading rusher with 1,160 yards, but will likely share time in the backfield with Julius Jones, who returns to Notre Dame after a year away. Linebacker Courtney Watson and cornerbitch Vontez Duff lead an experienced Irish defense.

ND Women's Basketball

After an up-and-down regular season, the Irish women's basketball team peaked at the right time and found themselves in the Sweet 16 for the seventh time in the last nine years.

Now the Irish want to take that momentum into the 2003-04 campaign when they return six major contributors from last season's squad that reached the Sweet 16 and defeated rival Penn State by school-record 11 All-Americans en route to accumulating 182 points and defeating rival Penn State by school-record 11 All-Americans en route to accumulating 182 points and earning second place for the seventh time in the last nine years.

Players to Watch
Junior forward Jacqueline Batteast and fellow junior Teresa Bhuiok and Kacy Elicky in contribute even more than in the past. Senior guard LaTanis Severine is a floor general and the only senior starter from last season's team. All other starters in the NCAA Tournament and could be the key for the Irish.

Sophomore Aminah Hansel also has the advantage of having the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament if they can qualify for the dance, they will likely have the advantage of playing their first two games at home.

ND Women's Soccer

After injuries plagued the team throughout much of the 2002 season, the Irish finished the year with a strong kick in the NCAA Tournament, advancing to the round of 16 before being knocked out by Stanford 1-0 by a Cardinal goal with just one minute left.

This season, the Irish hope to remain healthy in competition for a national title. Notre Dame returns a group of experienced starters to help them towards that goal.

Right back Candace Chapman, who earned All-American honors last year and was named Big East Defensive Player of the Year, returns for the Irish.

Fencing

The most recent Irish program to right the Big No. 1 sign atop Grace Hall with their 9-1 record this year after losing many stars from their 2002-03 national championship team.

Sophomore Alleja Kryczalo became the first fencer in school history to win the individual national title in her first two years at Notre Dame. Overall, the Irish had a school record-11 All-Americans en route to accumulating 122 points and defeating rival Penn State by three. The victory was even sweeter as the team finished Notre Dame's tandem.

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**Hockey**

The Irish endured a roller coaster season in 2002-03, which ended with yet another appearance in the NCAA Super Six. The Irish were eliminated in the first round of the tournament for the fourth straight year, a 3-2 loss to Ohio State.

This year, Saint Mary's must replace its captain and team co-captain Jorgen Van Nielson. The quartet of Tom Cuthin, Neil Koskamo, Brett Felske and T.J. Melhorn will all be seniors and should provide the Irish with one of its deepest defensive corps ever.

While the Irish return one of the leading scorers in the nation last year in forward Rob Gloke, Morgan Gey will return in goal for Notre Dame.

Coach Dave Poulin's team plays a difficult non-conference schedule this year, including games against perennial powerhouses Boston College, Cornell and Vermont.

**Men's Golf**

With a roster loaded with freshmen and a lone senior, the Irish struggled at times through the 2002-03 season. But in the 2003 Big East Tournament, the Irish played to a second-place finish as they hosted the event at the Warren Golf Course.

While senior Brandon Lulke has graduated, the Irish will return a young but experienced squad for the 2003-04 year. Sophomore Scott Gustafson, Mark Baldwin, Tom Ballyderon and Eric Deutch finished last year as one of the four best teams in the conference. Gustafson was the medalist for the Irish during the year with a 75.03 scoring average and rounded out the year with a second place individual finish at the Big East Tournament.

While the team played several events in the fall, the main season for the Irish occurs during the spring, when the Big East Tournament is held.

**SMC Volleyball**

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**SMC Soccer**

The Belles finished 2002 with a 7-2-1 overall record and only 1-3-1 in the MIAA Conference, but coach Schreiber-Biek sees no reason for concern.

After all, the Belles return several key players including outside hitter Allison Shvetsk, who paced the team in kills and digs last season and middle hitter Elliot Tryggestad, who led the Belles in hitting percentage.

In addition, Saint Mary's should get a boost from incoming freshman outside hitter Kristeen Payko and sophomore transfer Michelle Turley, who comes to Saint Mary's from D-III Marist College.

The biggest loss for the Belles will be setter Rebecca Zuber, who led the team in assists last season. For that reason, Schreiber-Biek focused on selling in summer practice to prepare for her team's Aug. 30 debut.

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**Men's Cross Country**

In 2002, the Irish had to make up for the loss of top runners Ryan Shaw, who had graduated, and Luke Watson, who had used his four years of eligibility, albeit those losses saw several younger runners step up to the void, as the Irish earned a 22nd-place finish at the NCAA Championships.

The top two runners through most of the season for the Irish were then-senior Tim Moore, who paced the Irish at the NCAA meet with a 63rd-place finish, and then-junior Todd Mobley, who came in 68th.

In addition to Moore and Mobley, the Irish return most of those members from the 2002 squad, including senior David Aller, junior Ryan Johnson and sophomore Eric Morrison.

Notre Dame hosts a pair of meets in the fall with the National Catholic Championship Sept. 19 and the Notre Dame Invitational Oct. 3.

**Women's Cross Country**

The 2002 season was a banner year for the Irish women's squad. The team earned a third place finish at the NCAA Championship meet, its best in the program's 15-year history. Earlier in the season, the squad captured its first Big East Championship and later placed first at the Great Lakes Regional.

Yet there is still room for improvement as four of the team's top six finishers from the NCAA Championship meet return for the 2003 season.

The young but formidable Irish squad is led by a quartet of All-Americans in seniors Holly Huddler and junior Lauren King. Huddler finished sixth at the national meet in 2002, just 12 seconds off the first-place pace. King was right on her heels in the meet at 19th, as was the case for most of the season.

Sophomores Loryn King and Stephanie Mullin look to add depth to the Irish roster.

**Men's Soccer**

The Irish entered the 2003 season ranked 12th in the NSCAA Preseason poll, their highest preseason ranking in program history. Notre Dame returns nine starters from a 2002 squad that finished 12-6-3 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Irish must overcome the loss of leading scorer Erich Braun, who graduated last May. Forwards Justin Better and Devon Prescod will be counted on to provide the scoring threat for the Irish this season.

The midfield will be anchored by three-time captain Greg Martin and Chad Riley. Notre Dame's leading returning scorer Goalkeeper Chris Sawyer returns to the net for the Irish with a 99 goals against average in 2002.

The Irish will again face a challenging schedule during the season as six of their opponents are ranked in the pre-season top 25.
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AN EIGHT W 11 1 8 E N I T Y

Quarterbacks Brady Quinn and Carlyle Holiday participate in throwing drills during a recent practice. The Irish are preparing for their home opener against Washington State Sept. 6. The team had a 10-3 record last year during coach Tyrone Willingham’s first season.

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The future.

"They have to rise from the bottom to the top, and that’s not a bad thing," Willingham said. "They have a chance to turn a momentary negative into a positive."

For now, however, freshmen scramble to earn time on a practice field that belongs to a team gearing up for its Sept. 6 season opener against Washington State.

Last year, only receivers Maurice Stovall and Rhema McKnight saw action as freshmen. A man who says the best players will play, Willingham said he expects some freshmen will see playing time this fall, but he’s reluctant to discuss specific players.

Still, the Irish have a talented crop of recruits entering Notre Dame this fall. Olsen was one of the nation’s most sought-after tight end recruits and Dublin, Ohio, quarterback Brady Quinn was ranked 20th on ESPN’s list of the top 100 national recruits. Other freshmen who could see some playing time this year include defensive linemen Victor Abiamiri and Trevor Laws and defensive backs Freddie Parish and Tom Zbikowski.

"It’s tough for every freshmen coming in, no matter where you go and what you’re like coming in here," Olsen said. "It’s a whole different game from high school, from the speed to the size of the guys to the complexity of the offense."

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McGraw thinks freshmen will add depth to this year’s team

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

The 2002-03 women’s basketball team had several weaknesses last season. They weren’t aggressive at times, they didn’t pass well and they played poor defense during the first half of the season.

But the Irish hope the additions of three talented freshmen will solve all those problems.

Crystal Erwin, Susie Powers and Breona Gray all signed with the Irish last year, and coach Muffet McGraw said the trio should fill holes from last season’s squad that finished 21-11 and lost in the Sweet Sixteen to Purdue.

“All three bring something different and something that we needed,” McGraw said. “We’re really excited for this class.”

Erwin is a top 10 to 15 recruit, according to several women’s basketball recruiting publications. The 6-foot-2 California native averaged 22.6 points and 14.5 rebounds per game during her three-year high school career. Erwin also owns school records in points and rebounds and was named a USA Today Super 25 Team selection.

“Erwin brings an aggressive attitude and a fearless, physical presence in both ends of the floor,” McGraw said. “I think she’s going to be a great rebounder and she’s going to score. I expect that she’s going to contribute pretty quickly and we’re really looking forward to that.”

Powers brings the Irish great passing ability as well as versatility. She’s a player that can shoot, run the floor and find the open teammate. While averaging 11.5 points and nearly seven assists per game for her high school team in Colorado, the guard was a part of three state champions.

“Probably our biggest weakness last year was our assist-to-turnover ratio,” McGraw said. “So I really hope she is one that can feed the post and really help us in transition.”

Gray was the last to sign and gives the Irish an outstanding defender. McGraw believes Gray will improve the Irish on the defensive end of the floor and in transition. She averaged 16.3 points and 6.0 rebounds during her four-year high school career.

“Gray is a really quick, great defender. She can really guard and run the floor and she wants to play up-tempo, which will help our running game,” McGraw said.

While her team has been improved by the three acquisitions, McGraw is quick to point out that the 2003-04 team won’t rely on the freshmen as much as in recent years. Notre Dame returns six experienced players from last season, in addition to Jeneka Joyce and Monique Hernandez. Joyce sat out last year with nagging injuries, while Hernandez did not participate on last year’s team, after being on the roster the previous two years.

“We’ve really been in a good situation,” McGraw said. “We don’t have to rely on the freshmen immediately and I think the freshmen are going to push the veterans for playing time. This is as much depth as we’ve ever had.”

Senior La’Tania Seyer, juniors Jacqueline Batteast, Katy Flecky and Teresa Borton and sophomores Megan Duffy and Courtney LaVero will make the Irish an experienced club. All six of these players played significant minutes for the 2002-03 Irish and each started on numerous occasions. With the addition of three talented freshmen, McGraw can’t help but be excited for the start of the season.

“We really saw our potential at the end of last season and it really gave us a shot of confidence,” McGraw said. “There’s a lot more excitement. But nationally, there’s a lot of good teams out there so we really have to get our work ethic and work hard towards our goals.”

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said, "I think it gives the fresh-
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for just one particular position." Of Krivacek, Waldrum said
that she brings size to the mid-
fied position, something that
previous Irish teams have been
lacking.

Freshman goalkeeper Nikki
Westfall should add depth in net
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In addition to the vaunted
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"This class has been
great. They've got us
all very excited around
here."

Randy Waldrum
coach

Mary Boland and Kate Tullislaik run through drills during a
recent practice. The Irish return many players from last year.

Randy Waldrum
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Healthy Irish return six of seven top runners in 2003

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After losing only one of their top seven to graduation, the Irish harriers are planning to be in Cedar Falls, Iowa, for the national championships come November.

Last year, the Irish finished 22nd after just barely qualifying for the NCAA title race.

“Our expectations are that we return to the NCAAs, like we did last year. We graduate only our seventh man off of that team (John Keane),” Irish coach Joe Piane said.

Piane, who is entering his 28th season at the helm of the Irish, believes the team has several promising prospects for the empty slot among the team’s top runners.

Junior Sean O’Donnell, who has “trained exceptionally well,” according to Piane, posted an 8:25 performance in the 3,000-meter run at the Big East track championships last spring. Additionally, Kaleb van Ort looks to be another contender for Notre Dame.

“Van Ort had a very nice track season, but struggled in cross country, frankly because he was sick” Piane said. “That’s got to inspire everyone to run well. As a team, we’re going to do exceptional.”

Another reason for a positive outlook for the upcoming season is the fact the Irish will be competing for the Big East Championships at Van Cortland Park in the Bronx, N.Y. The Irish have a history of struggling during the alternate years that the conference championship is held in Boston, while they have captured several conference titles in the Bronx.

Notre Dame’s season begins Sept. 5 with the Valparaiso Invitational. As this is not an especially competitive event, Mobley, Moore and Benninger will likely sit out.

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Men's Basketball

Brey eager to work with incoming freshman class

By Matt Lozar
Associate Sports Editor

Mike Brey hasn't seen his three incoming freshmen participate in on-campus summer scrimmages, but the reports from his team captains leave Brey eager to begin practices. And this year, the fourth-year head coach of the Irish will be allowed to participate in those practices sooner.

Under NCAA regulations, Brey cannot have direct on-court contact with his team over the summer. Notre Dame's four captains — seniors Tom Timmermans and Torrian Jones and juniors Chris Thomas and Jordan Carnette — kept Brey informed about what happened in the pick-up games and how the new blood fit in with the returning players.

This season, Brey will start practices with his players a month earlier than usual. Once every four years, the NCAA allows a school to participate in a foreign tour. Over the October semester break, Brey and the Irish will be off to Barbados for their first trip abroad since 1996.

"The nice part about doing the foreign tour during the school year is that the incoming freshmen are here so we can take them on the foreign tour," Brey said. "If it was during the summer, then freshmen [Colin] Falls, [Russell] Carter and [Omari] Israel would not be able to attend it. Usually, I can't watch our team until mid-October."

Brey knows what he has in his core players, but the September practices will allow Brey and his staff to do a number of things — experiment with line-ups, observe the improvement of the returning players and actually run the freshmen through college-level practices.

Every player participated in the summer scrimmages, including junior Chris Thomas, who enrolled in summer school and came back to the Irish after withdrawing his name from the NBA Draft on June 16.

To replace senior captain and dead-eye shooter Matt Carroll, Brey is looking to the 6-foot-4 fall from Loyola Academy in Park Ridge, Ill. Falls left Loyola as the school's leading scorer (2,045 points), and at the top of the school's record books in three careers (2004, free throw percentage .840) and rebounds (569). Last season, Falls averaged 25.0 points, 7.0 rebounds and 3.4 assists as a senior.

"One of the new faces is going to be a freshman and was an obvious one — the pace of the game," Brey said. "I think he learned how to play at this level, with the intensity." Falls said, "I think that is where the foreign tour helps us, it allows us to pick up some experience. It almost gets a season under their belts before the season starts."

Brey informed about what happened over the summer. Notre Dame's court contact with his team during the school season, and I think that is important for us, as the new face we need the most."

During the summer sessions, Falls felt the biggest on-court difference between high school and college was an obvious one — the pace of the game. "It was a really good experience to meet all the players and get to play with them," Falls said. "I knew what kind of role I would play, but the players are faster, bigger, stronger and quicker. I kind of knew it was coming, but that was definitely the biggest change."

"Coach" finished his high school career as his school's sec-ond all-time leading scorer and was an all-state first-team selection. He averaged 30.0 points, 2 rebounds and 3.4 assists as a senior.

"I think it was a good break-in period for Russell Carter. I think he learned how to play at this level, with the intensity," Brey said of the summer practice. "He isn't the No. 1 option anymore as he was in high school."

"He has an athletic body, similar to a Jones, can really defend, and has the potential to score. He scored a lot of points in high school."

Israel is the third freshman from the Class of 2007, but Brey is considering putting Israel on a five-year plan similar to sophomore and similarly-named sophomore Omari Peterkin. Israel tore his anterior cruciate ligament in January and missed the remainder of his senior season. Brey will determine what to do with Israel when the team practices next month.

As practice is scheduled to begin in a month, Brey will have more time to find replacements for Carroll and departed guard Dan Miller's outside shooting. Meanwhile, the freshmen will have more time to get ready for when the games really count.

"One of the new faces is going to have to be in there whether it is Russell or Collin. I don't know if they have to start. We asked a lot out of Chris Quinn last year and he delivered," Brey said. "Whether he played 20 minutes one night or six, he always came to play. We need one of our freshman stars to have that maturity level and give us that."

"Maybe two of them will give that to us over the course of the season, and I think that is where the foreign tour helps us, it allows us to pick up some experience. It almost gets them a season under their belts before the season starts."

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SMC SOCCER
New head coach, returning players have high hopes

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's soccer team returns its leading scorer and brings in a new coach to open the 2003 season. The new blend of coaches and players will meet its first test on Aug. 30 at Marietta College versus the State University of New York. Coach Peter Haring, in his first year at head coach of the Belles, said, "I'm coming into a good situation because the team has so much depth with so many returning players."

The Belles return their top five offensive players from 2002. First team all-MIAA forward Jen Concannon tallied a team-high 30 points and 12 goals last season. "A player like Jen Concannon is going to add a lot of leadership and bring a new level of intensity," Haring said. "Returning players bring experience."

The Belles lose second-team all-MIAA sweeper and "field general" Lynn Taylor to graduation, but they return numerous starters and have solid talent in the incoming class. "With Lynn leaving, (sophomore) Carrie Orr (ten points, four goals) will be taking over that role," Haring said. "That will be one of the more important roles on the field this season, as Carrie tries to fill some big shoes."

The Belles have proven they can win games, and the team is now more focused than ever. "The focus was on improvement, not winning," Haring said. "We had a lot of people with no experience playing for us this year, so we were trying to use her in the right side attacking position." Schroeder-Biek.

The main focus, then, will be replacing Wakaruk. "[Junior] Stacey [Stark] filled this role," Haring said. "That is going to add a lot of leadership and bring a new level of intensity."

Other returning players include second-team all-MIAA senior forward Wendy Irvin (19 points, nine goals) and junior midfielder Emily Wagner (nine points, three goals). Despite the positives created by many returning contributors, Haring says the most significant addition to this year's team is its depth. "Now, the incoming freshmen are following their lead and are ready to compete," she said.

The Belles finished below .500 overall and in league play with a 7-10-2 record (5-7-2) last season.

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Irish aiming high in '03

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sport Writer

After a season in which the Irish achieved their best-ever performance by winning the Atlantic 10 Conference regular season championship and finishing fourth in the NCAA championships, Notre Dame has high expectations for the approaching fall season.

Especially promising for the Irish this year is the presence of returning seniors Ana Morales, who finished second at the Big East championships, Noreen England, who tied for 14th place finishes, and Stephanie Madia, Katie Wales and Jean Marinangeli, with Stephanie Madia, Katie Wales and Jean Marinangeli, who took 12th place finishes, respectively. Throughout the '02 season, Huddle and King were among Notre Dame's highest competitors at every race, and King her second All-America honor at the national title race last year in Terre Haute, Ind., as they led the Irish with their 6th and 14th place finishes, respectively. Throughout the '02 season, Huddle and King were atop the Irish lineup, though not always in the same order.

Huddle's finish at the national championships, just 12 seconds behind individual champion Shalane Flanagan of North Carolina, was the highest for a female Irish runner since Joanna Deeter's third place finish in 1996. Like Huddle, Deeter was a freshman at the time.

Irish aiming high in '03

Morales, was a senior. The Irish will retain, among others, their top duo of Molly Huddle and Lauren King. Huddle earned her first and King her second All-America honor at the national title race last year in Terre Haute, Ind., as they led the Irish with their 6th and 14th place finishes, respectively. Throughout the '02 season, Huddle and King were atop the Irish lineup, though not always in the same order.

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Huddle also had impressive accomplishments last fall, including her victory at the Big East Championships, which was the first Irish individual title in that event since 1995. The duo, along with Stephanie Madia, Katie Wales and Jean Marinangeli, gave Notre Dame women's cross country its first ever Big East conference title in the program's 16-year history.

The Irish still have a few weeks before their fall season is inaugurated with the Valparaiso Invitational Sept. 5. Notre Dame will likely have its first taste of national championship caliber competition Oct. 5 at the Rusty Memorial Golf Course when the Irish host the Notre Dame Invitational. Last season, the Stanford Cardinal, who finished second at the NCAA championships, took the title at the annual Irish Invitational.

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nine starters from a year ago and adds a highly touted freshman class.

Irish coach Bobby Clark, in his third season with the Irish, will open the season with the Irish ranked 12th in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's preseason poll. Notre Dame's highest preseason ranking ever.

"That's what other people see," Clark said. "We've built up our stock, and now people think we can be good, but we have to keep making deposits."

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Keeping with the head coach's metaphor, midfielder Greg Martin would perhaps be the team's accountant. Martin, a senior, will hold the duties of captain for the third straight year.

"I'm a special leader," Clark said. "We've got a very strong senior class this year, as well, and I think that should help us."

"It's a great group of guys. I hope to bring vision and organization to this team both on and off the field."

In addition to Martin and the six other seniors, junior goalkeeper Chris Sawyer will also play an important role on the team. Sawyer was named the Big East preseason goalkeeper of the year.

Last year, Sawyer started 16 of the 21 games in goal for the Irish, and collected a 0.99 goals against average and .754 save percentage, allowing 16 goals and making 49 saves.

Forward Justin Detter and midfielder Jack Stewart also earned preseason all-Big East honors. Detter was the third leading scorer on last year's team, with 19 points (six goals and seven assists).

The Irish lost last season's scoring leader Irish Braun to graduation, and it will be up to Detter and the other Irish offensive players to help make up for the loss. Braun tallied 12 goals and three assists last year, for a total of 27 points.

"It's always tough when you lose good players," Clark said. "The Irish open the season Saturday with an exhibition match against No. 11 Saint Louis and then begin regular season play at the adidas/Union Classic in Bloomington, Ind., on Aug. 29 against Alabama-Birmingham and Aug. 30 again No. 17 California."

The regular-season home opener will be against Big East rival and fifth-ranked Saint John's, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m. In their first three games of the regular season, the Irish will face two ranked teams and one that just missed being ranked.

"I think we want to win it all," Martin said. "It's a great group of guys. I hope to bring vision and organization to this team both on and off the field."

"We seniors know it's our last year in college," Clark said. "We want to win it for Clark than for ourselves," Martin said. "We seniors know it's our last chance to win it for him."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish looking to rebound from last year's disappointing finish

More experience, new faces hope to take Irish to the next level

By MATT LOZAR Associate Sports Editor

After ending its season in disappointing fashion by losing in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at the Joyce Center, Notre Dame coach Debbie Brown only lost two seniors to graduation and gained one new face for her 2003 team.

Last year, Brown needed to give two of her six freshmen heavy minutes on the front line. The experience gained by Laurens Kelbley and Lauren Brewster, who each started all but three matches throughout the fall season, and by other current sophomores in the spring season gives Brown a more experienced squad right from the start in 2003.

"It's huge, and that's important," Brown said. "I think in particular, Laurens Kelbley and Lauren Brewster come in with significant playing time. Meg Henican played in pretty much every match in a lot of different pressure situations. Kelly Burrell and Carolyn Cooper played a lot in the spring and Carolyn improved a lot. All are coming in much better players." The only freshman joining the team this year is Danielle Herndon from Plant City, Fla. Even though Brown only has one new face on a team returning almost all of its players, she isn't shy about her plans for Herndon.

"We are going to throw her right in there," Brown said. "She plays libero for us. There are obviously some changes, but she has adapted well. She is really fast, and I feel she can be put in right away."

In 2002, Keara Coughlin and Janie Aldereza primarily played the libero position for the Irish with Henican and Jessica Kinder also seeing some action at the back row spot.

This season, Brown plans to keep Kinder and Henican at their outside hitter positions and work Herndon with converted middle blocker Kelly Corbett.

Another change for the team this year is the use of a rotation system with two setters. Burrell joins captain Kristen Kinder as the other setter. This change gives Brown a more flexible team and allows the Irish to take advantage of their many skilled front-line players. In 2002, the Irish ranked second nationally as a team in blocks per game.

"We have some front row players that are exceptionally strong at the net," Brown said. "It allows us to play those players, makes our block stronger and makes us a better team.

Brown still feels her team hasn't gotten tired of seeing the same faces on the practice court day after day. With the season starting next weekend, against three teams ending 2002 in the top 25 and two of those teams advancing to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament, Brown knows her team still has to fine-tune some things with a tough opening weekend schedule."

"We have a lot of things to work on and areas to improve."

Debbie Brown

Coach

"We have a lot of things to work on and areas to improve," Brown said. "We still have high energy, good concentration and focus. We are glad to open up the season, but not right now since we still have some things to work on."

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The Spartans eliminated the Irish from the tournament.

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**School Daze**

**Clare O'Brien**

**Hi--I'm your roommate Jon, and I want us to be completely comfortable with each other.**

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**Fives**

**Brett Campbell & Dan Zychinski**

**Welcome Freshman!**

The students and staff at Notre Dame are committed to making your transition from high school to college as simple and seamless as possible.

Sincerely,
The Administration

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**Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1. Alluska, early American patriot (7)
2. Left quickly (3)
3. Lightweight antilasin gun (8)
4. Bowing piece? (6)
5. Sue Grantor's "...for All" (5)
6. Assista's delight (7)
7. Self starter? (5)
8. Aesthete's Visit (6)
9. Sue Grafton's (5)
10. Browning Lightweight (5)
11. Lightweight antitank gun? (6)
12. For Alibi-menace, e.g. (8)
13. Large bowl for noodles? (6)
14. Secret (7)
15. Large bowl for pasta? (6)
16. Exodus locale (5)
17. Photographs (6)
18. Big TV maker (5)
19. Me-tooed, in a way (8)
20. Related to the S.P.C.A. part (5)
21. Related to the S.P.C.A. part (5)
22. Hyundai model (8)
23. French noodle? (7)
24. Photographer Cartier-Bresson (7)
25. Photographer (7)
26. Exodus locale (5)
27. Your: Fr. (8)
28. Hard-pressed (9)
29. Sold (8)
30. Tiny part (6)
31. What the lucky number is for the FOOTBALL lottery! (6)
32. Secret (7)
33. Related to the S.P.C.A. part (5)
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**Horoscope**

**Eugenia Last**

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Your ability to get along with others will certainly pay off. Your ideas are good and you will present them well, so don't let it intimidate someone else to take control of what you would so hard to finish. **★ ★ ★ ★**

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** You are in a fast mode and you can reach for the stars of the initiative. Worry about your own accomplishments and rewards will be forthcoming. **★ ★ ★ ★**

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You have money on your side today. Donations or lending will only result in a loss. **★ ★ ★ ★**

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Let things cool off before you decide to confront a situation that has been building up for a long time. Consider your own future and don't worry too much about who will and won't be by your side. **★ ★ ★ ★ ★**

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Your ideas are good and you will present them well, so don't let it intimidate someone else to take control of what you would so hard to finish. **★ ★ ★ ★ ★**

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You will be able to accomplish the most. The ball's in your court, so do what's right. **★ ★ ★ ★ ★**

**Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20):** You will able to do whatever it takes to happen. You will be a powerhouse -- unstoppable and willing to do whatever it takes to reach your goal. **★ ★ ★ ★ ★**

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You will be able to accomplish the most The ball's in your court, so do what's right. **★ ★ ★ ★ ★**

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You will be able to accomplish the most The ball's in your court, so do what's right. **★ ★ ★ ★ ★**

**Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** You will be able to accomplish the most The ball's in your court, so do what's right. **★ ★ ★ ★ ★**

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**Jumble**

**Henri Arnold**

**Mike Argirion**

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**Jumbles**

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**Students come out and watch MEN'S SOCCER” “Make History” at their home opener!!**

**FREE Student**

**Tailgating Party at Alumni Field**

Before the Game!

**Monday, August 25th**

at 7:00 p.m.

- Students come find out what the lucky number is for the FOOTBALL lottery!*
- Students have a chance to win free football season tickets by having their lottery number called during half-time!*
- **ONE LUCKY STUDENT will receive TWO FREE Michigan Football Tickets transportation included!!**
- Game will be played at Alumni Field

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**Jumble**

**That Scrambled Word Game**

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

**Jumble**

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New regulations make all players report on same day

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Freshman tight end Greg Olsen catches a pass during practice last week. The Irish freshmen could not report before upperclassman this year, like they had previously.

Irish ranked No. 12
to begin '03 campaign

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

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