Stores revel in college shopping rush

Target, Meijer, TJ Maxx, other retailers stock up for move-in weekend

By MADDE HANNA
Associate News Editor

The Seus women are power shoppers, and South Bend is loving it.

"Gosh, it's all a blur. We did 90 percent of it today," exclaimed Saint Mary's freshman Maureen Seus, referring to her family's pursuit of the perfect dorm room furnishings for her and sister Christy, a Saint Mary's sophomore.

The Seus family left their home in southern Oregon and came back to South Bend days early to do their shopping here. They've already hit Super Target, Meijer, and TJ Maxx.

While not everyone may subscribe to the Seus "shop-till-you-drop" plan of attack, the mad rush to snatch up the perfect dorm room deals hits the best of it today," exclaimed Saint Mary's Residence Life and Housing director Renee Kachmari, assistant manager of the Residence Halls.

Meredith Thornburgh, left, a first-year law student at Notre Dame, shops with her mother at Bed, Bath and Beyond Thursday. Businesses in South Bend are boosted by move-in weekend.

SAINT MARY'S CLASS OF 2009

The average GPA ranges from 3.90 to 4.00.
The average ACT ranges from 23 to 27.
The average SAT ranges from 1070 to 1220.

Most of the freshman ranked in the top 22% of their high school graduating class.

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Recovering from a significant drop in enrollment last year, Saint Mary's welcomed an academically strong and geographically diverse first-year class of 379 students to campus this weekend.

Members of the Saint Mary's class of 2009 hail from 33 different states. While Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio once again topped the list, there were also impressive numbers of students coming from Pennsylvania and Florida, said Dan Meyer, vice president for Enrollment.

Saint Mary's sees rise in talented freshmen

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

The last time Jonathan Mettia visited Notre Dame, the high school senior found a cold, grey day in February, but as he checked into Morrissey Hall Wednesday, the sun was out and the freshman was full of enthusiasm for band tryouts and the Notre Dame experience.

"I'm a little nervous but looking forward to it," he said. "I'm ready to start classes and meet people." While the vast majority of Notre Dame's 2,000 incoming freshmen arrived on campus Friday for Freshmen Orientation, some students began their collegiate careers this weekend.

Members of Pasquerilla East's orientation committee help move a new freshman into the dorm Thursday.

NOTRE DAME CLASS OF 2009

Enrollment: 2,000
21.9% are ethnic minorities.
Average SAT: 1379
22% are children of alumni.
Average ACT: 31.3

The average student ranked in the top 5.5% of his or her high school graduating class.

Residence halls fill to capacity

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

In recent years, Office of Residence Life and Housing assistant director Scott Kachmari has faced with a dilemma — not enough beds for Notre Dame's annual influx of freshman students, which forces his staff to scramble to utilize every inch of dorm space.

But this year's biggest-yet overflow may carry weightier consequences than squeezing three freshmen into a converted study lounge.

"There is nothing left to create," Kachmari said. "We are maxed out of every available bed space on campus. This year we have hit our peak."

Additional assistant rectors
**INSIDE COLUMN**

In good company

What a year to be new to Notre Dame:

You've got company unpacking your suitcase and hooking up your laptop—and I'm not just talking about the roommates and dorm-mates who will be changing and sweating by your side all weekend.

This company is on the ornate fourth floor of the Main Building, where new President Father John Jenkins is settling into his office and his influence. It's on the famed field of Notre Dame Stadium, where new Head Coach Charlie Weis is breaking in his vocal chords and his team.

Yeah, sure, you say. "I have as much in common with those guys as parietals do with sense."

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I'm not saying there's no pressure. You're part of the smartest class in University history, and I bet most of you didn't come to Notre Dame expecting to throw those achievements away.

But you'll never be brand new again, and a few harmless rookie mistakes couldn't hurt. So get lost on the way to DeBartolo. Twice. Splurge consistently at LaFortune, and watch your waistline expand and your Flex Points dwindle.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What advice do you have for incoming freshmen?

- Colleen Loris, sophomore, Carmanagh, "Beware of quarter dogs."
- Fritz Shadley, sophomore, Schnippen, "Don't be a Facebook stalker."
- Emily Kennedy, sophomore, Howard, "Become friends with at least one duck."
- Catherine Pinnaro, sophomore, Pasquerilla East, "Don't break parietals your first night here."
- Nick Chambers, sophomore, Alumni, "Don't know a girl's name? No problem, just smile."
- Erin Greenberg, sophomore, Welsh Family, "Don't take too much advice."

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**ORIENTATION WEEKEND**

**NOTRE DAME ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday, August 20**

1:00 PM - Official Orientation
Joyce Center

3:15 PM - Parent Orientation
Joyce Center

8:00 PM - Meetings in Halls
With Rectors and Hall Staff

**Sunday, August 21**

10:00 AM - Eucharistic Liturgy
Joyce Center

11:30 AM - Box Lunch
Joyce Center

12:00 PM - The Spirit of Notre Dame
Joyce Center

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**SAINT MARY'S ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday, August 20**

12:00 PM - Orientation Picnic
Library Green

2:30 PM - Open House
Noble Family Dining Hall

4:30 PM - Orientation Mass
Angela Athletic Facility

**Sunday, August 21**

10:45 AM - Farewell Brunch
Noble Family Dining Hall

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ROTC branches greet freshmen with drills, training

By KAREN LANGLEY

News Writer

While most Notre Dame and Saint Mary's freshmen were greeted Friday by exhilarating Fresh-O squads, some students began their orientation earlier in the week with commands from their Officers in Charge.

From physical training (PT) exercises to pizza parties, marching drills to movie nights, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) orientation provided freshmen with both a foundation of military knowledge and an opportunity to bond with some of their fellow ROTC students before school begins.

Students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross, Indiana University South Bend, Valparaiso University and Bethel College converged on the Notre Dame campus, which is home to three branches of ROTC. The Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC branches each hold their own freshman orientation, complete with different rules and varying activities.

Navy students arrived Sunday, while Army and Air Force students arrived Monday. Though times and zones varied between the branches, all ROTC freshmen engaged in physical training and learned about military rules and customs. Many activities were led by ROTC upperclassmen who had undergone similar orientations in years past.

"I thought it was a challenging week as a freshman, and so it's interesting to be on the other side," said Dyan Guthrie, a sophomore from South Bond, Valparaiso University and Bethel College. "It's what finally brings classes together," she said. "These are people from around the country who will go on past college [in the armed forces]. It's a chance to get 23 friends right away, friends who will become your family away from home."

The Navy ROTC has 25 male and five female freshmen midshipmen. Air Force ROTC welcomed 10 male and five female freshman cadets to its corps. Army ROTC now includes 12 male and nine female freshmen cadets.

"So far [orientation] has been lots of fun," said Brittany Shelton of Air Force ROTC. "It has been a good way to transition into the school year and the ROTC program."

Orientation was a time for the ROTC upperclassmen to familiarize the freshmen with rules and drills, but it also provided the new students with a chance to make friends for the coming years.

"This is the time for them to bond and get to know each other," Air Force cadet Jen Sayers said.

Before students are able to begin the ROTC program at Notre Dame, they go through a detailed process to gain acceptance. Each branch of ROTC then uses its own system to award student scholarships.

For the 2004-05 school year, 20 to 25 percent of the 120 Air Force ROTC cadets were on full-tuition scholarship, according to a Feb. 23 article in The Observer. The scholarships are awarded based on high school records and academic standing. Another quarter of Air Force ROTC students are given an 80 percent scholarship, and the remaining 50 percent receive half-tuition scholarships, said Colonel Mike Zelek, department chair of aerospace studies.

Naval ROTC does not award partial scholarships — students are either on scholarship or they are not. Those scholarships cover tuition, mandatory fees, a monthly stipend and $600 a year for books. There are currently five cadets in naval ROTC participating without a scholarship.

Army ROTC is unique in that all students in the program receive full scholarships to match the yearly tuition, even with yearly tuition increases, said Major Gary Masapollo, battalion executive officer of the Army ROTC program at Notre Dame, in the Feb. 23 article.

While Notre Dame students are given full tuition, scholarships for women participating in Army ROTC from Saint Mary's are capped at $20,000, Masapollo said.

Kelsey Larson, a freshman Army cadet, praised the orientation experience.

"It involves great ways to meet new people, like when we get off from doing the ropes course," she said. "We get to meet our classmates before classes start."

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Summer reading not a requirement for ND Class of 2009

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Though Notre Dame's incoming freshmen have plenty to do to prepare for college life, they have one less thing to worry about now that summer reading material is no longer required.

For the past two years, the First Year of Studies department has required soon-to-be Domers to read a specified book in preparation for an academic convocation in the fall. The assigned literature was also integrated into the curriculum of many First Year Composition classes.

But this year, the September inauguration of new University President Father John Jenkins is slated to include a forum similar in style to past freshmen academic convocations, so the reading requirement was waived.

The event, which will be hosted by former NBC Nightly News anchor Tom Brokaw, will also include "intriguing guests from several countries and various religious backgrounds," said Kevin Rooney, associate dean of FYST.

"We decided not to run a similar [academic convocation] this fall," Rooney said. "Instead, we will be helping to build interest in this exceptional event."

A First Year Studies letter mailed this summer recommended incoming freshmen to read selected writings from some of the guests of Father Jenkins' inauguration posted online, Burdin said.

Last year, every member of the class of 2009 received a summer mailing containing "The Vanishing Voter: Public Involvement in Art Age of Uncertainty" by Thomas F. Patterson. Students were asked to read the book as well as participate in online message board discussions about related concepts and ideas prior to arriving on campus in August.

In September, FYS invited the Class of 2008 to attend a convocation at the Joyce Center. "Election 2004: A Watershed?" was designed to give students a venue to speak with Patterson about the upcoming presidential and congressional elections.

Contrary to the University's wishes, some freshmen did not read the book, let alone attend the subsequent event. An estimated two-thirds of the crowd that did attend "Election 2004: A Watershed?" left the convocation early during the question-and-answer session, according to a Sept. 3, 2004 article in The Observer.

Sophomore Pat Tennant chose to read "The Vanishing Voter" before coming to Notre Dame "mostly because it was required and also because it was nice having something to read during [summer] work."

"I don't know if it was a worthwhile experience," Tennant said. "There were some ideas I found interesting, but I can't say it influenced me in any particular way."

Other students, like sophomore Kate Dugan, read parts of the book but were turned off by its subject matter.

"I started to read the book, but I am not that interested in politics so I just read enough to get the general idea," said Dugan, who did not attend the convocation and estimated that only half of last year's freshmen class read some portion of "The Vanishing Voter."

"Very few of my friends actually completed the book," Tennant said.

Incoming Notre Dame freshman Taylor Burdin was not aware that summer reading had been required in the past, as he received no instructions this year.

"The only people that I know of who received notice about summer readings were those students in the Honors Program," Burdin said.

Students invited to the Honors Program have always received a summer reading list from the University, Rooney said. Future summer reading assignments and convocations hinge on the outcome of this year's events.

"We will evaluate the success of [this year] and then think about the best way to provide an interesting intellectual experience for next September," Rooney said.

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Muslim professor’s visa revoked. Ebersol, dad hurt in plane crash, brother dies. Provost leaves for Wake Forest.

Tariq Ramadan’s visa revoked

The Department of Homeland Security, after a careful review of the specifics of the decision made regarding Tariq Ramadan, a Swiss citizen, and University spokesman Matt Storin said he did not know why Ramadan was not allowed in the country.

Ramadan had been accused by Jewish groups in France and the United States of spreading anti-Semitic and Islamic militant ideas. Krue director Scott Appleby said it seemed as though the visa revocation was a last-second political move by Ramadan’s opponents.

The university President Father Edward Malloy expressed frustration about the situation. Notre Dame was not given a reason for the denial of the visa, and Malloy said Ramadan was not informed either. However, a senior government official was anonymously quoted in The New York Times, saying that the recommendation to revoke the visa was not based on Ramadan’s beliefs, but on “his actions.” Storin said he did not know what actions the official was referring to.

The scholar reapplied for a work visa to teach at Notre Dame after he was encouraged by the University to do so, but resigned from the faculty Dec. 13 with no word from the State Department with regards to his visa.

SafeBus plan does not come to fruition

Despite student government’s efforts, SafeBus, a key component of the SafeBus plan, did not materialize.

The proposal was that a University-sponsored bus, SafeBus, would shuttle students to and from off-campus locations. Initially, the proposal called for the bus to run from 1-4 a.m. on 30-minute intervals and make approximately 10 stops on campus and at various bars and KFC Institute complex.

Istvan and Bell took this proposal to the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees, where it was met with harsh criticism. The Board questioned the timing, feasibility and logistics of the SafeBus plan, saying that Istvan and Bell should not have breached the topic with trustees before presenting it to the plan through usual student government and University channels.

Trustees also stated the proposal sounded too much like other van systems that failed in the past at Notre Dame. They cited concerns of student behavior on the buses as well as the question of who would pay for it. The University and Notre Dame SecurityPolice could not tolerate under- medicatedness.

After the Board of Trustees meeting, Istvan and Bell took the Board’s suggestion to pursue the plan with a private bus company, contacting Transpo, which currently provides bus service to students. However, this never materialized, and SafeBus fell by the wayside, mostly due to liability issues.

Ebersol family involved in plane crash

Notre Dame senior Charlie Ebersol suffered a November chartered plane crash that killed his youngest brother Teddy, 14, and two crewmen and injured Taller, NBC Sports Chairman Dick Ebersol. The crash happened during takeoff in Montrose, Colo., as the Ebersols were returning to South Bend Nov. 28 after a gathering at Notre Dame football game that Saturday against the University of Southern California, where Charlie Ebersol’s family had stopped in Colorado to drop off Dick Ebersol’s wife, actress Susan Saint James of the 1980s television series “Kate and Allie.”

The private jet, carrying six people, crashed during takeoff from Montrose Regional airport, which is located approximately 158 miles southwest of Denver and serves the Telluride Ski Area.

The plane skidded sideways after impact, ripping off the cockpit and one of the wings, an eyewitness told the Associated Press.

Teddy Ebersol was ejected from the plane and died instantly, Montrose County Coroner Mark Young told the Montrose Daily Press, and Dick Ebersol was pulled out of the wreckage by Charlie Ebersol.

Teddy Ebersol’s body was found the Monday after the crash underwent the exhaustive search of the wooded crash site, young said.

Charlie Ebersol, 21, played a vocal role in Notre Dame student government, twice running for student body president and winning by narrow margins in 2003 and 2004. During the 2003-04 term, he served as manager of the Student Union Board and was a member of the Council of Representatives.

Dick Ebersol, 57, became president of NBC Sports in 1989, and most recently worked with Notre Dame football to nationally televise home games on NBC. In December 2003, he, athletic director Kevin White and Malloy worked to a sign a contract extension through 2010.

Notre Dame makes controversial football coaching change

For the first time ever, Notre Dame fired its football coach before his original contract expired, firing Tyrone Willingham after three seasons at the helm of the Irish Nov. 30.

Willingham, the first black head coach in any sport at Notre Dame, was fired by tied concerns of student behavior on the buses as well as the question of who would pay for it. The University and Notre Dame SecurityPolice could not tolerate under- medicatedness.

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appointed a professor of psychology. He will be responsible for all academic matters as the second-ranking official at the University.

**Trustee charged with battery, resigns post**

For the first time in Notre Dame history, American and trustee Dave Duerson was charged with assaulting his wife Feb. 4 at the home of a colleague and a result resigned his post on the Board of Trustees.

Dave Duerson, a University trustee since 2001, voluntarily resigned his post after the incident and is also no longer the president of the Monogram Club, where his term was set to expire in June.

He was charged with two counts of battery and two counts of domestic battery, each a class A misdemeanor.

According to the police report, a neighbor’s supplemental affidavit, on the case, Duerson allegedly struck his wife, Alicia Duerson, and pushed her out of their hotel room early that morning. She was treated at a local hospital and released later that day.

The Duersons were on campus for the winter Board of Trustees meeting, and Dave Duerson, a member of the Board’s Student Affairs Committee and Audit Committee, did not attend either of the trustees’ scheduled sessions.

Dave Duerson deferred his initial court date for the battery case to April 26.

Dave Duerson, a 1983 Notre Dame grad, is the founder, president and CEO of Duerson Foods, EEC, a high-volume meat processor for major restaurants and retail outlets.

Dave Duerson also received the prestigious Sorin Award from the Notre Dame Matrul Association in 2003.

He is well-known on campus for his point of view in football, and his recent remarks about Notre Dame football, criticizing the administration for the firing of Willingham, before that, he was part of the Monogram Club’s letter to the University that criticized the way the football program was run.

**Transition occurs at the top of the Church**

After the agreement was reached, NDSP did not attend either of the trustees’ schedules sessions.

Mike Duerson also received the prestigous Sorin Award from the Notre Dame Matrul Association in 2003.

Mike Duerson was named president at Wake Forest in 1997 after three seasons. The firing of Mike Duerson after 26 years at the helm of the Catholic Church, and Notre Dame honored his papacy with memorial services across campus.

**Willingham, Notre Dame’s first black head football coach, dies in Indianapolis**

After months of anticipation, the new Student Center opened at Saint Mary’s March 11.

The three-story building houses more than a dozen offices, including the Shahien Bookstore, First Source Bank, campus ministry and student government. It is also home to meeting rooms and conference rooms for student groups such as student government, the Blue Manate and a work area for The Observer. There is also a new women’s resource center to supplement the current LeMare Hall space.

Construction began in early 2004 on the Student Center, and work on the interior was almost finished in February. Students now enter the dining hall through the main entrance of the Student Center.

The new bookstore in the Student Center is twice the size of the old one, and as a result, students should expect to see double the merchandise.

The Student Center is also home to a cyber cafe, where students have wireless Internet access. The cafe has grab-and-gostyle meals as well as an outdoor patio facing LeMare.

In addition to these offices, the Student Center is home to the President’s Dining Room, which has space for about 60 visiting dignitaries and guests, a preparation area for catering events and a test kitchen.

Mike Monk was honored in his final year as president for his commitment to diversity with a reception in the Hesburgh Library, Malloy, who took office in 1987, was honored for his efforts to increase diversity at Notre Dame, as the presence of minority students on campus increased from 15 percent to 30 percent.

During the Mass, Malloy spoke of the historical significance of the presidential transition between him and Jenkins, as it is only Notre Dame’s second in the last 53 years.

Student body president Dave Bacon paid tribute to Malloy on behalf of the student body, presenting three images of Malloy. The first was a gatekeeper, saying Malloy made the campus a welcoming place. The second was a cardboard cutout of Malloy playing basketball for Notre Dame, carried by senior class president Darrell Scott.

The final was Malloy’s nickname, “Mom,” which Bacon used as a symbol of his leadership.

Jenkins took over as University president on July 1.

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**2004**

**Eve Ensler speaks on Monologues author’s work**

**March 4, 2005 - President George W. Bush speaks about Social Security at the Joyce Center as a non-U.S. University sponsored event.**

**April 2, 2005 - Pope John Paul II dies after 26-year term as pope. Students and faculty at the University, including the President, Vice President, and University President Christopher F. Brink, pray for the Pope.**

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in some dorms, slightly increasing enrollment and the University’s 96 percent retention rate from freshman to senior year are responsible for the bed shortage, Kachmarik said.

"We really pride our­ selves on becoming a destination point for students," he said. "If you aren’t on top of your game, it shows pretty quick. You get to be more of an entrepreneur, and that’s one of those things we really like.

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working for the short term, Kachmarik says new dorms are needed to permanently solve the problem. The University’s strategic plan, released last November, outlines the construction of four new residence halls within the next 10 years.

The new dorms would be built not so more students could attend Notre Dame — the University is committed to maintaining its current enrollment — but rather to relieve the overcrowding problem.

"Enrollment has been growing by 10 or 12 students every year, but that adds up," Kachmarik said. "Students want to live on campus. But the reality is that we need students to eventually move off campus. There are only about 1,600 students every year to move out of their residence halls."

Last fall the overflow wax experienced mostly in the 13 women’s residence halls, but this year, the 14 men’s dorms are just as full.

Of the men’s dorms, Keough and O’Neill have experienced the overcrowding most this year, Kachmarik said.

Father Peter Jarret, rector of Keough and O’Neill, have experienced the overcrowding most this year, Kachmarik said.

"They take it in stride," he said. "The more the merrier."

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days earlier because of obligations to athletics. Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) or band.
Dorm directors have been doing their best to ensure that the freshman transition goes smoothly for both early and standard arrivals.
Welsh Family rector Candace Carson prepared a packet for the freshman that includes the hall weekend schedule, the University orientation schedule, hall staff information, tips on room configurations, conversation guidelines, a fall football schedule and a list of local taxi numbers.
Carson also gives each student and her parents a copy of her business card, complete with hall staff names and numbers on the back.
"We greet not only the girl but also her family," she said. "We want to make everyone feel comfortable. We take the name Welsh Family seriously. We are a family. Notre Dame is about community, and that starts in the hall." Dorm freshman Orientation staff have also been preparing throughout the summer for the weekend's events.
"We'll be there with a big smile and a helping hand. We'll show them the ropes," said Emmanuel Shamrell, a Vancouver native, "Braveheart" night when Dillon junior Joe McKenna transitioned to their own dorms in for a change of climate. Part of the three percent of students in the Class of 2009 from outside the United States, Shamrell selected Notre Dame for its history and reputation in athletics. "I want to have fun and get my degree," he said.
Freshmen in the ROTC program moved in for the second time on Wednesday, when they transitioned to their own dorms from temporary housing.
Ken Shamrell and D.J. McGill were more than happy to move into their Siegfried double after a stint in Keenan, which housed ROTC male freshmen.
"Shamrell, a Vancouver native, described the transition as "glorious.
Roughly one third of the class have mothers who graduated from Saint Mary's, a typical figure, Bowe said. "It is very similar as the last two years, a little bit stronger," Bowe said. "The median scores are a little higher. I am very happy with the quality of the class." Stint in Keenan, which housed freshman Orientation staff to attract potential students to the school themselves were not initiated communication with the school until the Student Center served as a focal point for the drive from Saint Mary's, Jean Moore.
"The hardest part about packing was just getting everything done," she said. "I want to leave stuff up, but it was already packed. My mom was getting angry at me."
Neither Mother nor classmate Aileen Miller described their farewells as overly emotional. Miller and her mother drove from Indianapolis to Saint Mary's in a car packed full of college necessities. She arrived at school early due to commitments with the Saint Mary's cross-country team.
"I'm ready to be out of the house," she said. "I got along with my family and whatnot, but I am ready to move on."

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\text{Mary's first year class last year, composed of just 352 students, caused concern on campus and forced admissions counselors to intensify recruiting methods.}\\
\text{"We did a second push with applications right after the beginning of the year (in January) and that worked," Bowe said.}\\
\text{The admissions office targets a special group of students and gained 38 more women for the class, Bowe said.}\\
\text{Admissions counselors also kept in much closer contact with applicants and potential applicants throughout the winter and spring, Bowe said.}\\
\text{Targeted high school seniors who did not initiate communication with the school themselves were called or sent information.}\\
\text{New facilities on campus, including the Noble Family Dining Hall, Opus Apartments and the Student Center served to attract potential students to the College, and feedback after campus tours was strong, Bowe said.}\\
\text{"I said that Saint Mary's is competing for a very small pool of students. Less than five percent of the total college applicants are nationally interested in attending a women's college," Bowe said.}\\
\text{"Most of the students who apply to Saint Mary's apply in spite of the fact that it is a women's college, not because it is a women's college," Bowe said.}\\
\text{Saint Mary's applicants rarely apply to other women's colleges but rather to large coeducational schools, both public and private, Bowe said. While Bowe said she is confident in the progress the admissions office has made, she and her colleagues will continue to refine their recruiting efforts.}\\
\text{"I think we need to focus more on transfers," Bowe said.}\\
\text{"This year we have 33. I think that is an area where we can improve."}\\
\text{International students are another demographic the College needs to emphasize, Bowe said. The class of 2009 has only one foreign student, an unusually low number.}\\
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Dean Eileen Kolman, who retired last spring after 15 years at the helm of the program. There is even a new entrance to campus. "It's an exciting time to be here," Saracino said. "What I would say to a first year student is to look what you're a part of right now. From the new entrance to the campus, to the new Dome, to the new president, to the new provost, to the new dean of the First Year of Studies, to the new football coach — you're part of an exciting transition at Notre Dame. It's a great time to be at Notre Dame." But even with these changes at Notre Dame, the Class of 2009 is similar to previous classes in its involvement. Eighty four percent of students were involved in community service and 72 percent earned at least one varsity letter in high school. "We look at the same measures," Saracino said. "The class is a little bit stronger across the board. To achieve these goals we really are denying students that are one-dimensional. When we select a class it's really a thoughtful process — we're not just looking at one thing." One quality of this class, however, that disappointed Saracino was diversity, as 21.2 percent of incoming freshmen are of an ethnic minority background — a figure that has stayed relatively constant the past two years. "That is a disappointment because we want it to grow, we don't want it to be stagnant," Saracino said. "When we are reaching out to get the best students that we can academically and extracurricularly and we definitely want to reach out to increase ethnic students — more black students especially. We did not see at all an increase in the number of black students — and that's not acceptable." Saracino said that he hopes with more aggressive recruiting these talented students will want to come to Notre Dame. The following facts help paint a picture of the class of 2009:

- Fifty-one percent were involved in the performing arts in high school
- Thirty-nine percent were the captain of at least one sport in high school
- Forty-six percent were involved in student government

"I don't think I can think of one thing that makes them stand out," Saracino said. "They each have their own stories. Each class has some things that make them special. Each class has its own character, but I think the character will play out during the course of their experience at Notre Dame." Contact Heather Van Hoogarden at hvanhoog@nd.edu

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The starting lottery number will be drawn at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, August 22. E-mail and phone announcements will be made following the lottery of the number. The sequence number can also be found at sao.nd.edu after 9:00 p.m. To reflect the smaller class size, Law/MBA/Grad students will have a separate lottery number.

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The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs welcomes the Class of 2009.

What is the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs?

We members of the Standing Committee are administrators, gay and lesbian students, and faculty who are a resource in identifying the ongoing needs of our gay, lesbian, and bisexual students. By implementing campus-wide educational programming on gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues, the Committee strives to eliminate homophobia and make Notre Dame a place that accepts and prizes the uniqueness of all its students. For more information, consult our web page: www.nd.edu/~scglsn.

Current student members:

- Guillermo Alfaro  5th-year, Architecture Major
- Joanna Basile  Junior, English and Gender Studies Major
- Jim Fobert  Senior, Political Science and German Major
- Andy Magee  Senior, Organ Performance and Computer Science
- Tiffany Thompson  Senior, Accounting Major
- Chris Vierig  Junior, Political Science and Film, Television and Theater Major

RECEPTION for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual First-Year Students

WHO: Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and questioning first-year students at Notre Dame

WHAT: Drop-in Reception

WHEN: Monday, August 22nd, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

WHERE: 316 Coleman-Morse (3rd Floor Lounge)

WHY: Come meet student members of the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs and find out more about resources available to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and questioning students on the Notre Dame campus.

For more information, please visit our web site: www.nd.edu/~scglsn. Check under “Current Events.”
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Pat Leonard
Managing Editor

The first day I arrived on Notre Dame's campus my freshman year, I did my best to do things differently. Standing in front of the Main Building, I looked at the intimidating steps that led to the main entrance and remembered what college classmates and upperclassmen had already told me: undergraduates who walk up those steps risk not graduating.

It's a silly legend, I told myself. A stupid superstition.

So, with the spirit of Rocky in my Philadelphia-born blood, I walked to a plateau I had never imagined would be in reach.

I turned and there I was, looking at the Basilica and Sorin Hall to my right. LaFortune Student Center on my left, three years. I have friends who have taken a semester off — involuntarily.

There is no right way to do things, only the responsibility to be loyal and fair to yourself and your friends as you go.

The way you perceive this school, its people, its strengths and its weaknesses will have everything to do with what you get out of Notre Dame, out of college and out of four of the most formative years of your life.

But begin by not trying to fit in or being someone else thinks is best. Be what you are and do not change for anyone but yourself. Unconsciously, you will mature because the constructs, the people and the classes at this University are among the finest and most supportive in the country.

You must recognize immediately that Notre Dame is not an accurate representation of the outside world. In contrast with the most bustling cities in the United States, crime remains low on campus, someone else cooks your meals and guys can't have girls in their rooms past 12 a.m. on weeknights. And vice versa.

Your life, over the course of the next few days and for the rest of your life, is going to change because you came here. And it will change for the better. Notre Dame is too powerful and too unique not to have a drastic effect on you. There is a whole world outside of Notre Dame, and you must see this University for what it is — an institution that alters the mundane present day to gear its graduates towards a rich future.

This weekend, my brother becomes the second person in my family to grace the Notre Dame campus. For the first time since my senior year in high school, I'll be enrolled at the same school as my only sibling.

So what will I tell him as the more experienced older brother? Well, for one, I'll tell him how to get to Windsor. But I'll also tell him I don't want to hear any lip about my being lucky to live off-campus, being 21 years old, having a car, having a job and owning 40-yard line tickets at Notre Dame Stadium (fingers crossed).

Regardless of whether he is indifferent or curious about life as a senior, though, I will constantly wonder what it would be like to have four more years.

A few nights ago at a friend's house, I was reminiscing about our first year in Dillin Hall, when we were new and we were all. My friend cut me off mid-sentence.

"Stop talking about freshman year or I'm gonna cry," he said. "Of course he didn't mean he'd literally cry, but I knew if it actually came down to it, he could. And I knew I could, too, because that's how excited we were then — and that's how much we miss it now.

Now go walk up those steps.

Pat Leonard is an American studies major with a minor in journalism, ethics and democracy. He built in Philadelphia, Pa., where the cheese steak is king, fried food is good for you and everyone's idea of Utopia is a cheese steak and not a can of Super Bowl leftovers.

"Now, it's only wish for the rest of his life is for Donovan McNabb to hold the Lombardi Trophy and not a can of Campbell's Chunky Soup.

A vegetarian for the first 18 years of his life, Pat quietly became carnivorous. If for no other reason than he had to answer 'Sorry, I've never had one' to the question 'How good are your cheesesteaks?'

Now, the answer is "good enough to call them Philly Steak & Cheese "from the famed 'dining hall.'"

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On behalf of the faculty and staff at Saint Mary’s College, I extend a warm welcome to you as you establish learning habits that will last a lifetime. You will be challenged to be a woman of distinction. That distinction will have a different meaning for each of you. You will find your leadership skills sharpened every day through your interaction with faculty, staff, administrators and your peers. The depth and breadth of your academic journey will strengthen you to be a woman of vision ready to meet the challenges of tomorrow’s world today. As a Catholic college we honor and respect the journey each of us makes as we find God’s grace in our lives. There are so many activities, clubs, organizations and athletic events to attend. You will have no problem finding ways to exercise your Belles school spirit on campus, and you will have the opportunity to join your colleagues at the University of Notre Dame and Holy Cross College for their activities, too.

Before you know it you will be ordering pizza with new friends, studying hard, becoming a member of a club, studying hard, going to a volleyball, soccer, or football game. (Did I mention studying hard?) You will be experiencing new ways to exercise your Belles school spirit on campus sometime soon and just reflect on the knowledge that thousands of women have walked these same paths and battled before you. They have become leaders in their careers, their communities, their churches and in the world. They are women of faith who, like you, came here to develop the talents God had given them so that they could make a difference in the world. You will benefit from their legacy and experience and you will add to the legacy that is Saint Mary’s College.

Linda Timm
Vice President for Student Affairs
Saint Mary’s College
August 19, 2005

On behalf of the Notre Dame student body, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the Saint Mary’s family. For more than 160 years, Saint Mary’s has been a community that fosters intellectual and spiritual growth. Throughout its history, Saint Mary’s has been blessed with young women who are committed to the college and their own education, as well as a faculty that is dedicated to each woman’s education and personal growth as a student and an individual. You are now part of this amazing community.

There are many venues in which you may become involved in campus life including student government, clubs and organizations, class activities, community service and volunteer work. Take advantage of Activities Night and other events around campus to help familiarize yourself with all that the college has to offer. Becoming involved at Saint Mary’s will affect you in ways you may never have imagined. You will meet new friends, study hard, become a member of a club, study hard, go to a volleyball, soccer, or football game. (Did I mention studying hard?) Encourage you to take a walk around campus sometime soon and just reflect on the knowledge that thousands of women have walked these same paths and battled before you. They have become leaders in their careers, their communities, their churches and in the world. They are women of faith who, like you, came here to develop the talents God had given them so that they could make a difference in the world. You will benefit from their legacy and experience and you will add to the legacy that is Saint Mary’s College.

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It keeps getting better

You're a Belle, now too.

Finally.

You did the work, took the tests, filled out the applications, waited for acceptance, filled out all the rest of the paperwork, and you've finally arrived at college.

But there was more to it than that, wasn't there? More than just tests and paperwork? Because this isn't just any school — this is Notre Dame.

If you're anything like me, you've been planning for this, this particular university since you were in diapers, and thus you formed coherent thoughts, so you did what you needed to do to make it happen.

There were extracurricular activities, volunteer positions, and even the notion of studying that went into creating that perfect application.

With all that work, it seems amazing that we even had time to enjoy high school, let alone make friends. But every present during the past four years was that little voice in the back of your head that said, "It's not all about getting good grades and doing everything right. You've got to enjoy what you have while you have it." And so, somehow we managed to make thousands of those pre-calc prerequisites and social studies we forget with people we'll always remember.

I'm still hanging on to some of those things — like not all about good grades, the Dean's list is important but a well-rounded college experience is even more important.

I have confidence in myself and I have true friends that I will love and treasure forever.

One of the great things about Saint Mary's is that you don't have to go out to have fun. Going to parties and going to bars can be a great time, but it's not necessary. I had planned on going out to Corby's on Wednesday night, but I opted to hang out with one of my best friends and my roommate in O'Sheas instead. I had so much more fun laughing and telling stories about our summers.

Don't feel pressured to drink. Most of the time it's not all it's cracked up to be — especially when you wake up in anacreontics with your new friend John and aren't even breaking parietals. You don't have to do anything, go to any of your classes, or even seek out as many as possible. I am only a junior and I have the best boyfriend, a great job, and an incredible opportunity. I am not worried as long as there is a family like nothing else. So be outgoing. Talk to kids in your dorm, alumni, faculty. When you see someone with a Notre Dame ring, ask him where he lived. Maybe he was a Dawg like you, and one day he will give you a job. That's how the family works — you both went to Notre Dame and that's good enough for many. Once you step on campus, there are countless people around the country who will help you out as much as they can.

Find them.

I know you've written everything you've already heard. And if that's true, great; you're on your way to having a great time at Notre Dame.

But most of all, be proud that you're a Notre Dame student. It is not necessary to worry about what anyone says about your choice to go to school here. It's a wonderful and beautiful school that I have discovered the opportunity.

Sarah VanHagarden
Managing Editor

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Places to Eat:
1. Colonial Pancake House
   Rising early for breakfast can be a chore, especially on weekends, but the Colonial Pancake House makes it worth the effort. Featuring generous portions and affordable entrees, this delectable little establishment is the perfect place for a pre-game breakfast or brunch the following day with family and friends.

2. Fiddler's Hearth
   Nothing says Irish better than a meal at Fiddler's Hearth, a family-friendly restaurant devoted to Celtic food, fun and atmosphere. Constructed to look like an actual Irish pub, Fiddler's Hearth offers live Celtic music and dancing as weekend staples. Highland bagpipes usher in the weekend at 5:45 pm each Friday.

3. Nick's Patio
   Nick's Patio doubles as a casual Greek dining experience and a tasty breakfast joint. Well-priced entrees are available in a relaxed atmosphere that's open 24 hours a day. Perfect for fulfilling a late night munchie craving when the only other option is fast food.

4. Maori's
   Pasta and sandwiches make up a sizable chunk of the menu at Maori's, a laid-back Italian restaurant. The food tops off a festive spot to enjoy a meal while watching a basketball game. The giant mozzarella sticks are a must.

5. Casa Del Rio
   Casa Del Rio's slogan promises "a real taste of Mexico" and delivers on its word. There's no better place for a quick Mexican meal garnished with enchiladas or fajitas. Keep Tuesdays circled on the weekly calendar to enjoy dollar taco nights.

6. Rocco's
   Rocco's is a perennial favorite for enjoying a slice of pizza and soaking in Notre Dame's rich traditions. The autographed pictures of past coaches and famous visitors adorning the walls, the large, comfortable booths and the delicious smells combine to create a powerful slice of pizza-fueled euphoria.

7. Carrabba's
   Grape Road is a feasting ground for hungry families, with dozens of restaurants to choose from. But Carrabba's is a popular, recognizable choice for a chain restaurant that freshmen recognize from back home. A diverse menu allows visitors to enjoy anything from individual-sized pizzas to soups, salads and plenty of pasta entrees.

Attractions:
8. University Park Mall
9. College Football Hall of Fame
10. Cinemark Movies 14
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Road Trips:
12. Chicago
13. Cedar Point
14. Michigan Dunes

Note: The above map only shows main roads to indicate attraction locations.
Traditions 101:

Aaron, Carson Daly and Dick Vitale). It’s also an opportunity for dorms to gather en masse, sport their dorm colors, cheer and fuel the fire of dorm rivalries.

The drummers of the Band of the Fighting Irish gather on the steps of the Main Building on Fridays at midnight, performing for fans and building excitement for Saturday’s game.

Pregame Traditions

Saturday morning pregame traditions are punctuated by watching the band march around campus, starting on the steps of Bond Hall and ending at the Stadium, and hearing its members perform traditional Notre Dame music pieces. The football team and coaches can be sighted on their customary walk from the Basilica to the stadium prior to the game.

Information compiled by RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA and MOLLY GRIFFIN

Getting out and under the Dome

A guide to life in and out of the Notre Dame bubble

Eating Around Campus:

Café de Grasta

Café de Grasta, located on the first floor of Grace Hall, is off the beaten path for anyone who doesn’t live on Mod Quad, but it is worth the walk. It has a by-weight salad bar, coffee, wraps, stir-fry and a wide selection of drinks. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Irish Cafe

The Irish Café is located in the Notre Dame Law School, but it isn’t just for law students. Baked goods, salads, sandwiches, soups and drinks are just some of the food offered. Open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Waddicks

Waddicks, located on the first floor of O’Shaughnessy Hall, is a great place to study and grab something to eat. A wide selection of baked goods, food and drinks are offered, but the coffee and espresso drinks are definitely worth the stop. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Decio Faculty Hall

Students don’t usually spend too much time in Decio (it houses faculty offices), but if you are visiting a professor, it’s a great place to get drinks, baked goods and coffee or to try the daily special. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Café Poche

Few students who aren’t architecture majors venture into Bond Hall, but Café Poche, located on the first floor, might just lure some in. It offers deli sandwiches, soups, baked goods, drinks and coffee. Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Café Commons

If you’re in the College of Business, Café Commons is a great place to get food like soup, salad, sandwiches, fruit, coffee and a wide array of drinks. Open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Greenfields

Greenfields is probably one of the best culinary discoveries that you can make on campus. Located in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, it offers global cuisine for between five and eight dollars a dish. Look for entrees like Portobello Mushroom StirFris, Shanghai Salad, Plantation Salmon and Shrimp Stir-Fry, and also check out the breakfast menu. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Beckers

Beckers is the ultimate college eatery. It’s open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and serves classic college food favorites. Try the wood-fired pizzas, smoothies, ice cream, fries, sandwiches and coffee.

Entertainment Around Campus:

Legends

Legends is an on-campus multi-tasker. It hosts concerts, has a pub with an extensive beer and wine list for those over 21 and also features a full service restaurant. Start with an appetizer like Domer chicken, burgers, sandwiches and desserts. Open Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 4 to 9 p.m.; Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 4 p.m. 12 a.m.; Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 12 a.m. Closed Sundays.

The DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts

The PAC offers a wide range of concerts, plays, films and other performances. Upcoming events include screenings of “Casablanca,” a stage performance by the group Toxic Audio and a free outdoor screening of “The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King.” Current information about upcoming events can be found at the PAC Web site: http://performingarts.nd.edu/

WVFI

WVFI is a student-run radio station that also features student DJs. Current schedules can be found on its Web site: http://www.nd.edu/~wvfi/
**FOOTBALL**

Six players leave team before season starts

The “Gug” opens; Cutcliffe resigns due to poor health

By HEATHER VAN HOEGRADEN
Sports Writer

Two weeks away from the Sept. 3 opener at Pittsburgh, the Irish have lost six players who have transferred or are not coming back next season.

Another, senior Travis Leikko, told the South Bend Tribune for an Aug. 17 article that he expects to be back at Notre Dame in the summer of 2006 due to “academic reasons.”

 Offensive lineman John Kadous announced in June that he plans to transfer to the University of Arizona, Kadous, who hails from Tuscon, Ariz., did not say any playing time last season as a freshman.

Wide receiver Chris Vaughn transferred to Louisville after being suspended for the fall semester at Notre Dame.

 Vaughn, who played on special teams last season as a true freshman, will have three seasons of eligibility left after he sits out the 2005 season due to NCAA transfer rules.

Sophomore offensive lineman Chancy Incarnato left the team earlier this month, leaving the Irish with a thin depth chart at offensive line.

 Incarnato did not see action last season as a true freshman. Also leaving earlier this month was junior defensive back Freddick. Irish, who transferred to Steven F. Austin, a Division I-AA school.

Most recently, sophomore defensive lineman Brandon Nicolas left the team Thursday morning, Weiss announced through a press release.

Last spring, Weiss announced Wednesday that sophomore cornerback Tregg Duerson was no longer with the team for "personal reasons.”

 Duerson, who did not see action last season, is not back with the Irish this fall.

**Notes:**

The Guglielmo Family Athletics Center, which houses new football offices, locker rooms and a weight room.

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 Duerson, who did not see action last season, is not back with the Irish this fall.

**Irish halfback Darius Walker participates in a practice drill this week. Walker, Notre Dame’s leading rusher last year, returns to run behind a veteran offensive line.**

Irish wide receiver Rhema McKnight catches a pass in practice this week. McKnight has led Notre Dame in receiving each of the past two seasons.

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"You look at some of the film of South Carolina ... it looks like the blites and the pressures are working really well," defensive tackle Trevor Laws said.

Last season, regardless of offensive production, Notre Dame’s run defense stayed consistent and gave up only 55 yards rushing per game. But the secondary — and more generally, the pass defense — lacked not only the ability to stop an air attack. It lacked the ability to deter teams who could — Southern Cal, Purdue, Pitt — throw almost every down.

Linebacker Brandon Heyte, defensive tackle Derek Landri and Zhikowski are the only returning starters from that group.

"I just want the end spot to be more consistent," he said, referring also to the depth of the position. "Sometimes I see flashes and then other times they take a step back, and I just want consistency at a lot of the other ends."

Victor Ahiamiri leads the defensive ends with 37 career tackles after returning from a spring leg injury, but the coaches hope Ahiamiri and others will create a disruptive pass rush to help the pass defense.

"What we need is a coach like that, who's real thorough," Zbikowski said.

"That's what we need. A coach like that, I want real thorough," Bill Lewis attention to detail has benefited the group.

"In the first spring practice open to the media in Notre Dame Stadium, Lewis could be seen stopping standard drills to demonstrate technique himself — back pedaling and breaking a sweat.

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ND Men's Cross Country

Piane Irish planning to rebound

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Joe Piane has a bitter taste in his mouth. After his team finished the 2004 regular season ranked fifth in the nation and winning the Big East Championship, his Notre Dame men's cross country coach had great expectations heading into the NCAA Championship in Terre Haute, Ind. But Notre Dame finished a mediocre 11th place, ending their season on a low note. "We weren't pleased with that," Irish head coach Joe Piane said. "That was an disappointing 11th place. We anticipated doing much better.

"That will be a motivator for us this year." The team will look to rebound this season behind a deep, experienced and talented group of runners. Notre Dame will be led by its three captains, seniors Tim Moore and Sean O'Donnell and junior Kurt Benninger.

In addition to the three captains, the Irish return three of the four other runners who competed in the NCAA Championships in seniors A.J. Yakima, Wash., finished eighth at the Footlocker High School National Championship. Both youngsters have excellent times in most significant competitions in their careers for the Irish. Piane said, "I know that will improve this season." The team opens in season on Sept. 9 at the Valparaiso Invitational. The Irish then have two tournaments in a row on their home course. The National Catholic Championship will be Sept. 16, with the Notre Dame Open following two weeks later.

Notre Dame has captured the past 10 team titles at the National Catholic Championship, and Tim Moore was last year's individual champion. The team has also finished first at the NCAA East Regional in three of the last five years. The team ends its regular season Oct. 15 in Terre Haute for the Pre-National Championship meet. The Irish will begin mid-season play by attempting to defend their title at the Big East Championship in New York on Oct. 28.

Notre Dame then travels to Bloomington, Ind., for the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Championship, where the team finished second in 2004. The Irish hope to conclude their season at the NCAA Championship in Terre Haute on Nov. 22. To qualify for national championship, Notre Dame must either place in the top two at regionals or perform well enough during the year to receive an at-large bid. Piane plans to hold his top veteran runners out of the early races. Benninger, Moore and O'Donnell all probably will not compete until the Notre Dame Invitational. The coach does not want his top runners to be burnt out by the end of the season, and he likes to give freshman and inexperienced upperclassmen a chance to prove themselves in early races.

"It's very difficult to race over 8K, and if you do it too many times, you're just going to get exhausted," Piane said. "The seasoned veterans really don't need a lot of racing, they just need to train." The Belles will travel to New York on Oct. 28.

"Our goal is to get back to the NCAA's and improve upon last year's performance," Piane said. "We have a great nucleus coming back, and a lot of players ready to step up and take the place of the seniors," she said. Returning defensive starters Carrie Orr and Shannon Callister will try to pick up the slack in Taylor's absence. Orr is a specialist at moving forward and netted four goals last season. Senior Maurn Schoen and sophomore Amy Scheydler, Sarah Dufree and Jessica Higgins will compete for the other defensive spots. While the four have significant game experience over the course of their careers, only Scheydler has over started a game.

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By CHRIS KHOREY
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Mackenzie, but she expects proficient. "The second half of the season as players look to pick up the slack scoring created by the departure of the freshmen," she said.

"We did seem to have trouble finishing the back of the net with our opportunities," Mackenzie said. "But I expect that will change this year."

"Losing Jen Concanan in the middle is unfortunate, but it may create more opportunities and give more responsibility to the forwards."
Selig doesn’t want the help

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Describing himself as restless and disappointed, commission­er Bud Selig said Thursday he believes baseball can solve its steroids problem without help from Congress.

"I’ve often said I won’t rest until I rid the sport of steroids," Selig said following the owners’ quarterly meeting held at a Pasadena hotel about 10 miles from Dodger Stadium. "If we can’t solve our problems, then I submit to you the government should do what it has to do."

Several baseball stars, past and present, appeared before Congress on March 17, with current standout Rafael Palmeiro testifying he had never used steroids. The 40-year-old Baltimore Orioles’ star, from Congress.

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Describing him self as restless four months. This is a collective bargaining issue."

That being the case, Selig said there has been little dis­cussion lately with the players’ union on the matter.

The only action taken at the meeting was an announcement that baseball has become a founding sponsor of the Taylor Hooton Foundation, a nonprofit corporation formed in memory of a 17-year-old high school student-athlete who committed suicide two years ago in Plano, Texas, after using steroids.

"I’m happy to say it was just a calm, peaceful day," Selig said. "We really have no surprise."

Selig repeated what chief operating officer Bob DuPuy said a day earlier — that the sale of the Washington Nationals was close to being completed. Eight groups are interested in purchasing the franchise from Major League Baseball, which bought the then-Montreal Expos for $120 million in 2002.

"We’re very close," Selig said. "Well before the season’s over, we should be done. I’m very pleased with that — a wonder­ful end to a tough story. This was a situation fraught with a lot of potential problems. It’s going to come to an end; we’re going to come out of the ownership business. The commission­er will be delighted."

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By TOM DORWART

Sports Writer

Belles looking to right the ship after 6-19 year

Back on track.

That’s the main idea for the St. Mary’s volleyball team. After dou­bling their win total each season from 2001 through 2003, the Belles slipped to 6-19 last year.

"I feel we have to get back on track because the previous three years we had been making such progress," Belles head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said.

Schroeder-Biek played for St. Mary’s and served as the head coach from 1991-96, and then rejoined her alma mater in 2000 as the head coach. The veteran coach had back surgery in the middle of last season and was forced to miss the second half.

To add to the team compilations, several of the Belles’ top players were on sabatical for a year to study abroad, and several were lost to injury.

With the head coach back on the bench for St. Mary’s, the Belles also hope to bring back their winning ways.

"I feel 100 percent better going into this season than last season because last season I was going into the 2003 season, the Belles were on sabbatical for a year to study abroad, and several were lost to injury."

"It really pulled us off focus. My core was hurt."

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"I’m really excited about the core that we have coming back," Schroeder-Biek said. "It’s a very strong core."

Other players returning include Tallia Matry-Vacaro — who played her first year with the Belles before traveling abroad last year — and Amanda David.

While they have yet to win a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship in their program’s history, the Belles’ talent this year could carry them toward the top of the conference.

"They [the team] played a lot this summer. We are not deep in setting, but they are a good team," Schroeder-Biek answered quickly.

"To get back on the winning track and climb our way back up the ladder."

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Brown, Brewster, Irish hoping to make deep NCAA run

Five returning seniors lead young squad into 2005 season

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

When asked if this year’s Irish volleyball team has a season motto, veteran head coach Debbie Brown didn’t give anything away, but sounded confident her team would come up with something big.

“We haven’t come up with anything yet,” she said. “I think they’re kind of working on it and trying to get to know each other. I’m sure they’ll think of something.”

Last year’s Big East regular season and tournament champions are still shaping their 2005 identity.

“We wanted to wait for the freshmen to get in and to get to play with them a little bit [before we come up with a motto],” senior co-captain and libero Meg Henican said. “And just kind of let our team develop before we decided on something because we wanted it to be something that we all could use, and it would be a good reminder for all of us.”

With a strong nucleus of returning players, including five seniors, the Irish veterans recognize the need to gel with the freshmen.

“We have four freshmen, and they’re a big part of our team, and we wanted them to be involved in that,” Henican said. While the motto is a work in progress, one thing is definite. The Irish want to win — again.

Nine of the top 10 players in nearly every statistical category — defense, sets, serves, blocks and kills — are back. The team returns pre-season Big East player of the year and 2004 third-team All-American Lauren Brewster, senior outside hitter/middle blocker Lauren Kelly, also a selection to the pre-season all-Big East team, and the leader Henican. Senior setter Kelly Harrell, senior middle blocker/opposite Carolyn Cooper and junior Danielle Herndon will play important roles this season along with versatile sophomores Adrianna Stasiuk, Ashley Tarutis and Ellen Heintzman.

Despite all the accolades the seniors have received throughout their careers, despite all the wins they’ve accumulated, they are hungry for more.

“We always set our goals pretty high, but I think with so many seniors and so many returnees coming back, we, of course, expect great things this year,” Henican said.

Notre Dame has won the Big East regular season title nine out of the past 10 years and made the NCAA tournament 13 consecutive seasons. Last season, the Irish took both titles and finished with a 21-9 record after falling to Wisconsin 3-0 in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

“We definitely want to finish stronger than we did last year,” Brown said.

According to Henican, the goal is to finish quite a bit stronger.

“My goal every year is to win a national championship. We have some smaller ones along the way. We want to win our conference, but to win the national championship is our ultimate goal.”

Though the Irish have dominated the Big East for much of the 90s and for the beginning part of this decade, they have yet to advance past the second round of the NCAA tournament since 1997.

If Notre Dame is to repeat its Big East title, improve on last year’s record and better its 2004 NCAA tournament run, it must accomplish those feats against none of the nation’s top squads. The Irish play five matches against pre-season American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) top 20 teams.

A perennial in the Top 25, Louisville is a newcomer to the Big East Conference. The Cardinals, ranked 14th in the pre-season poll, are on Notre Dame’s schedule at least once this regular season but the two could also meet in the Big East Conference tournament. Last time the Irish played the former Conference USA team, the Irish fell 3-0 in the opening round of the 2003 NCAA tournament.

Other top teams Notre Dame faces include Texas, Southern Cal, Florida and Tennessee. Eight of the 14 non-conference foes the Irish were 2004 NCAA tournament participants.

Notre Dame, ranked 27th in the AVCA, opens the season against rival Michigan Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Joyce Center.

“We can’t wait,” Henican said. “We’re excited.”

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and Nate Norman further augmenting the Irish offensive charge.

In 2004, these players helped the Irish to one of the best regular seasons in program history. The Irish captured the regular season Big East title, a feat Clark was quite proud of.

"To win the Big East was definitely the best thing any of the teams have done to date because it is such a difficult league," Clark said.

After battling Seton Hall to a standstill in the Big East Tournament championship game, the Irish lost on penalty kicks. The team received the fifth seed in the NCAA tournament, the highest seed in program history. After a first round bye, though, Ohio State upset Notre Dame 2-1, ending the Irish season earlier than expected.

"That was a really tough loss to swallow," Dalby said. "We had a great year and finished off strong in the regular season. We had high expectations going into the tournament."

The Irish will look to make up for last year's disappointing finish in 2005. The team enters the year ranked No. 16 in the NCAA preseason poll.

"Things do not get any easier for Notre Dame after Monday's match with New Mexico. The Irish face steep out of conference competition to begin the 2005 campaign, with three of Notre Dame's first four opponents ranked in the preseason top 25. "This is the toughest schedule we've had on paper," Clark said. "We feel the tougher schedule you get, it doesn't ensure wins. But it ensures preparation if you are fortunate enough to get to the NCAA's, we'll have played top quality teams."

That is the bottom line for the Irish. Regular season games are important, but the team is concentrating on equaling those successes in the 2005 postseason.

"It's pretty simple," Rellas said. "We want to win the Big East league and then we got the Big East tournament. Then we get into the NCAA tournament and that's when we've gotta go. We've gotta get to [the NCAA championship site in North] Carolina and win a national championship."

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Irish players celebrate after winning the 2004 national championship in December. With nine starters returning, the team is poised to make another run this year.

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Krivacek, junior, who scored the winning goal in the championship, will also be returning.

Other returning seniors include Candace Chapman, Miranda Ford, Maggie Manning, Amber McMillin, Annie Scherer, Katie Thorlakson—who tied the score at one against UCLA last December—and Jenny Walz.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum understands that in order for his team to be successful, they have to maintain the same focus that allowed them to achieve great things last season.

“I think now the whole key will be making sure they don’t come back in any kind of comfort or a relaxed atmosphere.” Waldrum said. “That’s the biggest thing we’ve had our eye on, to make sure they don’t have any drop off.”

Waldrum does think, however, that to this point, his team has worked hard to make sure they are intense and focused.

“I really don’t think that’s been the case,” Waldrum said about his team displaying signs of comfort early this season. “We watched that close in the spring, and it was one of our best springs ever. The intensity level just grew. They did what they needed to do to get ready to play.”

The off season was quite busy for the Irish on several fronts, as the coaching staff put together a top recruiting class and Irish players competed on various club teams.

Waldrum also had the honor of being nominated for the ESPY award given to the best female college athlete.

But with the regular season quickly approaching, the Irish are now looking for a repeat. And with Notre Dame coming off a NCAA title, there is even more attention on the program.

“Weather you’re a student here or a student athlete here, Notre Dame is always under a microscope anyway because of who we are.”

Irish head coach Waldrum said. “So we are used to playing with a target, and I think when Notre Dame made it a little bit bigger.”

The Irish have already shown offensive sparks early on this season, beating Butler in an exhibition game 8-1 on Aug. 14.

Notre Dame was led by freshman Brittany Bock who had two goals and an assist.

With that said, 2005 should still be challenging for the Irish despite their early season success. The team faces several quality opponents including Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, Michigan, Santa Clara and Villanova.

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**NCAA BASKETBALL**

Viewers to see a lot of IU in 2005

Indiana coach Mike Davis is held back by referee Ed Hightower following a 62-60 loss to Wisconsin on March 1. Davis’ Hoosiers will play on national television 13 times this season.

Associated Press

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** At least Indiana basketball games will be nationally televised in 2005-06, including home games against Duke, Connecticut, Michigan State and Illinois and a game against Kentucky at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

The Hoosiers also will play four other teams from Indiana, including Big Ten rival Purdue twice, on Jan. 21 in Bloomington and either Feb. 28, March 1 or March 2 in West Lafayette.

"We have a great schedule and it will certainly test us early and often throughout the season," Indiana coach Mike Davis said. "The thing that I like about this schedule is that it will provide an objective gauge of our team’s progress."

The Nov. 30 game against Duke is part of the Big Ten-ACC Challenge and Purdue, which has the Big Ten’s top returning scorer, Carl Landry, will visit Florida State on Nov. 29 as part of the annual showdown between the two conferences.

The Boilermakers also will play Xavier and Notre Dame will face North Carolina State in the annual Wooden Tradition doubleheader Nov. 26 at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

"There are no real surprises on the schedule," said new Purdue coach Matt Painter, whose regular-season debut will be at home against Wofford on Nov. 19. "Every year the Big Ten is one of the most competitive conferences in the country, and this season should be no different. I feel like the Big Ten is going to be very good from top to bottom."

The Boilermakers will begin conference play on the road, at Northwestern on Jan. 4 and at Michigan on Jan. 7. The Big Ten schedule, released this week, also shows Purdue playing twice against each conference team except Illinois, Iowa, Michigan State and Wisconsin. The lone game against defending Big Ten champion Illinois will be in Champaign on Jan. 29.

"I like having a couple of road games in beginning conference play," said Painter, who was the Boilermakers’ associate coach last season and moved up when Gene Keady retired. "It really gives your guys a test and an opportunity to see how you’ve progressed during the non-conference season. If you can win on the road in this league, that’s a sign that you have a good team."

Purdue also visits Evansville on Dec. 3 and has a home game against IPFW on Dec. 20. Indiana’s schedule also includes games at Indiana State on Dec. 6, against Butler at Conseco Fieldhouse on Dec. 23 and at Ball State on Dec. 31. Also, two Division II schools from Indiana will visit the Hoosiers in preseason exhibition games, with St. Joseph’s coming in on Nov. 4 and Indianaapolis on Nov. 11.

The Nov. 18 regular-season opener against Nicholls State will be Indiana’s earliest start since 2001. The Hoosiers’ non-conference schedule also includes games against Kentucky on Dec. 10 at Charlotte on Dec. 19 and at home against Connecticut on Feb. 4 during a break from Big Ten play. It will be the Huskies’ first game in Bloomington since 1938.


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CHECKING OUT THE TEAMS

FOOTBALL

The anticipation continues in this week's preview of Notre Dame football set to open on September 2 at the University of Cincinnati. The season opener will be at home against FCS opponent Youngstown State, and the team will hope to bounce back from a 6-6 year and an embarrassing outhitting loss to Washington State.

The team returns ten of eleven starters on offense, which should be able to take advantage of a depleted Youngstown State defense. Quarterback Dayne Crist and running back George Atkinson should be able to lead the Irish to a victory.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame's men's basketball team will be lead by senior guard Chris Quinn and forward Luke Harangody. Quinn is coming off a strong junior season and will be looking to become a more consistent scorer. Harangody, a 6'10" forward, will be looking to solidify his position as one of the top players in the Big East Conference.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Irish women's basketball team will be led by senior guard Keanna Sheeder and sophomore guard Skylar Dife. Sheeder is one of the top players in the Big East Conference and is expected to have a big season.

FENCING

Notre Dame fencing is rapidly becoming a dynasty. The team returns a number of returning stars and is expected to have another strong season. With the graduation of four-year starting fencer Adam Walsh, the team will need to find a replacement to lead the way.

HOCKEY

Notre Dame hockey has a tough road ahead as they look to compete in the extremely competitive Atlantic Hockey Conference. The Irish will need to rely on their defense to keep them in the playoff race.
CHECKING OUT THE TEAMS

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

In 2004, Saint Mary's traveled through a year of inconsistency. The Belles turned in some impressive individual performances, but injuries and illness led to disappointing finishes. Saint Mary's finished sixth in a field of 12 teams in both major conference meets. The Bulldogs and the MIAA championship, which were both sixth, were experienced teams. Second-year coach Mark Hamilton will look to show the Belles how to win the MIAA championship this season with an experienced group of returning runners. Jessica Latour and Becky Feeney, the team's co-captains, should be consistent performers and leaders of the team. Megan Gray, Megan Murphy, Sara Oroz and Katie White will round out the Saint Mary's lineup after posting solid individual seasons in 2004.

MEN'S COUNTRY

The Irish will look to rebound this year from a disappointing conclusion to the 2004 campaign. After finishing the regular season ranked fifth nationally, the team finished 11th at the NCAA Championships. The Irish were fifth in the Big East, but shining this year with a very deep and talented group of runners. Junior Daniel St. Clair returns six of its top seven from last season including six co-captains and All-Region candidates. Corey Buhl, Tim Moore and Sean O'Donnell. The team opens the season September 9 at the Virginia Invitational. Notre Dame hopes Notre Dame's depth and experience will lead to a more satisfying result at the 2005 NCAA Championships on November 22 at Terre Haute, Ind.

MEN'S GOLF

Last year was the second time the Irish participated in a NCAA regional postseason tournament. They placed 18th in the central regional in their second consecutive qualifying year. Returning the top two scorers from the 2004-05 squad, the Irish look to improve on the past two solid seasons. A highlight for Notre Dame is the return of rising senior Patrick Hall in 2005. Senior Noriko Nakazaki. Brophy led the Irish last year with a 74-44-644.00 average. The season opens with the Notre Dame Women's Invitational on Sept. 11 at the Warren Golf Course, an event that saw the Irish post a third-place finish last year. Other key fall events include Indiana University's Lady Southern Invitational and the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown, hosted by UNLV.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

This might be the year the Irish, finally, get the monkey off their back. Notre Dame, the class of the Big East for the first team of the past decade, has yet to advance past the second round of the NCAA tournament since 1999. The Irish have an experienced group of seniors and return seven starters in 2005. All players returning overall. Pre-season all-Big East players include slender Lauren Henderson and Lauren Kelley. Bubba played in the Big East last season. The two accumulated plenty of awards in 2004. Brewer was a third team All-American and in this year's pre-season Big East player of the year. Kelley was an honorable mention All-American selection and has been dubbed as the all-Big East team three consecutive years.

SMC SOCCER

Despite the loss of national champion Stefanie Simmerman, the Belles return a solid squad that will work this season for a fourth consecutive MIAA title. Simmerman, who was named The Observer's Saint Mary's Athlete of the Year, leaves a legacy of excellence that rising seniors Nicole Bellinni and Megan Mattia will continue. After placing sixth nationally in the Division III NCAA tournament, a deep squad returns with one of the country's toughest challenges — the Ferris State Invitational.

ND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Belles have trotted to a fourth-place finish at last year's NCAA Championship. The Irish will look to build on the success of this season. Coach Tim Courbois' squad returns three All-Americans — seniors Stephanie Medica and Meg Foster and first-year runner Lauren D'Orazio. Senior Jean Mancinelli and junior Katie Delgado along with returning seniors Brandi Lane and Cara Siao will be counted on to replace the graduated All-Americans Kenny Meggitt and Lauren King.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Notre Dame enters the fall season with a talented field of nine teams in both major conference meets. Some impressive individual performances, including the Bulldogs and the MIAA championship, which were both sixth, were experienced teams. Second-year coach Mark Hamilton his return to Saint Mary's in 2000. But last year's surprise was the 10-11 record and making a run for the conference title in 2004. The Belles finished 16-13 in 2003 but fell to 6-19 against average in her sophomore season in 2004. She'll get help from returning defensive starters Carrie Orr and and Shannon Heston, who were major contributors in allowing a 1.68 goals against average this year. The Belles of Saint Mary's will need to replace second-year lead scorer Lauren Greenman. After a disappointing 2004 season because of an injured coach and a deep team of players, it's safe to say Saint Mary's is back together. The Belles finished 16-12-1 in 2003 but fell to 6-19 last year.

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SMC SOCCER

After a solid fourth place MIAA finish in 2004, the Belles will look to improve on their 10-6-1 record and make a run for the conference title in 2005. Leading the charge for Saint Mary's will be second-team all-MIAA midfielders Ashley Hinton, who led the team in goals last year with a 1.44 goals against average in her sophomore season in 2004. She'll get help from returning defensive starters Carrie Orr and and Shannon Heston, who were major contributors in allowing a 1.68 goals against average this year. The Belles will need to replace second-year lead scorer Lauren Greenman.

MEN'S SOCCER

Notre Dame must replace three of the nation's top players who combined to give the Irish the top defense in the country last season. All-American goalkeeper Chris Sawyer and senior back David Goldsmith and Jack Schwartz have moved on to MLS, leaving Notre Dame with serious holes in the defense. Coach Bobby Clark will count on captain Dale Bells and junior Ryan Miller to help fill the defensive void. The replacement for Sawyer has yet to be determined, with senior Justin Michael, junior Chris Cahill and freshman Andrew Quinn and Luke Seibolt vying for playing time.

CAPTAINS John Stephens and Greg Dally and sophomore Kurt Martin form a reliable and talented midfield.
ND Athletics

Students part of a unique experience

Brent Musburger said after the 1988 Notre Dame-Miami football game that "there is no greater love affair than between the student body of Notre Dame and the football team." While I usually disagree with about everything that comes out of the ABC college football announcer's mouth, for once I believe Brent got it right.

You might be thinking, as you move into your dorm this weekend, that Notre Dame students like Notre Dame football because it's a winning program. But a quick look at the results from the past ten years doesn't show much overwhelming success. Students don't buy all the football tickets in just hours. The team hasn't been winning.

The reason students at this school go wild over all their sports teams, not just football, is because the athletes are also students.

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The Notre Dame administration treats athletes as students, which is exactly what they are.

This is one of the reasons you should feel special to attend this University and take part in its unique athletic culture. When you stand in the student section for the football game against Michigan State in a few weeks, remember you are cheering for your fellow students.

That guy returning punts might be in your math class. That lineman could live down the hall. That coach graduated just a few years ago.

Yes, Irish athletes compete for programs that earn millions for the school. The football program's contract with NBC is a perfect example. But monetary values alone don't tell the full story about Irish athletes.

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Freshman four working to earn immediate playing time

Ayers, Hillesland, McAlarney and Zeller impress veterans

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

When Kyle McAlarney caught the ball during one particular July practice, something didn’t look right.

Cutting sharply from the right low block to a screen at the foul line elbow, McAlarney curled, received the pass, pump faked and then blew by a flat-footed Colin Falls.

Here was a freshman, a right-handed freshman, taking two hard dribbles to the left and finger-rolling a left-handed lay up over Big East forwards and centers.

On the court, a glimpse of the team’s future had unfolded. That future may come quicker than expected.

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound point guard from Staten Island, N.Y., is one of four true freshmen who spent six weeks this summer on campus practicing with the team.

Though coach Mike Brey is not allowed to observe or coach summer ball, upperscholars like seniors Chris Quinn and Torin Francis have told the coach they are impressed with their four newest teammates — McAlarney, Ryan Ayers (Blue Bell, Pa.), Zach Hillesland (Toledo, Ohio) and Luke Zeller (Washington, Ind.).

“Our older guys learned to respect them this summer because they took care of their academic business and they worked... in the weight room,” Brey said. “They’re workers.

“And I think when older guys see incoming freshmen have that work ethic, that’s a little more pressure than you typical freshman, they respect that.

Brey said all four freshmen took two classes over the summer and finished with over a 3.0 grade point average. Ayers, a very 6-foot-7 shooter who averaged 16.4 points in his senior season at Germantown Academy, gained 10 pounds of muscle over the summer.

In time, Ayers could fit the mold of former Irish forward Dan Miller, a 6-foot-8 shot shooter who created mismatches against guards and forwards alike.

But this summer, whether it was Ayers doing bench presses, Zeller being more physical in the freshman so far, covering every player on the floor or McAlarney scoring all of the freshmen worked on both the strengths and weaknesses that will earn them playing time immediately, Brey said.

“More than any year I’ve been here, the freshmen as a whole need to have an impact [this year],” Brey said. “And they will get every chance to have an impact. We push them to compete for playing time, right away and not wait their turn.”

The Irish will look different from last year, when seniors Chris Thomas and Jordan Cornette led an older, more established group that also included senior transfer DennisLatimore.

Quinn will start at point guard, with Falls returning as a definite starter and Francis anchoring the low post after pulling his name out of the 2005 NBA Draft in June.

Other than those names, however, the lineup and the game plan will be determined by which players — including all four of the freshmen — step up.

Hillesland, the first player of the four freshmen to commit to Notre Dame (Feb. 2004), stands at 6-foot-8, 220 pounds and adjusts well to the style of play in any situation, Brey said.

The St. John’s Jesuit star played with two other Division-I recruits in high school and was recruited early by schools like Ohio State, N.C. State and Stanford.

“Though he averaged 13.0 points and 9.0 rebounds per game in his junior season, Zeller is the player most familiar to the local Notre Dame fan base. He earned Mr. Basketball honors in Indiana after hitting a half court buzzer beater to win the Class 3A state title.

And McAlarney looks to be the heir apparent to Quinn once the senior’s final campaign ends in the spring. To prepare the team for such a transition, McAlarney will have to see the floor to gain experience, but Brey said he won’t force anything.

“He needs to back Chris up, but there’ll be times when we’ll have both of them on the floor,” Brey said. “I don’t know if we’ll do it as heavy doses as we did with Quinn and Thomas. But he’s earned the respect of the older guys. We need him to help us right away.”

In a Big East Conference expanded to add Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville, Marquette and South Florida, the Irish have gotten deeper with their four additions. And depth means options for Brey, who feels confident about the progress of his freshmen so far.

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**ND Women's Cross Country**

**Irish women ready to build on top 5 finish**

Connelly optimistic despite graduation of All-American pair

By KEVIN BRENNAN  
Sports Writer

Losing two All-Americans is never good news. Nevertheless, Notre Dame women's cross country coach Tim Connelly is optimistic about the upcoming season.

The Irish concluded the 2004 campaign with a fourth place finish at the NCAA Championship on Nov. 24 in Terre Haute, Ind. Entering the meet with a string of unfortunate injuries, Notre Dame was thrilled with its top-five finish.

"On that given day we did everything we could do," Connelly said.

"Notre Dame lost two key members of last year's team in Kerry Meagher and Lauren King, both top-five finishers for the Irish at the NCAA Championship and All-Americans. Connelly realizes the team will miss the duo's high level of talent and leadership.

"It's going to take some work to replace those two," Connelly said.

Fortunately, the Irish return a strong trio of All-Americans in seniors Stephanie Madia and Molly Huddle and sophomore Sunni Olding. Madia finished in 23rd place at the NCAA Championship, leading the Irish with a time of 20:58 in the 6K race. Olding and Huddle, running on an injured foot, recorded the second and fourth best times, respectively, for Notre Dame.

Malia, Olding and Huddle should serve as the backbone of this year's team, with seniors Joa Marinangeli and junior Katie DeRusso providing experienced depth.

A strong class of incoming freshmen should also help counter the loss of Meagher and King. In particular, Ramsey Kavan, one of the top high school seniors in the nation last year, should figure into the Irish lineup from day one. Kavan finished third in last year's Footlocker Cross Country National Championship, recording a blistering time of 17:47 in the 5K event.

"She is a really talented kid who expects to come in and be a big contributor right away," Connelly said.

The Irish will open their season on Sept. 9 at the Valparaiso Invitational. A week later, the team comes home for the National Catholic Championship at Notre Dame's Burke Memorial Golf Course. The Irish have captured the last three National Catholic team titles, with Madia claiming the individual championship last season. On Sept. 23, the team will again race on its home course at the Notre Dame Invitational. The Irish have won top honors at this tournament three of the past four years.

The regular season will come to an end at the pre-National Championship Sept. 15 in Terre Haute. The Irish will then head to New York on Oct. 26 for the Big East Championship, where the team finished second in 2004.

On Nov. 12, Notre Dame will compete in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Championship in Bloomington, Ind. With a solid showing at regionals, the Irish will qualify for the national championship to be held ten days later in Terre Haute.

Connelly has devised a clear plan to prepare his team for the ultimate goal of success at the NCAA championship. The coach will use the early meets to develop depth by mixing and matching several different lineups.

"I like to put some of the younger, less experienced kids in a position where they can be counted on," Connelly said. "The goal is to have a good nine to 12 really solid kids. We want a margin for error."

He believes that this strategy will have his team at its best when it matters most.

"The goal is to get to the national championships and put ourselves in a position where we can be one of the top teams in the country," Connelly said. "I think it's a pretty realistic expectation. On paper, we are a very good team."

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Things are happening up in your world. Stay calm and make the most of good opportunities that are present. Plan some time of entertainment that will allow you to rest, breathe and feel a sense of passion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be feeling a little restless today. Make some changes to your surroundings. The more you can do to spruce up your living space, the better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This will be a hectic day. You will be involved in a wide variety of projects. It will take organization and patience to get everything done on time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let things get to you today. Being overly concerned about a problem you think you are having will cause the situation to escalate. Avoid being judgmental, listen and observe without taking over.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll have some interesting ideas about your future and how to make changes leading to a better life. Personal alterations will turn out better than you expect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's time to collect old debris and clear up messy matters. Once you get the ball rolling, you will feel much better about your future. A tighter budget or a solid investment will keep you moving in the right direction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You and a family member will feel a need to acquire something new. Sometimes, they will switch your mind. Love is prominent, but make sure you stick to one person. Spreading yourself around or leading someone in will come back to haunt you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): People are very well known and appreciated, but it may have you feeling cash poor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may have the discipline to get things done, but you are likely to cause ill feelings with someone if you go about things without getting approval.

Birthday Baby: You are chargeable, versatile and very interested in everything and everyone. You are a good student and a wonderful teacher. You are imaginative, competitive and always looking for a challenge.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Talented freshmen expected to make major contribution

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Brittany Bock, Carrie Dew and Kerri Ingls are not your typical freshmen.

Though they have the usual first-year worries regarding roommate and classes, they also have a special challenge - live up to the expectations that come with being freshmen on the pre-season No. 1 ranked and defending national champion Irish women's soccer team.

Along with Rebecca Meadota, who arrives Wednesday from a summer spent training with the Mexican national team, the girls make up a very strong freshman class.

Though nine starters return for the defending national champion Irish, these four are expected to make major contributions to the team this fall. Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum raved about the combination of talent, experience and smarts that make this group of newcomers so special. "They came prepared to play," Waldrum said. "They look like mature freshmen who arrive Wednesday from a summer spent training with the Mexican national team, the girls make up a very strong freshman class.

Irish returnees look to repeat last season's national title in 2005

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
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When Irish forward Jill Kriaveck's penalty kick sailed past UCLA goalie Valerie Henderson in last December's national championship game, Notre Dame reached a level of excellence that had not been attained since their NCAA title in 1995. However, just a year later, and a full off-season of reliving their magical season finished, the Irish are ready to prove that there is no such thing as a grace period after a team wins a title.

And for good reason. The Irish return a mature team that features eight seniors and eight juniors, including senior Erika Bohn who was the winning goal-keeper in last year's championship game. Bohn also received the distinction of being the final Four's most outstanding defensive player. Bohn was responsible for preserving a 1-1 tie with minutes remaining in regulation when she successfully saved a Kendel Billings penalty kick.

IRISH head coach Charlie Weis, left, consults with assistant Michael Haywood and Bernie Parmalee during practice earlier this week. Notre Dame opens its season Sept. 3 at Pittsburgh.

FOOTBALL

'Covering up on defense

Players adjusting to new schemes, system

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Charlie Weis' offense has won championships, and Irish quarterbacks coach Peter Vaas is a former NFL Europe head coach.

Though third-year quarterback Brady Quinn must learn an entirely new system, his coaches have solid offensive track records. And that makes it logical for the main topic of conversation surrounding the 2005 Irish squad to be its offense.

But just like the New England Patriots' defense consistently provided good field position and allowed few points, the Irish on the other side of the ball must complement Weis' system with efficiency.

Though the defense returns only three starters and will have less experience in terms of minutes logged, free safety Tom Zbikowski believes the defensive schemes being installed will stop opponents' air attacks that took Notre Dame out of many of its games in 2004.