**Fresmen set admissions records**

First-year students chosen from strongest applicant pool yet, boast 1390 average SAT scores

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**Crisis notification system launches**

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**Largest class arrives at Saint Mary's**

Increase in freshman enrollment part of 5-year plan to boost school size
INSIDE COLUMN

Guns and laws

Two Notre Dame seniors just got shot. The South Bend city council is plowing ahead with an ordinance that many outraged students argue would mean the death of off-campus house parties. It's a bleak greeting, I know. But before you start bitterly wishing you went to that state school in a real college town with forty other kids from your high school, remember why you came.

This is Notre Dame. Truly images aside, there are plenty of people who only dream of going here—and plenty more who flood campuses for a taste of that dream every football weekend. We're the lucky ones.

We're more fortunate than popular, however. You've arrived on campus at a time when long simmering town-gown tensions have reached a new peak. For years, South Bend residents have complained about the music-loud, lawn-littering habits of their Notre Dame neighbors. For years, South Bend bars have housed underage Notre Dame students, a situation that occasionally results in an embarrassing bust. For years, South Bend and state police officers have patrolled Notre Dame heavy apartment complexes, stopping not-quite-legal partygoers (and their enabling hosts) with arrest tickets and fines.

The proposed party permit ordinance—followed by the shooting in a student apartment—has radicalized this neighborhood—only makes the situation worse. For years Notre Dame students are to blame for the shaky relationship with the community, or increasing edge into South Bend. A few weeks here, and you'll look forward to a noon tossing footballs on South Quad. Lafayette, the late nights at Nick's Patio. Meijer. You'll consider an off-campus trip to. You'll know more and more friends who move into apartments or houses.

I can't tell you exactly how many rude Notre Dame students are to blame for the shabby relationship with the community, or how many angry South Bend residents, resenting past incidents, are unfairly showing blame on the rest of the student body. I don't know exactly what happened before Matthew Collins and Mitchell Depreto got shot, whether the violence was completely random or related, to some degree, by the fact that they go to Notre Dame.

But I know that the time I've spent off campus has defined my Notre Dame experience—the group takes to Tugger Creek, the lazy Saturday mornings at Yellowstone Lake, the late nights at Nick's patio. It's far from a perfect situation, but Notre Dame and South Bend are linked. The streets outside of Notre Dame's green goals are, in parts, ugly and rough, but they shouldn't be shamed—just approached with the intelligence that got you here in the first place.

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Editor in Chief

Correction

The Observer regrets itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR FRESHMEN?

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"Meet lots of people."  "Make friends with someone with a car."  "Row."  "Don't ever go to Club 23."  "Make friends with your hall's cleaning crew."  "Work at Reckers."

ORIENTATION WEEKEND

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION WEEKEND SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
1:00 p.m.  Official Orientation
Joyce Center
3:15 p.m.  Parent Orientation
Joyce Center
8:00 p.m.  Meeting with Rectors and Hall Staff
Residence Halls
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26
10:00 a.m. Eucharistic Liturgy
Joyce Center
11:30 a.m. Box Lunch
Joyce Center
12:00 p.m. The Spirit of Notre Dame
Joyce Center

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25
10:00 a.m. Student Panel
Little Theatre
1:30 p.m. Department Fair
Student Center
4:30 p.m. Mass
O'Laughlin
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
4:00 p.m. Small Group Meetings
Dining Hall
9:00 p.m. Jamaica Shaka
Library Green

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By LIZ HARTER
New Writer

Saint Mary’s has filled four vacant administrative positions that were left open at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

Janice Thomasson began her new position as chief information officer (CIO) July 23. Thomasson most recently served as CIO at Murray State University in Kentucky and has held similar positions at Daytona Beach Community College and the Medical College of Georgia. While she has not enacted any major changes at the College so far, Thomasson said she has several ideas for major changes she will introduce over the next year as they receive approval.

"I am currently in listening mode," Thomasson said. "To make changes before I fully comprehend the situation here would be inadvisable." Thomasson said she wants Saint Mary’s students to work with her in some sort of job shadowing capacity in the Department of Information Technology. "This would be more than just having roundtable career discussions or monthly meetings in a group," she said. "It would be much more focused and personalized." While there is no such shadowing program in place at the College yet, Thomasson is committed to make it happen because "it is one of the most effective ways for young women to determine whether a telecommunications career is for them." Thomasson started in the position after former CIO Keith Fowlkes, who had been at the College for more than five years, left to become the vice chancellor of information technology and CIO at the University of Virginia at Wise. Saint Mary’s also filled the position of director of student involvement — formerly named the director of student activities — over the summer.

Karen Siron, previously the coordinator of residential life and assistant director of campus activities and student commons at Jacksonville University, replaces former director George Rosenbush, who retired during winter break in 2006 for health reasons. Siron has been spending her time preparing for a freshman orientation and learning about Saint Mary’s. Vice President of Student Affairs Karen Johnson said the position and office were renamed in order to better reflect Siron’s new responsibilities. "It has been her goal to be in an office that is more descriptive of what that office does — it is much more than just activities," Johnson said.

The College also hired Standlee Dieujuste, who will serve as the new director of residence life. Dieujuste comes to Saint Mary’s from Northeastern University in Boston, where she completed her undergraduate and graduate degrees. Larisa Olin also took over a new position at the College during the summer. Olin, who served as the assistant director of multicultural affairs for close to two years, recently became the director of multicultural affairs after that position remained open for a year.

Saint Mary’s fills 4 administrative positions
Chief information officer, Student Involvement director, Residence Life director, and Multicultural Affairs director selected

"Diversity requires everybody’s commitment and a change in our attitudes to create an inclusive environment in which every single member of a community has a very important contribution to make."

Larisa Olin, director of multicultural affairs

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Construction projects continue across campus

Law School construction begins on Notre Dame Avenue; Duncan Hall remains on schedule for summer 2008 completion

By KAITLYNN RIELY
New West

Several construction projects are underway at Notre Dame as the University continues to execute its 10-year development plan.

On the west side of campus, Duncan Hall, a new male dormitory, is being built next to McGlinn Hall. Work on the building, funded by 1952 Notre Dame graduate Raymond T. Duncan, will be completed by the summer of 2008 and should house students in the fall of that year. The dorm will house 232 students and is being built to relieve overcrowding in the residence halls on campus.

The construction of three more dorms is included in the 10-year master plan.

Workers are currently in the process of completing masonry work on the second floor of Duncan, Vice President for Business Operations Jim Lyphout said. In preparation for a new Law School building on DeBartolo quad, work was done last spring on the chilled water system between the Morris Inn and the Notre Dame Post Office. The Post Office was torn down during the summer to accommodate the new building.

Work is now underway on the law building, Lyphout said. An area beside the existing Law School has been fenced off, blocking pedestrian traffic down sidewalks from Main Circle to DeBartolo Hall. Excavation for the building is slated to start during the first week of school.

Further south on Notre Dame Avenue, construction on the new engineering building should start this summer. Stinson-Remnick Hall, a $69.4 million engineering building, will be erected on the site currently occupied by the University Club.

The University Club will be torn down around Thanksgiving to make way for the work. Stinson-Remnick Hall should be completed in approximately three years.

The segment of Juniper Road which previously ran through campus was closed to traffic last year and has been transformed into a walker-friendly area, with a pedestrian plaza between Notre Dame Stadium and the Joyce Center.

During the week before commencement in May, a storm with high winds passed through the campus and knocked a small spire off the upper part of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. As a precaution, the three remaining small spires were removed during the summer; the spires will be replaced and other renovation and repair work will be done on the outside of the building. These repairs will not take place until summer 2008.

"It requires the erecting of scaffolding, and we don't want to do that now that the school has started," he said. "We will wait until after graduation next year."

The storm also knocked down about 20 trees near the Clarke Memorial Fountain commonly known as Stonehenge and eight trees near the Grotto. The trees will be replaced in the spring of 2008.

Work is continuing on the Melissa Cook Stadium, which will house the varsity softball team. Construction began this summer and should be finished in April 2008.

Starting this semester, the area between the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and Edison Road will be developed into Notre Dame Commons, a park-like area of approximately 12 acres.

The space will be landscaped and sidewalks will be added. Eventually, Lyphout said, the Commons area may have features like a clock tower and a sundial.

Immediately south of campus, construction should begin this fall on Eddy Street Commons, a 25-acre, $200 million project that will create a new residential area and will feature retail shops, restaurants and hotels.

The retail and restaurant sections should be completed by the summer of 2009, and the town homes and condominiums will be developed in phases, with completion set between 2009 and 2011.

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### System

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University President Father John Jenkins sent an e-mail to the student body Aug. 13 in which he described the notification system and requested that students participate in the program.

"Our hope and prayer is that we never need to use the system," said Saracino. "But until we know that every student, faculty or staff place should a major emergency occur, let's be prepared to listen.

With Connect-ED, the University can upload contact information for students, faculty and staff onto a Web portal. The system allows information to be sent in several ways, including text messages, voice mail messages and e-mails. Clients of Connect-ED can write new messages and can also

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math sections — is the highest on record. Eighty-four percent of first-year students ranked in the top-10 percent of their graduating classes, a figure which has varied only slightly in the past decade.

As in other recent admissions cycles, more than 10 percent of applicants were denied admission to the Class of 2011, Saracino said.

The class includes 19 students who achieved perfect scores on the SAT or the ACT.

Despite the high academic marks of the class, Notre Dame seeks students who excel in other areas as well, Saracino said. "Our goal is to create the best possible student body by looking for graduates who have shown strength in a variety of extracurricular activities — often in leadership roles."

The University seeks a student body of which is a true reflection of the broadest sense, Saracino said. Socioeconomic diversity and students of every race are important factors as well as ethnic diversity in composing a well-rounded class.

This year's class draws from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as 21 foreign countries, Saracino said.

Three percent of the freshmen are international students. The most commonly represented foreign country is South Korea, which is home to 22 members of the Class of 2011. China and Canada are the next most represented countries.

The Office of Admissions would like to bring in a class which is five percent international students, Saracino said, because "we learn from each other's views in a different way."

International students are the only applicants who are not guaranteed financial aid for full demonstrable need, Saracino said.

The University has practiced a need-blind admissions policy and continues to meet all demonstrated financial aid since 1997, he said.

Students who identified themselves as Catholic make up 85 percent of the class while 23 percent of incoming freshmen are the children of an alumnus. Those who consider themselves mirror those of the applicant pool, Saracino said.

Men account for 52 percent of the class and the women 48 percent. Figures that also mirror those of the applicant pool, said Saracino.

"We went into the May 1 deadline thinking we'd have 30 percent of the students than ever," Saracino said.

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Jay Steed executive assistant to the chief information officer

"It makes me very proud as [an alumnus] to see the young men and women coming to Notre Dame. [...] These are students who are passionate about the place, who want to come to Notre Dame and who will leave it a better place."

Dan Saracino director of admissions

The new notification system is the first part of a series of plans Notre Dame has in place to ease any emergency on campus. A special task force is in charge of an annual review and update of the emergency plans.

Father John Jenkins, who is also the Assistant Director of the Board Secretariat in the President's Office, as well as other members of the Emergency Planning Committee, are routinely in the process of updating plans for various emergency scenarios that could occur on campus.

They plan to create a Web site to house the University emergency plans during the next few months.

"We want and encourage students, staff and faculty to familiarize themselves with the plan," said Jay Steed.

Vice President and Director of the Board Secretariat Jay Steed contributed reporting to this story.

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**Permit**

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Kirsits said before the meeting that seven days would be enough time to make any changes necessary for the bill to be passed. "We wouldn’t have to do this, but when students left, our neighborhoods were ripped apart," he said.

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Al "Buddy" Kirsits South Bend Common Council member

"If we need to tweak it down to the line, we do it then. We need to tell people of the need for the ordinance, he said. While several dozen students and residents attended the meeting, no one was allowed to speak.

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Man who killed officer, then himself, in July along U.S. 24 had history of mental problems, police say after investigation.

At the start of the fall of 2004, the student body numbered 1,595 students. As of Thursday, total enrollment for 2004 is expected to be 1,579 students. This semester, a freshman, a senior male of Saint Mary’s admission standards.

"It is important to maintain the quality of the students and Saint Mary's admission standards."

Dan Meyer vice president for enrollment management.

"We welcome diversity across the board. We don't target any specific group." Dan Meyer vice president for enrollment management.

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At global health forum, Jenkins announces a new initiative in Uganda. Brann dies in crash. McAlarney suspended.

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

Hotel to open at Saint Mary's

Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross President Sister Joy O'Grady announced Aug. 36 plans for Saint Mary's to lease campus land to the Holladay Corporation for an on-campus Hilton Garden Inn. The addition of the hotel, expected to open by the start of the 2007 football season, prompted a contest for the renaming of the inn at Saint Mary's and concern about the possible influx of travelers on campus.

Notre Dame begins mission in Uganda

The second annual Notre Dame Forum, focusing on the "global health crisis," took place Sept. 14 in the Joyce Center. The forum's panelists included Dr. Paul Farmer, the founding director of the international non-profit organization Partners in Health; Dr. Jeffrey Sachs, director of the United Nations Millennium Project and Dr. Miriam Opolonya of the Makerere University Infectious Diseases Institute in Uganda.

At the forum, University President Father John Jenkins announced the University's decision to participate in the Millennium Villages Project in Uganda, where the Congregation of the Holy Cross has established a strong presence.

Jenkins followed that discussion with a trip to Uganda in support of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals and Notre Dame's commitment to the village of Nindye, in hope of improving the quality of life of its residents. From Jan. 5 through Jan. 12, Jenkins led a group of delegates — including Executive Assistant to the President Frances Shavers, Associate Vice President for Marketing Communication Todd Woodward and Notre Dame Millennium Initiative (NDMI) Director Father Bob Dowd — in a week-long trip to Uganda to see first-hand the University's NDMI partners' village.

Caitlin Brann dies in car crash

Notre Dame senior Caitlin Brann died Nov. 10 in an early-morning car crash on the Indiana State Toll Road near LaPorte, Ind. Brann, whose blood-alcohol content was more than three times the legal limit at .249 percent, had her rear passenger-side tire blow out, causing her to lose control of her 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier convertible, according to an Indiana State Police report.

More than 200 students gathered at the Grotto the next day for a candlelight memorial in honor of the senior from Pasquerilla East Hall.

"Loyal Daughters" debuts

"Loyal Daughters," a student-created production about sexuality and sexual assault at Notre Dame, premiered Nov. 13 at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center with Jenkins' endorsement. The play, whose inception he praised in "Closing Statement" on academic freedom in April 2006, ran without his endorsement because of what he called a "neutral" stance on extramarital sexual relationships.

The performances were followed on three nights by panels discussing the prevalence of sexual assaults on college campuses — including Notre Dame — and the hope of promoting an environment more conducive to fostering better gender relationships.

McAlarney arrested, suspended

Notre Dame basketball starting point guard Kyle McAlarney was suspended for the spring semester after his arrest Dec. 29 on marijuana possession charges. McAlarney, who was pulled over during what a police report called "routine traffic stop," was enrolled in classes for more than a week in January before learning of his suspension from the Office of Residence Life and Housing Jan. 23.

McAlarney's mother, Janice, said in interviews that she was upset with the length of time it took the University to come to a decision on McAlarney's punishment.

The decision also sparked campus debate over the severity of such punishments and whether Notre Dame was consistent in its treatment of McAlarney.

Hodges makes history

Kim Hodges and Kelly Payne came away with a narrow victory over opponents Colleen Ferreira and Jenny Antonelli in the Saint Mary's student body presidential and vice presidential elections Jan. 25. Hodges, who is black and comes to the College hoping to "be the first at something," was inaugurated April 1, becoming the first African-American to lead the College's student government.

Notebaert follows McCartan

Richard Notebaert, a 10-year member of the University Board of Trustees and chief executive officer of Qwest Communications International, was elected to a three-year term in February. His term was set to begin on July 1, making him Notre Dame's sixth chairman. He succeeded Patrick McCartan, who was chairman of the board for seven years. Notebaert, who received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin, has served as chair of the university's Relations and Public Affairs and Communication Committee. Notebaert is also one of the University's 12

Possible founder

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Year 2006

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**2007**

**Crews cause gas leaks**

A gas leak at the entrance to Joseph's Drive caused the evacuation of seven buildings—including DeBartolo Hall and Zeisloft Hall—on campus Feb. 13.

Crews working to fix a broken water line struck a 4-inch gas line with a backhoe, prompting gas and soil to rise more than 20 feet in the air, according to the Notre Dame Student Body president.

A month later, on March 26, a construction crew working on St. Joseph’s Drive south of Campus Construction Progresses

A $200 performance of the “Vagina Monologues” open campus

Students performed the first of three renditions of “The Vagina Monologues” in front of an audience of approximately 50 people at South Bend’s First Unitarian Church on Feb. 28. The presentation, which was moved off campus after organizers could not secure the endorsement of an academic department, was held nearly a year after Jenkins’ decision not to ban the play from campus but instead restrict it to an academic setting, in which it cannot raise money. By moving off-campus, the performance was able to more than $200 on opening night and donate the money to charities, including the YWCA of St. Joseph County, which has the only overnight shelter in the county.

**Brown, Braun make history**

After a hotly contested race for the top two spots in student government, Liz Brown and Maris Braun were elected student body president and vice president, respectively, in a closed-door Student Senate meeting Feb. 18. The final vote came after a runoff vote between Sheena Plamoottil and Ashley Weiss.
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Fein named new director of CEST
Civil engineering, geological sciences professor replaces Maurice Bredif

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Fein expressed his excitement about the new position, saying, "I am thrilled to join the faculty of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department and to work with such a talented group of researchers and students."

Fein's research focuses on the development of new materials and technologies for use in civil and environmental engineering, with a particular emphasis on sustainable construction practices.

"I am excited to contribute to the ongoing success of the department and to help shape the future of civil and environmental engineering," Fein said.

Fein begins his role as director of CEST on September 1, 2023.
RSC names Bohn North American associate editor

Special to The Observer

Paul W. Bohn, Arthur J. Schmittel, Jr., and Bernard W. Schmidt Professor of Chemical and Bioanalytical Engineering at Notre Dame, has been named the North American associate editor of The Analyst by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC). A journal of the RSC, The Analyst publishes original, peer-reviewed articles, reviews and communications in analytical chemistry, biochemical science, biotechnology, detection science, pharmacy, physical sciences, and engineering.

Bohn's responsibilities as associate editor will include evaluating manuscripts submitted to the journal, identifying qualified reviewers and working with them to address revisions and moderate technical issues while maintaining the standards of The Analyst.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1980, Bohn's research interests encompass molecular transport on the nanoscale; the development of optical spectrometric measurement strategies for surface analysis and his structural function studies; optoelectronic materials and devices, chemical sensors and molecular approaches to nanotechnology.

Bohn is a member of the American Chemical Society (ACS) and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He also has received numerous awards, including the 2006 Research Team Award from the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory; the 2005 Michelson Award from the Coblentz Society, presented to scientists who have advanced the techniques of vibrational, molecular, Raman or electronic spectroscopy in memory of Professor A.A. Michelson; the 2004 Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions in the field of spectroscopy; and the Spectrochemical Analysis Award from the ACS.

Bohn received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Notre Dame in 1977 and his doctorate in chemical sensors and also chemistry, from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1981. He joined Bell Laboratories that same year as a member of the technical staff. Most recently, he served as the Centennial Professor of Chemical Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania and is currently a member worldwide and an internationally acclaimed publishing business for the education, training and promotion of the sciences.

Political scientist examines diversity

Special to The Observer

The federal Voting Rights Act has been indispensable to the political progress of minority populations in the United States, but they still are severely underrepresented at every level of government, new research by a University of Notre Dame political scientist indicates.

Writing with three co-researchers in a journal of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Dianne M. Pinderhughes, professor of African studies and political science, observed that, at the congressional level, "the vast majority of nonwhite House members" were elected from districts covered by the Voting Rights Act, which was passed originally in 1965 to end discriminatory electoral practices in the South.

The law has been renewed several times, and its coverage was expanded to assure access to the vote for people who speak languages other than English. Beginning in 1982, the law also protects the creation of "majority-minority" districts, so that nonwhite voters would have a chance to elect candidates of their respective groups to office.

Pinderhughes and her colleagues found that of the 71 blacks, Latino, Asian and American Indian House members in the 109th Congress, more than 60 percent came from districts covered by one or another of the anti-discrimination provisions of the Voting Rights Act. All 25 of the Latino members came from such districts.

At both the congressional and state level, ethnic proportions have generally grown substantially over the last quarter century, but in percentage terms, they remain far short of true proportionality.

Nonwhites were 31 percent of the U.S. population in 2000, but they were less than 12 percent of the members of the House of Representatives. The 891 nonwhite members of state legislatures in 2006 were only 12 percent of the total 7,382 state lawmakers.

Pinderhughes and her co-researchers are P-Ete Lien of the University of Utah, Carol Hardy-Fanta of the University of Massachusetts at Boston, and Christina M. Sierra of the University of New Mexico.

The voting rights article appeared in PS: Political Science and Politics, one of three journals published by APSA. The data in the article are related to a larger study on elected officials of color being conducted by the same research team.

Pinderhughes joined the Notre Dame faculty in autumn 2006 from the University of Illinois-Urban. She currently is president-elect of APSA and will assume the presidency at the organization's 2007 annual meeting in Chicago next month.
County officials weary of getting blame for tax woes

Associated Press
DUNLAP, Ind. — Commissioners from five Indiana counties grappled with tax woes they say they’re tired of Gov. Mitch Daniels blaming the problem on local government officials.

During a recent meeting, 17 commissioners from St. Joseph, Elkhart, Lagrange, Marshall, and Steuben counties, along with Indiana Commissioner George Bachman bristled at the governor’s repeated comments largely blaming the high taxes on excessive local spending.

“For the governor to say it’s local government’s fault is ridiculous,” Bachman said. He and the other commissioners, in turn, say about 30 miles west of South Bend in St. Joseph County, future about taxes. "Don’t do something without asking us," said Steuben County Commissioner Ron Smith, adding that state officials don’t always know how county government works. "As long as we have

Farmers harvest early to avoid losses

Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS — Some Corn Belt farmers are starting harvest weeks early, worried that stormy weather now could cause damage to corn plants already suffering from a dry, hot summer.

"If we start getting a lot of wet weather with the wind, it could cause these stressed plants to fall over," said Randy Greenwell, a farmer who has started harvesting his 7,500 acres of corn in Union County, Ky. "You have the potential of a lot of loss."

The long string of hot days have caused corn growth about a week ahead of the average time, so harvest will be a little earlier this year for much of the country, said Chris Hurst, an agricultural economist at Purdue University.

Greenwell, who has about 10 percent of his corn crop harvested so far, said Wednesday he would typically be starting the harvest in a few weeks. Farmers in dry parts of Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky are starting to harvest corn, although some are waiting.

An early harvest can come with a price.

"As long as we have duplicated, overlapping, antique government all over the place, you are going to have too much local spending, and therefore too high of property taxes," said last month in declaring his re-election bid this year for much of the governor's cabinet, worried that these stressed plants to fall over," said Randy Greenwell, a farmer who has started harvesting his 7,500 acres of corn in Union County, Ky. "You have the potential of a lot of loss."

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Seven blocks from a four-lane road overlooking the sea of peace and only one from the pathway of post is a pristine church called St. Monica's in a city by (roughly) the same name.

Cruising along the Pacific Coast Highway two days before starting a summer internship in Los Angeles, I had mapped out the parcours for 5:30 p.m. Mass on a 70-degree Saturday. It was a chance visit, imposing on a celebration with soloists fit for West L.A. and arches that reach for the for-of-saaghtars.

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Dear Students:

With the beginning of a new academic year, I extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students of the University of Notre Dame. In particular, I wish to congratulate and welcome our freshmen and transfer students. We are excited and grateful that you are here, and we will strive to help you grow during your time at Notre Dame.

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In Notre Dame,

Reverend John J. Jenkins, C.S.C.
University president
August 24, 2007

Welcome home Class of 2011. On behalf of your new roommates, best friends, classmates, teammates, co-workers and sisters, we extend a warm welcome to the Class of 2011. You are now joining an alliance of intelligent, accomplished, and innovative women who are dedicated to helping you conquer all of your academic and personal endeavors. As the student body president and vice president, we extend our warm welcome to the Saint Mary's College community.

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It is our hope that you will use your individual skills and talents for the betterment of our community. As you begin your transformation from young ladies to women, know that we are here for you. We look forward to meeting you!

Welcome home Saint Mary's Women of 2011.

Kimberly Hodges
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Carol Ann Mooney
College president
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Socratic wisdom

The obvious transitions are made — it will be composed of a different amount of different individuals who will go on to interact in new and distinct ways with their peers and professors.

Policies change — each year, the incoming freshmen will experience greater drinking restrictions and penalties than the preceding class (in the form of new University regulations, more thorough police enforcement, or the rising opportunity cost of college drinking generated by the superinflationary increase of tuition prices). Some things don't change.

Whatever the brightness statistics, the average entering class will always think it's pretty damned special to be here, and with good reason. Admission is becoming more difficult everywhere. They don't go to Directional State U. and they're proud of it. As a freshman, answering "I go to Notre Dame" is impossible to do without pride sliding just a little into arrogance. And, for all the regulating, Keystone Light will continue to have a market outside of America's trailer parks.

I want to forces here on the arrogance, since it's most pronounced for freshmen. A major part of your college education will be learning just what exactly you know and don't know, and you're four years behind on it, coming right out of the place where you did know everything.

I'm not trying to preach modesty here. This arrogance — which is so definitive of the freshman class — is exactly what helps you to try new things and fully explore your newfound independence. If anything, it should be amplified. Just about everything that happens to you on the weekends here won't happen with such regularity after college, and never in the same way. But the experience will make up a huge part of the people you become when you leave here.

But back to learning what you know and don't know. Don't channel any arrogance into assuming you know what comes best from experience. Instead, appreciate the experience you lack and fix it as fast as possible. Put all your pride-inspired confidence into your weekend Shenanigans and other enlightening antics.

Most importantly, do not write letters to the editor that highlight your experience deficit. Writing a vitriolic letter is usually a bad way to tell people you don't really know what you're talking about. Anyone versed in an editorial subject will recognize the ambiguity of the question that made it worth debating in the first place, instead of casting aspersions at the grammar of previous letters. It makes you look like an idiot, and it makes me look like an idiot for publishing it if nothing better comes in.

However evil you find birth control, abortion, or the Keenan Revue, no one will respect your post-high school opinion if you devolve into ranting. It's too obvious you haven't properly examined the question.

But is it okay to devolve into verbal ranting over a generous (perhaps too generous) share of Natty Light on a Wednesday? Yes. When you're in college. And only when you recognize that this is only one amid a limitless list of experience-building options, and one where you aren't making other people read its haphazard arrangement in the pages of The Observer the next day.

The main discrepancy I want to highlight here is experience versus assumed wisdom. Bad letters to the editor are only one highly tangible example of this, and the one that I've become most familiar with. Don't assume that drinking Natural Light is the recommended path to wisdom through experience, even if alcohol can accelerate the Socratic realization that you know nothing. Just chase experience for its own sake. But keep in mind that such a Socratic acceleration can't really be a bad thing.

Joey King is a senior mechanical engineering major with an interest in philosophy. Regarding Socratic acceleration, he would quote Heraclitus' caution: "It is better to hide ignorance, but it is hard to do this when we relax over wine." He can be contacted at jking78@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

All in the family

My mother went to Saint Mary's. My dad went to Notre Dame. I am a true legacy and I am proud of that. However, when I applied to Saint Mary's, I did so with the intention of not being different. I wanted to stay out east. I wanted to go to school with my friends. But I did...I am here and it was the best decision I have ever made.

I did not send in my confirmation to Saint Mary's until April 30. (It was due May 1.) Talk about cutting it close. I was going to Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. I had a friend going there, it was five hours away and it was a great school.

During the application process, I visited all the schools I applied to, except Saint Mary's. I proved myself wrong. For the first time in my life, I sat in a row of a Notre Dame football game. To paint my body in the second row of a Notre Dame football game. To be part of a very special relationship between two schools. And to do exactly what I am doing now, addressing the student body through the newspaper.

My advice is this: College goes by way too fast, so don't forget to do your work. Stay involved and participate in what you love. You have four years to make something of yourself. And I have no doubt you will do just that as a Belle.

Katie Kohler is a junior political science and English major. She can be contacted at kkhale10@saintmarys.edu.

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1. Start by unpacking your gear

2. Say good-bye to Mom and Dad

3. Prepare for the best four years of your life

4. But before the football games, SYRs and other campus antics can begin, it helps to know the lay o’ the land as you navigate the twists and turns of life here in our corner of the Bend

5. Whether you’re looking for some non-dining hall chow, decide you need some peace and quiet to crack some of those shiny new textbooks, or just want to check out something new, here are some of the lesser-known crooks and crannies located around campus.

6. So here’s the key: green flags stand for grub, blue flags stand for books, and gold flags stand for... well, some of the “hidden gems” tucked away around campus.

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PHOENIX — Now that his scoreless streak is over, Brandon Webb is setting his sights on something else: a second straight Cy Young Award.

Webb’s string ended at 42 innings Wednesday night when he gave up a run in the first inning against Milwaukee. He went on to pitch the NL-West-leading Arizona Diamondbacks to a 3-2 win.

“I finished up pretty strong last year, and I feel pretty strong right now,” Webb said. “I’d say it’s pretty comparable.”

Webb was nowhere near Cy Young contention when he dropped three straight decisions to fail to 8-8 on July 20. But the 28-year-old righty has won six straight starts — including three complete-game shutouts — and has helped carry the surprising young Diamondbacks.

“His stuff, he’s taken off and been the horse that we expect him to be,” Arizona manager Bob Melvin said.

Webb’s 191.2 innings are fourth in the majors. He has three shutouts, and no other National Leaguers has more than one.

Webb’s 2.63 ERA is fourth in the NL behind Colorado’s Ubaldo Jimenez, 2.2; Jake Peavy’s 2.21 and Brad Penny’s 1.59.

Webb has 166 strikeouts. Only Peavy, with 186, has more in the NL.

“The numbers will show right now, especially here recently, that he’s been as good as he’s ever been in his career,” Melvin said.

“We’ve had some success this year and we don’t have it without him. We didn’t give him much run support early on in the season,” he said.

Young has been viewed as the Cy Young favorite since midseason. But he left the Padres on Wednesday to have his sore back examined, and that might throw the race open.

As Webb closed out his Orel Hershiser’s major league record of 59 scoreless innings, set in 1988, the Arizona ace’s name popped up in more Cy Young debates.

“I don’t know if it’s the streak. The scoreless innings obviously brought my ERA down a ton (from 3.38 to 2.63). But the wins that come with it also helped out a lot in that regard, I would think,” he said.

Then, with San Francisco halted and Hershiser short of him before he embarked on that 29-inning streak in 1988.

There’s so many easy ways for a man to get on the board. It takes some luck. But it also takes a lot of skill. And his skill through 42 innings was like nothing I’ve ever seen before,” he said.

Melvin, then with San Francisco, confirmed Webb’s ability.

“I think that’s what’s made him who he is right now,” Melvin said. “Now, his sinker’s there, his stuff is there, at times this year, he may not have had a man on second, but he handled it, and his secondary pitches have enabled him to continue being a successful guy.”

Webb has come a long way this season, and the Diamondbacks last 111 games 50-50. Despite having seven losses, he has 119 walks and 17 wild pitches. Back then, Webb seemingly tried to strike out every hitter because he didn’t trust his stuff.

His approach changed in 2005, when the Diamondbacks signed him to a three-year contract with Craig Counsell and Royce Clayton.

Webb began throwing more strikes with his sinker, allowing batters to pound the ball.

When Webb agreed to a $19.5 million, four-year contract with Arizona in January 2006, he knew he had accepted more than merely money and security. He also accepted the responsibility of being Arizona’s ace.

“I think he was ready to step and, you know, as the guy,” Melvin said. “He’s ready to develop his changeup, to develop his slider and his sinker.

“Stuff-wise, I’m right where I want to be,” Webb said.

“He’s pretty good. I would say it’s up there with the guys that I’ve felt in my career, being able to locate as well as have.”

### MLB

**Diamondbacks pitcher Brandon Webb salutes the crowd after his streak ended Wednesday against Milwaukee in the first inning.**

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**Steelers punter well worth the high price**

Rookie Daniel Sepulveda benefits from Tomlin’s increased focus on special teams

**Associated Press**

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CROSS COUNTRY

Skilled freshmen will aid returning starters

Springer and Jackson may make an impact immediately for already-strong Irish squad

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

A year older, a year better. At least that's what coaches Joe Plane and Tim Connelly hope their teams display this season. Both the men and women return a strong group of runners from teams that finished third in the Big East last season.

Junior Patrick Smyth and senior Jake Watson lead a men's squad that captured first in the Crusader Invitational and the National Catholic Championship (NCC) in 2006. Smyth and Watson both posted top-10 finishes in the Big East meet last October, earning all-conference honors in the process. Men's coach Joe Plane said he expects the same consistency from Smyth and big things from Watson this season and also expects some members of the freshmen class to contribute immediately.

"There's two kids [Paul Springer and Dan Jackson] who I think who could step in and help us and the rest of our kids can help us down the road," Plane. "In terms of cross-country, it's a very good class."

Senior Sunni Olding will anchor a group of runners that developed last year and improved as the season went along. The women placed first at the NCC and fifth at the Great Lakes Regional. Olding, who was named to the 2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American Track/Cross Country second team in June, is ready to race again after having off-season surgery.

"It's been very honest with you, she wasn't 100 percent last year," Connelly said. "But she's had a good summer and is ready to go."

Connelly said he has high expectations for his team to win the Big East title this year because they have last year's experience.

"Anytime you go into something like that that's your goal," Connelly said. "On paper it looks like we might be very good. We have our whole team back from last year plus we've got a handful of freshmen coming in that have the potential to contribute."

Tim Connelly
Women's coach
Bass, Thompson twins leave ‘big shoes’ to fill

By JAY WADE
Special Writer

The Notre Dame men will begin the new year with many new faces.

The Irish, who finished 26-4 in 2006, graduated four seniors, three of whom played in every singles and doubles match. That group includes former No. 1 singles player Stephen Bass.

That creates big shoes to fill,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

But Notre Dame has an influx of new talent this year, with seven freshmen — David Anderson, Shaun Tan, Tyler Davis, Stephen Havens, Matt Johnson, David Stahl and Andrew Zutz.

But Bayliss is willing to be patient. While the newcomers are talented, he said, they will need time to develop, though.

“The depth we had last year was a real luxury that we will not be likely to afford this year,” Bobby Bayliss

Irish coach

Women replace Thompson twins

The Notre Dame women will begin the 2007 season with high expectations.

The 2006-07 team, which finished 28-4, featured only two seniors in twins Catrina and Christian Thompson. While their departure vacates the top two singles and No. 1 doubles positions, the 2007-08 Irish welcome back integral players from last year’s team, and have added even more talent to their roster.

“They were so good for us for four years, it’s a big spot to replace, but I think that we have a lot of returning players that played well at lower positions and can step up,” coach Jay Louderback said.

Leading the charge of new, young talent coming to the team is freshman Kristin Rafael, one of the top high school players in the country last year.

“She is a great competitor,” Louderback said. “I think doubles-wise she should help us and I think [her playing] singles will play a big part.”

The biggest hurdle for the Irish will be figuring out who has improved over the summer and made the necessary leaps needed to step up and play at a higher level. With all of their returning talent, it could get crowded at the top.

“The top candidate for the No. 1 singles position could be Colleen Rielley, a sophomore who went 20-11 at the No. 3 singles spot in 2006-07. Other notable returning players will be junior Kelsey Tefft, who played was 26-9 at No. 4 singles, and her partner on last year’s No. 2 doubles team, senior Brooke Buck.

At doubles, the pair went 25-7 last year.

“Those [senior] losses will be very significant, but when you have freshmen and even returning players who did not play you have a ton of enthusiasm, so I think we’ll be a very spirited and hard-working team and I expect us to be very tough in the top part of our lineup.”

The Irish are not without veteran leadership, however, as they return such standouts as Sheeva Parbhoo, Andrew Ross and Brett Helgeson. Parbhoo is expected to fill the “big shoes” of Bass this year at No. 1 singles and will have to step up his play and assume a leadership position on the team.

“The returning players, especially Ross, have been showing improvement,” Bayliss said. “Ross has made a jump over the summer improving his volleying and backhand and will be a strong lineup presence for us,” Bayliss said.

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Banner year for Irish brings in strong recruits

By KYLIE CASSILY and DAN MURPHY
Sports Writers

Notre Dame's name splays across a boldly-lettered banner that hangs high over the ice at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit now, and it has a twin above the sheet in the Joyce Center as well — matching monuments to the team's first league championship — matching monuments to the Class of 2011 walks onto the ice at Lake Superior State. In just two years he and his staff have transformed the Irish from an average to subpar program into a national powerhouse, and he did it with none of his own recruits.

That changes this year when the Irish from last season was the nation — a more than solid addition to an Irish team that lost eight seniors, four of which have signed pro contracts.

"This is going to be my first go-around. This is really our first class together as a staff," Jackson said.

Four of the freshmen were selected in the NHL Draft in June, and two will come from Stockholm, Sweden.

"From a talent perspective this is probably as good as class we ever had at Lake Superior," Jackson said. "The one difference we have is that they are younger."

The biggest single loss for the Irish from last season was the graduation of goaltender Dave Brown, who amassed numerous school records and was a finalist for the Hobey Baker Award.

There are two frontrunners to replace Brown between the pipes — senior Jordan Pearce and freshman Brad Phillips — but Jackson isn’t quick to give the starting job to either netminder and may continue that way well into the season.

"It’s too early for me to say," Jackson said. "I have all the confidence in the world in Jordan and Brad. He’s going to come in here and compete to take that No. 1 spot, but we recruited Brad Phillips for a reason. I assume that I’ll probably do exactly what I did two years ago when I started here. I’m going to play a couple guys early on."

Pearce platooned in the net with Brown two years ago as a freshman before Brown proved that he was capable of starting for the Irish every night. Since then, Pearce has received spot starts and spelled Brown in several mid-season games.

Phillips was a prize grab for Jackson and his staff in the recruiting season. He was the highest-rated North American goaltender among collegiate-bound players and was selected in the seventh round of the NHL draft in June by the Philadelphia Flyers.

To prepare for life at Notre Dame as a student-athlete, Phillips enrolled at the University this summer to take classes and work out, adding eight pounds to his 160-pound frame.

"I can’t watch him in the weight room or on the ice, but I hear the guys said he did really well," Jackson said.

Regardless of who ends up in net, he will have plenty of help from his defensesmen. Despite losing three veteran players on the blue line, Jackson believes his team will be grittier on defense than last year’s. He ranked unit in the nation.

The Irish added two top prospects in Ian Cole and Teddy Ruth. Cole was drafted in the first round, 18th overall, by the St. Louis Blues, making him the highest-picked Notre Dame player in program history.

"They’re both big strong kids. They’re going to really make a difference for us, especially with three guys, especially with three seniors out this year," Jackson said.

Jackson plans to pair the two freshmen with more experienced players, most likely senior Brock Sheahan and sophomore Kyle Lawson.

The Irish also add depth on the offensive end with Swedish recruits Robin Bergman and Calle Ridderwall out of Stockholm and Ben Ryan out of the United States Hockey League. Nashville selected Ryan in the fourth round of June’s draft.

The international trio will supplement the "little guy" line of junior Erik Condra and sophomores Ryan Thang and Kevin Deeth, who produced most of Notre Dame’s goals last season.

Jackson wasn’t ready to say whether this year’s team will be better is a different word," Jackson said. "I can’t give you the answer to that question yet."

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Golf

Program receives high marks from Golf Digest

Men ranked ninth, women 11th in survey

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame golf program received a vote of confidence at the start of the fall season.

The September issue of Golf Digest ranked the men’s team No. 9 and the women’s team No. 11 in a poll of top U.S. collegiate golf programs.

The poll ranked in several categories: academic achievements and academics, and it was here that the Irish earned the highest rankings.

The balanced category also took into account the facilities, coaches, climate, player development, team adjusted scoring average and academics, and it was here that the Irish garnered the highest rankings.

“We weren’t even mentioned last year, at least in the top 50,” women’s head coach Susan Holt said. “For us to go from there to where we appeared in this year’s edition is certainly a testament I think, more than anything, to the quality of recruits that we’ve got coming into the program and our facilities.

The men’s team was No. 14 in the academic rankings and No. 35 in the golf-only category. The women were No. 10 in the academic rankings and No. 21 in the golf-only section.

“I think this will be a real validation of the work we’ve done here from the top to the bottom and everyone’s working together, said senior Ruth Maunu.

There were some schools in there that we’re much better than that were ranked right there with us.”

Recruiting takes off

Whether it’s the facilities or the results, recruits have noticed.

The two incoming freshmen this fall, Brian Holt and Connor Sandman, have already won two tournaments, while Holt has also made both the University of Notre Dame golf team.

“Sophomore Annie Brophy had a breakout spring. She really stepped up,” Holt said. “I’d like to see her pick up even more where she left off.

Junior Lisa Maunu’s a really experienced player, but last year she had some setbacks and some injuries, so that was really frustrating for her.

Maunu rebounded from injuries last season to compete on The South Bend climate, inhospitable to golfers for much of the year, dropped Notre Dame’s rankings slightly, but men’s coach Jim Kubinski said even that was becoming less of an obstacle.

“This year we have two kids from California and one from Florida, so we’re getting kids from all sorts of weather climates and maybe we didn’t have in the past,” he said.

“I think that Holt and Kubinski said they ranked highly the Warren Golf Course, designed in part by two-time Masters champion Ben Crenshaw — and the state-of-the-art Robs Indoor facilities contributed significantly to the high rankings. Both also cited the increased funding available since 2000, when golf became a full scholarship sport.

Nothing gets the attention of recruits like successes, however.

“We’ve had a number of good wins, the last couple years especially, and I think recruits are starting to take notice,” Kubinski said.

Holt believed the poll to be an accurate representation of the program. Kubinski agreed, but he said the team adjusted scoring average was poorly calculated.

“When you play a very difficult course like Purdue or Ohio State and you play it in 30-degree weather, that’s different from playing an easy course in 80-degree weather,” Kubinski said. “So your scores are affected. That puts us down.

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ND Women's Basketball

McGraw's frosh trio bring new skills to squad

By BILL DRINK
Sports Writer

Some may see Notre Dame's close loss to No. 1 seed North Carolina in the second round of last year's NCAA Tournament as demoralizing. Irish coach Muffet McGraw certainly does not.

"I think it gave us a lot of confidence," McGraw said. "We all came out of that game about a week later more ready to start practicing.

When the Irish start full practices on Oct. 12, they will be joined by three incoming freshmen: Brecca Bruszewski, Devereaux Peters and Brittany Mallory. Each of the freshmen possesses a skill Notre Dame lacked last season.

Peters is an accomplished shot blocker and rebounder, Mallory shoots very well from the outside and is also a good outside shooter, is a versatile player who will fit in well with Notre Dame's new four-out offensive set.

"We were not a very good three-point shooting team, and I think that (Mallory) is a very good three-point shooter," McGraw said of the 5-foot-10 guard from McDonough School in Baltimore, Md. "I think she'll be a real asset for us just because of her ability to do, really, what we struggled with last year.

Mallory averaged 20.1 points and 7.8 rebounds per game in her senior year, when McNichowa went 23-6.

Bruszewski, a 6-foot-1 forward from Wheeler High School in Valparaiso, Ind., spent her senior year recovering from an ACL injury but was still high on McGraw's list.

"She's someone who we feel fits very well with our offense because she can handle the ball, she can shoot the three, she can rebound," McGraw said. "She's someone who we think can post up smaller guards and use her size to her advantage."

Despite the talent these freshmen bring, they will have trouble earning playing time. The Irish return seven veterans, including junior Lindsay Schrader, who missed last season with a knee injury.

"Initially, it will be a good situation for them because there won't be a lot of pressure on them," McGraw said. "It will be really a chance for them to grow, learn the system, and fill in."

McGraw said that the eight-man rotation of last year's team was one body short, and the team will likely utilize a nine-man rotation this year.

One of those eight, sophomore guard Melissa Lechlitner, competed with the gold-medal-winning U.S. under-19 team in the World Championships in Bratislava, Slovakia.

"I think it's going to do great things for her leadership and confidence, not that she needed it — she's very confident," McGraw said.

While Lechlitner was looked upon as a leader rather than a scorer on the under-19 team, McGraw hopes she can return to putting points on the board for the Irish.

Perimeter defense, the bane of Notre Dame's defensive play last season, will be the focal point of preseason practice.

"We gave up way too many threes. That is a huge problem that we've got to fix," McGraw said. "I'm hoping the veterans are a little more determined to be better defensively."

Sophomore guard Ashley Barlow drives to the basket in Notre Dame's 64-55 win over Louisville Feb. 7.
Suspended guard, lofty expectations return to Brey’s team

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Despite graduating its two leading scorers — guards Colin Falls and Russell Carter — Notre Dame retains a strong nucleus of talent and experience headed into the 2007-08 season.

Mike Brey, 2007 Big East coach of the year, will look to juniors Kyle McAlarney and Ryan Ayers to fill the gaps in the lineup left by Falls and Carter.

McAlarney returns to Notre Dame’s starting lineup after sitting out most of last season. The University suspended the sophomore after he was arrested last December for marijuana possession.

Before his suspension, McAlarney averaged 10.3 points and 5.4 assists per game. He was poised for a breakout year in the Big East.

“Here’s a young man who has absolutely accepted responsibility and learned from a mistake and is honored to be back, drilled to be back with his teammates. He did a fabulous job leading as soon as he got back,” Brey said. “He’s very hungry to get back on the court and be part of this and he’s done a great job coming right in and his teammates love having him back. There’s a toughness and an edge about Kyle that helps our team toughness.”

Ayers was mostly a spot-up shooter off the bench last season, but this season, Brey hopes he can gain the confidence to use his 6-foot-7 frame to create more shots inside 3-point line. So far, Brey likes what he sees from Ayers in his summer workouts.

“We’re excited and enthused about him stepping in to a Carter or Falls kind of role and being able to be a shot maker for us and do other things too, and he did that last year,” Brey said. “His eyes are on the door swinging open with Carter leaving and jumping on that. He’s done everything this summer to solidify that in my mind.”

Senior Rob Kurz and sophomore Luke Harangody will comprise the Irish frontline for the second year in a row. Harangody averaged 11.2 points and 6.2 rebounds per game and earned a starting spot thanks to his hard-nosed style of play around the basket.

Kurz, the lone senior on the team this season, averaged 12.6 points and eight rebounds, but his role this season will extend beyond the court.

“Rob did a fabulous job leading and running the pickup game, and you know Rob is that workhorse that’s going to be there every day leading the team,” Brey said.

Sophomore Tory Jackson will round out the starting lineup. Jackson entered the lineup after McAlarney’s suspension, and played solid defense from the start. As the season progressed, he grew into a major offensive threat due to his ability to get to the basket off the dribble.

Off the bench, junior Zach Hillesland will lend versatility with his size, quickness and basketball smarts; junior Luke Zeller, the tallest player on the team, continues to develop; while sophomore Jonathan Peoples will back up Jackson and McAlarney.

Brey likes what he sees from the 6-foot-8 frame and knowledge of the game.

“Nash is probably the most physically ready to go because he went to a year of prep school, and he’s already got Big East strength which really helps him,” Brey said. “I don’t know what position he is — he’s just a good basketball player. When you’re a versatile guy like that and you’re physically ready, you make yourself valuable early as a freshman.”

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Sophomore point guard Tory Jackson drives to the basket in Notre Dame’s 67-66 loss to DePaul Feb. 8.

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since their rookie seasons and this year Stasiuk was unanimously selected to the preseason all-conference team.

The Irish also get another healthy dose of experience from new assistant coach Lauren Brewster. Brewster joined the coaching staff this summer, but is no stranger to Notre Dame volleyball. The 2006 graduate was a two-time All-American under Brown and one of the best blockers in the program's history.

"She is a great blocking coach and just a really valuable person to have in the gym," Stasiuk said.

Brewster and Stasiuk played together for two seasons prior to Brewster's return as a coach. According to both, the transition to a player-coach relationship for all of the upperclassmen has gone smoother than expected.

"They are all great players and they all respect what our relationship is right now," Brewster said.

Brewster hopes that her expertise in blocking will help give Brown more time to focus on the new offense the team is using this season.

"They are all great players and they all respect what our relationship is right now."

Lauren Brewster
Irish assistant coach

"We are able to move our hitters around a little more and have a few different patterns."

Debbie Brown
Irish coach

Notre Dame leaps head-first into its season this weekend with a pair of matches against top-10 teams. The Irish took on No. 9 Minnesota yesterday and play No. 7 Florida Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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Sophomore middle blocker Tara Enzweiler spikes the ball in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over West Virginia on Nov. 12, 2006 in the Joyce Center.

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the starting lineup and know
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field would be covered by the
two-time All-American, Her-
nam Trophy semi-finalist
and former captain of the U.S.
under-20 national team.

"It was huge what [Greg
Dalby] brought to our program,
and most impressive of all was
just that he was a great per­
son," Clark said. "He did so
much for us — both on and off
the field — and I don't think
I've ever heard anyone say a
bad word about Greg Dalby.
That won't be easy to replace."
Who will be assigned the
unenviable task of filling
Dalby's cleats is still up in the
air, but Clark has a plethora of
options. Returning starters
Michael Thomas, Cory Rollas,
and Alex Yoshinaga are all pos­
sibilities, but Clark is consider­
ing all three at other positions.
The wildcard is freshman Matt
Armstrong, a high school All-
American, who has impressed
in preseason practice.

"Armstrong, judging by pre­
season, looks like a very strong
player," Clark said. "He has all
the tools to play, and I don't
know if there are many better
freshmen central midfielders
than him in the country."
Defensive center midfielder
isn't the only vacancy left
behind by graduating seniors.
With the graduations of Dalby
and central defender Dale
Rellas, Notre Dame will be
without their co-captains from
the past two seasons, and
Clark will be forced to replace
what he called very good lead­
ership.

"That's the big unknown," Clark said of this year's leader­
ship. "While the new captains
[Ryan Miller, Matt Besler and
Yoshinaga] have done every­
thing asked of them so far, you
won't really know how they will
go until you hit some road
bumps."

While Notre Dame is sur­
rounded by questions for this
upcoming season, they will
have one definitive answer up
front. Joseph Lapira will once
again line up at forward this
season, and so will his 32
career goals, 13 career assists
and Hermann Trophy.

After spending the summer
training with European clubs
Derby County (English Premier
League), Glasgow Rangers
(Scottish Premier League) and
a stint with the Irish national
team, Lapira could be set to
improve on last year's record-
breaking season — at least
according to Clark.

"Those experiences have
been fantastic, and I expect Joe
to be a better all-around player
this year," Clark said. "I don't
care if he scores 22 goals
again, as long as the team is
scoring goals, but I expect him
to be a better player."

The No. 11 Irish won't have
to wait long to find out whether
their raised expectations for
this season will be met. Their
first four opponents, including
the two preseason games, are
all ranked in the top 20, and
Notre Dame's first six games
will match the Irish against
top-30 squads.

"I think we'll be in good
shape, and we'll find out pretty
early," Clark said. "That's the
way we want it to be."

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Senior midfielder Amanda Cinalli moves upfield during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Florida State in the NCAA College Cup on Dec. 1.

"We had a great result today, but lots of things can happen over the course of the season."

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

Notre Dame lost eight seniors from last year's team, which finished 25-1-1 and won the Big East championship. The Irish took big graduation hits in the midfield, where Jen Buczkowski and Jill Krivacek started last season, and along the back line, where Christie Shaner and team captain Kim Lorenzo led an otherwise young defense.

Against North Carolina, Waldrum used a rotation of sophomores Courtney Rosen, senior Ashley Jones, junior Rebecca Mendolza and freshman Lauren Fowlkes alongside returning starters sophomore Brittany Bock and senior Amanda Cinalli in the midfield. Senior Susan Pinnick did not play against North Carolina, but is also expected to be part of the rotation.

Waldrum said he was pleased with his inexperienced midfielders.

"I like our depth. We played a lot of people today, and I think we did pretty well," he said.

He also said he was pleasantly surprised by Rosen, who is coming off a foot injury, and Mendolza, who played only infrequently last year.

"She's shown that after her first two years, she's ready to come in and play," Waldrum said of the junior.

At defender, sophomores Amanda Clark and Haley Ford return after contributing early and often as freshmen. Junior Carrie Dew, who missed most of last season with a knee injury, did not play in the rain as a precaution, but is expected to start this season as she did her freshman year.

Junior Elise Weber and freshman Julie Scheidler got much of the playing time at the remaining defensive spot against North Carolina. Weber is a transfer from Wisconsin.

Up front, the Irish return their two leading goal scorers from last season — junior Kerri Hanks, who scored 22 goals, and sophomore Michele Weissenhofer, who found the back of the net 18 times.

Weissenhofer is also known for her acrobatic flip throw-ins, which give the Irish an extra offensive weapon.

Notre Dame will play a tough non-conference schedule, which includes five ranked teams — No. 7 Penn State, No. 8 Santa Clara, No. 9 Stanford, No. 13 Florida, and No. 23 Oklahoma State.

Then the Irish will begin their Big East season, where No. 12 Rutgers and No. 16 Connecticut await.

Waldrum said he is excited by this year's team but was reluctant to predict a return to the championship game.

"It's too early to tell," he said. "We had a great result today, but lots of things can happen over the course of the season."

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win this year? I think I have an ethical responsibility to all those kids who came back. They all graduated; it isn't like they're coming back to graduate. They all came back to win this year. I owe it to those nine guys to try to win now."

Offensive positions up for grabs

"So many starters departing, nearly every position on the field is open for competition."

The most important starting race is at quarterback, where Quinn's departure leaves the Irish with three quarterbacks who have combined a total of two collegiate passes. Junior Evan Sharpley is the veteran of the group, having thrown both of those passes and having been Quinn's back-up in 2006. Sophomore Demetrius Jones, the most versatile of the three, brings on a spring game and earned offensive back as a starter, but he also threw an interception.

Freshman Jimmy Clausen, who enrolled in January and threw both of those passes and having been Quinn's back-up in 2006. Sophomore

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Tackle over the summer. Still, Weis said he would be ready to start the opener against Georgia Tech on Sept. 1 if he earned the job.

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Taking the next step

Belles' fall sports look to build on successful 2006 seasons and challenge for MIAA titles in 2007

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

The four Saint Mary's fall sports teams, which all ranked in the middle of their conferences in the 2006 season, look to take the next step and compete for spots in the top of the MIAA in 2007.

**Volleyball**

After finishing 17-10 and fourth in the MIAA last season, Saint Mary's wants to finish even higher in the league standings.

"I want to see us challenge for the top spot in the conference," Belles coach Jelle Schroeder-Biek said. "We have been making a climb and I expect us to continue that climb. We gained a lot of confidence as a squad this past season."

Last season, senior Anne Cusack won the conference's defensive player of the year award and Lorna Slupeynski earned freshman-of-the-year honors. Junior setter Amanda David was fourth in the MIAA in assists per game.

And while Cusack has graduated, Slupeynski and David are back to lead an experienced squad that includes seniors Kaela Hellmann and Cathy Kurczak.

"Those two lead our team in attack percentage," Schroeder-Biek said. "And rounding out the returning key players is senior defensive specialist, Kaela Hellmann. She is a very powerful player and positive court presence."

Saint Mary's begins its season with the Mounmouth tournament on Sept. 1 with three matches in a single day of play. They first will face Robert Morris College at 9 a.m., followed by a match against Loras College at 1 p.m. and a third match later in the day, with the opponent determined by the results of the day's early matches.

The Belles open their conference slate on Sept. 4 against Adrian College on the road. Adrian was ranked third in the MIAA last season with a league record of 12-4.

"I am really looking forward to another great year. We grew so much last year and earned a lot of respect within our conference and within our region," Schroeder-Biek said. "Despite the losses of our very strong senior class, I don't look at this as a building year. We will just continue to work hard and not take our eye off our goal."

**Cross Country**

The Belles finished in fifth place in the MIAA in the 2006 season, and they are hoping to perform better and move into the upper half MIAA teams this fall.

Saint Mary's score of 125 at last year's MIAA championships earned it its best conference finish in Belles history.

Coach Jackie Bauers said she thinks the young squad can do even better.

"The team is going to be very different this season, with eight of our seniors graduating and nine freshman joining the team," she said.

Among the key returners are seniors Megan Gray, junior Aliven Miller, junior Caitlin Stevenson and sophomore Emily Graf.

Last season, Gray earned first-team MIAA honors and became the first Saint Mary's runner to compete in the NCAA Division III Championship.

McClowery also will be a key runner for the squad. Competing last year as the Belles' top freshman, McClowery never finished worse than third place in any race.

"We have a wonderful group of freshman bringing a ton of talent to the team this year. I believe that the program and team continue to grow and strengthen every year," Bauters said. "We are looking to improve within the conference this year, placing better at both our Jamboree [at Tri-State] and Conference Championships [at Albion]."

The Belles will kick off their season Sept. 1 at the Tri-State Invitational in Angola, Ind.

**Golf**

Although the 2006-07 Saint Mary's golf squad failed to win the MIAA Championship for the first time in five years, Saint Mary's is working hard to ensure it will regain the title.

The Belles, who did not lose any players to graduation, finished fifth in the MIAA last year, but coach Mark Hamilton believes a year of experience will pay off with dramatic improvement.

"Katie O'Brien is a returning senior who we expect to lead the team both on and off the course," he said. "She has been playing golf all summer in tournaments in Florida. I am positive that she will come back this season stronger than ever."

During the 2005 season, O'Brien received second-team honors in the MIAA.

In addition to O'Brien, Hamilton looks to juniors Meredith Fantom and Perri Hamma to lead the team. Fantom and Hamma both consistently shot rounds in the low 90s last year.

While the upperclassmen will try to pick up where they left off, Hamilton is also counting on the incoming freshmen to perform at a tournament level.

"We have a pretty big freshman group joining the team this fall," he said. "A big determinant of our season will be up to freshman. This is definitely one of the best freshman classes we've ever brought in."

The Belles begin their season on Sept. 1 at the Ferris State Invitational. The tournament includes a mixture of top Division II and Division III schools. The Belles will have a chance to compete against DePauw University, who is ranked No. 2 in Division III.

"The tournament will be a great chance to get a first look at our conference rivals. We will be able to get an early look at how we will stack up against this year's competition," Hamilton said.

**Soccer**

Under the coaching of four-year veteran Caryn MacKenzie, the Belles captured fourth place in the MIAA in the 2006 fall season with a 4-3-1 conference record and a 5-8-2 overall record.

After graduating six seniors last season, the Belles return 14 players, nine of whom played in all 15 games last year, and add nine freshmen.

At forward, the loss of top scorer Ashley Hinton will be filled by her sister, junior Lauren Hinton. Ashley Hinton scored seven goals while assisting six others in the 2006 season and scored 21 career goals. She was also twice named to the MIAA's first team.

Lauren Hinton also scored seven goals last season.

The Belles also have to replace a four-year starter at goalkeeper. Laura Heline had 94 saves in 2006 and started all but one game in the past four years. Her replacement has not yet been named.

MacKenzie will be looking to sophomore Micki Hedinger and Katie Wehrli to fill the forward positions. While Hedinger scored two goals last season, Wehrli started 11 of the 15 games played by the Belles.

After allowing only 1.5 goals per game in 2006, returning defenders senior Sarah DuBree, senior Justine Higgins, and junior Mandy Thompson will be key parts to the Belles defense.

Saint Mary's will play its first non-conference game of the season on Sept. 1 at Case Western. Their conference season will begin Sept. 22 at Saint Mary's against Kalamazoo College, which finished behind the Belles in 2006.

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Welcome
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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

No. 1 squad aims for championship

By CHRIS KHOREY
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“Tradition never graduates.” That’s the mantra for Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis this season, after his team lost 12 starters from last year’s 10-3 squad.

Gone are quarterback Brady Quinn, holder of more than 30 school records, running back Darius Walker, who ran for over 1,000 yards in each of the last two seasons, and the two most prolific receivers in Notre Dame history statistically — Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight — as well as three linemen on each side of the ball, two defensive backs and the placekicker.

But for Weis, who refuses to say the word “rebuilding,” the 2007 team will be expected to perform at least as well as the previous one.

“We’re very happy with the personnel we have here. We have an abundance of talent and experience to the table.”

Senior forward Joseph Lapira battles for the ball in Notre Dame’s 2-1 loss to North Carolina in the 2006 NCAA College Cup Final.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Veterans return for shot at title

By DAN MURPHY
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Last season, Notre Dame came three points away from capturing the Big East championship. This time around the Irish have a new look and are the preseason favorites to win it all.

Four talented freshmen join the squad this year despite losing only one senior to graduation in 2007. Stephanie Mott, Kellie Subarec, Angela Ponce and Megan Dunne are expected to use their speed to contribute right out of the gate.

“We’re all working really hard and making good progress,” Irish coach Debbie Brown said. “They have a great work ethic and the senior leadership has really set the tone for that.”

Co-captains Adrianna Stassik and Ashley Tarutis are Notre Dame’s only seniors this season, but bring an abundance of talent and experience to the table. Both players have been starters the past three seasons, Clark has been able to pencil Greg Dalby’s name into the starting lineup, adding a bit of depth to the squad.

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Irish coach Bobby Clark is nothing but ambitious.

One year after enjoying the most successful season in program history — one that included Notre Dame’s first-ever trip to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament, as well as the program’s first-ever Hermann Trophy winner — Clark and his team are raising the expectations.

Senior forward Joseph Lapira battles for the ball in Notre Dame’s 2-1 win over DePaul last year in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Lofty goals follow historic tourney run

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

The legacy of the previous teams has been terrific, but the question now is if we can take it a step further,” Clark said.

“I think we have a lot of potential,” Clark said. “Everyone is excited about the opportunity to play for the national championship.”

Whatever potential this Irish team may have, there remains a gaping hole at defensive center, a position that will be difficult to replace. For the past four seasons, Clark has been able to pencil Greg Dalby’s name into the starting lineup.