Business booms for local stores
Back to school shoppers still spending money

By KATIE PERALTA

As Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students from all parts of the country make their way back to campus this week, area retailers are enjoying the usual business boom that accompanies students’ arrival despite economic concerns.

Retailers like Mishawaka’s Super Target, which devotes an entire section of its store to back-to-school items, has not seen a noticeable drop in spending.

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Inside Column

Moving in

I moved into Cavanaugh for the fourth and final time this week. You would think, that from experience, I would have learned how much stuff a dorm room can fit. Though I tell my parents every year not to worry, it will all fit, the inevitable happened. I brought too much. No matter how much you plan, no matter how experienced you think you might be at something, there are going to be some bumps in the road. Moving into a dorm room might not be the best metaphor, but since you all just went through it, I thought it would be applicable.

Judging from personal experience, I’m doubtful your move-in went as smoothly as you planned. Your first class schedule will probably not be what you wanted. Your roommates and next-door neighbors might be your best friends this week, but next week you might wish you lived across campus.

Starting your freshman year in college is one new experience after another, some you might be prepared for, others not so much. Adjusting to your new life at Notre Dame might be difficult at first. But worry, it will get better. You will find a place for your extra stuff, you will adjust your schedule, and you will find people you can trust. You will learn the words to the Fight Song (if, like me, you hadn’t before that awkward bonding activity at Fresh-O) or reciting them by heart, and you will feel like a true member of this wonderful community. Things still might go wrong from time to time. You will still hit those road bumps. They won’t be as frequent, and when they come they might be more of a surprise. But, seeing as you got yourselves accepted to this University, you’ll be able to handle it.

Though that 88th awkward bonding activity at Fresh-O might seem like it’s dragging on for ages, before you know it, it will be Winter Break. Then you’ll be DARting for your sophomore class.

Before you know it, you’ll be moving into your dorm again. And you will inevitably still bring too much stuff. It’s not the road bumps that you’ll remember about your time at Notre Dame, though. You have so much to look forward to during your years here—you’ll get involved, you’ll find a family and you’ll leave your mark on this place.

Welcome home.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Jenn Metz at jmetz@nd.edu

Question of the Day: What are you most excited about in your first year?

Adrienne Chabot
freshman
Radin

"Meeting a lot of new people."

Jenn Cihlar
freshman
P.E.

"The football games."

Anne Crowley
freshman
Walsh

"Being on my own."

John Madison
freshman
Morrisey

"Football games."

Samantha Burke
freshman
P.W.

"Being a Purple Weasel."

Orientation Weekend

Freshman Orientation Schedule

Saturday, August 22
10:15-11:45 a.m. Intro to Residence Hall Staff
1:00-2:15 p.m. - Official Welcome to Notre Dame in Joyce Center
2:30-3:15 p.m. - General session for all first-year students with advisors, Parent Orientations
5:00 p.m. - Orientation with rectors and hall staff for first-year students and parents

Sunday, August 23
10:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Liturgy in The Joyce Center Fieldhouse
11:30 a.m. - Box lunch in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse
12:00-1:00 p.m. - Spirit of Notre Dame in The Joyce Center Fieldhouse
2:00-5:00 p.m. Residence Hall Programming
4:30-7:00 p.m. - Dinner
7:00-10:00 p.m. - Residence Hall Programming

Monday, August 24
Ongoing mandatory computer security sessions offered every 30 minutes in 102 DeBartolo Hall from 9:00-4:00 p.m. and in 101 from 10:15-1:45 p.m.
2:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m. - College Has Issues: hook-ups, alcohol and sexual assault Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

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Saint Mary’s welcomes diverse first-year class to campus

Larger class size reflects five-year plan to increase student body to between 1,600 to 1,700 students

By KEVIN SARLO
News Writer

The 438 women of Saint Mary’s Class of 2013 represent the most diverse class in the school’s 155-year history, helping fulfill President Carol Ann Mooney’s goal of enhancing campus diversity.

Appropriately, 15 percent of the incoming freshmen come from historically underrepresented groups.

"The need to diversify arises from the role that diversification can play in making Saint Mary’s a more vibrant learning community and preparing all of its students for life and work in a diverse and global world," Mooney said in her Strategic Vision for the College, a document detailing the College’s new diversity goals.

Students come from 37 different states, and four students from China, Korea, Panama and Poland will also be arriving on campus.

The Class of 2013 also boasts 16 valedictorians, and one third of the incoming class graduated with a GPA of 3.91 or above.

"The Class of 2013 possesses exceptional academic credentials by every indicator — especially noteworthy is the fact that nearly 10 percent ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class and about 60 percent in the top 20 percent," Vice President for Enrollment Management Daniel Meyer said in a press release. "The entire Saint Mary’s community looks forward to the positive contributions this class will have on the College for the next four years."

Sports team captains, student body presidents and Girl Scout Gold Award winners also compose a portion of the incoming class.

"We know that these talented young women will find both the academic rigor they seek and countless opportunities to serve during their four years here," President Mooney said. "The opportunities for personal growth are endless and I look forward to the many wonderful things they will accomplish at Saint Mary’s and in their lives as alumnae."

The Class of 2013’s size of 438 reflects an attempt by the college to increase the student body to between 1,600 and 1,700 women. The 2009-2010 school year is the second year of a five-year program designed to enlarge the student body, which included hiring of new hall staff and the re-opening of previously closed living spaces last year.

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Three ROTC branches grow by 100 members

Early weeklong orientation introduces students to cadet life with leadership, marching and training activities

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

Notre Dame's Naval, Army and Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) welcomed its largest group of new members in several years, as 100 students arrived on campus one week early for their own orientation.

Notre Dame ROTC members include students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and other area colleges and universities.

Naval ROTC held orientation activities off-campus for the first time this year, Notre Dame senior and Battalion Commander Brad Towne said.

Eleven upperclassmen and three active duty servicemen accompanied the new midshipmen to Fort Custer, near Kalamazoo, Mich. They slept in the squad base and learned the fundamentals of military life, physical training, marching drill and land navigation, Towne said.

They also became the only freshman group in the nation to shoot M4 rifles during orientation.

"It's a pretty intense orientation," Towne said. "They really got to see what the military is like."

At Fort Custer, the day lasted from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. without any downtime.

"I think it was a little bit more intense than I had expected," freshman Quinn Kilpatrick said.

Kilpatrick both said that the intensity at Fort Custer was worthwhile because it was an introduction to military life.

"I felt like joining the Navy after my four years here would be a good way to serve my country," freshman Billy Kearns said. "But it also pays for my education, which is a huge benefit."

"They should be really proud of what they've done," Glass said.

Army and Air Force ROTC members arrived on campus Monday morning for their orientation activities, which were held on campus.

The Air Force welcomed 30 new cadets this year, new student orientation commander Mallory Glass said.

Glass, a senior at Saint Mary's, said that the Air Force orientation involved marching, physical training, group leadership projects and briefings to introduce students to ROTC.

"(The new cadets) come in with such open attitudes you can tell they're excited to be here," she said. "It's neat to see their enthusiasm."

Air Force ROTC orientation concluded Thursday evening with a swearing-in ceremony and drill demonstration, followed by a picnic for the new cadets and their families, Glass said.

"They should be really proud of what they've done," Glass said.

"It's long days but it's been a lot of fun and it's definitely worth it," he said. "Part of joining Army ROTC was the scholarship and part of it is that going into the military is something I've always wanted to do."
By MADELINE BUCKLEY and ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Newswomen

Duncan Hall opens

Duncan Hall, the newest male dorm, welcomed its first residents at the beginning of the 2008-09 academic school year. The dorm, which houses 232 students on West Quad, is the first new dorm to be built on campus since 1997.

The dorm cost about $20 million and took 17 months to build.

The hall integrated itself into Notre Dame life, choosing the "Highlander" as its mascot and hosting its first signature event, the Highlander Games, an adaptation of the traditional Scottish games, including food, music and games of skill.

The dorm colors are blue and green and the residents of the Hall donned kilts and war paint in the tradition of a Scottish warrior to celebrate the mascot.

The newest female dorm, Ryan Hall, is currently under construction and will open for the 2009-10 school year and will house 246 students.

SMC opens and dedicates new academic building

Spes Unica Hall, the newest academic building on Saint Mary’s campus, opened at the beginning of the fall semester. A dedication for the building on Oct. 30 included alumni, benefactors and students.

The new building houses 13 different departments, the Career Crossing Office and the Center for Academic Innovation, the Center for Spirituality and the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, as well as classrooms, laboratories, and office spaces and common areas.

"I am amazed how many students are camped in the chairs and sofas. Staff lights are on because the sun rises. I see faculty pouring over their work at their desk," Vice President and Dean of Faculty Patricia Fleming said. "It's an environment that seems to draw our academic community to itself."

Along with the new academic building, Saint Mary’s is also renovating Madeleva Hall, which will offer up-to-date classrooms and offices.

Dillon Hall cancels annual pep rally

Rector of Dillon Hall Fr. Paul Doyle canceled the annual Dillon Hall Pep Rally — the dorm's signature event held on the first Friday before the first home football game — a week before the pep rally was supposed to happen.

The pep rally, an annual campus fixture, mocks various aspects of life on Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s.

Doyle said the pep rally was canceled because he failed to give the necessary guidance and the script writing and production was not completed together in a timely manner.

But the writers and directors of the show told The Observer they were surprised by the sudden decision because the script was finished and presentation was underway.

Dillon Hall residents and other students expressed disappointment over the abrupt cancellation of a Notre Dame tradition and confusion over the reasons for the cancellation.

Student body expresses concerns over BOG budget issues

In the wake of the most recent BOG vote in August, students expressed concerns over the BOG budget issues. The Saint Mary’s Board of Governance (BOG) approved the third vote on the issue at their weekly meeting. The Executive Board was allotting for themselves. Students want to get something on it so we can start addressing them.

August 31

The Shumard Board's Board of Governance (BOG) approved the Student Government Association (SGA) budget after the third vote on the issue at their weekly meeting. The budget had difficulty passing because of the stipend the Executive Board was allotting for themselves. Students and members of BOG opposed the stipend, and it was eventually removed from the budget.

November 4

America elects Barack Obama as president of the United States. Many students register to vote in Indiana rather than their home state, and student groups, such as NDVotes ‘08, Notre Dame College Democrats and Notre Dame College Republicans, campaign for candidates and educate students.

August 24

Duncan Hall opens for the 2008-2009 school year. The newest male dorm houses 232 students on West Quad. It cost $20 million and took 17 months to build.
A new Student Government Association Constitution was voted on and approved by the student body this week. President Fr. John Jenkins and Griffin have said they will begin adding amendments in the fall.

Student shot near off-campus home

A Notre Dame student was shot in the arm early morning on Feb. 24 after trying to enter a neighbor's house, which she mistook for her own off-campus residence. The 25-year-old female was shot on the 800-block of E. Miner St., after returning from Club 23, a bar located at the corner of South Bend and Notre Dame Aces, and knocking on the door of a neighbor's house. Police said the victim was intoxicated.

The residents of the house told police they heard knocking on the door, then the woman to leave. When the knocking persisted, they fired a shot through the door.

The student was treated at Memorial Hospital in South Bend with a gunshot wound to the arm.

Students petition to add sexual orientation to non-discrimination clause

Members of the Campaign for Human Dignity, a coalition of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA), presented the Office of the President with a petition asking that sexual orientation be added to the University's nondiscrimination clause in March. Currently, the clause states the University does not discriminate based on "race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status or age." The leaders of the group presented University President Fr. John Jenkins with a petition of about 2,000 student signatures and he agreed to a meeting with the group.

At the meeting, Jenkins told the group the University will not change the nondiscrimination clause to include sexual orientation. That is, after careful analysis from both the legal and theological perspectives, it was determined that adding the clause may not allow us to distinguish between sexual orientation and behavior, which in a distinction that we must maintain as a Catholic university, University spokesperson Dennis Brown told The Observer at the time.

But Jenkins told the group he would "open to alternative ideas to make Notre Dame more welcoming for the GLBTQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning) community.

SMC Dance Marathon receives award, raises $91,538

Over the summer, Children's Miracle Network raised $91,000 for the Riley's Children Hospital in Indianapolis which is up over $6,000 from last year's total. 400 participants stood for 12 hours in Angela Athletic Facility to raise funds for the cause. Families and children from the hospital were there throughout the night to visit and encourage students.

Obama accepts invitation to speak at Commencement

The White House and the University announced on March 20 that President Barack Obama will deliver the 2009 Commencement address at the May 17 graduation ceremony and receive an honorary degree from the University.

In his speech, and pro-life groups and religious leaders, including Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop John D'Arcy, condemned President Fr. John Jenkins' invitation to Obama, claiming it violates a document of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) that states Catholic institutions should not honor politicians "who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles." Jenkins said the invitation should "in no way be taken as condoning or endorsing his positions on specific issues regarding the protection of life, such as abortion and embryonic stem cell research."

Students rallied both in support and opposition to the invitation.

ND Response, a coalition of student groups in opposition to Obama delivering the Commencement address and receiving an honorary degree, created a Web site, held a prayer rally and organized the first Right to Life March on campus.

The Progressive Leadership Council gathered the support of about 20 campus clubs including the Progressive Student Alliance, College Democrats, Feminist Voice, the Notre Dame ACLU chapter, Students for Environmental Action and the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC) and presented with Jenkins to show support for his decision and presented him with a petition with about 1,150 signatures from students and faculty also in support.

Both groups said they will continue to make plans to create dialogue about the issue until the ceremony on Saturday.

Glendon declines Laetare Medal

Mary Ann Glendon, former U.S. ambassador to the Holy See, declined the Laetare Medal, an award given annually to an American Catholic since 1983.

Glendon declined the Medal in a letter to University President Fr. John Jenkins.

"I could not help but be dismayed by the news that Notre Dame also planned to award [President Barack Obama] an honorary degree and the Laetare Medal," Glendon told Jenkins.

"The Incentive Award is to recognize exceptional Dance Marathons that have broken the mold," Zac Johnson, national director of Dance Marathon in the press release, said. "Saint Mary's College students have set a high bar for campuses just starting the program. These young women re-imagined what can be accomplished in such a short time and serve as an example to other campuses."

This year, Dance Marathon raised over $91,000 for the Riley's Children Hospital in Indianapolis which is up over $6,000 from last year's total. 400 participants stood for 12 hours in Angela Athletic Facility to raise funds for the cause. Families and children from the hospital were there throughout the night to visit and encourage students.

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March 30
Students from the Progressive Student Alliance meet with University President Fr. John Jenkins asking that sexual orientation be added to the University's nondiscrimination clause. Jenkins rejected the appeal, but asked for suggestions for how Notre Dame more welcoming to GLBTQ students.

March 20
Obama accepts University President Fr. John Jenkins' invitation to speak at the Commencement Ceremony. Obama was to receive an honorary degree from the University. Students rallied in support and condemnation of Jenkins' decision.

April 24
Saint Mary's has been ranked 104 out of 248 schools on the U.S. News and World Report magazine's "2009 America's Best Colleges" list, marking the second year in a row the College has made the list.

"We know we compete on a national level. Saint Mary's excellent faculty and student talent is sufficient to educate the whole person set us apart. The real proof of our success can be found in our graduates," President Carol Ann Mooney said in a press release Aug. 2.

In addition, the College was named "a Best in the Midwest" school by Princeton Review, one of the 2,500 four-year colleges, Saint Mary's ranks in the top 25 percent, according to a press release earlier this year.

This is the sixth year Saint Mary's has received this designation.

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April 27
Mary Ann Glendon declines the Laetare Medal in a letter to Fr. Jenkins, writing that she was "dismayed" by the news that Obama would receive an honorary degree. Glendon initially accepted the award, marking the first time the award was accepted and then declined since its inception in 1883.
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Legacy Village is the most luxurious off-campus student housing development in South Bend and is located three blocks east of campus on McErlain Street between George Street and Ironwood Road and about 200 yards south of Douglas Road. It has ten (10) brand new, 3,250 square foot brick homes and each home has 6 bedrooms and 3¾ bathrooms. The homes are fully-furnished with high quality furniture and are specifically designed for the lifestyle of college students. No off-campus housing development offers the amenities available at Legacy Village: Legacy Village is sure to set the standard for off-campus housing for the students of Notre Dame, St. Mary’s and Holy Cross for years to come. The following are the features and amenities of a Legacy Village home:

1. Square footage of home: Approximately 3,250 square feet;
2. 6 bedrooms, 3¾ bathrooms, foyer, living room, kitchen, family room/dining area, and utility room;
3. Back patio with gas barbeque grill;
4. Spacious yard;
5. Abundant parking; and
6. Other amenities:
   a. Fully equipped kitchen with new refrigerator, range, freezer, oven, dishwasher, microwave, cooking pots/ pans and cooking utensils and dinnerware;
   b. Dining room table with 8 chairs;
   c. Fireplace in family room with granite or marble hearth;
   d. Family room furniture having two (2) couches, a lounge chair, coffee table, end table, table lamp, floor lamp and 42" tv over fireplace;
   e. Laundry center in utility room with washer and dryer;
   f. Hardwood flooring on entire first floor, except for entry way in foyer and utility room which will have porcelain tile;
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      * Vanity cabinet with sink and mirror;
      * Spacious closet;
      * Bed with full-size mattresses, night stand, dresser and desk/chair; and
      * Wired for cable television and internet service.
   h. Each two bedrooms share a porcelain-tiled bathroom (private toilet room and a large shower with seat);
   i. Wireless internet service ready;
   j. Fire sprinkler system;
   k. Fire and security alarm system with monitoring service and Emtek locks with deadbolts for all exterior and bedroom doors;
   l. Top-of-the-line mechanical systems having high-efficiency heat pump systems/air conditioning systems (the "Mechanical Systems");
   m. Grohe, Kohler and Elkay plumbing fixtures;
   n. Granite and marble countertops;
   o. All windows have wooden-slat style window shades;
   p. The homes are extremely well-insulated with sound insulation in all floors and ceilings and the walls surrounding all bedrooms and bathrooms;
   q. Reduced utility costs because of the quality of the Mechanical Systems and the fact the homes are extremely well-insulated; and
   r. The homes’ lawns have a lawn sprinkler system.

Legacy Village is completely rented for the 2009-2010 school year and only four houses remain for the 2010-2011 school year. Six houses remain for the 2011-2012 school year. Hurry, before it is too late!

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Princeton review recognizes SMC

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College was named one of the best colleges or universities in the Midwest by the Princeton Review in their annual selection of America’s best institutions.

The Princeton Review recognized SMC as being “Best in the Midwest,” marking the seventh year in a row that the education services company has profiled colleges and universities in a regional basis.

Saint Mary’s has been recognized as an ally of the Midwest schools every year in the regional profiles. The Princeton Review does not rank the colleges or universities but rather provides a listing of schools that have been distinguished based on their independent research.

The research behind the recognition includes campus visits, interviews with students, institutional data and recommendations of independent and professional advisors from hundreds of schools in each region. The Princeton Review’s vice president of publishing Robert Franek said the Princeton Review also surveys students, and their responses play a major role in the selection of the top regional schools.

“We also take into account what each school’s customers — their students — report to us about their campus experiences at them on our 80-status student survey,” Franek said.

“An annual Princeton Review College President Carol Ann Mooney is delighted to have been recognized by the company for the seventh year in a row.

“We are very pleased to once again be listed in the Princeton Reviews,” Mooney said. “Our commitment to an excellent intellectual and academic experience for our students is unwavering. Our graduates are our best recruiters. Their accomplishments speak volumes about the quality of the educational experience they received here.”

Saint Mary’s students are proud of their school’s recognition although they said there were other perks that drew them to the school.

“It’s exciting, but I don’t think a ranking would have changed my mind. I liked the tradition and the liberal arts education of Saint Mary’s,” junior Mary Beth Giszinski said.

Junior Ellen O’Brien agreed, saying that Saint Mary’s nationally recognition was like “icing on the cake.”

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ND encourages H1N1 flu prevention

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

When shopping for basic back-to-school items, did you remember to grab a disposable thermometer?

Although not generally part of the average student’s shopping list, Notre Dame Health Services is encouraging all students to be equipped with one to recognize flu symptoms, according to Director Ann Kleva.

Part of an educational initiative to help students prevent seasonal flu and the H1N1 virus, recognized as “swine flu” and recognize symptoms, Kleva said Health Services is also encouraging students to bring an alcohol-based sanitizer, kleenex, throat lozenges and a disposable paper mask.

“Our biggest emphasis is going to be encouraging students to take personal responsibility for good hygiene and healthy habits,” she said.

Because of widespread swine flu contractions worldwide, Health Services resurrected an old germ-fighting campaign with the tag line: ‘Be a Notre Dame Germ Fighter...’ remain ‘Flu-less, not Clue-less!’”

In April and May, two Notre Dame students contracted swine flu and fully recovered.

Kleva said Health Services plans to hang posters on campus informing students about healthy practices, such as the best way to sneeze to minimize germ spread.

“We know it’s going to be difficult with kids having beginning of the school year parties and the first football games,” she said.

“We know there’s going to be exposure on campus and we are trying to limit that exposure.”

But Kleva said the University is prepared for any flu outbreak. “We have purchased more masks and more disposable thermometers,” she said. “In the waiting rooms, we will have students with identified flu symptoms waiting separately so a student in for a strain or spray isn’t sitting next to a student with instructing.

The biggest message of the campaign, though, is prevention.

Kleva said a good rule of thumb is to stay about six feet away from a person who is exhibiting flu symptoms.

“Students should always cough into their sleeves and if they sneeze into a tissue, throw it into a correct receptacle immediately,” she said. “Germ can stay alive on a surface that’s not cleansed with disinfect for two hours so if you cough and then use a computer in the lab, germs can stay

on the keyboard for two hours after.”

Healthy eating and good sleeping habits as well as frequently washing hands are also necessities, she said.

“There is no true cure or preventive measure for the flu,” Kleva said. “We will just hope­fully get our messages out to offer support and education for seasonal and H1N1 flu.”

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OIT revamps insideND navigation system

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

InsideND got a makeover this summer. Notre Dame’s Office of Information and Technology (OIT) launched the latest version of the University’s navigation system, resulting in a new look for the site and several new features, said Patricia Sperry, manager of Interactive Web Services at OIT.

InsideND is Notre Dame’s major “gateway” — used as a navigation tool to services like web registration and e-mail and also as a way to communicate information, Sperry said. “It was easier to change because it was all in one package,” Sperry said. “We had a new, upgraded version.”

A June 18 ND Works article said this was the biggest change to the system in three years. “Some of the changes were because of student focus groups,” Sperry said.

Groups were asked questions about what they used insideND for, such as what links were the most popular and how they navigated the site. This information was used to make insideND run more smoothly.

This leads to one major visual difference — it appears there is less on insideND than there was before, Sperry said. However, all of the same information is available, but a new organization system makes the site appear less cluttered.

“What we did was make it more condensed, but still have all of the information,” Sperry said.

The site also features drop-down menus, said Lenette Votava, organizational communications analyst at OIT. These menus, which include related links to the menu topic, were determined through the focus groups’ opinions, Sperry said.

Other updated areas include the classifieds channel, where students have more options for their listings, Sperry said. Also available are tutorials on customizing insideND, such as removing channels and editing tab content.

While OIT is excited about the new InsideND, some students cite confusion over the new layout. “I knew where everything was before, and now I’m not sure where everything has been moved to,” sophomore Allie Hamman said. “It will just take some time to get used to.”

One thing everyone can agree on, however, is how it looks. “It’s aesthetically pleasing,” Hamman said.

OIT will have several events to welcome new students to campus, including extended Help Desk and Computer Store hours during Freshman Orientation.

A full calendar, including dates, times and locations is available at oit.nd.edu, OIT’s Web site.

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University Choral Auditions

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For more information please phone DPAC at 631-7800

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dorm has much more versatili-
ty than her old dorm.

"My friends and I decided to move to Ryan because it gave us a lot more room options than Lewis," Maloney said. "Although we didn't know at the time that Lewis was going to be reno-
ved."

Upperclassmen like Maloney aren't the only ones excited to move in to the new dorm. Julienne Rizzo, a freshman from California, said she is excit-
ted to be able to spend all of her time on campus living in Ryan.

"It's amazing," Rizzo said. "I'm truly lucky to be here, especially right since fresh-
man year."

Because Ryan Hall is so new, all of its residents are starting with a clean slate. They get to help create the dorm's Cheers, traditions and signature events.

"It's exciting and fun because we get to build new traditions," Ryan Resident Assistant Necchi Ekwanu-
si said.

"We're the first women to live in Ryan and our move in day was fantastic," Ekwanu-
si said she already feels a sense of community from the girls in the dorm. "I feel like everyone's genu-
inely excited to live here," she said. "Not just to be back on campus, but to live in Ryan."

The dorm's rector, Bryan Torrino, feels it is of the same exact sense of excitement.

"The reaction to the dorm has been extremely, extremely positive," Torniolo said. "I think the girls feel very blessed to be here. They think it's beautifu-
ly."

Like Ekwanu and the other residents, Torniolo is excited about the chance to create new traditions for the dorm.

"I think the greatest part about Notre Dame is its tra-
dition, hands down," Torniolo said. "And it's really nice to start your own traditions. It's nice to see so many women take an active part in that. There's a lot of excitement here."

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we will have done about $275 mil-
lion worth of construction.

Lyphout said the recession did impact raising funds for new proj-
ects, such as a free standing ice arena, remodeling of the first and second floors of the Hesburgh Library and projects for exec-
utive education to the south of Mendoza. Nonetheless, he said the University is very close to breaking ground on some of these new buildings.

"Our construction is totally dependent upon having the money in hand, so with the recession we did have to slow down some, but we still have a pretty aggressive construction schedule," he said. "These projects we're working on designs for right now. We think we're closer to having the appro-
priate fundraising completed."

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said he also thought that construction on the ice rink would begin soon.

"The new ice rink is one of the projects we are waiting to close the funding on," he said. "We won't start a project until we build 10 percent of the funds pledged for the building. It is a building that hopefully we will close the funding on but we haven't yet."

There were buildings that were com-
pleted over the summer — Ryan Hall and Geddes Hall, the new home of the Institute for Church Life, which will also house the Center for Social Concerns (SOC).

Lyphout said Geddes Hall should be the first building on campus to attain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifi-
ation.

"This is the national standard in green building," according to a July 21 press release from the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. To achieve LEED certification, a building must meet high benchmarks for energy efficiency, water efficiency, indoor air quality, protection of resources and decreased pollution and waste reduction.

Affleck-Graves said the LEED certifi-
cation process is lengthy, beginning when the building in question is designed, in addition to being "a little bit more expensive in do LEED buildings."

Lyphout said a number of vari-
bles are considered by the certifi-
cation process.

"You get points for certain aspects of design as well as the construction methods used, the way the construction site is han-
dled, the trailers that you use for

the construction, the environmen-
tally-friendly energy systems you use, etc." Lyphout said that because of the whole variety of points you can earn, he said.

Affleck-Graves said the University has followed the regu-
late procedure and he fully expects Geddes Hall to become Notre Dame's first LEED building.

"It will be LEED certified," he said. "We are absolutely confident that it will be because we know we've done exactly what the standards say. But technically it is not certified yet.

Furthermore, several buildings currently under construction are also expected to be LEED certified.

Lyphout said the renovation of the old Law School will be finished on June 1, 2010, and Sitton-Remick Hall, the new engineering building, will be completed in December.

Several new athletic facilities are also nearing completion.

"We are completing the two sta-
tadiums," Affleck-Graves said. "The one for soccer, Alumni Stadium, and Arlotta Stadium for lacrosse."

They will actually start playing the week after next in the soccer one. The lacrosse one is also nearing completion, hopefully by the end of the season.

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(my room) was a little small, but one of the things that has been relaxed around and everything is getting unpacked so it's getting like a normal room.

Today, incoming freshmen will be busy with dorm activities.

For example, Walsh Hall will have a scavenger hunt on campus. Walsh Communications Jamiie Fisher said,

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But freshmen will also have many opportunities to meet and connect and meet from other dorms, he said. This weekend, freshmen will have ice cream from the Ilitch's, as a break from the regular, have bonfides and eat outside.

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Get Involved in Irish Athletics!

The Sports Information Office is looking for student assistants for the 2009-10 school year.

Any students interested in becoming active and involved in Irish athletics should come to an informational meeting on Monday, Aug. 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sports Information Office (2nd floor Joyce Center; entrance from 2nd). Students with prior ex-
perience in writing, photography and new media (web sites) are encouraged to attend. For more information contact 631-7516.

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ably financial aid options. He said the administration still commits to meeting the demonstrated need of every student, and the Office of Financial Aid remains in the few in the country that is still able to help.

"We didn't have financial aid, the class profiles wouldn't be getting stronger," he said.

However, the administration did ask the office to admit about 50 more students than usual because of the recession, yielding more rev-
enue for tuition and a slightly larg-
er-than-average class size of about 2,000.

Of the 2,060 students, 12 percent were vaudevillians or scholar-
stipants of their high school and 18 students achieved a perfect ACT or SAT score.

The Class of 2013 is 55 percent male and 45 percent female and 24 percent are children of Notre Dame al-
mum.

The incoming freshman class is also one of the most diverse Notre Dame has seen with 23 percent of the class an ethnic minority, but Saracino said the University hopes to increase that percentage in future years.

"If we show up in short form, it's ethnic diversity," he said.

We are disappointed in the area of diversity and international stu-
dents.

About three percent of students in the Class of 2013 are international, but Saracino said many other top universities reach about seven per-
cent.

This year, the class contains stu-
dents from 23 different countries.

The largest groups of international students come from South Korea, followed by China.

Of the 23 percent of ethnic minori-
ty students, an estimated 10 percent are African American, and three percent African American and one percent Native American.

The most disappointing is the number of American students, Saracino said. "We are now spending more money to recruit in areas of the country where Notre Dame does a better job and doing more outreach work."

Along with academic achieve-
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Service members and their families help the transition from service to combat to classes and programs that assist in the transition from combat to the classroom, the Military Family Research Institute at Purdue Web site said. With a focus on student service members and veterans — both those beginning their college education and those who are returning to college after extended service or deployment — this grant will enable the College to make the transition from service to college or graduate school.

Studies have shown that students who have served or are currently serving in the military may deal with barriers to their education, such as feeling frustrated, alone and misunderstood on college campuses. A grant of $49,999 will assist with Saint Mary's plans to form a task force to oversee the grant and review the issues involved with recruiting and enrolling veterans, develop a strategy to recruit veterans, train student affairs staff to address the unique issues veterans face and develop a peer support network for veterans.

The number of veterans who have attended and are currently attending Saint Mary's is important to Saint Mary's College, said Karen Johnson, director of student affairs. "We believe that we offer the kind of education that women veterans are seeking — small, intense classes, faculty interaction — and that we can also offer great leadership opportunities for women veterans." Brown said. "By the nature of their experiences veterans and their children can contribute in unique ways to the diversity of our student body and enhance the learning experience for all of our students." By the nature of their experiences veterans and their children can contribute in unique ways to the diversity of our student body and enhance the learning experience for all of our students. Saint Mary's has committed to providing the maximum amount possible for those five students — up to 50 percent of the tuition and fees not already covered by the Yellow Ribbon Program. "We believe that we can also pay at least some of the extra cost. The private institutions determine the number of students that may receive this and the amount of tuition it will cover, and the VA matches this private funding," Johnson said. "First, we're excited at the possibility of potentially enrolling more veterans, and their children, at Saint Mary's College, Brown said. "By the nature of their experiences veterans and their children can contribute in unique ways to the diversity of our student body and enhance the learning experience for all of our students. Second, this program provides one more way we can make a Saint Mary's education affordable for more families." Contact Megan Loney at mloneyO1@ saintmarys.edu
To all you freshmen who grew up reciting Rucko's speeches, who lay in bed not with visions of sugarplums but of Touchdown Jesus and the Golden Dome, who have 87 family members who went here, who watched "Rudy" so many times you know the order in which the players turned in their jerseys to Dan Devine: Wake up. Rise and shine, ladies and gentlemen, because life here ain't like that. You may as well have just hopped off the Mayflower, because you've entered a world of conservatism, religion, and two months of sub-zero temperatures, a place where alum treat Barack Obama as though he were Michael Vick. Buckle up.

Airplanes flew over campus this spring, looking pictures of aborted fetuses to protest Obama giving the commencement address. Awesome dorm events get cancelled and controversial plays cancel anyways. You can't camp out for basketball games with a Kryzewskville or the police will run you away.

No joy in finishing that movie/home work assignment/date in the dorm of the opposite sex after midnight — the rules governing this are called parietals, a word which will soon have the same annoyance as the words "traffic" or "airport security." Boys and girls can't see each other until tonight. What better way to teach you ra than the words "traffic" or "airport security." Boys and girls can't see each other until tonight. What better way to teach you ra than the words "traffic" or "airport security." Boys and girls can't see each other until tonight. What better way to teach you ra than the words "traffic" or "airport security." Boys and girls can't see each other until tonight. What better way to teach you ra than the words "traffic" or "airport security." Boys and girls can't see each other until tonight. What better way to teach you ra than the words "traffic" or "airport security."
Experience Notre Dame outside the classroom

The words "all women's college" were a huge red flag in my mind. Not because I'm boy crazy, but because I thought I was being thrown into a house of all women, and couldn't imagine adding another, 1,000 females to a list that already had a name. So, for those of you who were like me and worried about moving to the all-female world that is Saint Mary's, you should know that this is one of its strengths, not one of its weaknesses. This is a place where women can thrive, find themselves, and form bonds that nothing can break. This isn't just a place of study, but a home where you can grow within yourself. My best advice to you is come here, but more than that, come here and get to know the amazing women who surround you. There are no other place where so many talented, compassionate and intelligent women will gather together. Take advantage of the company you are deluged to keep for the next four years. I know you are nervous now, you're probably not your own. I know that feeling. I came here alone, and I believe in just dozens of women who I will never forget. Saint Mary's and the women you meet here are a gift that you didn't choose. So no matter what, just remember to have fun.

Ashley Chantery

Assistant Managing Editor

Saint Mary's

Building your future

The statistics as my physics professor didn't believe me when I remember what you came here for the experience, so don't miss out on such a crucial aspect of college life by sitting in your room studying on a Friday night. No test will ever be worth it and so bad grade will hold you back as much as most freshmen seem to think. Your GPA can only get you so far. What you help once you are through the doors of Notre Dame is something other than group projects to BS. About. Besides, it's Notre Dame, and, as long as you're not a science major, it's pretty hard to get anything below a B. Focus on really learning here. Don't get too caught up in the classes here. I'm not endorsing scholastic failure, I'm just saying a B isn't the end of the world — but realize what you learn in them won't have as much influence on your future than they have in the past. Do things that make you gain here. I like to think of classes as a tool to employers that I actually care enough about my future to broaden my horizons. The learning you will be outwitted in the next five years (Literally. HIFS will soon replace every American.)

Finding out who you are and know what you can accomplish. Don't be afraid to ask your professors for advice, their goal is to help you succeed. Take a class with Carl Ackerman, who understands the importance of real-world skills, and even devotes a portion of his class to them. As with every professor here, he'll go above and beyond what you expect.

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Campus leaders welcome Class of 2013

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.

Make the most of your time here. Be open to engaging new friends, those who may have similar or very different personal stories and perspectives. Embrace each classroom experience as an opportunity to learn, hone your talents and share your interests. If you live in a resident hall, explore the multiple ways that you can contribute as a leader. As you face challenges, know that you are not alone and do not hesitate to seek support from those around you. Finally, in all that you do, take a few moments each day for personal reflection to refresh your spirit.

One of the primary objectives of Notre Dame, as a Catholic university, is to develop people who will be prepared to make positive contributions to the Church and the world and to confront the challenges of the future. We are confident that you possess the talent and desire to make meaningful and lasting contributions.

Once again, welcome to Notre Dame. May you soon come to feel at home on campus, and to love this place, as do so many graduates of past years. I hope to meet you in person over the course of your time, and throughout that time, I will keep you in my prayers.

In Notre Dame,

Reverend John J. Jenkins, C.S.C.
University President
Aug. 21

To the Class of 2013:

You chose to go to an all-women's, Catholic, liberal arts college. Located in South Bend, Ind. Winters here make Antarctica seem like Fiji. Call me crazy, but that doesn't exactly sound like the best four years of your life. You're in the midst of orientation activities, and you've met more Marys, Caitlins, and Megans than you ever thought possible. Between the time your parents head back home (to measure your room to make sure the hot tub fits) and you and your roommate awkwardly make small talk, you're probably wondering how life is going to be.

These same thoughts filtered through my head as a first year, but they quickly changed after I moved into the residence hall, explored the multiple ways that you can contribute as a leader. W hen you face challenges, know that you are not alone and do not hesitate to seek support from those around you. Finally, in all that you do, take a few moments each day for personal reflection to refresh your spirit.

Last year, SGA revised Saint Mary's constitution and took other measures to ensure the organization ran smoothly. Now that our foundation has been laid, SGA is ready to serve you. Want new vacuum cleaners in the residence halls? Tell us. Want to discuss transportation and to from campus? Tell us. Want to go co-ed? Tell us (but after 165 years, we probably won't do anything). Nothing is too small or too trivial. The only way we can truly give the student body what it wants is if you tell us exactly what that is. You have the power to change things, and we will do everything in our power to make your voices heard.

As a member of SGA, I promise you that we will be a proactive and transparent organization whose primary goal is to better student life. Our lines of communication will be open, and we will share our activities with students. We have nothing to hide from you, and you should have a governing body in which you take pride. SGA will be more efficient and strive to complete tasks in a timely manner. I don't like wasting time, and I do not plan on wasting yours. SGA will communicate better with students. As the liaison between administrators and students, we will be aware of your concerns and suggestions. Completing tasks is great, but it means nothing if these tasks don't improve the welfare of the student. Likewise, we invite you through open forums to share your opinions.

In accordance with our mission, SGA hosts wonderful social events throughout the year. Jamaica Shaka is tomorrow night right here at Saint Mary's (a great opportunity to ring in the Fall season!), and of course, Homecoming week. Mixers, dances, socials, movie nights and formals are only a few of the many ways SGA caters to you. Spring events like SMC, Toastal and the Darroway's Carnival bring all students together. We hope you'll take advantage of these fun activities.

That being said, SGA can only do as much for you as you ask us to. As student body president, I am here to ensure that you get as much out of your four years at Saint Mary's as possible. SGA is your organization; please use us to improve your college experience. If you let us serve you, I think you will find that this all-women's, Catholic, liberal arts college in snowy South Bend is exactly where you're supposed to be.

Welcome home, Bellies!

Jenny Hoffman and Meg Griffin
Saint Mary's student body president and vice president
Aug. 21

Welcome to the Notre Dame Family. Whether you join us as a first-year undergraduate, a transfer student, or a new graduate/professional student, it will be an honor to be among the first to welcome you to the University of Notre Dame. On behalf of all of us who serve in Student Affairs, we are glad you are here and hope that you will soon feel comfortable calling this place home.

This University offers a host of incredible resources that exist to help you do just that. Our 28 undergraduate residence halls and two graduate residence facilities are at the heart of the very real sense of community that is one of the most distinctive features of a Notre Dame education. The quality of the student service departments in the Division of Student Affairs is unparalleled; these offices include Alcohol and Drug Education, Campus Ministry, the Career Center, the Counseling Center, the Gender Relations Center, Health Services, International Student Services, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, the Office of Residence Life and Housing, Notre Dame Security Police and Student Activities. The staffs in your residence halls and graduate residence facilities are present to assist and to support you in your transition to life at Notre Dame.

Although our university provides a variety of services, we share a common desire to do everything we can to help facilitate your intellectual, spiritual and personal growth.

As a community, we draw our strength from the unique and diverse gifts offered by each of you. We hope that all of you will be able to achieve the goals you set for yourselves this year.

I hope that I will have the opportunity to come to know many of you as you progress in your studies.

Father Mark Poorman
Notre Dame student body president
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Things to Do Around the Bend

By ERIC PRISTER
Scene Writer

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For those families who prefer something more active, South Bend is home to the East Race Waterway, a white-water rafting facility and one of the 2004 Olympic Trial locations. For both beginner and advanced kayakers, the East Race can provide an afternoon of fun for you and your family.

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However, one could still contend that the most exciting, beautiful and enjoyable place to spend time in the South Bend area is the very place that you will be spending your next four years. Notre Dame, with its park-like atmosphere, is a perfect place to enjoy your last few days with your parents.

Take a walk around the lakes, visit the Golden Dome, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center and the Grotto, or just play catch and have a picnic on one of the quads. Your experiences at Notre Dame will surely shape your life, and your parents certainly would enjoy experiencing some of its greatness with you.

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Dorm Decorating FOR DUMMIES

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Editor

We could all use tips when it comes to the difficult choices made when decorating our respective college habitats. Unpacking is only one step in the process of making a dorm your home-away-from-home, but decorating takes a room from the place where you keep your things to the place where you can feel comforted, inspired, and relaxed. Here are a few ideas to keep in mind during this process.

To Theme Or Not To Theme?

Themed rooms are a very common way for roommates to bond over a common interest. Common themes include beach paradises, black and white motifs, pink and polka-dotted looks, and even “High School Musical” devotion that extended past graduation into Notre Dame move-in.

Sometimes a chosen theme can help navigate the wide range of room decor options. With a theme, roommates can go wild in the creation of a cohesive ambiance. But there are some downsides to a theme. A tropical haven might not seem so warm with the change of seasons. Or the phrase “orange is the new pink” might make you panic if your room looks like set from “Legally Blonde.”

It’s important to decide if a theme will be overbearing or too inflexible for you before you commit to it. Once you gauge this, dive into your chosen motif or divert to a more eclectic, diverse look.

Points for Creativity

Making dorm room decor takes a lot of flexibility and compromise. You have to combine the tastes of anywhere between two and six people. Being considerate and letting each person’s preferences have a presence in the room not only will make for peaceful roommate relations but also for peace of mind. Eclectic nirvana can be achieved by making everyone happy in your living space.

At the heart of compromise is creativity. Creatively incorporating all parties allows for a new comprehensive look. Creativity is not only vital to the personality of a room but also essential for making the room functional. Creativity is crucial in making the most of small or oddly shaped rooms found in older dorms and in spicing up boring, homogenous spaces in newer dorms.

Stay Classy, Stay Yourself

Your dorm room environment should be a place where you feel comfortable, and one great way to increase your comfort is to surround yourself with things that you like. This can mean pictures from home or posters of your favorite movies.

One big mistake made particularly by campus males is making prominent displays of poor taste. Obviously taste is subjective, but certain interests begin to scrape the bottom of the barrel. The best and most prevalent example of this is found in rooms that are adorned purely with drinking memorabilia and posters of ladies who are wearing varying amounts of clothing. It’s clear that you like women and drinking. But is it really the best interests to highlight? Well, not only does it generally lack class, it also lacks originality.

The message here is not to be someone that you aren’t but rather to show how diverse and high-quality your interests are. Allow your room to speak to your credit rather than your detriment. Be prepared to use both sides of your brain when it comes to dorm room problem solving, and you will be ready to tackle any obstacles in the way to making the room of your dreams.

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won national titles and lost national titles before we continue to be very resilient and have that hunger to achieve this year capable of us. We had the potential to go all the way." The 2009 Irish may be just as deep as last year's squad with 19 monogram winners and seven starters returning. Last year's depth will help the Irish this season as they look to replace many of their graduated stars, including two-time Hermann Award winner Kerri Hanks. Although the Irish return few proven goal scorers, they return a great number of defensive players who have the ability to light up the opposing forwards in this season. Among those who Waldrum expects to step up and produce is sophomore forward Melissa Henderson, the reigning Big East Rookie of the Year who ranked second in the conference behind Hanks in both goals and points.

"We're looking at Melissa Henderson, who's into her sophomore year as one who's fully capable of stepping up and filling that goal-scoring," Waldrum said.

Waldrum also believes that sophomore forward Courtney Barg will contribute on the front line. Barg came on strong for the Irish late season last year and started in all six of Notre Dame's College Cup games.

"Courtney Barg may be one of the best players in the country this year," Waldrum said. "She has the ability to score a lot of goals."

The Irish also boast a strong incoming freshman class, led by Canadian forward Stephanie Breault. Both Barg and Waldrum said he expects to contribute early.

"Freshman Tereza Stanis from Canada can step in and put up a lot of goals," Waldrum said.

Fans looking to see the Irish make another run at a national championship will have to do so in the comfort of Notre Dame's brand new Alumni Stadium, which Waldrum believes may be the final step in making Notre Dame a perennial national power.

"As a university we have great academics, and we've had a great women's program over the years and we think the stadium is the last piece of the puzzle to make sure we remain a national power," Waldrum said. "More importantly, I hope it helps draw students, and I hope we get our student support out there because we think that if we get our students out we're going to do very well, it will get them hooked."

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"Northwestern is a great team, but we felt that we didn't do enough defensively to win," Waldrum said.

The team's first game, against Michigan on Sept. 1, should be played in the brand new Alumni Stadium, which Clark had the opportunity to tour last week.

"It's exciting," he said. "It looks like a castle. Hopefully it becomes a fortress for Notre Dame soccer."

Clark said he is looking for the Irish to make it further into the NCAA tournament this season, though another Big East title is also a big goal.

"I think the league is the true measure of success, but in fairness the way we are going to be judged, and the way we really want to judge ourselves is we can win the championship," he said.

However, even qualifying for the NCAA tournament is a tough task.

"Making the tournament makes it a successful season," Clark said. "But to make it a great season, I'd say the final four is what the goal is."

The Irish will have to prove themselves right away, as their first games come at home against No. 22 Michigan and then at the Addidas/U.S. Soccer Classic against No. 3 Wake Forest and No. 5 St. John's, both of which made the Final Four in 2008. Overall, the schedule contains eight teams ranked in the pre-season Top 25 by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, and the Irish are ranked No. 12.

"We play a difficult schedule," Clark said. "We'll find out pretty early if we've got what it takes."

The schedule may be even harder to navigate after the loss of nine seniors from the 2008 squad, including first-team All-American central defender Matt Besler, who was drafted in the first round by the Kansas City Wizards, and all-Big East left back Nick Pegues. Both men started every game for the Irish in 2008.

But Clark said he is confident that the team will overcome the losses and is still well-stocked with upperclassmen, including nine returning starters.

"There's no question that we'll miss all the seniors," he said. "I think every year you have a good team, you're going to graduate very good players. The secret is to replace them. It's an opportunity for the kids who have been waiting in the wings." One key replacement comes in the form of incoming freshman midfielder Powers. Powers was named the 2008-09 Gatorade Boys Soccer Player of the Year for his senior year at Plano Senior High School in Plano, Texas. Clark said he does not yet know how soon Powers will play.

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Bobby Clark
Irish coach

"We're looking at Professors Aaron Maund and powers and sophomore defender Aaron Maund may miss up to six games if chosen to play for the United States at the 2009 U20 World Cup. Both have been named to a 30-player list, of which 21 will be selected.

"It's great news if they make the squad," Clark said.

"But the bad news is we might have to do without them. But we're very happy for them. We'll be good still."

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No. 1 in the national rankings last year, and claimed both the CCHA regular season and playoff Championships, earning the NCAA Tournament bid from victory over Michigan at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

Jackson said the Beimidji State loss has stuck with him over the off-season, and expected it had with his players as well. Even though NCAA regulations prohibit much contact between coaches and players over the summer, Jackson said he trusted in his players to maintain discipline.

"They're a pretty focused group," Jackson said. "And if Notre Dame will need they weren't working hard."

The biggest question mark heading into the new season will be between the pipes, just as it was two years ago. Going into the 2007-08 campaign, then-junior Jordan Pearce beat out then-sophomore Tom O'Brien and the highly touted Australian graduate student Shad Phillips. Pearce went on to become one of most decorated netminders in Irish history, setting program records in single-season wins and shutouts as well as career wins.

Jackson said Phillips, who missed all of last season because of a leg injury, would be the starter this season with O'Brien and freshman Mike Johnson serving as suitable backups.

"Jordan Pearce, when he got his first opportunity he never looked back, and we hope that Brad can do the same thing," Jackson said.

"That's going to be the biggest question mark going into the season, but I have full confidence that Brad can take the similar type of step that Jordan took.

As far as Phillips' injury goes, Jackson said he expected Phillips to be fully recovered from the surgery, which was done last October.

Phillips returned to the ice last spring for some light practice before the NCAA Tournament.

"He looked pretty good for a guy that hadn't played or practiced all year," Jackson said. "The biggest thing for Brad is going to be his mental approach to the game."

In addition to Pearce, the Irish also have to replace seniors Erik Condra, Christian Hanson, Garrett Regan and Justin White. Jackson said he expected the current senior class, specifically players like Ryan Thang and Kyle Lawson, to take on a larger role.

Rounding out the roster will be the six-senior class of forwards Kevin Nugent, Nick Larson, Kyle Palmieri and Riley Sheahan, defencemen Sam Calabrese, and Jordan Talbot.

Jackson said Palmieri, selected 26th overall in the 2008 NHL Draft by Anaheim, and Sheahan, second cousin of former Irish player Brock Sheahan, have the best chance to contribute immediately, though he expects all the freshmen to leave their mark eventually.

"One question that Kyle Palmieri is going to be ready to play right away, and I hope that Riley Sheahan will as well," Jackson said.

"Notre Dame will need contributions from across the board if they expect to successfully navigate a conference schedule that includes four games each against rivals Michigan and Michigan State and two against last year's national runner-up Miami (Ohio). Outside of CCHA player, Notre Dame has a home game against perennial power Boston College, a potential match-up against North Dakota in the midseason Shillelagh Tournament in Chicago, and, to top it all off, a fall break trip to Boston to play defending national champion Boston University.

"I don't want to go through the season without having some bumps in the road so that your team gets better and knows how to play teams of that caliber," Jackson said.

The agreement with Boston University stipulates that the Terriers will play a return game in South Bend in 2011, Notre Dame's first season in the new Lefty Smith Ice Rink, which will break ground this spring.

"There's motivation to prepare our team, but there's also motivation to bring teams into our building as well," Jackson said.

The Irish open their season with a non-conference two-game series against Alabama-Huntsville on Oct. 9 and 10 in the Joyce Center.

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East teams will face.

"We lost four seniors who were such a key part of our fabric, it just changes the personality of the team, which is neat about college basketball," Brey said. "You always have new personalities to add.

Hansbrough averaged 10.5 points per game in his last year at Mississippi State, and will join Jackson on the perimeter as the likely shooting guard. Martin, a 6-foot-8 swingman with range from outside, will replace Ryan Ayers at small forward. Martin averaged 8.5 points and 3.8 rebounds per game in his only year with the Boilermakers.

Manning the frontcourt with Harangody will be junior forward Tyrone Nash, who emerged as a key rebounder and post presence for Notre Dame at the end of last season, averaging 6.2 boards per contest.

Brey said there are definite points of improvement he would like to see on both ends of the floor for the upcoming season.

"I'd like to see us getting a little better offensively than we were this year," Brey said.

"The year or two before we were very potent offensively, up in the 80s in points per game. I think we probably have that potential again."

"Certainly on the defensive end, we can get better there, can we rebound the ball better, that's always a certain, rebounding the basketball against the athletic ability in our league," Brey said. "We're not going to necessarily steal in down from people but can we keep the field goal percentage down."

Brey also said he preferred the lack of pressure compared to last year's preseason top 10 ranking.

"We're not on anybody's radar right now and I think that's a good thing for us," he said.

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open practice last Saturday, and Weis likes the flexibility his presence gives the rest of the Irish offense.

"We all know Michael and Golden are going to be on the field a bunch," Weis said. "So does he end up as backup to Golden, because he has similar type speed? Or do you put him opposite of Golden, and now you have speed on both sides out there, rotate him in with that three-wide group?"

Fellow receiver Roby Toma, Te'o's high school teammate, has caught his head coach's eye by exceeding early expectations, particularly as a blocker, despite his 5-foot-9, 175-pound frame.

"Everyone thought that Roby was a throw-in. He's the Punahou throw-in," Weis said. "But that's not the way it's working out. He's been competitive."

Tailbacks Cierre Wood and Theo Riddick both took significant reps in Saturday's open practice with junior starter Armando Allen not participating in full-contact drills, and both could contribute in the backfield and on special teams this year.

Tight end Tyler Eifert is making a push to play behind sophomore Kyle Rudolph and junior Mike Ragone, and Weis used Eifert as an example of the "proverbial semantics conversation about playing or not playing freshmen" that he's had at this time of the year.

"He's making it tough for us to want to not play him," Weis said. "He's picked it up mentally and physically he's handled the roles of a tight end, including the blocking, which has been a very pleasant surprise for us."

Though offensive linemen Chris Watt, Alex Bullard and Zach Martin aren't likely to see much, if any, playing time with an experienced group of linemen ahead of them, Weis said all three impressed him.

"In some other years, I think they might be playing in the two-deep right now," Weis said. "Fortunately, we can wait a little while. We'll see how it goes. But we've been happy with all three of them."

Fellow freshman offensive lineman Jordan Cowart has emerged as one of the team's best returning linemen.

"The guys that get on the field now as freshmen are getting on the field because they're really good, or they're playing on special teams," Weis said. "But I'm telling you, on offense and defense right now, to get on the field, that means you're pretty good."

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team returns all players, adds top recruits for new season

By BILL BRINK

Turmoil and graduation are staples of college sports, but this year the women's basketball team faces a post-season with few free cards.

Not one player from last year's team left. The addition of one of the country's best high school players is a plus, but it comes at a cost.

That doesn't erase last season's first-round loss at the Joyce Center in the NCAA Tournament, which coach Muffet McGraw and the Irish have not forgotten about.

"I'm sure not over it. I'm pretty sure they're not either," McGraw said. "It was a really devastating blow to us."

The Irish finished 22-9 last season, 10-6 in the Big East Conference. They drew a No. 7 seed in the NCAA Tournament and faced No. 10 seed Minnesota, who beat them 79-71.

"Our strength and conditioning coach was very impressed with her speed and quickness," McGraw said. "We're excited about getting her in the gym and seeing what she can do."

The Irish started 13-1 last season, their only loss coming in overtime on the road at Michigan. Then, they went 1-3 in four conference games. They split their next six conference games.

"That second-half struggle dropped the Irish, who were ranked No. 8 in the Associated Press poll at one point, down into the 20s."

The only junior who was healthy last season, forward Becca Brunzowski, emerged as a multi-talented offensive threat. She averaged 10.7 points per game and led the team in 3-point percentage (37.5 percent).

"Becca is most improved player ever two years in a row," McGraw said. "She's someone I know I can count on."

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Squad shoots for top three in conference race

By MICHAEL BLASCO

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**Men’s Golf**

Sandman returns to squad in 2009

By ERIC PRISTER
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After no first-place finishes and a fourth-place showing in the Big East tournament in the 2008-09 season, the Irish look to use the experience they gained last season on the road to a more successful 2009-10 campaign.

"Last year’s results were somewhat predictable given the timeline of our program and the loss of our best player and senior, Josh Sandman, before the season began," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "We had some growing pains but gained a great deal of experience. We’re going to build on those experiences and are looking forward to a great season this year.

After missing all of last season because of an injury, Sandman will return for a fifth year with the school's best career stroke average. In his junior year, he recorded two top-5 finishes and five top-10 finishes and was also named to the PING All-Midwest Region team and the All-Big East team.

Sandman will be joined by senior Doug Fortner, who led the Irish last year with a 74.24 scoring average and has been named to the All-Big East team for the past two years. He also ended last season with a runner-up finish in the Big East tournament. "Fortner is primed for a big year," Kubinski said. "Given the experience he gained last season playing number one in our lineup and with the return of Sandman as a fifth-year senior, I feel we’ll have two number one-type players in our lineup."

Sophomore Max Scodro is another player in the Irish lineup looking to improve on a solid 2008-09 season this year. The only player to finish in the top 10 at the Bridgestone Collegiate Championship — Scodro finished the year with two top-5 finishes and four top-10 finishes and was named to the All-Big East team with Fortner.

"Max is another extremely talented player," Kubinski said. "He has a great attitude and has shared some very lofty goals with me. With continued hard work, patience and his ever growing emotional maturity development, [Scodro] can become a top player nationally."

Senior Carl Santos-Ocampo, juniors Dustin Zhang, Connor Alan-Lee and Jeff Chen and sophomore Chris Walker will provide increased motivation for the players and get them to take more responsibility when scoring goals.

The team will be led by senior co-captain Bridget Ronayne, who has been a mainstay on a tough defense for the Belles. "Bridget is a very mature player on the field," Crabbe said. "She is a good leader and her teammates respect her. Her success playing in the back for us comes from her ability to read the game and make good decisions under pressure. She is very good at minimizing mistakes, which is key as a defender."

The Belles will count on Ronayne and other veterans to lead a freshman class that is coming in from all over the country. "We have players coming from Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and Indiana," Crabbe said. "We look to have between eight and 10 freshmen competing for spots on this year’s roster."

Senior Patty Duffy will also be a force for the Belles as the goalie-keeper this season. Duffy registered 81 saves in 15 appearances last season for the Belles.

"Duffy has a tremendous competitive spirit," Crabbe said. "She has spent many extra hours on her own in order to get better at her position. Having a full season in 2008 and the number of minutes she played should translate into an advantage for her coming into the 2009 season that she did not have last year."

The Belles will open the season with a tough road trip when they play Centre and Transylvania Colleges on Sept. 5 and 6 at Centre College’s Tournament.

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**SMC Soccer**

Belles hope to bounce back after disappointing 2008 campaign

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

After a difficult 2008 campaign that ended with a 2-13-1 overall record, the Belles are looking to continue to move forward.

"Now I have a better understanding of our players and what I feel are their strengths and weaknesses," Belles coach Ryan Crabbe said. "In addition, we had a very good four weeks of training in the spring which allowed us to continue to improve and stay focused on Saint Mary’s soccer. I also feel the players have a better understanding of my expectations. While we struggled in 2008 to win close games, I feel in 2009 we are all more highly motivated to turn those results around."

The team is returning 17 players in 2009, many of whom saw playing time during the 2008 season.

Crabbe would like to see the team finish their games better. In 2008 the team lost eight games by one goal and Crabbe is hoping this will provide increased motivation for the players and get them to take more responsibility when scoring goals.

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Senior midfielder Katie Wehrle fights for possession against a Manchester player on Sept. 5, 2007.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish hope to live up to expectations

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

One phrase can motivate a team or damage a team before the season even starts, and that phrase describes this year’s squad: high expectations.

The Irish received five first-place votes and a total of 178 points in the pre-season Big East coaches poll and sat tied at No. 2 with Cincinnati.

The high rank comes despite a less than spectacular 2008 season in which the Irish finished 14-13 in the regular season and took second in the Big East tournament.

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The Irish will begin the 2009 season with a Big East title on their minds and the team will be counting on the return of two seniors, including opposite hitter, middle blocker to an already experienced team that features six returning seniors and four juniors. Like Kaelin, Sciacca wasted no time in making a name for herself during her freshman year.

Kaelin, a 5-foot-10 outside hitter, made an immediate impression during her freshman year by amassing 24 kills against Bowling Green in her first collegiate experience, which tied an Notre Dame record for the second-best mark in a three-game match. Kaelin was also twice named Big East Rookie of the Week.

Sciacca adds depth and talent as a 6-foot-1 middle blocker to an already experienced team that features six returning seniors and four juniors. Like Kaelin, Sciacca wasted no time in making a name for herself during her freshman year.

Sciacca became only the second Irish player to earn the AVCA Northeast Region Freshman of the Year honor.

But this year’s most promising sign may be the return of assistant head coach Robin Davis, who spent five years on the Notre Dame volleyball staff from 2002-2005. Davis spent the last three seasons as the head coach at Boise State and replaces former assistant coach Greg Smith, who was named head coach of the University of Toledo in May.

"I'm really excited to have Robin back on staff," Irish coach Debbie Brown told und.com.

Led by experience both on the court and on the sidelines, the Irish will begin the 2009 season with a Big East title on their minds from start to finish.

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In order to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer:

Wednesday

JUMBLE

HENOHN ARNOLD
Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles, circle the four chunk sounds to form your ordinary word.

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Jumbles: SNACK ABSY OUTROY VIABLE

Answers Monday

A good way to improve the view at a football game - BINOCULARS

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Dana Eason, 38; Family Lloyd, 30; Bryan Cranston, 56; Jerry Lewis, 73

Happy Birthday: Use your Libra sophistication to gain access to groups that interest you. Before you know it, you will be in a leadership position. There is an undercurrent of wistfulness which may make you feel a little lonelier than you had expected. Be patient. Your old and familiar friends may bring with them a new sense of style and originality. Your numbers are 6, 15, 26, 35, 40, 47

ABREO (March 21-April 19): You'll be a little anxious, especially if things aren't moving fast enough for you. Don't hesitate to take over and push a little harder to get results. You're a lynx-like and creative thumbs that will give whatever you bring a certain grace and flair.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone may try to intimidate you at work, school or within your group of friends. Be unyielding and ponder the situation fully before you decide to make a statement or move that could alter your standing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You give your work some heart and feel it done. The news of promoting you to the future will further your self-promotion. This is a wonderful line for you to express your thoughts, ideas, concepts and plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Communicate with your lover and your friend(s) if you want to know if they are thinking of anything interesting or important. A new support or way of doing things will help you achieve more but the change may be difficult.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Open up about the way you feel and what you want to see happen. Money will come to you from an unusual source. This should help you look the changes at home that will ease stress and add to your comfort and efficiency.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look for an interesting position in a field that suits you and you will excel. A change of career or companies or even starting your own little business can all work out well. Opportunities are present.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You've got him on your plant and plenty of people waiting to see how you are going to handle everything. Don't be your emotions get the better of you. Let your intuitive guide you, not your heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make a few necessary changes to your personal life and the way you think and work and you will escalate a lot of stress. You will be taking a better look at where you are now and where you would like to be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A chance to show your talent will ensure advancement. A trip may be spoured on something that happens but phone ahead or do what makes over the instructor. Four.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Watch your way and be careful that you travel. Someone is trying to make you look bad and the easy way to guard against it is to hold your tongue. Over-producing, over-thinking or over-planning will lead to more troubles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There is an opportunity to close a deal, push a settlement through or reap valued money need you to do. You will feel the benefit of this new energy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Confusion is present. Don't be surprised if someone speak against you in the press and you will excel. A change of career or companies or even starting your own little business can all work out well. Opportunities are present.

Birthday Baby: You are imaginative, intuitive and ingenious. Your charisma caption will attract the opportunities you need. Be ready to troubleshoot. Over-thinking and over-planning will lead to more troubles.

Eugenia's web sites: astroadvice.com for fun horoscopes and eugenialast.com for confidential consultations.
Hawaiian linebacker leads deep, talented freshman class of 17

By MATT GAMBER

The expectations surrounding heralded linebacker Manti Te'o could be summed up by the scene at Friday's freshman media day, where he was undoubtedly the center of attention.

Since the prized recruit announced his commitment to the Irish on signing day, any discussion of Notre Dame's freshman class has begun with the Honolulu, Hawaii, native. But when he first greeted the Irish media contingent in the Guglielmino Athletics Complex, Te'o downplayed the attention he has received.

"I just try to be myself and take every day one at a time," he said. "I don't pay attention to all the hype." Te'o said. "Just like everybody else, I'm just trying to make the team better." Te'o has been somewhat limited in camp by a hamstring injury, but Irish coach Charlie Weis said Thursday that the linebacker has only missed "part" of practices. The injury won't keep Te'o out of the rotation in the season opener against Nevada on Sept. 5, Weis said.

"I expect to see him on the field in the opener," Weis said. "I don't think we'll be seeing him standing on the sideline very long.

The same could be said for several of Te'o's classmates, including wide receiver Shaquille Evans, who has worked his way into the third-receiver battle behind junior Golden Tate and sophomore Michael Floyd. The Inglewood, Calif., native impressed at Notre Dame's see EVANS/page 21

ND Women's Soccer

Near perfection inspires team for new season

By MIKE GOTIMER

The term "nearly perfect" is often used in sports to describe great teams. It can be used to describe the 1996 Chicago Bulls or 1998 New York Yankees that were so good they had few, if any, flaws as they cruised to titles in their respective leagues. However, some teams, like the 2002 New England Patriots, find themselves on the other end of the spectrum, coming up just short in the big game while on the brink of true perfection.

In 2008, Notre Dame found itself on the same ground as those Patriots, as it came up short in its pursuit of perfection during the final minutes of the championship game. The Irish, who entered last year's College Cup final with a 26-0-0 record, suffered a 2-1 loss to North Carolina as Tar Heels forward Casey Nogueira gave the game-winning goal from 20 yards out with less than two minutes to play in the match. Despite the tough finish to an otherwise fantastic season, Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he expects the team to rebound and compete at the high level that they have been accustomed to during his tenure at Notre Dame.

"I would expect the response to be just like it is every year," Waldrum said. "[The loss] continues to drive you and realize that you were so close and there were one or two little mistakes that cost you a championship. It was a difficult loss but we've see FRESHMEN/page 18

Men's Basketball

Return of Harangody gives Irish high hopes for 2009-10

By MICHAEL BRYAN

"We just want to fight back and get one of those seven or eight (Big East) bids," Irish coach Mike Brey said at the press conference announcing Harangody's return. "I think with [Harangody] back and what we have, we can realistically say we can make it run at one of those bids, period."

The senior class of Harangody and guards Jonathan Peoples and Tory Jackson has the chance to become the winningest in school history, and will break in the newly renovated Joyce Center this year. Harangody can cement his legacy at Notre Dame by placing himself in the record books alongside the program's all-time greats. After three years, Harangody ranks eighth in points (1,823) and fifth in rebounds (490). Both school records are in reach this year, but the power forward said the individual achievements are far from his top goals.

"It's good to be on a team again with guys that are family, and I'm just looking forward to wins this year and not individual statistics," Harangody said. This season the Irish will look to replace the scoring and depth provided by departed senior captains Kyle McAlarney, Ryan Ayers, Zach Hillesland and Luke Zeller, but that task may be made much easier with the addition of transfers Scott Martin and Ben Hansbrough.

Both players were ineligible last season after transferring following the 2007-2008 season — Hansbrough following his sophomore year at Mississippi State and Martin after his freshman campaign at Purdue — but both have been practicing with Notre Dame for a full season, and a two-man commodity of replacing the graduated seniors far easier than the task other Big see BRYE/page 19

Men's Soccer

Powers leads freshman class

By LAURA MYERS

The Irish may be able to make up for past mistakes Monday, if only symbolically, before moving on to a new stadium and another chance to win a championship for the Irish into plans for a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Northwestern shocked Notre Dame in 2008 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, beating Notre Dame 2-1 and knocking them out of contention for the College Cup.

Now the teams return to the same field before the start of their 2009 campaigns in a preseason match-up — and it will most likely be the last game the Irish play at the old Alumni field.

"There's a lot of returning players, and they were very disappointed last year," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. see WILDCATS/page 18

Hockey

ND hungry after early tourney exit

As the preeminence of the Notre Dame hockey program has grown over the past few years, so too have the expectations. Those lofty standards came crashing back down on the Irish last spring in a 5-1 upset loss to Bemidji State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"We had a great season, and I don't want to take away from that," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "But the last game of the year, we weren't the same team that we were for the majority of the season." Notre Dame rose as high as