University President Father Edward Malloy announced at the April Board of Trustees meeting that he intends to step down on June 30, 2005 after he serves his 15th year as president.

The Board elected Father John Jenkins, a current vice president and associate provost and former religious superior of priests and brothers at Notre Dame, from among several candidates to succeed Malloy as the University's 17th president.

The Board also filled a year-long vacancy in the position of executive vice president, choosing John Affleck-Graves to immediately assume the duties of the University's third-highest ranking post.

Father Edmund Joyce, Notre Dame's executive vice president emeritus, died May 2 at Holy Cross House at the age of 87.

Joyce, a native of British Honduras, now known as Belize, graduated from Notre Dame in 1937 and was ordained on campus in 1948. Joyce became University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh's executive vice president in 1952, and the two led Notre Dame side by side for 35 years.

Hesburgh gave the homily at Joyce's May 5 funeral, with hundreds of mourners from the University community in attendance to honor the life and accomplishments of the late priest.
Inside Column

Never forget

So the bubble pops this weekend. We officially become alumni in two days, or we receive a college diploma to hang on an office wall somewhere and a crooked hat to wear back to a tailgate somewhere.

That's when we're supposed to appear in the real world, carrying the weight of a college degree and a promise to make the world a better place. We take what we learned in college and go where our minds or our wallets call us to go as already-bare memories of college slowly fade away.

You can't prepare me if I'm not ready to forget yet.

I don't want to forget that first football game when I ran straight from the stadium to Stonehenge or that morning when a snowstorm made Notre Dame white-out its final exam schedule. I hope, 30 years from now not still remember what it feels like to watch 12 women's basketball players see 5,000 of their classmates dancing to the fight song at Main Circle at 3 a.m.

I want to keep picturing the sea of humanity at Notre Dame South Quad on September 11. I want to still wear my T-shirt that says "Thank you, George, it's O'Leary." I want to believe that Hebrews really gave Saint Tyrone God's direct phone number and a $5 bill, and I also want to believe that the coach just led us during the Return to Mediocrity. Does this mean I want to forget what an SNR was like even though I might have been 15, 16, 17, or 18? Absolutely. I want to believe that the coach's key to a one more round of $3 nectar-filled pitchers was to drink and the satisfaction of seeing that ping-pong ball fall into the last red solo cup.

I want to remember what the sun looks like when it bounces off the Dome. I want to remember how a bonfire in Notre Dame Stadium made the Basilica both evoked spiritual feelings. I want to remember the campus that is a fall in Notre Dame and the tranquility that is midnight at the Grotto. I want to remember the美味 at St. Paddy's and the Fighting Irish, watching a freshly-poured Guinness settle at Legends, blowing too many Flex Points on a strawberry smoothie at Reckers and making a late-night quarter dog run to the Humble. I'm too afraid that I'll spend my life worrying about getting that perfect job so I won't get the perfect salary to complement my perfect lifestyle that I'll miss everything else. That's why buying books from the bookstore always took a backseat to playing Bookstore Basketball and why I never hesitated to stand up Plato in favor of a night with the guys. In the quest for that storybook future we're supposed to reach outside the bubble, how many missed the picture-perfect present?

If the rest of my life is anything like my four years at Notre Dame, I won't have to spend it searching for the perfect way to heaven. The way is heaven.

Andrew Soukup is the former Editor in Chief of The Observer. Hehir to receive Laetare Medal at commencement

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The University's Laetare Medal, the oldest and most prestigious award given to American Catholics, will be awarded to Father J. Bryan Hehir, president and treasurer of Catholic Charities USA since 2001. Hehir is a graduate of the class of 1964 and social justice attorney. He is also a 1984 MacArthur Fellow and serves on the boards of various colleges and universities. In 1998, he received a doctor of laws degree from Notre Dame. Hehir was ordained in 1966 and was appointed to his current post of president and treasurer of Catholic Charities last January. Prior to that appointment, he served as president and chief executive officer of Catholic Charities USA since 2001.

Hehir is the recipient of more than 14 figures with honorary degrees this weekend.

ND, SMC award 14 figures with honorary degrees

Noire Dame and Saint Mary's will award fourteen honorary degrees this weekend.

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SMC to host Xerox VP
McGarry will address graduates at commencement

By ANGELA SAOUD
St. Mary's Editor

Diane Daly McGarry, the vice president and chief marketing officer at Xerox Corporation and member of the class of 1970, will be the Saint Mary's commencement speaker at Sunday's graduation ceremony.

"I'm thrilled, honored and overwhelmed," McGarry said. "Some of the best experiences of my life were at Saint Mary's, and I'm so looking forward to coming and meeting everyone."

McGarry will speak about her life story and her tale of becoming a successful businesswoman. She also plans to speak about her recent bout with breast cancer, which she has been in remission from for the past two years.

"I will treasure it, and the fact that it's being given to me by Marilou Eldred makes it very special indeed," McGarry said. "It's an overwhelming honor." McGarry's mother, a member of the class of 1941, and other family members will be attending commencement to see the speaker receive her honorary degree.

McGarry also wants to offer her best advice to the class of 2004. "Don't ever be afraid of your future path," McGarry said. "Many people have plowed the way ahead, and you're going to do the same thing for those that will come behind you. Everyone in the graduating class can make a difference in whatever they choose to do."

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Kleinfehn top of SMC class
After graduation, the valedictorian plans to teach

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

Senior Amy Kleinfehn never planned to be Saint Mary's valedictorian for the class of 2004. If anything, she says it is a fortunate surprise.

Kleinfehn, a biology major and secondary education minor, found out in the middle of March that she was being named valedictorian.

"Over the years, I worked very hard," Kleinfehn said. "I set goals for myself academically, although being valedictorian wasn't necessarily one of them. I made time to get involved in many things on campus, which forced me to work on time management and kept me busy."

Kleinfehn plans to focus her graduation speech on the different kinds of experiences students can encounter, she said. "My theme will focus mainly around the footprints others leave on our doors, and the footprints that we leave for others to follow us in," she said.

Many people are not surprised Kleinfehn is leading her class academically. Dr. Kitty Green, Kleinfehn's secondary education advisor, said she could not be more pleased that the Knox, Ind. resident has been named valedictorian.

"My exciting thing about Amy is that she is a scientist, and she is going to be a teacher," Green said. "She is a great scientist, and I know she is going to carry that over and become a great teacher."

Kleinfehn attributes her success as a student to finding balance between academics and social experiences. "I've tried to find a balance with my time," Kleinfehn said. "My advice is to have fun and enjoy your friends while you can. The under-graduate years go fast, so it's important to enjoy it while you're there."

After the glow of graduation wears off, Kleinfehn is hoping to find a high school biology teaching position, but does not yet know where. Down the road, she plans to attend graduate school.

"It's an honor, truly an honor, to represent Saint Mary's in this way," Kleinfehn said. "I'm really excited for this amazing opportunity."

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Father Edmund Joyce, 1917-2004

By MATT BRAMANTI
Associated Staff Writer

May 14, 2004

Edmund Joyce, Notre Dame's respected athletic director and former fencing coach, was remembered during a memorial service in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Saturday.

"Thanks, Ned, for those long days of caring, those long nights of work in the cause of Our Lady's school," Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of the University, said during the service.

The 86-year-old Joyce died May 12 at his South Bend home after a battle with cancer. Joyce, who served as a fencing coach and athletic director for 36 years, had been a Notre Dame employee for 47 years.

"We used to kid each other and argue who was going to die first," Hesburgh said. "Joycey said, 'I have to die first because you're going to have to give my sermon. I don't want to give yours.'" Hesburgh added, in laughter, "From the congregation.

"He also raised the staff of Holy Cross House, where Joyce had lived since suffering a debilitating stroke in September 2002. "Tired and weak, he was there, caring," Hesburgh said. "No one has had a better moment than one that was not at his side."

Despite the help, Hesburgh said Joycey's suffering was a "crucible of pain" for the stricken priest.

"I'm personally happy that he's now at peace," he said.

Hesburgh said that Joyce was a vital part of the administration during the pair's 35-year tenure under the Golden Dome.

"In all that time, he was more than carried his half of the load," Hesburgh said, "he was always loyal, faithful and hardworking.

The former president also spoke about his friendship with Joyce, a relationship that spanned a half century.

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Most students agree that the college years represent a major adjustment in a person’s life, but few face the daunting task of adjusting to college life in a different country.

While Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s boasts student populations from across the nation, they also attract students from around the world. The Notre Dame class of 2004 includes 60 international students, according to the Office of Institutional Research. At Saint Mary’s, three international students will graduate, though one is a permanent resident of the United States.

These students hail from such countries as Singapore, Pakistan and Brazil, though their reasons for coming to South Bend are often similar in nature to those of their domestic counterparts.

“I did not expect to come here, it was just a random application,” said Rachael Phillips, a Notre Dame senior. She was just a random applicant,” said Rachael Phillips, a Notre Dame senior. Phillips said she received 42,000.

“People tend to look for a change from someone who would make their life more interesting,” she said. “The atmosphere of what Notre Dame embodies really pushed me to look into my own religion.”

Dudzka said her time at Saint Mary’s community was special and it was a great experience for her to get to know people within the close-knit community.

“Saint Mary’s is a small environment,” she said. “It was really hard to make friends, especially when you live off campus.”

For Saint Mary’s senior Alma Dudzka, however, the decision was a little more complex. Dudzka is a native of Bosnia, though her Muslim family fled the country after tensions flared between Christians and Muslims in the 1990s. Her father lives in Rome, and her mother arrived in the United States as a refugee in 1996. The younger Dudzka, who had been living in Italy during high school, was recruited to Saint Mary’s by two holy Cross sisters, including Sister Margaret Ann Nowacki, who also arranged for her to receive a green card.

“I didn’t know how to thank this woman. She did for me what people in my own family wouldn’t have done for me,” Dudzka said. “I’m not Catholic, and I have been given a lifetime chance from someone who is.”

Still, for Dudzka and other international students attending college in the United States has been somewhat of an adjustment. Dudzka, a non-traditional college student at age 30, said it was initially difficult for her to get to know people within the close-knit Saint Mary’s community.

“It was really weird for me for the first two years,” she said. “It’s really hard to make friends, especially when you live off campus.”

For Luis Lee, a Notre Dame pre-med and math double major from the Dominican Republic, adjusting to South Bend’s wealth proved to be a bit of a challenge.

“I hadn’t ever seen any snow,” he said. “At the beginning it was cool, but then the cold really set in.”

In spite of the frigid winters, Lee said that he is happy with his decision to attend Notre Dame.

“The U.S. has better education and more opportunities (than the Dominican Republic),” he said.

In addition to the rigorous academic life, Lee also plans to continue his education in the United States. He is still awaiting a final decision from medical schools and was accepted to a Master’s program in biomedical science in Missouri. Healy, he said that he would like to return to the Dominican Republic to serve people there.

“I’d like to practice here for a few years and then, conditions permitting, I’d like to go back to the DR because there’s a greater need there,” Lee said. “I went to the best high school in my country. If everyone who goes there comes to the United States and stays, the country would be deprived of its talented people.”

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Rector bids Lewis Hall farewell

Observer Staff Report

After more than 11 years guiding the largest women's dorm on campus, Sister Annette George will no longer serve as rector of Lewis Hall next year.

George, a religious of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Family who served as vice president in that community's congregational administration, came to the University in fall 1992 from Dubuque, Iowa. Prior to her arrival at Notre Dame, she received a bachelor's degree in physical education and recreation from Briar Cliff University and master's degrees in health, physical education and recreation from the University of South Dakota and in counseling from Creighton University.

Her counseling, teaching and religious backgrounds made her a solid choice to offer guidance and leadership to Lewis' 300 undergraduate residents.

While it is famous for its size— as well as its unique "quad-less" location — Lewis still maintains impressive hall unity, a quality George praised during her years there.

George did not return messages seeking comment for this story.

Sister Patricia Clark, rector of Fischer-O’Hara-Grace Graduate Residence, is also leaving Notre Dame.
Campus responds to terrorist attacks

September 11, 2002

The campus responded in a dramatic fashion to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and rural Pennsylvania. Classes were cancelled mid-session as representatives from the registrar’s office visited individual classrooms. Seven thousand students and faculty attended a mass on South Quad at 3 p.m. on the day of the attacks, which was concelebrated by all campus priests and Auxiliary Bishop John D’Arcy. Throughout the day, students streamed to the grotto and students took advantage of free cab service to donate blood. Phone lines and Internet connections at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's were overwhelmed as students called home to check on their families and friends.

Likewise, all athletic events nationwide, Notre Dame’s football game against Purdue, scheduled for Saturday was cancelled as the nation mourned the loss of thousands of citizens. At the Sept. 22 home football game against Michigan State, the entire stadium paused as University President Father Edward Malloy said a prayer and fans raised printed American flags into the sky in an event televised nationwide by NBC Sports. Four alumni were killed in the attacks: Robert Ferris, class of 1962, who worked on the 102nd Floor of the south tower of the World Trade Center; Army Lieutenant Colonel S. Neil Hyland Jr., class of 1977, who worked at the Pentagon; and Peter Balcan, class of 1983, and Dora Marie Menchaca, class of 1977, who were killed on American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon.
Frustrating football season prompts fan outcry. Of four players accused of rape, Elam convicted of sexual battery.
New 10-year plan released. Saint Mary's elects new president. Malloy steps down as Notre Dame president.

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Juniper’s traffic — which typically includes 8,100 vehicles a day — to a new four-lane road that would cut between Edison and Douglas Roads near Ivey. University Architect Doug Margraf explained further changes, including modifications to Edison and Douglas Roads in April.

The St. Joseph County Board of Supervisors heard a presentation from Notre Dame on May 11 and could vote to finalize the plan as early as their June 8 meeting. And unlike previous discussions about closing Juniper, the University intends to finance all improvements.

Student Gov't restructuring

The work of the student union this year was primarily occupied with its own restructuring.

In recent years, student govern­ment's performance had suffered due to poor communication and an ineffec­tive organization structure. During student body president Pat Hallahan’s report to the Board of Trustees in October, several board members asked that student leaders eliminate ineffi­ciencies in the student union before bringing significant requests to the trustees.

In proposals that began to emerge early in the first semester, student leaders agreed to rework the student union constitution, its com­position, and its relationship with the student government bodies. Over the course of the spring semester, the group worked to produce a completely overhauled student body constitution that delineates the responsibilities of those bodies.

The result was a constitution, approved March 21, that provides for more representation of the student body, improved communication across student government.

The Campus Programming Council will now work with representatives from each residence hall to avoid second requests, a change that will be experienced by its Student Union Board predecessor.

Student leaders also cut thousands of dollars in spending from the policy side, aiming to create a leaner student union that can more effectively communicate students’ concerns to the University’s administrators and trustees.

Gay? Fine By Me.

Despite Notre Dame students’ reputa­tion for a very homogeneous and homophili­cally-minded campus in the United States, according to the Princeton Review — proving alarming enough for the largest show of dissent toward a University stance in recent memory.

On March 18, approximately 1,700 blaze orange T-shirts with the message "Gay? Fine by Me" were distributed to students and scattered faculty members. Not only did the shirts represent support and acceptance of homo­sexual members of the student community, the show of solidarity also aimed to point out the discrepancy between the students’ opinions and the administration’s stance.

Two policies in particular were ques­tioned — the University’s March 4 refusal to recognize the proposed gay-straight alliance in the University and its sustained rejection of sexual orientation as a category in its official non-discrimination clause.

Though neither policy was changed as a result of the students’ efforts — which also included inviting Bow­doin College’s director of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues to speak on campus and holding a second day to wear the shirts on April 21 — their initiative created a University-wide dialogue about homosexuality, Catholicism, and Notre Dame’s role to mediate between them.

Taco Bell

Discrimination against homosexuals was not the only issue students found passionate opposition in 2004. The athletic department’s contract with local Taco Bell restaurants also came under fire, albeit from far fewer protesters.

Members of the Progressive Student Alliance began to publicize their dis­like of the $30,000 sponsorship agreement during the National Student Week of Action in early April, deliver­ing letters to University President Father Edward Malloy’s office. Delaying that the administration issue a statement against renewing the contract because of alleged unfair wages and labor standards held by the corporation’s tomato providers, the letter promised that students would continue to fast until Notre Dame spoke publicly.

Accordingly, 30 students approached Malloy’s office in person April 14, Vice President and General Counsel Carol Kasebeer — who had been in contact with both the PSA and Taco Bell’s parent company, Yumm Brands Inc., since the fall — placed several follow-up calls to Taco Bell.

When the University did not receive specific and timely answers, Notre Dame issued a public statement April 27 that postponed renewing the con­tract and expanding it to $75,000 by next fall until Taco Bell delivers a satis­factory response.

Monk to move on, Jenkins elected successor

When Father Theodore Hesburgh decided his term as University President was nearing its close, the selection process began before a public audience. Input came from administrators, faculty and even student representatives as the Board of Trustees narrowed the field to five can­didates before its much-anticipated decision in November 1986.

Even before he was officially named Hesburgh’s successor, Malloy was already in the public eye — having been announced as the next president in a controversial Chicago Tribune arti­cle twelve days earlier.

But when Malloy made his own choice to step down — announcing at the board’s April 30 meeting his intent to retire in July 2005 after he serves his 18th year as president — the change seemed to come out of nowhere. While Malloy informed the Board in October 2003 that he wanted to step down after his current term and said in an April 23 Observer article that he was not seeking to stay on, the search process stayed behind closed doors. A committee meeting in January, February, March and April, Board Chairman Patrick McCartan confirmed, and chose Father John Jenkins from among several candidates.

The 50-year-old Jenkins, a current vice president and associate provost and former religious superior of priests and brothers at Notre Dame, will have 14 months to absorb Malloy’s experi­ence as he prepares to become the University’s 17th president.

Executive VP saga resolved

The year-long vacancy in the position of executive vice president was finally resolved April 30 when the Board of Trustees elected John Affleck-Graves, whose appointment was immediate.

The hole in the University’s third-highest leadership slot had existed since Father Timothy Scully resigned in May 2003. Scully, whose resignation preempted a scheduled Board report, clearing him of wrongdoing dating back to a confrontation with a WNDU reporter and cameraman in January of that year, remained a political science professor but left his duties to Malloy.

In a decision delayed to coincide with the appointment of Jenkins — who, fol­lowing the traditionally close ties between president and executive vice president, offered his formal and infor­mal endorsement for Affleck-Graves — the 53-year-old South African native became the first layman in University history to hold the position.

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April 30
The Board of Trustees elect John Affleck-Graves to assume the post of executive vice president after a year-long vacancy in the position.

April 23
Notre Dame Security/Police eliminate security monitors in female dorms after the current academic year.

April 27
The University announces in a public statement that negotiations have been postponed with Taco Bell.

April 14
Members of the Progressive Student Alliance approach the Office of the President asking the University not to renew its contract with Taco Bell.

April 11
Paul Horning apologizes for his faculty controversial comments about admissions requirements for football players.

April 6
The Library Irish Pub is raided. Twenty-one underage patrons cited.

March 31
New student union constitution approved.

March 28
Gay? Fine by Me" activities held on campus.

March 18
"Gay? Fine by Me" activities held on campus.

March 11
Saint Mary’s 17th president, Paul ISornung, apologizes for his sent­iments.

February 13
University Public Safety Director John Fuleihan apologizes for his sent­iments.

February 2
President asking the University not to renew its contract with Taco Bell.

January 18
Alleged discrimination against gay students.

Paul Horning apologizes for his faculty controversial comments about admissions requirements for football players.

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Seniors praise Mooney selection

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

As the Saint Mary's campus continues to grow and change with the addition of buildings, organizations and most importantly, a new president, many graduating seniors feel the changes to the College are positive, and the future is looking bright.

Senior Lauren Caprio believes departing College President Marilou Eldred changed Saint Mary's for the better and will be missed. "[Eldred] has overseen the construction of Dallyoway's, a new dining hall, the future of a new student center and on-campus apartments, not to mention the renovations that took place in McCandless Hall as well as Regina Hall," Caprio said. "She has kept open lines of communication with the student population through the use of the student trustee, student government and the use of student forums. I think that she has been supportive of student initiatives on campus like Student Diversity Board and the Reading Day. Overall, she has been a great asset to our community and she will be missed. However, some seniors, such as Bethany Huba have mixed emotions about the changes taking place on campus. "I see the new buildings as a sign of growth to the College, which is definitely a good thing," Huba said. "I'm disappointed that I won't be able to use the new facilities, like the new Student Center, but I'm glad those options will be there for other students."

Although Huba admits she did not follow the new presidential search closely, Huba said many people at Saint Mary's are excited about Carol Mooney being named the new president because of her status as an alum, and her familiarity with the South Bend area and both campuses.

Caprio also feels Mooney will make a good president for Saint Mary's. "I think Saint Mary's has made an excellent decision in choosing Carol Mooney as the next president," Caprio said.

Mooney will lead the College in the next step to promoting a stronger educational standard, Caprio believes. She also hopes Mooney will continue to strengthen career-oriented pathways such as secondary education.

 Fellow classmate Nicole Garcia agrees with Huba and Caprio. "I have a good feeling about Carol Mooney coming to Saint Mary's," Garcia said. "I think she'll bring a spark of life and will do everything in her power to make sure that it continues to grow academically, socially, financially and spiritually. I know that she'll lead Saint Mary's with confidence, assertiveness and will be an effective leader."

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ND seniors: Monk will be missed

Students praise Malloy's presence, look forward to Jenkins' leadership

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS

As graduating seniors prepare for one of the greatest changes in their own lives, the University is preparing for a big change of its own - the transition from University President Father Edward Malloy to President-elect Father John Jenkins.

"I think it's the right time for the change," said senior Stephen Morrow. "Malloy has been here 17 years ... I think that his tenure has been amazing. I don't think people realize what a great job he's done, and I think Father Jenkins is ready for the challenge."

Seniors noted Malloy's visible presence on campus as something that has impacted their time as students. "I'm a senior resident, so I've had a chance to get to know him and have conversations with him," Morrow said. "He's always been very available and open to meeting people [in the dorm], and he's been very visible on campus."

Senior Katie Hunter agreed. "The biggest impact was seeing him walking around campus and how he lived in Sorin. It made the Dome feel not so far away from the average student."

What changes Jenkins will bring to the University are yet to be seen, but seniors also believed that the experience of students at Notre Dame will likely change with Jenkins as University President. "I think [students are] bound to have a different experience because I think the way the school is portrayed will change," said senior Tai Romero. "I'm not sure what the changes will be, but I'm sure that something will have to change."

Seniors said they would like to see the University continue to strengthen its focus on students under a new president. "I would like to see the administration pay a little more attention to what students want," Hunter said. "When students would like a significant change, like changing parking or getting more money for the Wednesday lunch fast, or any variety of things that affect students' life, I would like to see more attention paid. I think it's going to be hard, but I think it can happen."

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**Transition at Saint Mary's**

*Eldred retires with legacy of improvement*

By ANGELA SAoud
Saint Mary's Editor

After seven years as the president of Saint Mary's, Marilou Eldred will retire, serving her last official day at commencement on Saturday.

"The phrase I've been telling people that it's 'bittersweet,'" said Eldred. "I'm ready to retire. I'm ready to live a more normal life. But, at the same time, it's very hard to leave Saint Mary's."

Eldred came to the College in 1997, after 18 years at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn., where she served in a variety of administrative roles. Eldred became the 10th president of Saint Mary's and was the first laywoman to hold the position. Since becoming president, Eldred has worked to maintain Saint Mary's position as the nation's premier Catholic women's college.

In 1998, Eldred was greeted with both criticism and congratulations for two separate events. During Feb. 1998, Eldred denied club status to The Alliance, a group for lesbian, bisexual and questioning women. Numerous students staged protests and sit-ins in Eldred's office for the decision. But in March 1998, Eldred released plans for groundbreaking on a new dining hall, bookstore and coffee house.

In 2000, Eldred instituted many positive changes for the College. She was instrumental in creating the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, which was made through a $1.2 million grant from the Lilly Endowment. Eldred also helped develop the College's Master Plan, which calls for many changes to the campus to fit the students' ever changing needs. Groundbreaking for D'Allawy's Coffee House and the Welcome Center took place in spring 2000.

During January 2001, Eldred announced the College's production of the Vagina Monologues would be cancelled. February 2001, students formed the Vagina Monologues despite the cancellation, with over 150 in attendance.

Last summer, groundbreaking took place for the on-campus student apartments phase one, which will house seniors this fall. Future plans call for the completion of the second phase of the on-campus apartments and the building of a new academic building.

Through Eldred's leadership, she intended relationships between the College and the South Bend community, as well as strengthened ties with Notre Dame and Holy Cross.

Eldred announced her retirement in March 2003, but was also named as the successor to Notre Dame, was chosen. She will begin as the College president on June 1.

Though Eldred has enjoyed her time at Saint Mary's, she is ready for a change, she said. "My husband Don and I are going to move back to St. Paul, where I am going to take some time off," Eldred said. "And don, I hope to get involved with some volunteer work."

Although it is hard to leave, Eldred said she is excited about Mooney coming in.

"If I were to give [Mooney] some advice, it would be to listen to everyone has to say, but don't respond to all the advice."

Marilou Eldred president Saint Mary's College

"This is truly an amazing and wonderful place. I hope that I've made it a better place."

Marilou Eldred president Saint Mary's College

"I'm madly in love with my alma mater, so I've been telling everyone has to say, it would be that advice."

Marilou Eldred president Saint Mary's College

"But, at the same time, I've seen and heard wonderful things about Carol Mooney, and I think she is the perfect person to keep things moving in the right direction."

On May 15, Eldred will take her wide range of accomplishments and the memories she has made and leave the campus in someone else's hands.

"This is truly an amazing and wonderful place," Eldred said. "I hope that I've made it a better place."

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**Mooney looks forward to College leadership**

By ANGELA SAoud
Saint Mary's Editor

On June 1 Carol Mooney will return down the Saint Mary's avenue to her alma mater to become the 11th president of the College.

She replaces Marilou Eldred, who has held the position for the past seven years.

"My leaving Notre Dame will be bittersweet," Mooney said. "I've gotten a lot of great opportunities through the University, and I've made many good friends. But at the same time, I'm very excited for the embasures I am about to take on. I'm looking forward to it."

After serving as vice president and associate provost of Notre Dame since 1996, Mooney interviewed for the Saint Mary's presidential position last fall. On Dec. 26 the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees named her as the next president.


A 1972 graduate of Saint Mary's, Mooney is looking forward to returning to her alma mater. Mooney said she believes her Notre Dame's background will help make her successful in her new position.

"Having attended Saint Mary's I bring with me dearly help in my transition," Mooney said. "The experiences I had at Saint Mary's engendered my love for the institution, but it's important to remember, [that] like everything else, Saint Mary's has changed."

It's been 32 years since I graduated, and it's important for me to remember that things are different now."

While Mooney plans to carry forward with the Saint Mary's Master Plan and the Strategic Plan, he started, her plans for the campus are much broader.

"My goal is to focus on the academic excellence of the institution," Mooney said.

But for now, Mooney is making the most of her last month at Notre Dame, before answering to a different call.

"I'm looking forward to meeting everyone next fall, and getting to know all the students," Mooney said.

The community at Saint Mary's is looking forward to meeting her too.

Junior Meredith Gramann said she is eager to see what this change in leadership will mean for the college.

"I think Marilou Eldred has done a fantastic job," Gramann said. "But it will be interesting to see what a new president means for the future of the College. Since Mooney has announced, I'm anxious to see what she can add to the College using her experiences."

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South Bend hotels prepare for graduation crunch

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Senior Staff Writer

As graduation weekend arrives at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, one coined phrase rings true in the midst of local hotels surrounding the two campuses: "Location, location, location."

In college towns like South Bend, the hotel industry stands out from others as it capitalizes on the importance of location by marketing the convenience of proximity to campus events.

"We're competitive in the market. You have to be," said Sue Voehl, director of sales at the Inn at Saint Mary's. "Because of our proximity to Saint Mary's for graduation weekend, the hotel of choice."

Located on the outskirts of Saint Mary's campus and adjacent to Notre Dame, the Inn typically books rooms for graduation more quickly than other hotels in the area, and the Inn sees the weekend as a crucial opportunity.

"If graduation weekend is the (biggest) time for us, we're staying with the majority of our guests have a great experience and want other reservations for the future," she said.

The Inn gives first priority to parents of either Notre Dame or Saint Mary's seniors who have stayed at the hotel for three years or more. Those who meet this requirement then receive an application for graduation accommodations, which, if submitted by its required deadline, is most always guaranteed a room, Voehl said. The remaining rooms are then available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

"With (graduation) being such high demand, it is (the) one we don't compete with any other hotels," she said.

Instead, if rooms at the Inn are unavailable, representatives assist the business of other hotels by referring guests. Another hotel that strives to meet the needs of graduation guests is the Morris Inn, located on Notre Dame Avenue and neighboring the Hammes Bookstore, Eck Center and University Club. Unlike the Inn at Saint Mary's, the Morris Inn offers Sorin's, a full service restaurant, and Lobby's Lounge.

"It's a competitive advantage to have both located in the same building," said hotel director William Belrne. "People like the fact that it's a full service hotel."

However, what Belrne said guests are drawn to most at graduation is the convenience of the Morris Inn's campus positioning.

"It's a tremendous advantage," he said. "Location is very important especially on weekends such as graduation (for people) to be on campus and part of what is going on."

Although the hotel's location and consistent past help to ensure a sales boost on graduation weekend, Beirne notes one disadvantage.

Of the 92 rooms available, 50 are pre-sold to the University for special events such as commencements, sponsorships or other events. The remaining 42 rooms are then sold to parents of graduates, many of whom belong to the Parents Club and are eligible for room, food and beverage discounts.

The university, however, often holds a block of unoccupied rooms and does not reserve these until after graduation, only then offering them for resale.

This obligates relationship decreases the likelihood that the hotel will meet its maximum sales profit since many guests will have sought accommodations elsewhere at so late a stage. Beirne himself describes the process as "risky."

For those willing to chance their luck, the Morris Inn offers a wait list for guests and fails to restrict a minimum night stay.

"We have a lot of upperclassmen in there to make up the difference, so it is difficult for us to say exactly what our pattern will be," Beirne said.

Looked at in comparison, the Marriott hotel downtown would seem to pose little threat to the business of hotels such as the Inn at Saint Mary's or the Morris Inn. Located four miles from campus and with graduation rates reaching $299 per night, its competition to others could easily be seen as minimal.

"The Marriott name is a draw in itself," said Gina Schumacher, sales manager of hotel sales. "Brand recognition is significant for us, but most of our business is because this hotel has been here for so long."

The hotel offers incentives such as the Marriott Rewards program where guests can collect and redeem points when staying at Marriott or any of its affiliates.

"Although we are lucky to get brand loyalty, we do not take it for granted," she said.

The Holiday Inn City Center, located two blocks from the Marriott, is a competitor of the hotel because it too offers a rewards program. However, Schumacher considers the main competition to exist with the Inn at Saint Mary's and Residence Inn, a Marriott affiliate.

"Graduation weekend typically sells out every year," Schumacher said, specifying that the timeframe spans from the Friday afternoon before graduation to the Monday morning after. "It is probably one of 10 or 12 weekends during the year that are significant income producers."

Having previously coordinated with special events held on both campuses, Schumacher said it is repetitious doing the "same old business as usual" each year. While the hotel staff is accustomed to prepare for special events based on past experience, preparations are vastly different from those made on an everyday basis.

The hotel focuses on aspects such as arrival patterns, staffing and group prepackaging. Judging from past weekends, Schumacher said the largest influx of guests arrives between 3 and 7 p.m. on Friday.

Consequently, more housekeeping staff members work Friday morning to prepare rooms in a timely and efficient manner.

"There are different things that are unique to each group that comes into the hotel," Schumacher said. "We find out what the needs of specific groups are and act accordingly."

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**ROTC commissioning to take place Saturday**

By MATT BRAMANTI

Source News Wire

Saturday morning, 82 Notre Dame ROTC students will have one thing in common — they will all make the transition from college students to professional military officers. Soon, however, they will pursue diverse careers around the world.

At the annual commissioning ceremony Saturday, the cadets and midshipmen will receive commissions signed by President Bush.

In all, 53 seniors will be commissioned second lieutenants in the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps. The Navy will commission 29 new ensigns.


Obering commended the military’s training programs at Notre Dame.

"The values that Notre Dame instills in its students are extremely close to the ones we honor in the military," he said. "You have to pay very close attention to your own personal integrity and honesty, achieve excellence in everything you do and put service before your own personal interest."

Professor of military science Lt. Col. Kelly Jordan, who commands the Army ROTC battalion, said his newly-rated officers will undergo extensive training following their commissioning.

"They (will) go to the officer basic course for 16-24 weeks of basic officer training in their specialty," Jordan said. "Some will go to specialty schools for further training. These specialty schools, which last 3-9 weeks, include combat infantry assignments like airborne, ranger and jumpmaster schools, as well as support tasks like hazardous cargo handling and maintenance officer duties.

Following training, the cadets will be sent to divisional units across the country, where they will prepare for deployment overseas.

"We have people going to Germany, others to the continental U.S.," he said. "Every single one of them will be in a rotation to go to Iraq or Afghanistan."

Most students will fulfill their eight-year commitment by serving four years of active duty, followed by four years in the Reserves or National Guard.

In praising the quality of his cadets, Jordan cited a 1999 RAND Corp. study, which concluded that ROTC cadets at "elite high-cost private schools" rise through the ranks at higher rates than most other military training programs.

"The officers we produce are noticeably more effective in the Army," Jordan said.

Jordan, who has taught at the U.S. Military Academy and Ohio State, said Notre Dame cadets compare favorably to graduates of West Point and other ROTC programs.

"My military history class at Notre Dame outperformed homeroom students at West Point," Jordan said. "And they're the best of the best."

"Intelect and character are really what set them apart. Notre Dame develops character in a positive way, the most effective way in the nation."

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The Navy ROTC battalion will commission 29 ensigns, most of whom will report to initial training soon after graduation, said Capt. Jim Shelton, the battalion’s commanding officer.

"The majority will be going to some kind of training," Shelton said. "We need to get them up to speed.

Specialized schools include flight training, where would-be aviators spend 18 months at Pensacola, Fla.

Shelton said several of the new ensigns in the surface fleet duty will be on their ships within weeks of graduation. Surface warfare officers have an obligation to serve four years of active duty.

For or some of these folks, it's pretty immediate that they be facing front-line jobs," he said. "The Navy pretty much has a philosophy that if something happens anywhere in the world, we're really going to go as a very short notice.

Submariners will attend six months of training at the Navy's nuclear power program, followed by six months of "prototype training" — work on a decommissioned submarine or mock-up — and attendance at the submarine school in Groton, Conn.

Submarine officers incur a five-year commitment of active duty.

The Marine Corps will get five new second lieutenants from the midshipman commissioning ceremony.

Following graduation, the Marines will attend the Basic School in Quantico, Va., where they will learn the tactics and theory of leading a platoon of Marines.

Shelton said the Notre Dame Naval ROTC program consistently produces quality officers.

"From an educational point of view, they're among the best," he said. "They're almost always going to end up near the top of the list of all the officers."

Col. Michael Zenk, commander of the Air Force Detachment, said his 36 seniors will start active-duty anywhere from five to 75 days after their commissioning ceremony.

"The rest are sprinkled across the continental U.S."

Six seniors will attend a year-long pilot training in Texas, Oklahoma and Mississippi. Another popular program is an eight-month training rotation for intelligence officers.

Zenk said he was particularly proud of the two cadets who will have their service delayed as they may attend law school. Only 10 cadets nationwide have received simi­lar educational delays.

"It's because of the quality of our cadets, plain and simple," he said. "They're almost always going to end up near the top of the list of all the officers."

"We own Baghdad International Airport," Zenk said. "There is no place else, also a pretty big presence in Afghanistan."

Regardless of the branch, Obering said his remarks to the cadets and midshipmen will focus on their accomplishment and responsibilities.

"I'm going to tell them how proud I am of them," he said. "I'm going to tell them how critical they are to this nation."

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Dear Graduates,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my prayers and best wishes to the members of the Class of 2004. I also want to express my gratitude for the rich contributions you have made to the University during your time here.

For those of you who are graduating seniors, I hope that we have achieved our goal of providing you with an education that your commitment to your faith in God and to the service of God's people match your dedication to your chosen vocation and profession. We have high expectations of our graduates. The tremendous contribution that our alumni make to society and to the Church is a testament to the importance of these high expectations.

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May Our Lady, Notre Dame, continue to watch over you in the years ahead. We are blessed to have you as members of the Notre Dame family.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C.
Vice President for Student Affairs
Social ministry calls ND seniors

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS

As the Class of 2004 walks together for the last time at graduation on Sunday, each will be looking forward to what lies ahead. And while many will spend the next year in graduate school or begin a job in their chosen field, others will dedicate their time to various service positions.

Molly Walsh has chosen to give her time over the next two years to service. As a participant in the Loyola Choice program, Walsh will begin teaching this fall in a suburban-Chicago Catholic elementary school.

Walsh will also earn her master's degree after the two years through classes she will take during the summer.

"I'm just looking forward to the experience, to hopefully make an impact on kids lives," Walsh said. "I wanted to give back because I've received so much in my life. I know there are a lot of kids that can benefit from well-educated people who give back their time and efforts. "I could have given money...but now is the perfect time to give back."

Nicki Bonk agreed it is important for a person to give back her time.

"After all these years of learning about all the problems in our world, I really just wanted a chance to get out of the classroom for a while and actually do something," she said.

Bonk will be spending a year in Syracuse, N.Y., working with the Franciscorps, a Franciscan lay volunteer program. She will defer medical school at Loyola University in Chicago for a year because of this program.

"I know it might make it harder to go back to school, but I'm also reminded about it and ready for medical school, so it shouldn't be a problem," she said.

In addition to giving back to the community, Bonk recognized she will get something out of the program as well. "I think there will be a great way for me to strengthen my personal values, motivations and faith life before entering medical school," she said.

Roughly 10 percent of every graduating class participates in a service program after graduation, according to Andrea Smith, director of Senior Transitions Programs at the Center for Social Concerns.

"We have 185 people signed up for service programs so far, in probably 45 different programs," Shappell said. "This number is consistent with other years."

Shappell also recognized that some seniors who have chosen to do service may not have given their names to the OSC.

"[That number] will probably continue to go up," she said. "There could be seniors who did not sign up with us."

Some seniors who choose service after graduation take that giving spirit even further — out of the United States and other places around the world.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico over the next year.

"I'll be...working at Iguaçu Padre Venard, a non-profit organization dedicated to rehabilitation for the homeless of Old San Juan," Runde said.

According to Runde, the Puerto Rico Center for Social Concerns sponsors 10 Notre Dame students for this program, who work on different projects in the communities of San Juan.

"It's something I've known that I wanted to do for a long time," Runde said of his service plans. "I'd like to work abroad after I finish school and think that it would be a good to get some experience doing that before I'm 30."

For Runde, his service experience after graduation could carry over into his eventual career plans.

"I'm hoping to attend medical school with an aim to eventually work for an organization like Doctors Without Borders," he said.

Runde said he looks forward to gaining knowledge of other people and seeing the world from the experiences.

"At the very least, I hope that I'll be able to say that I got to know the people in my community in more than a superficial way," he said, "and hopefully that I gained at least some perspective on what life looks like from their point of view."

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Saint Mary's graduates look forward to service

By ANGELA SAOU

As graduation approaches, and the Saint Mary's class of 2004 prepares to make its way in the world, some are choosing a very different path than others. While most seniors will enter the job force, or continue on to graduate school, a few will answer the call to help others through service.

Saint Mary's senior Mary Wotrobka will work through a two year program with Valparaiso University that is similar to the ACE program. Wotrobka will receive her masters in education after the two-year program.

"The program I'm going through focuses on the three pillars of: education, community, faith life and teaching as service," Wotrobka said. "I get to teach in Catholic schools, which are in desperate need of good and qualified teachers."

Saint Mary's senior Shannon Maloney will spend a year in Phoenix, Ariz. with the Holy Cross Associates using her Social Work major in case studies.

"I chose to volunteer for many reasons, to decide the direction I want to take my life, to deepen my faith and to gain more experience serving different populations that I will work with as I continue on in the social work field," Maloney said.

Wotrobka said she chose her program because it is less stringently service-oriented than other programs, which Wotrobka said will get to teach at her old school.

"This is the program I am supposed to be in, so now I can help those who have helped me," she said.

Maloney, who is scheduled to attend Washington University in fall 2005, wanted to make sure social work was what she wanted before answering her calling.

"I felt that I wanted to work in another area of social work from what I did this year. I want to have a change of pace and see what else may pique my interest."

But service is not a calling that comes overnight. Maloney said.

"I have contemplated volunteering for as long as I can remember," Maloney said. "This volunteer opportunity allows me to learn more about spirituality, which I believe is the very core of each of us: it is the foundation that affects our thoughts, emotions, actions, and behaviors."

The Center for Social Concerns was helpful in finding the program that was right for her, Wotrobka said. "They really want to help you find the right fit for your placement."

Even though graduation has not yet come, Wotrobka cannot hide her excitement for the new experience she is about to embark on.

"I think teaching is a valuable thing to do because it's really about all the students. I'm really excited for this," Wotrobka said. "I know it's where I need to be. I feel like I've been taking a lot over the past four years, and now it's time to give back."

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People chronicle their lives through various means — achievements, monumental happenings, celebrations, failures — the list goes on and on. Every person places different priorities on different things, and the categorization of his or her memories reflects that.

I have my own method of remembering, one that is as humiliating as it is effective. I can chronicle my time at Notre Dame through the times that I’ve fallen — literally, not metaphorically. Freshman year, I fell down the steps in Daltotoro. Considering the off-and-on nature of Daltotoro traffic, it is possible that such a fall, if taken during an opportune moment, could go unnoticed and therefore remain relatively obscure. I, however, did not take my fall accordingly; instead, tumbling headfirst down the steps at rush hour, I flailed amidst the crush of students in an attempt to regain balance by grabbing a complete stranger, extending arms to do so; however, I simply ricocheted from student to student until, by some miracle of God, I regained my footing near the bottom of the steps. Shaking my head and muttering to myself, I fled the building, still in disbelief that the idiot girl carrening down the Daltotoro steps had, in fact, been me.

The most notable sophomore year fall occurred while I was visiting my roommate in Georgia. She and her mother took me into Atlanta to visit the CNN headquarters, and we ate lunch at a bar/ grill within the building. The host seated us in a raised booth, but I forgot that fact when we finished eating, charging off at my usual break-neck speed, I stepped off the platform into mid-air and soon lay face-down on the floor, sprawled out like a chalk figure. The restaurant patrons who hadn’t seen me in a raised booth, but I forgot that fact when we finished eating, charging off at my usual break-neck speed, I stepped off the platform into mid-air and soon lay face-down on the floor, sprawled out like a chalk figure. The restaurant patrons who hadn’t seen

Going out with a bang

Sheila Flynn
Assistant Managing Editor Emeritus

Quotations of the Day

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

Blessed Mother Teresa

"Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten."

B.F. Skinner

Psychologist
Moving on

When I look back four years ago to when I was deciding where to attend college, my decision to go to Notre Dame seemed so tenuous it’s surprising I even made it up here.

I’m not, after all, one of those fourth generation dominion dogs who seemed destined to come here when he watched Notre Dame football game at age two grow up in a family of Florida Gators, and extended family members graduated from—brave your —— yourselves—Florida State and the University of Miami. As a Florida native, I’m also not a fan of cold weather—much less the blizzard that gobbled South Bend my freshman year or the ice storm that blasted us the following winter.

These last few days with friends and just walking around campus, however, has made me realize the extent that Notre Dame has shaped my life and how much I’m going to miss this place.

I’ll miss living in Stanford Hall with all the lake and spooning chipmunks, rab- bits and even an occasional deer; I’ll miss Main Circle where I waited for riders to off-campus parties, and where my freshman year roommate and I welcomed back the 2001 national champion women’s basketball team after their game against Purdue.

In a way, I’ll miss late nights at the library studying for organic chemistry, then the MCATs, then physics—well, you get the idea—and even later nights at The Observer office. I’ll miss occasionally getting done early (midnight) and hearing the Basilica bells toll the next morning during our walk back to the dorm. Hell, I’ll even miss studying, till, especially if I have to cook my own meals next year.

These past four years raced by so quickly that I’ve learned almost anything at all. Time spent in the classroom, volunteering and getting—firstly and later Corby’s and Heartland—flew by. Yet somehow, in spite of—or perhaps because of—all this we’ve grown in our knowledge, deepened our faith and become more confident in our abilities.

This fall, I’ll start medical school at the University of Florida, while friends will enter the workforce, pursue advanced degrees, join the armed forces or spend a year or two volunteering. I’ll be lying if I said we all aren’t a little intimidated or that there won’t be challenges and obstacles ahead, just as there have been here. But it’s also true that Notre Dame and our families have prepared us for pretty well. And while I won’t miss this University, I’m also ready to move on and meet the challenges—and new friends and experiences—and make the most of my Notre Dame experience.

I remember thinking that it would be the best, end-all, end-all.

I remember sitting on our living room couch, tears streaming down my face and falling softly into the letter in my hands as though it would cushion the blow.

I remember the anger, confusion and shock that I felt being denied from the one school I had worked so hard for—Notre Dame.

Now, here I am four years later graduating from Saint Mary’s. It’s somewhat ironic that I ended up so close to Notre Dame with three opportunities to transfer. But we’ll talk about that another day, but I didn’t.

I admired Saint Mary’s with every intention of being enrolled at Notre Dame by sophomore year. Although the College was my second choice out of several other schools, I couldn’t help but echo my friends’ concerns.

“You’re going where?” they asked.

“You’re the least likely person to end up at a place like that.”

A private school was one thing, but all women was another. Casualy reassured them that it would only be temporary and prepared to pack my bags for South Bend, Ind.

Nothing could have prepared me for the experiences I was about to gain.

Within the first few days on campus I met an amazing group of girls, many of whom I remain close friends with today. Whether coordinating the closest possible housing arrangement or choosing the best bar on Friday night, we have been—for the most part—impeccable.

My group of friends was only one factor making the past four years to have worked out any differently. On Saint Mary’s, despite the fact that I see my future in journalism after taking a course taught by now Chicago Tribune reporter David Haugh, I began writing for The Observer.

My experience paved the way for a South Bend Tribune internship, a summer working at a regional newspaper, and the Saint Mary’s editor position at The Observer.

I often think back as to whether or not I regret passing on the chance to attend Notre Dame. I then remember the memories and reasons why I’m in the place I am today and realize I wouldn’t want the past four years to have worked out any differently.

So as I receive my diploma, I will be—more than ever—proud to have chosen Saint Mary’s.

Opportunity knocked

For the Class of 2004, the Notre Dame experience was defined by the ban of hard alcohol and the cancellation of SYFs, bar busts at Fighting Irish and Boat Club, all-nighters before a big exam, the George O’Leary fiasco, being kicked out of Notre Dame Stadium for having marshmallows and a flat 5-7 football season.

But the Notre Dame experience was also defined by prayers at the grotto and in dorm Masses, by thrilling victories over Connecticut by both basketball teams and by watching the national champion womens basketball team back to campus at 3 a.m. at Main Circle. There was the Return to Glory, studying abroad across the globe, growing in our knowledge, deepened our faith and become more confident in our abilities.

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EXCERPTS FROM PAST ISSUES

Four years in review: Students react to campus revolution

Campus responds to Sept. 11

Questioning revised alcohol policy

Love them or hate them, you have to hand it to members of the administration for knowing what they are doing regarding the recent changes in the alcohol policy. Inevitably, more students will move off campus because they are fed up with being treated like children, leaving more dorm rooms for incoming freshmen. Students over the age of 21 feed up with being treated like children, leaving more dorm rooms for incoming freshmen. Students over the age of 21

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What is the most memorable thing about living in South Bend?

"Snowball fights on the quad."  
-Danny Wiederke  
Thousand Oaks, Calif.

"South Bend on football weekends — it’s like a giant Notre Dame tailgate."  
-Danielle Hulick  
Galesburg, Ill.

"Cab drivers."  
-Jamie Lamere  
Combined Locks, Wis.

"Mullet hunting and Beacon Bowl."  
-Christian Braunlich  
Alexandria, Va.

Describe your college experience in three words.

"Friends, fun, faith."  
-Chris Trice  
Aliceville, Fla.

"They were stupendous!"  
-Saleem Ismail  
South Bend, Ind.

"Full of opportunities."  
-Stephanie Zurek  
Arlington, Mass.

"Don’t ever graduate."  
-Megan Basto  
New Jersey, N.J.
What do you plan to do after graduation?

"Biochemistry grad school. It'll be fun."
- John Mortison
Rancho Bernardo, Calif.

"Peace corps in the Dominican Republic."
-Nina Whittaker
Raleigh, N.C.

"Going to Tulane with my fiance, and getting married next summer."
-Angela Crimboli
Greensburg, Pa.

"Getting married this summer and working for the new Happy Couples and Happy Kids Program here."
-Karina Harty
Columbus, Ohio

What was your best experience at Notre Dame or Saint Mary's

"Easter Vigil Mass."
-Tukisa Smith
Barstow, Calif.

"Running naked through the quad."
-Will Herbert
Columbus, Ohio

"Club Bart."
-Kaut Holstak
Chapel N.M.

"Coming out of the tunnel with the happy couples freshmen year."
-Kelly Faehnie
Painesville, Ohio

"Fiesta Bowl freshmen year."
-Kelly Faehnie
Painesville, Ohio
Sollmann returns from injury, makes immediate impact

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Their leader is back. After missing a month of the season with a broken jaw, Notre Dame co-captain and senior outfielder Steve Sollmann returned for the Irish's series against Connecticut May 9-10 and helped the team sweep the Hilltoppers to improve to 39-9, 15-5 in Big East play. Sollmann collected five hits in the series and started all three games at second base.

Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri knows his team needs their senior captain with the most important and toughest games nearing on the schedule.

"You can't even describe how important it was for him to be out there," Mainieri said. "I told him after the game that you didn't have a base hit the whole weekend he'd be a big contributor to our success this week and ... Just having him out there to play defense and have his steady influence on the team, it just gave us a lot of confidence."

No. 8 Notre Dame has nine regular season games remaining including six against Big East foes Rutgers and Virginia Tech. The Irish, along with Pittsburgh, sit tied atop the conference standings with 15-5 marks. The Panthers are both games between the two teams earlier this season.

Despite such important games upcoming, along with the NCAA Tournament, Mainieri said his team continues to focus on one game at a time.

"We looked at it at that way since the day they walked on campus," he said Tuesday. "The challenge is so great that you just can't look too far ahead. You can catch yourself looking too far away, that's when it comes up and you don't play well."

Notre Dame is 9-3 in conference games at second base.

"Every single game is of critical importance," Paul Mainieri

Irish coach
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Irish fail to advance to NCAAAs for first time under Brey

Season ends with NIT
twice loss to
Oregon at Joyce Center

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

The season started earlier than usual, but it also ended earlier than the Irish have grown accustomed to.

Starting practice on Sept. 4 because of a fall break trip to Barbados, coach Mike Brey could work with his team for seven weeks before the three-game tour. From that initial meeting, he began instilling a season-long theme — resiliency.

Losing starters Matt Carroll and Dan Miller and their combined 33 points per game to graduation left the Irish with six of their eight main players — including three starters — never averaging more than 20 minutes and five points per contest in a previous season.

The only main offensive contributors returning from the Sweet 16 team were guard Chris Thomas and sophomore forward Torin Thomas not only returned to the team for his junior season, but also ended speculation later in the season by announcing he will return for his senior year.

That lack of experience on the Irish roster was present from the start.

It became apparent when the Irish lost three straight games and started 2-3 — their first time being under .500 with Brey at the helm.

The loss that haunted the Irish all season was their buzzer-beater stunner to Central Michigan when senior co-captains Torrión Jones and Tom Timmermans watched from the bench. It was the fourth game of the season, and our guys are devastated," Brey said. "Their heads are down, and we have to play 30 more games here. They have to get their heads up.

After getting back on track by winning four straight nonconference games and opening the Big East season 2-0, the difficult, yet at the same time opportunistic, conference schedule began.

The Irish lost six of their next eight games — Pittsburgh twice, Syracuse, Kentucky and at Rutgers and Boston College. Four of those teams made the NCAA Tournament while the Scarlet Knights only lost at home twice.

But something funny happened when the Irish lost to Pittsburgh for the second time and were at a crossroads in their season at 10-9 overall and 4-5 in the Big East — Francis suffered a back injury in that loss, and the Irish started playing better.

Converting to a "five-out" system, the Irish defeated eventual national champion Connecticut, Seton Hall and Syracuse in an eight-day span that propelled the Irish to the NCAA Tournament bubble.

"Everybody's really picking it up," Chris Thomas said. "You can't replace a double-double in Torin, but we're picking up the intensity and playing with a tremendous amount of confidence."

The lack of a consistent front presence began to catch up with the Irish as they squandered opportunities — namely a home loss to Providence and a Big East Tournament quarterfinal loss to an Emeka Obaji-less Connecticut team — and saw their bubble burst on Selection Sunday.

"I don't know if we're going to be an annual NCAA Tournament program," Brey said.

There's a handful that do that. Just about everybody rotates through the NIT every now and then."

Viewing the NIT as an opportunity to play more basketball and gain momentum for next season, the Irish defeated Purdue, in the schools' first meeting since 1966, and Saint Louis before losing to Oregon at the Joyce Center in the quarterfinals of the NIT — one game away from returning to Madison Square Garden.

No NCAA Tournament, only winning 19 games and not advancing to the Final Four of the NIT caused many to view the Irish as a disappointment in 2003-04. But Brey looked at the past season filled with injuries and inexperience in a different light.

"I don't know if I've ever felt better about a group giving us everything we asked on a daily basis," Brey said.

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scored 40 points (19 goals, 21 assists) to Gill's 38 points (17 goals, 21 assists). As is the case so often in sports, the statistics don't tell the entire story.

Gill was without question one of the most consistent and productive players on the ice for the Irish. His plus-minus rating of plus-13 was second only to forward Mike Walsh.

Also, Gill's offensive shooting percentage of 17.9 percent (11 goals on 95 shots) was tied for first with freshman Jason Paige (10 goals on 56 shots). By comparison, Globke's shooting percentage was 14.3 percent (19 goals on 133 shots).

Perhaps the most telling statistic about Gill's final season at Notre Dame was the number of power-play and game-tying goals that the forward collected during his team's run toward the NCAA Tournament.

Nine of Gill's 17 goals during the season came on the power play and the forward collected two game-tying goals — both signs of a player who scores in key momentum-swinging situations.

Rather than take any credit for his special teams prowess, though, the soft-spoken Gill deflected the praise to his teammates on the ice.

"I just think I get put in pretty easy situations out there," he said. "I just try and hang around the net and maybe pick up a few easy ones off deflections and rebounds and that sort of thing."

It was Gill's devotion to the game of hockey, in all three aspects of the sport — offense, defense and special teams — that led Irish coach Dave Poulin to name the Rochester, Minn., native the captain of this year's historic team.

The most telling statistic to Poulin was Gill's plus-13, which says that the forward is able to contribute on offense while also staying defensively responsible.

"Our team's strength is defense," Poulin said a few days before the team's first-round NCAA Tournament game. "We need everyone on the ice to do their part defensively if we're going to be successful."

A four-year journey

When Gill arrived at Notre Dame as a freshman in 2000, the Irish were coming off a 16-18-8 season and were still a relative unknown on the national and NCAA scene. Gill and his fellow freshman class were determined to change that.

"When we came in as freshmen, we wanted to make this program into a bigger and better program," he said. "I'm really happy with the group I played with those four years and think that we've really done a good job of putting Irish hockey on the map."

Gill was able to step in and contribute right away with his first Irish team, as he ended up tied for third on that team in scoring along with Globke and another freshman, defenseman Brett Lebda.

Both Gill and Globke were named honorable mention members of the All-CCIAA team that year as a result of their efforts during the 2000-2001 season.

After a disappointing 10-22-7 finish in Gill's freshman year, the Irish improved a little every season from 2002 to 2004.

In 2002, after falling behind to Nebraska-Omaha in the first game of the best-of-three first-round playoff series, the Irish won the next two games to advance to the CCIAA's Super Six in Detroit, only to lose to Northern Michigan 3-1.

In 2003, Notre Dame fell behind in the first game of the best-of-three first round playoff series against Miami (Ohio), then came back to shock the RedHawks 5-0 and 1-0 in the next two games to advance to Detroit for the second year in a row.

This time, Notre Dame's season came to an end with a 3-2 loss in Ohio State, which had come back from a 2-1 deficit.

"For me, the year the Irish took care of Western Michigan two games to one in the first round and then faced a familiar foe at the Super Six in Ohio State. Although the Irish eventually lost that game 6-5 in overtime, Gill certainly showed no lack of effort, scoring four points, including a hat trick in the loss."

"You definitely have to be playing well at this time of year," he said a few days after that game. "This time of the year you have to go into each game as if it's going to be your last, especially if you're a senior."

Although the Irish lost again in the second round of the CCIAA playoffs, their regular-season prowess, which included several wins over top-ranked teams on the road or at neutral sites — was enough to secure the final-at-large bid and send the team to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's history.

After leading Minnesota 2-0 after one period, the Golden Gophers stormed back to take away a 5-2 victory and make Notre Dame's stay at the Grand Rapids, Mich., regional a short one. Again, Gill played well in what was ultimately his final game in an Irish uniform — one goal, one assist.

Gill's play at the regional was enough to garner him a selection to the All-Midwest Regional Team — the only player from a team that lost in the first round to receive such an honor.

A reward for an outstanding year

Five seniors were especially pivotal in helping the Irish achieve their goal forwards Globke and Gill and defensemen Tom Galvin, Neil Komadoski and Brett Lebda.

"When I first got there, it was hard to believe that I was playing a pro sport," Gill said. "Cleveland was a really fun team to play with, and they were a good team for me to try and get good playing time with."

Although Gill is beginning the next stage of his hockey-playing career, he will always remember the four years he spent at Notre Dame and especially this historic season.

"I think the biggest thing I learned from my time at Notre Dame was to always keep working hard," Gill said. "That's the lesson I'll take from my years here."

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Irish suffer third losing season in five years

By MATT LOZAR Sports Writer

The glory returned — but only for a week and three plays.

Another loss dropped Notre Dame to 0-4 as they closed out the 2002 season with two blowout losses in the final two games of the season. After a three-game stretch against three top-20 teams, the Irish were 1-2 against Big East teams. The final blowout loss came in week 14 against Pitt, who is 1-14 in the ACC.

Saturday's 38-12 defeat at Pitt was the third time in five years that Notre Dame has finished with three straight losses to start the season. The 2002 season finish was the worst start since 1978, when the Irish were 0-4 after their first four games.

The loss dropped Notre Dame to 2-6 and was the third 30-point loss on the season. It also gave the team its third straight home defeat for the first time since 1984, its first home shutout since 1978 and, for a short period, dropped it to second on the all-time winning percentage list.

The team gave up 38 points to Pitt, its second 200-yard game on the season. The 33-14 win on Senior Day over BYU, it continued to pile on the large numbers with a 161-yard, three-touchdown effort. Jones eclipsed 200 yards for a third and final time in the 57-7 blowout at Stanford.

"This was more of what I anticipated out of our football team," Willingham said later adding, "we're getting closer to where I want to be."

A win at Syracuse would get the team to 6-4 and provide momentum to build on in the offseason for 2004. But in the last game of the season for both teams, the home runners-up trend continued from earlier games emerged again.

The Orange ran over the Irish gaining 86 yards and scored the Irish 38-12. While the three previous blowout losses were to the Big Ten, Syracuse only won six games in 2003 and had lost to Rutgers the week before.

"It was just a bad day for us," Jones said.

For the Irish, it wasn't only at Syracuse that they didn't play to their capabilities.

Miss a few games in 2003, it was all season.

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Irish running back Julius Jones looks to run the ball against the Pittsburg defense in Notre Dame's 20-14 win over the Panthers.
Irish start season slow, finish on tear to advance to NCAAs

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

If it wasn’t a 180-degree turn-around, it was pretty close.

Heading back to South Bend follow­ing an upset road loss to a weak Georgetown team 76-73 in early January — in which Notre Dame allowed the Hoyas to score seven points in the final 27 seconds — coach Muffet McGraw knew the team needed to turn things around quickly. The Irish had a grueling upcoming schedule.

It was time to sink or swim.

When the season finally ended in late March, Notre Dame (21-11) had reeled off 14 wins in its last 19 games, advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament for the sixth time in eight years and given No. 1-seeded Penn State all it could handle for a bid to the Final Four, before losing 55-49.

The Irish had several reoccur­ring themes throughout the sea­son — they went a perfect 15-0 at home, struggled on the road and were led by junior All-American honorable mention recipient Jacqueline Batteast. Batteast averaged 16.0 points and 8.6 rebounds per game, while starting all 32 games for the Irish. She also added 1.3 double-doubles and scored at least 20 points 10 times. She was named the team’s MVP at the end-of-the-year banquet and was a first-team All-Big East selec­tion and honorable mention AP All-American.

“Jackie was just really incredi­ble this season,” McGraw said.

“We’re really pleased with her. She feels really good about the way she played in the tourna­ment. She proved why she is going to be one of the top five players in the nation next season.”

Besides Batteast, McGraw regu­larly started seniors Le’Tania Severe and Monique Hernandez, sophomore Megan Duffy and either junior Teresa Borton or sophomore Courtney LaVere.

Duffy was second on the team with 9.9 points per game and also dished out 3.9 assists per game. She was named the Big East Most Improved Player at the end of the season.

The Irish started the season ranked No. 15 and knocked off No. 22 Auburn in the first game of the season. The win over a diffi­cult foe would be a sign of success to come for the Irish, who would post a 7-4 mark against ranked opponents.

After the opening win against Auburn, Notre Dame would go through a frustrating up-and­down stretch over the next month and a half that saw the team get blown out by Tennessee and Michigan State, and then string together five wins in six games before falling to Purdue and eventual national champion Connecticut.

The win over a weak Georgetown team 76-73 in the Joyce Center.

That spurt gave the Irish confi­dence heading into an easier part of their schedule. Notre Dame fin­ished the regular season with a 19-9 and 12-4 conference mark — good enough for a second-place finish behind Connecticut.

After bowing out in the quarter­finals of the Big East tournament, the Irish were pleasantly sur­prised to earn a five-seed for the NCAA Tournament. Notre Dame also had the advantage of playing its first two games at the Joyce Center because of predetermined first-and-second-round sites.

The Irish nearly saw their season come to an abrupt end in the first round against No. 12 Southwest Missouri State. The Irish led by Batteast completely took command and finished 66-51 at the Joyce Center.

The win over a weak Tennessee Stae. Batteast scored 27 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in just 28 minutes, and the Irish were never threatened in moving on to the Sweet 16.

In Connecticut, Notre Dame faced a tough Penn State that had been ranked in the top 10 for much of the year. The Irish played one of their best games of the sea­son and had the ball in Hatten’s hands with the game tied and under a minute left — but the Nittany Lions held on for the six­point victory.

“I’m proud of our effort. We competed and battled for forty minutes,” McGraw said after the game.

“We’ve come a long way since we were 7-6.”

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Irish guard Megan Duffy drives against a Connecticut defender in Notre Dame’s upset of the eventual national champion.
After failing to reach the NCAA Tournament and offering only one scholarship for the incoming freshmen class, Mike Brey and the Irish have snagged three of the Top 100 junior recruits and opened the eyes of fans and basketball media everywhere.

Most recently, 6-foot-6, 190-pound junior forward Ryan Ayers got a verbal commitment to Notre Dame on May 5 from his home in Philadelphia. Ayers, the son of former Ohio State and Philadelphia 76ers coach Randy Ayers, averaged 16.4 points in a 24-8 junior season at Germantown Academy. His 914 career total points have helped Germantown to a 61-29 record during his career.

"I decided Notre Dame is the right place for me," Ayers told the Philadelphia Inquirer. "I have a great relationship and comfort level with coach Brey.

Ryan Ayers
Irish recruit

"We've been able to sell this league," Mike Brey, Irish coach

Irish land three top-100 recruits

By PAT LEONARD
American Sports Editor

"As a senior, you feel it's a leadership thing to pull through with a 'W' in the tournament," Spriggle said. "I just tried to step it up." Kish, who had been busy earning first team All-MIAA honors for the past two years, was finally eligible for her career after working her way onto two MIAA singles championship teams his past two years. She also had second at No. 1 singles, while earning fourth at No. 1 doubles. Kish finished her career after playing the last year for the seniors. But even more special may have been the regular season team title, as the seniors last year by one point to Albinon.

"We were a little worried going into the tournament, but we were able to pull through," Spriggle said. "It was sweet because we lost to them last year — that made it even sweeter."

So now these seniors leave a year earlier after winning four MIAA Tournaments in as many years, and three regular season team titles in that same span.

"We have set the pathway for many seasons to come," Spriggle said.

Setting an example
These seniors have left a team that has known nothing but success over the past four years. But they didn't just leave the underclassmen to learn the hard way.

"The seniors showed next years' captains how to be a leader," Stevenson said.

"Even though [Cutler] and Kish were captains, and Spriggle and Knish both played for four years. But despite her leadership title, Cutler was not the only leader on the team.

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Irish grab fourth title in nine years

Matt Scott hits a shot earlier this season. Scott, a senior cap­
tain, earned All-Big East honors in both singles and doubles.

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

After collecting the hardware commemorating their fourth Big East title in the last nine years, the accolades will sit and gather dust as the Irish heart to prepare for the NCAA tournament.

"We're going to try to salvage a few days just very briefly," said coach Bobby Bayliss of his team's victory over top-seeded Virginia Tech.

Bayliss was named Big East Coach of the Year and Luis Haddock, Matthew Scott and Steven Bass were named to the all-tournament singles team. Haddock was named Big East Doubles Champion along with partner Matthew Scott.

"The Haddock-Scott doubles duo was named to the all-doubles team as well.

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Men win, women take third at Big East championships

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Four champs and a third title:

That's what the Irish men's track and field team achieved last weekend by winning the Big East Outdoor Championships at Rutgers, Selim Nurudeen, Godwin Mbagwu, Ryan Johnson and Ryan Postel all won individual titles to lead Notre Dame as they bested host Rutgers 172.5 to 160.5. This is the first time the men have ever won back-to-back titles in either the indoor or outdoor meets. The win also gives the Irish three straight Big East Championships, including their indoor title earlier this year.

The Notre Dame women capped yet another strong conference meet with a third place finish behind Pittsburgh and champion Miami. Moity Huddle ran at her usual championship pace to win the 5,000 meters for the second straight year.

Laura Huarte captured her first individual Big East title as she won the pole vault by clearing a height of 3.75 meters. The women recovered for a respectable finish as they were back in seventh place at the end of the first day.

The greatest asset for the men was their depth as they finished second in five events and placed in every event but the 100-meter dash, pole vault and shot put.

Mbagwu provided the highlight of the meet for Notre Dame as he was named the Most Outstanding Field Performer. Mbagwu won the long jump and finished second in the triple jump in his final conference championship. He is the first Irish athlete to score in both of those events at the same conference championship and his long jump covered 7.68 meters for the seventh-best outdoor long jump in school history.

Nurudeen added to his crowded trophy case by winning the 110-meter hurdles in 13.91 seconds for the third straight year. His victory in the indoor 60-meter hurdles makes him the first Notre Dame hurdler to sweep both events in the same season. The win in the 110-meter hurdles combined with his finishes in the 200-meter dash, 400-meter relay and 1,600-meter relay gave him four all-Big East titles.

Ryan Postel won his first Big East title with his 47.22-second time in the 400 meters. Postel joined Nurudeen, Ryan Hurd and Tommie Lee to finish second in the 800-meter relay and Nurudeen, Trevor McClain-Duer and Napoleon Suarez for another second in the 1,600-meter relay. Suarez also finished second in the 400-meter hurdles after finishing third in last year's outdoor meet.

The 3,200-meter relay team consisting of Thomas Chamney, Kurt Benninger, Eric Morrison and Kevin Somok also finished second. Benninger added to his All-Big East honors later on in the 1500-meters with a second-place finish.

Ryan Johnson won the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 9:08.64 to give him the first individual title of his career.

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Jean Martingall and Katie Wales compete in the 5,000 meters earlier this season. The women took third at the Big East.
Hockey

Icers make NCAAs for first time in program's history

By JUSTIN SCHUVER / Sports Writer

A season that started with several question marks ended with the Irish making team history, as Notre Dame advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's 36-year history. Although Notre Dame lost in the first round of the tournament, falling 5-2 to defending national champion Minnesota, the Irish were able to finally put their program on the national map.

"I'm proud of the way our guys played," Irish coach Dave Poulin said after the loss. "We played hard, but came up a little bit short, obviously. It's a great step for our program.

"For the seniors, I appreciate the path that they have taken to get us here. For the underclassmen, it's a new level now that they have the chance to improve upon. Notre Dame's seniors played an especially large role during the regular season, with forwards Aaron Gill and Rob Globke pacing the team offensively while defensemen Tom Galvin, Neil Komadoski and Brett Lebeda helped the team's defense stay at the top of its game. With the offense and defense covered by the seniors, the team's biggest question mark coming into the regular season was goal-tending.

Junior Morgan Cey, the 2002-03 season starter, was returning from offseason surgery at the time and was unable to play for the first three weeks of the season.

Sophomore Rory Walsh and freshmen David Brown played admirably in Cey's absence, collectively making a 3-2 record over the team's first five games of the regular season.

The Irish opened their year with a sign of things to come, knocking off then-No. 15 Ohio State on the road by a score of 5-2. Walsh, making his first career start in goal, t u r n e d away 31 saves in the victory, and G l o b k e helped provide offense with a hat trick. "It was a good way to start the season," Poulin succinctly said after the game.

Although the Irish would lose the second game of that opening series against the Buckeyes, the team set a precedent that would continue throughout the season and eventually play the biggest role in their first-ever NCAA bid — the ability to defeat ranked teams on the road. Perhaps the biggest such win of the season would come Oct. 24, as the Irish shutout then-No. 1 Boston College by a score of 1-0 in the Golden Eagles' home opener in front of a sellout crowd of 7,884 spectators. Brown made 27 saves in the victory, which was his second consecutive shutout.

Brown would continue his stellar play in his next start against Nebraska-Omaha, making 22 saves in a 2-0 victory to set a new Notre Dame record with three consecutive shutouts.

Brown maintained a scoreless streak of 193 minutes, 17 seconds, breaking a record that Cey had set in the 2002-03 season.

Brown and Cey would rotate starts through the rest of the regular season, with each stepping up big in key games. Cey made 32 saves as the team shutout then-No. 3 Maine Dec. 20 at the Everblades Holiday Classic in Estero, Fla., while Brown made 30 saves in Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over then-No. 4 Wisconsin on the road Jan. 19.

The Irish finished the CCIAA regular season with a 14-11-3 mark in conference play, finishing in fifth-place overall and earning home-ice advantage for the first round of the CCIAA playoffs.

Notre Dame faced Western Michigan in a best-of-three tournament to go to the Super Six in Detroit, defeating the Broncos 4-0 March 12, falling by a score of 2-1 the next day, and then winning a 5-4 overtime thriller in the final game of the series.

Freshman forward Jason Page came up with the game-winner at 12:35 of overtime, sending the Irish to the second round of the CCIAA playoffs for the fourth time in five years.

"To come away with that win was a real emotional win for us," Poulin said after the nailbiting victory.

Although the Irish would lose their Super Six opener 6-5 in overtime against Ohio State, the eventual champion, the team's regular season prowess against ranked teams led to the Irish achieving and at-large bid and the No. 4 seed in the Grand Rapids, Mich. Regional of the NCAA Tournament.

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"This was always your dream and now you have made it come true. Congratulations! We are so proud of you."

Love from Mom, Dad, Lauren and Meg

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Former AD Wadsworth passes away at age of 60

By JOE HETTLER
Space Writer

Mike Wadsworth was athletic director at Notre Dame for five years, but his impact on the school will likely last much longer.

The former athletic director from 1995-2000 died April 28 at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. He was 60.

Wadsworth left his mark on Notre Dame in variety of ways. During his tenure, the Irish entered the Big East conference from the Big Ten. The University also expanded by the Mayo Oinic in Minnesota. He also was responsible for televising games on NBC Sports for all home games.

"Mike Wadsworth was a genuine Notre Dame man who made substantial contributions to the University," said President Father Edward Malloy in a press release.

Wadsworth also helped negotiate Notre Dame's role in the BCS Bowl Championship Series for football. He added his own agreement to the creation of a Life Skills program for athletes in 1996. The Irish athletic program was ranked No. 3 by The Sporting News, which ranked schools on categories ranging from on-field performance to academic reputation.

But Wadsworth's life was not limited to athletics. The Toronto native worked in government, law, broadcasting and politics as well. Following his departure from Notre Dame, Wadsworth worked as an arbitrator and mediator for a Canadian-based law firm, Stitt, Feld, Handy & Houston. From 1971-81, Wadsworth practiced law, while also pursuing a career in media. He was a sports columnist for a time and broadcast games on television and for radio.

He became vice president for administration at the Tyco Co. in 1981 and completed the advancement management program at Harvard Law School in 1985. Wadsworth was also appointed as Canada's ambassador to Ireland in 1989.

Wadsworth graduated from Notre Dame in 1966 with a degree in political science and played football for the Irish. "Mike" played high school and college football, representing Canada at the 1970 World University Games.

Wadsworth had nagging knee injuries throughout his career but still managed to play professional football. After college, Wadsworth played in the Canadian Football League for five years and earned rookie of the year honors during his first season on the Toronto Argonauts.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles win MIAA tourney as No. 3 seed

Saint Mary's defeats No. 4 team in nation twice to win title

By JOE HETTLER
Space Writer

The underdogs became the top dogs in just a matter of days. After clinching one of the last seeds in the four-team MIAA Tournament by winning its final two regular season games, Saint Mary's reeled off three victories. Two of those three were against a top-5 team in the nation — to win the MIAA Championship.

"We knew that the road to the championship was going to be far from easy, but we just gave it our all and we had nothing to lose," said Saint Mary's pitcher Kate Sajewich said.

The Belles demolished the next game 8-1, as Alma dominated in every way. Saint Mary's managed just two hits, while five of the eight Alma runs were unearned.

In the decisive game three, Saint Mary's did it again by throwing a complete game and allowing just one earned run as the Belles won 3-1. Saint Mary's yielded just six hits and struck out three to clinch the championship.

"We played with our hearts, left everything on the field, and beat the fourth team in the nation twice," said Sajewich. Down one run heading into the fifth, the Belles managed to take the first game thanks to an Angie Ellis two-run homer on just three hits and striking out three.

The Belles scored both their runs thanks to an Alma error in the second inning. With one out, Laura Heline walked and Sajewich followed with a single. Alma's centerfielder made a throwing error on the play which plated Heline and advanced Sajewich to second.

"It was like, "Wow we actually did it,"" she said. "Let's face it, we were the underdog so to beat this team who has 30 some people on their lineup card and it was on their field too — it was awesome."

Unfortunately, Alma still managed to score the berth to play in the NCAA Tournament. The Belles gained nine points for being the number one seed. By winning the tournament, Saint Mary's earned nine points for a total of 15. However, Alma received eight points for second and therefore had 16. The team with the highest points advances, which gave Alma the nod.

Notes

-Saint Mary's landed two players on the All-MIAA first team. Sajewich was joined by Erin Sullivan, who was also the MIAA Batting Champion. Earning second-team honors were Ellison and first baseman Katrinne Tobie.

-Tebe was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player, while Sullivan was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player. Saint Mary's head coach Anna Welsh and her staff were named the MIAA Coaching Staff of the Year.

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better at NCAAs, getting better at conference, being consistent," Irish coach Bailey Weathers said.
But for Perry-Eaton, nothing has come easy.

Setback
Perry-Eaton thought she was in the prime of her career after just one year of diving, she qualified for the Junior National Diving Events as a freshman before suffering a season-ending back injury. "I avoided the pool at all costs (when I got injured) because it was unbelievably upsetting," Perry-Eaton said. "I could focus on my studies."

People told her that her career was over, and that she wouldn't make it back, but the hard-working diver refused to quit.

That summer, she went home to rehab with her coach after spending time at Notre Dame for a year, and realized,

"She continued to get stronger," she said. "The trainers did an awesome job with her."

Silencing doubters
Perry-Eaton returned to the board for her sophomore year.

But it wasn't what she expected.

"There were unbelievable ups and downs," she said. "I don't think there are words to describe what a rollercoaster it was. It was hard to realize that I went from everything I wanted to be to absolutely nothing. I didn't think I could reach [the] expectations."

In her second year at Notre Dame, Perry-Eaton missed the cut for the NCAA Championships after finishing sixth in the 1-meter diving and 13th in the 3-meter. She also finished second in the Big East on the 1-meter board, good for All-Big East honors.

But despite the seemingly successful return, Perry-Eaton was not pleased with her performance at the time. Now, she sees things differently.

"It was a good year, but I wasn't happy," she said. "But now I'm easier to realize I did achieve a lot. When you're struggling, you're never happy, but when you look back, it's like you should have been happy with that."

And Weathers agreed.

"I think she really made great progress (throughout her career)," Weathers said.

Perry-Eaton followed her supsorphone campaign with even more improvement going into her senior year.

It was a year that saw her qualify for the NCAA Championships for the first time. She earned honorable mention All-American honors on the 1-meter board, placing ninth at the NCAAs. She also finished 20th on the 3-meter board. She also earned Big East Diver of the Year after winning the 1-meter event and taking second in the 3-meter event.

But Perry-Eaton remained unsatisfied.

Senior year
After going home last summer, Perry-Eaton said she trained harder than ever with her coach and came back feeling good about her diving.

"I trained really hard last summer," she said. "My coach is one of the best people I have ever met. When I got home, the focus, the motivation, everything falls into place. The time at home in the summer has been invaluable."

So when she returned to Notre Dame in fall, Perry-Eaton said she felt good about her chances.

"I came back in really good physical shape and mentally, I was feeling strong," she said. "There were things I wanted to achieve, and I wasn't going to give up on those. I realized in coming in, that if I was going to achieve what I wanted, it was going to be on my own, and I couldn't give up. I couldn't let other things distract me."

Perry-Eaton proceeded to win the Big East diving competitions and go on to the NCAA Championships for the second straight year, working with supportive teammates and Weathers.

"The one thing that is great about Meghan is that she was very consistent throughout the year," Weathers said. "What she brought to the team is a consistent performance week-to-week. That's huge for us."

And then she went to the NCAA Championships, where she took third in the 1-meter competition, the highest finish ever by a Notre Dame diver. But she wasn't happy.

"I ended up third," she said. "But I was in tears. I watched it taken away from me — I could have been second or first."

Weathers agreed, as both he and Perry-Eaton were skeptical about the judging.

"It's a little political at the judging zones because we're not a Big Ten school," Weathers said. "They have a tendency to be protective of kids from a given conference."

Back for more
But Perry-Eaton isn't finished — at least not yet. The aerospace engineering major will graduate this weekend, however, she will return to Notre Dame in the fall for graduate classes. She will then dive, using her fifth year of eligibility, granted after her injury freshman year.

"I want to be training at home this summer, and that's how I'm going to get where I want to be," she said. But first, she has to rehab a broken foot that she suffered diving after this season. As a result, Perry-Eaton missed the Olympic Trials, a chance for her to go up against some of the best divers in the world.

However, Weathers says she has competed against the best.

"She's definitely gone up against the best in this country," he said. "A lot of the best divers in the world are at NCAA swimming and diving, and Perry-Eaton is ready for more.

"This season, while it was a lot of struggle and work for her, she found the love to keep going."

And Perry-Eaton was rewarded throughout the season, he said, for "a year of growth."
Humiliating coaching search follows Davie firing

On Dec. 2, 2001, after a 5-6 season, athletic director Kevin White fired football coach Bob Davie and the search began for a new coach to lead the Irish back to prominence. At a Public press conference on Dec. 9, over 1,500 fans welcomed new football coach George O'Leary, a man who found his dream job at Notre Dame.

However, O'Leary's tenure with the Irish lasted just five days before he was forced to resign for lying on his resume.

After over two weeks of national embarrassment, another 16-day coaching search finally led White to Stanford and Tyronn Williams, who White announced as head coach on New Year's Day.

Women's hoops wins national title

With 5.8 seconds remaining and the NCAA Championship game tied at 66, Ruth Riley calmly hit two free throws that left Notre Dame the 2001 women's basketball national champions. Thousands of fans showed up to welcome the team back to President George W. Bush honored the team two weeks later at the White House.

Willingham leads Return to Glory

In his first year as head coach, Tyonne Willingham led the Irish to an 8-0 start. His 10 wins were the most in a first-year Notre Dame football coach. The season's top wins included a defeat of No. 6 Michigan at Notre Dame Stadium and a win at No. 11 Florida State.

Irish go to CWS, first trip since '57

It took an improbable victory over No. 1 Florida State at Tallahassee, but the Irish found a way to reach their first College World Series since 1957. The team played well in Omaha, beating Rice on a walk-off home run and losing twice to a tough Stanford team. They also won 50 games, a new team record.

Brey-coached Irish find Sweet success

As a five seed in the West Regional, Mike Brey led the men's basketball team to the Sweet 16 for first time since 1987. Brey took over as head coach in 2000 and has steadily improved the basketball program. Under his guidance, his teams qualified for three straight NCAA Tournaments.

Coaches exit SMC revolving door

In a two and a half month period, both Saint Mary's coaches resigned. The athletic department, which could barely pay its coaches $6,000 a year, was unable to attract and retain quality coaches. Bobby Johnson, John Ganell and Theresa Pekarek all left Saint Mary's during the spring.

Fencing finally wins national title

Having finished second or third in the country every year since its last national title in 1994, the Irish were finally able to finish the job and win the 2003 national title. Head coach Ged Parkin took over for Yves Auriol and led the Irish to its sixth national title in his first season as head coach of the Irish.

Hockey earns first-ever NCAA bid

As the No. 4 seed in the Grand Rapids Regional, the Irish advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's 36-year history. Coach Dav Pothin's team played a difficult schedule during the regular season to earn the at-large bid, including a win over then-No. 1 Boston College.

Women's golf makes NCAAs

For the first time in the 16-year history of the program, the Irish advance to the NCAA Tournament. The Irish received their 19th seed at the Central Regional at Illinois State by winning a school-record four tournament during the regular season, including their second consecutive Big East Championship.

Saint Mary's cuts track program

Under the recommendation of athletic director Lynn Kachelmair, Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred decided to continue the track and field program following the 2003 season. Kachelmair made the decision, in part, to keep two full-time coaches.

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Tennis claims postseason and regular season titles, softball wins MIAA Tournament over No. 4 Albion

The Belles finished sixth overall at the MIAA Championships, and followed that up with a 20th-place finish in the Hanover College Regional of the Division III NCAA Tournament, finishing their 2003 season by showing slight improvement over last year's seventh-place finish in the MIAA Championships.

Freshman Sara Ott led the Belles with an 84th-place finish in a time of 25 minutes, 9 seconds, at the Hanover Regional. The top finisher at that meet finished with a time of 22:13.2.

Senior captain Jackie Bauters contracted a respiratory infection before the MIAA Championships, their top finisher at that meet. Bauters had a finish of 28:26.4, Hanover, with a finish of 25 minutes, 9 seconds. The top finisher at that meet finished with a time of 22:13.2.

A key point in the Belles' season was a strong performance in the 200-yard butterfly, with the team finishing fifth overall at the 19-team Ferris State Invitational — a tournament that featured several Division-I teams.

Other Belles earning postseason honors were first baseman Katrina Bebbe and MIAA runs scored leader Angie Eillian. Bebbe was named MIAA Most Valuable Defensive Player of the Year after leading the league in chances (122) and putouts (124). Meanwhile, she also joined Eillian on the second team All-MIAA. Eillian hit .356 on the year, good for ninth in the league.

Golf
The season continued in the spring of 2004 with the NCAA Championships. After one round, the Belles had a score of 339, six strokes better than last year's fourth-place finish at NCAA Championships. After one round, the Belles had a score of 339, six strokes better than last year's fourth-place finish at NCAA Championships. After one round, the Belles had a score of 339, six strokes better than last year's fourth-place finish at NCAA Championships. After one round, the Belles had a score of 339, six strokes better than last year's fourth-place finish at NCAA Championships. After one round, the Belles had a score of 339, six strokes better than last year's fourth-place finish at NCAA Championships. After one round, the Belles had a score of 339, six strokes better than last year's fourth-place finish at NCAA Championships. After one round, the Belles had a score of 339, six strokes better than last year's fourth-place finish at NCAA Championships.
Men's and women's soccer end outstanding seasons with losses to Michigan

Men's Cross Country

The Irish sent two members of their team to the NCAA Championships in 1902. One, William Moore, finished 33rd in 130 minutes, 9.5 seconds behind the winner, Tim Moore. Mobley finished 27th in 130 minutes, 9.5 seconds behind the winner, Tim Moore. And was named an All-American as a result, while Moore finished in 90th place overall and did not earn a team NCAA Tournament bid.

Notre Dame finished a disappointing eighth at the Great Lakes Regional Meet, and did not earn any team NCAA Tournament bids. The Irish finished second in the Big East championships, losing to Georgetown in the finals.

Women's Cross Country

The Irish completed their season with a 10th-place finish at the NCAA Championships in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Junior Lauren King and sophomore Molly Huddle paced the Irish, with each runner finishing in the top 35 in the field.

King finished the race with a time of 20 minutes, 25.6 seconds. Huddle did not far behind at 20:39.05.

Notre Dame's 10th-place finish was somewhat of a disappointment. The team never placed below third overall in any of their regular season meets. The Irish captured first overall in the Valparaiso Invitational, the National Catholic Championship, the Notre Dame Invitational, the Big East Championship, and the NCAA Great Lakes Regional. Huddle was the overall winner at the Great Lakes Regional with a time of 20:31.4.

King made history for the Irish, as she became the first ever three-time All-American in the program's history.

Men's Soccer

The Irish advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's history, before falling 1-0 to Michigan in the final.

The Irish were accustomed to topping the ranking throughout the season, with four of the team's first five games going to the extra frame. Notre Dame went 2-1-1 in those games.

The highlight of the regular season came on Sept. 18, when the Irish defeated then-No. 19 Indiana 1-0 behind forward Kevin Goldswain's marker at 107:12.

Notre Dame continued to hang around the top of the rankings all season, with the team's only real stumbling block coming in a 2-0 loss at home to Rutgers, in which the normally stout Irish defense allowed four goals in a 10-minute span.

After a 1-0 loss to Connecticut Nov. 18, the Irish rallied off eight straight wins — sweeping through the Big East tournament, along the way — before falling to Michigan at Alumni Field in the NCAA Tournament.

Notre Dame finished the year 16-3-4. The season opener helped sparkplug the team to a 2-1-2 start, the second best start ever in the team's history. Including in that last start was a 14-match winning streak, the second longest ever.

Notre Dame won its first 11 Big East matches before falling to Pittsburgh in the final regular season match to share the conference title with the Panthers. Pittsburgh also knocked the Irish out of the Big East tournament in the final of the conference championship.

For the men, junior epeeist Michael Sobieraj and freshman Stephen Stearns each earned regular-season All-America honors. Sobieraj finished third, while Hattis took tenth. Sobieraj won seven of nine round-robin bouts on the final day to finish in 15-8, while Hattis finished 13-10 after posting a 6-3 record on the final day. Matt Stearns narrowly missed All-American honors, finishing 14th after a 4-5-3 record in the final day, good for a 10-13 overall mark.

Men's Swimming

The Irish earned its highest total ever at the Big East Championship, and broke three school records. Kryczalo broke individual Notre Dame records in the 100-yard butterfly (48.43), the 200 individual medley (1:49.68). He was also a part of the fourth-place 200 freestyle relay that broke the school record with a time of 1:21.30.

Kryczalo was joined by sophomores Steve Shomberger and Doug Bauman. Shomberger broke a school record by 0.6 seconds in the 200-yard backstroke. He broke Bauman's record, set in the beginning of the season.

As a result of the Irish success, head coach Tim Welsh was named Big East Coach of the Year for the second time in his career. His team set eight school records in the Big East meet, good enough to boost them to second place after a fourth-place finish the previous year.

Women's Swimming

The senior co-captain and freshman team captain of the NCAAautomatic

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Notre Dame Soccer Team

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Year in Sports

Championships to earn the Irish a top-25 finish for the fifth time in eight years.

Senior Meghan Perry-Eaton and freshman Kate Carroll accounted for all of the Notre Dame women's 28 points at the NCAA Championships in March. Perry-Eaton earned 16 points with her third-place finish in the 1-meter diving competition. As a result, she earned All-American honors. Perry-Eaton's third-place finish was the highest-ever for a Notre Dame swimmer or diver in the NCAA meet.

Meanwhile, Carroll was busy getting the other 12 points. She earned nine after taking ninth in the 200 individual medley and three after earning 14th place in the 400 individual medley.

Carroll also set meet records in both races. The freshman is the first in her class to be named honorable mention All-American in multiple events.

Carroll and Perry-Eaton also led Notre Dame to its eighth consecutive Big East title, and it was the highest-finishing Big East team in the NCAA Championships.

Men's Lacrosse

The Irish finished 7-5 on the regular season, good for second place in the Great Western Lacrosse League only trailing No. 7 Ohio State, and finding themselves ranked as high as sixth in the No. 1 No. 5 this season.

No. 7 Ohio State defeated the Irish in the regular season, right after tying the game with 19 seconds remaining.

Pat Walsh, a pre-season All-American, led the Irish this season, garnering numerous individual honors. Walsh, a sophomore, led the conference in scoring and assisting and was sixth and fifth, respectively, in Division I statistics. He was named a Tewaaraton 15 nominees for the Tewaaraton Trophy, awarded to the nation's top player on June 3.

Senior Matt Howell provided leadership and off the field for a season marred by numerous injuries to give the Irish another solid outing. He earned the GHIL Player of the Week award April 20, after almost breaking a school record for points in a game.

Women's Lacrosse

After starting off the season 10-0, the Irish struggled, losing four straight. However, they bounced back to defeat Florida and then No. 11 Vanderbilt to finish the season 12-4, 24 Big East, good enough for second place.

During the undefeated stretch, Notre Dame saw its ranking go up as high as No. 2, until losing to then-No. 7 Georgetown 9-7. The 12 wins this season are the second-most in program history, the most coming in 2002, when the Irish were ranked 12th.

Despite the mid-season slide, Irish earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years, where they faced Northwestern in the first round. Notre Dame was led by senior Meredith Simon, one of 20 players named to the all-Big East team, the best player in the country. She broke the school record for points in a season, accumulating 72 this season. Simon was also named Big East Offensive Player of the Year four times in 2004, in addition to earning the title of Inside Lacrosse Magazine Player of the Week.

Men's Tennis

Behind freshman Stephen Bass, the Irish were able to secure their fourth Big East Championship in 2004. Bass won 12 straight points after being three points from defeat to win No. 3 singles and propelled the Irish to a 4-2 win over Virginia Tech.

Irish coach Bob Bayliss was crowned the Big East Coach of the Year, and the Irish dominated the All-Big East Tournament team at the Big East Championships. Joe Huddock and Matt Scott earned both singles and doubles honors, while Bass earned All-Tournament honors in singles.

Bass was 20-11 in the regular season, and 2004 marked the second season in a row he has been named All-Tournament. Scott, meanwhile, was 19-13 on the year, including three victories over ranked opponents. As a team, these two seniors were 13-3 this year, 16-5 overall.

Meanwhile, Bass has won five of six, for a 22-7 record. He was 16-5 in dual matches at No. 3 and No. 4 singles. Bass was 10-0 in three set matches, including a 7-5 record when the team title is undecided.

Scott lead the Irish in the NCAA Championships, beginning May 14 at Harvard, where the Irish will face No. 19 Tulane.

Women's Tennis

The Irish have been a mix of young and old this season. Senior Alex Scott was joined by twin sisters freshman Christian and Catrina Thompson to lead the Irish to a second-place finish in the Big East.

After two 4-3 losses to No. 11 Northwestern and Purdue, the Irish lost to Miami 4-0 in the Big East Tournament.

But Salas led the Irish all season, rising as high as No. 10 in singles and No. 36 in national rankings. She finished with a career record (before the Big East Championship) of 34-40 in doubles and 13-16 in singles this year. Salas was 23-15 in singles and 21-7 in doubles, including 14 victories over ranked opponents in singles. She is just the fifth player in Notre Dame history to earn berths in the first two legs of the collegiate grand slam. Salas has also been listed in each of the last 17 sets of national singles rankings, going back to the end of 2001.

Freshman, meanwhile, finished with a 24-13 singles record at No. 2 singles. She was ranked as high as 86. She teamed up with sister Christina to go 21-15, and they were ranked No. 36. They were announced as the only all-freshman team to make the 32-team NCAA Doubles Championships.

Men's Golf

For the first time in 38 years, the Irish are heading to the NCAA Tournament after winning the Big East Championship by six strokes. Going into the final round, the Irish were down five strokes, but came back to over­ take the field of eight Big East champions Virginia Tech. Notre Dame finished at No. 14-some 80 points, total of the spring, and ninth­ lowest in school history.

The Irish were led by sophomore Tommy Baldwin, who tied for third place at eight-over­ par, the best mark of his season. Freshman Cole Isaiah Baldwin at eight-over-par, good for his best spring mark as well.

Sophomore Eric Deutsch rounded out the All-Big East selections for the Irish, as he shot nine-over-par, so good for a tie for fifth place, and Mark Baldwin, also so good, finished in eighth place at 13- over-par.

Another sophomore, Scott Gustafson, shot 14-under-par, good for 11th place. Earlier in the season, Gustafson shot a seven-over-par, good for 14th place at the Cleveland Golf Collegiate Invitational.

Women's Golf

After never qualifying for a NCAA Tournament berth, the Irish turned that all around this year, as they won their second straight Big East Tournament, good enough to earn them an at-large bid to the NCAs.

At the Big East tournament, Notre Dame saw freshman Noriko Nakazaki earn third place after shooting a 70 in the second round, the lowest in Big East Championship history. Sophomore Katie Brophy, 2003 Big East co-champion, took fourth place, and junior Karen Lotta took seventh after shooting an 81 in the opening round. All three golfers earned All-Big East honors.

For the NCAs, Nakazaki led the way once again. She tied for 24th at the regional, behind Nakazaki was Stacy Brown. The freshman tied for 19th in the Regional. On the year, the Irish won four tournaments, a program record. They also turned in seven top-five and 16 top-10 performances throughout the year.

February 21

Meghan Perry-Eaton and teammate Katie Carroll lead the No. 19 Irish to their eighth consecutive Big East title, the highest-finishing Big East team in the NCAA Championships.

February 23

Notre Dame defeated the No. 5 Northwestern at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships behind Meghan Perry-Eaton and Katie Carroll. Perry-Eaton took third in 1-meter diving and 2800 in 3-meter diving. Carroll earned honorable mention All-American honors in the 200 individual medley and 400 individual medley.

February 27

Sophomore Molly Huddle broke her personal record in the 3000 meters at the Metro Invitational with a time of 10:36.48. This time broke her old record of 10:52.33, which was set at cross-country.

The time was also the third fastest in the nation at that point in the season.

February 28

The Irish hockey team earns its first-ever bid to the NCAA tournament. In the second round, the Irish match up against two-time national champion Minnesota.

March 27

After making it to the NCAA women's basketball tournament, the Irish face off against No.1 seed Tennessee in the Sweet 16.

April 17

After starting the season 10-0, the Irish's women's lacrosse team falls to No. 5 Georgetown 9-7 in Washington, D.C.

April 20

The Notre Dame women's basketball team wins the NCAA bid in its 19 years of existence at an at-large bid.

April 24

Notre Dame women's track team wins the Big East Championship after freshman Steve Dunn makes a dramatic comeback win to seal the team win.
No. 29 Irish hope to make noise in NCAAs

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Nowadays, everyone wants to be a Cinderella.

With the start of the NCAA Tournament, each team dreams of a come-from-behind upset, culminating in a championship title. It would be a fairy-tale ending to a season punctuated by both success and failure.

No. 29 Notre Dame looks to interrupt No. 38 Iowa's postseason reverie on Saturday, when the two teams square off in the first round of the tournament at the Vandy Christo Tennis Center at 2 p.m.

The winner of the match will advance to the second round of the tournament, and take on either Illinois-Chicago or Northwestern Sunday at noon. Illinois-Chicago and Northwestern are set to play at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Last time, the Hawkeyes (14-9) challenged the Irish (11-11), Notre Dame emerged with a 6-1 win. Coach Jay Louderback cites their regular season victory as an advantage for the Irish.

However, defending that win will be tough.

"The last time we played them, there were a lot of close matches," Louderback said. "Beating them a second time will be tough because they're a very good team."

And with Iowa's talented-laden team looking for redemption, Notre Dame has little room for error.

"Once the NCAA Tournament starts, it's another season," Louderback said. "Everything is thrown out the window. There are usually a lot of upsets in the tournament, and we're hoping to make one of them."

The Irish have conditioned themselves for the postseason with a rigorous schedule. Fifteen of the 20 wins this year for the Irish faced during the regular season have earned spots in the NCAA Tournament, including No.7 seed Duke, No. 13 seed Texas A&M and No. 14 seed North Carolina.

"Everyone's going to be nervous, but we've earned our spot here," freshman Christian Thompson said. "We've played tough teams all season, and the teams we play in the tournament will be tough; we don't assume any less. But, if we play together and fight like we did against Miami, it will be hard to beat us."

In the Big East Tournament on May 1, top-seeded Notre Dame fell to nationally ranked No. 26 Miami 4-0, with the Big East title at arm's length. Although they faced an intimidating Miami team, the Irish weren't ones to shy away from a challenge.

"Miami definitely stepped it up two levels, but we were still in every match. We really fought back," Christian Thompson said.

"It's tough because they're a very good team," Louderback said.

However, defending that win will be tough; we don't assume any less. But, if we play together and fight like we did against Miami, it will be hard to beat us.

The Thompsons' performance in the tournament earned them a spot on the Big East All-Tournament team in doubles. Christian, along with No. 23 Salas, also received the honor in singles.

Each of the doubles matches were equally close. At No. 3, Sarah Jane Connelly and senior Emily Neighbours fell to Audrey Banada and Tori 8-6. Lauren Connelly and senior Alicia Salas matched Miami's win with an 8-6 triumph over Robbins and Stevens. No. 50 Catrina and Christian Thompson were tied 6-6 against No. 36 Applebaum and Megan Bradley, before the Miami duo pulled ahead 8-6 at No. 1.

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All three players received bids for the individual portion of the NCAA Championships, Salas destined for the NCAA Singles Championship and the Thompsons for the NCAA Doubles Championship. The Thompsons are the only all-rookie doubles team in the 32-team field.

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Tennis captures MIAA tournament and league titles

Belles won their fourth straight MIAA Tournament

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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On the Saint Mary's tennis team, there are no individual standouts — there is one team that stands out.

As a result, the Saint Mary's tennis team has been named The Observer's 2003-04 Outstanding Team of the Year. From the beginning, there was no doubt this team would be competitive. They won the 2003 MIAA Tournament and returned four key members from that team.

So it came to be a little sur-

prise when the Belles won the MIAA Tournament title for the fourth straight year to go along with the 2004 regular season title.

It was a close race to the fin-

ish, as the Belles entered the tournament tied with Albion and Calvin for the league title, which is a combination of regular season and tournament results.

"This year the competition was a lot tougher," No. 4 sing-

gles player Kris Spriggle said. "Their players have more experience, and the teams are tougher." But at the tournament, the Belles came through, winning singles championships at No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 singles. They also earned a second-

place finish in No. 3 doubles, and took fourth in No. 1 dub-

bles and third in No. 2 doubles.

These victories were enough to propel the Belles to 79.5 points, one point ahead of sec-

ond-place Albion.

"It was incredible to win by one point," senior Jeannie Knish said. "There was no point we thought 'we had it in the bag.'

But Knish was just one of many Belles to perform well at the tournament. Sophomore Kristin Palombo won her second straight No. 2 singles title, in addition to finishing second at No. 3 doubles with freshman partner Grace Gordon. Senior and two-time captain Katlin Cutler won her third straight MIAA title at No. 3 singles to go along with a third place fin-

ish at No. 2 doubles with fellow senior Spriggle.

Spriggle also won singles, taking the No. 4 title, for her third straight.

"It meant a lot, especially for the three seniors," Spriggle said. "It was a great way to go out. We really enjoyed the season." Rounding out the lineup was Knish, who took third at No. 1 singles and also earned fourth at No. 1 doubles with sophomore Kate Bowler who played in her first MIAA Tournament. It was a

team effort that spurred the Belles to the title.

"We really pulled together as a team," Spriggle said. "We had the best team as a whole, because we did the little things."

Palombo earned second-

place All-MIAA honors, the second straight year she has done so.

Despite the help of the underclassmen, the seniors led the way.

"They are going to be sorely missed," coach Dee Stevenson said. "They were certainly leaders."

Senior Leadership

Cutler, Knish and Spriggle were the anchors of a team that had seen much success over the past four years.
Congratulations

Class of 2004
Kristen,
your mom and grandpa couldn't be happier. Congratulations, we are proud of you.

Love Mom & Dad

PS- a woman always has a right to change her mind!!
M is for “Michael”
Our favorite son
From the day he was born
He’s been “the perfect one”
From Legos to laptops
From Ireland to Down Under
Michael’s filled our world
With magic and wonder!!

Congrats to our ND Grad!

Love,
Mom SMC ’76
Dad ND ’76 & MBA ’80
Erin ND ’01
Kara SMC ’05
Flynn

You have always made us
So proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Dan and Sean

Congratulations
Tom McTaggart
and the
Class of 2004

With pride for all you’ve been
With joy for all you are
With hope for all you’ll be
And with love...for always

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jennifer
Chris and Brian

Congratulations
Phillip Ruisi
Michael Ruisi

May all your dreams
become realities
Way to go, Allan!
Turtle Creek, FAC, Campus start in Dillon. A domer grad, and forever alum. God, Country, Notre Dame!

Love, Mom and Dad, Kevin, Mark, Steven and Gramma

“All the world’s a stage”
...May God lead you to yours! Congratulations and we love you Adam!
Love Mom, Dad and Layla

From your first Notre Dame experience to your last Notre Dame experience - Cherish them all!
Congratulations! Love you - Mom, Dad, & Ryan

You haven’t changed a bit, and we are still so proud of you.
BlingBling and The Fred
Friday, May 14, 2004

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**It’s “Double Domer” time! Way to go Andy! Go Irish!**

Mom, Dad and Michael

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**Congratulations Amy! So proud of our only Domer. Always knew you’d go places! Love, Mom and Dad**

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**Congratulations Tracy! It’s been a great ride. We’re so proud of you - where you’ve been, who you’ve become and what you will accomplish in the years ahead.**

Love, Mom and Dad

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**Congratualtions, Michelle Westhoefer!**

From your first day of kindergarten to earning your Mechanical Engineering degree from Notre Dame, you always had a special way of making your dreams become reality. We are so proud of you, honey!

Good luck at your new job at Raytheon in California. Let your light shine on!

We love you!

Mom & Dad

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**Allison, From your first day of school to your last... We’ve always been proud of you!**

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**From a door we helped you through to this new door that Notre Dame helped you through, we know you will succeed just as you always have. We love you. Mom, Dad, Brianna, & Patrick**
Anthony,
Congratulations on graduating from the greatest university on Earth!
From the beginning, we knew.
You continue to make us so proud.
Irish born, Irish educated!
Love - Dad, Mom, Anastasia

Congratulations Frankie on a job well done!

We love you,
Mom, Dad,
Elisa, Gracie
& Anthony

The dogs on Main Street howl 'cuz they understand that I can take one moment into my hands. Mr. I ain't a boy, no I'm a man. And I believe in a Promised Land
-Bruce Springsteen

Congratulations, B.!
Love ya - Dad
I don’t wanna graduate yet...

The girl may leave ND, but ND will never leave the girl. Congratulations, Sarah!

We Love You --
Mom, Dad, J.P. & Kevin

Congratulations!

It’s been a great climb to the top. We love you and are so proud.

Mom and Dad

Congratulations!

Tommy!
You’ve always been at the “head” of the class!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations

Meg!
We always knew you could do it! Great Job!

Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations

Michael!

We’re so proud of you!

Love, Your Family

Congratulations

Katie!
We are very proud of you! What an accomplishment!

Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Matthew!
You have always made us proud!

Love, Mom & Dad
Brian, Opening another door of life! We’re very proud.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations Beth!
You’ve always been a special blessing to us.
We’re so proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Andy, you arrrr a Domer!
Be proud, be kind, be yourself.
Love, Mom, Dad & all your family and friends

Amber Azevedo
Bright eyes with a bright future
Congratulations
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Andrea!
You have always been the light of our lives.
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations Brogueboy!
You are now an Irishman!

Love, Dad, Mom, Eric & Scott

Frankie - I am happy for you and so proud of you!
Love, M.

P.S. I wish your grandparents could see you now
Dear Christopher,

You bring goodness and laughter and life to all that you do. We are so very proud of you.

Your intellect, integrity and caring ways will take you to places beyond your dreams. Enjoy the journey and know we are in your corner—always.

Forever love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations to our Domer. Once again, you have made us proud. Follow your dreams with the passion you have within. From here on, the sky is the limit. Reach for it!

Always remember, God, family, country, and, of course, Notre Dame.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kevin

Alex and Wynn,
There’s nothing like Jersey Girls!!
Love, your Little Sister Catherine
ND Class of 2016

Dreams really do come true...

Congratulations Bobofish

Love, Mom, Dad, Jenna,
Conor & Keuka

Way to go Tony!
We knew you had what it takes! We are very proud of you and your accomplishments
Dad & Sharon

CHAD
YOUR JOURNEY CONTINUES
CONGRATULATIONS
LOVE, MAM AND SAM

Congratulations!
We’re proud of our “Pooy.”
Love,
Mom and Dad

Brian - We celebrate and admire all your accomplishments and successes at Notre Dame and the best is yet to come! With all our love, Dad, Mom and Eric

Your joyful spirit embraces the world. We are so proud! Love, Mom and Dad.

Congratulations!
Brian and may God bless you always.
Love, Mom, Save, Brendan, Nanny and Pop

Brian Wong MacMichael
From a Hurricane to a Democrat.
Well done! Good luck in Graduate School.
Love, Your Family.

Mija,
You have always been our shining star.
Stay focused and stay true to yourself and your goals!
CON AMOR Y CARINO
MOMMA and DADA

To our beautiful young woman!

From Tot Spot to Notre Dame, you read your directions and checked your work! We are proud of you! Congratulations, Adam! On to Vandy!
At last, it's time to stop and smell the flowers! You've worked so hard and done so well. We're enormously proud of you! Your next exciting life adventure is about to begin. We are so happy for you. Congratulations! We love you.

Mom, Dad & Trevor

**Congratulations, Dana!**

*We are proud of you!*

Love, Mom, Dad, Ash and Angie

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Life is a mystery to be lived - not a puzzle we must solve. You have been blessed with many gifts and all comes from him - all you become is your gift back to him. May God bless you on the next part of your journey...

Love,

Mom, Dad, Patrick, Gram and Pop (Zeke)

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**Congratulations Anthony Ortiz Lopeman**

"For with God, Nothing shall be impossible"

You've been blessed to be a graduate of Notre Dame! "Don't cry because it's over, Smile because it happened"

We're very proud of you.

Love - Mom, Dad, Anastasia

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**Congratulations Claudette!**

God Bless You in all your life choices.

Love, Mom & Dad

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**Congratulations Bill!**

A Wonderful Son, Brother, And Grandson

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**Congratulations Caroline!**

From the first day you shared your talents, sought out new experiences and excelled in so many things. We love you,

Mom, Dad and Christine

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**Cara, you've always had your own style!**

We applaud your individuality and achievements. Congratulations!

Love Mom and Dad ('64)
Blue and Gold through and through... Congratulations, Colin.
Love, Mom, Dad, Ryan, Erin, Regan and Erin Michelle

We're so proud of you, Court! Here's to making your 15 year dream come true! God Bless you and Happy Birthday!
Love, Mom, Dad & Roman

Erin
Your Domer dreams have come true!! We are all so proud of you!! Good luck in California Welcome to the "real world"
Love, Dad, Sandi, Ethan Andrea, Mike, Abbie John, Sarah & Kevin

Keep Going, Jennie
We Love You and are so proud of you!
Mom, Dad and the seven sibs

No task is too big for Brita! We're so proud of you!!
Love Mom, Dad and All

Congratulations Chris Broughton

We love you, Domer '04 Love Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN!
Always remember only those who DARE to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly. Keep achieving. We are so proud.
Love you.
Mom & Kim
May God continue to bless you throughout your life journey.

Love,
Grandma & Aunties
Uncles, Cousins

Princess,
It's been a fun ride—
Congratulations.
Enjoy the next one.

WAY TO GO, DAVE!  
WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Beth - You started early digging for your dreams! Congratulations on all you've achieved and especially on receiving the Murray Award as top Anthropology student.
Lots of love, Mom, Dad and Meg

Colby,
Going from the Dawgs to the Domers; what an accomplishment!
WCLYM,
Mom, Dad, Jake, Hunt, Maddy & Scruffy

GREAT DAY!  
GREAT GRADUATE!  
WITH ALL OUR LOVE TO OUR CPEG/MBA,  
MOTHER & DAD

Congratulations, Dan!
From the 1st day of kindergarten through your last at ND, you've always made us proud!
Love, Dad, Mom & Stacey

Congratulations Dani
We're so very proud of you -- This is your beginning-- Go forth with our LOVE!
Mom, Curt, Chris, Lisa, Brent and Charles

CONGRATULATIONS DANIELLE

Mom, Curt, Chris, Lisa, Brent and Charles

WCLYM,
Mom, Dad, Jake, Hunt, Maddy & Scruffy
Dear Erin - From your first day at school to your last one at Notre Dame, you have always made us proud.

Love, Mom, Dad, Sarah and David

Congratulations John!

Here you are; our young ND civil engineer.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Elliot

Elliot, you are truly a blessing.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Way to go Marvelous Monkey! From your first day of school, you carried a heavy load. Congratulations on your awesome success.

Love, Mom and Dad

Carolyn

CONGRATULATIONS

Another Prize Winner!

We are very proud of your tremendous growth and success at Notre Dame.

We wish you continued success, and we will always be there for you.

We love you very much.

Mom, Dad and Jen

“Oh, the Places You'll Go!”

Congratulations Camilla

Love, Mom, Dad, Caitlin & John

Congratulations Erin

From our promising beginning to our joyful ending.

Love, Uncle Steve, Aunt Meg, Megan, and the kids

I really want to go to Univ. of Notre Dame

David M. Stevens

Congratulations, you worked hard & made your dreams come true.

Mom, Dad, Aunt Deb, & Uncle Steve, Paris & Day
Congratulations Jonathon!
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Joe!
Now you’re a Notre Dame Grad!!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Grandma & Family

Congratulations Cheryl
From Irish Idol to ND TV You Have Proven to Be the “Host with the Most”

We are so proud of you,
Love, Mom, Dad, and Cynthia

Congratulations, Christopher!
“Legends” are made by thoughtful people like you. May your ND experience continue to enrich your life for the benefit of others.
All our love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Gabby! We are proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Jon and Joey

Way to go Erin...
One adventure done, many more to come.
Love you, Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Lauren and Erin!
ND ‘04 ND Law ‘04

We’re really proud of you!
Mom, Dad, & Adam
Jason,  
You've always been fired up about Notre Dame! Congratulations on all your accomplishments there! Love, Mom, Dad, Brent, Kimmy and Smokey

Congratulations  
Greg, you're the best.  
Love Mom, Dad and Brother Gabe

Erin Daly  
2004
She's a success, ND'd

Another Terrific Milestone...  
We are so proud!  
Much Love, Mother, Dad & Freya

Great job Cris! We are very proud of you.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Brandon, Shane and David

We are so very proud of who you are and what you've accomplished!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Chip and Kelsey

Then, you wanted to live above a gas station and teach exercise or make crayons.

Now, you're a Notre Dame grad. Congratulations!  
Love, Dad, Mom, & Jack

How the time passed! You got it!  
Love, Mom, Dad and Odie
Congratulations Jon Boy!
4 DOWN
3 TO GO
LOVE,
MOM & DAD
NICHOLAS
LISA
&
ANNE E.

Lawrence, Thanks for always being there for me and all that you’ve brought to my life. You’re my inspiration and my best friend. Congratulations on this great accomplishment and best wishes for the future. I love you bro.

Brian

Congratulations Jenael!
You are precious to us. We are so proud of you.
Love,
Dad, Mom,
Emmy & Ben

Lauren, we’ve had so much fun! Congrats!
Mom, Dad, Aunt Pat, Uncle Jim & Aunt Marge

With love your family

David,
You’ve worked hard and followed your dreams ...
Now, let your dreams take flight!
We are very proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad
Go Irish!

Congratulations Cam!
You make the
Very Proud Indeed!
Mom & Bill

Now we’re cheering for you, Erin! Congratulations on a job well done!
Love,
The Family of Erin Kathleen Mulvaney

Congratulations,

With love your family
Congratulations, Justin!
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Dad, Mom & Rachel

We found our “pot of gold” in you.

Bucky- Congratulations!
We are proud of the fine young man you have become and of all your accomplishments.
Good luck and may God Bless You!
Love -
Mom & Dad, Brennan, Luke, and Walker

Congratulations, Katie!
Love, Divot and the gang

Congratulations Jeanne!
Your Irish Eyes have always been smiling!
Love, Mom & Dad

There are no words to describe how proud we are of you. We feel truly blessed to be able to call you our son.
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Mugs,
You will now sit with the Notre Dame graduates.
Congratulations!
Love,
Dad and Mom

A Man Makes His Plans, The Lord Directs His Steps
Gregory, always follow Him!
Love, Dad, Mom, Phil and Stephen
Lindsay,
Notre Dame was your future, and, now is your past - but, always a home and a treasured place! Congratulations as you graduate. We are very proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Ryan, Ted

Congratulations Liesa!
We knew you were destined to be a Domer.

Love, Mom, Dad, Brandon and Matt

Dustin Alexander Lopez
University of Notre Dame Class 2004

Dear Dustin:

You are a joy and a blessing. You have made us very proud, not only because of your outstanding accomplishments, but also because of THE sensitive, caring person that you are. We love you and wish you all OF the happiness and success THAT you so deserve.

With admiration, pride and love,
Mike, Mom and Marianna

Dominic,

Congratulations from all of us on a job well done. We are so very proud of your accomplishments at Notre Dame. The road was full of new adventures and we are so happy that you were able to take advantage of all of them. An education is something that no one can take away from you. It lives within you. We are here to support you in all you attempt to do.

Good luck on the next phase of your life–first work and then your advanced degrees.

With all our love, Mom, Tammy, Erika, Felisha, Alexus, Raegan, and Justin

May All Your Dreams Come True - We Love You - Mom & Dad

Katie -
From the first day of kindergarten to the final day at ND - we've always been proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations, big Brother! Always knew you could do it!

Congratulations, Jenn! We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become. With all our love, Mom, Dad, Preston, Jackie and Spencer
From start to finish, you have made us proud!

Love, Mom, Dad & Crowd

We are so proud of you, Katie! We're ready for your next act!

Love, Mom, Dad and Melinda

Congratulations, Jessica.

CONGRATULATIONS MARK!
WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT NOTRE DAME!

Love, Mom, Dad, Michael, Kristy, Kevin, Mary & Sarah

“When you get the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance”

We are sooo proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Lisa & Matt

A prophecy fulfilled! We are so proud of you!

Forever Irish!

Love, Mom, Dad ('70,'73,'75), Paul ('07) and Pat ('07)

I dwell in Possibility
A fairer house than Prose,
More numerous of windows,
Superior of doors.

Of chambers, as the cedars-
Impregnable of eye;
And for an everlasting roof
The gables of the sky.

Of visitors-the fairest-
For occupation-this-
The spreading wide my narrow hands
To gather Paradise

Emily Dickinson

Congratulations Elizabeth!

As always, we are so very proud of you and your accomplishments. We are in awe of your ability to love, live, and give so selflessly. Our love, hugs, and kisses to you - Mom, Dad, Dan, Mike and Joe.

Slainte!
Dear Jim,

WOW! Four years at Notre Dame. We are so proud of your hard work and academic accomplishments through these years at this great University.

Congratulations on four years with the University Bands and Marching Band. We will never forget the pride in watching you perform as saxophonist and section leader in "The Band of the Fighting Irish." With love, Mom, Dad and Lisa

Love, Mom, Dad, Emily and Marissa
Congratulations Lauren Beck!

Your Irish eyes have been smiling since day one!

Bright eyes of our N.D. Grad
Love, your family
Mom, Dad, Jim, Mike, Karen, Catie

Congratulations Joey!

You have made us prouder than we could ever express.

Love,
Mom, Pop, and the next "D * M E R"
Jack '08

Your dream of graduating from Notre Dame is now a reality. We are very proud of you and we love you lots!

Love, Mom, Dad, Meghan, Shannon and Kevin.

Michael Ryan Failor-
May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings, slow to make enemies, quick to make friends, and may you know nothing but happiness.
-an Irish blessing

We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Allie and Sarah

Congratulations Matt & the Class of 2004. We love you and we Love Thee Notre Dame.

Mom & Dad

Dear Jill,

Continue to set the bar high in all you do. We are so proud of you and know you will be successful.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Jeff

Jess--

Forests and trees, rocks and minerals. We are very proud of you and so happy that you have fulfilled your dream.

Congratulation.
We love you.
-Mom and Dad
Congratulations

Leslie!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Lawrence - You were destined to go to ND! Congratulations; we're so proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad

We love you, Juls. Embrace the world!
Mom & Dad, Ron & Tim

Congratulations to our Oliver!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Oh, the things you've gained and lost in 4 years at N.D.

We're proud of you, Matt!
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations
Johnny
and your Siegfried brothers of the Class of 2004

Love,
Mom, Dad & Charley

Congratulations! Julianne Plazas, we are proud of you and also your achievements.
Love, Mom, Dad and Alexandra
CONGRATULATIONS KARINA AND NICK!!!
YOUR ND EDUCATION HAS PREPARED YOU WELL!
MAY GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
THIS WORLD! WE RESPECT AND LOVE YOU VERY MUCH,
YOUR FAMILIES

CONGRATULATIONS, Kalie!
As one wonderful journey ends, another
begins. We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

PJ -
Congratulations and
Well Done! Thanks
for all the great
memories. There is
finally a JBW Domer!

We love you
Mom and Dad
Shannon and Chris
and Grandma too!

Congratulations, Matt! We knew
you would make it there.
Love,
Your family

CONGRATULATIONS, Lawrence!
Love, Patrick

Congratulations, Katie!
As one wonderful journey ends, another
begins. We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad
Congratulations Matt! We're so proud of you.
Love, Mom and Kelly

Linz, oh the places you'll go!
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad

We're so proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Megan & Matt

Congratulations Patrick!
Love, Mom, Dad, Michael and Grandmothers Edelen and Healy

Congratulations Nini Sa Bini The Baby Tigress!
You are our shining star and we all are so very proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Kenny, Russell, Aunt Sheila, Simone, Aunt Maureen, Rachelle, Stacey and Grandma

Congratulations Katie Eileen!
You were destined to be a domer...Good luck, keep smiling - keep shining!!
Love, Mom, Dad and Matt

Congratulations Kikis! We are proud of you!
Love, Dad, Mom and Jorgito

She's hip.
She's smart.

She's cool.
She's fun.

Look out, world... ‘cause here Beeker comes!
Congratulations to the

M C T T C J A
W E L O V E Y O U , K E L L Y
A M L L A S I
A G E E T E I
A N R Y I E E

A J J C
N O T R E D A M E
N N A R O D A M
S P C M
G T A B H A
E T R E C R T
O T P R A R A M I T
F I G H T I N G I R I S H
F T M E O C D N M K E
M N M K O E E W
Y N L

Dearest Lucy,

Congratulations on your great Notre Dame experience! We are very proud of you. Good luck and God Bless you always.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Keith

Congratulations Puppy

We're proud of you
Love, Dad & Mom

Congratulations Kevin!

You may leave Notre Dame, but Notre Dame will never leave you.
Best of luck in all you do.
Love, Mom, Dad and Keith

Congratulations Katie - Always an Irish girl!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Trish

We're happy too!!
Congratulations Kathleen.

Love,
Mom and Dad
Class of 2004

Go LESLIE! Go IRISH!
LOVE, DADDY, MOMMY, AND CAROLINE

Congratulations, Laura
What a wonderful journey it has been!

Our little girl...
...is a “Domer!”
May “Our Lady” Always Watch Over You
Love, Mom & Dad

Dearest Lance,
from our “Little Hero” in front of the camera, to our “wizard” behind the camera- we couldn’t be prouder or love you more!
Congratulations
We love you so much,
Mom, Dad and Amber

Oh, is it actually happening? Do I have to leave?
Felicitaciones Beba, te queremos mucho.
Mami, Papi y Andrea

Make GOD
In your
Climb to
Success
Love
Mom & Dad

Kevin,
We are so proud of you.
Remember you got love son.
From Mum and Dad
Congratulations to the

Mark,

We knew since you were a little boy that you were going to become the dignified and mature young man that you are today. Congratulations on your accomplishments through the years. We know that all of the values that you have acquired will guide you as you begin this new journey in life. Continue to make us proud!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Melissa

Love
Dad, Mom
and girls.

BRAVO ALDO TESI
You are on your way!

Love,
Mom and Dad, Gina and Monica
Mego,
You’ve come so far
and we’re so proud.
Congratulations!

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Mom, Dad,
Scott & Todd

No dreamer is ever too small; No
dream is ever too big. Dreams do
come true!

Mary,
You are a joy forever!
Love Mom, Dad and Clare

Love,
Mom and Dad

Mark, congratulations on joining your
brothers as a Domer! Steve ‘85, Paul
‘87, Chris ‘93, Dan ‘96, Mark ‘04
Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Mark.
We are so happy that you realized
your dream of being a Domer...

Love,
Mom, Dad and Missy

Congratulations Matt.

Mary,
You are a joy forever!
Love Mom, Dad and Clare

Love,
Mom and Dad

The Chalk Garden School

Love, Ya
Mom, Dad,
Michele +
Christina
Congratulations Michael! 
What an awesome four years.

We are so proud! Love, 
Mom, Dad and Melissa

From salting a bird’s tail to a biology major
When she glued a nun to a chair, we weren’t sure she’d ever reach this point.
Love,
The Fam

Congratulations
Melisa
We love you baby.

From Mom to Sue, Eric, and Me 
Stephy

N.D. Tailgate 
It was only a matter of time – Love, 
Mom & Dad and "all"

Congratulations Megan!
May you continue to grow in God’s love!
Love and prayers ALWAYS.
Mom, Dad, Tara and Hunter

Congratulations
Mary
We are proud of you.
Mom and Dad

Congratulations Matti
You are always our star!
Love, Mom, Dad and Jonathan

¡Felicitaciones hijo nuestro!
We are so very proud of you. God bless you on your new journey in life.
Carinos y amor siempre, 
Mom and Dad.
Congratulations Omar!

Love, Mom, Dad & Analisa

Congratulations Michael Kwiatto!

We are happy for you too!

Love, Mom & Dad, Anne, Jim & Katie

Bien Joué Matthew Scott!

You continue to amaze and delight us.

Love, Mummy, Dad, Andy and Mindy, Allie and Geordie.

Congratulations to our favorite aero grad! We're proud of you Nick. Love, Mom, Dad, Alex and Andrew
Congratulations, Richard, we are so very proud of your hard work and dedication to accomplish your goals! You have the whole world in your hands-treat it gently and you'll keep winning.

Love, Mom & Dad and the entire family

Timothy Patrick (“Pat”) Millea...Irish by birth

...Now Irish forever!

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Andrea & Michael

Congratulations, Theresa! We’ve been “touched by an angel.”

Love,
Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS, BRENDAN!
Right from the start...proud to be IRISH!
Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Nick!
Your clothes are still in style!
(Nice Pants)

Love, Mom, Dad, Tom & Chris

Congratulations, Mike!
We hope you will “work like you don’t need the money, love like you’ve never been hurt, and dance like nobody’s watching!”
We love you!
Dad, Mom, Leigh and Dottie
Congratulations, Sarah!
Love, Mom, Dad & Amanda

Congratulations, SHEILA
We are all so very proud of you.
GO IRISH!
GO SHEILA!
Mom, Dad, Aunt Sheila, Aunt Rose Mary, Uncle Kevin, Matt, Pat, Aidan, and Brendan

Congratulations, Stephen!
We are so very proud of you.
Love, Mom & Dad, Sarah, Melinda & Jeremy

Congratulations, TJ. We are extremely proud of you. Always follow your dreams.
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations Rusty
What a joy you have always been!
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations to Sarah - The California Girl
We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished at Notre Dame.
Love and Best Wishes, All your Family and Friends

From “The Dooder” to “The Domer.”
Congratulations Michael.
Love,
Mom and Dad
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We are proud of you for following your dream and accomplishing your goals.
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Thomas!
Notre Dame Class of 2004

With love from
Dad and Mom
John and Mary Catherine
Julie and Richard
and Babu

Magna est veritas et praevalebit

Congratulations Scott!
We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, & Kraig
(2003)

Contender Sinead O’Connor joins friends in line for job interviews at Goldman Sachs

Congratulations, Sinead!!
Mom, Dad, Julie
(& Nikki Too)
Congratulations, Nick! You accept every challenge and have fun along the way! We are so proud.

Love, Dad, Mom and Tommy

Meghan, Congratulations Notre Dame Graduate 2004. We are all so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Greg, Michele, Manoucher, Matt, Jen, and Mary.

Congratulations Mike!
Dreams do come true! We are very proud of you!

Love, Dad, Mom and Lisa

Destined for the Dome!

Congratulations Rebecca

Congratulations Rob
We are so proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad and Chris
Congratulations Sean!
You and ND were meant to be! We're all so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Melissa, Amanda, Gram & Pop Pop
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Congratulations, Sarah
Have fun in your next adventure!
Love, Mom, Dad, Quinn & Jared

Congratulations, Sonia!
We're so proud of you.
Love, DAD & MOM

Po, You'll always be my best pal.
Congratulations!
Love, Britt

Tommy--
We've always been together--and I'm really going to miss you--good luck next year
Love, Linds

Dear Brendan, we are so proud of what you have done, may your life be filled with faith, hope and love.
Love, Mom, Dad, Sean and Molly
Congratulations Mike!
Still a Cub Fan. This is your year!
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom and Dad

"We hope you never lose your sense of wonder. You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger. May you never take one single breath for granted."

Stephanie
Mom and Dad

Nichole,
We're proud of you and all of your accomplishments.
Keep that smile and continue to reach for your dreams.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Thomas!
Best wishes on the journey ahead.
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Erin, Daniel & Matthew

Congratulations Zakiya!
You're off to a new beginning. We're all so proud of you.
Love, "Du," Ewunike, Kafele, Ameena, Lateefah, Damali, Fatemah,
"Jig Day," Vicki, Atiba, Aunties, Uncles, Cuzzins and friends.

"ND LL"
"COOL CHRIS"
You are Notre Dame through and through!
Love,
Your whole family

Meghan,
From the very first time you opened those big Irish eyes, you have been searching for every adventure life can lead your way. May the adventure continue with all the happiness you deserve, the joy that you bring, and the success you desire.
Congratulations!
Love, Mom, Dad & Kaitlin

Hats off to our awesome Dormer! You continue to fill our hearts with joy.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Tim and the entire Toole Clan
GI Joe, OompaLoompa, Captain Jack and more - Pete, you and your ND Spirit soar! Go Irish! Dad, Mom, Gina, Maria & Brian

Congratualtions Tony!!
Love Grandpa & Lucille.
GOOD LUCK IN THE FUTURE!

Hey Colin, What a run! I could use a drink, or would you rather dig?
Love you, Mom, Dad, Meghan, Alene and Rory

Congratulations, Kahele!
What an awesome accomplishment...to graduate from no where else but Notre Dame!
Aloha, Mom, Dad & Melissa

Congratulations Peanut!
Your "Irish" eyes are always smiling!
Love, Mom and Dad

Good luck at Marshall & Poe Much Love, Mom, Dad, Mark & Thomas

Strummin', partying, & graduating! Congrats - Love Mom, Dad & Tate

Study pays off for Sarah Mary Cunningham '04

Love, Dad, Mom, Julia
Congratulations, Rebecca! We are so proud of our new Domer. Good luck on your next goal—law school.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Sarah, you are our greatest achievement and a source of endless pride. Love you bunches,
Pumpkin!
Mom and Dad

Congratulations Sarah!
We are so very proud of you and love you very much.
Love,
Mom & Dad

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Pumpkin!
Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Valerie!
We are so proud of you. Follow your dreams!!
“I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”
-Phil. 4:16
Love, Mom and Dad

Ryan - The Sky is the Limit! Your Family is Proud of You! Congratulations!

Padriac H. McDermott
We love you - Mom, Dad, Kieran, Regis and Kathleen Siobhan
Mama & Daddy,

Thanks for never giving up on me.
You still can't give up...you've got a long way to go with this little guy!

Love, Matt

Congratulations Bill!
Pops would be proud!

Congratulations Tim!
You've made us all very proud! God be with you always.
Love, Mom, Dad, Jeff and Karen

Ruth Ann,

All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today.
Go flower!

From Superman to Super Irish Man
Son, we're so proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Rebecca.
We're very proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad