Transition at the top

After 18 years under the direction of University President Father Edward Malloy, Notre Dame will step into a new era of leadership July 1 when University President-elect Father John Jenkins assumes the presidency.

Malloy's tenure was marked by impressive University strides in diversity, academic reputation, campus expansion and size of the faculty and the endowment.

The presidential transition between Malloy and Jenkins is just Notre Dame's second in the last 53 years, but both men and University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh said the values and mission of Notre Dame provide a vital link between leaders.

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Rectors leave ND

This week on campus is the last not only for the graduating seniors, but also for several University rectors. Seven rectors will not be returning to their positions in the fall, according to the Office of Student Affairs.

Kathleen Brannock of Howard Hall, Rebecca Davidson of Breen-Phillips Hall, Sister Patricia Dearbaugh of Cavanagh Hall, Heather Batscezy of Pangborn Hall, Beth Skorner of McGlinchey Hall, Father J. Steele of Morrissey Manor, and Sister Patricia Thomas of Walsh Hall will no longer be rectors. The Office of Student Affairs has already started accepting applications and interviewing candidates to fill the positions.

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Friday, May 13
5:30 p.m. Commencement Band Concert, DPAC, Leighton Concert Hall
6:30 p.m. Liturgical Choir Concert
9 p.m. 1st. Commencement Ceremony, JACC North Dome
Saturday, May 14
9 a.m. - Noon BOTC Commencement, JACC, South Dome
2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Pre-Commencement Reception, EAK Cent
4:30 p.m. Academic Procession, JACC, South Dome
5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Commencement Mass, JACC, South Dome
6:45 p.m. - 8 p.m. Commencement Dinner, JACC, North Dome and North Dining Hall
9 p.m. Glee Club Concert, DPAC, Leighton Concert Hall
Sunday, May 15
12:30 p.m. Distribution of Diplomas, JACC, North Dome
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Murray to receive University’s Laetare Medal

By KATE ANTONACCI

Associate News Editor

Fifty-one years ago, Joseph M. Murray became the first surgeon to perform a successful organ transplant, removing a kidney from one brother and giving it to his identical twin brother. For this and his many other accomplishments, Murray will receive Notre Dame’s 2005 Laetare Medal at Sunday’s commencement ceremony.

"Human lives and hopes have been wonderfully invigorated by Joseph Murray’s 1954 medical triumph."

University President Father Edward Malloy said in a press release. "The genius, erudition and skill he brought to bear in the surgical arena are all gifts from God which this good doctor has made gifts to humankind."

In addition to his many scientific contributions, Murray is a man of deep Catholic faith, something the Laetare medal recognizes.

In 1962, Murray performed the first successful kidney transplant using a kidney from a donor unrelated to the patient. For the developments made in lifesaving organ and tissue transplant techniques, he won the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 1990. "Dr. Murray’s vision of medicine as a means to serve others, and his deep faith in God made him an excellent candidate. His faith is what provides the context for his work and has shaped his life," said Father Peter Jarret, counselor to Malloy. The award was created to recognize the contributions of men and women whose faith energizes their work.

"A candidate for the Laetare Medal must be a practicing American Catholic who has said to make a distinctively Catholic contribution to his or her intellectual or professional life. Ideally, the person’s professional life would be one of service to others," Jarret said. The recipient of the Laetare Medal is selected by a committee comprised of representatives from different academic disciplines within the University, Jarret said. The committee generally solicits names from all the faculty and staff at the University, and then narrows the field to two or three candidates. The officers of the University then vote based on the recommendations of the committee, Jarret said.

The Laetare Medal is a unique University award it is nearly always presented to someone outside the University, Jarret said. "By honoring this splendid generosity, we mean to thank his benefactor, who is ours as well," Malloy said.

Established in 1883, the Laetare Medal is one of the oldest honors given to American Catholics who have made contributions to the arts and sciences in particular. Past recipients include President John F. Kennedy, Catholic Worker founder Dorothy Day and death penalty abolitionist Sister Helen Prejean.

"There are many people poets, artists, musicians, scientists, scholars, statesmen, priests, religious, etc. whose professional lives are animated by their Catholic faith and who seek through their professions to make the world a better place and to give glory to God," Jarret said.

Father Peter Jarret
Counselor to the President

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SOURCE: Department of Institutional Research factbook
By MADIE HANNA

A leader, an author and a native Iranian, the multi-faceted Varian Gregorian will address Notre Dame’s 2005 graduates Sunday at the University’s 160th commencement exercises. Gregorian is the president of the Carnegie Corporation and former president of R I o w n University and the New York Public Library, will be the principal graduation speaker. This wide variety of high-ranking positions makes him an ideal selection, University President Father Edward Malloy said in a press release.

“In all his many roles in public life, Dr. Gregorian has displayed extraordinary leadership,” Malloy said. “I know that his remarks will be an ideal capstone for our graduates’ educational experiences on our campus.”

Gregorian has served as the holder of New York’s Carnegie Corporation since 1997. The corporation, which was founded in 1911, seeks to carry out founder Andrew Carnegie’s vision of philanthropy, which Carnegie said should aim “to do real and permanent good in the world.” Awarding grants in four areas education, international peace and security, international development and strengthening U.S. democracy, the corporation expects its fiscal year 2004-2005 grants to total over $800 million.

From 1989 to 1997, Gregorian served as the president of Brown University, where he taught freshman and senior history seminars and a course on Alexis de Tocqueville. In addition, he led capital campaigns that helped triple the endowment there.

Prior to that, Gregorian served for eight years as president of the New York Public Library — a system that has four research libraries and 83 circulating libraries. He is credited with pulling the library out of financial crisis. Gregorian was born to Armenian parents in Tabriz, Iran. After receiving his elementary education there and his secondary education in Lebanon, he enrolled at Stanford University in 1956. He graduated with honors just two years later. In 1964, he earned a doctorate in history and the humanities, also from Stanford.

Gregorian taught European and Middle Eastern history for eight years at San Francisco State College, the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Texas. He then joined the University of Pennsylvania faculty. In 1972, he became the founding dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences there; in 1972, he became the provost. Notre Dame has welcomed other academic officials in the past, such as former Yale University President Kingman Brewster, Jr. in 1972, former Harvard University President Derek Bok in 1987 and Stanford Provost (now Secretary of State) Condoleezza Rice, a Notre Dame alumna.

Father Peter Jarret, counselor to Malloy, said Notre Dame’s emphasis on intellectualism in choosing commencement speakers reflects the University’s values.

“Given Notre Dame’s academic reputation,” he said, “that’s the type of person that would come here.”

Gregorian has received myriad accolades and grants during his career, including honors from U.S. presidents. In 1998, President Bill Clinton awarded Gregorian with the National Humanities Medal; last year, President George W. Bush awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian award.


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Squires returns to SMC to address graduates

By NICOLE ZOOK

Not for the first time, graduating Saint Mary’s seniors will hear words of wisdom from a fellow fellee during commencement.

Honorary degree recipient Janet Squires, a physician and 1972 graduate of the College, will deliver the 2005 commencement address tomorrow. Squires joins a list of notable Saint Mary’s women who have returned to their alma mater to give such a speech, including author and 2003 speaker Adriana Trigiani and last year’s speaker, Xerox Vice President Diane O’Leary McCarty.

Commencement Committee Chair Susan Dampier, said Squires was chosen following a nearly year-long selection process.

“We send out requests for names, and they are solicited from the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff and students,” she said. “That’s the first step. Then the president’s office reviews (candidates) and verifies the credentials.”

Verification candidates are referred to the College’s academic affairs council, steering council of the Board of Trustees and then the full Board for further review.

And wishes them the Best of Luck in the years to come.

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Expresses its deep Thanks to the following seniors for their hard work and dedication over the years.

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Eschenauer, Adams graduate at top of SMC senior class

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

For the first time in 17 years, two Saint Mary's students have been named co-valedictorians for a graduating class.

Seniors Dawn Eschenauer and Julia Adams topped the Class of 2005 rankings, which includes 368 students, with identical GPAs to the fifth decimal place. Both will deliver speeches on commencement day.

The co-valedictorians were notified about the honor several months ago, but the official announcement was made to the College community May 1 during Honors Convocation.

"It wasn't walking up on stage during the honors ceremony, where she was also awarded the creative writing prize by the English writing department, a bit overwhelming. It was such a blur, I don't even remember," Eschenauer said.

A native of Corunna, Ind., Eschenauer said as a senior in high school, Saint Mary's offered exactly what she was looking for in a college.

"I guess I just liked everything I read about it," Eschenauer said. "I liked the idea of going to a women's college, and I liked that it was small." The philosophy and English writing major said as a first-year student, she never expected to become her class valedictorian and she is very excited about the honor.

"I see it as a responsibility," Eschenauer said. "I want to represent my class really well."

As a Saint Mary's student, Eschenauer was a member of the collegiate choir and worked as a volunteer for Reading Corps. She will begin a graduate program in philosophy in the fall at the University of Chicago.

"If I am going to miss all of the people," Eschenauer said, "I have met the most wonderful people here, both professors and students."

Adams, a biology major and a chemistry minor, is well known among faculty and students on campus not just for her academic excellence, but also for her prowess on the golf course.

"I have got the most wonderful teachers in North Carolina," Adams said, "I am going to miss all of the people," Adams said. "It was such a blur, I don't even remember," Eschenauer said.

A four-year member of the Saint Mary's golf team and helped lead the team to eight- and fourth-place finishes at the national championship in 2004 and 2003, respectively. She is also this year's MIAA low medalist and is currently competing at the national championship with her teammates in North Carolina.

Maintaining perfect grades while simultaneously competing as an athlete on the highest level required carefully balancing studying and training.

"It took a lot of discipline on my part," Adams said. "I just work to try and do my best at everything. I can never really settle if I know I can do better." Weekends spent traveling during the spring season left Adams with what she described as a "stressful" weekday schedule of homework and studying.

"The teachers were really supportive of me missing class and doing makeup work," Adams said. Like Eschenauer, Adams said she never anticipated being named co-valedictorian but was extremely pleased.

"I guess it just sort of happened," Adams said. "I didn't even think about it until I got the letter in the mail a couple of months ago. My parents were excited, probably more excited than I was. They were very proud."

Adams begins medical school in the fall at Loyola of Chicago and intends to spend time abroad during service work in the medical field.

"There is a lot I am going to miss (about Saint Mary's)," Adams said. "I am definitely going to miss competitive golf. And I am going to miss the beautiful environment and my friends. It has been great."

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Dawn Eschenauer, left, and Julia Adams, who carry identical GPAs to the fifth decimal place, will both deliver speeches at the College's commencement ceremony Saturday.
Schaerer selected to give ND’s 2005 valedictory address

By KATE ANTONACCI
 Associate News Editor

Researching alone in the basement of Malloy Hall, sen­
or Enrique Schaerer “just about got up and did a dance” while reading an e-mail notify­
ing him of his selection as the University’s 2005 Valedictor­i­an.

“As you can imagine, I was beside myself with joy,” Schaerer said. “I thought to myself, ‘Wow! This is one of those truly big moments in life’!” Thrilled would be an understatement.

The political science and finance double major boasts a perfect 4.0 G.P.A., a reflection of his dedication to his aca­demic career over the first four years.

“It’s funny, people sometimes get the impression that I study all the time. Nothing could be farther from the truth,” Schaerer said. “Necessary to say, I do work hard in school. I take my studies very seriously. But I’m one of those ‘work hard, play hard’ kind of guys.”

Schaerer was chosen from an original pool of 16 other ex­­
merit candidates, some of whom chose not to compete. The group was narrowed down to the top three candidates, and following a process he described as “rigorous, albeit straightforward and well organized,” Schaerer was cho­

Candidates were invited to participate in the nomination process just before spring break and all resumes, letters of recommendation and speeches were required to be submitted by the first week of April, Schaerer said. “I am very excited about my speech. It is not your typical valedictory address. I think it celebrates Notre Dame while challenging the University to strive for great excellence and more inclusiveness,” Schaerer said. “The speech speaks directly to my own values and beliefs, so it did not take me too long to write. It sort of flowed organically from my own experiences.”

Schaerer said the main themes of his speech are com­munity and diversity.

“I really hope to move some hearts on Sunday,” he said.

As the son of 1981 immi­grants to America, Schaerer was the first member of his family to attend Notre Dame.

“Truth be told, I wanted to be valedictorian more for my family than for myself,” Schaerer said. “I think my achievements are a testament to my upbringing, to the disci­pline and love with which my parents raised me. They were the ones who first taught me to dream big dreams.”

While at Notre Dame, Schaerer was involved in numerous extracurricular activities. As a freshman and sophomore, Schaerer held Class Council positions, was active in the Student International Business Council and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. In his senior year, he served as Resident Assistant in O’Neill Family Hall. An avid runner, Schaerer hopes to compete in the Notre Dame marathon next spring.

“I also held two research assistant positions in philoso­phy/biology and political sci­ence,” Schaerer said.

For his philosophy and biolo­gy work, he was advised by Professor Kristin Shrador Frechette. Professor Anthony Messina served as his thesis advisor.

Schaerer was recently awarded the Helen Kellogg Prize for best senior thesis in the field of comparative poli­tics for his work on immigra­tion and political extremism in Spain.

Schaerer was also involved with service work through the Center for Social Concerns, which helped him become a mentor to disadvantaged chil­dren at the local youth center, Casa de Amistad.

Following graduation, Schaerer will head to New Haven, Connecticut, where he will begin Yale Law School in the fall.

“People there are amazing, and I am very much looking forward to this next step in my life,” Schaerer said. “My political science and finance background will serve me well in law school, since my inter­ests are so eclectic — interna­tional, corporate, labor rela­tions, civil rights and immigra­tion law.”

Though excited about begin­ning a new chapter in his life, Schaerer said he will miss Notre Dame, the school he originally chose for the “close­knit community with a good sense of balance.”

“I will miss the people the most. I have met some remarkable people here at Notre Dame over the past sev­eral years,” Schaerer said.

“There, people encourage active participation in not only academics, but also athletics, social events and spiritual activities. This is the right place to grow as a whole per­son, to become a well-rounded human being.”

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Four-star general Martin to swear in new ROTC officers

By NICOLE ZOOK
Antrim News Editor

While many graduating Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s seniors have dedicated the next year of their lives to service, a select group of upperclassmen have undertaken four or more years of military service. These students have chosen to give of themselves to another kind of service after graduation — military service.

During the joint commissioning ceremony of the Notre Dame Air Force, Army and Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps units will be commissioned as Second Lieutenants or ensigns Saturday in a public, tri-military ceremony. Air Force Major Masapollo said the ceremony is “steeped in tradition.”

“It’s a great ceremony for family and friends to recognize all the hard work they have done for the last four years,” said Brian Smith, an Air Force ROTC student.

Air Force ROTC will commission 35 new lieutenants, while Naval ROTC will commission 19 and Navy ROTC will commission 24 ensigns, the first officer rank. The Marine Corps plans to commission two Second Lieutenants Saturday. Their names have not yet been released.

During the joint ceremony, seniors entering all four branches of the military will take their oath of office together, which Naval Lieutenant Tim Joyce said will firmly place the responsibility of protecting the nation on their shoulders.

“A commission is a commission of an office conferred upon an individual,” Joyce said. “It’ll be an honor, but fully accepting the responsibility of that office. You’re serving the greater good of the military itself.

Four-star General Gregory S. Martin, previously the 16th Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, will swear in the new officers. Martin graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1970 and earned his master’s degree in business management from Central Michigan University.

During his extensive military education, Martin completed Air Command and Staff College, National Security Management and the National War College. He is a master pilot and command pilot, having flown in 161 combat missions and commanded the 37th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 479th Tactical Training Wing and 33rd and 1st fighter wings.

Before assuming his command at Wright-Patterson, Martin served as commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Allied Air Forces in Northern Europe. He is highly decorated, having earned the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Distinguished and Superior Service Medals, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star, Meritorious Unit Citation, NATO Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Outstanding Unit Award, Army Achievement” award and the National Defense Service.”

“Generals will never be officers,” Army Major Gary Masapollo said. “The general will raise his right hand and swear all four service branches in together.”

Cadets and midshipmen will then walk across the stage individually to shake Martin’s hand and have their branches and first assignments announced.

According to Masapollo and Zimmerman, assignments could include everything from pilot training to reserve duty, sending graduating airmen to bases as varied as Hawaii, South Carolina, Kansas, Alaska, England and Japan.

Graduating Notre Dame senior Midshipman Chris Heck said he is eagerly anticipating beginning his assignment at Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida for flight school.

“I am looking forward to serving my country, as well as starting my aviation career,” he said. “All I’ve ever wanted to do was to fly, and what better way than through the Navy, where you get the world’s best training while making a positive difference in the world?”

Saint Mary’s senior Michelle Stanforth, also in Navy ROTC, will train at Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer school in San Diego in June before heading to her first station in Pearl Harbor. She called the commissioning ceremony a “transition” for graduating seniors and said she understands the responsibility it will confer upon her classmates.

“It’s honestly overwhelming,” she said. “I think the best word for it is anxiety. She said, “I am excited to move on, to be a commissioned officer, to be able to head on into new and exciting experiences, yet I’m nervous for all that awaits in this transition — the reality that we are at war, that my job is one that greatly affects the lives of others, and that it means moving away from all that I have been familiar with.”

Stanforth also said she feels that attending Saint Mary’s for the past four years will have a significant positive impact on her new role as a military officer.

“It has been at Saint Mary’s that I have better developed confidence in myself, not just as a person, but as a woman. I have come to better know who I am, what I stand for and in what direction I want to continue to grow,” she said. “I have been blessed here with the Saint Mary’s Notre Dame community in that I have been surrounded by not just fellow students, but a family, one that has inspired me to discover myself and grow through relationships with others. It is this confidence, these relationships and this sense of family that will stay with me and make me a stronger leader.”

Stanforth, ranked third female midshipman in the nation, is just one example of the Notre Dame ROTC program’s stellar servicemember production.

“Notre Dame is one of the top 15 percent of the nation,” Masapollo said. “Our individual students are a reflection of the figures.”

Joyce, a 1999 Notre Dame graduate, said Notre Dame students possess the qualities necessary to become excellent military leaders and that they are taught the importance of service extends to the military.

“From all the schools around here [Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, Valparaiso, IUSB and Bethel], we obviously get the best and the brightest, and it leads that our cadets are going to do great things,” Zimmerman said. “I could see some of these people reaching the stars.”

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Four Years in Review

September 11, 2001

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's 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 members attempted to visit Mass on South Quad at 3 p.m. on the day of the attacks, which was canceled 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.

Like all athletic events nationwide, Notre Dame's football game against Purdue on the following Saturday was canceled 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 messages of support in 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 Neil Hyland Jr., class of 1977, who worked in the Pentagon; and Peter Batacan, class of 1983, and Dora Marie Munchak, class of 1987, who were killed on American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon.

Malloy steps down as president

University President Father Edward Malloy announced at the spring Board of Trustees meeting that he intends to step down June 30, 2005, after serving his 18th year as president. The Board chose Father John Jenkins from among several candidates to succeed Malloy as the University's 17th president.

April 30, 2004

Mooney chosen to succeed Eldred

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees selected Notre Dame vice president and associate provost Carol Mooney as the 14th president of the College on Dec. 26. College President Marion Eldred announced her retirement in March 2003, which launched a nine-month search process for her successor.

December 26, 2003

New alcohol policy unveiled

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student life, unveiled sweeping changes to the alcohol policy including a ban on hard liquor, a cancelation of in-house dances and a reevaluation of the tailgating policy to allow of-age students to host tailgate parties in specified lots. The decision sparked much controversy amongst students and within student government.

March 18, 2002

Dome scaffolding provokes uproar

On March 7, the Golden Dome began to undergo its first regilding since 1988. A rift between students and the administration, but was healed when Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves agreed the scaffolding could be partially removed for graduation.

March 30, 2005

Freshman's death stuns University

Chad Shron, a freshman from Fishers Hall, disappeared Dec. 12, 2002 after attending a party on Corky Street. Following an extensive two-month search and investigation by Notre Dame Security Police, construction workers found his body floating in the St. Joseph's River under the Angola Bridge.

February 12, 2003

Boat Club busted by excise police

Police raided The Boat Club early in the morning Jan. 24. More than 200 citations were issued to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students. The bar was known for underage drinkinghaven for students on both campuses. Many of those who were cited were also students of the club.

January 24, 2003

Elam convicted of sexual battery

Abram Elam, one of four football players accused of sexual assault in March 2002, was found guilty of sexual battery on Aug. 30. However, he was acquitted of conspiracy to commit rape and criminal deviate conduct. Donald Dykes was found not guilty on all charges and the other two players' suits were dropped.

August 30, 2003

Scully resigns as executive VP

Executive Vice President Father Timothy Scully resigned May 2 due to an apparent power struggle in the University's leadership. A report investigating Scully's behavior, including his confrontation with a reporter, was to be delivered to trustees and would have cleared him of wrongdoing.

May 3, 2003

'Gay? Fine by Me' held on campus

On March 18, approximately 1,700 blaze orange T-shirts with the message "Gay? Fine by Me" were worn by students and members of the Notre Dame community, the shirts were a part of campus-wide debate.

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Muslim professor's visa revoked. Ebersol, dad hurt in plane crash, brother dies. Provost to leave for Wake Forest.

By HEATHER VAN HOEGENDEN
News Writer

Tariq Ramadan's visa revoked

For the second straight year, Notre Dame raps the
A University-issued van driven by a

The Board of Trustees harshly questions the loss prompted

No Notre Dame's

Ramadan was hired in last spring to raise the profile and diversify the curricu-

lum of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, and was initially granted a visa after a thorough investiga-
tion by both the Department of Homeland Security and the State Department.

Anon. Boyd, Homeland Security spokesman, did not comment on the specifics of the decision made about Ramadan, a Swiss citizen, and University spokesman Matt Storm said he did not know why Ramadan was not allowed in.

Ramadan had been accused by Jewish groups in France and the United States of spreading anti-Semitic and Islamic mili-
tant ideas. Kroc director Scott Appleby said in several interviews that the revocation was a last-second political move by Ramadan.

University President Father Edward Malloy expressed frustration about the situation, noting that the visa was not approved for a second year. The Board of Trustees had sharply criticized the timing, feasibility and logic of the student's proposal and was therefore very critical of the visa.

President-elect Father John Jenkins had a policy in place that decisions that affected Notre Dame's reputation could not be made at the last minute. The Board was of the opinion that this was the case.

The plane skidded sideways after impact, ripping off the cockpit and one of the engines, according to the Associated Press.

Teddy Ebersol was ejected from the plane and died instantly, Montrose County Coroner Mark Young told the Montrose Review, and Safi Mubarak died from the wreckage.

Charlottesville, Va., July 28, 2004 - Ryan O'Connor, a 2002 Notre Dame graduate, was one of two people killed by a car driven by a Saint Mary's sophomore when he ran onto the street after leaving a local bar.

On Sept. 16, 2004 - A University-issued van driven by a freshman on the Irish men's golf team is hit and totaled by a semi truck on Interstate 80, injuring one of the six team members as the vehicle.

2004

Summer 2004 - Notre Dame decides not to renew the athletic department's $50,000 yearly sponsorship agreement with the Progressive Student Alliance.


August 2004 - Due to rising numbers of both seniors staying on campus and accepted female freshman, most women's dorms faced an overcrowding crisis this year. Subsequently, the Office of Residence Life was forced to convert every available study lounge into a livable space and raise many double occupancy rooms to triples.

July 28, 2004 - The State Department revokes the visa of Tariq Ramadan, a prominent but contro-

versial Muslim scholar scheduled to teach at the University last fall, had his visa revoked by the State Department July 28 and as a result did not come to Notre Dame.

Ramadan was hired in last spring to raise the profile and diversify the curricu-
lum of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, and was initially granted a visa after a thorough investiga-
tion by both the Department of Homeland Security and the State Department.

Anon. Boyd, Homeland Security spokesman, did not comment on the specifics of the decision made about Ramadan, a Swiss citizen, and University spokesman Matt Storm said he did not know why Ramadan was not allowed in.

Ramadan had been accused by Jewish groups in France and the United States of spreading anti-Semitic and Islamic mili-
tant ideas. Kroc director Scott Appleby said in several interviews that the revocation was a last-second political move by Ramadan.

University President Father Edward Malloy expressed frustration about the situation, noting that the visa was not approved for a second year. The Board of Trustees had sharply criticized the timing, feasibility and logic of the student's proposal and was therefore very critical of the visa.

President-elect Father John Jenkins had a policy in place that decisions that affected Notre Dame's reputation could not be made at the last minute. The Board was of the opinion that this was the case.

The plane skidded sideways after impact, ripping off the cockpit and one of the engines, according to the Associated Press.

Teddy Ebersol was ejected from the plane and died instantly, Montrose County Coroner Mark Young told the Montrose Review, and Safi Mubarak died from the wreckage.

Charlottesville, Va., July 28, 2004 - Ryan O'Connor, a 2002 Notre Dame graduate, was one of two people killed by a car driven by a Saint Mary's sophomore when he ran onto the street after leaving a local bar.

On Sept. 16, 2004 - A University-issued van driven by a freshman on the Irish men's golf team is hit and totaled by a semi truck on Interstate 80, injuring one of the six team members as the vehicle.

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1. Jenkins also said that if necessary, the search could extend until next fall with an interim or acting provost filling the role in the interim. (The Observer • THE YEAR IN REVIEW page 9)

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Former Notre Dame football All-American and trustee Dave Duerson was charged with assaulting his wife Feb. 19. The Morris Inn and as a result resigned his post on the Board of Trustees. Duerson, who has been a trustee since 2001, voluntarily resigned his post after the incident and is no longer the president of the Monogram Club, whose term was set to expire in June.

The Duersons were on campus for the winter Board of Trustees meeting and Dave Duerson, a member of the Board of Student Affairs Committee and Audit Committee, reiterated that the process would not be completed until next fall promptly a severe backlash from the senior class, as many students were upset that the Dome would be covered in scaffolding for their May 24 graduation.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves generally said there was no other way to do the repairs, saying that the landmark suffered structural damages and needed immediate action. Senior class president Darrell Scott met with Affleck-Graves in late March with a proposal to take down the scaffolding would be rebuilt.

Then on April 7, it was announced that the scaffolding would be partially removed on Wednesday and that the Dome itself could be visible in its entirety. As a result, workers will be working longer hours so that an Oct. 1 completion date is ensured.

The compromise was what Scott and student body president Adam Isavan initially requested, but due to a miscommunication, Affleck-Graves thought they wanted the scaffolding removed from the drum of the Dome as well.

He continued to work behind the scenes and eventually came up with this compromise, which Scott, Isavan and the student class site acknowledged and welcomed.

The agreement was reached, NDSP began an all-night guard at the base of the Main Building after it was reported that students were climbing the scaffolding. Officers cited safety concerns as their main reason for doing so.

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Nov. 30, 2004 - For the first time ever, Notre Dame's football season passed away in April after 26 years at the helm of the Catholic Church, and Notre Dame honored his papa- loral memorial services across campus.

The pope, who was well-known for his World Youth Days, was honored in rosary gatherings, Masses and vigils at Notre Dame.

Duties from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's who were studying abroad flocked to St. Peter's Square to witness John Paul II's papal conclave.

Jan. 14, 2005 - Kough freshman Dan Keil, 19, dies in an Indianapolis hospital after complications during heart surgery. (The Observer • THE YEAR IN REVIEW page 9)

Proven Nathan Have, the second-ranking officer in the Student Body, was named president at Wake Forest University after 30 years at Notre Dame.

Dec. 14, 2004 - New England Patriots defensive coordinator and 1979 Notre Dame graduate Charlie Weis has been fired as Notre Dame's head coach in any sport, sparking controversy on campus with students and faculty.

Feb. 8, 2005 - Student Government Theatre announcing a free week of the College Reader's program. The New York Times, USA Today and the Chicago Tribune were made available to students each day in 14 locations on campus.

Feb. 10, 2005 - Notre Dame announces a 7 percent tuition increase for next year, an increase of $2,622. Saint Mary's will raise tuition next year by 4 percent.

Feb. 16, 2005 - Vagney Monologues author Tim Conlon appears on campus, triggering protests.

April 2, 2005 - Pope John Paul II dies after a 26-year term as pope. Students aboard in Rome flock to St. Peter's Square, and the University sends representatives to the funeral.

April 5, 2005 - Faculty Senate announces the formation of a committee tasked with creating a new mechanism for students to review courses.

April 19, 2005 - Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger is elected successor to Pope John Paul II and takes the name Benedict XVI.
ND, SMC to present honorary degrees to 18 figures

By KATE ANTONACCII and NICOLE ZOOK
Associate and Assistant News Editors

In addition to the original 13 honorary degrees to be awarded at Notre Dame's May 15 commencement ceremony, University officials announced that outgoing University President Father Edward Malloy and outgoing University Provost Nathan Hatch will also be honored with degrees.

Malloy has served as University president since 1987. In his 18-year tenure, the percentage of minority students more than doubled, University-administered financial aid saw a 1,000-fold increase, 27 new buildings were erected and 20 others were renovated. On a global level, Malloy was involved in discussions about the implementation of Ex Corde Ecclesiae, Pope John Paul II's 1990 statement on Catholic higher education.

Malloy led the Notre Dame community through difficult times, such as Sept. 11, 2001, a bus accident involving the women's swim team in 1992, which killed two students, and the removal of two executive vice presidents.

Hatch, who first joined the University's faculty in 1975, will become president of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., on July 1, 2005. Hatch has served as provost, the No. 2 executive officer to the president, since the position was erected and has been instrumental in promoting inter-religious dialogue, will also receive a doctorate of laws.

Benjamin Carson, one of the top brain surgeons in the world known for successfully separating Siamese twins joined at the back of the head in 1987, will receive a doctorate of science.

Judge Robert Carter, a U.S. District Court judge for the Southern District of New York known for his involvement in the civil rights movement, will receive a doctorate of laws.

Robert Conway, Class of 1966, a senior director at Goldman Sachs who also serves on Notre Dame's Board of Trustees, will receive a doctorate of laws.

Caroline Creagan, a well-known lawyer who was active in the civil rights movement and has argued 40 cases before the Supreme Court, including Brown v. Board of Education, will receive a doctorate of laws.

Joseph Keller, a well-known mathematician who has contributed significantly to the world of mathematics, will receive a doctorate of science.

Sonia Manzano, a writer, producer and actress who has played Maria on "Sesame Street" for over 35 years will receive a doctorate of laws.

James Morris, executive director of the United Nations World Food Program, the world's largest food organization, will receive a doctorate of laws.

Anne Mulcahy, the CEO and chair of the board of Xerox, will receive a doctorate of laws.

Steven Sample, president of the University of Southern California and well-known electrical engineer, will receive a doctorate of engineering.

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'Sesame Street' choice for award recipient. The humanitarian non-profit organization began in Elkhart in 1944 and has since benefited poor families in 105 countries by giving them live stock, food and agricultural training.

Sister Mary's has a huge commitment to the world, and I think that the fact that our students recommended [Heifer Project International] really shows how much we value service," she said.

A special award, the President's Medal, will be given to Sister Joan Kline, a 1969 Saint Mary's graduate who received a master's degree from Notre Dame and a doctorate from the University of Toronto. She will retire at the end of this year.

Kline, an English professor at the College for 35 years who inspired thousands of students and left an indelible mark on the English department with her courses on Shakespeare, was chosen to receive the honor by College president Carol Mooney, who Kline taught as an undergraduate at Saint Mary's.

"The President's Medal is not given every year," Damon said. "It is given basically for a lifetime of service to the College. It's a special occasion for someone who's done extraordinary things for the College."

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Graduates commit to service work programs

Teach for America, AmeriCorps, Peace Corps among most popular for departing seniors

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

If someone had asked senior Lyndsey Bergen a year ago what she would be doing after she graduated from Saint Mary's, her response certainly would not have included traveling to Africa for a stint as an English teacher.

Yet just 24 hours short of receiving her diploma, Bergen is committed to two years of service with the Peace Corps and is waiting to hear exactly where on the continent she will be placed.

"I really feel that this is what I am supposed to do," Bergen said.

Bergen is just one of a few hundred Notre Dame and Saint Mary's seniors who have committed themselves to post-graduate service work.

According to Liz Mackenzie, director of senior transition programs at the Center for Social Concerns, Notre Dame typically sends 10 percent of its graduating class to service work.

We have about 150 seniors who have registered, saying they are doing post-graduate service," Mackenzie said.

However, not all students register with the CSC, Mackenzie said, and she estimates the number to be roughly 200. While there are dozens of different programs, the most popular are Alliance for Catholic Educational (ACE), Holy Cross Associates, Teach for America, AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps.

There is a CSC service send-off Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The decision to postpone graduate school or a career and pursue post-graduate service work came to Bergen, a political science major, after studying international politics and world affairs.

Bergen said African nations, still reeling from the effects of colonialism, are particularly needy.

"I was given the choice of Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia, and I have been interested a lot in Africa," Bergen said.

"I have been studying on what is going on in Sudan.

Bergen said a friend at Notre Dame was "tossing around" the idea of joining the Peace Corps, prompting her to research the program. Not practicing any specific religion herself, Bergen was attracted to the secular framework of the Corps.

She began communicating with a recruiter based out of Chicago and completed the long application process in September.

"My dad is not happy," Bergen said.

"I called my par-Oent when I found out I was nominated, and they were like, "Oh, great." I don't think it is going to hit them until I leave.

After three months of intensive language training in the United States, Bergen will travel to a country where she will teach English as a Second Language (ESL), girls' empowerment and AIDS awareness.

In terms of language, Bergen only knows that she will not be working in a French-speaking nation.

Bergen acknowledges poverty cities domestically but said third world countries lack even the basic resources to alleviate the extreme circumstances of their poor.

"I don't know how I'm going to change that, but I am going to try, a little bit at a time," she said.

After studying world politics and learning about the struggles of the poor, Bergen said it would have been impossible not to do anything else but serve after she completed her schooling.

"I don't want to be able to go on with a regular life," Bergen said. "I've never wanted to work for money, I have always wanted to work for what I want to do, and this is what it is shaping up to be.

Bergen said she anticipates the experience will influence the direction of her life in future years.

"This will help me decide what I am going to do with the rest of my life. I have a feeling that this is something I will do for the rest of my life."

Studio art major and theology minor Alexa Puscas will participate in Echo, a program through the Institute for Church Life designed to revitalize catechesis classes in various parishes scattered throughout the United States. Only two years old, it currently has 26 participants.

Puscas will spend two consecutive summers at Notre Dame taking course at the graduate school of theology eventually receiving her master's in theology. During the academic year, she will work at a parish in Indianapolis.

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Puscas said she felt "very encouraged" and described her decision to do post-graduate work with the program as a continuation of her education.

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Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors.

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Mooney completes first year at helm of Saint Mary's

By MEGAN O'NEIL  
Saint Mary's Editor

In a year that included a sharp drop in enrollment numbers, a budgetary weekend and the opening of a new $17 million Student Center, Saint Mary's President Carol Mooney proved herself a capable administrator during her first year at the helm of the College.

Transition to Saint Mary's

A 1972 Saint Mary's graduate, Mooney never strayed far from her alma mater. She attended Notre Dame law school, where she eventually became a faculty member, assistant dean and finally, associate dean. In 1996, Mooney was named vice president and associate provost at Notre Dame.

In March 2003, then-Saint Mary's president Marilou Eldred announced her retirement, initiating a nine-month search process that brought four candidates to campus and students to meet with individuals connected to the College. She also visited every dorm on campus for meet and greet sessions, where she answered students' questions about her four years as an undergraduate and her vision for the College.

Enrollment numbers

One of the immediate problems Mooney faced in her first year as president was decreasing student enrollment. Saint Mary's opened its doors in August with a 12.7 percent drop in enrollment, the result of an unusually small first year class, and found itself with empty dorm rooms and a $1.5 million budget deficit for the 2005 fiscal year.

In response, Mooney made changes in the structure of the Office of Admissions, creating the new position of Vice President for Enrollment Management to oversee college enrollment numbers.

"The search for the Vice President for Enrollment Management is about to move into the interview stage," Mooney said. "I am told that we have a strong pool of candidates, and we hope to have the position filled before the start of fall semester."

Mooney also expressed the intent to as much as double the College endowment fund in order to reduce dependence on enrollment for financial stability.

Inauguration ceremony

In what was the biggest event on campus in years, Mooney was sworn in as president of Saint Mary's during an official inauguration ceremony on Saturday, Jan. 15. The ceremony was part of a weekend-long inaugural celebration that brought hundreds of alumnae and academic representatives from all over the country.

"The College community extended great hospitality to the many guests who were with us for the events of the weekend," Mooney said. "I was very pleased with the opportunity we had to showcase the academic talent at the College and with the chance to share the Saint Mary's story with multiple audiences."

Mooney's inauguration also included a four-day conference and an all-day academic symposium in which faculty and staff discussed the academic focus of the College and its obligation as a liberal arts institution. In recent years there has been concern within the Saint Mary's community about its "comprehensive"

"The discussion at the symposium, like all academic discussions, was part of an ongoing conversation within a community of scholars," Mooney said. "It was neither the beginning nor the end of a conversation that has been taking place at Saint Mary's for some time one part of which is how best to balance liberal and professional education."

Saint Mary's President Carol Mooney's inaugural year at Saint Mary's concludes this week.

Graduation 2005

Saturday, 33 years after she donned a cap and gown and received her diploma, Mooney will help officiate at the Saint Mary's commencement ceremony.

"It has been a wonderful year," Mooney added. "I love my job and cannot believe that a year has already passed. Although I have only known them for one year, the Class of 2005 will always be special to me. Their commencement will cap one of the happiest years of my life."

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Hurley is fired by Notre Dame

NDSP assistant director says he was let go due to Duerson incident

By MADIE HANNA
Assistant News Editor

The University fired Assistant Director of Notre Dame Security/Police Chuck Hurley on April 22 because of allegations that Hurley was untruthful during a criminal investigation into the circumstances of a Feb. 3 incident involving former trustee and football captain Dave Duerson at the Morris Inn. Hurley said Hurley, who contests the University's allegations, said Notre Dame incorrectly evaluated his actions "because there was a different officer involved with the Duerson incident who was untruthful."

However, Hurley refused to discuss any specifics about the incident, calling it "a police matter, a criminal case."

According to the prosecutor's supplemental affidavit on the case, Duerson allegedly struck his wife, Alicia Duerson, and pushed her out of their hotel room during the early morning of Feb. 3. She was treated at a local hospital and released, the statement said.

Associate Vice President for Residence Life and Student Affairs Bill Kirk, who informed Hurley of his termination, declined to comment. NDSP Director Rex Rako and University spokesman Matt Storin also declined to comment because Hurley's dismissal is a "personnel matter."

Hurley said he has been involved in an appeals process and has hired his own lawyer and has met with University lawyers.

"I want a thorough and competent investigation," Hurley said.

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But I could not utter one negative word about the University of Notre Dame," Hurley, who sent three of his five children to Notre Dame, was also involved at the University as Fisher's interscholastic football coach at one time.

"The students are outstanding people, the faculty and staff ... the Holy Cross priests are some of the best people you will ever meet," Hurley said.

Dave Duerson, a two-time football All-American at Notre Dame and former president of the Monogram Club, was charged with two counts of battery and two counts of domestic battery following the incident. He and his wife were on campus for the winter Break of Trustees meeting.

Dave Duerson resigned from the Board of Trustees Feb. 4, and Storin told The Observer in March that Dave Duerson's representatives expected him to resign from his Monogram Club position as well, which was set to expire in June.

Although originally scheduled to appear in St. Joseph County Superior Court Feb. 28, Dave Duerson's lawyer had the appearance deferred until April 28.

Hurley expressed frustration with his situation but said he had no hard feelings toward the University.

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Recycle

The Observer.
Seniors reflect on a controversial four years at ND

Sept. 11, 2001, changes in the alcohol policy define the Class of 2005

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

"I think the biggest changes were probably the SYBs and the changes in the alcohol policy," senior Alexandra Holland said. "I think that really affected student life most." Said senior Kelly Tarnowski, "I think the biggest changes were probably the SYRs and the new alcohol policy.

"I definitely think it affected dorm life," Brady said. "I know a lot of people who weren't even interested in going anymore." Senior Eric Tarnowski said the administration greatly impacted the Notre Dame community with the new alcohol policy.

"It changed the face of the University as far as what people did on campus," he said. "Freshman year we spent a lot more time on campus."

Tarnowski said these changes reflected a preoccupation of University officials with projecting an image.

"The longer I was here the more I was there that the emphasis from the University was more on the image and not on the students themselves," he said. "That's probably what has bothered the seniors the most.

Football coaching carousel

Seniors had a variety of opinions on four years of football, which saw multiple coaching changes. The seniors started with Bob Davie, who was fired in 2001, and then saw George O'Leary get hired and then fired after failing his resume. Most recently, Tyone Willingham was fired and replaced with Charlie Weis.

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"I think it definitely seems like the University is starting to head in a direction focusing more on competing with other universities and more on maintaining its own reputation as a top university," Tarnowski said. "But I think it is kind of exciting when you think about the things that are uniquely Notre Dame. There are so many years where people said Notre Dame was so and so, but it was the students, I believe you know what the right Notre Dame is, that is why we accepted you."

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Seven dormitory rectors opt to leave University posts

By KATE ANTONACCI

Seven rectors have notified the Office of Student Affairs that they will not be returning to their posts next fall. Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Sister Jean Lenz said, "They are leaving for all different reasons." Lenz said "it is really more than usual. I think last year we only had one or two leave. Kathleen Brannock of Howard Hall, Rebecca Davidson of Breen-Phillips Hall, Sister Patricia Dearbaugh of Cavanaugh Hall, Heather Rakoczy of Pangborn Hall, Beth Skinner of McGlinn Hall, Father J. Steele of Morrissey Manor and Sister Patricia Thomas of Walsh Hall will all be leaving. Three, however, are leaving their positions in the dorms to assume new roles in the University. "The one thing I know that I think is exciting is that there are three of them that are getting great new jobs on campus," Lenz said. Rakoczy will be directing the Gender Relations Center, Brannock will be serving as assistant director of the Office of Residence Life and Housing and Steele will be working at the Vocation Center. Thomas has accepted a position as Director of Campus Ministry at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Conn., a school founded by the Dominican Congregation of St. Mary of the Springs, her own order. "It made good sense that I would be with my own Sisters," Thomas said. "I did not want to stop working with college-age students, and this new ministry offered me an opportunity to use so many of the experiences I had had during my eight years at Walsh Hall that it was hard to resist." Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman requires all rectors to notify the University if they plan to continue serving as a rector by February, allowing the University to begin a national search for a replacement if necessary, Lenz said.

When finding new rectors, the Office of Student Affairs looks for individuals with a depth of experience in ministry, student personnel or counseling. Lenz said, "We also look for people who have a Masters in education or any related field," she said.

This year, after advertising the open positions, Student Affairs received 92 applications for the seven spots -- a very high number," Lenz said. After reviewing applications, 12 individuals were then brought in for full-day interviews. "They meet with members of the senior staff, but also representatives, a couple of current rectors, assistant rectors, students," Lenz said.

New rectors are chosen based on how well the committee thinks they would fit in with a certain dorm. "Once [Poorman] makes the appointment of the individual to a specific hall, then he sends information about that hall to the new rector with the names of his or her staff, who the assistants are and who the [resident assistants] are," Lenz said. "I think Father Poorman and senior staff try to put people into where they think will best fit." In the job of notifying hall residents of the change in hall staff is left to the outgoing rectors. "E-mails and personal visits helped me to get the news out to everyone," Thomas said. "In telling the WILD Women of Walsh about my decision, I experienced the same kinds of emotions they did. For the seniors, it was just as though we were all getting to start new lives; for the freshmen, it was 'Why us, why now?' It was all very normal. Hard at times, exciting at other times." While excited about the future, Thomas said she would miss her position at Notre Dame. "Leaving Notre Dame is hard because I have made so many friends, created so many memories and experienced a richness that I know I won't find anywhere else any time soon," Sister Patricia Thomas Walsh Hall rector said.

In honor of Breen-Phillips rector Becca Davidson’s 40th birthday, women in the dorm showed their affection for her by hanging a sign above the building’s main entrance.
"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us" - Ralph Waldo Emerson
Almost three weeks ago, I stood at the front of the Walsh Hall chapel for senior Mass and offered up a baking dish as my senior memory. Several in the audience were a little perplexed, but really all that mattered to me was the chorus of snickers and ridiculous smiles from a select few. That baking dish represented two things — my passion for everything chocolate and my acceptance into Notre Dame family. I am an only child who was essentially denied anything that wasn’t meat and potatoes (as I grew up in an Irish family) and who always longed for — and well, still does — siblings.

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In the three weeks since that night, I have come to realize that this is not the end. While college may be over and we may not see our closest friends daily, this does not mean we face the real world Monday with a clean slate or without any support. We will still have those special people that pepper our Notre Dame memories and as a member of the “family” we will still be very much a part of Notre Dame. It amazes me the power of the Notre Dame “family” to not just build friendships but to unite past, future and sub­ way alumni. Think of the number of times you met a Notre Dame person in the most random of places all because you were wearing an Irish sweatshirt. This family is a truly powerful force. It drives the spirit of this University. It will welcome us with open arms when we venture back to South Bend. It provides that foundation for those friendships we will never want to let slip away.

I learned early the power of Notre Dame’s family when less than a month after moving away from home, terror shook our country. The September 11 memorial Mass on South Field is an image that will forever remain etched in my mind. This event united our class before any football game could, and it made us realize what we should value and appreciate in our lives. It, like so many other subsequent experiences during these four years, not only united us but taught us how to live. A Notre Dame education is more than simply an education.

It is an experience. It immerses students in academia, faith, school pride and friendship. We leave here armed not only with a diploma, but with an academic and moral education, the Notre Dame spirit and the support of our friends. Notre Dame gave us one of the most valuable gifts we will ever receive — those people on our left or right that we will celebrate with one last time together as college students at The Grotto is a tradition that began in a sweaty freshman dorm party, we will link arms with at Baccalaureate to sway next to the altar and we will sit in silence on Sunday in our caps and gowns. These people you will stand with this weekend are for the most part the randomly assigned friends who helped you ask that Siri date to the dance, studied with you all night in DeBartolo, danced the jig with you at the bleachers, partied with you at first The Boat Club and then Heartland and Corby’s, listened to you when you were sad, comforted you when you did not know your post­graduation plans, cheered for you at your sports game, celebrated with you when you turned 21, shared their highs and lows with you and, not only survived, but lived these past four years with you.

On Monday I will pack up my room and leave Notre Dame, but I will always have my Notre Dame family, especially my six kindred spirits.

Meganne Downes is graduating with a degree in political science and peace studies and a minor in journalism. She would like to thank her dad for pushing her to excel and realize her potential, her mom for always believing in and inspiring her, her grandma for giving her both her courage and her stubbornness. And both for pushing her and for his support, Shirley for all those morning smiles, and her friends for their love and for simply being them. Finally, she would like to thank everyone at The Observer for all the laughs, the late nights, the tears, the arguments, the frustrations, the breaking stories, the friendships, and the pride she felt each morning when she picked up the paper and saw her accomplishments. But most of all she thanks you for the lessons that tested her and made her become a better person. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
His voice cracked, the pitch rising to an unusual level. 

I soon witnessed my father cry four times during my life. The first three were at grandfathers' funerals. The fourth was on March 30, 2001, the day I was accepted to Notre Dame.

That day, as he had the past three days, Dad drove from work to the mailbox around lunchtime. I skipped out on my final exam to go with him.

Honors Anatomy class. Midwestern stress. Dad answered my call and I immediately asked an important question: "Is it there?"

"Yes," we go, I thought, "Is it thick or thin?"

"Thin." Oh Lord, I thought, I didn't make it. Dad's voice jumped in to rescue my fears.

"But it says 'Congratulations on the outside.'"

"Well open it up and check to make sure," I whined. "Don't laugh.

I could hear him tippling through the envelope before he began reading.

"Congratulations, Joseph, you've been accepted..." This voice trailed off. The seriousness of knowing just how badly I wanted to attend Notre Dame overtook him, and my Dad, a man who never cried, could no longer hold it back. That, to me, is what Notre Dame is all about.

Now, four years later, I'm writing my last column for the last Observer of the year. This time it's not to go to Gonzaga, Rumrunners, State and 'Bucker with friends for the last time. In the fall I experienced my last set of graduations in the student section after an Irish touchdown. And Sunday night I'll attend the Grotto for the last time in college.

For someone whose nickname is "Johnny Notre Dame," I have been most of the football media guide by age eight and who, at age six, cried himself to sleep in his parent's bed after witnessing the Irish lose 27-10 to Miami in the 1989 season finale, snapping an 11-game winning streak and, nonetheless, all these "lasts" have been tough to swallow. Being a student at Notre Dame was my dream. Now it's over. I have often joked to friends or family that if I died tomorrow, I would be happy because I accomplished everything I ever wanted in life — I attended Notre Dame.

I look at this at this graduation thing. You can look back on your experience at Notre Dame and be sad because it's over. Or you can look at it as having the opportunity to attend our Lady's University.

I choose the latter for more reasons than your parents. I've learned so much during the past four years from these badasses, the people who memorized most of the teams' bed after witnessing the Irish lose 27-10 at Miami for the last time in college.

I'm certain I won't be said. Simply thankful I was lucky enough to spend four years experiencing life with the most wonderful people I've ever met.

The late golfer Payne Stewart once said that "Dad never tells you to get a beer, but sometimes you get to live them out." He couldn't have been more right. To everyone who has lived the last four years under the Golden Dome, thank you. You will never forget how much you touched my dreams and made me a better person.

Goodbye for now, I hope our paths cross many times in the future, and the next time you're out of the inter­ college and the great strides forward, they have a drink for me.

Somewhere, I'll be doing the same for you.

Joe Hettler is graduating with a degree in English Writing from Notre Dame and will be living in the country.

"Congratulations on the outside."
When I was getting ready to come to Notre Dame, I suspected that it might not be my kind of place. Something about the idea of living in the shadow of Jesus and the Golden Dome didn’t quite suit my personality.

However, I remember hearing at many points in my life that if you put your mind to it, “just the right attitude” could make them work for you. Many of the “Domer” things that I did freshman year, and a few other things that I’ve done since, will remain embedded in my memory as a big fat waste of time.

I’m not saying that any of the Notre Dame traditions that failed to inspire me was a waste of time for anyone else. I’m just finding meaning in different things and different places, and sometimes I feel like I’m not on something that would have let me enjoy Thursday night at the Boat Club.

But in the meantime, I would like to thank the people who helped me make my career at Notre Dame meaningful.

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One more picture

When I received my acceptance letter four and a half years ago, the same picture was tacked to the doors of the dorm, feeling lucky to be holding my Notre Dame diploma, showing it off to everyone in my family. I never thought I would be able to do that.

So you would think, with graduation coming up, this picture would mean a lot—meaning something to everyone in my family. I would be able to show it off to everyone—I would be able to hold it proudly up to them.

I was surprised.

I didn’t feel that I would have to show off this picture to everyone in my family and especially his family. I didn’t have to show it to them.

It’s not that I don’t have a good time here. I have a good time here.

I’ve spent four years deriving nerdy pleasure from the right attitude could make them work for me.

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In gratitude for solidarity

I would like to thank all who participated in "Gay? Fine by me" and attended the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) issue forum last week. As a student from a pre-institution, I was delighted to be a part of such a graphic display of GLBT pride. I wholeheartedly believe that both the "shirt" campaign and the forum represent something that many at your University are far from being talked about. This truly is a wonderful starting point that will allow the University to first serve those who have been neglected.

I would also like to congratulate Joe Heicklin, member of the GLBT/Alienated and the GLBT/Alumni Hall community for their commitment, hard work and love that was put into these events. All who participated have truly strived to make the spirit of inclusion a reality when others have lost sight of its goal.

Michael Takoch
director, GLBT Center
Bates College
March 21, 2004

Dome worth fighting for

Haggling for an extra commencement ticket is the only thing I've been doing lately, as I've been negotiating with the administration for during my final days at this great school. Ironically, however, with massive support from classmates, I may find myself entranced in talks of much greater significance. On March 24, President and genuine Executive Vice President John Albeck-Graves wrote in The Observer: "Unfortunately, there is no way it [the Dome project] could be avoided. I could not agree more.

However, the question is not whether the Dome should remain broken and unfulfilled, for that question remains for classmates. I may find myself entranced in talks of much greater significance. On March 24, President and genuine Executive Vice President John Albeck-Graves wrote in The Observer: "Unfortunately, there is no way it [the Dome project] could be avoided. I could not agree more.

At the end of the Mass, I witnessed from the choir roister one of the most uplifting scenes in my short life. As the oranı­pus sang the Alma Mater with arms around their neighbors, the sense of community washed over and blew me away. This is what Notre Dame is all about. The togetherness and unity in our University cannot be matched anywhere else. I do not know why I am writing this. I have no contestion opinion, no topic that needs to be discussed. It seems as though I don't know much today.

All that I thought was safe and a constant in my life has suddenly been questioned. The only thing I can do is to pray in my Lord. In this time of trouble and turmoil, the Lord is the one we must turn to. He is that one that can sftie from the dark­ness. He did not create this destruction — humans did through their fault, He can bring great things out of nothing.

Paul Sferracastella
Alumni Hall
Itanos Hall
Sept. 11, 2001

Student Affairs, wake up.

Guess what students are going to do on those wondrous days when the Dome would have been dancing, drinking and spending time with friends at the tailgate function? Drinking. A Lot. Probably even more out of spite of their social lives being robbed from their shot-glass holding hands.

Alcohol does not run the life of your average Notre Dame student. But it can add to the flavor of his or her social life. And Notre Dame stu­dents are not alcoholics (or, at least, not the majority of the drinking pop­ulation). Notre Dame students do enjoy drinking. And the majority of those who drink do so for fun — alcohol is some, the hard way — where to find the balance, clear the blur between having fun and having your stomach pumped. Canceling dances is not going to stop students from drinking, or even dancing. Parties will proliferate. Students just won't need to dress up or buy silly little gifts for dates. And some dorms, as the Observer's March 19 editorial noted, will lose out on the most fun events of the year. For an institution so in love with tradition and its sense of community, Notre Dame is doing the ironic feat of killing two birds with one stone.

Notre Dame students' definition of tailgate: pre-game bonanza of man­nys, food, beer and yes, dancing. Notre Dame administrator's definition of tailgate: pre-game bonanza of debauchery of crazed, alcoholic students out to poke and oh, probably have sex later. All of which they can do. And congratulations; once you

make legal-age-students register for the tailgating, that's exactly what you will get.

So, students, faculty and staff, wake up. It's time to do something looking for something to do on those often boring spring weekends in April. You are not ready to jump down the throats of students who might otherwise be sending vodka the same route. And, of course, thousands of alumni like myself who are grateful they gradu­ated before the storm.

You've not only taken away dances and tailgating, you've stripped away freedom and a sense of responsibility. All you have done is make Notre Dame students want to grow, mature and make their own informed judgments without giving them the opportunity to do so.

Notre Dame students and adminis­trators alike have always boasted a feeling of "family." And while this is not something that we, as students, can do, we, as faculty and students, can try. Notre Dame is not your mothers and fathers. College is where we become adults and learn to decide for ourselves. Don't decide for us.

Christine Kraly
class of 2001
Washington, D.C.
March 19, 2002

Approximately 9,000 other voices

Thousands of students, faculty and staff from Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary did not sign a petition opposing the war with Iraq. The petition was opened by an ad in The Observer, included the signatures of approximately 600 people superimposed over the phrase, "Hear Our Voice.

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff who did sign the petition opposing war with Iraq might cite the just cause tenet of Catholic just war theory as a primary motivating factor in their decision to abstain from endorsing the peti­tion. They could mention that "The Challenge of Peace; God's Promise and Our Response," a United States Catholic Bishops' pastoral on war and peace, endorses war "to protect innocent life, to preserve conditions necessary for decent human existence and to secure basic human rights."

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff who did not sign the petition opposing the war with Iraq could combine this 1983 Catholic Pastoral teaching with CIA-generated facts concerning human rights abuses under Saddam Hussein including Hussein's use of mustard gas in Panipas in October-November 1983 leaving 3,000 Iranians and Kurdish casualties, his murder of another 2,500 Iranians on Muggaon Island in February-March 1984 by the same method, his April 1987 mustard gas attack that left 5,000 Iranians dead or wounded in al­Balashir, his deployment of land and mustard gas against some 3,000 Iranians at Hawizah Marsh in March 1985 and 5,000 more at al-Basrah in April 1987 and his use of sarin and mustard gas against 3,000 Iranians in October 1987 at Sumer/Mehran.

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff could also take into account Hussein's Stalinist purges of his Ba'ath party, chemical attacks on Kurds in Iraq, his documented chemical experimentation on Iraqi jail inmates and his tyrannical political repression of any semblance of an opposition party.

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Timothy Bonadies
class of 2003
off-campus
Feb. 6, 2003

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Stephanie Vieron
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"Take a bite out of the Big Apple."

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"Live large and in charge."
**ND Women's Basketball**

Irish exit tournament early after stellar regular season

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN Sports Writer

After losing just three of their first 12 games, the Irish had three of their last seven en route to a disappointing second-round exit in the NCAA Tournament — a bitter end to a season that began with much promise.

Notre Dame, which finished second in the Big East and 27-4 overall, saw a strong start end with a 76-70 loss to fifth-seeded Arizona State in the NCAA Regional in Fresno, Calif. on March 21.

"We looked tired mentally," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "It seemed like we hit a wall, and I don't think we just couldn't get over it."

But at the beginning of the year, the Irish looked to be a top team. Ranked in the top-10 for most of the season, Notre Dame started off on the right foot with a Preseason WNVIT champi-
onship that included wins over then-No. 6 Duke and then-No. 10 Ohio State. Against Duke, freshman Charel Allen came up big with 16 points, the first of many big games for the first-year guard.

Seniorpoint guard Torin Francis was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament, lead-
ing the Irish with 32 points against the Buckeyes.

The team went on to win their next three games against Colorado State, USC and TCU before losing to Michigan State at home. The 82-73 overtime loss snapped Notre Dame's 25-game winning streak, which dated back to last season.

However, the squad soon got back on track, winning its next six games, the first of many big games for the Irish.

"We were prepared for the NIT, and our mindset is an attitude that you have to have, and we just didn't have that mindset. It's an attitude that you have to have, and not to ever want to go through that again. It's all a mindset, it's an attitude that you have to have and we just didn't have that," McGraw said.

Though Colin Falls emerged as a scoring threat (12.6 points) and Quinn remained steady, the frontcourt disappointed coaches and fans. Center Torin Francis often struggled, and Russell Carter all saw significant minutes, with freshman Rob Antonecchia picking up the slack. Both key players would have been on a more of a youth movement.

Notre Dame was able to steal a victory at Indiana's Assembly Hall since 1973.

"It's hard to really go back and replace them because they scored and rebounded," McGraw said. "Jackie, we wanted to lose. But that's the catch in all clutch situations, so we're going to have somebody else do that.

However, Duffy, an honorable mention All-American, and Allen, who surprised a team like MCL and McGraw at Arizona State. These two along with forward Courtney LaVere will be the program's 1 Gulf year in the Big East season.

These seniors have left a great legacy," McGraw said. "They really raised the bar for us."
After Big East title, Irish ready for postseason

Weekend sweep of Rutgers clinches Big East championship

By KATE GALES
American Sport Editor

Ten titles, five seniors, one goal.

After wrapping up their tenth consecutive Big East regular season title, the Irish softball team is far from finished.

"They expect to win the Big East, and that's a given," Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said. "That's just common knowledge about the team - that's just the way it is here."

A pair of lopsided victories over Rutgers sealed the title for the Irish and ensured their top seeding for the Big East Tournament. The wins left the Irish with a record of 41-11 and a conference tally of 16-2. Although the dominating performances ended conference play on a positive note, Gumpf said the real culmination was the last home game against Syracuse in front of a large home crowd.

Gumpf attributed much of this season's success to the senior class — Megan Codi, Stoffly Stenglein, Carrie Wise, Liz Hartmann and Nicole Wicks.

"There are so many things that these girls do that make this class special...These girls are just a great group," she said.

Golfi, the team captain, was named All-American last year. According to Gumpf, the team looks to her for leadership.

"We didn't come to play well today at practice," Gumpf said. "Someone needs to say it's not good enough," and Megan is really that person. Megan is not afraid to say anything to anybody, and I think that's been a good thing for this team...to have it come from somebody else other than the coaches."

Another key component of the team has been Stenglein, who is averaging 12 strikeouts per game.

"She's really had a great career at Notre Dame," Gumpf said. "She's a great third baseman and a clutch hitter."

Wicks, who transferred to Notre Dame after her sophomore season at Washington, was the final piece of the senior puzzle.

"She's taught the young girls so much about baserunning," Gumpf said. "She's one of those players that understands the game so well, and she's a great teacher of it."

The five-some has determined much of the team's drive for success, Gumpf who believes that the senior class determines the team's chemistry, said.

"This senior class realizes that and decided, 'This is how I want our team to be.' They've made the decisions on how this team is — the good and the bad, but there's a heck of a lot more good," she said.

The season is not yet over for the Irish. One goal remains — to make the College World Series, a feat never before accomplished by Notre Dame.

"That's the ultimate," Gumpf said. "There's nothing bigger or better.

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Irish second baseman Sara Schoonaert tags out an Akron baserunner during the game on April 21. Notre Dame has posted a 43-11 record and won the Big East regular season title this season.
Aldridge becomes sixth commitment
Indiana running back rated in top 5 by several services

By MIKE GILLOON Special Editor

The number of Irish verbal commitments has grown to six. Running back recruit James Aldridge declared his intention to play for the Irish to Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis May 2.

Aldridge, who cannot sign a letter of intent until February, rushed for 2,067 yards on 241 carries and scored 20 touchdowns as a junior last season at Merrillville (Ind.) High. He is listed as one of the top 100 players in the nation by Rivals.com.

"The kid is definitely one of the top three running backs in the entire country," Mike Frank of Irish Eyes.com said. "He's a rare combination of size and speed and has the ability to make people miss. He's a big body but has the ability to break the long ones."

Aldridge, 6'1", 215 lb, agreed with this assessment of his talents in a statement released on IrishEyes.com.

"A lot of people don't expect me to be as fast as I am for my size, but I'm real quick," Aldridge, who runs a 4.6 second 40-yard dash, said.

Recruited by several schools as a linebacker, Aldridge is expected to suit up at running back for the Irish. Besides his success running the ball, Aldridge caught 11 passes for 290 yards and two touchdowns last season.

"He's just an absolutely huge signing for Notre Dame," Frank said. "He's a 'hoss.' He's a guy who can dominate a game."

In the days leading up to his decision, he narrowed his list of schools to Notre Dame and Oklahoma State. He received offers from numerous other programs including USC, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Iowa, Virginia, Missouri and Purdue.

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**FENCING**

Irish dominate competition en route to title

**ND edges Ohio State 173-171 in National Championship meet**

By ERIC RETTER  
Sports Writer

Things couldn’t have been much better for the Irish this season — as the team ended another dominating year by winning the NCAA title in dramatic fashion.

By the standards the program has built, Notre Dame’s start was sub par. While the then-No. 4 men’s team went 3-1 at the NYU Duals, the women’s team — ranked no. 2 at the time — dropped two of its first four matches of the season, ending their 41-match winning streak.

The women promptly began another streak, going 6-0 at the Notre Dame Duals. This averaged their loss to Ohio State while starting what would become an 18-match string of wins for the season, while the men’s only defeat of the weekend again came against the Buckeyes.

After qualifying 11 fencers out of a possible 12 for the NCAA finals, the Irish were confident in their chances for another title. It was an opportunity on which they would capitalize.

Notre Dame trailed until the very last bout but came from behind to edge Ohio State 173-171.

The men concluded their competition on the second day of the four-day meet. Notre Dame was in second place, 24 points behind Ohio State, and a comeback appeared difficult.

However, partly because Ohio State qualified only five women in Notre Dame’s six, they were able to win two of the women’s events, which factored into the final totals. The program has now accomplished three national titles.

Kryczalo ended her career as a three-time national champion and senior Kerry Walton walks away with a national title, having won in 2002 in addition to finishing second in 2004; the same year that sophomore Valerie Providenza won the sabre title.

Walton will end her career with two runner-up finishes, losing to Kryczalo in the finals both in 2002 and 2004.

The title gives the Irish two NCAA championships in the past three seasons, a feat the program has now accomplished three times.

Notre Dame now has seven total national titles — three men’s, one women’s and three championships since the NCAA combined men and women into one division in 1990.

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University of Notre Dame
Irish steadily improving, still hoping for 40 victories

Team turned season around, remains optimistic about year

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

To Irish senior Paul Mainieri, the first 42 games of Irish baseball in 2005 have been a tale of two seasons.

"I look at the season like we've had two seasons, so in a 56-game schedule, if you look at the first half of the season, being 28 games, we were 14-14," Mainieri said. "In the second part of the season we're 13-1-1.

"We'll just continue to emphasize that 'second season' and hope that we can keep it going."

Notre Dame (27-18-1, 10-7-1) Big East after last weekend's series at St. John's) played its first 16 games on the road. The Irish packed their bags for Florida, Arizona and Texas road trips. In addition to the road woes, the Irish had numerous injury problems.

Sophomore right-hander Jess Stewart, who won seven games as a freshman standout pitcher, was out for most of April with a knee injury, while fellow sophomore right-hander Jeff Manship and senior right-hander John Axford have also been slowed in comeback efforts from reconstructive elbow surgery.

The threesome — expected at the beginning of the season to play vital roles on the Irish pitching staff — have thrown a combined 23.1 innings.

"Our goals have not changed, necessarily, because our goal is still to get to in the NCAA tournament," Mainieri said. "This year it's been a little bit of a struggle in some ways. If we finish strong, we still could accomplish the things that we're used to accomplishing around here."

Those accomplishments are no easy tasks. On the line is the Heiser 40-win streak. With the Big East tournament in reach, its preservation is more than possible.

However, the streak, the Big East championship and the NCAA tournament are not just about winning and losing.

"They're about pride," Mainieri said. "We've had some veteran players that have struggled a little bit," Mainieri said. "But we still have 13 games left to go in our season, plus hopefully the post-season, and if those kids can really regroup and make a strong push to the finish, then I think that will be their legacy — that a lot of people that counted this team out early in the year when we were 14-14, everybody said, 'Well this team does not have it this year, it's going to be a bad year', but here we are now 27-15-1 with 13 games remaining, and we still have a great opportunity to accomplish everything that we've wanted to accomplish in a season.

"I think that would be a tremendous legacy of this team."

Can the 2005 Irish baseball team have a legacy? Or will it end 16 years of 40 wins? Mainieri knows it's up to the players themselves to finish the tale.

"The story is not finished yet," he said. "We'll have to see how the story finishes."

Junior shortstop Greg Lopez takes a swing during a doubleheader game against Villanova on April 25. Notre Dame won game one 9-4 and tied the second game 7-7.

In early March at the Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic, the hometown team, Texas-San Antonio, sent the Irish to their third straight loss — the first time in the 11-year Mainieri era the Irish have dropped five games in a row.

Things looked bleak.

Notre Dame went 10-8 in the next 18 games. But, due to some shakeups in the lineup, better defense and some home games, the Irish have turned their season around — dramatically.

"We've still got a shot at winning the (Big East) regular season title," Mainieri said. "I think we're a much better team here at the beginning of May than we were at the beginning of March, we'll see how far we can take it."

"When we flip-flopped Brett Lilley to third base and Scott Frossenkovsky to second base, particularly Bret Lilley has made us a better team by bringing at third base," Mainieri said. "It's making the plays at third that we weren't making for the first half of the season, and combined with Greg Lopez at shortstop, we now have a very solid left side of the infield defensively. It's allowing our pitchers to pitch with a lot more confidence.

The Irish have pulled their usual April and May magic. In Mainieri's 11 years at Notre Dame, his teams have combined to win 80.5 percent of their April games.

The team ERA has dropped to 4.50, while the fielding percentage has risen to .957. Lilley leads the squad with a .372 batting average and a .523 on-base percentage. And, most importantly, the Irish are 13-3-1 at home.

Despite the slow start to the season, the Irish always expected success.

"The Irish always expected success."

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Dear Graduates,

Prayers and best wishes to members of the Class of 2005. On behalf of the University, I would like to thank you for the many and varied contributions you have made to the University as students. Your presence among us has greatly enriched this community.

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Irish beat UCLA for second ever national championship

Notre Dame wins title on penalty kicks over Bruins in final

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

This was a celebration. This was a mission. This was a game that needed double overtime and penalty kicks to pull out the win.

But for the Irish, the NCAA championship victory was the highlight of an impressive 24-1-1 record this year.

The team got off to a strong start early in the season, with a 7-2 victory over Baylor on Aug. 27. Forward Katie Thorlakson had a stellar performance, as she was a part of all seven points, tying a Notre Dame record. Other notable performances in the win included forward Amanda Cinalli, who scored the first two goals of the contest, and Candace Chapman, who also scored two goals for the team.

Despite the victory, Irish coach Randy Waldrum still expected more from the team.

"I didn’t think we were sharp the whole night," Waldrum said to uncertainty. "Now, we scored some fantastic goals, but I don’t feel like we ever controlled the tempo of the game like I expected us to against UCLA."

However, when it came down to critical Big East matchups such as Connecticut on Sept. 17, the team allowed little room for error. In the close 1-0 win, the team looked upon senior defender Kate Tabbiski to make an assist to Cinalli for the goal. This was Tabbiski’s first point for the Irish, a player who missed last season because of nagging injuries. The victory improved Waldrum because of how well the team performed as a unit.

"Kate made a great read to intercept the ball, and we all are so happy for her. She’s been such a hard worker and really has come on during the last six months," Waldrum said to uncertainty after the win. "Our depth was a key tonight because of the tempo of the game. We felt comfortable with putting in so many players into the game, and that can make all the difference."

Another consistent and key performer for the Irish this season was midfielder Jen Burzowski. On Oct. 16, Burzowski made her second last-minute goal to pull out the 1-0 win for the Irish over No. 20 Boston College, the first coming against Georgetown on Oct. 10. The assist came from defender Kim Lortore, the second from the season. This win extended the team’s victory total to 53 games against Big East opponents at home and claimed the Big East regular season title for Notre Dame.

The only loss this season came during the Big East championship game against Connecticut on Nov. 7. The only goal for the Irish in the 2-1 defeat came from Jones, the first of her career.

Despite the loss late in the season, it did not stop the Irish from making a run in the NCAA championships as the No. 4 seed in the tournament. The Irish defeated Eastern Illinois, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Portland and Santa Clara to reach the championship game against UCLA on Dec. 5 in Cary, NC.

After trailing 1-0 in the second half, surviving a penalty kick off of a save from goalie Erika Bohn and getting through double overtime, Notre Dame still managed to get the 1-1, 4-3 penalty-kick victory over the Bruins.

After Thorlakson missed the first of seven penalty kick attempts by the Irish, goals from Sarah Kalpeny, Buczkowski, Annie Scheller and Jill Krivak and a miss from the Bruins’ LindsayGreco clinched the win for Notre Dame.

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Hockey

Poulin resigns following season

Former Islanders' assistant Jeff Jackson becomes new head coach

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associated Press

After a 5-27-6 season which resulted in Irish coach Dave Poulin stepping down as head coach to take a front office position, Notre Dame has responded by going in a different direction.

Jeff Jackson was named as Notre Dame's head hockey coach on May 6, becoming the fourth head coach in the modern era of Irish hockey.


During his time at Lake Superior State, Jackson also took his team to six consecutive NCAA tournament appearances.

Jackson moved on to the professional ranks after his time at Lake Superior, coaching the Guelph Storm of the Ontario Hockey League. He coached there until two seasons ago, when he became an assistant coach for the New York Islanders.

Jackson takes over a team that appeared in the NCAA tournament in the 2003-2004 season. However, last year the Irish had trouble scoring goals all season and finished last in the CCHA. The team was winless in the last 19 games of the season.

Irish players are already excited about Jackson and his previous experience coming into this season. "I think it's great," rising junior forward Josh Selha said. "It's coming from a tremendous background so there's nothing that we can complain about at all."

In his press conference, Jackson was very direct about his expectations for turning around the Irish program—nothing that he has to examine where the team is before taking the next step and giving respect to those who came before him. "I need to evaluate where we are and what we need to do," Jackson said to and.com. "I sincerely believe that there's a tradition here stemming back from the days of Coach [Lefty] Smith and Coach [Ric] Schafter, and 1 think when the CCHA entered Notre Dame back into their league and Dave Poulin came here, I think it took another step.

Jackson stressed that discipline and hard work are keys to having a successful hockey team. It is in that attitude the new coach will bring to his young team. "I really believe it's all about work ethic and discipline," Jackson told and.com. "You have to get the players here who can play, but then it's all about work ethic and discipline. The old saying is search for players who teach them to fly in formation.

Players agree that hard work will be needed to turn around the Irish fortunes next year, and Jackson has already addressed this in his one meeting with the team. "Before we left, [Jackson] had a meeting with us," Selha said. "He wants us to work on our conditioning and basically be prepared for when we come back in the fall. We can be a contender in our league again and not be in the basement of our league again.

"From the time he came out, everybody was in awe and in shock. His demeanor is very serious, upright ... passionate about his job. Everyone liked the way he responded and acted in that meeting."

The new coach will inherit a team that is young, only graduating three seniors this season. Captain Cory McLean, Joe Zurenko and goalie Morgan Cey will graduate this weekend.

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Young Irish struggle from start to finish

Rebuilding team wins only five of 38 games and nets just 60 goals

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

Coming off an NCAA tournament berth, the Irish knew it would be difficult to repeat their success with a young team that graduated a good amount of their talent.

However, a five-win season was not exactly what the Irish players, coaches and fans were expecting.

On February 12, the Irish were tied with Ferris State at three goals each when the puck got loose in the near corner. With the Irish pressing, trying to score a go-ahead goal, a 3-on-2 break developed on the other end, leading to a game-winning short-handed goal with 53 seconds remaining.

It was this type of head-shaking play that defined Notre Dame's hockey season.

Rising senior Mike Walsh spoke about the frustration that began to build as the struggles continued with each game. "Everybody is looking at one another wondering when that next bounce is going to go our way," Walsh said.

Unfortunately, the Irish never got those lucky bounces, following a 2-1 win over Brussels on January 2, the Irish proceeded to go winless in their last 19 games of the season—including two losses to Michigan in the CCHA playoffs. The 5-27-6 finish was enough to force head coach Dave Poulin to step down from his position and take a development job in the front office.

"Obviously for every individual and in terms of their goals, it was a disappointment," Walsh said. "As well as a disappointment for the head coach and Walsh credited his old coach for preparing the team each year, placing responsibility on the shoulders of himself and the rest of his teammates.

"They gave us the game plan, and it's our job to go out and execute it," Walsh said. "We were never ill-prepared for anything. It comes from the leadership down. As an assistant (captain), it was my job to prepare everyone.

The season was not a complete loss for the Irish, as goalie Morgan Cey kept the team in every game in which they played.

Cey was outstanding all season, and Poulin praised him all year for his excellence and his leadership, even when the team was struggling.

In the squad's final game against Kent State, the Wolverines to just one goal—saving 43 shots in the overtime loss.

Next season, Jeff Jackson will be the Irish head coach and he brings with him an impressive reputation. Jackson coached Lake Superior to three straight national title games, winning in 1992 and 1994.

Jackson has been an assistant coach with the New York Islanders for the last two seasons.

While bringing in new faces and a new coach, Walsh expressed that having a new coach in charge has already provided a spark for next season.

"Everybody's excited. It's a breath of fresh air within the program," Walsh said.

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Irish win two tournaments in best season in decades

Kubinski leads team to victories in Tulane Invitational and Big East Championship, as well as strong finish in Augusta Invitational, the Irish beat UNC-Wilmington on the first playoff hole to capture a surprising victory. Nearly every other team in the field had competed in a previous tournament, while Notre Dame struggled just to get in practice rounds because of the South Bend weather.

But the Irish played exceptionally well, led by Cole Isban's 221 (73-71-77). The Irish continued their strong play, capturing fourth place in the Irish Springs Invitational in Florida and second in the Gen. Jim Hacker Invitational in South Carolina.

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By KEN FOWLER

A new coach and a new beginning for the Irish this winter not only salvaged Notre Dame's season, they helped propel the team to its best year in decades.

The Irish now have a chance to reach the NCAA Championships with a strong showing at the NCAA Central Regional May 19-21. The team will have a distinct advantage, as Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course will play home to the event.

"We're really excited for the regionals," first-year head coach Jim Kubinski said. "I think all the guys on our team have been playing really well.

To qualify for the NCAA Championships, to be held in Baltimore June 1-4, the Irish must finish tenth or better at the Regional. Last year's team came in as the No. 24-seed and finished 12th. This year's team is seeded fifth-place showing in the year's regionals, the Inverness Intercollegiate.

The defending Big East champions played back-to-back golf in the fall, with the team's best finish a fifth-place showing in the year's first tournament, the Inverness Intercollegiate.

By the end of the fall stretch, the Irish had experienced ups and downs, and head coach John Jasinski went on administrative leave within two weeks of the team's final fall tournament. Less than a month later, he resigned.

After an extensive search, which included a subcommittee of Irish golfers interviewing a "short list" of four candidates for the head coaching position, the Irish hired the former Duke assistant Kubinski.

Nominated for the 2004 Golf Coaches' Association of America Assistant Coach of the Year award, Kubinski brought high expectations for himself and the program, along with an enthusiasm that appealed to team members.

The Irish shut up the polls this spring with two wins and a gratifying seventh-place finish in the Augusta State Invitational, a tournament in which the field consisted of over a dozen NCAA qualifiers. However, Kubinski says he has "only accomplished about 20 percent" of what he wants to achieve at Notre Dame.

"I think the guys have had to go through a lot this year," he said. "They made an adjustment to a new coach. For where we are ... I couldn't be happier."

Where they are is two-time defending Big East champions, preparing to host the Central regional.

And the turnaround from the fall was evident in Notre Dame's first spring tournament.

Traveling to the Bayou to compete against thirteen teams in the Nokia Sugar Bowl/Tulane Invitational, the Irish beat UNC-Wilmington on the first playoff hole to capture a surprising victory. Nearly every other team in the field had competed in a previous tournament, while Notre Dame struggled just to get in practice rounds because of the South Bend weather.

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Irish No. 3 golfer Cole Isban takes a swing at the Notre Dame Invitational/Central Regional Preview on Nov. 17. Isban led the Irish this spring with a 74.33 stroke average.
FOOTBALL

Season plagued by inconsistency ends in disappointment

Turbulent year includes blowout losses to Purdue and Southern Cal, leads to Willingham's firing and Weis' hiring

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

In the 2004 season, time sim­ply ran out on Tyrone Willing­ham.

After three seasons as head coach, Willingham became the first Notre Dame head football coach to be fired before his original contract expired.

Willingham led Irish to a 6-6 record in his final season, earning some significant victories but also suffering several blowout losses.

Though Notre Dame hosted No. 7 Michigan and No. 9 Tennessee, the Irish lost badly to Purdue (64-16), USC (61-10) and Oregon State (38-21).

“Usually what happens is the team that is most consistent makes a few more plays that give them more than the other team,” Willingham said. “And in some cases, they make a lot more plays.”

Notre Dame was inconsistent from play to play and from game to game, beginning with a sea­son-opening, 20-17 loss to BYU in Provo, Utah.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn completed 26 of 47 passes for 265 yards, including a 54-yard touchdown screen pass to wide receiver Rhema McKnight. Quinn later finished the season with 2,386 yards passing and 17 touchdowns. The loss to BYU, however, set the tone for a rough, up-and-down season.

Notre Dame rebounded in roll over Michigan at home, 28-20. Freshman running back Danos Walker, one of a couple consist­ent bright spots for the team, ran for 115 yards on 31 carries and two touchdowns.

“Those guys did something sig­nificant, but it was still one win,” Willingham said following the game. “We can’t get ahead of ourselves. Tomorrow we have to start all over.”

The Irish remained levelhead­ed in disposing of Michigan State on the road the following week, 31-24. Notre Dame’s defense forced six turnovers, including a 75-yard fumble return by safety Tom Zitkowitz. But the defense became the most consistent area of concern throughout the year.

Though the Irish then domi­nated a struggling Washington squadron, 38-3, the following week Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton lit up the Notre Dame secondary. Orton threw for 385 yards and four touchdowns, including a 97-yarder to wide receiver Taylor Stubblefield, who pumped his fist all the way down the field at Notre Dame Stadium. Notre Dame gave up an average of 2N1.2 yards passing per game in its 2004 opponents, including a total of 23 touchdowns through the air.

The team earned wins in its next two games against Stanford and Navy, moving to a No. 24 national ranking, but on Oct. 23 Boston College humbled Notre Dame for the fourth consecutive season. Eagles quarterback Matt Ryan threw a 30-yard touch­down pass with 54 seconds remaining to top the Irish, 24-23.

Notre Dame never recovered.

The following week Willingham gave up to rally the team and scored a 17-13 win at Tennessee, but what then fol­lowed were a heartbreak­ing, 41-38 loss to Pittsburgh and an embarrassing, 41-10 blowout at the hands of rival USC.

Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko became the first quarter­back to throw five touchdown passes against Notre Dame. USC quarterback Matt Leinart matched Palko’s touchdowns total the next week, also throw­ing for a career-high 400 yards.

And though Notre Dame played Oregon State in the Dec. 29 Insight Bowl, Willingham’s time ran out on Nov. 30 when the University fired the head coach.

Notre Dame hired New England Patriots offensive coor­dinator Charlie Weis on Dec. 12 and held a press conference the following day.

“We simply have not made the progress on the field that we need to make,” athletic director Kevin White said in an initial statement.

Meanwhile, whether players were pleased or disappointed with the move, the prevailing sense surrounding the program called for a change of leader­ship.

“There’s so much talent here,” senior linebacker Derek Curry said. “There’s a lot of young guys who can do a lot of great things with the new system com­ing up. And I hope those guys really play like they can play. They’ll be fine.”

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bering racing his siblings during his childhood. He played soccer and basketball in addition to run-
ing track in his hometown of Friendswood, Texas.
Nurudeen began his track career with the 400-meter dash.
"I have the stamina for it—I don't really have the speed of a 100-meter runner," Nurudeen said.
"Then my coach, he decid-
ed to put me in the 110 hurdles.
"The former runner had found a home among the hurdles.
When his times started to drop, Nurudeen decided to stick with the new event.
After focusing on the hurdles, Nurudeen began to attract the attention of colleges. When the
time came to select a college, he went recruited more heavily for track than basketball — motivat-
ing him to work even harder in track.
"I took the opportunity, and I've been getting better ever since," he said.
Although Nurudeen first looked at schools based on the caliber of their track programs, academics
were an important factor, as well.
"The academics at Notre Dame...that part was no-brainer," he said.
"It's not a super-elite track team or anything, but I was talking to my dad, and he said "It's where you go, it's what you do where you're at."'
Nurudeen has proved to be a great fit for Notre Dame.
"He was an excellent high school hurdler. Did we expect him to win four straight Big East Championships? No. Only five people have ever won four in a row... We thought he'd run well, but there was no way to expect this.
This year, Nurudeen took the hurdles title with a time of 13.65 seconds, a season best by .20 seconds and placing him among the nation's Top 10 times. He also placed second in the 200-meter hurdles with a time of 21.11 seconds.
"The biggest thing that sticks out to me was getting All-American in the indoor hurdles this year," he said. "This put me where I needed to be amongst the other elite hurdlers, and it showed me I was getting better and improving and where I needed to be.
In his junior season, Nurudeen set the school record in the 60-
minute hurdles and won that event in the Big East champi-
onships in addition to notch-
ing his third gold in the 110-meter hurdles.
However, a sig-
nificant change for Nurudeen was in the classroom, when he changed from a pre-med major to industri-
Al design.
"I've always drawn. This is my number one passion, so changing to industrial design... it's opened so many doors for me," Nurudeen said. "I got second in a national design competition... it's completely changed my life. It's made things so much easier, not only in the classroom but also in track.
Plane said the student-athlete combination in Nurudeen was an important contribution he made to the team.
"He's an All-American indoors and probably, we hope, an All-American outdoors this spring," Plane said. "He works very hard and is a very good student.
Another important event of this year was running in the Olympic trials.
"It was interesting running against that caliber of hurdlers," Nurudeen said.
For the next Olympic trials, Nurudeen plans to work harder to prepare for the event, noting that his preparation time was more limited than that of other competitors.
Plane said the Olympic trials illustrated more of his develop-
ment as an athlete.
"He's improved pretty signifi-
cantly," Plane said. "The big thing he's learned is to compete.
He used to be a good hurdler — now he's an excellent hurdler.
"He's not intimidated when he gets into a race, and he competed in the U.S. Olympic trials." Being a track runner has played a signifi-
cant role in shap-
ing Nurudeen's Notre Dame experience. He has worked to build relation-
ships with coach-
es and athletes
and balancing school and sports. Coach-athlete relationships
have helped me a lot to get me where I am," Nurudeen said.
"It's been really helpful and a really great relationship and one I'll definitely have once I leave here.
"Aside from individual accom-
plishments, what the track team has accomplished together has been important to Nurudeen.
"A positive thing is that we're doing well, we've won a few Big East indoor and outdoor champi-
onships," he said.
He also considers his team-
mates to be his closest friends.
"Traveling with the team, get-
ting to know the different guys... it's been really interesting, train-
ing with everybody," said Nurudeen.
"You're not only getting
yourself better but you're also getting each other better.
Nurudeen said he spends most of his time with his teammates,
nothing college activities.
Despite enjoying his senior year, Nurudeen remains extremely
"I definitely want to win
nationals — that's number one goal," he said. "It's going to be tough, but that's what I want to do.
"He is unsure of where next year will take him.
"There are so many options for me right now," Nurudeen said. "I am not even sure — I am looking into grad school, and there are a few different jobs, but I'm not ruling out running professionally ...
I just don't want to leave any stone unturned and make sure I don't regret anything.
He has no regrets from his time at Notre Dame, though.
"We've had some real out-
standing athletes here, and he's been one of them," said Plane.
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Salim Nurudeen clears a hurdle at the Mayo Invitational at Notre Dame on Feb. 5.
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not 100 percent sure (that I will be able to). I still am waiting for permission, I have to apply," she said. "It's called Optional Practical Training (OPT), and I applied for it to wait two months."

She just returned to her native Poland while waiting for OPT permission, one option Kryczalo has in the interim is to continue her training, with the goal of competing in a World Cup event in Las Vegas in mid-June.

"I will try to do my best to keep on practicing, keep on going to competition, but we'll see," she said.

However, despite being a member of the Polish national team, Kryczalo has found it difficult to gain backing from her home country for her competitions in the United States.

"I'm representing Poland everywhere," she said. "If I were to be representing United States it would be a different story, but in I is different country we're representing Poland, they don't want so much to support me when I'm abroad, so it's really hard.

At the beginning of May, she had an opportunity to compete in Poland under the full sponsorship of her Polish team, returning to her native city of Gdansk for an event.

"In general, it was really nice travel for me, because it was in my home city... and I got to see my family and friends, so it was very nice," she said. "I didn't do very well as I was expecting to, but it's OK, I knew it wasn't a good time for me (laughs)."

New Interests?

While Kryczalo plans to continue fencing, it is clear she would define herself in other ways.

"Well, I still have to find some things, instead of fencing, I'm really excited about that, because I have been practicing for the past 12 years I didn't have time for other things in my life," she said.

A few things she will try to do more of will certainly include her creative artistic endeavors, a pursuit for which her availability has not always matched her passion.

"I was always interested in art, and I like to paint and write," she said. "I was painting more before — fencing kind of took it away from me — but with writing, I'm still writing. I used to write poems, some stories. I'm still doing this; maybe I will have more time for it."

Additionally, Kryczalo may consider submitting her work, especially her writing, into the public sphere.

"I tried, my teacher one time sent one of my poems, in Poland," she said.

"It was long ago, for the contest, and I got the first place award but an award in Poland. I will try to do that."

Ultimately, Kryczalo — who is fluent in English and Polish, conversant in Spanish and taking German classes — aspires to travel the globe and work as an interpreter after going to graduate school.

"I love languages... I would like to have [a] nice job, but that's why I also want to be interpreter/translator because I don't want to have all everyday job," she said.

"I would like to travel sometimes and do my stuff, with kind of more free time."

Looking back...

Although she is ready to move on to the next phase of her life, Kryczalo definitely feels like she is leaving a part of herself behind as she leaves Notre Dame and the team she has helped lead the past four years.

"I feel like my life will change totally... Here I would say my life was very troublesome, I was just concentrating to study, and to fence and to meet new people and enjoy my life.

"A lot of her memories center around the NCAA finals, an event where she had great success in her career. She won the NCAA individual title in 2002, 2003 and 2004 before finishing as the runner-up this past season. She was also an integral part of two national championship teams, in 2003 and 2005.

"Each year, all my practices, the goal was NCAA championships, so I remember each time we were fencing," she said.

Each year, she says, the experiences were a little different.

"The first time, I didn't know what to expect, I was really, really stressed out because I wanted to show what I can do, and I didn't know, actually, what I can do," she said. "I know that I was a little hard on me, and I really, really prepared, and it really went well for me. I just remember I was really, really happy when I finally won. There is a lot of joy.

"The next three years, the tournament was different, as she entered as the defending champion and favorite.

"I was defending my title, so I was more stressed out, but on the other side, I knew more what to expect," she said. "The second year when we won as a team was the first time I won with my team, so we could share this joy, and I was double champion, which was even cooler."

Saying Goodbye

By her final season, the team aspect had grown to be an even greater part of her identity in Notre Dame, fencing, and it was Kryczalo's performance in her final round-robin bout that clinched the title for the Irish.

"The first three years, its individual, even the team tournament, I remember individuals. The last year, I remember the team winning, because it was such a great experience for me when I had my last year my boot and everybody jumped at me after that," she said. "I didn't even expect that we could win, because we were losing a lot after two days. And then I saw the joy in our coaches, who I appreciate so much and like so much, and I know they put so much effort into this... It was really a great feeling. I had tears in my eyes. It was so much sweeter, it took away this bitterness that I didn't win (the individual title)."

Ultimately, it is the team moments and teammates she will miss most as she begins to move on.

"All the people on my team I really like in one or the other way, all of them are very nice and interesting people," she said. "It's hard to find such a wide circle of friends as easy as I found here."

She feels perhaps her closest bond with fellow senior foilist Andrea Amesti especially, who was a four-time All-America along with Kryczalo, twice falling to her in the finals.

"She was really an amazing teammate, and because I was so lucky to have such good results, somehow I think she's sometimes getting lost in this," she said.

"She was kind of the spirit of our team, too, and really a good friend as well, so I definitely would like to say I will miss her, because I will never find such a good teammate."

She will also be saddened walking away from her two coaches, Janusz Bednarski and Zoltan Dudacs, who have given her much different type of coaching than she received in Poland.

"I really prefer the way I was coached in ND, when I could talk with coaches and they were understanding. They really, really were with me, so when I was losing, they were consoling me. They were never angry, they were standing on my side," she said. "Both of them are not only concerned about fencing, they are also interested in our lives and what we are doing after fencing."

No matter where she goes, a part of Kryczalo will always be home in Poland.

"I have kind of a double life now, and my life in Poland is losing because I'm staying here more of the time, so it hurts me," she said. At the same time, Kryczalo, a psychology major, relishes the opportunity to meet new people as she begins her post-graduate life in the United States.

"I like to meet new people. I think they can bring a lot of new life, you can learn from them," she said. "I always think that people create places for me. That's why, when people are saying some places are boring, I always say, 'Yeah, but it's not about the place, it's just about the people,' so if you have good people there, then it's the best place."

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The 2005 captains of the Saint Mary's golf team take a break from a day on the links. They are, from left, Stefanie Simmerman, Chrissy Dunham and Julie Adams.

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"My improvement has a lot to do with Mark and his joining of the team," Simmerman said. "He has a lot of confidence in me. He can tell me what I'm doing with my hands, at what point I am striking. He knows my game probably better than I do."

Under his tutelage, Simmerman has continued to drop strokes from her scorecard and post low rounds.

She finished her junior spring with an 82.5 scoring average and was set to defend her title at the national championships in Green Lake, Wis. After a three-day total of 238 (78-82-78) left her within striking distance of the lead, Simmerman struggled on the final day of the event, but still managed to tie for twelfth place.

But that didn't meet Simmerman's own expectations.

"It was disappointed with a twelfth-place finish, but taking twelfth place at the national championships isn't all that bad," she said. 

"I had more planned for myself - I thought I could have done better elsewhere."

Nevertheless, her four-round total of 328 left the Belles to an eighth-place finish in the team competition. That goes a long way, even if it falls short of expectations of a national title.

"Bringing Saint Mary's name up in the rankings is important to me," she said.

That she has done, as she became the first Belles golfer to earn All-MIAA honors in four consecutive years by finishing second in this year's scoring average race.

Even though she's only one spot higher than she was as a sophomore, she said, "I think there is a lot more to come.""
Irish move in different direction:
Willingham fired, Weis hired

November-December, 2004

The news stunned a group on Notre Dame campus on the morning of Nov. 30, as head football coach Tyrone Willingham was fired after three seasons with the Irish. Willingham started 8-0 but finished his tenure at Notre Dame with a 21-19 record and three thirty-one point losses to USC. There was a large outcry in the media and on campus about the removal of Willingham having racial implications.

After rumors that Irish athletic director Kevin White was close to hiring Utah coach Urban Meyer, Meyer spurned Notre Dame for Florida — leading to the eventual hiring of New England Patriots' offensive coordinator, and four-time Super Bowl winner, Charlie Weis on Dec. 14. Weis has already brought a new spark of intensity to the football program, even though he had not coached a game yet, Weis has also startled critics that he might not be able to pull in top players by signing six recruits already for the class of 2009.

Davie axed; leads to coaching fiasco

After Notre Dame fired Bob Davie, the football program was taken on a rollercoaster ride. George O'Turey was introduced at a Dec. 9 press conference, but it took only five days to catch him fumbling on his resume. Stanford head coach Tyrone Willingham then hired on Jan. 1, 2002 replacing O'Turey.

December 2001

Women's soccer wins national title

After an impressive regular season that saw the women's soccer team finish with a 24-1-1 overall record, the Irish won the National Championships against UCLA on Dec. 5. It was the first national title since 1995, one that came after just overtime periods and penalty kicks.

December 5, 2004

Willingham leads Return to Glory

In his first year as head coach, Tyrone Willingham led the Irish to an 8-0 start. His 10-2-1迈进 were the most by a first-year Notre Dame football coach.

The season's top moments included a win over Utah and a win at No. 11 Florida State.

Fall 2002

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 56 games, a new record.

June 15-18, 2002

Brey-coached Irish find Sweet success

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

March 2003

Fencers champs twice in three years

In 2003, Notre Dame won the National Championship since 1994 — after finishing second or third every year since then. In 2000, they proved victorious again, winning the national title. Since 2002, Irish fencers have won individual titles, with senior foil, Alex Keyes, winning three.

March 20, 2005

Coaches exit SMC in revolving door

In a two and a half month period, three Saint Mary's coaches resigned.

The athletic department, which could barely pay its head coaches $6,000 a year, was unable to attract and retain quality coaches, Todd Johnson, John Gatoff and Theresa Pukerek all left Saint Mary's during the spring.

Spring 2002

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 Dave Puckett's team played a difficult schedule during the regular season earning the at-large bid, including a win over then-No. 1 Boston College.

March 2003

Women's golf makes NCAAs

For the first time in the 68-year history of the program, the Irish advance to the NCAA tournament. The Irish received the No. 19 seed at the Central Regional at NCAA Women's by winning a school-record four tournaments during the regular season, including their second consecutive Big East Championship.

April 26, 2004
Women's cross country team finishes fourth in NCAA championships, men's

**Nov. 20 -** Irish women's volleyball defeats Pittsburgh in straight sets to capture the Big East Championship. The Irish finish the regular season 20-8.

**Nov. 23 -** Irish men's soccer falls to Ohio State 2-1 in an upset in the second round of the NCAA championship. The Irish finish the year 13-3.

**Dec. 4 -** Irish women's volleyball falls to Wisconsin in straight sets in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

**Dec. 7 -** Men's golf head coach John Jasinski resigns for personal reasons after a disappointing fall in his third year with the program.

**Dec. 14 -** Irish golfer Chris Sawyer earns first-team All-American honors.

**Jan. 12 -** Three Irish soccer players are drafted in the first two rounds of the annual MLS draft. Midfielder Jack Stewart was the first Irish player selected, at No. 10 by the Chicago Fire.

**Jan. 29 -** The Notre Dame men's tennis team picks up its 1,000th victory in program history with a 5-2 victory over No. 18 North Carolina.

**Feb. 8 -** Men's basketball hands Boston College their first loss of the season after 20 straight victories, 68-65. Colin Falls scores 23 to lead the Irish.

**Feb. 20 -** Women's swimming wins its ninth consecutive Big East Championship. Coach Bailey Weir wins his sixth Big East Coach of the Year award.

**Feb. 5 -** Irish spinner Kurt Benninger posts a sub-four-minute mile time of 3:58.75 at the Indoor Meyo Invitational.

**Jan. 28 -** Jim Hurlih, Duke's assistant men's and women's golf coach, is named Notre Dame men's golf head coach after a two-month search to fill the vacancy.
Year in Review

lacrosse struggles, and volleyball draws the No. 17 attendance in the country.

Coach Bailey Weathers resigned after ten years at the helm of Notre Dame women's swimming. Weathers was named Big East Coach of the Year six times during his tenure at Notre Dame. His replacement is yet to be named.

Volleyball
Notre Dame ranked No. 17 nationally in home matches this season — and with good reason.

The Irish finished the year with their eighth Big East Tournament title, an invitation to the NCAA tournament and a 21-9 record after a season of matches that kept fans on the edges of their seats.

The year was characterized by ups and downs, but the Irish struggled in its earliest games with establishing a consistent offense. But with their upset of No. 14 Utah Oct. 20, the Irish were Pittsburgh for the Big East Championship Nov. 21 and the first ever win over Long Beach State on Nov. 28, the Irish demonstrated they had much potential they possessed.

The team’s hard work also earned some of its members the praise of volleyball officials.

Emily Kelbley, junior, and Kristen Siaski was named Big East Rookie of the Week two weeks in a row.

Junior Lauren Brewster, senior, and Emily Kelbley also earned the titles of Big East Player of the Week award on two separate occasions. Junior libero Meg Henican also won the Big East Player of the Week award, only the second libero to ever receive the honor.

Brewster, senior Emily Loomis and junior Lauren Corbett, a sweeper, were named tournament MVP and AVCA All-Northeast Region, with Loomis and Kelbley also gaining honorable mention All-Region. Brewster was named AVCA Third-Team All-American.

Fueled by the confidence they gained with their impressive performances early in the season, the Irish took on the NCAA Championships. Henican led the Irish in their opening match against Valparaiso with a tournament-record 27 digs for a 30-21, 20-30, 30-28, 30-20 victory.

Despite their promising start, Notre Dame fell to 14th-seeded Wisconsin 36-34, 30-16, 30-16. The Irish return everyone but three seniors — Kelly Corbett, Loomis and Leah Noonmark — and the No. 15 Irish return with a newfound sense of confidence following their Big East victory, the Irish are looking to defend their NCAA Championships.

No. 23 Notre Dame's 4-0 win over Syracuse at the Big East Championships on April 23 clinched the Irish’s third straight automatic bid in the NCAA competition. The team (14-9) will travel to the first round.

In addition, sophomores attacker Eric Rohn and Christian Thompson each earned individual invitations to the NCAA Championships on May 23-28. Ranked No. 44, Caterina will take the courts to compete in the singles tournament before teaming up with Christian as the Irish’s half of the No. 6 doubles team.

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With the Irish finishing third in the Big East, the Irish’s half of the No. 10 doubles team, Butler and Menz, earned their way to the second round of the NCAA tournament. The Irish posted an 8-6 record in dual meets during his career.

Men’s lacrosse
Despite being ranked as high as No. 10 at the beginning of the season, Notre Dame struggled down the stretch and missed out on its goal of reaching the NCAA Tournament.

The Irish finished the season 7-4 overall and 3-2 in the Great Wester Intercollegiate Lacrosse League but were disappointed after starting the season 5-1 with wins over then No. 21 Penn State, then-No. 10 North Carolina and then-No. 13 Hofstra.

The downturn began with a 10-9 loss at Dartmouth. The Big Green scored two goals in the final three minutes to give the Irish their third of losses in the final five games.

The defeat at Dartmouth was followed by a 9-6 home loss to the Missouri State, and the Irish in their opening match against No. 6 Ohio State, 4-3.

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Women’s lacrosse
With the program a record 10-0 start to the 2004 campaign squarely on their shoulders, the Irish struggled to meet expectations in 2004, compiling a 3-11 overall record (1-4 in Big East), including a five-game losing streak.

The Irish kicked off the season on the right foot, knocking off Ohio State 16-10 on Feb. 27.

From there, however, it was almost all downhill.

Plagued by slow starts that often left the Irish in large deficits by halftime, Notre Dame dropped its next four games to Northwestern, Cornell, Vanderbilt and Pitt, losing to be back in the win column with an 18-6 home victory over California. The win put the Irish in 11th place in the conference.

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BASKETBALL

The Belles posted their highest win total since they challenged the MIAA in 1995 with a record of 11-15. In addition, outstanding athletes Bridget Boyle and Emily Creachbaum were named all-MIAA players.

Cross-country

Saint Mary’s closed out the 2004 season with a sixth-place finish in the MIAA conference, tying the program’s highest finish in 2003.

Although they had a chance to climb to fourth at the conference meet, the Belles fell short in their bid. The team only had two conference competitors in which to perform, but sickness and injury seemed to be in their way during the most critical times. Unfortunately, Saint Mary’s was unable to compete against Alma during the championship meet in order to secure the fourth spot.

The Belles will graduate six seniors this weekend from their 24-member team: Elizabeth Connors, Sarah Dunn, Ashley LaLaude, Audrey Szany, Kristien Zaininger and Rina Zander. Commers and Zander were named captains for the 2004 season.

The outlook for the team is positive for the coming years, with several freshmen and sophomores proving well for the Belles. Freshman Megan Gray and sophomore Megan Murphy have consistently put up solid efforts and should help the team as they look toward another opportunity to be strong competitors in the fall.

Swimming

Michelle Stanforth (breaststroke, individual)

The Belles did not win again until the final day of the season, which provided excitement, but a five-game, early-season losing streak doomed a promising season as the Belles finished 9-15 (6-10) and sixth in the MIAA.

Seniors Katie Boyle, Maureen Bush, Emily Creachbaum and Deidre Mangan each made a valuable contribution in their final season.

Bush anchored the middle for the Belles, scoring 10.3 points per game and grabbing 5.3 rebounds. She exploded against Tri-County on Jan. 24 for 30 points on 12-29 shooting.

Creachbaum completed her junior year as the Belles’ starting power forward for the first four games. A five-game, early-season losing streak helped the Belles off the radar, but her senior year averaged 13.3 points and 10.3 rebounds per game.

The Belles were also honored with the eleventh highest team GPA in the country among Division III schools.

Tennis

A young Saint Mary’s squad improved dramatically as the year went on, winning their last four matches and finishing with an 8-9 record, good enough for fifth in the MIAA.

The Belles started the season slowly, winning just four of their first 13 matches. Then, beginning with a 5-4 victory over Bethel College on April 7, they cruised for four straight opponents. The winning streak included nine 9-0 victories over conference opponents Alma and Olivet and a 5-4 road win over Aquinas.

Kristen Palombo anchored the first singles position for the Belles, compiling a 9-10 record.

On the doubles side, Cate Mulcahy and Kelly McDavitt posted the best record of any Belles pair, going 11-8 in playing in the number one spot early in the year and then shifting to number two before the season ended.

McDavitt also posted the best singles record on the team, going 14-5 in the three and four spots.

The future looks promising for the Belles, who had only one major contributor, No. 2 singles regular Miranda Mikulyak.

Volleyball

The Saint Mary’s volleyball team had a difficult rebuilding season this year, as a tough conference schedule culminated in an early exit from the MIAA Tournament.

The Belles finished the season seventh in the MIAA with a record of 5-11. Overall, Saint Mary’s concluded the season with a record of 6-19. After beginning the year 0-5, the squad gained momentum and was able to pull it all together and finish the season 2-11 in their final 13 matches.

The seniors leaving the Belles include captains Michelle Gary, Elise Rupright and Stacey Stark.

Saint Mary’s sports this year featured, from top, Julia Adams and Amber Santry of the golf team, softball catcher Sarah Miele and guard Bridget Boyle.
May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.  
- Irish Blessing
**Consistent excellence**

Selim Nurudeen takes home four top finishes in Big East hurdles

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Selim Nurudeen is used to having obstacles in his path.

After all, for a hurdler, obstacles define the road to success — and Nurudeen has seen phenomenal success in the 110-meter hurdles, taking the Big East title in the event for four consecutive years.

“He is a quiet leader, and he does what he has to do to be great,” coach Joe Piane said. “If you are the best kid on the team doing everything — not cutting corners — for the younger kids, it motivates you.”

This leadership and four years of excellence with the Irish track team are the reasons why The Observer has named Nurudeen the 2004-2005 Senior Male Athlete of the Year.

“We’ve been running since we were little, competing against each other and everything” Nurudeen said, fondly remem-

**Excellence is par for course with former national champion**

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

It didn’t take long for Stefanie Simmerman to make her mark.

Just two years into her collegiate career, the then-sophomore won the individual national title for Division III women’s golf.

The achievement was momentous — her title was the first national championship in any sport in the history of Saint Mary’s athletes.

“It means more to me that the school is recognized with a champion than I am individually,” she said.

For this reason and for her continued excellence on the golf course, the senior has been named the 2004-05 Saint Mary’s Athlete of the Year.

As a sophomore, Simmerman shot 315 (76-82-77-80) for four rounds at The Links of Green Lake, Wise., to win the 2003 individual title.

“The school has done so much for me,” she said. “Bringing back that title to represent the school is just my contribution.”

But Simmerman made an impact well before being crowned national champion.

“As a freshman, she led the Belles and finished third in the MIAA in scoring average, earning her first of four consecutive All-MIAA First Team honors. She is the first Saint Mary’s golfer to ever accomplish that feat.”

“Starting off that well, I thought it could only get better from there — and it has,” she said. “If I didn’t play that well my freshman year, I don’t think I would have enjoyed the success I have the past three years.”

Simmerman steadily improved from her 88.4 scoring average in the fall of 2001 to 82.8 in the fall of her sophomore year. That season, she captured second place in the MIAA for conference scoring average, finishing at 81.4 for MIAA events.

Her average stayed virtually unchanged in the lead-up to her championship the following spring, but fell further the next fall. She finished the conference-heavy schedule of fall 2003 with an 82.0 stroke average and won MIAA medalist honors with the lowest scoring average in the conference.

As Simmerman has improved, so has the competition.

“I remember freshman year, girls were happy when they broke ninety,” she said. “Now it’s a couple over par.”

She credits the increasing level of competition with much of her success but gives even more credit to Saint Mary’s head coach, Mark Hamilton.

Now taking over coaching duties in Simmerman’s sophomore year, Hamilton has

**Simmerman looks for second national title**

Stefanie Simmerman has been named The Observer’s 2004-05 Outstanding Senior Saint Mary’s Athlete of the Year.

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

For the first time since she was about 11 years old, Alicia Kryczalo is unsure how she will fill her time.

Kryczalo, a three-time NCAA champion in the foil who has been fencing year-round at the highest level for the past dozen years, is ready to have free time and to discover new interests.

“To be honest, I’m very excited, because I feel like I can now create my life, because it was always shaped by fencing,” Kryczalo said. “I was so lucky to have fencing, but now I feel I’m ready to create something with my life.”

Next year, Kryczalo plans on working as an intern for the Culver Academy, an elite college-prep boarding school in Culver, Ind., about 40 minutes from Notre Dame.

“I’m sure I want to do the internship next year … (but it’s)

**TRACK AND FIELD**

Teams finish second in Big East

Selim Nurudeen and Maryanne Erigha lead Irish to strong finish
**A DOMER!!!!!!**
Kimberly, Congratulations!
May you be blessed with health and happiness and may the luck of the Irish follow you always.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Zack

**Congratulations Shay Baby!**

Elizabeth to Mary: "Oh, how happy is the woman who believes in God, for his promises to her come true." (Luke 1).

**Congratulations!**
Mom and Dad

**Keep reaching for the sky!**
Congratulations!
With love and pride,
The Whole "Famamily"
P-B, with great respect, love and admiration for the person that you are and for your many accomplishments. You are our joy and our treasure.

Love always,
Ma and Dad

Born to be Irish
Congratulations Ryan!

Love, Mom, Dad and Girlzies

Emily, you have been “Irish” from your first day of school.
We are so proud of you!
We love you bunches!
Dad, Mom, Pete, and Hattie

Congratulations to Michael Christopher Duda and your 2005 Notre Dame classmates.
Little did we know you were riding on to Notre Dame.
Best of Luck!
Love, Mom, Dad, Leigh Ann, Lendy, Fritz Jr. (87), Jim, and Lindsey
We are proud of you J.R.!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Tara, & Sandy

Go IRISH!

Congratulations Brian!
We always knew you were on the ball!
Love, Mom, Dad,
Susan, Laura, and Tess

Your smile is God’s love in action! We love you and are proud of you Margie!
Mom, Dad, Bobby, JM, Claire & Beth

Congratulations Tricia
on your graduation from Saint Mary’s and your new job.

It’s just in time. We’re running out of money!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Michelle

Congratulations Steve!
You’re #1 in our hearts!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Dan and Mark

Congratulations Welsh Family Women!!

Congratulations Scuba Steve!
Always follow your dreams.

Congratulations! We are very proud of you Meghanne.
Love,
Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS WELSH FAMILY WOMEN!!
Erin Kathleen Brooks
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Kelli, and Kevin

Congratulations, Betsy!
Our “Belle” of St. Mary’s.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Mary, Ryan & “the boys”

Congratulations! You’ll always be our little girl

Congratulations! We’re so proud of you! You’ve always been first class.

Congratulations, Chrissy! We are very proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad & Kim

Congratulations! I love you Lindsey... Tommy
Congratulations Allison!

We love you and couldn’t be more proud of you. We hope that you continue to “shake down the thunder” in all you do.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Liz
Congratulations Ben.
Thanks for the Memories

Karen
Clairmont- You ARE a champion!
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Steve

"I've got to graduate, Monk. It's alright. I'm not afraid. Sometime, Monk, when the Irish are up against it, when things are wrong and the breaks are beating us, tell them to go in there with all they've got and win just one for Erin. I don't know where I'll be then, Monk, but I will hear about it, and I'll be happy."

Congratulations Erin. Hard work pays off.
"Erin Marie McCoy, B.S., Notre Dame, 2005" -has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?
Mom, Dad, Megan & Danny
Congratulations Laura
SMC '05

We knew you could do it and we are so proud of you!

With Love From All Your Family,

Dad and Mom
Natalie
Georgia and Oscar
Grandma O'Rourke
Grandpa and Grandma Losurdo
And all your uncles, aunts and cousins

Kimberly Barnett
You were meant to be a Domer!
Congratulations

Love,
Mom & Dad
CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2005

Friday, May 13, 2005

Congratulations, Joe!
You make us so proud!
We love you!

Mom, Dad and Annie

Auguroni Tori!
Che Dio ti benedica.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Life is a banquet,
Kathleen!
Enjoy it.

Love,
Gram and the Other Aunts

Dreams Come True
Shining STAR

Love,
Dad, Mom and Missy

Congratulations Sarah and Class of 2005!
We love you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Adam & Jacob

You are the sunshine of our lives.
Love, your family

Congratulations Kim!
It’s time to take a bow.
love, Mom and Dad

Erika, our Phi Beta Kappa graduate!
Congratulations, we are so proud!!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Grandma & Grandpa

Congratulations Caroline!
CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2005

Not even big hair has ever stopped our Bean!

Congratulations Dave.
May the luck of the Irish follow you to Cincinnati!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Molly and Cindy

Congratulations Greg!
You’re the best!!
Love,
Mom, John, and Peter

Congratulations Mike
Love
Mom, Dad, & Sean

May God continue to enlighten your mind with His wisdom, enrich your soul with His goodness, touch your life with His kindness, and bless your heart with His love.

Congratulations Vinnie.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Gina

Dear Miss Kate,
Congrats! Don’t look so sad - you can always come back as an alum!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Megan, Molly, Kerry, Rachel & Eddy

Congratulations Love, mom & dad & the gang

Michael,
We could not think of a better picture to represent the majors you chose at Notre Dame.
The Theological Major reflected in your face with eyes raised toward God who is always there with you keeping you true to your faith and conviction.
The Political Major a face smiling and friendly ready to reach out to the world.
We are proud of you and feel blessed that God gave us with a wonderful son. May God continue to Bless you with a happy and successful life. Congratulations Son!
Love,
Mom and Dad
God, Country, and Notre Dame

Congratulations Liz
We are very proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad
Congratulations to our Renaissance Baby.
"Practically Perfect in Every Way!"

Love
Mommy, Daddy, Dulcinea

Remember to have a little fun along the way.

Love always,
Mom & Dad

Lucky stars above you
Sunshine on your way,
Many friends to love you,
Joy in work and play -
Laughter to outweigh each care,
In your heart a song -
And gladness waiting everywhere
All your whole life long.

Love,
Mom and Dad
We can hardly believe that today is the day to put down books and go out and play! Congratulations Sarah Catherine White.

We love you, Mom, Dad and John Charles xoxo

Dear KT,
I am so proud of you: your many talents and accomplishments, your commitment to your faith, family and community, and the remarkable young woman you have become! Love always, Mom
P.S. I have loved every minute of all your Marching Band and band activities at ND!

Dear Annie,
Congratulations! Now that you are a third generation Domer, let me be one of the first to welcome you to the ND Alumni Club! How about a football game next October? Love always, Dad

Dear Katie,
Congratulations and good luck in law school!
Love, Mike

Dear Katie,
I am so proud of my wonderful granddaughter!
Love, Opa (and Oma)

KRISTEN-
YOUR EDUCATION GOES WELL BEYOND YOUR CLASSES AT NOTRE DAME. IT IS THE FRIENDS YOU HAVE MADE, YOUR EXPERIENCES AT ND AND THE FAITH YOU HAVE SEEN ALL AROUND YOU.

You are certainly more than the sum of all these parts. As you head off to San Diego, take these with you. You are the most precious gift you can offer.
Congratulations and lots of love,
Dad, Mom, Liz, and Mary Jo

What, 17 more years until I graduate from Notre Dame!
Joshua,
Thanks for the memories!
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations Arianne
May you continue to soar & reach for the stars. I am proud of you.
Love, Mom

Congratulations Danielle
on becoming a Notre Dame Graduate
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Dustin, and Damon

Something to smile about...

Congratulations
Eric Doversberger '05!
M & D

Congratulations on both your Aerospace and Spanish degrees.
Lots of love,
Dad, Mom, David and Michelle

FLY HIGH TERESA!
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Her name is Emily!

Congratulations. Love Mom & Dad

Sugarplum, you are on your way
This is the beginning of a brand new day
Success is a journey not a destination
You are already there, so congratulations!

Love, 
Mom, Dad and Family

Congratulations Craig!
We are so proud of you!
Good luck in New York!

Love, 
Mom and Sara

Congratulations to our Irish Officer and Gentleman.

Love, Mom, Dad, Mike, Carolyn, Chrissy, Maggie and Sam

You are amazing, Rozann! and we are so proud of you!!
God Bless you and we love you--Mom & Dad

Her name is Emily!

Congratulations Tori!

We are so proud of your graduation from Notre Dame and acceptance into the U of Fla Medical School!

Love, Mom, Dad, Kyle & Keegan

Congratulations Mary, we are so proud of you!!!

Saint Mary's Class of 2005

Love, Dad Mom Debbe & Brancy

Raymond, we're so proud of the man you've become.
Always follow your heart and remember how much we love you!
Mom, Dad, Robert & Ryan
Congratulations Molly—our life, our sweetness, and our hope. We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mombo & Daddy

Michele, from the time you were a little girl you dreamt of going to Notre Dame. Your dream was realized and now you are about to graduate. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. May God keep you in His care as you go forth into the business world.

Love,
Dad, Mother, Jen & Jon

Congratulations to the tailgate princesses, Maria, Katie, Jocelyn, and Erin.
Get a job!

Congratulations Gina!

Grandpa would be so very proud of you and what you’ve accomplished.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Niki and Granny

Rob, we’re so proud of you! These four years at ND have flown by. Cherish your ND memories.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Troy!!
We’re so proud of you & we love you
Love, Mom & Dad

Jennifer,
You are such a blessing and inspiration to us. We wish you joy, wisdom, and lasting love.
Congratulations,
Mom, Dad, Jack, and Julie
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Brian,
You sang the Notre Dame Fight Song for your kindergarten teacher and told her, “I’m going to Notre Dame!” You have lived your dream and we are so proud of you.
Congratulations!
Love,
XOXO Mum, Dad
XOXO Colleen & Greg

“Life is not a having and a getting, but a being and a becoming.” - Matthew Arnold
We’re so very proud of you!
Congratulations
with all our love,
Mom, Dad & Jerry

“Congratulations Don!
We love you,
Mother, Jack, Dad
and Lou Anne

Abby,
Your future looks as bright as your smile!
With pride and love,
Mom & Bill

May friends, family and laughter be your constant companions.
We love you,
Dad, Mom, Nick & Allie

Congratulations Patrick!
Love, Mom, Julie, Dan, Tricia,
Tim, Jen, Conner, Emily, Ashley

Tom,
We’re proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations!
NICK—
YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A “DOMER”

NOW YOU ARE!! GOD BLESS YOU!
LOVE,
DAD & LIZ; MIKEY, GRAMMY

CONGRATULATIONS
Meghan Anne!
YOU ARE OUR “CHAMPION”!
OUR PRIDE AND JOY!
WE LOVE YOU,
MOM AND DAD

Congratulations Teileh
You did it again!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Sister

Congratulations Peggy!

Congratulations Ju-Punkie!
WE ARE SO PROUD YOU CHOSE TO BE IRISH!
Love, Mom, Dad, Natalie, & Michelle
Congratulations Dennis!!

We are so proud of the man you have grown to be.
God Bless you.
We love you always,
Mom Dad Roge Helen

Congratulations Mandi!

Your hard work and dedication have paid off. You're "Quacktastic"!
Love, Mom, Dad, Tara & Chompers

Congratulations Bobby!

You have made us all proud.
Love, Mom, Dad, Mike & Paul

Congratulations Turkee!

Your dream has come true!
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

"To dream anything that you want to dream,
That's the beauty of the human mind.
To do anything that you want to do,
That is the strength of the human will.
To trust yourself to test your limits,
That is the courage to succeed."

Author Bernard Edmonds

Congratulations Jaclyn!
We are very proud of you!
Your family who always loves you!
Congratulations DINKY!!
Your family adores you- we are so very proud!!
SMIDGE, TARD, E, UNC, MARY LOU, ABBY, SALLY, NAN, VIN & PAPA

Congratulations Joe!
You made it again!
We are so very proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, John and family

Congratulations Ruthie!
We are so proud of our donor!
Love, Mama, Dad and Emma

Congratulations Katrina!
From a determined and energetic girl into a beautiful and caring young woman. You've earned our respect and admiration.

Carpe Diem, Sara.
Congratulations Love Momma T

Great job Kate!
We love you like crazy.
Mumsie, Pa, Becca, Nick, Matt, George and Rose

We love you "Littles." Mom & Dad

Congratulations Katy!
May the "Luck of the Irish" be with you as you Take Your First Steps into Your Future!
Love, Mom, Dad and Tracy!
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FROM AN ALL-STAR TO A DOMEr

CONGRATULATIONS
"RENO" SHRINE

CONGRATULATIONS TERESA!

We are so proud of your success.

Love Mom, Dad, Cara & Dennis

May your future paths always lead you back together. We love you. Good luck and God Bless you both! Irish Forever!

(Mom)² + (Dad)² + Adi + Katie + Tina

Irish all the way- Maya Noronha and Bill Kern Together from Sacred Heart Preschool and Grade School to Charleston Catholic High School to Notre Dame.

CONGRATULATIONS LAFAYETTE #30!

Thanks for the memories! Love, The Sterritts

Way to Go Bobbers!

Congratulations from "The Fam"
T-BEAR!

You set your sights and you hit the heights!
Our 3rd generation Domer!
We are so very proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Dad

In typical Gina form, you have managed to have an incredible 4 years academically and still found the time to take in the full ND experience (which of course includes "Boat" among others). We too loved being part of the "family" even though you said we couldn’t. So, CHEERS to our first tailgate of next season.

Love,
Mom and Dad

And of course, GO IRISH!

Elizabeth M. Murphy

Congratulations Beth!
We are so proud of you!
Best wishes to the Class of 2005
Mom, Dad, Jim, John, and Stephen

Congratulations Justin!

We are proud of you!
Love Dad, Mom, Jacob, Paige

Congratulations Katie!
We are all so proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Dad, Donovan, Devin, and Ryan

Meghan, We’ve always loved your Irish eyes.
Keep them smiling. Congratulations.

Love, Mom, Dad, Erin and Kelly
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CONGRATULATIONS

First you were an "Angel", then "Red Hawk", then a "Saint"; educated at Notre Dame with the "Fighting Irish." Look out University of Chicago Law. Will is ready for the challenge!

Love Dad, Mom & Lizzy

Congratulations, Maureen!

A little girl grew up so fast,
And soon we see the years have past.
Young woman, our daughter, our joy and our heart.
You’ve reached the end only to find a new start.

We’re so proud of you!

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Mike & Gori

Congratulations, Kelly

We love you! ~ Mom & Dad

Caitlin-

So very proud of your hard work, accomplishments, and your compassion for others. May God bless you and keep you safe as you take your first steps on life’s wonderful journey. Congratulations!

Love, Mom, Ray, and Dale

CONGRATULATIONS

SARAH KATE!

We love you so much and are so proud of you!

D & Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Jeff

We love you - Mom, Dad & Dan

You’re “grown into” adulthood beautifully!

All our love,
Mom, Dad and Family

Amanda Marie Borys
Summa Cum Laude

Congratulations Reed! We’re all so proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Dad, Ashley, Shawn & Renee, Niki, Drew, Kelsey, Trevor

2004 CHAMPIONS
LEHAN FOOTBALL
The Gaels
Dear Mom and Dad... here is what 40 grand a year bought you... I mean ME. My Life at Notre Dame

- Irish Football and home game tailgates
- A dorm room on God's Quad
- Life as an Otter
- No Parent Rules... My Room... My Mess
- Sleeping in a box on South Quad... by choice
- Jobs paying Minimum Wage... grading papers and umpiring girls' softball.
- A semester studying in London... and Paris and the Czech Republic and Italy and Germany, Ireland and Spain... I did study... PROMISE!
- A summer internship spending your cash in DC.
- My first road trip... to Ohio
- My second road trip to Georgia
- Spring Breaks in Florida and Las Vegas
- An internship (UNDERC) in Land O' Lakes Wisconsin counting trees, small mammals, mosquitoes, etc.
- An afternoon Fishing with Father Hesburgh
- Completing three majors in four years... and yes... being on the Deans list... at least once
- Life time friends
- A stronger faith in God, Community, and Self
- Another 3 years tuition at Law School... including room and board? Hey, a man can dream!

~Thank you for teaching me to dream so big~
~I Love you with all of my heart~

Your Son, Steve

P.S. But when I grow up... I still want to be... a Cowboy!

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Steve Leys...

A Triple Domer
Fully prepared for life.

So Proud... Mom & Dad!

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Congratulation Goose
We knew you could do it.
You da' koolist.
Love Mom, Dad, Tess and The Mer

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Irish eyes are smiling down upon you Jen!
Congratulations on all you have accomplished.
We love you!
Mom & Dad

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Erika,
We wish you well in your next new adventure...
We love you!
Mom & Dad

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You've always made us very proud.
Love, Mom & Dad

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

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Congratulations Elena!
We're proud of you!
Love, Your Family

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Love, Mom, Dad, Tess and The Mer
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Erin, Congratulations
On
Your Graduation!
Love, Mom, Dad
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Megan
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HARD WORK + GOD'S BLESSING = GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS!
YOU BRING SO MUCH JOY TO OUR LIVES!
ALL OUR LOVE AND CONGRATULATIONS!
Mom, Dad, Tommy, and Sarah

Carrie, Congratulations
on your
fourth
graduation!
Love,
Your family

Congratulation Sarah!
You'll always be our little superhero.
Love
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Jasmine Brown
Mommy: Thank you for teaching us to....
Never give up, Never give in and...NEVER NEVER QUIT!
Love, Kai Maliq and Indonesia Angelique
Jas-- Be Proud, Be Humble, Be Happy-- Love--Mom, Dad & Quincy

Dear Path,
Congratulations, Mommy & Daddy
Graduating class of 2005
Oceans of Love.
Mom, Dad, Aunt & Auntur

"I hope you don't mind that I put down in words...
How wonderful life is while you're in the world!"
--Elton John
Congratulations!
You will always be our pride & joy.
May God bless you and may all your dreams come true.

Congratulations! You were born to wear that sweatshirt! Congratulations Matt-We are very proud of you!

You were born to wear that sweatshirt! Congratulations Matt- We are very proud of you!

You were born to wear that sweatshirt! Congratulations Matt- We are very proud of you!

Congratulations! You will always be our pride & joy.
May God bless you and may all your dreams come true.

Congratulations Jon!
From a small town boy to a “fighting Irish!”

Mike,
Congratulations on completing your college Voyage.

Love, Mom and Dad

“THEN”
When you first graduated from pre-kindergarten, we started dreaming of you graduating from a university like “Notre Dame”

“NOW”
Finally the special day has arrived. “Thank you our darling and loving son, for making our dreams come true.”
We love you & God bless you.
Mom & Dad

CORBETT - Wow!
What a Domer. 3.7!
Love, Mom & Dad
CONGRATULATIONS EMILY

We know you'll make your mark on the world!

Love, Mom, Dad and Christopher

CONGRATS PETE !!!

We are very proud of you

All our love,  
Mom, Dad, Molly, Mike and Ali

Daniel, your hard work and dedication have made us proud. You did it! You will soon be graduating from your dream college, Notre Dame! May your faith in God and love of life stay with you always.

Love, Mom, Dad & Melissa

Congratulations Miss Gary!  
See you in the classroom. 
Love, Mom & Dad Brendan, Brianne & Melissa

Congratulations Katy! 
We are very proud of you! 
Love, Dad and Mom

Congratulations Brandon! 
You've made us very proud! 
Love, Mom, Dad, & Krista

"Gee, I wonder what I will be like when I grow up?" 
We Love You and are so "Proud" of you! 
The Best is yet to Come! 
We Love You. 
Mom and Dad

Great Job "Punkin" 
We are proud of you! 
Love, Mom, Dad and Nathan
CHRISTINA, WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

LOVE, YOUR FAMILY

Dave-
You have become such a fine man of integrity and strength. We are so proud of you!

Much love,
Mom & Dad
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Angels most certainly danced the day you were born!

Congratulations Anne Kate, on reaching your goals, achieving your dreams and accomplishing more than we ever anticipated!

May you always dance on air.

love,
Mom & Dad, Michael, Patrick, Sean, and Megan (and families)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord... break forth into joyous song... with trumpets- and trombones!- and the sound of the horn!

...Psalm 98:4 revised

Love, Mom, Dad, and Steve

We see your strengths reflected in your eyes
Accept any weaknesses as a sign to try harder,
Your spirit has grown and filled our hearts with love,
You have learned lessons that you can share with others,
Do not follow the road already made— enjoy making your own path,
Be a man of value and let God's love bring you peace and happiness...
That will make you a rich man.

We love you,
Mom & Dad

Brian C. Mulhall
CONGRATULATIONS ADAM!
From your first day of school to ND ALUMNUS...
We are so very proud of you!!!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratualtions Chiquitita!
Your great effort
and dedication
have finally paid off! Continue to strive for more!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
and your
Big Brother

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He's the Man!
Who's the Man
He's a Notre Dame Man!
Who!
Michael! Michael!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Melissa,
Grandma & Grandpa

Congratulations David!
We couldn't be
more proud!

Love,
Wendy,
Mom and Dad

Congrats,
Welsh Family RAs!

Congratulations Diane!
Love, Mom, Dad and Megan

Did this little guy really
become a Notre Dame Grad?
CONGRATULATIONS PAT!
Love, Mom, Dad, Bob, Sara,
Therese and Rebecca

Congratulations Katie!
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Erin, and Kerry
(Toody and Tiger too)
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We thank God for all His Great Mercies and our Lady for all her Blessings.

Congratulations Dolores!

Love,
Your proud Mom and Dad & All the Family

CONGRATULATIONS

LAUREN!!!

You’re a tough act to follow!

Love and Hugs,
Megan

Mom, Dad
Cath & PJ

We’re so proud of our St. Mary’s girl.

Love Mom & Dad

Congratulations Kate!

We are so very proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Michelle

Rachael,
Thank you for achieving our dreams and yours!

Love,
Mom, Daddy & Meredith
Congratulations Ryan and the class of 2005. We love you and are sooo proud.

Love, 
Mom, Dad and Matt ('04)

B. Young, our Brian, you are awesome! Continue to grow in grace and wisdom. We love you so much! Mom, Dad, Patty Sarah & Michelle

Congratulations Jackie! We are so very proud of you #24.
Love, Mom and Dad
Kaylen and Ashley
- Go IRISH!

Congratulations Titi
From Super Woman to world traveler
We love you
Mom, Dad, Laurie and Eric
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Kevin!

And there’s a magic in the sound of their name.
Here come the Irish of Notre Dame.

You were flying high then and now.

Love Mom and Dad

Well done, good and faithful servants!

Elizabeth  Michael  Cathy  David  Kate  Peter

Wherever you go, go with all your heart and my heart is always with you.

Love you! Mom

Congratulations

Leigh!

Love, Mom, Dad, Ash, Tommy & Missy

You were flying high then and now.

Love Mom and Dad

Congratulations to another STAR performance! Love, Mom, Dad & Kelly

From Knott Hall to Turtle Creek, it’s been an incredible four years.
We are so proud of you! Congratulations! Love, Dad, Mom, Dave, Mike, & Kate

Congratulations

Leigh!
CONGRATULATIONS 
ASTRID!

We are so very proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad, & Mervin

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2005

We’re proud of our new Aerospace Engineer, Nicole Yvette Orozco.

You Made It!
Love always
Mom & Dad

Dear Allison,

Oh the Places You’ve Been... since setting sail! Four years ago!

An amazing ND journey you’ve had... incredible people you’ve met, awesome things you’ve accomplished, and exciting places you’ve experienced from South Bend, Indiana to Athens, Greece!

Today is your day. You deserve it! Yet... another mountain is waiting. So get on your way!

We’re so proud of you!!

Love always,
Mom & Dad

Go Foo Bear!
Keep on
dancing!

Love, Mom, Dad,
James, Will and Nate

Ashley Renee Oyer

With the dreams of tomorrow we are celebrating Ashley Renee Oyer. As we drove down "The Avenue" freshmen year we were awed by the beauty and usefulness of the campus tree. Now as we drove down "The Avenue" once again in leaving Saint Mary’s Junior year we are awed by the person our wonderful daughter has become. She is a sister who has a creative nature, an understanding heart, a spirited soul, and a wonderful sense of humor. You are very dependable, a strong leader, an excellent student, a lover of art, a loyal friend, and a champion for women. We know that you will make the world a better place. You have many talents, use them well! We wish you the BEST!!! We love you very much!!!

Love, Laura, Gochel, Mom and Dad 4/10/05

Congratulations
Lisa
You did it!
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
and John
As you set out on your journey may you always travel by “bubble” and remember that black is this year’s PINK!

Congratulations Carrie
Love, Mom, Dad, Toye, Chris, & Holland

Holly, You are awesome and a blessing to our family! Our love and prayers always,
Dad, Mom, Lisa & Lindsay

Katie,
May you Always
Keep on Dancin’!
Congratulations!
Love, Dad, Mom, Danny, Colin, Ryan, Shannon, & Dillon
Sandino
Class of 2005

From Happy Time Preschool to a Notre Dame Graduate!
Love you, Dad, Mom, Eric, Kevin & Emily

Congratulations Carolyn,
We know you’ll rock the world.
We love you, Mom, Dad & Chris

Elizabeth,
We are proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad
Thanks for Always being there and helping me through it all.
Love, Katie Mac

Grandpa, Grandma, Dad, Mom, Uncle Terry, Aunt Nancy, Uncle Frank, Courtney, Pat, Kim and Loyola Academy --

Blessed Mother - Please help me study hard so I can go to ND when I grow up.
Love, Katie Maureen
(prayers really do get answered!!)

Congratulations Colin!

Love, Mom & Dad

We are so proud of you.

Mom, Dad, and the whole clan:
Stella (ND Class of 91)
David (ND Class of 92)
Bryan (ND Class of 95)
Amber (ND Class of 98)
Elizabeth, John, and Amanda

Dr. WMM,
We love you!

Yesterday’s dream is today’s success.
Congratulations Chip! We could not be more proud.
Love.
Mom and Dad

Future Architect - Patrick Mohan
Congratulations, Courtney.
We are so proud of you!
Love always,
Dad and Mom

We saved the best for last!

Congratulations Cori!
Love, Mom, Dad
UND ’68 & ’70,
Cristin – UND ’92,
Craig – UND ’95,
Kelly – SMC ’97,
and Kara – SMC ’04

YOU DID IT WOLKIE!
AND WE’RE PROUD!
CONGRATS.

LOVE,
MOM, DAD
NICK, LAURA

Congratulations Erin!

May all your dreams become your realities!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Congrats Geo majors!
We made it... we ROCK!

Congratulations Tim! We’re proud of you!
Love your family

Congrats Sarah!
“Live to Ride, and
Ride to Live.”

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Steve and Marie

Katie

Love, Mom, Dad, & Michael

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Love, Mom, Dad

Congrats Sarah!

Love, Mom, Dad, Wally & Jodi

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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2005

Congratulations Jim
All our love
Mom, Dad, Jean and Dan

Congratulations
Katie!
Thank you
Notre Dame!
It's been a wonderful
four years.
Love, Mom and Dad

You have always been a great daughter.
Congratulations on your graduation. We
are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom & Dad, Apol, Peacly, Jesy, Jan and Jerome

Congratulations
Dani Rose! We're so
proud of you
Good luck in
Medical School!
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Gina, Brandi
and Brodie - xo

Way to go,
Nick! You've
always looked
good in a
power tie!
Love you!
Mom, Dad, &
Kyle

What a Smile,
What a Belle!
Congratulations
Squirt!
Love you,
Mom & Dad

J.P.,
we always knew
you would figure
out how to
play that bone!
Love always,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Rebecca!
Wow! Guess that
studying
paid off.
We're so proud
of you.
Love you,
Mom, Dad, &
Dan
"We’re Putting the Band Back Together” 
Congratulations, Bob!
Love, your family

Whew. What a ride! 
Grosses bises 
et felicitations.

Love, 
Dad, Mom, Lisa, 
Adam, Grandma 
and Dean

Congratulazione Annelise! 
Our Irish bella donna

Love, 
Mom, Dad, Tim, Mark, 
Ceri, Alex, and Riley

Congratulations Adam! 
You have accomplished 
so much. We are so 
proud of you! 
Love, 
Mom & Dad

The story of the 
little girl named 
Emilie is now 
being written by 
a remarkable 
young woman. 
And when you 
get the choice to 
sit it out or 
dance...

WAY TO GO, CAREBEAR!

We knew you would be 
top dog in all you chose 
to do! Congratulations. 
Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Joseph! 
What better way to celebrate your graduation from 
Notre Dame than with a picture with Jerry Reust. 
Love, Mom
Dear Lindsey:
Congratulations on your graduation from Notre Dame!
Best of luck as you pursue a career in Veterinary Medicine.

We are always behind you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

"...no matter what the costs, we must learn the ways to circumvent a system that sees powerful women as a threat."

We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Joy and Eric

Marlee
Her determination is already apparent. Each challenge has been conquered decisively. Grade school, high school, and now St. Mary’s, are the stepping stones through a river yet uncrossed. We have all watched with love and pride. What glory awaits this budding flower?

Mom, Dad, Ed, Thom, Kristina, Camille, Hal, Edna Rose
To our chichay who is always in charge, your determination in any endeavor is amazing! Congratulations on a job well done! Love, Mom & Dad

May Irish angels smile upon you and bless you each and every day! Love, Mom and Dad

Like father, like daughter. Congratulations Sabrina, our newest domer!

A long ago dream is finally realized. We are so proud of you, “Big Guy”!
Love, Mom, Dad, Kirsten and the Cats

Becket, you always climb to the top. We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Alban & Hannah

Congratulations Colleen!
May all your dreams come true.
Love, Mom, Dad, and your Family

Congratulations Mike, your possibilities are as endless as your dreams.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Kali
Congrats Mimi!
We knew you'd glide through these 4 years!
Love, Dad & Mom

Great job Teresa!
Wow - another Domer! May God guide you in all your future endeavors.
Love, Mom and Dad

To Erica Bove
"Fill your lives with love and bravery, and we shall lead a life uncommon."
We are so very proud!
Mom, Dad, Francesca, Emie and Joelle

Congratulations to our beautiful redhead!
May the luck of the Irish always be with you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Laura & Kevin

Wishing you--pride in your accomplishments, fulfillment in your career, and success in all you do.
Mom, Ben, and G'ma

From Southern California
To South Bend
To Indianapolis
You have attained your goal!
We are so very proud of you!

Congratulations, Maria!
We miss our little girl, but we're proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad

Well done Kelsi & Keri!
Sólo Dios basta.
CONGRATULATIONS
MOLLY!
We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad.
Brian & Kelly

Go "Girlfriend"
Go!
We are so proud of you!
Mom, Shannon, Shawn and Knox

Congratulations David!
God gives each soul an opportunity to find itself.
Congratulations, Love Mom & Dad

Congratulations to our Belle Christina!
We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations! Love, the Wilsons

Congratulations Jason!
We always knew you'd make it to Wall Street.
Love, Mom, Dad and Kristin

We are so Proud of You! Congratulations to our 2005 Öömer!
Love you, Leclere.
Dad, Mom, toile, Tim & Bradley