Rectors leave positions

Five rectors will step down at the end of the academic year. Keough rector Mark DeMott, Welsh Family rector Candace Carson, Howard rector Jenni Oliva, Zahm rector Father Dan Parrish and University Village rector Molly O'Neill will be leaving their positions to pursue ministry, to work in other capacities at the University or for family purposes.

Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Ann Firth said Student Affairs was grateful for the contribution of the five rectors and commended them for their service to their residents and to the Notre Dame community.

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Dean Roche to resign

College of Arts and Letters Dean Mark Roche announced May 1 he will resign from his administrative position at the end of the 2007-08 school year, ending 11 years of leading the college. Roche will remain at Notre Dame as a professor and as a scholar.

Provost Thomas Burish will head a nationwide search for a new dean to succeed Roche.

During Roche's time at the helm of the College, one of his major goals was to promote Notre Dame's identity as a "residential liberal arts college," an "ambitious and dynamic research university" and a "Catholic institution of international standing."

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The college sophomore

Before Notre Dame played Nebraska in 2000, I mowed an interlocking "No" logo into my sloping Omaha front yard. Passing drivers probably thought I was chauvinistically football-crazed. Although that's true, I created that lawn decoration because I was proud.

I wanted everyone for, at least, the handful of people who glanced and wondered: What is this fellow working for a marketing firm in the beauty of college that we get out before we get too old. Remember when I was a sophomore. Maybe that's where it all started. It's a place where we talk, for the first time, seriously. It's where we talk about starting (or finding) a job and renting a place of our own. It's a place where we are no longer students, but young business people or young researchers or young doctors or young teachers. It's a place where we are no longer sophomoric; where we are serious, serious; where we are no longer sarcastic. Does anyone want to talk about something other than football?

We spent our mornings in DeBartolo--our "thinking room"--or in Buhle Hall, where students from across the world and there's someone who wants to talk about anything not sarcastic? "Can we ever have a normal conversation?"

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Board chair and University fellow since 2000. In surveys conducted by the National Law Journal, McCartan has been listed as one of the most influential and respected lawyers in the country.

He graduated from Notre Dame with an undergraduate degree in 1956 and earned a juris doctor degree from the Law School in 1959. After serving as a law clerk for former Supreme Court Justice Charles Evans Whittaker, McCartan became a senior partner at Jones Day, an international law firm.

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University President Father John Jenkins said in a news release, "I hope to convey with this, our highest honor, the gratitude Notre Dame owes him as well."

McCartan received an honorary degree from the University in 1999. He has also been previously honored with the Archdiocese of Cleveland's Archbishop Edward F. Hoban award in 1994 and the Anti-Defamation League's Torch of Liberty Award in 1998. The Laetare Medal is inscribed with the Latin "Magna est veritas et praevalebit," which translates as "Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail."

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McCartan to be honored with Laetare medal

By JENN METZ

The chair of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees, Patrick McCartan, will be honored as the 131st recipient of the University's highest honor, the Laetare medal, previously received by John F. Kennedy, who has also been previously hon- ored with the Archdiocese of Cleveland's Archbishop Edward F. Hoban award in 1994 and the Anti-Defamation League's Torch of Liberty Award in 1998. The Laetare Medal is inscribed with the Latin "Magna est veritas et praevalebit," which translates as "Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail."

The annual recipient of the medal is announced on the fourth Sunday of Lent each year, which is known as Laetare Sunday in the Catholic Church.

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QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE CLASS OF 2007

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General Electric to address graduates

By KAITLYN RIELY
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Jeffrey R. Immelt, the chairman and chief executive officer of General Electric, Inc., will be the principal graduation speaker and will receive an honorary degree ceremony.

University officials announced in February that Immelt would speak at Notre Dame's 162nd Commencement ceremony — to be held in the Joyce Center — and that he would receive an honorary doctor of laws degree.

In a statement released with the announcement of the speaker, University President Father John Jenkins praised Immelt and said he is delighted that he will join them.

"During his five-plus years as head of the world's second largest company, Jeff Immelt has demonstrated the innovative philosophy, leadership traits and personal integrity that make him a business executive worthy of emulating," Jenkins said.

General Electric (GE) owns NBC Universal.

"He lives with his wife, Andrea, and their daughter in Connecticut. Brown said he had not yet seen a copy of Immelt's speech, but said Immelt has been in contact with News and Information to get background information on Notre Dame to help him prepare.

Mary McAlenee, the president of Ireland, was the principal recipient at last year's commencement ceremony.

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

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Construction to continue across ND campus

Work remains underway on pedestrian plaza near Joyce, new male dormitory Duncan Hall, as 10-year plan is carried out

By AARON STEINER  News Writer

Construction has been visible across Notre Dame’s campus this semester, and with several projects currently in progress — including development of a pedestrian plaza near the Joyce Center and a new male dormitory — work sites will continue to be major fixtures in the coming months.

Construction and closures near the Joyce Center should not cause significant problems during commencement activities this weekend, Vice President of Business Operations Jim Lyphout said in an e-mail Tuesday. “All the roads into and surrounding the B and C lots south of the stadium and Joyce Center will be open to traffic,” Lyphout said. In addition, all entrances to the Joyce are accessible and will remain accessible during construction of the plaza.

The plaza under development will be “a welcoming place for meeting friends and family during game days or just a place to relax. There will be many trees planted in this area to provide shade as well as borders and seating walls,” Lyphout said.

The plaza is located on the former Juniper Road between Notre Dame Stadium and the Joyce Center and is part of the phased removal of Juniper Road scheduled to continue this summer.

Reconstruction of the parking lots south of the stadium and Joyce Center is also scheduled for coming months. Construction of Duncan Hall, a male dormitory west of McIlrath Hall, began in early March. The dorm will be overcrowding in current residence halls while providing more on-campus living opportunities for transfer students, as well as juniors and seniors not wishing to leave dorm life. The new dorm is slated to have more lounges, among other amenities, to increase desirability.

Utilities expansion work south of the construction site and south of McGree, O’Neill and Koushal Hall caused some closure of pedestrian walkways earlier this summer. Lyphout said that work would be completed mid-summer. Duncan Hall, which houses 232 students, is on track to be completed in August 2008, he said.

Extensive work on the Joyce and Stadium plaza during the removal of Juniper Road will continue this summer. Work will include a renovation of the Library Center’s north entrance that may be periodic disruptions to both pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area.

Construction of the new Melissa Cook Stadium, a softball stadium on the east side of campus, will also take place this summer and is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2008.

Other construction projects completed this year include the renovation of a residence hall, the addition of a room for special events at the Law School, the addition of a room for special events at the Student Center, a new student activities home to make way for the new Stinson-Remick Hall, a multi-specialty engineering building, scheduled to break ground this November, Lyphout said. That project has upset some regulars of the Club, who wish to stay in their current location.

Lyphout said he recognizes the various types of construction work to disturb the people living and working on campus.

“We attempt to minimize the disruption of the students during construction as much as possible,” Lyphout said. “We appreciate everyone’s cooperation and patience with the inconvenience some of our work causes but we trust everyone will agree that the end results will greatly improve the trouble.”

Other planned projects include a new CSI and Institute for Church Life building on the site of the current CSC structure, a Joyce Center renovation and a commons area south of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, in anticipation of development on Eddy Street. Other capital projects mentioned in the campus master plan released by the University architect include three more dormitories after Duncan Hall, a social sciences building, an executive center, a new student activities center and a new art museum.

The newly announced “Spirit of Notre Dame” capital campaign for Notre Dame’s most ambitious fundraising effort, with a set goal of $1.5 billion — will contribute to current and future projects, Lyphout said. The campaign currently has about half its goal.
Rossmann to give ND valedictory address

Valedictorians, chosen out of 16 candidates, graduates with 4.0 overall G.P.A.; senior plans to join priesthood

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

After Michael Rossmann graduates on Sunday, his view of the ceremony will be different from his classmates’ experience.

A theology and economics double major from Iowa City, Iowa, Rossmann will graduate with a 4.0 overall G.P.A., earning him the coveted title of valedictorian and the privilege to deliver the valedictory address during the undergraduate commencement ceremony.

Rossmann joked that those who aren’t as familiar with him and might not know of his academic tape, “I was just so surprised. He can understand people’s ideas and deliver a valedictory speech like this — a person focused almost solely on academics — but Rossmann is different from that type of a person.

His time at Notre Dame has indeed touched on a lot more than academics. Rossmann said he has had diverse experiences over the last four years through extracurricular activities, research, studying abroad and encounters with the world beyond the classroom.

His service work at the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) has been especially significant, he said, as the center became “one of my homes on campus.”

The friends I have made there have shaped my life in many different ways,” Rossmann said.

His time abroad — studying in Uganda during his sophomore year and returning to East Asia to work on a senior thesis — also had a great impact on his impression of Notre Dame.

“My time in Uganda was extremely formative,” Rossmann said.

Rossmann said that among the many people on campus who have had an influence on him, his professors have been important, especially outside the classroom.

“I’ve had great relationships with a lot of my professors and their guidance has been incredibly beneficial,” he said.

Rossmann has met through the CSC, his residence hall and daily Mass have also been important guiding forces in his life the last four years, he said.

And while he has grown academically and socially, Rossmann said the opportunities he has had “were without a doubt spiritually what will lead him to the next chapter in his life.”

“My faith development has been so significant,” he said.

Rossmann intends to pursue the priesthood next and will join the novitiate with the Jesuits in St. Paul, Minn. after graduation. The first two years at the novitiate are the first step in joining the order, Rossmann said, and are meant for “discovering if this is in fact for you.”

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Rossmann named SMC co-valedictorians

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary’s seniors Kim Myers and Margaret O’Sullivan weren’t looking for the honor but were co-valedictorians at Saturday at Saint Mary’s commencement exercises.

Myers, who will graduate with a degree in English in English Literature, was named co-valedictorian.

O’Sullivan was named a co-valedictorian, major in psychology, minor in humanics studies, called the experience “surreal.”

Myers said, “I’m honored, and quite frankly, a little bewildered.”

Myers did not seek out the honor but said she did as well as she could in her classes over her four years at Saint Mary’s.

“I worked towards doing well in my classes,” Myers said. “But not towards earning a specific title.”

Myers said she is ready to take this “to a different level,” he said.

Rossmann said he is currently unsure where a life in the priesthood would lead him, though he is open to many paths — including teaching at the university level, working and serving abroad in promoting social justice or just doing pastoral work.

“T’m taking comfort in the fact that I don’t really have to know what this point,” he said.

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Leaders to receive ND, SMC honorary degrees

Lithuanian president, Vatican preacher, University of Michigan president, sculptor among the 12 awarded

By JENN METZ

New Whos

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will award 12 honorary degrees at commencement exercises this weekend for "a force for democratization in the nation," Adamkus said. The four-year life span of his standing on cornfields with white people started at the Midwest. In addition, he said he has made friends from every country in Latin America, as well as from Asia.

"It's not going to come from an island," he said. "I had stayed in Puerto Rico, I'd never been exposed to different cultures, so I've encountered the world. In college, you get a chance to meet people from all over. It makes you realize you're learning about things you didn't know existed in the world."

Castillo said he has friends from Argentina, Switzerland and Ohio, from different religions and socioeconomic backgrounds — and they all share their stories with him, teaching him more about people than any textbook.

Annie Lauer also said she never expected to leave Notre Dame as much as she does. She grew up with a degree of awareness and a love of basketball fans, being formed as a student athlete from birth. But the past four years have converted me, and I love my school."

"It's going to be difficult to leave, but excitement for the future definitely serves as a consolation — and I look forward to hearing about the world-changing thoughts and feelings as a college president," the senior said.

"Everyone here has something to teach you" said Juan Antonio Balderrama, a Kewaunee native, said for four years he has been in awe of the Notre Dame experience of every person at Notre Dame. "Intellectually, I was overwhelmed. So many different opinions and ideas. But also, it's a really, really humongous. I don't really think they're talking about the same things," he said.

"What Balderrama will do next is tackle graduate school in Florida. He said he thinks Notre Dame gave him the basics and the tools to become a satisfied employee, but he has learned to demand more from himself."

"My ambitions go beyond being a high-ranking employee at some company. I think that Notre Dame's undergrad prepa­ration is great, if you want to be a great employee," he said. "But I don't think it's necessarily something the university gives you. You need more knowledge, both theoretical and practical, so you have more insight into your job and drawing knowledge from everyone around you, it's a real benefit."

Though it may never end, Balderrama said he's tired of homework or burned out, rather motivated about the challenge that awaits him. He said he thinks he's learned every­thing the College of Engineering could teach him, and he's ready for the next step, outside of the classroom.

"I have all the basic tools I need," he said. "This school educated me to keep going and to be a leader."

Religion and faith

Lara Zavala

Lara Zavala said Notre Dame helped her mold her faith, given what she described as "a very Catholic community." She said she found refuge in the Masses outside Notre Dame because the priests have "broadened their homilies to accommodate all the ages and the different people that may be present," she said.

When Zavala returned to her home country, Peru, during the summers, she said sometimes she experienced difficul­ties enjoying Sunday Masses without her classmates and the community of faith with every person in the room. "I've said that to God, there's no point in going to church."

"I have to accept that from this moment forward, I am a Catholic," Zavala said. "I am Catholic because of Notre Dame, and I'm Catholic into a community and that Mass can no longer be about me and my col­lege experience. It's about the Mass for God and the Mass for everyone who is not in the church.""Notre Dame brought me closer to God but now it's up to me to embrace it," Zavala said. "When I go to church, I feel like I'm behaving like a really bad Catholic."

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September 23, 2005

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His promise to promote academic excellence and religious faith as "two indispensible and wholly compatible strands of higher learning" proved to be pillars of his presidency just months after he took office when he questioned the presence of controversial events like The Queer Film Festival and "The Vagina Monologues" at Notre Dame. More recently the University has announced a $1.5 billion fundraising drive that could shape the campus' future — and much of Jenkins' legacy.

Jenkins replaced University President Emeritus Father Edward "Monk" Malloy, who served at the University's helm for 18 years. University President Emeritus Theodore Hesburgh, who served as president for 35 years, preceded Malloy.

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   - Senior Caitlin Brann, 22, died in a car accident after her tire blew out on the Indiana Toll Road. More than 200 students gathered a day later at the Grotto to pray and sing in her memory and Brann's friends called her "a spark of fire."

5. **Va. Tech massacre shakes campus**
   - The Notre Dame community gathered in grief and celebrated a Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart to remember the victims of the Virginia Tech shootings. A lone gunman opened fire on his professors and classmates, sparking nationwide debates about campus safety measures.

6. **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.

7. **ResLife suspends McAlarney**
   - The University suspended sophomore basketball player Kyle McAlarney after the starting point guard was found in possession of marijuana. His mother declared the punishment does not fit the crime, and debate raged on whether McAlarney received an appropriate punishment.
At global health forum, Jenkins announces a new initiative in Uganda. Brann dies in crash. McAlarney suspended.

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

Hotel to open at Saint Mary’s
Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross President Sister Jay O’Grady announced plans Aug. 16 for Saint Mary’s to lease campus land to the Holladay Corporation for an on-campus Hilton Garden Inn. The addition of the hotel — expected to open by the start of the 2007 football season — prompted a contest for the renaming of the inn at Saint Mary’s and concern about the possible influx of travelers on campus.

Notre Dame focuses on global health, Uganda

At the forum. Father John Jenkins led a group of delegates — including Executive Assistant Frances Shavers, Associate Vice President for Marketing Communication Todd Woodward and Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative (NMDI) Director Father Bob Dowd — in a week-long trip to Uganda to see firsthand the village the University will partner with through the NMDI.

Jenkins pushes for more Catholic faculty

In his second annual address to the faculty Sept. 26, Jenkins announced an initiative for the University to actively recruit more Catholic faculty members.

Though the number of undergraduate Catholics has remained relatively consistent at approximately 85 percent, the percentage of Catholic faculty has gradually decreased during the past 20 years.

In the 1985-86 school year, Catholics constituted 65 percent of the faculty. That number now hovers around 54 percent, according to statistics from the Office of Institutional Research. To achieve the goal of increasing the percentage of Catholic faculty members, Jenkins created a new office funded by the Krough family to identify Catholic scholars well suited to teach at Notre Dame. The University can only advance its Catholic mission, Jenkins said in the address, if its faculty members are who are active in the Church and in their Catholic faith.

Caitlin Brann dies in car crash

Notre Dame senior Caitlin Brann died Nov. 10 in an early-morning car crash on Indiana State Toll Road near LaPorte, Ind. Brann, whose blood-alcohol level was more than three times the legal limit at .499 percent, had rear passenger-side tire blow out, causing her to lose control of her 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier convertible, according to an Indiana State Police report.

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

"Loyal Daughters" debuts

"Loyal Daughters," a student-created production about sexual assault and sexual harassment at Notre Dame, premiered Nov. 13 at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Notre Dame was consistent in its endorsement of University President Fr. John Jenkins. The play, which Jenkins mentioned as a promising initiative in his "Closing Statement" on academic freedom in April 2006, ran without his endorsement because of what he called a "neutral" stance on inter-gender relationships.

The performances were followed on three nights by panels discussing the prevalence of sexual assaults on college campuses — including Notre Dame — and the hope of promoting an event won by opponents Colleen Ferreira and Jenny Antonelli in the Saint Mary’s student body presidential and vice presidential elections Jan. 26. Both campaigns seemed to give Saint Mary’s hoping to "to be the first at something," became the College’s first black student body president, beginning with her inauguration April 1.

Notebaert follows McCartan

Richard Notebaert, a 10-year

Hodges makes history

Kim Hodges and Kelly Payne were named to the All-America basketball starting point guard Kyle McAlarney was suspended in the NCAAs suspension after his Dec. 29 marijuana possession charges. McAlarney, who was pulled over during what a police report called a "routine" traffic stop, was enrolled in classes for more than a week in January before learning of his suspension from the Office of Residences Life and Housing Jan. 23.

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

Brann’s death prompted campus debate over the severity of such punishments and whether the same was consistent in its treatment of McAlarney.
ND, SMC student body presidential elections make history, 'Loyal Daughters' and 'Vagina Monologues' performed.

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member of the University Board of Trustees and chief executive officer of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce International, was elected to a three-year term, beginning this fall. Her term begins July 1, and she will become Notre Dame's sixth chair.

He succeeds Patrick McCartan, who was chairman of the board for seven years.

Notebaert, who received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin, has served as chair of the University Relations and Public Communication Committee. Notebaert is also one of the University's 12 Fellows, who make up the "University's ultimate governing body."

Crews cause gas leaks

A gas leak on St. Joseph's Drive caused the evacuation of seven buildings including DaRolf Hall and Declo Hall — on campus Feb. 13.

Crews working to fix a broken water line struck a 4-inch gas line with a backhoe, prompting gas and soot to rise more than 20 feet in the air for more than an hour.

A month later, on March 26, a construction crew working on St. Joseph's Drive and the Center for Social Concerns caused the rupture of another gas line. In that incident, vibrations from the digging likely unsettled the soil and caused gas to rise more than 20 feet in the air for more than an hour.

Brown and Braun make history

After a hotly contested race for student government, Liz Brown and Maris Braun became the first all-female top-three for Notre Dame's student government.

Brown and Braun became the first all-female ticket to lead Notre Dame's student body when their term began April 1, and the pair's choice of Sheena Plamoottil as chief executive assistant created an all-female top three for Notre Dame's student government.

"Vagina Monologues" open off campus

Students performed the first of three renditions of "The Vagina Monologues" in front of an audience of approximately 50 people at South Bend's First Unitarian Church Feb. 28.

The presentation, which moved off campus after organizers could not secure the endorsement of an academic department at Notre Dame, came nearly a year after Jenkins' decision not to ban the play from campus. Instead, organizers were restricted to an academic setting, prohibiting them from raising money. By moving off campus, the performance was able to collect more than $2000 on opening night and donate the money to charities, including the YWCA of St. Joseph County, which has the only overnight shelter in the county.

Campus construction progresses

Construction on several projects continued throughout the school year, with work on campus roads, new buildings and repairs.

The most striking change early in the school year was the closing of Juniper Road and the creation of a new entrance to campus several hundred feet west of Twyckenham Road.

The University also pushed forward its planned development south of campus, with Kite Realty submitting its proposal to South Bend for zoning approval in late April. As the University plans the future of southern side of campus, it continued construction of a new road from the "C" parking lot to Edison Road to replace Juniper Road.

In March, Notre Dame broke ground on Duncan Hall, a planned male dormitory on West Quincy Street.

Duncan Hall will house 232 students and stand next to Mullen Hall, which was the last dorm built by the University, completed in 1997. The new dorm will be the first of four new dormitories the University hopes to build in the next 10 years. Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said the new building, funded by 1952 Notre Dame graduate Raymond T. Duncan, will be completed by the summer of 2008 and house students that fall.

Construction on "Athletic Quad" — between Notre Dame Stadium and the Joyce Center — will continue as the University makes the space more pedestrian-friendly.

Memorial Mass remembers Tech victims

Notre Dame held a memorial Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart April 17 for the victims of the shooting massacre at Virginia Tech days earlier.

The Basilica was packed to a standing room only capacity, with the entire vestibule of the church completely full. The Mass drew more people than the 9/11 five-year anniversary Mass, which was held in the Basilica during the fall semester.

In the days after the incident, Notre Dame officials were initially hesitant to comment on the University's security protocols. Three days after the shootings, Jenkins sent an e-mail to students — which was also posted on his Web site — that was written to assure students and parents that the University has a plan in place to respond to emergencies.

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Justice Alito to speak to Saint Mary's grads

Some students plan silent protest against Supreme Court judge; College President Carol Ann Mooney backs decision

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's-Editor

Saint Mary's selection of Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. to speak at Saturday's graduation has sparked a backlash among some in the College community.

In a news release, College President Carol Ann Mooney said Alito's acceptance of the College's offer was "an honor," but more than 60 seniors and professors are expected to participate in a silent protest during the commencement exercises Saturday.

Participants will be distributing yellow roses to audience members with the message "Remember the Women" and a quote from former College President Sister Madeleva Wolff: "Here is your profile. Here is your future. You are as fearless as you are good. Your faith has the long courage and the freedom of truth. Your education has been an education in truth. You go out today to face wrong everywhere, to take the longest strides your souls have ever taken."

"In response to Justice Alito's presence, College members have organized a respectful silent demonstration during the commencement exercises," senior Kirsten Kensinger, one of the organizers of the protest, said in a statement. "It is in this spirit of a Saint Mary's education that some demonstrating seniors will silently place their yellow rose on the stage as they move forward to accept their diplomas."

In a formal statement to the College, participants said Alito has "consistently opposed concerns raised by women activists and, therefore, weakened the necessary foundation of equality within our democratic system. While respecting Justice Samuel Alito as a person and honoring him as a member of the highest court in our land, those opposed feel we must take exception to his public record, which presents grave concerns for women, minorities, and the disabled, among others. ... We must defend these values with integrity."

The silent protest will not be a first demonstration by members of the senior class against the choice of Alito as the major graduation speaker. On March 8, M e g a n H e r b s t, who is president of the College Democrats, joined Allison Beyer and junior Giulianella Rosado in submitting a formal letter addressed to Mooney with signatures from dissatisfied students.

"I couldn't believe we would have someone to polarizing and misrepresenting our mission at Saint Mary's as our commencement speaker," Meaghan Herbst, president, College Democrats.

"I couldn't believe we would have someone to polarizing and misrepresenting our mission at Saint Mary's as our commencement speaker," said.

While many students are pleased that such a prominent speaker will be delivering the commencement address, a number of seniors feel the choice was not to change the speaker.

Alito was nominated to the Supreme Court by President George W. Bush and was sworn in on January 31, 2006. He previously served as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit as appointed by George H. W. Bush in 1988.

Saint Mary's-Anne Parrett

Senior Meaghan Herbst collects a signature for her petition against Alito from fellow senior Hannah Starner in the Student Center in March.

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After four years of dedication to their studies and service, 14 Notre Dame graduates and students of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program will prepare for their new assignments. The commissioning ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. in the Joyce Center's Atrium, followed by a reception at 9:30 a.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Chairman and CEO of the Air Force, 2007

Patrick Coats will assume this position also attended the meeting, along with vice president Maris Braun.

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Dear Graduates,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my prayers and best wishes to the members of the Class of 2007. I also want to express my gratitude for the rich contributions you have made to the University during your time here.

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

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Vice President for Student Affairs
Graduate School holds first separate ceremony

University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman will speak at exercises designed to highlight students' accomplishments

By MARCELA BERRIOS
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For the first time in its 90-year existence, the Graduate School will hand out master's degrees and doctorates Saturday in a graduation ceremony separate from the undergraduate commencement exercises — a change organizers said would give the University more time to recognize its graduate students individually.

In previous years, graduates received their diplomas alongside undergraduate seniors. But as a result of the large numbers of combined degree recipients and time constraints, only outstanding doctoral students were recognized during the ceremony.

"I wanted to create an event that would focus attention on our graduate students' accomplishments and degrees," University President Father John Jenkins said in a letter to graduate students. "With a separate Graduate School ceremony, all doctoral and master's degree recipients will be recognized in a special way."

The new, separate ceremony will include the presentation of the Shaeffer Awards, the Graduate School's highest student distinction, as well as awards for outstanding professors and graduate alumni. In the past, the winners were merely listed on the main commencement program.

"A separate ceremony is, in fact, the norm at many of our peer institutions," Jenkins wrote. "At Notre Dame, while law and MBA graduates participate in the main commencement, the Law School and MBA program recognize their graduates with a separate ceremony. We, too, want to distinguish — certainly not hide — our graduates because they deserve this special attention."

Approximately 800 students will receive advanced degrees in engineering, architecture, science, humanities or social sciences Saturday in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, according to the Graduate School's Web site. The Law School and the MBA Program in the Mendoza College of Business will continue to host their separate ceremonies for their degree recipients.

The Dean of the Graduate School, Don Pope-Davis, will preside over Saturday's ceremony, which will feature University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman as its keynote speaker. A distinguished biochemist, Coleman has served as Michigan's 33rd president since 2002, investing millions of dollars in affirmative action and health care initiatives during her tenure.

Jenkins said he expected Coleman's address to directly target the postgraduate students' feelings — something that had not been possible at the combined graduation exercises.

"Typically, the keynote speaker for the main commencement tends to direct his or her remarks to the graduating senior class," Jenkins wrote. "While these remarks may also be useful for Master's and Ph.D. recipients, they tend not to speak directly to graduate students' experiences, aspirations and responsibilities, which are indeed markedly different from those of graduating seniors.

Jenkins, Pope-Davis and Provost Thomas Burish decided together to hold a separate ceremony "based upon the suggestions of several faculty members and in consultation with the deans of the various colleges," Jenkins wrote.

Despite their rationale, there were some complaints among the graduate student population after Jenkins announced the decision to hold a separate, smaller ceremony in the DeBartolo Concert Hall, which can seat as many as 1,000 people. Patty Rueso, who will receive her Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) degree Saturday, said many of her classmates didn't understand Jenkins' reasoning.

"I graduated from Notre Dame last year, and I remember sitting there many hours waiting for all the seniors, master's and Ph.D. students. Everyone was tired and restless," Rueso said. "Some of the graduate students I know complained when they heard they were having a separate ceremony, but they don't understand this is a move that will make them and their families more comfortable."

Jenkins and Burish will be in attendance Saturday, as well as the University's vice presidents and associate provosts — Dennis Jacobs, Jean Ann Litney and Christine Maziar — and deans Michael Lykoudis from the School of Architecture, Joseph Marino from the College of Science, James Merz from the College of Engineering and Mark Riche from the College of Arts and Letters.

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Prestigious awards given to graduates

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Several seniors have received fellowships and scholar­ships that will assist them in pursuing their passions and future careers as they embark on the next stage of their lives.

Senior Zach Stewart, an architecture and medieval studies major, was one of the eight recipients of the presti­gious Fulbright research grant, out of a pool of 500 applicants.

Stewart will spend a year studying medieval architecture at the University of London's Courtauld Institute of Art.

"The Igrant is useful because I plan to pursue a Ph.D. in the field of medieval architecture," Stewart said. "It will give me the chance to spend the year studying the buildings them­selves."

Stewart said his study abroad experience in Rome impacted both his learning and his passion for architecture.

"Studying abroad for a year with the Rome program was important to exposing me to different education­al methods," he said. "Part of the reason I applied for the Fulbright is because it is so independent and research-based — you really get to dig into the material."

Although Stewart said he had not considered looking into fellowship until the end of his junior year, he said there were a number of faculty members who were instru­mental in helping him pursue this grant.

Stewart explained that whether he pursues a career in academia or architecture, "rigorous historical back­ground regarding buildings" is essential to his future goals.

Marshall Scholarship recipi­ent Meg Towle plans to obtain a master's degree in medicine. The Marshall Scholarship enables her to obtain a master's degree after one year of study in the United Kingdom and then pursue her research in international health management more extensively in her second year.

Towle said applying for the scholarship was a last-minute decision, which proved to have successful results and will be a stepping-stone for her to pur­sue a career in international health.

"I think this will have every­thing to do with my career," she said. "I want to work in international health manage­ment, particularly with dis­placed women and refugees."

An anthropology and peace studies major, Towle said her experiences at Notre Dame with community-based learn­ing, international studies and research have helped her dis­cover her interests and obtain the Marshall Scholarship. She also said the anthropology department, the Kroc Institute and the Center for Social Concerns were essential to her success.

"This will be a fantastic edu­cational experience and will help me to [study] in areas that I hope to work in," Towle said.

Other scholarships will assist students financially for post­graduate school.

Senior Ted Brown received $7,300 toward his medical education at the Indiana School of Medicine from the NCA Scholarship, which is awarded to successful student-athletes.

"As a wrestler at Notre Dame, Brown said both his professors and coaches were instrumental in helping him to obtain the scholarship."

"I think the most important thing I learned at Notre Dame was the importance of time management," Brown said.

"Because I was able to handle rigorous academics and a swimming requirement, I think I can achieve my goals because of the foundation I had at Notre Dame."

Brown hopes to specialize in oncology, but said he is keeping his options open to other fields of medi­cine as well.

Many also use fellowships and scholarships to explore fields of study of particu­lar interest to them. This September, sen­ior Juan Gastelum will teach middle school English and American Studies in Spain as part of the Fulbright Teaching Assistantship.

Gastelum said the program fosters cultural exchange between the United States and Spain.

"The Romance Language component [of my studies] gave me a good background in Spanish and Italian literature and also helped me to learn Spanish culture," Gastelum said. A pre-professional studies and romance languages major, Gastelum said the nine-month assistance will help him decide whether he wants to continue to pursue a career in medicine.

"This might give me a new perspective, and it is a way to give myself time. ... It is also an amazing opportunity," Gastelum said.

While in Spain, Gastelum will also have the opportunity to conduct research on the portrayal of immigrant cul­tures in film.

Other awards won by mem­bers of the class of 2007 include Austrian Teaching Assistantships (Adam Snider and Stephen Zakas), French Teaching Assistantships (Samantha Alarie-Leca, Michael P. Barrett, Danielle Dahaner, Andrea Niolet), the Humanity in Action Fellowship (Naomi Hansen) and National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships (Jonathan Bischof, Rebecca Ladewski, Elizabeth Rollins).

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Five rectors choose to leave at end of academic year

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

As graduating seniors move on to college and volunteer placements, five rectors will leave their current positions to pursue other opportunities.

President Carol Parrish will step down at the end of the academic year, as she has served in her current role since 1997. Parrish said that the role of rector is a six-and-a-half-year term, and that the timing is right for her to make this change.

"For me, it's time to move on to new adventures and to continue to serve the University family in a different capacity," Parrish said. "I am looking forward to continuing to work with the University community in the future, and to seeing where this new chapter of my life will take me."
Seniors participate in post-graduate service

By BECKY HOGAN

While Notre Dame has an established tradition of under-graduate service work, a new trend is emerging with many graduating seniors who choose to participate in post-graduate service programs in Africa. In the past, many students have traveled to Latin America for service opportunities. Recently, however, graduating seniors have chosen to focus their efforts in Africa due to the University’s involvement in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

“Many students are being intrigued by the culture in Africa and want to experience it more fully,” said Liz Mackenzie, director of senior transition programs at the Center for Social Concerns.

Approximately 160 seniors plan to participate in postgraduate service programs this year, and that number is likely to increase to about 210 participants by the fall — making the Class of 2007 will participate in various service programs around the globe.

“We are on target this year for the 10 percent,” Mackenzie said. “This number has stayed consistent for the past several years.”

Former student body president Lila Mackenzie ’06 will travel to Uganda at the end of August to learn about the Peace Corps’ Micro business program. She and four other graduating seniors will travel to various places in Uganda.

“Shappell said she was attracted to the idea of being in a strong emphasis on community,” said Mackenzie.

While Shappell said she knew she would participate in a national service after graduation, it was not until she traveled to Uganda last spring that she realized she wanted to be more involved in service there.

“there is a lot of flexibility (in Uganda) to work with women’s HIV/AIDS,” she said. “I was able to use my major to help.

Shappell hopes to pursue a career in international relations or public policy after serving in Uganda.

The Center for Social Concerns has prepared the teaching service programs are the most well-rounded of the groups involved in national service.

Teaching service programs for English teachers are included with the Board of Trustees will continue to move the university’s commitment to work for the Holy Cross, and many public relations or public policy after graduation.

“I came to Notre Dame to learn more about what is really happening,” said Liz Roche.

In 2003, Roche published The Inheritance of Catholicism and the Idea of a Catholic University, a book that came out of the College Board of Trustees’ endeavors to create a Catholic identity for Notre Dame.

“By the end of next year I will have been honored for services and work as an administrator for seventeen years,” Roche wrote. “Any additional years would have moved me, perhaps irrevocably, into a non-tenured administrative role. I always preferred the somewhat antiquated model, which I believe, I can still work as an under-graduate at Williams College, working as an administrative scholar teacher who serves for a period of time and then leaves, serving full-time teaching and scholarship.

Roche will publish a book, titled “By my colleagues to serve as president.”

“O’Connor has been a leader in higher education and has served in the role of president for over 30 years.”

O’Connor was named as president of the University of Notre Dame in 1997. He is a native of Philadelphia and has served in various capacities at the university, including as provost and executive vice president.

Before becoming president at the University of Notre Dame, O’Connor served as provost and executive vice president at the University of Pennsylvania.

O’Connor is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the 2006 National Medal of Science and the 2007 National Medal of Technology and Innovation.

College of Arts and Letters Dean Dean Roche announced May 1 he will resign from his administrative position at the end of the current academic year, ending 11 years of service at the college. He will continue his membership on the faculty as professor and scholar at Notre Dame.

A national search for a president in 2004, Roche said, was compared to the position of Arts and Letters dean today to the job 10 years ago. “I would hope they would be able to attract someone for that role,” Roche said. “And I’m confident they will.”

“Raising the staff in the dean’s office is a support staff, beginning with my secretary, a diagnostic assistant (Carmen L. Leichty), that’s absolutely vital,” Roche said.

Roche joined the Notre Dame faculty as the Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Professor of German Language and Literature in 1956 and was selected to replace Harold W. Attridge as Arts and Letters dean in 1997.

The position was “an important one in my role because I still stayed in the role because I loved the campus and the community and aspirational environment for the College of Arts and Letters,” Roche wrote in a statement to faculty members May 1.

Roche, who graduated magna cum laude from Williams College in 1978, currently teaches a college seminar on faith, doubt and reason. He said he would like to continue teaching in the college’s German language program and the Center for German Studies.

The last decade where I had to reflect on was after five years,” Roche wrote. “At the time, I was aware of some challenges that had not been met.”

He said the college is in very good shape.... I would also say the Catholic identity is not in place, and I have stayed perhaps a little bit longer to help the transition to the university President Father John Jenkins and college president, Mary Burke.”

Roche was honored at the Kanel Award ceremony and was an Undergraduate Teaching in 2006.

In 1997, Roche has served as a president of the College of Arts and Social Sciences, an annual journal published by the Philosophy of the College of Arts and Letters and includes 21 departments and 30 more than 2,500 undergraduate students and more than 70 graduate students.

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Looking through old boxes in my closet this week as I began organizing myself for my trip home, I stumbled upon a picture that I’d placed in my dorm during freshman orientation four years ago. Huddled in a tight cluster were me and eight of my closest friends from high school enjoying ourselves on a late summer night before we’d all head our separate ways. The picture was a reminder of a time when I thought that I’d never be able to match those friendships.

Boy was I wrong.

Over four years at Notre Dame I’ve collected a number of great memories from my time as a student and editor at the campus newspaper. I’ve taken great classes, met intelligent professors and received an excellent education. At the newspaper I learned valuable lessons that I will carry with me as I begin my professional career. Listening to Charlie Weis and Mike Brey talk sports wasn’t bad either. But the number of these memories don’t come close to the ones I’ve collected while spending time with my friends. Let’s start with some of the first weekends in Keough freshman year when we began realizing that Mac had a special talent. To this day, I laugh every time he runs down the stairs in our off-campus house.

Smiles aside, Mike probably cringes when he remembers the time he wanted to give a friend some help at that off-campus party sophomore year. Hopefully that same generosity will be useful in helping with surgeries some day.

How about the junior year trip to Ann Arbor for the Michigan game when we got sidetracked along the highway? I might have won “Least Valuable Player” for that weekend, but I didn’t discourage Byrnes from introducing everyone to our new friend Reggie.

There’s also the senior year trip to Vegas when The Coach had to call it an early night — at 6 p.m. Donnelly, Dan and I made it home later that night after we made a few “standard” inquiries in the cab ride from Mandalay Bay.

Finally, I’m not sure it was a good idea to spend that much money in the airport with Dave before our spring break even began, but I’ll never forget the priceless look on that waitress’ face.

The stories don’t end there but the point is clear. Everyone says college is about growing as a person and maturing as an adult. And at least for me, I don’t think I’d be the person I am today without my buddies from Notre Dame. I feel lucky to have made so many close friends, and I credit the University for making all these great times possible.

Friends outside Notre Dame criticize the school, wondering why we have single-sex dorms and, more so, why we don’t complain about our living situations. Granted I did grow out of it, but making close friends is easy when you’re not always worried about chasing girls.

And those friendships forged over the course of college only grew thicker when we encountered our more difficult moments. Life isn’t always easy but with good relationships those incidents are easier to get through.

Over the next several years the times we see each other will go from daily to monthly as we settle into our jobs and lives. Football Saturdays will invariably become times to look back on at how much fun we had while continuing to wonder when the bell Notre Dame will win its next National Championship. But at a point where a lot of people are upset about college being over, I feel somewhat satisfied. I’ve had a great time at Notre Dame, and I will take these memories — and lessons — with me for the rest of my life.

Because like leaving my friends from home and beginning college, we are all about to embark on a new journey. But that doesn’t mean we can’t smile about how great the last four years really were. Thanks guys.

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Bobby Griffin
Assistant Managing Editor
Emeritus
Family in Bookstore and beyond

The good in bad days

Remember that really bad day? The day you thought you couldn’t cut it here. The day you uttered the words, “I can’t wait to get out of this place.” The day you wondered if you’d ever admit it today? Never.

While anxiously preparing for the future, I anticipate that the echoes of your time here will ring in your ears when you expect it. Six months from now you might want to trade in your Lincoln Park abode to spend one night cramped up in your freshmen year bunk bed — solely to relive the late night conversations exchanged with hall mates strangers who quickly became your second family.

In few years you might be taking a walk through Central Park on a crisp fall morning only to be reminded of towering trees that lined the Avenue, welcoming you to your home away from home. And chances are you might not realize exactly what you will miss during this weekend, this month or maybe even this summer.

In fact, you will probably remember what you do not miss.

Kate Gales
Associate Sports Editor Emeritus

In fourth grade, I went out for the school basketball team. I played mostly on the bench in my junior year. Perhaps that’s a stretch, but my Bookstore experience has mirrored the most important parts of my college experience in three important ways.

They say college is what you make of it, and I credit my friends for making the little everyday things into memories I will always cherish. Whether it is being one of Bookstore Basketball’s least talented teams, putting together outfits for every possible SYR theme, planning parties, going grocery shopping or just sitting around on the couch watching Friends and saying (it might surprise you how much time we can spend doing this), these people have shaped the contours of the past four years. We were brought together by fate and the shared housing system and held together by a love for Fighting Irish, TV on DVD and Notre Dame football.

Notre Dame brings me to the most important part of Bookstore Basketball is, in a microcosm, my Notre Dame experience. Sports are crucial to being a part of campus life at Notre Dame. I trace back some of my strongest friendships to walking onto the Cavanagh interhall football team at the beginning of freshman year. Although I never cracked the starting lineup, these people have shaped the contours of the past four years, helped me grow as a person and, in turn, helped them get to know mine better.

This, of course, leads to the last part of Bookstore Basketball as a metaphor for the past four years: family. One of the accomplishments of which my father (Class of ’82) is proud is graduating from college with a winning record in Bookstore Basketball. Although I went 0-3, I was proud to be a part of the tradition of both my school and my family. After the uphill struggle to win in 2006, Dad comforted me by sending me pictures of his teams in the old Bookstore tournament. I don’t know if they were intended to cheer me up, but the beloved sweatspants he was wearing significantly dulled the pain of my defeat.

But family is, for me, the most important part of Bookstore Basketball. Although I have been hundreds of miles from them for the past four years, I have learned so much more from my parents especially. When you introduce your family to your college friends for the first time, you can sometimes see them in a different light. As my friends got to know my parents, I saw them in a different way, as much more than just the people who raised, disciplined and supported me for 22 years. They are the most freely giving, welcoming and loving people I have ever been privileged to know. I am so proud to have them watch me graduate this weekend and I hope that they have always been proud of me (if not my prowess, or lack thereof, on the Bookstore court).

My sister will enter Notre Dame in August as a freshman. I have much faith that she will carry on the WinningGales tradition even better than I have (she tends to end up in things). I don’t think she really needs my advice. But there is one thing that I have learned over the past four years. At Notre Dame, you will probably never be the “best” at anything. You will be surrounded by some of the best and brightest young people in the country and in the world, but no one else will bring what you do to Notre Dame. And that is what makes every person so important to this University, in creating “the Notre Dame family.”

I try to avoid Notre Dame cliches like that one. But for me, the Notre Dame family is forever intertwined with my own family. Since my parents likely would never had met if not for attending Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, I give some of the amount of credit for the fact that I exist at all. I am so honored to be a part of both of these families. Although my basketball skills may not be a credit to them, I hope that they will never become a burden to them both.

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Kate Gales
Associate Sports Editor Emeritus
Sex kills. So come to Notre Dame and live forever. Those black T-shirts are ubiquitous on this campus, and four years ago, one of them proclaimed just that. Or at least, that's what Joseph Cohen wrote in his 2003 Notre Dame Magazine article entitled, "Notre Dame Students Today: What They're Like." At the time, the article was a noble attempt to describe the then-ND students, written by someone nearly as old as some of their parents whom Cohen described himself. He wrote about alumni who "dream of seeing their children follow in their footsteps to the Main Building's stairs." Hence the article's biggest problem—it wasn't written by a student. If Cohen had been a student, he'd surely know the legend—underagers don't walk the Main Building stairs. If they do, they're either going to the dorms. Four years later, Cohen's article is as obsolete as the Main Building's dorms. Heck, he wrote it when Club Fever was still Heartland, when only 20 percent of the student body lived in the DeBartolo family name and when Tyronne Williams was the lone commission to resurrect the Notre Dame football program. And unless there are any single-exempt students out there, no current undergraduates were around when the administration banned in-dorm dances, the loss of which Cohen reflected upon. So what are the typical non-Main-DeBartolo-building students like? Student body's record, most undergrads don't use fake IDs. By and large, most of us wouldn't "catch the Fish," at Michiana's hottest nightclub until we are, in fact, 21.

While at some colleges, freshmen secure their freshest on their first day of freshman year, at Notre Dame freshmen, on the other hand, we're too busy worrying about who's standing next to us in the football stadium's toilet lines when some, if truth, if does exist, a number of us have indeed sworn away our immortality. Nevertheless, there are still some premon- dant of prudes on this campus. Yet even the prudes don't know what an wearing of the student-made sex T-shirt—"are unaware of the sex that occurs at Notre Dame," and if truth does exist, a number of us have indeed sworn away our immortality. Nevertheless, there are still some premon- dant of prudes on this campus. Yet even the prudes don't know what an wearing of the student-made sex T-shirt—"are unaware of the sex that occurs at Notre Dame, but in fact know that the fact that nobody actually does the jigt in his real, but some—the wearers of the student-made sex T-shirt—who do not actually do the jigt in his real life. However, what Cohen doesn't mention is the number of us who are typically too drunk to make it from our tailgates to the football games. Or that during our four years here, most of us learn more about procrastination than politics. And in 2003, as George W. Bush offered audience members the rare opportunity to ask him questions that had not been scripted in advance by his public relations department, one individual jokingly (or perhaps bold allusion to whether or not the president had seen the film "Brokeback Mountain.") "I haven't seen it," Bush responded with a grin that sent waves of laughter rolling through the auditorium. "I'd be glad to talk about ranching, but I haven't seen the movie." The fact is, the president was probably the only person who has seen Ang Lee's Oscar-nominated western that brought a whole new meaning to the phrase "ride 'em, cowboys." After all, the over-politicization of American life has reached such a sickening level that even one of our most cherished national pastimes—the motion picture industry—has become a political hotbed ripe with opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to tear at each other's throats. For instance, conversations about "Brokeback Mountain," (which, as every­ body knows, was not just an "Irish aura gushing with arrogant, flamboyant Phyllis Hall.)" How many of us are there? And sharp though we profess to be, as students, we've just confessed to our entire college community that we haven't even seen the movie. If you love the movie, you're a "gay-lover." If you hate it, you're a homo­ phobe. Ironically, this movie that was supposed to be mind-opening has only proven how close-minded and judgmental Americans can be (on both sides of the political spectrum). To be honest, I thought that "Brokeback Mountain" was a maddening, tedious, cheesy film I have seen all year. The love story, while unconventional and at times awkwardly hilarious, seemed forced and unrealis­ tic, and the dialogue made George Lucas sound like Charlie Kaufman. Nevertheless, posting this opinion on a liberal blog or newspaper message boards, we've just confessed to our entire entire, have been raving non­ stop about its open-minded brilliance and innovative plot twists—even when they have never even seen the movie. If you love the movie, you're a "gay lover." If you hate it, you're a homo­ phobe. And there you have it: the gay vote—what most Republicans to tear at each other's lives. Heck, it was written back when Sen. Byrnes spoke of the Irish in terms of prudes on this campus. Yet, though, this politicization of the film industry and one of our most cherished forms of mindlessness entertainment is only something that will further divide an America that is already starting to resemble a blue Oreo stuffed with way too much red cream. As George Washington warned in his legendary farewell address, "The alternate domi­ nant of our nation is an ax, sharpened by the spirit of revenge, nat­ ural to party dissension ... is in itself a frightful despotism." And the first step forward to ending this factionalized despotism? Nominating a film for Best Picture that all of America can appreciate and enjoy—"like the Line." Or, at the very least, "Miss Congeniality 3: Armed and Fabulous." Joey Falco is a graduating American Studies major and Journalism, Ethics and Democracy minor. This column originally appeared in the February 6, 2006 edition of The Observer. He can be contacted at jfalco@nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the Observer and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Defending logic of 'Loyal Daughters'

Several of the skits in "The Vagina Monologues" have left me laughing hystericilly: "The Woman Who Liked to Make Vaginas Happy," which details various orgasm sounds, is just one of them. To claim that it has less humor than "Loyal Daughters" is a serious oversight. Buttaci additionally failed to mention that the skit ends on a completely serious, non-humorous note. He claims that viewers are too busy laughing to actually think, "Wait a second: this is terrible logic!" once again causing me to think he didn't even see the performance. Personally, I did not find the ending of the skit to be funny at all. Neither did the other 359 viewers packed with me in the Deitro theatre this past fall. In fact, I clearly remember a dead silence falling across the audience at the end of the skit. To me, this skit was one of the more prominent parts of the play. As I lay in bed that night, I considered re-reconsidered the argument, because its possible implications were incredibly stunning.

My final point is this. Attempting to deluge those involved with "Loyal Daughters" and "The Vagina Monologues" through exaggerations and slanders of the material is cowardly. If Buttaci is going to attack us, he should attack us for something that we have actually done that is out of line with the Catholic character that he so readily defends.

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Feb. 21, 2007

An acronym you can get behind

This week is supposed to be LGBTQ awareness week, but dear old Dad is going to prove difficult with such a haphazard acronym. This haphazard array of letters makes every article seem as if it's drunkenly reporter continually passed out on the keyboard. All of the good acronyms in our society have been catchy or unique enough to hold water with the American public. Without a good acronym, any group is going enough to suffer the fate of NKOTB. Acronyms derive their strength from being pronounceable as a word, like NATO or UNICEF, or having a multiple letter, think N "Double A" LP. If the leaders of this body are tied to letters like Q, giving gay rights a powerful acronym may prove to be a game of Scrabble that Milton Bradley wouldn't be able to finish. For those open to changing the acronym, there is always "HATF" (Homosexuals Asking for Tolerance and Sensitivity), but perhaps a more pragmatic solution is a simple rearrangement of the diffi-

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Alex White
senior
off campus
April 16, 2007
What has been most memorable about living in South Bend?

Anne Siebels  
Pasquerilla West  
"The weather."

Chris Lee  
off campus  
"It's so small, you see everyone you know from ND at places like Chipotle and Club Fever."

Elizabeth Reed  
Howard  
"Notre Dame home football games."

Laura Navarre  
Howard  
"My friends."

Brad Tucker  
off campus  
"Making out with trees."

Alfredo Tuesta  
Alumni  
"Having a pachanga with my friends at Palacio and Salsa nights at Legends."

Describe your time here in three words or less.

Jesse Goliath  
O'Neill  
"Fabulous."

Caitlin Mahan  
Breen Phillips  
"Absolutely fabulous."

Michael Suso  
Morrissey  
"Blessed."

Carolln Hubscher  
Howard  
"Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious."

George Dzuriscko  
off campus  
"Frustrated, poor and edumacated."

Alicia Davis  
Cavanaugh  
"All the snow (I'm from Texas)."
What is your favorite memory from the past four years?

Amanda Meyer
off campus

"Oooh man, I wish I could remember."

Beth Jollivette
off campus

"The nights I don’t remember with the people I forgot."

Packy Cain
off campus

"5 letters: D-U-S-T-Y. (He’s my favorite pizzaguy!)"

Kevin Wolff
off campus

"Sharing a house with that guy."

Dave Viken
off campus

"Sitting next to Ray McCarthy during a test."

Maggie Wickstrom
off campus

"Navarre Street. Period."

What are your plans for after graduation?

David Saucedo
Carroll

"Travel to Mexico and become a luchador! El Tigre del Norte!"

Joseph Blondin
off campus

"Dental School. ... Four years of college were not enough!"

Maggie Wehmer
off campus

"Living vicariously through 8-year-olds while teaching in Chicago."

Ray McCarthy
off campus

"Work on getting my G.E.D."

Tim Loh
Keough

"I plan to give my liver a much deserved rest ... wait, that’s not true."
Irish win over Blue Jays in overtime, with sails set high for season's end

By KRISTA HOPSON and KEVIN CHOONG

Notre Dame captured its first win over the Blue Jays since 2003 and set the stage for a weekend showdown with the top-ranked Blue Devils.

In a game that featured a 39-24 Irish finish undefeated against conference foes, the Fighting Irish sailed into overtime after a thrilling contest.

Sophomore Jillian Byers and junior Caitlin McKinney led the Irish offense, with Byers netting four goals and six assists, and McKinney adding four goals and 21 assists.

The Blue Jays, who won the first 17 matches of the season, were held to a loss in the first round of competition.

Their defeat marked the second straight loss for the Blue Jays, who entered the weekend with a 15-3 record.

Irish junior midfielder Michael Kimmell netted his only goal of the game. The Fighting Irish season ended with a 21-15 record, including a 12-5 mark in conference play.

Irish defense set a team record for least goals allowed in an 11-1 victory.

The team dominated the Blue Jays throughout the game, outshooting them by a 44-24 margin and controlling the ball throughout.

Irish senior goalkeeper Jesse Schwartzman made 13 saves in the game, including three in overtime, to help the Fighting Irish secure the win.

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NEW PAIRS HELP IRISH TAKE CONFERENCE TITLE 4-0 OVER LOUISVILLE
BY JAY WADE
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 5 Irish had quite the journey to the NCAA Tournament round of 16.

The Irish (26-3) played one of the nation's toughest schedules littered with top-20 opponents, but they battled through it all, starting the season outside of the top 10 and advancing to the fifth-overall seed in the Tournament.

This impressive run by the Irish began on a sour note in January, when they lost their first two matches 4-1 to Virginia. But the Irish won 17 of their next 18 matches, before they fell to No. 3 Ohio State March 30.

After the Ohio State match, Notre Dame evaluated its situation and decided to mix up its doubles the next weekend against Ball State, a position that had been weak for the team all season. That switch paired seniors Stephen Bass and Ryan Keckley, junior Andrew Roth with senior Barry King and sophomore Brett Helgeson with junior Sheeva Parikh.

All three pairings had not played with each other prior to the match, but the Irish rode this lineup to eight straight wins to date, including the Big East tournament and two opening rounds of the NCAA Tournament.

Prior to this switch, the Irish had won only four of eight doubles points—the team has won every doubles point since, and Bass/Keckley have yet to lose, going 8-0.

Tournament season for the Irish has gone just as well.

Notre Dame easily handled the best the Big East had to offer and advanced to a conference tournament championship by beating Villanova, St. John's and Louisville all by 4-0. Shuts it was the second league championship for the Irish in the last three years.

The team will now face No. 12 Southern California in trying to advance to the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals after defeating Butler and Wisconsin in the first two rounds by scores of 4-0.

Individually, the Irish have excelled as well. Senior leader and No. 1-ranked Bass has accumulated a 35-9 overall record and is a finalist in the National Senior Player of the Year Award. Both earned a record of 26-11, Helgeson 20-7, and Parikh 22 dual-match wins.

"As far as the season goes, we had a number of goals, and so far we have met all of them," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "I am proud that these guys as many as any group we've ever had, because they push another one to greater heights than we have seen. Team-wise we have been one of the two or three consistent teams in tennis, we've played and complained from some great opponents."

The Irish do not plan on stopping this year.

"We're excited to be here. We're excited to be in the NCAA tournament because age isn't as important," Bayliss said. "I think the Irish are a great team, because we feel like we really don't have any freshman, we've been through a lot of big matches and played a lot. Even though it's their first year, they really aren't doing anything anymore this time of year."

Aside from the three scattered losses during the season, the Irish cruised through the regular season, highighting their 16-match winning streak that spanned nearly two months.

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Irish breaking new ground on ascent

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Heading into the 2006 season, the Notre Dame posters described the Irish program as "ascendant." After the program secured its NCAA quarterly birth as well as its first Hermann Trophy winner in 2006, it’s safe to say that Notre Dame is on the rise.

The Irish finished the regular season with a record of 15-6-2. Earning a first-round bye in the NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame went on to defeat Illinois-Chicago 1-0 at home in its first game before knocking off defending champion Maryland 1-0 in overtime in the round of 16. It marked the second consecutive year that the Irish ousted the reigning national champions out of the NCAA tournament. Notre Dame bounced defending champion Indiana in 2005.

The win over the Terrapins also ended a streak of three consecutive Sweet 16 exits for coach Bobby Clark and his squad, who went on to face 4th-seeded Virginia in the program’s first ever quarterfinal berth.

Against the Cavaliers, Notre Dame twice cut two-goal deficits in half, but the Irish were unable to find the elusive tying goal. The eventually fell to Virginia 3-2. While Clark called 2006 a "very good season," he said his team stopped short of their potential.

"I would like to have that game over again," Clark said, referring to the Virginia game. "We didn’t quite play to our potential in that game, and it was a game where you came off the field saying I wish we could play them again tomorrow. I felt the season stopped a little too short because I felt we had a team that was good enough to go to a Final Four." While the Irish were stopped one game short of the semifinals, their season included many memorable moments, such as an instant classic against cross-state rival Indiana. Notre Dame defeated the Hoosiers 3-4 in overtime Sept. 3 in the Adidas/US Credit Union Classic. The Irish also ran off an eight-game unbeaten streak from Sep. 20 to Oct. 18 in which they outscored their opponents by a combined total of 21-2.

Clark pointed to senior leadership as the main reason for his team’s success. "Senior co-captains Greg Dalby and Dale Rellas provided fantastic leadership," Clark said. "Any team that’s going to be successful needs good leadership, and the whole senior class was terrific. It also wasn’t easy having the top scorer in the country, but the leadership was the catalyst to the season."

By top scorer, Clark was referring to junior forward Joseph Lapira, who led the nation in both goals (22) and points (50). Those statistics helped Lapira win the program’s first ever Hermann Trophy — the collegiate soccer player of the year award. Even more impressively, Lapira played with a torn left meniscus, which he injured in the first game of the season against UAB.

"It was a special year," Clark said. "Lapira has a terrific appetite to shoot, and that’s a great attribute for a striker. He loves to shoot and he loves to go to goal, but he was also a pretty good team player this year as well. He had a great energy and great work ethic all season.

After his impressive 2006 campaign, Notre Dame hopes it will continue ascending to the top of the collegiate soccer world. Despite losing Dalby and Rellas, Notre Dame will return seven starters, including Lapira, in 2007 to go along with a bevy of younger talent.

"If you’re a good program, you’re going to graduate some good players," Clark said. "If you’re going to continue to be a good program new good players are going to have to step up and fill the void, and I think we have a group of young players who are more than ready to come in and pick up where we left off."

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By KEN FOWLER
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The Irish began the season with national title aspirations, but instead received a rude awakening from nation's top programs. After easy wins over Purdue and Washington, Notre Dame travelled to the Georgia Dome for the season opener against the Bulldogs, only to come away with a disappointing 24-20 loss to coach Lane Kiffin's Trojans.

The Trojans took a 21-3 lead after a successful play on the opening drive, followed by a successful field goal two minutes later. The Irish were unable to respond, and the Trojans continued to dominate throughout the game, taking a 41-17 lead at halftime.

In the second half, the Irish rallied back, but were unable to complete the comeback. Despite a strong performance by quarterback Brady Quinn, the Irish struggled on both offense and defense, allowing the Trojans to score a total of 24 points in the second half.

The loss was a significant blow to the Irish, who had high expectations for the season. However, head coach Brian Kelly remained optimistic, stating that the team had the ability to come back and improve.

The Irish will now look to regroup and prepare for their next game against the University of Oregon, where they will have another chance to prove themselves on the national stage.
ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Undefeated streak ends with loss in title game

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sport Editor

For most squads, a season that included just one loss and a trip to the National Championship game would be considered a success.

But for Notre Dame, which finished the year 25-1-1 after falling to North Carolina in the title game, that one loss still stings.

"We didn't show the country how good we were," senior defender Kim Lorenzen said. "We didn't play how we had played in the tournament up to that point."

After finishing the regular season 20-0-1 and winning the Big East tournament, the Irish ture through the NCAA tour­ney, ousting their first five opponents — Oakland, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Colorado, Penn State and Florida State — 17-2. "The run through the tour­nament was probably the best soccer we played all year," Lorenzen said. "But then Notre Dame ran into the Tar Heels juggernaut."

North Carolina has won 18 National Championships in the 25-year history of the Women's College Cup, and the confidence of the 2006 squad was evident as it took a 2-0 lead over the shell-shocked Irish and held on for a 2-1 victory.

"For about seventy minutes, they clearly were the better team," Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said. "The Irish made a comeback late, getting a goal from sophomore Brittany Rock and threatening to score several other times, but couldn't equalize."

"We showed the pride we have in our program and made a game of it," Waldrum said. "Maybe if we had ten more minutes in the game, we could have pulled back even."

Waldrum said both the Tar Heels’ mystique and style of play frustrated his team — even the seniors, who had never faced North Carolina.

"They put you on your heels and they put so much pressure on the ball," Waldrum said. "We don't see that a lot."

Waldrum said he has worked to get the Tar Heels on Notre Dame’s schedule in the future, to try to get experience against the nation’s top program. Next season, the Irish will play North Carolina in an exhibition game, and after that the Tar Heels will appear on Notre Dame’s regular season sched­ule.

The Irish began the 2006 campaign with 13 straight vict­ories, including a 3-1 win over then-No. 1 Santa Clara Sept. 3. Notre Dame held the nation’s top spot in at least one poll for the entire season until the North Carolina game.

The only blemish for the Irish in the regular season was a scoreless tie at Connecticut Oct. 13. The Huskies, generally a Big East power, struggled in 2006 and were just 7-7-1 when they played Notre Dame.

But Waldrum said his team should have treated them like any other Connecticut squad.

"UConn is always a tough team to play," he said. "I felt like we were nearly as sharp for that kind of a game as we needed to be. I still felt we were the bet­ter team on the night, but we just couldn't find the goal."

The Irish responded to the setback with 12 more victories in a row, including tearing through the Big East tour­nament and topping Rutgers 4-2 in the conference champi­onship game, before falling to North Carolina in the national title game.

Sophomore Kerri Hanks led the Irish offensively all year, scoring 22 goals and tallying 22 assists, while freshman Michele Wornerbolder scored 18 goals and added 17 assists of her own.

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Veterans lead team to first-ever conference title in surprise season

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Moments after top-seeded Notre Dame lost to Michigan State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, Irish head coach Jeff Jackson walked into an emotion-swept locker room in the bowels of Van Andel Arena and thanked all his players for an unparalleled season — but none more than his eight seniors.

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"It's been a long time coming, and it's something we've talked about since the time we came to Notre Dame," said after the championship win. "It's just special to be a part of that."

In the league championship win over Michigan, Brown made 31 saves on the nation's top offense and smashed several Wolverines scoring chances in the mad dash of the game's final two minutes. It was the high­light of a season in which Brown shattered Notre Dame records, earned league player of the year honors and was one of three finalists for the Hobey Baker Award.

"There's no question that [Brown] made the biggest impact on the ice," Jackson said. "I think that there are a lot of Irish in goals a season ago but missed more than a month of the season with a broken wrist — and still added eight goals for 18 points. Bartlett teamed up with Paige and Jindra to form a line that was tasked with shutting down the opposition's top line throughout the middle of the season, which they notably accomplished in a January series against No. 8 Miami for a win and a tie.

"I think the thing we will notice early on next year with what we will be missing is their grit," Jackson said of his senior forwards.

Whether it was their ability to stop pucks, bang bodies in the defensive zone and engineer breakouts or wear down the other team's best line while net­ting a few goals of their own, the eight Irish seniors who will graduate Sunday will leave a lasting reminder of their impact on the program now and for years to come — the two cham­pionship banners that hang from the Joyce Center rafters.

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Irish will face Redbirds in NCAA Regionals

ND SOFTBALL

By DAN MURPHY

Notre Dame begins its ninth consecutive NCAA Tournament this afternoon when it takes on No. 21 Illinois State in Evanston, Ill.

The Irish face the season with a record of 42-15-1 and lost in the semi-finals of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament. They have put up big numbers on offense all year long, with 321 runs scored on the year compared to 160 given up.

Freshman Kara Nelson scored 57 of those runs while hitting .387 from her lead-off spot in her rookie season. Sophomore Amber Smith and Jessica Baker provided the power for Illinois State, with 15 and 16 home runs, respectively.

The Irish lineup will be facing off against senior pitcher Shannon Nicholson, who had a 20-6 record and 1.51 ERA.

"Nicholson has a good change-up. She keeps hitters off balance," head coach Deanna Gumpf said. "So we just need to stay back and hit the ball up the middle — not try to crush it."

Notre Dame was only five outs away from defending last year's Big East title last Saturday, but Louisville sophomore Brooke McCrain singled in a run in the bottom of the sixth inning to give the Cardinals a 2-1 win and the conference championship.

McCrain's RBI was the first run the Cardinals scored since a two-run homer in the first inning. Sophomore pitcher Brittney Bargar threw all six innings for the Irish, striking out six while allowing only three earned runs. Bargar ended her second collegiate season with 224 strikeouts and a 2.12 ERA.

"Bargar has been doing a great job of controlling the big batters, especially recently," Gumpf said.

The Notre Dame offense did all of its damage in the top half of the sixth. Junior Sarah Smith and senior Stephanie Brown both singled to start the inning. They were followed by senior Geisica Hufnagle, who reached on a bad throw from the Louisville third baseman. The throw allowed Smith to come around and score. Brown would plate the second Irish run two batters later thanks to a Heather Johnson single, tying the game at two.

Notre Dame threatened to tie the game again in the seventh when freshman Christine Lux led off with a double to left-center, but she was stranded at third as Louisville relief pitcher Catherine Bishop struck out the last two batters to end the game.

"We knew we were going to do well. They were all loose and ready to fight," Gumpf said. "I thought we played really well."

The loss to put an end to a seven-game win streak for the Irish. After dropping six straight conference games, Notre Dame caught fire, winning the last five of the regular season. The team finished with a 31-22 record (13-7 in the Big East), good enough for the No. 4 seed in the conference tournament.

In order to reach the finals, Notre Dame had to get through Connecticut and No. 12 DePaul. The Irish cruised past the Huskies with a 6-0 win to start the tournament. With momentum on its side, the offense kept things going in an 8-2 win over the Blue Demons.

"We played well as a team. They responded to one another and built momentum off of each other," Gumpf said.

After scratching across one in the second inning, Notre Dame went on a five-run tear in the third. Sophomore Linda Kohan drove a ball off of the left field wall with the bases loaded, bringing around two runners to start the scoring. The very next batter, Lux, ripped her third round-tripper of the season to give her team a 6-0 lead early in the game.

Bargar pitched her second complete game in as many days, hanging on to a perfect game until the sixth inning. Junior Marcy Wilus drove in the two Blue Demon runs with a bases-loaded single later in the frame.

Notes:

- Notre Dame will be losing four seniors to graduation this season — pitcher Kenya Fuemmeler, catcher Geisica Hufnagle, outfielder Carissa Jaquisli, and Brown.

- Brown is a finalist for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award for her performance on and off the field over the past four years. If she wins, she will become the first ever softball player to receive the honor.

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By CHRIS HINE
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Russell Carter sat with his head down, reluctantly answering questions in the locker room after Notre Dame's 74-72 win over North Carolina in the first round of the NCAA Tournament March 16. The anger of what could have been resonated in Carter's deafened voice.

"My season is over. My career is over. We're done," Carter said.

Colin Falls sat next to Carter, his head also down, and his own disappointment evident in his slumped posture. Though the sting of defeat dug deep at that moment, the two all-Big East first teamers could not help but be proud of their final season in a Notre Dame uniform.

At the beginning of the year, not many people expected much from the Irish.

They were picked to finish 11th and one of their best players - barely good enough to make the conference tournament, much less the NCAA Tournament. Even less was expected when Notre Dame's final season in a Notre Dame uniform was with the advent of Big East play.

"We've got to prove everybody wrong," coach Pat McGraw said.

"I think our two seniors weren't doing the game without me (McAlarney's suspension) derail them from having a chance to play in the Big East Tournament," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "They did a good job, keeping the group moving forward and not feeling sorry for themselves."

Brey said his team had the corner soon after McGraw’s suspension when Notre Dame off Louisiana 83-72 Jan. 3 in Notre Dame's first Big East game of the season. The victory featured a 14-point, five-assist, four-assist performance from freshman point guard Tory Jackson. Jackson's play from the free throw line. Falls hit a clutch three and added a pair of free throws late in the game in Notre Dame's 66-65 win over Villanova. Brey expects a lot next season from his returning players, but he did not have them improved this season if it were not for Falls and Carter.

"I'm very proud of how they have handled the situation," Brey said. "Seniors that I had here for the most part this year have a lot of young guys, and we had a lot of young guys we were relying on and we had the Hoyas thrash into it. Those two guys more than anybody else, you know what I think."

The Irish started Big East play 6-3 before losing two in a row on the road at South Florida and DuPaul. Luckily, for the Irish, they were able to get to before losing Providence back at the Joyce Center. During that week, Brey went into "training camp mode" and practiced twice a day for five hours. Brey re-cornered this team. This team was cornered when the year started - picked 11th, maybe an NIT team - the chip was on the shoulder. Brey went into the season wanting to be proud of their work. The Irish had told them were really good. They had been ranked, they had done some things. It almost put the chip back on the shoulder for everybody.

So, from a mental standpoint, it came at a good time and they reacted well to it. Notre Dame went on to win its final five regular season games to finish fourth in the Big East with an 11-5 conference record and earn a bye in the first round of the Big East tournament.

In the quarterfinals of the tournament, Notre Dame defeated Syracuse for the second time in the season - ending Syracuse's NCAA Tournament hopes in the process. The Irish then faced conference championship and Final Four participant Georgetown in the semifinals.

Despite opening up a 14-point first-half lead on the Hoyas, Notre Dame could not stave off a Georgetown comeback in the second half. Jeff Green gave the Hoyas the lead with 14 seconds remaining. After Green missed the free throw on a possible three-point play, Carter grabbed the rebound and passed it to Jackson. Jackson drove down the floor and set up Carter for an open three. The shot missed with six seconds showing on the clock. Georgetown grabbed the rebound and had the ball in the Big East final.

"People say you well you should drive the ball there," Brey said. "But with Russell Carter's percentage and how he was playing at that time, you live with that or die with that. If that happened ten more times, you take it."

Shortly after the heartbeat-stopping moment, Notre Dame made the NCAA Tournament as a No. 6 seed in the St. Louis region. Notre Dame faced Winthrop in the first round in Spokane, Wash., in their first NCAA Tournament appearance in four years.

The Irish fell behind by as many as 20 in the second half against the Eagles, then came back to take a 63-62 lead with 2:20 remaining. But Notre Dame would only score one point the rest of the game. Winthrop took over in the closing minutes and sent Notre Dame home with a 74-66 loss.

Against the Eagles, the Irish could not find the shooting touch that made them so dangerous the entire season. From three-point land, the Irish shot just 4-of-22 and only 4-of-13 from the free throw line. Falls and Carter were not their usual selves either - combining to shoot 12-31 from the field. But through a tumultuous season, two seniors anchored Notre Dame. Even though their careers did not end the way they wanted, both McGraw and Brey had a lot of confidence for the Big East tournament.

"It was just a lot of chemistry - a lot of chemistry with everybody," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "An attitude of we're going to do it every day."

"Muffet Bill...wonderful," Irish senior guard Megan Williams said. "The chemistry that role of all those things that came in we just had the feeling that we had nothing to lose - we've played big games before."

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Belles fall in MIAA semis

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's first-year coach Jennifer Henley can't say whether her Belles lived up to expectations this season. She didn't have any to begin with.

"You know, I didn't know a whole lot about last year. All I could go on was last year's films that I had," she said. "I didn't really know what to expect coming into this year."

Despite the lack of expectations, Henley must have been pleased with the result of the season. After finishing 11-12 (10-6 MIAA) in the regular season, the Belles lost to Hope in the semifinals of the MIAA tournament. Hope went on to defeat regular-season champion Calvin in the finals. Losing to the conference champions has no placating defeat regular-season champ Calvin in the finals. Losing to the conference champions has no placating.

The team was very welcoming and helpful to Henley in her first year.

"The kids worked incredibly hard for me coming in, which was great for me coming in as a first-year coach not knowing what to expect coming into the season," Henley said.

"The girls had it in their mind, and we were lead by a very strong senior class, that this is where they wanted to be, and they worked very hard to get there."

The season looked bleak early on after Saint Mary's started 3-6. The stretch included three losses by four points or less, one coming in overtime.

After losing their fourth straight game — to Carthage on Dec. 4 — the Belles started to turn their season around.

"I think we had a very brutal non-conference schedule, with the teams that we played, and played so early," Henley said. "It prepared us for the conference, prepared us for the hopes and the Calvins. Being in my first year, inheriting a team not knowing much about them, I think a lot of it is just feeling each other out and trying to find the right chemistry on the floor with the lineup and things of that nature."

The Belles won three of their next four and closed the regular season on a 7-3 run. The strong finish gave them a 3-seed in the conference tournament and the chance to play a weaker Alma team in the first round. They dealt with Alma fairly easily, but then ran into a Flying Dutch brick wall.

"Part of the turnaround came from the play of junior guard Allison Kessler, who averaged 19.9 points per game. During the team's four-game win streak, Kessler scored 25 points in the first contest and 33 in the last. Losing seniors point guard Bridget Lipke and forward Stefanie Broderick will affect the team both on and off the court next year, Henley said.

"Soif did so many things off the court for us that's never going to show up in any newspaper article," she said. "And Bridget's performance in terms of running the show and being our point guard is going to be a key position for us to replace."

But Henley believes change is a part of every team and something that the Belles can handle in stride.

"Every year every team is different, just like we're going to be different next year," she said. "We'd like to build upon our success we had this year, but no team's ever the same, year in and year out, in terms of personnel and your style of play and things of that nature."

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Irish gear up for Big East tourney in NYC

By DEIRDRE KRAUSLA
Sports Writer

The Big East tournament is still in sight for Notre Dame, but it's unclear where the team will stand when it begins.

The Irish could end up seeded anywhere from fifth to eighth in the conference tournament — or they could end up on the outside looking in.

The Irish, currently No. 7 in the league, enter their final conference series of the year this weekend against Connecticut (No. 9 in the Big East). Just one victory over the Huskies will likely secure a playoff berth for the Irish. But a sweep by Connecticut would knock out Notre Dame completely.

"They're a scrappy team," Irish coach Dave Schrage said of the Huskies. "They get timely hits and they have some good arms."

The Irish struggled last weekend, falling in three straight games to Louisville — 3-1, 4-3 and 7-3. Notre Dame has struggled to stay above the .500 mark in conference play all season, falling to 10-12 after the losses to the Cardinals.

"We've got to drive in runners when we get them in scoring position," Schrage said. "That was something we were doing better prior to the Louisville series."

St. John's and Rutgers top the Big East with 18-6 conference records. The Irish won their series 2-1 against Rutgers in April and have yet to face off with St. John's. Louisville, the only team to sweep the Irish this season, is No. 3 with a 17-7 Big East record.

The Irish come out on the right side of 300 with an overall record of 27-24 after having to replace most of the starting lineup from the 2006 squad.

Notre Dame also boasts a 16-7 record at home, including a five-game streak in April. That streak started with an 11-2 win over Georgetown April 15 and ended with a 17-6 win over West Virginia April 21. Notre Dame fell to West Virginia 16-7 the next day.

As the Irish enter their final series before the Big East tournament, the team will likely turn to its seniors, especially captains Mike Dury and Danny Dressman.

Dury, the starting first baseman, saw limited action in the first three years of his career but has stepped into a leadership role at both first base and in the pitching mound this season. Dressman, a pitcher that also mans the Irish outfield, has helped his younger teammates step into important roles.

The three-game Connecticut series continues this weekend at Frank Eck Stadium. The Big East tournament begins May 22 at KeySpan Park in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Top left, a fan reacts to a bad call in a Notre Dame's women's basketball game Jan. 20 against Syracuse. Top right, North Carolina scores a goal in the NCAA Championship against the Irish. The Tar Heels went on to win the title 2-1. Center, the hockey team gives one last raise to the crowd following their 2-1 loss to Michigan State in the NCAA Tournament. Bottom left, Brady Quinn reacts after losing 44-24 to USC. Bottom right, Russell Carter collapses after missing the final shot in the 84-82 Big East tournament semifinals loss to Georgetown.
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IN THE PIPELINES

Notre Dame defeated Michigan 2-1 on a third period goal from senior Jason Paigo to win its first-ever tournament championship.

Brown said that he was sad to see his collegiate career come to a close but feels that he was able to take full advantage of the opportunities and successes that he and his teammates enjoyed during their time at Notre Dame.

"I really tried to take everything in, so it was that much more special putting on the jersey for the last time at home," he said.

It is tough to predict what lies ahead of Brown now, but it is certain that behind him he leaves a strong legacy and a program on the rise.

Dave Brown
Irish goalie

The Observer

Senior Kim Lorenzen played in 36 games during her career at Notre Dame. The Irish went 92-8-2 during her four years.

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But the senior said her best memory is a single game along the road to that national title - a 3-1 win over Portland in the quarterfinals that was played in a driving rainstorm.

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Volleyball posts one of best seasons; Swimming earns landmark win; XC takes fifth in MIAA

Observer Staff Report

Volleyball

Saint Mary’s had one of the best seasons in school history this past fall.

The Belles finished the season 24-8, finishing fourth in the MIAA Conference and fifth in the NCAA Tournament.

“Our team chemistry was definitely one of our greatest strengths,” Belles coach Jenny Dombkowski said. “Also this season, our players have really lifted their game and shown so much individual improvement – just really play for each other...”

“Our seniors have done a nice job on the court all year – they have also been great leaders both on and off the court.”

Several Belles players received individual awards at the end of the season. Senior Anne Cusack was honored as the MIAA defensive player of the year. Cusack posted 472 total digs (7.04 digs a game) against league competition, which ranked first in the MIAA. The senior also ranked 10th in the league in services with 0.42 aces per game. She ranked among the top 50 in the nation in digs a season.

In addition to those accolades, Cusack was named to the league’s first team while senior outside hitter Kristen O’Brien earned second-team MIAA honors.

For the second time in her four seasons, Playko chose to become a leader in the program, which ranked second in the nation in kills (4.82 a game) and eighth in digs (4.82 a game)

Swimming

Saint Mary’s had an individual swimmer crowning an MIAA champion for the first time in four years and won its first conference title in four years during a successful fall season.

“During the 2006-2007 season, the team grew not only in numbers, but also in camaraderie, confidence, and performance,” Belles coach Ryan Zveck said. “The Belles have bonded well and supports each other during both practice and during competitions, which is something I noticed was a bit absent in years past.”

The Belles beat Alma 130-103 Jan. 13 for their second dual meet win of the season and their first conference dual meet win in seven years.

In the MIAA championship meet, the Belles finished sixth out of seven, but for only the second time in the program’s history claimed an individual title, as Laura Zveck took the 1,000 freestyle.

The only senior, Sarah Budd, was a leader in many ways for the team, Dombkowski said.

“Sarah Budd was our lone senior, who not only led by setting a great example of dedication and perseverance, but was also our team leader in the classroom as well,” Dombkowski said.

“Sarah truly is a great example of what every student-athlete should strive to become and we’ll definitely miss her next year.”

With most of the team returning back, Dombkowski said next season has promise for the Belles.

“I believe that this group is ready to help lead the 2007-08 season. Saint Mary’s swimming and diving team to our best finish ever at conference,” Dombkowski said. “I truly believe Saint Mary’s team should break several school records and even send a few swimmers on to national competition.”

Cross Country

Saint Mary’s finished fifth in the MIAA in 2006, qualifying for the NCAA Regionals and finishing 20th.

Senior captain Sara Otto and junior Mackenzie Barger led the Belles for most of the season. Gray’s best time on the year was 20:42 at the Manchester Invitational, in which she won the individual title and the Belles finished third.

Gray also had a big time also in Manchester, where she crossed the finish line in 19:41 and finished sixth.

Golf

After a successful fall season and a long break from competitive play, Saint Mary’s was anxious to once again prove themselves on the course.

Because some fall members studied abroad during the spring semester, the team was forced to change its lineup, but remained confident.

Sophomore Meredith Fantum and Meghan Fantinelli missed this season with a series of injuries and four games in the conference tournament. But their streak of success ended quickly in the postseason as the team was eliminated on the first day of the conference tournament.

“We weren’t mentally ready for the tournament,” coach Eric Sullivan said. “Our season was over.”

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The Belles started their MIAA schedule 4-1 before losing two of their next three to finish the regular season in fourth place.

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Notre Dame: Women's Swimming, Crew win Big East titles; Men's Golf barely misses NCAAs; Fencing

Swimming

This season the Irish women reiterated the fact that they are the most dominant program in the Big East — etching their names into the history books in the process.

Scoring more than 750 points, the Irish won their 11th consecutive Big East title, becoming the first program in any sport in Big East history to win 11 straight titles. The victory moved Notre Dame ahead of the Pittsburgh men's swimming and diving program, which won 10 consecutive Big East titles from 1983-1992.

“It shows what a dominant force we've been in the Big East for 11 years,” Notre Dame coach Carrie Nixon said after the Big East championships. “Dominating the way we did this year really sent a message to the rest of the conference that we're not going away any time soon.”

The Irish sent eight swimmers and divers to the NCAA Championships held March 8-10 in Minneapolis, Minn. The total was the second most ever sent to the Championships in program history, and the team managed to compile 25 total points, good enough for a 27th place finish.

A bright spot for the Irish at the Championships was senior Katie Carroll, who earned her second career All-America honor when she finished in seventh place in the 400 IM with a time of 4:12.47. Carroll also earned honorable mention All-America honors in the 200-meter butterfly.

(On the men's side, Notre Dame just missed winning its third consecutive Big East title, falling to West Virginia on the final race of the four-day meet. Entering the 400-meter freestyle relay, the Irish held a 3.5 point lead over the Mountaineers. The Notre Dame quartet of freshman John Lytle, and seniors Louis Cardamini, Ted Brown and Tim Kegelein touched the wall in second place, with a time of 2:59.59, but they were outdue by West Virginia's time of 2:57.50 for the title. The Mountaineers received 40 points for the victory while the Irish's third-place finish netted the Irish 32 points — 4.5 fewer than what they needed to maintain their lead over West Virginia.

“Thrilling,” Irish coach Time Welsh said after the Big East championships. “But I don't like to win just because we were as good as West Virginia won it. We had four guys set a school record in the last event, and it still wasn't enough. What more can you ask of them?”

Overall, the Irish compiled an 11-3 dual meet record on the season, along with a first-place finish in the Dennis Stark Relays, as well as a third-place finish in the Ohio State Invitational.

Men's Golf

Despite finishing as the runner-up to host Louisville in the Big East tournament April 24, Notre Dame failed to capture a berth in the NCAA Championships. The Irish finished fifth in the tournament to solidify their position to earn one of 81 NCAA regional berths.

“Unfortunately, we weren't consistent enough during the spring,” Kuhnsaid.

But the Irish were unable to maintain their high level of play for the duration of the spring, leaving them on the NCAA bubble heading into the tournament's selection process. For Kubinski, the impending NCAA selection committee's announcement on Tuesday was "very surprising and very much a disappointment."

The NCAA selection system will change next year to de-emphasize schools' geographical locations.

"Next year it will depend a lot less on district allocations," Kuhnsaid. "But there's nothing we can do." Kuhnsaid that Isban, too, was snubbed by the NCAA selection committee. In tournaments throughout the year, Isban defeated several players that were given individual spots in the NCAA championships. Isban even won almost all spots higher than some of those players, yet he was not deemed worthy of a bid.

"I think, quite honestly, Cole was most deserving of an individual spot," Kuhnsaid. "I say this without a hint of bias. It was very surprising and very much a disappointment."

For Kubinski, the changing landscape of the NCAA selection system came as well as some of his young team's gutsiness performances throughout the season, as well as some of his young team's gutsiness performances throughout the season, to ease the sting of being left out of the NCAA tournament.

"I'm not disappointed only because, other than Cole, we didn't have too much experience coming into the season," Kuhnsaid. "I'm very proud of the way we played, especially at the final round of the Big East. We actually shot our low round of the year in our last round.”

Fencing

Notre Dame's roller-coaster year ended when the Irish finished fourth in the NCAA championships held March 8-10 at Drew University in Madison, N.J. The Irish entered a season that included a surgery and lengthy absence for head coach Cunningham, the hiring of a new assistant coach for the fencers and the departure of Olympic gold medalist Mari Zugun, a junior who withdrew in pursuit of a spot on the Olympic team.

Still, four Irish fencers garnered first-team All-America status with top-four showings — freshman espélee Kelley Hurley, sophomore foilist Adi Cavadini and senior sabreists Patrick Ghattas and Valerie Pozananza.

Ghattas became the 25th three-time-first-team All-American in Notre Dame history, finishing second to Harvard's Timothy Hagaman by a single touch. Meanwhile, Pozananza's first-team All-American showings topped her fourth straight season concluding in All-America honors.

The senior, nine of Notre Dame's 11 qualifiers earned at least honorable mention All-America status with top-12 finishes in their weapon, and Kelvin said the nine will return to the squad next season.

"I am very proud of the kids who kept going," Redman said. "We have new fencers with a lot of good skill.”

Notre Dame's 2007 slate opened with an 8-0 performance by the women and an 8-3 showing by the men at the Notre Dame Duals. The squads went 6-2 right through the next dual — the NYU Duals — and finished their tune-up slate 11-2, 2-4-2 on the women's side.

The Irish stormed back to win two more tournament performances at the Midwest Duals and Christmas Invitational before wrapping up their regular-season slate showing at the Northwestern Duals. There, the men went 3-1 and women finished 5-2.

Women's Golf

This season's fall season, Noriko Nakazaki led Notre Dame to within one stroke of the Big East championship.
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Women's Golf loses conference tournament in playoff; Fencing finishes fourth nationally

Nakazaki, who is the all-time leader in stroke average for the Irish, ended the 2006-07 year with a 73.53 average per round and finished 18th in the NCAA Central Regional Invitational held in Louisville.

Notre Dame's highest finish during the regular season was second place at the Lady Irish Invitational Sept. 24 at the Windy City Golf Course in Chicago. The Irish caught fire at the Big East championship April 22-24 and placed 19th at the Pre-National Meet. This was followed by an all-Big East victory at the NCAA Championships April 29-30 in Atlanta, where the Irish finished 6th place.

On the women's side, junior Sunni Olding held pace for the Irish throughout the season. In Notre Dame's 12th-place finish at the Notre Dame Invitational, she finished 18th and placed 19th at the Pre-National Meet. Olding earned All-Big East honors during the conference championships, along with seniors Ann Mason and Amy Kohlmeier, and then qualified as a solo runner for the NCAA Championships after a sixth-place finish at the regional.

Crew Notre Dame won its fourth-straight Big East championship in 2006 and will compete in the NCAA Championships later this year. At the conference title meet, held in Worcester, Mass., the Irish scored 118 points, topping second place Louisville and finishing 28 strokes ahead of Syracuse with 101.

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Volleyball It was supposed to be a rebuilding season, but it ended with a deep and nearly successful run into the conference championship that bore little resemblance to a team that was under construction.

The Irish (18-14, 10-4 Big East) averaged a 3-0 sweep at the hands of No. 24 St. John's in the regular season when they fell 3-2 to rival Louisville, but secured the team's 15th consecutive victory in the Big East championship in 2006. This was followed by a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Tournament. The Irish were forced to replace All-America Lauren Kelleby and Meg Henican — a daunting task that Irish head coach Debbie Brown handled by recruiting a six-member freshman class that was ranked in the top five nationally.

The freshmen were up to the challenge, along with Herndon and junior leaders Adrianna Stastny and Ashley Tarutis. The team opened Big East play with a season-high six-game win streak, after it started the season with a 5-1 record against some of the nation's top teams. During the remainder of the conference schedule, Notre Dame continued their success at the Notre Dame Invitational and the National Catholic Championship held at Notre Dame 10 years ago, as both teams won both events while the women finished in second at Valparaiso and tied for the win at the NCAA.

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1. After three years, Willingham out, Weis in

On Nov. 30, 2007, the news that Tyrone Willingham had been fired after three years as Notre Dame head coach sent shockwaves through the university and the nation. Willingham won his first eight games at the Irish helm, including victories over Michigan and Florida State, but went just 13-15 over the next two-and-a-half seasons, including three straight losses to both Boston College and Southern California. As the team prepared for the Insight Bowl against Oregon State under interim coach Kent Baer and the media howled over the racial implications of Willingham’s dismissal, Athletic Director Kevin White went looking for a replacement. After a brief flirtation with Utah coach Urban Meyer, who ended up at Florida, White settled on New England Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weis. Weis was hired on Dec. 12. The next day, Willingham accepted the head coaching position at Washington, where his teams have gone 7-16 over the past two seasons.

2. ND-USC lives up to pre-game hype

College Gameday came to campus as more than 40,000 fans attended the Friday night pep rally before a matchup between the No. 1 and No. 9 teams in the country. The game, watched by an estimated 30 million people, matched the bye, as Matt Leinart’s touchdown gave the Trojans the win with three seconds left.

October 15, 2005

3. 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 Championship in penalty kicks after two scoreless overtimes against UCLA on Dec. 5, 2004. It was the team’s first national title since 1995.

December 5, 2004

4. Hockey emerges under Jackson

In coach Jeff Jackson’s second season behind the Irish bench, the hockey team ascended to national prominence. It spent eight weeks ranked No. 1 in the country and won the CCHA regular season and tournament championships. The Irish exited the NCAA tournament early, however, falling to Michigan State in the second round.

March 17, 2007

5. Guard suspended for possession

In the early morning hours after the men’s basketball team beat Rider on Dec. 29, 2006, point guard Kyle McAlarney was arrested for marijuana possession. McAlarney watched the next eight games from the bench before being suspended by the University for the semester.

January 24, 2007

6. Men’s hoops gets back to NCAAs

In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, the men’s basketball team exceeded all expectations, going 24-8 and earning its first bid to the NCAA tournament in four years. Unfortunately for the Irish, the season came to an abrupt end as sixth-seeded Notre Dame fell to 11th-seeded Winthrop in the first round.

March 16, 2007

7. Quinn drafted 22nd overall

After setting more than 15 school records at Notre Dame, Brady Quinn was thought to be a surefire top ten pick. But on NFL Draft Day, Quinn was passed on by several teams, falling all the way to 22nd. Quinn was taken by the Cleveland Browns. Quinn was also an ND player taken in the first round since center Jeff Faine in 2003.

April 28, 2007

8. Fencing wins national title

In 2005, the Irish fencing squad won its second national title in three years, topping second place Ohio State by just two points, 173-171. The Irish also took home the national championship in 2003 — their first title since 1994 — although they finished second or third every year in between.

March 20, 2005

9. University plans JACC renovations

After nearly 40 years as the home of several Notre Dame athletic teams, the Joyce Center will get much-needed renovations in the coming years. The South Dome, used for both basketball and volleyball, will be renamed "Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center" after lead donor Philip J. Purcell, who gave $12.5 million.

October 6, 2006

10. Baseball team wins 23 straight

First baseman Craig Cooper had a 21-game hitting streak in the midst of the baseball team’s longest winning streak of the modern era. The 23 straight victories pushed the Irish all the way to No. 8 in the country before the streak finally came to an end with an 11-8 loss to Bowling Green April 26.

April 26, 2006
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Taurus (April 20-May 20): You are more sensitive than members of other zodiac signs. You, therefore, will probably become upset as others disregard the achievements of those weirdos from the play "Blue Man Group." As you dwell beyond the ND and SMC campuses, keep those aqua-colored frecks in mind.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You will play the game, "Drink," "Drank," or "Drunk" in the next few days, make sure you just drink, will drink, and are drunk.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You are a realist. Ask yourself why anyone would read Campus Life's horoscopes in the first place. And, oh yeah, why would anyone read all of the horoscopes in one joke, named Frank Tolain? Is that a boy's name or a girl's name? Challenge norms.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Whenever you're tempted to label a male that possesses社会化 with a "feminist" tag, remember that such people often try to blow your nose, let those bongo danglers. Mucus is very much a part of you. So, do your graduation day, "SOOT" OR?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be yourself. Anything's cold out or you're sad and you're tempted to blow your nose, jet those bongo danglers. Mucus is very much a part of you. So, do your graduation day, "SOOT" OR?

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have a creative gift. Concentrate your efforts on making a children's cartoon show that doesn't include a character with a name like Skeeter Rogers. Tology (Feb. 19- March 20): You are a troll. A troll or a hermit--what is it? Do you wonder if it's a male or a female? A troll or a hermit--what is it? Do you wonder if it's a male or a female?

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Robert Downey, Jr. chews Wrigley's spearmint. He just wants you to know that before you graduate, you will try frying fish for you. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): According to the World Carrot Museum's representative and never got an Elvis impersonator to come to campus, raise your hand in shame and try today.

Aries (March 21-April 19): According to the World Carrot Museum's website, no other vegetable or fruit contains as much carotene as carrots, which the body converts to vitamins A. Therefore, never forget to eat lots of carrots. Let's eat.

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Dave Brown was named CCHA player of the year and was a finalist for the Hobey Baker award for his stellar goaltending this season for the Irish.

Brown leads icers to CCHA title in program's best season

By DAN MURPHY

A 30-6-3 record and a 1.58 goals-against average this year easily put senior goaltender Dave Brown on a short list of the top players to ever skate for the Irish.

Brown’s efforts this season played a huge role in Notre Dame’s best season in program history. Now, he and the Irish part ways - but both have very bright futures.

And by the end of the year, Lorenzen’s freshman proteges had grown up. “I felt like Haley and Amanda weren’t really freshmen anymore [by the end of the season],” Lorenzen said. Lorenzen was part of a senior class that without a doubt was one of the best in Irish history.

Kim Lorenzen anchored the Irish from different defensive positions during their 2004 national title run and 2006 championship game appearance.

Lorenzen’s versatility, leadership key to team’s success

By CHRIS KHORAY

Kim Lorenzen knew her senior year would be different than her first three at Notre Dame — but she had no idea how different.

After playing three seasons at outside back for the Irish, Lorenzen moved to center back before the 2006 season.

Then, just as Lorenzen was settling into the new position, fellow defender Carrie Dew went down with an injury, and Lorenzen found herself anchoring a back wall that most of the time included freshmen Haley Ford and Amanda Clark.

“Was an outside back for most of my career, so even though I was a senior and I was supposed to show these freshmen what was going on, I didn’t really know what I was doing either,” Lorenzen said.

But the senior quickly figured out the game from her new perspective. With Lorenzen sweeping away opponents’ scoring chances, Notre Dame allowed just 0.40 goals per game and went 25-1-1 on the year, falling to North Carolina 2-1 in the National Championship game.

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Miesle, who is graduating with a mathematics degree, received many accolades for her outstanding play this season. She was named to the all-MIAA second team and the 44-school Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division III Central Region team.

Miesle is confident that in her place, the Belles will continue to fight their way to the top of their league.

“They will be great. I think the team will be even stronger next year. They return starters in almost every position and will be getting some solid freshmen in to play,” she said. “I’m excited to see what kinds of records are broken and milestones are achieved next year.”

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Belles softball standout Miesle made remarkable transformation over 4-year career

By REBECCA SLINGER

Saint Mary’s shortstop Sarah Miesle’s freshman year on the softball team looked like this: a .045 batting average, one hit and three runs scored in 22 at-bats and no home runs, RBIs or extra-base hits.

Stack those stats up to her senior year performance: a .400 batting average, 44 hits and 38 runs in 110 at-bats, five home runs, a school-record 39 RBIs, eight doubles and three triples.

That’s quite the transformation for Saint Mary’s top senior athlete.

“There were times where I was frustrated — I think anyone would be,” Miesle said. “I knew I could do it if I stuck with it. I had previous success in hitting during high school and travel softball, so I knew that it would just be a matter of time and dedication.”

Growing up in a family where everyone played baseball or softball, Miesle stuck to a family friendly motto — Have fun, play hard — to work through her first year disappointment and develop into a powerhouse.

Miesle spent the time between her first and second years adjusting her swing and her attitude about success.

“Needless to say, there wasn’t much pressure placed on me by my opponents or myself. Not too many teams are intimidated by someone with a .045 batting average and isn’t exactly a big person,” Miesle said. “Success is contagious, so when I started off my sophomore year with some success, it had a snowball effect on my hitting. Anyone who plays softball knows that each day you play, it is a learning experience.”

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Good Luck!

ERIC,
We are all so proud of you! As your life after graduation begins, always remember to take time out to renew your ties to Notre Dame and the friends here that have meant so much to you. The education you received and friendships you made at ND will last a lifetime.

Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Gina, Alena and the whole family

Stephen Anthony Renzi
Congratulations 2007!!

With pride and joy, we've seen you grow into a mature young man. We are so proud of your success and accomplishments, but we celebrate even more the person you are. Always remember how much you are loved. A bright future lies ahead. Good luck!!!

With love, Mom, Dad, and Kristen

May the roads rise to meet you,
May the winds 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.

Notre Dame
May 20, 2007
Sharon Brown, you are an amazing, beautiful, and talented woman. May all of your dreams continue to come true as you embark on the next chapter of your life. We love you and wish you lots of success.

Love Mom, Dad, Terry, John, Joey and Robin

Congratulations Anthony!

We’re very proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad and Jennifer

I catch glimpses of every new facet you share, & the more you do that, the more I can’t help but adore what I see.

Love,
Your Big Brother

Congratulations Annie!

So many memories to treasure and friends for life.

Love,
Mom and Dad
Dearest Hillary,

On the day that you were born, the angels got together and decided to create a dream come true...

What a fantastic four years you’ve enjoyed at dear Notre Dame. Congratulations on all you’ve accomplished! We’re so proud of you!

Thank you for all the joy you bring to our lives. We love you so much!

Dad, Monica, Tiffany and Mom

Congratulations, Bryn!
We love you and wish you the best, Always!
Love, Mom, Dad, Burke and Reilly

Naomi Hansen

on your Graduation
from the University of Notre Dame
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Obi Love, (Okolobia Oyibo)

Congratulations on your graduation. We are very proud of you.

With love from Chinky, Oli, Nna, Mum and Dad.

A Florida girl nicknamed Skate
Ventured north to matriculate,
From her warm, sunny home,
To the cold, snowy dome,
At Notre Dame she cast her fate.

Sometimes a hardheaded lass,
Up late often, and sleeping in class.
She does love to eat,
Especially red meat,
And She'll toast at the tip o' the glass.

Full of ideas - always so clever,
She thinks better late, than never.
A traveler at heart,
Always glad to depart,
She'll arrive where she goes - whenever.

At ND she studied design,
Drawing gadgets and graphics so fine.
But her passion was rowing,
So fast she'd be going,
Winning 4 Big East titles, divine!

As a rower of 8's she was famed,
And captain of crew she was named.
Many friends she will treasure,
Memories without measure,
Congratulations, Sarah Kate!
Love, Patrick, Mama & Dad

Congratulations Covington. We know you will make your goal.

Love - Mom and Dad

Congratulations Sego!

We always knew You'd be a domer!

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Congratulations, Katie Baron and friends, on your graduation!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Taylor
Congratulations
Colleen Day
& the Class of 2007

Wherever you go, whatever you do,
May the luck of the Irish
Be always with you!

Kelly, At last! After thousands of your words, your picture finally made it in The Observer. What a marvelous four years it has been! You have created so many fond memories to carry with you through life. We are looking forward to your next set of adventures in the Big Apple. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished.

Love, Mom, Dad, & Jim

Michelle Kurczak

Hi Sweetie,
The years have gone by so fast. Our precious little girl will soon be a graduate of Notre Dame. Enjoy senior week and make a glorious Handbell CD.

We are so proud of you!

Love,

Mom & Dad

Mandisa,
Congratulations!!
I love you, Your Mom.

Pause briefly, quietly exhale and reflect on the passage you’ve just completed.

As this door in your life begins to close, a new door has already begun to open. Approach this new threshold with great confidence; hold your hopes and dreams high.

The world is waiting for you, as you have so much to offer.

Inhale deeply and savor life for all it has to offer.

God Bless

Love,

Your Family

Congratutions Bitsy on a job well done!

Love Mom, Dad, Jill and Court

Friday, May 18, 2007

Congratulations
Bitsy on a job well done!

Love Mom, Dad, Jill and Court
Patrick-
Cheer, Cheer!
Your dream is fulfilled.
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Congratulations!
Love you forever,
Mom, Dad, Kyle and Dennis

Patrick López...
Son
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Student
Friend
Athlete
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Graduate
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We could not be any more proud of you.
All our love
Mom, Dad,
Julien & Tux

Congratulations Greg!
Thanks for making us an ND family.
Love, Mom, Dad and Shawn

Congratulations
JASIO!
We are very proud of you!
You are in our hearts always.
Love, Mom and Dad

Andy,
Ever since you were little, you always had your sights on a goal. Congratulations and best-of-luck in the future.
Love,
Mom & Dad
We are so very proud of you. May you continue to bring Notre Dame cheers and designs to the world.

Love, Mom + Dad

Molly -
Hold your memories close to your heart. May your life always reflect the values and traditions of Notre Dame.

Congratulations.
Love, Mom & Dad

May your life be full of simple pleasures - Enjoy them all!

Congratulations
Matthew!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Greg and Tim

Preston,
Congratulations! May God continue to bless you on life’s journey.

We love you,
Mom and Dad,
Jennifer, Jackie & Spencer

Dearest Lauren, (aka OLR)

Congratulations on achieving your dream! Your incredible persistence and effort, together with your exemplary choices have earned you a degree from this outstanding university. Go into the world with the passion for life which already defines you, and success will be yours. We are proud beyond words as we stand behind you and whatever challenges lie ahead.

Love Love Love,
Mom, Dad, and J'
(Proud Family of Dulac ‘07)

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."—Robert Frost
Congratulations Kane!
Still making us proud!
We love you, Mom and Dad

A great four years ...
great memories!

Love Mom, Dad, Mike and Teresa

Mitchell O'Ryan Thomas
It seems like only yesterday when we dropped you off at campus and now you are graduating! Do you remember when your little sister left the porch light on waiting for you to return and all of those long-distance calls from your nephews asking, "When is Uncle Ryan coming home?" WOW! It's amazing how fast four years have passed and now you are closing one chapter in your life only to begin another one. We have faith that you will continue to succeed in life and that God will continue to bless you and keep you in his arms. "The Lord is my light and salvation, so whom shall I fear." (Your favorite book of the Bible, Psalms 27.)
LOVE,
Dad, Mom, Shawndale, Anisa, Ashley, Taylor, A.J. & The Family

Congratulations Maria Olga Bosch!
We love you very much
Your Dad, Mom, Ponchin, Jordy, Maria Cristina

CONGRATULATIONS BROOKE!
THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
LOVE, MOM, DAD TREY AND MOLLY

Oh...
the places you've been
& the places you'll go!
Write On,
Eileen Duffy!
Way to go, Claire Bear!
Love you always,
Mom, Dad, Christopher,
Kate and Annie

Adam,
Another joyful day in an exceptional life!
We are so proud of the fine person you are
and all you have accomplished.

Much love and congratulations,
Mom, Dad and Sara

Congratulations Stephy!
We are still nuts about you.
Your family.

Tim, congratulations to our
favorite photographer at
“The Observer.” We will
miss seeing you on the
sidelines and in print.
We’re so happy you chose
Notre Dame! GO IRISH!!
Love, Mom, Dad,
Matt and Grandma

Congratulations Clara!
We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad
WE COULDN'T BE PROUDER!
WE LOVE YOU.
MOM DAD & THE GIRLS!

Congratulations
Mike Doversberger!
M & D

Nina, We’re so proud of you.

All our love,
Dad, Mom, Finn and Digger

Jose! "What we are is God’s gift to us,
What we become is our gift to God.”
Te queremos mucho! -Mama y Papa

Dear James Ramos,
Congratulations! We’re so proud
of the person you have become.
Best of Luck in your future.
Love always, Mom & Poppy

Congratulations my
"Choochi Brown"
Love,
Grandma Rachel
The Observer

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Kristin,
We are all so proud of you and your accomplishments. You are a wonderful daughter and you have a wonderful future ahead of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Family

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CONGRATULATIONS TONY

We are so proud of you.
Mom, Dad and Beth

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Congratulations Paddy
Your determination and persistence pay off. Your dreams come true.

Love, Mom, Dad,
James, Conor & Joseph

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CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU SENIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS!

You are the ones that have continued to inspire and promote the Irish enthusiasm during the pep rallies and the games. We appreciate and thank all of you for the untold hours of practice, the community work, cheering at pep rallies and games, as well as the dedication that each one of you gave to the cheer program and to us, the ND fans. You are and have been an intricate part of the ND spirit.

Thanks for getting us on our feet and cheering loud!
Notre Dame Fans

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ND - The Ultimate in so many ways
Emmie,
You never cease
to amaze us!
We love you.
Mom and Dad

Darling Nikki,
Follow your dreams, live life
to the fullest, & let the
learning never end.

We love you,
Mom, Dad & Tara

Dear T.J.!
Dreams do come true...
Congratulations on getting
into Medical School!

Love, Mom & Dad

Ashley,

No matter what road you take,

Your journey will lead you
to do incredible things.

Congratulations! Love. Your Family
Congratulations, Leigh!
Mom, Eric, Brian, and I are very proud of you and your accomplishments! We know you will be very successful. Watch out Credit Suisse.
Love, Mom & Dad

The McDermott Family will proudly “wake up the echoes cheering your name” on Graduation Day.
Love, Mom, Dad, Katie & Tara

Congratulations Samantha
You never cease to amaze us. Keep reaching for the stars. We will always be proud of you now and always.
Momma, Papa, Andrew, Alex & Howard

Patrick,
“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you’ve imagined.”
-Thoreau
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

From “The Jake” to the Dome and you did it with such success! We are so proud of you, Chris. May God bless you always and may God bless Notre Dame. Go Irish!
Love, Mom and Dad
Yahoo, you did it! Congratulations Gregory!
Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Matthew
May the glow of the Dome shine upon you forever.
Love, Mom and Dad

Paul Donahue

"Okoboji Skies"

From a Morning Star to Loveland fields,
You learn to look both ways.
In time we know that you must go,
But our hearts say, "Paul, please stay."

I will love your true, if you "Love Me Do",
I can see it in your eyes.
And we'll spend our days in just this way,
With Ellen by our side.

If you close your eyes and think of me,
All your dreams come true.
And we'll spend our days over fresh, green waves,
Under Okoboji skies.

--Pat Donahue

... More than the moon, the stars, and the sky!!

G.O.M, G.O.D, and the Herd

Melissa, You have always been an artist &
you've followed your dream. We are so very,
very, VERY proud of all you have
accomplished. Congratulations on your BFA!
Love, Mom, Dad, Andrew,
Chris, Tim & Aunt Dale. xoxo

Samantha. We hope you and Bella didn't use up
all of your 9 lives at ND. But you always had an
"Ace" up your sleeve and now will forever be a
Notre Dame grad! We are so very proud of you!

Love Always,
Mom, Dad & Jori

Congratulations
SEAN & Christina, Honors Grads,
and Best wishes on continued
success at Harvard Law.
Love, Dad, Mom, Ryan, Patrick, & Gill
Congrats

CONGRATULATIONS STEPHANIE,
You always stood tall,
proud and pretty!
You have worked very
hard to get to this day,
but here you are, a Domer!
We love you,
Eric, Mom and Dad

Congratulations
Aliso!
We are so very
proud of you.
Wishing you
continued
success and
happiness.
Love,
Mom and Dad

The first day of school
the other kids cried.
You jumped on the bus
with a smile so wide.
And so it began,
How proud we all are.
Our little Liz Coffey
is now a big star!

Congratulations!
We love you,
Mom, Dad,
John & Tim

Way to go Ryan...
We are very
proud of you
Love Mom, Dad,
Andy & Kelsey

Our Precious Jana Marie
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

Mary Catherine,
We celebrate your graduation
with Football-like Cheers!
The year of completion
has provided the best
of these years!
Love Mom & Dad

P.S. May God keep that
twinkle in your eye forever!
**Good Luck**

**Claire, You Rock!**
Congratulations
We love you,
Mom, Dad & Conor

**Dear Meggie-Pooh**
Congratulations on your ND Graduation!
We’re so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Katie, Molly, Kerry, Kelsey, and Corby

**Congratulations Andrew Kowalski!**
It has finally come to fruition.
Ever since you were a young child you always wanted to attend and graduate from Notre Dame.
Your dream has finally been fulfilled.
Now continue to follow your other aspiring dreams and they too can come to fruition.

We have enjoyed watching you cheer for the Irish these past three years.
We are very proud of you and your accomplishments.

Love,
Dad and Mom

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**Carol and Katie**
Together with ‘Our Lady’
From Beginning to End

**Congratulations**
TOM, AMY, MEG, MEGAN, ALINA, STEVE AND RYAN!
WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!
LOVE, THE MCCLAIN FAMILY

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**Jeff**
From Darien to South Bend,
Calculus to Aerospace,
Helmit Painter to Senior Manager
And all places in between

Hope it was a blast!

Mom
Congratulations
Katie!

From day one
we knew you
could do it!
We love you!

Dad, Mom,
Scott, Leah & Will

Congratulations
Stephanie!
We are very proud
N.D. parents!
Love,
Mom + Dad

Congratulations, Annie, and
Welcome back to the warm
South!

Nothin' could be finer than
to be in Carolina after four
long, cold winters...

Love,
Mom and Dad,
Megan and Drew,
Tracy and Ashby, and
Zack, Nicole and Caroline

Pat and Paul Rigney

Pat and Paul Rigney

We are very proud of you!
Congratulations! Love, Mom,
Dad '70, '73, '75, Erinn '04
& Meghan '04
Go Irish!

You've Come A Long Way Baby!!

And We Couldn't Be Prouder!
Congratulations Meggie!!

Keep shining like the star that you are. The world is waiting.
Face all of your tomorrows with
confidence, compassion, laughter & love.
You are our greatest Meg & we love you so very much!
Mom & Dad
Congratulations Patricia!
We are so proud of our newest Domer!

Love, Mom, Dad, Sarah, Joseph and Mary Kathleen

Congratulations Bréona! God is always Good and Stars always Shine!
Love, Mom, Brandon, Granny and Poppy

Congratulations on all your achievements. We are so proud of you and want to wish you all the best for your future. God bless you and keep you safe. Go out there and make a difference in the world.

Love, Always, Dad, Mom, and Grace

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

From making Long Island iced teas at age 3 to a Notre Dame graduate you have always made us so proud.

WE LOVE YOU
Mom, Dad, Andrew, The Felix's, The Raymetz, Grandma & Grandpa, The DePinto's
Alya,
We've watched you as you reached for the stars with your laughter, love, creativity and spirit of determination! We are filled with pride for all that you've accomplished!

Congratulations!
Mama, Tato, Olesh, Freckles, and Keycha

Let us pray, In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Bless Cathy on her graduation day. The world's a better place with this Notre Dame graduate in it.

"Teaching is a profession that teaches all other professions"

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

Ashley J. Enright

Today's preparation determines tomorrow's achievement.
Kevin Stone Martin—
Your achievement is awesome and we couldn't be prouder of you. We wish you success in all that you do. Our love is with you - you are the very best!

Mom, Dad and Andy

Joanne, Remember when you were five years old and you said to us, "I know how to read, I know how to write, now I can quit kindergarten and be like Paula Abdul." We are so happy you changed your mind and decided to stick with it. Here you are sixteen years later with a degree from the University of Notre Dame. Way to go, kid. We are so proud of you.

We love you.
Mom, Dad, Jessica, Tricia, and Eddie

Wishing you the best always.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Annie

Congratulations
Gracie!
"No Where But Notre Dame"

ALL OUR LOVE,
MOM, DAD,
KATE, STINKY
& EMMA

Julia Clare Cunningham suited up for the Golden Dome early in life

Dear Bethany,
Congratulations on a job well done. You are a true Notre Dame Fighting Irish fan, and we are so proud of you.

Love,
Mommy, Daddy, Annie

Congratulations Annie!
Your ND life is only beginning. We're so proud of you.

Mom, Dad, and Scott

Congratulations
Yayal. We always believe in you!!

Love,
Mom & Da
Congratulations Joe,
We know you will
do great things!

Love
Dad, Mom, and
Teresa

Richard and
Auntie Steph
"Blowing a
dandelion for
good wishes"
By: Richard

"Blowing a
dandelion for
good wishes"

Congratulations Jeremy!
We’re proud of you!
Go Irish
Love, Mom, Dad,
Josh and Deni

Congratulations Christopher!
Words cannot express
how proud we are of
the person you’ve become.

We love you.
Mom and Dad.

SHANE,
Congratulations!
We’re very
proud of you
and all you’ve
accomplished.

Love,
Dad and Mom

Patrick,
always continue
making waves.

We love you and are proud of you.
Mom, Dad, Trevor and Maeve.
Aunt Karen, Uncle Steve.
Nanny, Mimi. The Herbergs, and Papa!

Congratulations Tom! May God
bless you always and in all ways.
Love, Mom, Dad, Mike & Emily

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Greg, Congratulations and best wishes.
All our love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations Care! We love you so much!
Mom, Dad,
Elizabeth & Deej

Congratulations Valerie!
What a wonderful journey!
We are so happy and proud.

Congratulations Heidi!
We are so proud of you.
Keep on workin' it, from Eugene to Notre Dame and on to Starcom! The Sky's the limit.
Love,
Dad and Mom

Dear David,
We are so proud of you and love you very much! You had four wonderful years at Notre Dame filled with great memories and lasting friendships. Make the most of your years ahead and be thankful for all that you have been given. Go Irish!
Love, Dad Mom, Kara and Kristen

What a surprise blessing you were. We didn't think we would know the joy of holding our hearts in our arms again, then you came along. We have always been your biggest cheerleaders.
Congratulations Veronica.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Mandy & Alicia

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATION FROM NOTRE DAME JESSE!

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!

LOVE,
MOM AND DAD
Congratulations, Mija,

thank you for always being studious... I'm very proud of you!

Daddy

Congratulations, David, “Beloved One”

David, may the Lord bless you with wisdom and courage as you graduate from Notre Dame. Always, may you be a voice for the helpless and a caring heart for the needs of the less fortunate. Value trust, honesty and integrity as timeless traits that you always carry in your heart. Imagine and believe that you can make a difference in the world and in the lives of others. Dedicate yourself to excellence in all you do and remember that character is what counts. Good luck on your journey and God be with you.

(David Poell)

All our love,

Mom, Dad & Lauren

You know the power of a dream, Domer!

Congratulations on making your dream a reality! May the dreams you hold today be the reality of tomorrow!

With love and great pride,

Mom and Dad

You have accomplished so much. We are proud of you and love you.

Congratulations!

He would be so proud of you on this very special day.

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The Tradition Continues...

‘50 ‘76 ‘07

We are so proud of you, Scott!

Love, Mom and Dad

Kim and Dan and Emily
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Amy,
Keep following your dreams!
Be “ND Proud” forever.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Michael,
In the 2003 letter you wrote to us the night before you left for Notre Dame, you said you would work hard to make us proud. Little did we know to what extent you would carry out that promise. You have exceeded all expectations we had for you. You found the balance between having fun and your commitment to scholastic excellence. You amaze us all. We are SO proud of you, but more importantly, you should be proud of yourself. You have had a tremendous four years.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jennifer, & Ryan

You worked hard and played hard too.

Congratulations Mike

Love, Mom Dad Jen Lori and Matt

From smiling packyderm to controlling the reigns in Petra. May your wanderlust never be sated in your quest for excellence.

Dear Tara-

Congratulations, you clever girl!

We love you!
U.S.S.*

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母と父

*Usual Sentimental Stuff
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Rena—

We are very proud of you and congratulations on being a Domer.

Congratualtions Emily Jeanne!

Go out into the world and tell the Good News.

GO IRISH!

Love from your family,
Mom, Dad, Sarah and Mike.

Megan—No more pencils, no more books! You’ve done it! We’re so proud!

Love, Mom, Dad, Katie & Michael

Megan, We are proud of you for being part of the Legacy! Congratulations!

Love Always,
Mom ’73 and Dad ’74

Congratulations Allison

From your home on Rockne Street
To the home of Rockne
You have made us so proud!
May the blessings of Our Lady
Be with you always

Love, Mom, Dad and Frankie

CONGRATULATIONS BETH GARRABRANT!!!

We are so proud of you for keeping up the Notre Dame tradition!

“Gop Gop” – Jim Donnelly – ND ’45

Your Mom and Dad – Sue and Gary Garrabrant – ND ’79

Elizabeth Garrabrant – ND ’07

We love ND and we love you!

Grandma and Gop Gop

XOXOXOXO

We have enjoyed watching you enjoy your Notre Dame years.
Now, let the next adventure begin!

We love you, Clare.
Mom & Dad
Congratulations
Kelli!
This is only the beginning.
We love you!
Your Family

Congratulations
Zachary Joe
Little "Jimmy" is an ND grad!!
We are so proud of you!
All our love,
Mom, Dad and Tonio

Congrats on your graduation!
May you bless the world as much as you have blessed us.
Love Always,
Mom, Dad & Luke

Colleen,
Our little IRISH GIRL has achieved her goal and now she is forever our DAUGHTER OF NOTRE DAME. We are so proud of you.
Congratulations!
Love,
XOXO Mom, Dad
XOXO Brian & Greg

Congratulations to our 3rd generation domer and 1st cum laude!
The journey wasn't as long as it seemed!
Love, Mom, Dad,
Sean, Jason & Zuzu

Tommy,
Congratulations!
You have lived your dream—
you are now a Notre Dame graduate. Now on to the next dream—law school (even at 1 year old you looked great in a suit!)
We love you now and forever.
Mom and Dad

Congratulations
Katie
Fantastic Job
Now it’s your turn to rock the world!
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations Johnnie!
We are so proud of your accomplishments at ND. Good luck in law school! Now and forever you are a loyal son of Notre Dame.
With all our love and admiration,
Mom, Dad and Elizabeth
Congratulations Roseanne!
You’ve worked so hard to be a domer.
We are proud of you!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Kenya Jean!
Dreams really do come true!
Good Luck with Teach for America!
“...I’ll love you forever...”

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

Way to hang in there Sarah! You’ll Make a Great Teacher.
Congratulations!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Hannah & Sam

Gee, ERNIE.
In 20 years I’ll be a Domer!
Love,
Mom, Dad, J.P., Joe, Heather, and future domers; Lia, Reece and Gianni

Congratulations Michele!
We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished.
Keep believing in yourself, as we do, and everything that you wish for will come true.
We love you very much,
Buddy, Mommy and Katy

Congratulations Zach!
You have exceeded our every expectation--from Spokane to Notre Dame to London.
Keep building and dreaming to the glory of God.
Love,
Dad and Mom

You have come a long way baby.
We are bursting with pride.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Chris!
May your life always be filled with the magic, joy, and imagination of the happiest place on earth.
You’re a wonderful son.
Love, Mom & Dad

Michael, Hurray, we always knew you’d be a Domer some day!
Congratulations on your graduation, we can’t wait to see what you will achieve next.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Timmy
CONGRATULATIONS
Megan!
It seems like only yesterday!
Love, Mom and Daddy

HATS OFF ALANNA!
You Did It!
CONGRATULATIONS
Love, Mom & Dad

Many people come in
and out of your life,
but only true friends
leave footprints in your
heart." --Eleanor Roosevelt
Monsur, Eric, Bryce, Michael, A.J., Colleen, Katie, Kate, Anna, Beth
Thanks for leaving
footprints in our
hearts.
Mike & Mary McHugh

Congratulations Class of '07 Members
of the Notre Dame Rowing Club
on your Graduation
and the Club's Most Successful Season
Michael Ciordano  Gigi Gutierrez  Ted Hawks
Michael Lucci  Steve Maher  PJ McArdle
Sarah Miceli  Kane Pithey  Ray Schleck
The McAward Family
ROW IRISH!

Megger,
You Have Been
A Member Of The
Notre Dame Family
From The Beginning.
Congratulations!!
Love, Mom, Dad & Erin

CONGRATULATIONS
Liz!
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Jackie & Jay

FOR ALL YOU ARE,
FOR ALL YOU'LL BE,
FOR ALL OUR PRIDE
AND JOY IN THE
YEARS BETWEEN,
YOU ARE LOVED!
Papa Jack and Grandma Jeanne
Good Luck

From start to finish it’s been a great run! Congratulations Chris! We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom and Dad

Heart of Our Hearts

Katrina, we are very proud of you! Congratulations on four great years at Notre Dame!

Love always, Mom and Dad

Another domer! We love you, Conor.

Mom & Dad

Good Luck

Congratulations Andrew!

Well done.

Love, Mom, Dad and Molly

Once an Irish lass, now our Irish grad! Congratulations Kristen!

Love, Mom, Dad, Kyle and Karoline

Congratulations Justine

We are proud of you! Love, Mom + Dad, Laurel, Collin, Michael, Thomas, Daniel and Julia

Congratulations Mike! We couldn’t be prouder!

Love, Mom & Dad

We are so very proud of you for all that you accomplished these past four years. We love you very much and may God bless you always.

Mom, Gilmer, Taly and Jimmy

From preschool to pre-med you continue to make us proud with each success. We love you. Mom, Dad, John, Michael, and Steph.

Congratulations Cassandra!

We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments! We always have known that what you want in life you would succeed in getting accomplished.

Love you always! Mom, Dad, Chris, Calvin, Chad and Gandpa
Congratulations

Brian Doxtader
Back to the Future

Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men’s blood...........
Daniel Burnham
(.....or women’s blood, for that matter.)
Clare—
Congratulations on all that you have accomplished and blessings on all that is to come.
With pride and much love,
Mom and Dad

Love,
Dad, Mom,
Jennifer,
David & Jimmy

We are so proud of you, Amy!
May the Luck of the IRISH Always be with You!
Love You,
Mom, Dad,
Aly & Kiki

Congratulations Class of 2007

Clare-
Congratulations on all that you have accomplished and blessings on all that is to come.
With pride and much love,
Mom and Dad

We are very proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad

We are so proud of you, Amy!
May the Luck of the IRISH Always be with You!
Love You,
Mom, Dad,
Aly & Kiki

Kim,
We’re so proud of you!
Love, Mom,
Dad, Michael
and Mark
"HERE I GO, MOMMY"

"An innocent girl arrives on Earth."
"A strong, confident, educated woman enters the World."
*Educere ~ Q.E.D; Love from your (extensive) family!*
*Marissa May Vita Buck*

"HERE I GO, MOMMY"

"CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2007"

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"HERE I GO, MOMMY"

Congratulations to my "Rome Girls."

Love, Nana

"HERE I GO, MOMMY"

Congratulations "Trickie Micky"
(Alias Michael Burke)

ALL THE HARD WORK PAID OFF
YOU HAVE MADE US ALL VERY PROUD
LOTS OF LOVE MUM, DAD
DAN, CHRIS, NATALIE,
GRANDMA AND NAN NAN XXX

Congratulations, Greg!
We are so proud of you and all you've accomplished! The sky is the limit now.

Love, Mom, Dad and Chris

"HERE I GO, MOMMY"
Dear Andrew,

While searching for photos for Junior/Parent Weekend (Stanford Hall slide show) we came across this photo of our 10-year-old son. Of course, we added the caption, "God, Country, Notre Dame" for the show, but in reality, this was a candid 4th of July photo and Notre Dame to you was just a university that had a legendary football team. Notre Dame was not your dream back then. Your childhood days were bursting with never-ending challenges and happiness. Andrew Edward Winslow was enjoying baseball and basketball, fishing in nearby Neshaminy Creek or Barnegat Bay, riding in the waves at Long Beach Island, collecting coins, bicycling, karate lessons, altar serving, Nativity’s music group, playing the piano and trumpet, family gatherings; and we cannot leave out your passion for the weather with your daily viewing of the "weather channel" along with the many books you absorbed on this science. All of this and more you enjoyed while maintaining academic excellence.

You are about to graduate from one of the greatest educational institutions in the world. We congratulate you on all of your accomplishments and wish you peace and happiness. Keep the child within you alive and don’t allow the fast pace of the world prevent you from experiencing the joys in the little things of life. Nurture and live your faith and never forget God and His Mother’s unconditional love for you. We love you and are always there for you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Although we all cannot be there, remember we are beside you on whatever path you walk in life.

Love from above,
Pop Jack and Ahma

Stephen John,
We are so proud!
IRISH FOREVER!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Natalie,
Aunt Kathy and Uncle Jim, Grandma Rita

Caitlin Mahan,
We love you for who are, we’re proud of you for what you’ve accomplished. Go Irish!

Love, Mom and Dad

Laura- Congratulations!
You really took advantage of N.D. Notre Dame will be with you the rest of your life.

We love you, Mom & Dad

Irish dreams can come true!

Congratulations

Love, Mom, Dad and Jeff
Dear Michael

We will never forget how happy and excited you were when you found out you were accepted to the University of Notre Dame and now already you are preparing to graduate.

We know your time at Notre Dame has gone by too fast for you! But the memories and friends you have made will be with you forever!

There aren't enough words to say how proud we are to have you for our son and to see the man that you've become. Thanks for giving us the experience of a lifetime to be a part of the University of Notre Dame family.

Keep God with you always and you will continue to go far and be successful in life.

Michael we love you so very, very much.

Love Forever
Mom, Dad, Amy, Brandon, Timothy, and Breanna
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Congratulations JP!
From 2nd grade you kept your promise to Pop-Pop. We’re so proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Caitlin
Welcome Back to Florida! Good luck in Medical School.
We love you.
Dad, Mom, Andrew & Jordan

Congratulations Mikeypooh!
We are so very proud of you!

Congratulations Annisann!
We’re proud of everything you “cook up”.
Love,
Mom and Dad

...you dreamed big dreams. As you grew they became goals. Through hard work, determination and maturity, the first is now reality.

Congratulations on the first of many realities!

We’re proud of you.
Mom & Dad
Jeff & Kristen
Dan, Heidi, Kevy & Kaitly
Aunt Sherry & Shanny

OUR LITTLE Tygee.
Before she was a Belle
We always knew she’d do quite well.
Especially after she learned to spell.
And having a little help on numbers as well.
Now a college grad is she.
Our Little Tygee who did quite well.

Congratulations Marnie and Dad
Dear Jordan,
The one thing in life we hope you are fortunate enough to experience is the pride we have felt having a son like you.

Congratulations on everything you have accomplished and what's yet to come!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations to our TWO Domers!!

Loved you then, Love you now... Whatever you do, Wherever you go, We’ll love you always and forever...

Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Adam, on joining the Fischer Family Notre Dame Alumni!

Mom ‘76L, Dad ‘73, Erin ‘01, ’04L, and Lauren ’04

From your first day of Kindergarten to your last day at ND you’ve always been our shining star! Happy B-day!!

Love, Mom & Dad

Casey,
As one part of your journey ends, our wish for you remains the same:

“Hope your road is a long one. May there be many summer mornings when, with what pleasure, what joy, you enter harbours you’re seeing for the first time...

But don’t hurry the journey at all. Better if it lasts for years, so you’re old by the time you reach the island, wealthy with all you’ve gained on the way, not expecting Ithaca to make you rich...”

Congratulations- we are so VERY proud of you!!

All our love,
Mummy, Gerry, Gordon and Tin Cup
Hi Steve -

One last “feature” in the Observer... isn’t it amazing how these 4 years have flown by? We are so very proud of you!

Congratulations and much love - Mom, Dad, & Dave

You did it, you devil you!
And we could not be prouder!
Love, Mom, Dad,
Christopher and Brian

Stephanie Best
Dallas, Texas
At Work at Notre Dame.

“Steph” at Play in Zermatt.
Choose? No Way! You tried to get it all. We are so proud of you!
Love Mom and Dad
Where did the four years go?

James Michael Ramos.
Your accomplishments so far in life speak for themselves. You have been a student body president, National Honor Society member, represented our country overseas and a state champion in youth and high school hockey. Whenever an opportunity has been presented to you, you have always taken advantage of it with success. Congratulations on your graduation from the University of Notre Dame and your next journey that leads you to Minnesota. We love you and already miss you.
Love, Dad, Mom, Vicki, Brittany, Jeremy and Riley

You dreamed of a dome of gold;
and heard echoes of fame; traditions to hold;
nowhere but Notre Dame!
We love you, Mom & Dad
Michael,
You seized every moment of Her Golden Opportunity.
You Honor Her Legacy.
You Are ND!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Anthony

Congratulations, Jonathan!
Magna Cum Laude
The Hamilton Award For Management

"Just want you to know how proud we are of you,
How much your graduation means to us...
We feel your pride in all the things you've managed to get done...
Enjoy the day and bask in its bright sun.
The honor's yours, but we'll all share the fun."
By Turlough O'Carolan. The Ancient Music of Ireland

We hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles,
to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities,
and to the most special places your heart has ever known.

To happy endings and new beginnings!

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Lisa

Congratulations, Ali Kay.
You're the tops!

Never-ending love from The Proud Family:
Grammie, Dad, Mom and Courtney

Congratulations Caroline!
Love, Mommy, Daddy, and Leslie

Congratulations Katie!
Even at an early age you gave us hints of what's to come.
We love you.
Mom & Dad

Congratulations, B.G.! Destined to be a donor! We are all so proud! Love, Mom, Colleen, John, Lindsay + Pat, Katie + Tim, + Tim
Congratulations Pat!
Third generation Domer—way to go!
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations on your graduation!
We are very proud of you.
Love, Dad and Mom

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Congratulations, to our #1 Texas son, Michael
Love, Mom and Dad

Mr. B

We never thought we'd be prouder than the day you were born...we were wrong. Our pride in you has increased every day since then and will only continue to grow as you move on to make your mark in the world. We love you.

Congratulations Alumni Domer!
Love, Mom and Dad

Boo

As you begin the next chapter of your life, here are a few words to live by in order to achieve true success.

Try anything once as if you will not fail.

Live every day as if it is your last.

Love as if you will never be hurt.

Dance as if no one is watching.

Sing as if no one is listening.

Always do the right thing even if no one is watching.

Tell the people you care about "I love you" every day.

Always remember that every day is a gift.

Go out and become a success!

We are very proud of you!

Love, Aunt Sue, Jackie and Pebbles.

May your life's journey continue to be a "joyride" with sass and class! We are so proud of your accomplishments at Notre Dame!
Always knew you’d be an engineer!
Congratulations, Domer!
Love, Mom + Dad

From “suds” to “suds”... you’ve come a long way, babies!
Congratulations we love you guys!

Kerri, “We” did it!!
Congratulations, Mom & Dad

We’re SO proud of you, Chris!!!
Love & best wishes as you head off to medical school!
Mom & Dad,
Becca, Kerri & Michael
Grandma & Papa
Grandma & Grandpa Davis
& all your aunts, uncles, & cousins

Congratulations Patricia!
May the luck of the Irish be with you always!
Love, Dad, Mom, Ally, Meg, Billy

Congratulations ALL 2007 ND Grads!
Congratulations Joe-Joe!
We are incredibly proud of you.
Love,
Alvaro & John

FRANCISCO / FRANKIE
YOU HAVE EMBRACED THE SPIRIT
OF NOTRE DAME DURING YOUR LIFE
AT THE UNIVERSITY.
WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS
AS YOU HAVE EVOLVED TO BECOME A MAN
WITH HIGH ETHICAL VALUES AND A GREAT
SENSE FOR SERVICE TO OTHERS.
IT IS GREAT TO CALL YOU SON,
GRANDSON OR BROTHER.
THE WORLD IS YOURS
GO FOR IT, AND EXCELL
WITH ALL OUR LOVE,
MAMI, PAPI, DIANAMARI AND MIMI

Congratulations Nick!
You are awesome. This
is dedicated to you and
your biggest “Irish”
fan - Grampa Z. He is
very proud of you.
Thanks for the
memories. Best of luck
at U of M. May God
Bless You.
Love -
Mom, Dad, Alexis,
Chris, Sammy,
and Angela!

Congratulations Tricia
(Grannie’s Princess)!
Love, Mom and Dad
James and Grannie

Congratulations dose Michael,
Still cute
after all
these years!
Love,
Mommus
and Dottie

Congratulations Christopher!
We are so proud and
happy with your
achievements, God has
blessed you in countless
ways, have faith in God
and yourself. Love with all
your heart and soul. Our
pride in you is surpassed
only by our love.
Congratulations we are
with you always.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Reggie,
and Steph
"The voyage of the best ship is a zigzag line of a hundred tacks."
(Ralph Waldo Emerson).
You make our hearts pop,
Love Mom, Dad,
Reggie, Buddy and,
of course, Galoot, who says,
"way to go little guy."

"An innocent girl arrives on Earth."
"A strong, confident, educated woman enters the World."
_Educere ~ Q.E.D; Love from your (extensive) family!
_Marissa May Vita Buck

CONGRATULATIONS TIFFANY J. ROBERTS
NOTRE DAME CLASS OF 2007

Our baby’s almost twenty-two
The years have gone so fast.
From toddler, teen, to cap and gown.
We smile at what has passed.

The journey has been marvelous
First word, first step, first date.
Her studies at the Golden Dome,
Provided a brand new slate.

The slate’s been filled with memories
Frosh “O”, SYRs, and summer service
Include the trip to Italy,
And a fiancé who was nervous.

The future’s an adventure
But one thing’s safe to say
The parents have unlimited love,
For their baby, Tiffany J.

The Captain and his Mrs.
Tell all who can be seen.
A precious girl has breathed her first.
Christened Tiffany Joleen.

The year was 1985.
The month was sunny June.
The day was lucky number five.
The time was after noon (4:52 p.m.)

Tiffany started life quite strong.
Her weight was seven-nine.
Her length was close to twenty-one.
Her appetite was fine.

The mother held up nicely.
The father’s smile is broad.
The brother’s got a playmate.
We all give thanks to God.

Angela, We are so proud of all you have accomplished.
May Our Lady continue to watch over you as She has
for the past four years. Congratulations!
Love, Mom and Dad

GO IRISH!
Get ready world!
Here comes...
The Best of The Irish!

Top: Trish Conneely, Katie Riemersma, Katie McCourtney, and Theresa Coughlin
Bottom: Sarah Tebeast, Christina Dunn, Jaclyn Dooner, and Katie Mooney

Congratulations!
-The Dooners
Congratulations on a great finish at St. Mary's...we love you!
Dad, Mom, Bradley & Kelly

Thanks Pop Pop for looking after your girl under the Golden Dome.
Love and Congratulations!
Mom, Dad, Lauren, Mer and Allie

Congratulations Emily Obringer ("Em")
You will always be a special part of our family
Love, The Schramms

Hey Billy
We are so proud of you
Keep on drummin'!
Love, Mom, Dad, Maggie, Laura & Katie

Congratulations Saretha!!
You have made us so proud!!
Continue working toward your goals...
They are definitely within your reach!
Way to go, baby girl!
Love, Mom, Dad, & Family

CONGRATULATIONS GUYS—
The sky's the limit!
Love, Mom & Dad
Congratulations, Joey. We are very proud of our Domer!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Chris

Yo Vinnie!

Congrats & Much Love
Mom, Dad, Joey, Mick & Meredith

Congratulations Dan!

Mom, Dad, Charlie & Abby

Congratulations Abby!
You continue to amaze and inspire us as you graduate from ND and continue on your journey to become an M.D.!

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Sarah, Kate, Greg and Thomas.
Congratulations Michele! You always dreamed of being a domer! You achieved your dream! Now be a domer who makes a difference! Keep on smiling!

Love, Dad, Mom & John

Then and now, you are the best!
Congratulations Julie!

Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Katie –
We are so proud of you and your work.
All of our love always,
Mom, Dad,
Kelly, Trisha and Alissa

Here come the Irish!
Congratulations Jean!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Frankie,
Dreams do come true!
Congratulations!

With much love,
Mom and Dad

Katie, Thank you for allowing us to share in your Notre Dame experience!
To Francesca, a/k/a Princess I,
Hey Diddle Diddle,
Once you were so little,
And now you're a Notre Dame grad!

To Francesca, a/k/a Princess I,
Hey Diddle Diddle,
Once you were so little,
And now you're a Notre Dame grad!

We're so proud of you,
And all that you do,
Your Noni,
Your Mom and your Dad

You've Come a Long Way, Bobby!
Congratulations!
Love, Mom, Dad, Danny & Tommy

Gina Tesi

Congratulations!
We toast your success today
And Always...

We are proud of you!!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Aldo, and Monica

Mary Anne,
Congratulations! You did it!

We're so proud of you.
GO IRISH
Love, Mom and Dad

It's something unpredictable, but in the end it's right.
We hope you had the time of your life.
Congratulations Christian. Love, Mom, Dad & Jillian

Congratulations Holly!
We always knew you'd fly high!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Katie and Denali
Congratulations Mijo,
We are so very proud of you!
All our love,
Dad & Mom
Nana & Pampa

Congratulations Baby Girl! You know what to do. Keep doing it. Si Se Puede!!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Brandon and Peter

That's one cute Investment Banker
and yes a medium is smaller than a large
Proud of you Wade
Love and Prayers Always
Dad, Mom, Bryan and Katie

Congratulations BARR! Time to let go of Peter's (ND '09) hand and move on as Mary (ND '11) moves in.
Love, Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS ADRIENNE- FROM PRESCHOOL TO COLLEGE GRADUATE- WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A STUDENT AND AS A WONDERFUL DAUGHTER.
LOVE, MOM & DAD

Leo, we are so proud of you.
Mommy, Xavier, Andrés, Daddy Angel, and all your familleee
Congratulations

JOSEPH MICHAEL NAVA
B.S. Electrical Engineering
B.A. Theology
Class of 2007

"Our only desire and our one choice should be this: I want and I choose what better leads to God's deepening his life in me." - St. Ignatius of Loyola

Congratulations JOE!

We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. You are an amazing son and a great brother. God bless you.

LOVE,
Mom & Dad
and Omar

Back to crayons, "Teach!"

“To teach is to touch lives forever.”

Congratulations on your many accomplishments, Christina.

We are so very proud of you.
Lots of Love,
Mom, Dad & Britt

Congratulations Joriel!

We are proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Callie, Emmie and Tacie.

Katie Bug,
We love you and are very proud of you.
Congratulations!
Big hugs
Mom, Dad & Dan

May your day be filled with blessings
Like the sun that lights the sky.
And may you always have the courage
To spread your wings and fly.
May the Spernumbit be with you
To spread love along your way.
And God Bless and Congratulations to you
Our son on your Graduation Day.

Love always
Mom and Dad

For each petal on the shamrock
This brings a wish your way—
Good Health, Good Luck, & Happiness for today & everyday.

Congratulations Menaka!

You’ve always made us proud!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Arun

"IF I COULD REACH UP AND HOLD A STAR FOR EVERY TIME YOU'VE MADE ME SMILE, THE ENTIRE EVENING SKY WOULD BE IN THE PALM OF MY HAND" - ANONYMOUS

CONGRATULATIONS!
LOVE,
MOM & DAD
GOVAN & SHAWN
Congratulations

Congratulations, Kimberly!
You've worked so hard and accomplished so much.
We are very proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Katie!
The years have gone by in such wonderful moments...
Go forth and shine - your world awaits, and you deserve the best! You have worked so hard & achieved so much & we are oh-so-proud!
Love,
Mommy, Dad and Chris

P.J.
Congratulations on 4 wonderful years at N.D.
Always keep those "Irish" eyes smiling!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Kiera,
Me Mom & Poppy

Congratulations, Tony!
We know you're a little sad to be leaving home for good, but your future is very bright! Now it's your turn to carry the ball!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations Ben!
We are all so proud of you.
Love you—
Mom, Dad, Zac and all the gang back in Idaho

Congratulations to Amanda Michaels!
Who said English Majors lack a sense of humor?
Our Phi Beta Kappa Bubba!
Love, Mom, Dad, Meg

ME GRADUATE COLLEGE!

You will always be our all star!
Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Katie and Eileen

Thank you very much to Professors,
Friends, Alumni Hall father,
Chefs in S, Dining and all Notre Dame people.
We never forget your Kindness.
With Love, Keiichi & Nobuko Miyamura
Congratulations
"Mr. Nice Guy"

We are so very proud of you.
Love, Grandma & Grandpa Dolan

Congratulations Dave!

We are so proud of you!
God Bless You always.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Katherine,
Jonathan, and
Kristen

Congratulations to our Dana!

We love you infinitely and beyond...

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Frankie

Congratulations

JENNIFER—
You are a blessing, and we are so proud of you.

Congratulations!

—Love,
Mom and Dad

You danced into our hearts 23 years ago!
We’re so proud of you!

Congratulations,
Nicole!
Love you!
Mom and Dad

Good Luck

We are so proud of my Uncle Lance.

Love,
Cade
(also Dad, Mom, Ashley, Caleb, and Aubrey)

Congratulations Clare!

We are so very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Molly

Belles
—Then, now, always
Pamela Herbst SMC ’82
Meaghan Herbst SMC ’07

A proud tradition

Dear Michael,

Your commitment in learning and in life are reflected in the diploma you are about to receive. Notre Dame has become part of you. Keep in your heart the spirit of service and truth that we, your Uncle Ray, and Notre Dame have taught. Always dream big in your goals and strive to reach them – you will achieve. You will always have the love and support of your family and friends.

With pride and love,
Mom, Dad, Abby, and Aunt Marian
And walk among long dappled grass,
And pluck till time and times are done
The silver apples of the moon,
The golden apples of the sun.
_W.B. Yeats_

Our love and congratulations to you Maeve!
Mom, Dad, Deirdre and Siobhán

“Hey Baby!”
Look at you now!
We love you Lindsay.
Congratulations & love,
Mom & Dad

**Congratulations**

**Annie!**

Love,
Dad, Mom,
Casey, Laurie & Meg

Congratulations, Tony!
We know you’re a little sad to be leaving home for good, but your future is very bright! Now it’s your turn to carry the ball!
Love,
Mom and Dad

She’s Our Sister!

Love, Maureen, Kathleen
and Mom, Dad, Nana, Paul and Poppa, grinning from above!

RICO,
We have been,
we are &
we always will be
so very proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad

**Congratulations**

Dylan,
You continue to make your family proud.

LOVE MOM, DAD,
SAGE & COLTON

**Congratulations**

Steve!
Keep living YOUR dreams!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations,
Michael!
You made your N.D. dream come true!
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Tim & Mary Caitlin
Danielle,
from the first day
of preschool, you have
been an inquisitive girl
who loves to learn.
We are proud of your
accomplishments
at N.D.
Your future
is bright!
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations Neil!
You have always
exceeded our
expectations and been
a source of such joy.
Go Irish!

With Love,
Mom and Skip,
Dad and Carol

Congratulations to our
SUPER GRADUATE!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Courtney, Frank, Ryan & Holly

Wishing you
a lifetime of
health, happiness and
safety. We love
you and are very
proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Jason,
Susie & Nick

From the first day
at LeMans to
graduation, SMC
has helped shape
you into the
amazing woman
you are today! We
are blessed to be
your parents.

Love, Mom

BEST WISHES MISKA!
FOLLOW YOUR
DREAMS LITTLE
DOMER!
LOVE,
ATA + MAMA

Congratulations
Justin! It has been
fun to watch you
achieve your
dream! We are so
proud of you,
and we love you
very much!

Mom and Pop
CONGRATULATIONS
MICHAEL!

Ever since you were born, we knew that you were destined for great things. Notre Dame has certainly been a wonderful part of this. Keep that great sense of humor and always keep reaching for the stars.

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

Mom, Dad, and Danielle

We are so proud of you! You have worked so hard to achieve your goals, you deserve all the best life has to offer.

We love you!
Mom, Daddy, Lizzie, Mom Mom, Pop, Grandma, & Grandpa

Congratulations Christopher!!!
Because of your great perseverance and the excellent support of the University of Notre Dame, you deserve to feel wonderful about what you have accomplished.

Love, Mom, Dad, Jennifer, Norlan, Cedric and all in the family circle

Becca, Irish Eyes Are Smiling! Go Irish!

Love, Mom, Dad, Scott & Grammy

Congratulations Sweetheart! You did your Irish heritage proud!

Love, Mom, Dad & Family

SUPER K, WAY TO GO FOR THE GOALS!

LOVE, TEAM W.

J. Mike, It's a jungle out there! Congratulations!

Love, Mom, Dad, Billy, David & Medi

To our own Little Rudi
With the name Erin, Blue and Gold had to be in your future. You wouldn't take no for an answer!

Love, Mom and Dad
Congratulations

Meg! We are so very proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

BJ,

It was a long haul but you made it! We're proud of you!

Congratulations!!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Jeff

Congratulations

Rachel! Follow your heart and live your dreams.

With love and pride,
Mom & Dad

You climbed another height—Congratulations our Honey Girl! We are so very proud of you. ¡Te queremos mucho!

Dad & tu Mami

TJ,

You've been a champion from the start. We're so proud of you. Congrats!

Love,
The Family

Congratulations Michael!

You are a wonderful son and brother. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Christina, Joey

"Children are natural builders."

"The soul is healed by being with children."

—Dostoevsky

We couldn't be prouder!! Go Irish!

Love, Mom, Dad, Matt & Sean

Dear PJ:

You always dreamed of going to Notre Dame and filling "big shoes"... You've made us all very proud of your achievements...

Congratulations on making your dream come true!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Rob, Annie and Drew

"The soul is healed by being with children."
May your day be filled with blessings
Like the sun that lights the sky
And may you always have the courage
To spread your wings and fly!
May the love of those near you
To spread back along your way.
And God Bless and Congratulations to you
Our son on your Graduation Day.

Love always
Mom and Dad

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

Congratulations Felish!
We're so proud of the great things you've done at St. Mary's!
Go Belles!
Love you,
Mom & Dad

Estephani,
In Spirit with Our Lady
Mucho Cariño
Grandma Chita

Congratulations Ashley Martin!
We're so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad & Alexis (Lucy & Heisman)
Congratulations
Perryn!
You always were
determined whether
reaching for your toes
or the stars! We're very
proud of you!
Mom & Dad

Hey Will,
We're not
surprised.
We always
knew you'd do
great things.
We are so
proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jimmy

Hooray
Tessie!
You've become
a Notre Dame
Alum. We are
very proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Melissa

Our Missy:
There is only one happiness
in life, to love and be loved.
Thank you for allowing us to
love and be loved by you.
We are so proud of you!!
Mom, Dad and Bri
2007

Congratulations, Megan!
Our little graduate is
all grown up.
We love you,
Daddy, Mommy, & Jake

Congratulations, Christine!
\textit{Go Irish!}

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kate and Matt
Congratulations Theresa!
We are very proud of your success!
Wonderful memories, Awesome friends, Exciting future.
Best wishes always!

Love, 
Mom and Dad, Grandpa Dick and the Family

Wishes DO come true!
God bless you, Kevin, and may the wind be always at your back.

Love, 
Dad, Mom, Dan, Pat and Kate

Hey Ems!
Congratulations! We’re all proud of you!

Love, 
Mom, Dad, Greta, Laura & Andrea & Pedro

Congratulations Mike!
You’ve done it!

Love, Dad, Mom, Bridget, Megan & Ted

Allison,
Where have all the years gone? Congratulations, we are so very proud of you.

Love, 
Mom, Mike, Bradley, Candace & Morgan

Congratulations Lisa!!
You’ve changed a lot since freshman year!!!
Love, Mom and Dad

It’s been an amazing 4 years! We are so proud of you! Congrats and Go Irish!

Love, 
Mom, Dad & Michelle

Congratulations Chanchita,
Know all our pride and love go with you every step of the way!

beijos, 
Mom and Dad
Congratulations Josh!
Your will and persistence has led you to the road which you are now headed.
The Lord has given you knowledge throughout these four years.
You have been called to fulfill a task given to you since birth.
Son, always remember:
"With God's Love, everything is possible."
We are proud of you and we love you.
Mom and Dad.

Congratulations Runt!
You made it with no sweat!
Love,
Dad, Mom & Jamie

Congratulations Colleen!
"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." THOREAU
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Dad and Mom
Erin and Meghan

Congratulations Evan!
Your loving family,
Mom, Dad, Cary and Laura

He sang of love and tragedy, and legends of his home, and of the lovely lady who stood on a golden dome.
His journey made him weary and He longed for simple rest; But weakness did not stop the man; Or slow him on his quest.
Congratulations Seniors!

Congratulations Mike (Coughlin)! It's 17 years later and you're graduating again! Good luck in Colorado!

Love,
Mom

On February 10, 1985, God blessed us with a son named Brendan. The man he has become, and the way he lives his life is a blessing to God and a blessing to us. We love you, Brendan.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Like the warmth of the Sun
And the light of the day
May the Blessing of the Irish
Shine Bright on Your Way.

Our admiration, pride, and love—
Dad, Mom, Chris, Melissa and Emily

Congratulations Andy! We wish you the best. (nice jacket)

Love,
Mom and Dad