University President Father Edward Malloy announced at the April Board of Trustees meeting that he intends to step down on June 30, 2005 after he serves his 18th year as president.

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

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

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

Joyce, a native of British Honduras, now known as Belize, graduated from Notre Dame in 1937 and was ordained on campus in 1948.

Joyce became University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh's executive vice president in 1952, and the two led Notre Dame side by side for 35 years.

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

The Observer Staff Report

The University’s Laetare Medal, the oldest and most prestigious award given to American Catholic, will be awarded to Father J. Bryan Hehir, president and treasurer of Catholic Charities USA, at Notre Dame’s commencement.

Father Hehir has been exemplary in ministry, scholarship and administration alike," University President Father Edward Malloy said in a March 22 press release. “In honoring him and his service, we wish to refresh our vision of and renew our commitment to a just and compassionate society rooted in the dignity of all people.”

Hehir was a member of the Laetare selection committee, added his own high praise. “Father Hehir is a great example of service and dedication to the church and the people of God, especially the poor and people in need,” Jarrett said. “We just thought it was time (Hehir) was recognized for his incredible dedication and work.”

Established in 1883, the medal’s nine most recent recipients include President John F. Kennedy, novelist Walker Percy and Catholic Worker founder Dorothy Day.

Hehir was ordained in 1966 and was appointed to his current post of president and treasurer of Catholic Charities last January. Prior to that appointment, he served as president and chief executive officer of Catholic Charities USA since 2002.

Previsous to his work with Catholic Charities, Hehir was the first Catholic priest to lead the Harvard divinity school, a post he held from 1968 through 2001. This appointment followed 20 years of service in Washington to the United States Catholic Conference, now known as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Hehir worked as one of the main writers of the council’s 1982 pastoral letter regarding nuclear weapons, according to a Notre Dame press release. He also served on the faculty at Georgetown University in Washington from 1984 to 1992.

Father Hehir is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, the Council on Foreign Relations and the Catholic Theological Society of America. He is also a 1984 MacArthur Fellow and serves on the boards of organizations such as the Arms Control Association and the Council for a Livable World.

Hehir has been the recipient of more than 25 honorary degrees from various colleges and universities. In 1998, he received a doctor of laws degree from Notre Dame. Hehir will receive the award during the University’s Commencement ceremony on May 16.

ND, SMC award 14 figures with honorary degrees

The Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s will award fourteen honorary degrees this weekend.

Minnesota Supreme court justice Alan Page, and Vice President of Xerox Diane Daly McGarry, commencement speakers for both Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, will be receiving honorary degrees.

In addition to Page, Notre Dame will award 10 other recipients as well. Recipients include Saint John Paul II, U.S. Court of Appeals judge, Anna de Loura, M.D., an assistant professor of religious studies at Our Lady of the Lake University, John Hennessey, president of Stanford University, Elaine Kim, professor of Asian American studies at the University of California at Berkeley, Terrence McGinn, president of All Star Distributing Company and a Notre Dame Board of Trustees member, Jerome Murphy-O’Connor, O. P., professor at the Ecolé Biblique et Archeologique Francaise in Jerusalem, Homer Neal, a physicist at the University of Michigan, James Singel, president of Costco Wholesale Corporation, Roxanne Spiltett, president of Boys and Girls Clubs of America and Peter Tannock, vice chancellor of the University of Notre Dame Australia.

Conversely, Saint Mary’s will honor three alumni.

Paula Downing is a 1971 graduate and supervisor of PAX Boys and Girls Club in St. Paul, Minnesota. She is also an established Broadway producer, and Sister Michael Mary Nolan, C.S.C., is a member of the class of 1964 and social justice attorney in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Commencement ceremonies will take place at Saint Mary’s on Saturday, May 15. Notre Dame’s commencement is Sunday, May 16.
Page to return to ND
Minnesota Supreme Court Justice to speak to class of 2004

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS

Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page, graduate of the class of 1967, will serve as the principal speaker at Notre Dame's 159th commencement ceremony Sunday.

University President Father Edward Malloy said when Page was chosen in March that the justice was selected because his ideals reflect the mission of the University.

"We speak in our mission statement of Notre Dame creating an environment that fosters the development in its students of those disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit," Malloy said in a statement. "Few of our graduates better epitomize these ideals than Alan Page."

As graduation approaches, some seniors expressed a desire to learn what impact Notre Dame had on Page.

"I'd like to hear him discuss what he learned at Notre Dame and how being a part of the community impacted his life and career and what he was able to contribute as a result of his time here," senior Katie Mitchell said. "And I would like him to challenge us to do the same."

Others would like Page to focus on a service aspect of post-graduate life.

"I hope that he would impart an idea of Christian service to others, using our education to serve others," senior Elizabeth Lee said.

During the ceremony, Page will be presented with an honorary doctor of humane arts and letters degree, his second honorary degree from the University. Page received an honorary doctor of laws degree in 1993.

The Notre Dame Alumni Association bestowed the Father Edward Sorin Award on Page for distinguished service to the University in 1992. He served as a member of the Notre Dame Law School Advisory Council from 1993 to 1999.

"It is testimony to the tremendous respect we have for [Page] that we would invite him to accept a second honorary degree and, this time, speak to our graduating class," Malloy said. "We're delighted that he has accepted and will honor us with his presence.

Page became the first African American justice to sit on the Minnesota Supreme Court in 1993. His earlier law career includes time as Minnesota's assistant attorney general and with the law firm of Lindquist & Vennum."

While attending Notre Dame, Page played defensive end for the Irish football team, and as a senior he helped lead the 1966 national championship team. He graduated in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in pre-law and was subsequently drafted to the NFL's Minnesota Vikings.

In 1978, while a member of the vaunted "Purple People Eaters" defensive unit, Page earned his law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School.

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SMC to host Xerox VP
McGarry will address graduates at commencement

By ANGELA SAOUD

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

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

McGarry will speak about her life story and her tale of becoming a successful businesswoman.

She also plans to speak about her recent bout with breast cancer, which she has been in remission from for the past two years.

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

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**Kleinfehn top of SMC class**

After graduation, the valedictorian plans to teach

By ANGELA SAOUĐ

Saint Mary’s Editor

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

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

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

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**Streicher named 2004 valedictorian**

Sarah Streicher, stands in front of the Dome. Streicher will give the valedictorian speech for Notre Dame Sunday.

By AMANDA MICHAELS

New Writer

Class of 2004 valedictorian Sarah Streicher remembers all too well the slight smudge of an A minus on her near perfect record.

“It was second semester sophomore year, Literature of Southern Africa,” she recalled. “It was one of my favorite classes ever, so that makes it a little better. If I had hated the class and gotten an A minus, I would have been so mad.”

She worked hard. Well. With her 3.95 in tow, the English and French double major was chosen from amongst a group of Notre Dame’s top 15 graduates — three from each college — to speak as valedictorian at this year’s commencement.

Each nominee was required to submit a speech and a résumé to the valedictory committee, and from the 15 candidates, Streicher chose to focus on academic work rather than participating in a laundry list of extracurriculars. Looking back on her years at Notre Dame, she does, however, regret not having a fuller social life.

“I definitely did neglect certain friendships because of work — not on purpose, but a lot of times I would stay in to study while everyone else went out. Streicher admitted. “I could have found a better balance. Being valedictorian is justification for all the work, but in truth, not. I have to fit four years of missed nights into Senior Week.”

With a year of teaching English in France to look back on, Streicher said she is ready to graduate.

“I’m ready to read books, think about them, but not write about them,” she said. “I’m going to miss the college atmosphere, though, I’m going to miss it with a passion.”

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"Thanks, Ned, for those long days of caring, those long nights of work in the cause of Our Lady's school."

— Father Theodore Hesburgh

Father Edmund Joyce, 1917-2004

By MATT BRAMANTI Special Staff Writer

On May 5, Father Edmund Joyce was laid to rest the same way he lived and died—at Notre Dame, with Father Theodore Hesburgh by his side.

Hundreds of members of the Notre Dame family filled the Basilica of the Sacred Heart to celebrate the life of the executive vice president emeritus, who died May 2 in Holy Cross House.

Father David Tyson, the provincial superior of the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, presided over the funeral mass and consecrated the grave of Father Theodore Hesburgh by the gravesite in Holy Cross Cemetery, a position he retained for 35 years.

On the eve of Joyce's death, said Joyce was a vital force in the University's rise to national prominence. "It's been a rough year and a half," Hesburgh said.

In an emotional press conference the afternoon of Joyce's passing, the former president marked his friend's death, saying he and Joyce were like brothers.

"He was a fine priest, he was a wonderful friend, he was a South Carolina gentleman and a spiritual leader," said WJillingham, said his vision for the athletic program was an unattainable and unparalleled.

Joyce's casket was draped with a pall bearing the emblem of his order—a cross superimposed over crossed anchors, and the motto "Crux sube unica."

"The cross is our only hope," a priest placed a crucifix on the casket, symbolic of Joyce's faith received when he professed his final vows in the order in 1948. Following the Mass, congregants filed past the University's alma mater, and the Basilica's bells tolled for several minutes.

Mourners then processed on foot down in any respect. Hesburgh and Joyce ran the University during a period of rapid growth, including the construction of the Memorial Library and the Athletic and Convocation Center that now bear their names. Hesburgh said the buildings' construction budgets exceeded the men's philosophy for the University's direction.

"We decided the ACC should cost less," Hesburgh said. "We didn't spend more on the athletic building than on the academic building." Athletic director Kevin White said that while Joyce's contributions to Irish athletics are often best remembered, his service to Notre Dame was multifaceted.

He was the most revered, respected intercollegiate athletics statesman of the last century," White said. "But first and foremost, he was a phenomenal priest and a loyal and devoted member of the CFI.

Joyce was born in British Honduras, now known as Belize, on Jan. 26, 1917. After graduating from St. Augustine's College in Honduras, he returned to the United States and received a degree in accounting in 1937. He returned to St. Augustine's College in England, where he worked for the accounting firm of L.T. Dodge, becoming a certified public accountant.

In 1945 he began to study for the priesthood in Washington, and was ordained June 3, 1949 in Sacred Heart Chapel at the University. Joyce was then named to Notre Dame's administrative corps, becoming assistant vice president for business affairs. After a one-year stint at Oxford University in England, he returned as vice president for business affairs in 1951. Joyce became Hesburgh's executive vice president the next year, a position he retained for 35 years.

During his tenure, he rose to national prominence in the NCAA as a voice for integrity in college sports. Coach Mike DeCicco, who served as Notre Dame's first director of academic advising for student-athletes during Joyce's tenure, said Joyce was devoted to ensuring the education of Notre Dame's athletes.

"He wanted to make sure they were students first and athletes second," DeCicco said, also characterizing Joyce as fiercely devoted to the University.

"He was very demanding," DeCicco said. "He told me [not to] make a mistake that brings Notre Dame down in any respect." Joyce held several honorary degrees, including one from Notre Dame.

When the grieving Hesburgh said he prays for Joyce, he's confident that his friend will live on.

"I'm not worried about a guy as good and holy as Ned," Hesburgh said, "who lived as good a life.

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Endowment grew from $9 million to $400 million during his tenure • Fired six football coaches • In Remembrance • Died May 2, 2004

Served as executive vice president alongside Father Theodore Hesburgh from 1952-87 • Respected voice in the NCAA •
Most students agree that the college years represent a major adjustment in a person's life, but few face the daunting task of adapting to college life in a different country.

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

These students hail from such countries as Singapore, Pakistan and Brazil, though their reasons for coming to South Bend are often similar in nature to those of their domestic counterparts. "I didn't expect to come here, it was just a random application," said Rachael Phillips, a Notre Dame senior accounting major from the Cayman Islands, a British territory in the Caribbean. Phillips said she received promotional material from the University and was interested in attending college abroad.

"I was just ready to get off my island," she said of the Cayman, which have a population of just under 42,000. "It was a small environment."

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

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

Still, for Dzudza and other international students attending college in the United States has been somewhat of an adjustment.

Dzudza, a non-traditional college student at age 30, said it was initially difficult for her to get to know people within the close knit Saint Mary's community.

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

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

"I hadn't even seen any snow," he said. "At the beginning it was cool, but then the cold really set in."

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

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

In addition to the rigorous academic curriculum, Lee, a Buddhist, said that he benefited from the University's religious character.

"One way I matured was [in] my religious life. I really learned the importance of religion," he said. "The atmosphere of what Notre Dame embodies really pushed me to look into my own religious character."

Dzudza said her time at Saint Mary's has taught her the importance of friendship.

"I made so many friends," she said. "People I thought would never help me helped me."

She added that spending time in the United States made her realize that cultural differences exist between Europeans and Americans. Europeans, she said, have a greater tendency to speak their minds which can often be perceived as rude in the United States.

"The thing I learned is to shut up," she said. "And will these international students do after graduation?"

Like other Notre Dame and Saint Mary's graduates, their plans vary. Some intend to return to their home countries, while others plan to continue their education here.

Dzudza, for example, will pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry from Northwestern.

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

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

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Rector bids Lewis Hall farewell

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

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

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

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

George did not return messages seeking comment for this story.

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

September 11, 2002

The campus responded in a dramatic fashion to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and rural Pennsylvania.

Classes were cancelled mid-session as representatives from the registrar's office visited individual classroom. Seven thousand students and faculty attended a mass on South Quad at 3 p.m. on the day of the attacks, which was concelebrated by all campus priests and Auxiliary Bishop John D'Arcy. Throughout the day, students streamed to the grotto and students took advantage of free cab service to donate blood.

Phone lines and Internet connections at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's were overwhelmed as students called home to check on their families and friends.

Like all athletic events nationwide, Notre Dame's football game against Pittsburgh on the following Saturday was cancelled as the nation mourned the loss of thousands of citizens. At the Sept. 22 home football game against Michigan State, the entire stadium paused as University President Father Edward Malloy said a prayer and fans raised printed American flags into the sky in an event televised nationwide by NBC Sports.

Four alumni were killed in the attacks: Robert Ferris, class of 1962, who worked on the 102nd Floor of the south tower of the World Trade Center, Army Lieutenant Colonel S. Neil Hyland Jr., class of 1972, who worked at the Pentagon; and Peter Balancan, class of 1983, and Dora Marie Menchaca, class of 1977, who were killed on American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon.

Malloy steps down as president

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

Mooney chosen to succeed Eldred

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees selected Notre Dame vice president and associate provost Carol Mooney as the 11th president of the College on Dec. 26. College President Marilou Eldred announced her retirement in March 2003, which launched a nine-month search process.

New alcohol policy unveiled

Father Mark Poorman introduced sweeping changes to the alcohol policy including a ban on hard liquor, a cancellation of in-house dances and a revisited policy to allow of-age students to host tailgate parties in specified lots. The decision sparked much controversy amongst students and within student government.

Elam convicted of sexual battery

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

Scully resigns as executive VP

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

'Gay? Fine by Me' held on campus

On March 18, approximately 1,700 blaze orange T-shirts with the message "Gay? Fine by Me" were worn by students and faculty members. Distributed in demonstration of solidarity with homosexual members of the Notre Dame community, the shirts prompted campus-wide debate.

Bush speaks at commencement

President George W. Bush spoke at the Class of 2001 commencement. Incom­ ing the fifth President to speak at a Notre Dame commencement, House repre­ sentative and Notre Dame alumni helped to court Bush, whose visit was generally welcomed but pro­ portional to his poli­ cies.
By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Football frustration
Talk about a sophomore slump. In his second season as Irish head coach, Tyrone Willingham followed a surprising 10-3 campaign and Gator Bowl appearance in 2002-03 with a disappointing 5-7 record last fall, as a trio of embarrassing losses to Michigan, UNC and Florida State sealed the team’s fate.

Despite battling the toughest schedule in the country — Notre Dame opponents finished with an 86-43 record versus 42-7-2 for the Irish — and juggling a quarterback controversy that shaped up between junior Carlyle Holiday and freshman Brady Quinn, the Irish players and coaching staff received scarce off-season breathing room from frustrat­ed fans.

In February, more than 400 alumni signed a letter to the Board of Trustees blaming the University’s priorities for the football program’s sustai­nated wins. Principal letter author Tim Kelley attributed Notre Dame’s decade-long disappearance from the national championship hunt to problems in the structure of the athletic department, particularly the influ­ence athletic director Kevin White has over football coaching hires.

The criticism turned uglier in late March and early April, when 1956 Heisman Trophy winner Paul Hornung’s racially charged comments about the University’s strict admissions requirements fueled a national debate about standards, stereotypes and the impact of acade­mics on recruiting top players.

Through a year of disappointment and finger-pointing, Willingham, White and associate athletic director John Heiser have tried to keep the focus on improving on the field, and students have tried to be patient while the team continues to adjust to the pro-style offense — but a performance outstanding enough to silence that patience remains to be seen.

Sexual assault trials and in one conviction
More than a year and a half after a female Notre Dame student accused then-foot­ball players Lorenzo Crawford, Donald Dykes, Abram Elam and Justin Smith of sexual assault in March 2002, only Elam was convicted on criminal charges.

A jury found Elam guilty of sexual battery, a class D felony, but acquit­ted him of conspiracy to commit rape and criminal deviate conduct on August 30. Elam’s sentence — origi­nally delayed until after a conclusion was reached in the other three trials — will not include jail time, but will require two years of probation and 200 hours of community service, as mandated by St. Joseph County Superior Court Judge Roland Chambliss in October.

Special prosecutor Maureen Devlin dropped pending lawsuits against Crawford and Smith after another jury acquitted Dykes of rape, conspir­acy to commit rape and sexual battery on September 13.

That trial sparked celebration on the part of Dykes’ family, but signific­ant backlash from the victim’s par­ents, who remained in the courtroom to argue angrily with jurors and media members. More than six months later, on April 1, the alleged victim and her parents filed a civil lawsuit against both the players and the University, seeking from the four players an unspecified amount of damages for her physical pain, post­traumatic stress and medical bills, and claiming the University had a legal duty to protect her. Filed in St. Joseph County Superior Court with­out a lawyer and under the names “Jane Doe and Mr. and Mrs. Doe” on court documents, the suit is still pending.

Ten-Year plan
Fulfilling Notre Dame’s strong financial base, exceptional faculty and significant potential for growth, the University’s ten-year strategic plan was released last fall with a title that reflected its pledge to move more con­fidently into the future.

“Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise” emphasizes academic development through the reaffirma­tion of outstanding undergraduate teaching, as well as a renewed com­mitment to graduate education and research. Increasing the balance between the University’s undergrad­uate colleges and enriching and expanding the quality of academic programming are identified as key goals for the next decade — as is ele­vating its 41 percent of doctoral programs to the national top quar­tile.

However, the plan reaches beyond the academic sphere, encouraging Notre Dame to apply Catholic values to its policies and to embrace its identity as the premier center of Catholic intellectual life. Significant attention is also devoted to integrat­ing academics into student residen­tial life, including plans for a resi­dence hall environment that encour­ages students to discuss moral and ethical issues.

Though four new residence hall complexes are included in the stu­dent affairs section of the plan — which also explores experimental options such as coeducational housing and senior apart­ments or suites — “Fulfilling the Promise” reflects a broader focus than previous con­struction-based strategic plans. This time, the University also hopes to expand student organizations and improve health services to elevate the overall on-campus experience.

The Board of Trustees officially approved the plan at its spring meet­ing.

ND administrator chosen as next SMC President

When Notre Dame unveiled its plans to close Juniper Road in January, the proposal met with applause from the University commu­nity but resistance and skepticism from many South Bend residents. But through a series of town meetings designed to hear and incorporate the residents’ opinions, Notre Dame expressed the importance of commu­nity input as it finalized the plan — closing Juniper in a move toward a safer pedestrian campus.

Equally important in the proposal was maintaining a relatively small campus size, as the University could construct new buildings, such as two new residence halls, in the space the street occupies instead of being forced to expand its boundaries.

The proposal would redirect...
Juniper’s traffic — which typically includes 8,100 vehicles a day — to a new four-lane road that would run between Edison and Douglas Roads near Ivy Road. University Architect Doug Marsh explained further details, including modifications to Edison and Douglas Roads in April.

The one-year anniversary of the University’s 17th president.

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

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

The 53-year-old Jenkins, a current executive vice president and associate provost and former religious superior of priests at both the University and Boston College, will have the opportunity to become the University’s 18th president.

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Seniors praise Mooney selection

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Saint Mary's Editor

As the Saint Mary's campus continues to grow and change with the addition of buildings, organizations and people, many seniors see the changes to the College as positive, and the future is looking bright.

Senior Lauren Caprio believes departing College President Marilou Eldred changed Saint Mary's for the better and will be missed.

"[Eldred] has overseen the construction of Dalloway's, a new dining hall, the future of a new student center and on-campus apartments, not to mention the renovations that took place in McCandless Hall as well as Regina Hall," Caprio said. "She has kept open lines of communication with the student population through the use of the student trustee, student government and the use of student forums. I think that she has been supportive of student initiatives on campus like Student Diversity Board and the Reading Day. Overall, she has been a great asset to our community and she will be missed.

However, some seniors, such as Bethany Huba have mixed emotions about the changes taking place on campus.

"I see the new buildings as a sign of growth to the College, which is definitely a good thing," Huba said. "I'm disappointed that I won't be able to use the new facilities, like the new Student Center, but I'm glad those options will be there for other students.

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

Caprio also feels Mooney will make a good president for Saint Mary's.

"I think Saint Mary's has made an excellent decision in choosing Carol Mooney as the next president," Caprio said.

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

Fellow classmate Nicole Garcia agrees with Huba and Caprio.

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

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ND seniors: Monk will be missed

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

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

As graduating seniors prepare for one of the greatest changes in their own lives, the University is preparing for a big change of its own—the transition from University President Father Edward Malloy to President-elect Father John Jenkins, which will take place in 2005.

Although the announcement came as a surprise to most, some feel that the time for a leadership transition has come.

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

Seniors noted Malloy's visible presence on campus as something that has impacted their time as students.

"I'm a senior, so I've had a chance to get to know him and have conversations with him," Morrow said. "He's always been very available and open to meeting people [in the dorm], and he's been very visible on campus."

Senior Katie Hunter agreed.

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

What changes Jenkins will bring to the University are yet to be seen, but seniors also agreed that the experience of students at Notre Dame will likely change with Jenkins as University President.

"I think [students are] bound to have a different experience... because I think the way the school is portrayed will change," said senior Tal Romero. "I'm not sure what the changes will be, but I'm sure that something will have to change.

Seniors said they would like to see the University continue to strengthen its focus on students under a new president.

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

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Transition at Saint Mary's

Eldred retires with legacy of improvement

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

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

"This phrase I've been telling people is that it's bittersweet," Eldred said. "I'm ready to retire. I'm ready for a change, she said. "My husband Don and I are going to move back to St. Paul, where I am going to take some time off," Eldred said. "And, don't, hope I get involved with some volunteer work."

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

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South Bend hotels prepare for graduation crunch

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
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As graduation weekend arrives at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, one coined phrase rings true in the mindset of local hotels surrounding the two campuses: "Location, location, location." In college towns like South Bend, the hotel industry stands out from others as it capitalizes on the importance of location by marketing the convenience of proximity to campus events.

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

Located on the outskirts of Saint Mary's campus and adjacent to Notre Dame, the Inn typically books rooms for graduation more quickly than other hotels in the area, and the Inn sees the weekend as a crucial opportunity. "If graduation weekend is the first time they've stayed with us, the majority of our guests have a great experience and want other reservations for the future," she said.

The Inn gives first priority to parents of either Notre Dame or Saint Mary's seniors who have stayed at the hotel for three years prior. Those who meet this requirement receive an application for graduation accommodations, which, if submitted by its required deadline, will have sought accommodations elsewhere at so late a stage. Beirne himself describes the process as "risky."

For those willing to chance their luck, the Morris Inn offers a wait list for guests and fails to restrict a minimum night stay. "We have a lot of opportunities in there to make up the difference, so it is difficult for us to say exactly what our pattern will be," Beirne said.

Located in comparison, the Marriott hotel downtown would seem to pose little threat to the business of hotels such as the Inn at Saint Mary's or the Morris Inn. Located four miles from campus and with graduation rates reaching $299 per night, its competition to others could easily be seen as minimal. "Minimal it is not," she said. "The Marriott name is a draw in itself," said Gina Schumacher, director of hotel sales. "Brand recognition is significant for us, but most of our business is because this hotel has been here for so long."

The hotel offers incentives such as the Marriott Rewards program where guests can collect and redeem points when staying at Marriott or any of its affiliates. Although we are lucky to get brand loyalty, we do not take it for granted," she said. The Holiday Inn City Center, located two blocks from the Marriott, is in a competition of the hotel because it offers a rewards program. However, Schumacher considers the main competition to exist with the Inn at Saint Mary's and Residence Inn, a Marriott affiliate.

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

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

The hotel focuses on aspects such as arrival patterns, staffing and group prepackaging. Judging from past weekends, Schumacher said the largest influx of guests arrives between 3 and 7 p.m. on Friday. Consequently, more housekeeping staff members work Friday morning to prepare rooms in a timely and efficient manner. "There are different things that are unique to each group that comes into the hotel," Schumacher said. "We find out what the needs of specific groups are and act accordingly."

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Candace, Fr. Greg and "the Fam"
By-MATT BRAMANTI
Senior News Writer

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

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

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


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

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

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

"They will go to the officer basic course for 16-24 weeks of basic officer training in their specialty," Jordan said. "Some will go to specialty schools for further training. These specialty schools which last 3-9 weeks, include covered infantry assignments like airborne, ranger and jumpmaster schools, as well as support tasks like hazardous cargo handling and maintenance officer duties. Following training, the cadets will be sent to divisional units across the country, where they will prepare for deployment overseas.

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

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

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

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

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

"My military history class at Notre Dame includes former honors students at West Point.,” Jordan said. "And they're the best of the best."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Marine Corps will get five new second lieutenants from the commissioning ceremony. Following graduation, the Marines will attend the Basic School in Quantico, Va., where they will learn the tactics and theory of leading a platoon of Marines.

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

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

Col. Michael Zenk, commander of the Air Force detachment, said his 36 seniors will start active-duty anywhere from five to 75 days after their commissioning. Like members of the other services, Air Force second lieutenants will quickly be deployed to units in various locations.

"We have people going to Guam, a couple going to Italy, a couple going to Alaska," he said. "The rest are quickly deployed across the continent."

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

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

"It's because of the quality of our cadre, plain and simple," Zenk said.

Zenk said that, after training, many of the fresh second lieutenants could end up in hot spots around the world.

"We own Baghdad International Airport," Zenk said. "There is also a pretty big presence in Afghanistan."

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

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

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Dear Graduates,

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

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

For those of you leaving with graduate and professional degrees, I hope that you will carry with you the best of our traditions as they relate to your discipline. If you bring to your chosen field a strong set of ethical convictions and a commitment to justice, you will represent the very best of Notre Dame.

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

Sincerely yours,

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

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate Editor

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

Molly Walsh has chosen to give her time over the next two years to service. As a participant in the Loyola Choice program, Walsh will begin teaching this fall in a suburban Chicago Catholic elementary school. Walsh will also earn her master’s degree after the two years through classes she will take during the summer.

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

"I could have given money but now is the perfect time to give back."

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

"All after these years of learning about all the problems in our world, I really just wanted a chance to get out of the classroom for a while and actually do something," she said. Bonk will be spending a year in Syracuse, N.Y., working with the FrancisCorps, a Franciscan lay volunteer program. She will defer medical school at Loyola University in Chicago for a year as part of the ACE program. She will work in an inner-city area for a year and actually do something else.

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

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

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

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

Shappell also recognized that some seniors who have chosen to do service may not have gotten them in the past. "[That number] will probably continue to go up," she said. "There could be others who didn't sign up with us.

Some seniors who choose service after graduation take that giving spirit even further — out of the country and to other places around the world. Dan Runde will live and work in San Juan, Puerto Rico over the next year.

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

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

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

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

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Saint Mary's graduates look forward to service

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**History of the Hall Spirit Award**

The Hall Spirit Award was established in 1989 to recognize the importance of community as evidenced in Notre Dame's residence halls. The Hall Spirit Award is voted by the residents of each undergraduate hall to recognize the senior who has most exemplified the spirit of Notre Dame through his or her personality, character, and actions. In addition, the recipient is the person who, in the eyes of the hall's residents, has made the dorm a better place to live, work, play, and study. The Alumni Association sponsors the award as part of its outreach to students and hopes to share its goals of service to God, community, and Notre Dame. The Association congratulates the 2004 Hall Spirit Award recipients and thanks them for their commitment to the University of Notre Dame!

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Going out with a bang

Sheila Flynn
Assistant Managing Editor Emeritus

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

I have my own method of remembering, one that is as humiliating as it is effective. I can chronicle my time at Notre Dame through the times that I've fallen—literally, metaphorically.

Freshman year, I fell down the steps in DeBartolo.

Considering the off-and-on nature of DeBartolo traffic, it is possible that such a fall, if taken during an opportune moment, could go unnoticed and therefore remain relatively obscure. I, however, did not time my fall accordingly, instead tumbling headfirst down the steps at rush hour. I flailed about amidst the crush of students in an attempt to regain balance by grabbing a complete stranger to me and her eyes widened and her mouth fell open in alarm. I simply ricocheted from student to student until, by some miracle of physics, I found myself near my host family's apartment, I stumbled into the bathroom, cackling and rambling, and, unable to remember the words for "bandage," "curb," or anything relevant, I think I sputtered out "street" and "blood" before limping into the bathroom, collapsing. My Spanish mom looked after me, alarmed and confused, and that look never really left her face until I flew home.

And now we come to senior year, the most mortifying and difficult to live down of the Notre Dame years. I fell outside the stadium in an incident that had been assigned to write about a senior walk-on for a feature issue, and, despite teasing from the sports guys who doubted my ability to interview athletes, I proved them wrong. I successfully completed an in-depth and interesting interview and rejoined the other writers at the door. On the way out of the stadium, however, I spotted the walk-on and shouted something to him, jokingly, about whether or not I was a good reporter. As the words left my mouth, though, I failed to notice a raised portion of the exit gate, and I tripped over it, lost my balance, and executed a spectacular slow-motion fall, complete with flailing arms, flying notebooks, and incredulous onlookers. I ended up on one of my daily marches, I decided to go unnoticed and therefor remain relatively obscure. I, however, did not time my fall accordingly, instead tumbling headfirst down the steps at rush hour. I flailed about amidst the crush of students in an attempt to regain balance by grabbing a complete stranger to me and her eyes widened and her mouth fell open in alarm. I simply ricocheted from student to student until, by some miracle of physics, I found myself near my host family's apartment, I stumbled into the bathroom, cackling and rambling, and, unable to remember the words for "bandage," "curb," or anything relevant, I think I sputtered out "street" and "blood" before limping into the bathroom, collapsing. My Spanish mom looked after me, alarmed and confused, and that look never really left her face until I flew home.

But senior year plagues didn't even end there. I convinced another, final, more innovative fall to top off the others and end college properly. While dragging my roommate around the lake on one of my daily marches, I decided that it would be a brilliant idea to swing over the gate and walk out to the island in the middle of the water. The day was rainy and horrible and my roommate refused, but finally I convinced her and she followed me over, complaining and threatening. Trying to cheer her up, I skipped across the damp leaves and dirt on the island, narrowly leaping from log to log in an attempt to be funny. (Side note: Who does this? I have no idea.) Anyway, my jittery plan predictably backfired and, when I landed on a particularly slippery piece of wood, my feet flew out from under me. I fell forward, face-first, into a pile of matted leaves and mud, my head smashing against a fallen branch as my legs, still on the log, stuck up behind me. Unable to remove myself from the awkward position, I laughed through my pain and my roommate yelled at me, insisting that I'd better not be injured because she refused to call NSDP out onto the island in the middle of the lake. So eventually I righted myself and limped home, still laughing, and, soon she started giggling, too.

This, you see, is my life. I always end up in impossible situations, but I amuse myself—and others—along the way. I remember the falls, and I remember the good times, and all of them are far too numerous to recount here. Notre Dame has been hilarious, touching, enlightening and irreplaceable, and my experience here has changed me, for the better, forever. I have not only the memories but the physical scars to prove it.

Sheila Flynn is a graduating senior and the former Assistant Managing Editor of The Observer. She is driving to Texas the day after graduation, where she will report for The Associated Press in its Dallas bureau. She ultimately hopes for a foreign correspondence position, through which she can amaze people the world over with her enduring cluminess and unmatchable accent. She would like to thank her Irish family, her Observer family, her grasp exposed and her roommates for an amazing four years. Go Irish—and Ireland!

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

Blessed Mother Teresa
foundress of the Missionaries of Charity

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

B.F. Skinner
psychologist
For the Class of 2004, the Notre Dame experience was defined by the ban of hard alcohol and the cancellation of SYFs, bar hugs at Finnegan's and Boat Club, all-nighters before a big exam, the George O'Leary fiasco, being kicked out of Notre Dame Stadium for having marshmallows and a final 5-7 football season.

But the Notre Dame experience was also defined by prayers at the grotto and in dorm Masses, by thrilling victories over Connecticut by both basketball teams and by waking up to the national champion women's basketball team back to campus at 3 a.m. at Main Circle. There was the Return to Glory, studying abroad across the globe, and by welcoming the return of the Fighting Irish to South Bend my junior year, helping me navigate through the surgeries and or follow-up appointments. I assisted a large deal about the strength of friendships at Notre Dame. So many of these friendships stem from our dorms. And it's funny to think that almost every one of us was placed in a dorm by the whim of a computer in the Office of Residence Life (or so we're made to believe). As a computer science major myself, I'll consider this idea in the future if I can design a computer system that makes decisions that results in lifelong friendship(s) for four years later. We're all sad to leave Notre Dame because of these lifelong friendships that really define the Notre Dame experience. I won't miss 8 a.m. finals in Daltorio or the stress of having a 10-page paper or a programming assignment due the next day. But I will miss my friends and the energy of this campus. While I know we will all keep in contact, nothing is the same as being able to go to somebody's room and talk to them or catch up with someone in passing in the quad and knock on a friend's door at a bar. Thinking about this transition has given me a glimpse of understanding into the college who have such intensity when coming back to Notre Dame or talking about last year. They are just reliving their Notre Dame experience in a very short time and probably aren't as used as we were to walking into a freshman year, they better be, life goes on, or at least I want to be able to become them in two days.

Four years living the Notre Dame experience have been great, but I guess it really is our turn to get going and prove that there is life after Notre Dame.

Scott Brodfuehrer is graduating with a degree in Computer Science and is the former Managing Editor of The Observer. He would like to thank everyone who made his Notre Dame experience enjoyable — his roommates, friends, family. The Observer gang and the University's faculty and staff. He will be heading to George Mason University in Reston, Va. in July.

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Opportunity knocked

I had no way of knowing whether these same opportunities would be waiting across the street for the best of both worlds being part of a tight-knit community while also attending the benefits of a large University, so I decided to stay where I was.

Suppressing my excessive apprehension, I auditioned for and was accepted into the Saint Mary's Women's Choir sophomore year. As part of the choir, I have been on two tours visiting cities from Vancouver to Washington, D.C. in one weekend. I auditioned for and was accepted into the Carnegie Hall internship, a summer internship at my hometown paper and the Saint Mary's Editor position at The Observer. I often think back as to whether or not I regret passing the chance to attend Notre Dame. I then remember the memories and reasons why I'm in the place I am today and realize I wouldn't want the past four years to have worked out any differently. On the contrary, the past four years have been the best of both worlds being part of a tight-knit community while also attending the benefits of a large University, so I decided to stay where I was.

Moving on

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

I'm not, after all, one of those fourth generation Donors who seemed destined to come here when he watched his first football game at age two. I grew up in a family of Notre Dame fans, but more powerful than any one event here, the Notre Dame experience is defined by the overwhelming community here. It is a community that made me feel as if we all felt at home at Notre Dame. It is made up of friends that could always make us laugh or give us support in the hard times. It means always having a drinking buddy. It means that even in the midst of finals week, no one is too busy to help a friend or fellow student. It means some of the best friendships we have ever had in our lives.

When I broke my ankle my sophomore year, friends were piling into my room in St. Joseph's Hospital before the anes­thesia. I sensed he was waking up in a family of friends, and extended family members graduated from — brace your­ selves — Florida State and the University of Miami. As a Florida native, I'm also not a fan of cold weather — much less the bliz­ zard that avoided South Bend and my freshman year or the ice storm that blasted us the following winter.

Spend these last few days with friends and just walking around cam­ pus, however, has made me realize the extent that Notre Dame has shaped my life and how much I'm going to miss it here.

I'll miss living in Stanford Hall with a short walk to the football­ Saturday Saddles and the Basilica on Sundays, and only a few steps from friendly and caring residence life.

I'll miss jogging around our two lakes and spotting chipmunks, robins and even the occasional deer. I'll miss Main Circle where I waited for rides to off campus parties, and where my freshman year roommate and I welcomed back the 2001 national champion women's basket­ ball team after their game against Purdue.

Within the first few days on campus I am an amazing group of girls, many of whom I remain close friends with today. When I attended the most recent college house of the University of Florida College of Medicine on an Air Force ROTC scholarship, I would like to thank my friends, and especially my family, for all their support.

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In many ways, Notre Dame is like countless other American universities. The academic life can be similar.

Professors with patches on their elbows enliven themselves in subjects ranging from high-energy particles to Haitian politics. Students slip in massive lecture halls and doze through freshman chemistry.

The same dorm life has a lot in common with other colleges.

Dave Matthews' latest album resonates from huge speakers in tiny rooms. Dorm rooms are full of empty 30-packs of Keystone Light. Study rooms are primordially as a source of extra furniture.

Even the protests have all been done before.

Students complain about the administration's policies and tear up copies of Diebold. Social justice advocates promote the wages and living conditions of migrant farm workers. Gay rights supporters quy the mortgage on Knott Hall to demand a "Gay Quarters." And the Progressive Student Alliance demonstrates against everything but Birkenstocks.

But Notre Dame has so much to make it unique. For several years, the admissions office has used the slogan "Nowhere else but Notre Dame." That has always struck me as inappropriate.

Take the architecture, for instance. The Golden Dome and "Touchdown Jesus" are among the most famous college landmarks in the world. The entrance to the bookstore seems to resemble the foyer of heaven. As for DeBartolome Hall, you won't find a building that looks more like a row of milk cartons.

Or the food. This is a school so bursting with pride that Judy Mirsky the monotone "ND" into its waffles. But if you get tired of that flavors, just call up the nearest Papa John's store. They'll put you on hold, because Notre Dame students have only the tiny choice of three grossing pizza shop in the history of civilization.

And though we're often slammed for our lack of diversity, think of the back­ ground the University has. The fabric of Notre Dame is woven of threads from all the world. It appears that the only segments who lack the ability to tailgate. The last changes will be heavy drinkers who live off campus and undergraduate drinkers who still lack the ability to tailgate. The last time I checked, neither demographic was busy forming a special interest group.

However, all students should be open to these changes for no other reason than that we had absolutely no love them, or hate them, you have to hand it to members of the administration and the students for knowing what they are doing regarding the recent changes in the alcohol policy. Inevitably, more students will move off campus because they are fed up with being treated like children, leaving more dorm rooms for incoming freshmen. Students over the age of 21 who live on-campus will most likely welcome their new-found ability to tailgate at the cost of their right to have hard liquor in their rooms.

But if not, this is still our school, and I can only hope that someday we actually have the guts to take it back.

Kevin Suhani
Monetary Manager
[Jan. 23, 2001]

Owning the opposition in Iraq

Thousands of students, faculty and staff from Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's did not sign the petition opposing a potential U.S.-led war with Iraq. The petition appeared as an ad in The Observer, included the signatures of approximately 600 people. It said: "We, the students, faculty and staff of Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's do not support the petition opposing a potential U.S.-led war with Iraq. We appeal to the administration and the university to preserve conditions necessary for decent human existence and to secure basic human rights in Iraq.

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff who did not sign the petition opposing the war with Iraq could combine this 1983 Catholic Pastoral Letter with some of the facts concerning human rights abuses under Saddam Hussein including the use of mustard gas, and use them in Parwijn in October-November 1983 leaving behind 4,000 to 5,000 Iraqi civilians. His murder of another 2,500 Iraqis on M turning in March 1984 after some method, his April 1987 mustard-gas attack.

Timothy Bonadies
off-campus
Feb. 26, 2005

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[Jan. 23, 2001]
What is the most memorable thing about living in South Bend?

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

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

“Cab drivers.”
-Jamie Lamers
Combined Locks, Wis.

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

“Having a different bar to go to every night.”
-Jim Donovan
St. Louis, Mo.

“Boat Club.”
-Jessica Roberts
Oak Brook, Ill.

“Friends, fun, faith.”
-Chris Trice
Aliceville, Fla.

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

“Full of opportunities.”
-Stephanie Zurek
Arlington, Mass.

“Don’t ever graduate.”
-Megan Basto
New Jersey, N.J.

Describe your college experience in three words.
What was your best experience at Notre Dame or Saint Mary's

"Running through the reflecting pool freshman year."
-Matt Mauntel
Jasper, Ind.

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

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

"Club Bart."
-Karl Reistock
Albuquerque, N.M.

"Coming out of the tunnel with the band."
-Thomas McGee
Pickerington, Ohio

"Fiesta Bowl freshman year."
-Kelly Faehnie
Painesville, Ohio

What do you plan to do after graduation?

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

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

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

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

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**BASEBALL**

**Sollmann returns from injury, makes immediate impact**

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

"You can’t even describe how important it was for him to be out there," Mainieri said. "I told him before the season that you didn’t have to have a base hit the whole weekend he’d be a big contributor to help us finish what we started in the first game. Just having him out there to play defense and have his steady influence on the team, it just gave us a lot of confidence."

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

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

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

"Every single game is of critical importance." Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

**ND SOFTBALL**

**Irish clinch No. 1 seed in Big East, complete regular season play**

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Complacency can be a team’s worst nightmare, and the Irish found this out first hand Saturday.

After clinching the No. 1 seed for the Big East Championship, Notre Dame dropped its first conference game in the season when they were swept by Seton Hall 5-0, 1-0, just days after earning a No.-1 ranking in national polls (No. 22 in USA Today, No. 14 in ESPN/USA Softball).

"We came out a little flat," junior Megan Cioli said. "We started to coast through the Big East."

In the first game of the doubleheader, Briann Uhl struggled, giving up four earned runs on five hits, striking out just one. In the first, she walked the bases loaded, and then hit Lindsay Trottler with a pitch, giving the Pirates (41-17, 12-8 in the Big East) their first run. It continued going downhill for the Irish. Pirates’ pitcher Megan Meyer allowed just four hits while striking out six. She was able to hold the Irish offense to one run. "Whatever it is about — bringing the intensity to the field everyday. When we come to play, we dominate. When we come out flat, we don’t execute."

In the first game, the Irish, behind Mullins' three hits and Cialis three runs, went right over the Irish. CISL allowed just six hits and struck out three. Cioli said that although the offense struggled, now is the time for them to do so.

"Saturday was a wake up call," Cioli said. "It’s better we lose now than in the tournament. That might be a blessing in disguise, because it was a reality check."

And the Irish also lost Cioli, to a "tweaked hamstring" in the second game.

But the Irish came back strong in game two. In St. John’s (28-26, 10-10) in the last Big East doubleheader of the regular season. In these games, Notre Dame dominated, defeating the Red Storm 1-0, 3-1.

"We got the job done and we’re feeling good," Mainieri said. "Hopefully we just peak and intensity and improving all season long. That was our challenge — to keep up the level we know we can play at for the entire season."

"Hopefully we just peak and play well when it counts."

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Tulsa, Oklahoma
Irish fail to advance to NCAAs for first time under Brey

Season ends with NIT quarterfinal loss to Oregon at Joyce Center

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

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

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

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

The only main offensive contributors returning from the Sweet 16 team were guard Chris Thomas and sophomore forward Torin Francis.

Thomas not only returned to the team for his junior season after flirting with the NBA Draft in the offseason, but also ended speculation later in the season by announcing he will return for his senior year.

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

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

The loss that haunted the Irish all season was their buzzer-beater stunner to Central Michigan when senior co-captain Torrian Jones and Tom Timmermans watched from the bench.

"It's the fourth game of the season, and our guys are devastated," Brey said. "Their heads are down, and we have to play 30 more games here. They have to get their heads up."

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

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

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

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

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

The lack of a consistent post presence began to catch up with the Irish as they squandered opportunities — namely a home loss to Providence — a crossroads where the Irish defeated Purdue, in the schools' first meeting since 1966, and Saint Louis before losing to Oregon at the Joyce Center in the quarterfinals of the NIT — one game away from advancing to the Final Four.

No NCAA Tournament, only winning 19 games and not advancing to the Final Four of the NIT caused a difficult end to the season for Brey and the Irish.

But Brey looked at the past season filled with injuries and inexperience in a different light.

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

Mike Brey
Irish coach

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

Iowa State guard Chris Quinn drives past a Seton Hall defender in Notre Dame's victory over the Pirates Feb. 14. The team failed to make the NCAA Tournament.

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Gill

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scored 40 points (19 goals, 21 assists) to Gill's 38 points (17 goals, 21 assists).

As is the case so often in sports, the statistics don't tell the entire story.

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

Also, Gill's offensive shooting percentage of 17.9 percent (17 goals on 95 shots) was tied for third on that team in scoring along with Globke and defensemen Brett Lebda.

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

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

In 2002, after falling behind to Nebraska-Omaha in the first game of the best-of-three first-round playoff series, the Irish won the next two games to advance to the CCHA's Super Six in Detroit, only to lose to Ohio State, 2-1.

In 2003, Notre Dame fell behind in the first game of the best-of-three first round playoff series against Miami (Ohio), then came back to shock the RedHawks 5-0 and 1-0 in the next two games to advance to Detroit for the second year in a row. This time, Notre Dame's season came to an end with a 3-2 loss in Ohio State, which had come back from a 2-1 deficit in the series.

In his final year, the Irish took care of Western Michigan two games to one in the first round and then faced a familiar foe at the Super Six in Ohio State.

Although the Irish eventually lost that game 6-5 in overtime, Gill certainly showed no lack of effort, scoring four goals, including a hat trick in the loss.

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

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

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

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

A reward for an outstanding year.

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

The class's achievement was well documented not only by the Irish faithful but also by national scouts, as all five players received invitations to contract to play professional hockey.

For Gill, the chance to experience professional hockey was a way to say goodbye to teammates Globke and Komadoski, Gill was never drafted.

"The years I was eligible to get drafted it just never happened," he said. "I had to go and look for someone who was interested if I was going to continue my career."

The team that was interested was the Cleveland Barons, the American Hockey League affiliate of the NHL's San Jose Sharks, who agreed to sign Gill to a temporary player-cutout contract.

Gill made an immediate impact on and off the ice. Gill's play impressed his new team so much that the San Jose Sharks agreed to a one-year contract with the senior, who will more than likely begin next season in Cleveland again.

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

Although Gill is beginning the next stage of his hockey-playing career, he will always remember the year he played for Notre Dame and especially this historic season.

"I think the biggest thing I learned from my time at Notre Dame was just to always keep working hard," Gill said.

"That's the lesson I'll take from my years here."

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Aaron Gill fights toward the puck against Michigan this season. Gill led the Irish to its first-ever NCAA berth.

Aaron Gill skates toward the puck against Ferris State this season. Gill recently signed a contract with the Cleveland Barons.

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Irish suffer third losing season in five years

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

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

A week later at Michigan, line­backer Courtney Wainow flew low over the Wolverines’ offensive line on the third play of the game and stripped the ball from quarterback John Navarre, giving the Irish the win at Michigan, 24-19.

That’s when it became apparent this team might still be special.

The Irish couldn’t get that early score in a hostile road environment like they did in 2002 and punted in four plays. By the end of the game, it was 38-0 Michigan — the largest defeat in the Notre Dame-Michigan series.

“There is nothing positive we can take from this game,” Willingham said.

The frustrations abounded at home in the 22-16 loss to Michigan State where quarterback Carlyle Holiday continued his early season struggles. True freshman Brady Quinn replaced Holiday and almost called the Irish to victory.

It turned out to be Holiday’s last start at quarterback for the Irish.

After a week of secrecy, Willingham and the coaching staff set Quinn start for the Irish at Purdue. Quinn threw nine pass attempts, the second-most in school history in the 24-10 loss.

Taking advantage of a much­needed bye week, the Irish came out with a different game plan at Pittsburgh — use Jones until he could be stopped.

The Panthers couldn’t as the senior rushed for a school-record 262 yards. The Irish ran for 352 yards on 56 attempts as a team and held the Panthers to 175 total offensive yards, including only eight rushing yards.

“I believed in our football team,” Willingham said. “There will always be tough times.”

That rushing success carried over to the first quarter against USC as the team traded touchdowns. The game was tied at 14 with 4:02 remaining in the quarter as soon as that success appeared, it went away even faster.

The Trojans scored the next 35 points and blew out the Irish 45-14. At Boston College the next week, the Irish recovered from an 18-point deficit to take a 23-24 lead. But the Eagles marched right down the field and kicked a 26­yard field goal with two years.

Three years after the failed “Game of the Century,” Florida State returned to Notre Dame Stadium for the first time and sent the Irish to their lowest point not only on the season, but in a long time for the program. A 37-0 dropped the Irish to 2-6 and was the third 30-point loss on the season. It also gave the team its third straight home blowout for the first time since 1984, its first home shutout since 1978 and, for a short period, dropped it to second on the all­time winning percentage list.

The on­field celebration after beating Navy for the 40th straight year on a last­second field goal showed how much the Irish were grasping for any success.

Jones ran for 223 yards against Navy, his second 200­yard game on the season. In the 33-14 win on Senior Day over BYU, he continued to pile on the large numbers with a 161­yard, three-touchdown effort. Jones eclipsed 200 yards for a third and final time in the 57-7 blowout at Stanford.

“This was more of what I anticipated out of our football team,” Willingham said, later adding, “We’re getting closer to where I want to be.”

A win at Syracuse would get the teams to 6-6 and provide momentum to build on in the offseason for 2004. But in the last game of the season for both teams, the embarras­sment of a season began.

Syracuse ran all over the Irish gaining 247 yards and crushed the Irish 38-12. While the three previous blowout losses were to BCS teams, Syracuse only won six games in 2003 and had lost to Rutgers the week before.

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

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

Minus a few games in 2003, it was an all season.

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Irish Women's Basketball

Irish start season slow, finish on tear to advance to NCAAs

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

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

Heading back to South Bend following an up-and-down loss to a weak Georgia Tech team 76-73 in early January — in which Notre Dame allowed the Hoyas to score seven points in the final 27 seconds — coach Muffet McGraw knew the team needed to turn things around quickly. The Irish had a grueling upcoming schedule and were just 7-6, 0-1 in Big East play.

It was time to sink or swim. When the season finally ended in late March Notre Dame (21-11) had reeled off 14 wins in its last 19 games, advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament for the sixth time in eight years and was first- and second-round sites.

The Irish had several reoccurring themes throughout the season — they went a perfect 15-0 at home, struggled on the road and were led by junior All-American honorable mention recipient Jacqueline Batteast. Batteast averaged 16.0 points and 8.6 rebounds per game, while starting all 32 games for the Irish. She also added 13 double-doubles and scored at least 20 points 10 times. She was named the team’s MVP at the end-of-the-year banquet and was a first-team All-Big East selection and honorable mention AP All-American.

"Jackie was just really incredible this season," McGraw said. "We're really pleased with her. She feels really good about the way she played in the tournament. She proved why she is going to be one of the top five players in the nation next season."

Besides Batteast, McGraw regularly started seniors Le-Tania Severe and Monique Hernandez, sophomore Megan Duffy and either junior Teresa Boron or sophomore Courtney LaVere. Duffy was second on the team with 9.9 points per game and also dished out 3.9 assists per game. She was named the Big East Most Improved Player at the end of the season.

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

After the opening win against Auburn, Notre Dame would go through a frustrating up-and-down stretch over the next month and a half that saw the team get blown out by Tennessee and Michigan State, and then string together five wins in six games before falling to Purdue and Georgetown. At 7-6 and 0-1 in conference play, the Irish suddenly found the consistency they had lacked all season and made their run for the NCAA Tournament. From Jan. 10 to Feb. 4, the team went 7-1 and beat five straight ranked opponents, including a huge upset of then-No. 4 and eventual national champion Connecticut 66-51 at the Joyce Center.

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

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

The Irish nearly saw their season come to an abrupt end in the first round against No. 12 Southwest Missouri State. The Irish tough throughout the second half to send the game to overtime.

Lady Bears used a strong spurt to end the first half and played the Irish tough throughout the second half to send the game to overtime. But in the extra period, Notre Dame took command and finished off Southwest Missouri State 69-65 to advance to the second round.

With a berth in the Sweet 16 on the line, Notre Dame — led by Batteast — completely dominated upset-minded No. 13 seed Middle Tennessee State. Batteast scored 27 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in just 28 minutes, and the Irish were never threatened in moving on to the Sweet 16.

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

"I’m proud of our effort. We competed and battled for forty minutes," McGraw said after the loss. "We’ve come a long way since we were 7-6."

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By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

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

"We were just so excited, even before the big points," said senior captain Matt Scott. "I thought we were awesome." Bayliss said frankly. "I was really proud of the poise that our guys displayed — from top to bottom, in all our positions, we really didn't have a hole in our lineup. Each day there was a different hero or group of heroes."

Their first match was against third-seeded Miami, a longtime conference rival who enjoyed a home-court advantage in Coral Gables, Fla.

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  \item The first day Luis deserves a lot of credit for coming back and beating Josh Cohen, who is a terrific tennis player and a really great competitor.," Bayliss said.
  \item Haddock lost a close-fought battle at No. 1 with a score of 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. With Scott fighting cramps and nausea, the outlook was bleak for the Irish.
  \item However, the team will not dwell on past achievements. Racing No. 19 Tulane in the first round will be a challenge in what is arguably the country's most difficult bracket, featuring three top-30 teams and four conference champions.
  \item "We play 9 a.m. Saturday, so it didn't seem to affect his play, although he did not compete in the singles matches in the Big East Tournament."
  \item Bayliss said of his stubbornly determined freshman standout. "Puranen was serving for the match, and Steven did not lose another point," the coach recalled. "He changed tactics a little bit . . . made Puranen supply all the pace and it worked brilliantly."

Matt Scott hits a shot earlier this season. Scott, a senior captain, earned All-Big East honors in both singles and doubles.
Men win, women take third at Big East championships

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Four champs and a third title

That’s what the Irish men’s track and field team achieved last weekend by winning the Big East Outdoor Championships at Rutgers. Selim Nurudeen, Godwin Mbagwu, Ryan Johnson and Ryan Postel all won individual titles to lead Notre Dame as they bested host Rutgers 172.5 to 160.5.

This is the first time the men have ever won back-to-back titles in either the indoor or outdoor meets. The win also gives the Irish three straight Big East Championships, including their indoor title earlier this year.

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

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

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

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

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

Ryan Postel won his first Big East title with his 47.22-second time in the 400 meters. Postel joined Nurudeen, Ryan Hurd and Tommie Lee to finish second in the 800-meter relay.

Kurt Benninger, Eric Morrison and Kevin Somok also finished second in the 1,600-meter relay. Suarez also finished second in the 400-meter hurdles after finishing third in last year’s outdoor meet.

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

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

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Hockey

Icers make NCAAs for first time in program's history

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

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

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

"For the seniors, I appreciate the path that they have taken to get us here. For the underclassmen, it's a new level now that they have the chance to improve upon.

"Notre Dame's seniors played an especially large role during the regular season, with forwards Aaron Gill and Rob Globoke pacing the team offensively while defenders Tom Galvin, Neil Komadoski and Brett Lebeda helped the team's defense stay at the top of its game. With the offense and defense covered by the seniors, the team's biggest question mark coming into the regular season was goaltending.

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

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

The Irish opened their year with a sign of things to come, knocking off then-No. 15 Ohio State on the road by a score of 5-2. Walsh, making his first career start in goal, turned away 31 saves in the victory, and Globoke helped provide offense with a hat trick.

"It was a good way to start the season," Poulin succinctly said after the game.

Although the Irish would lose the second game of that opening series against the Buckeyes, the team set a precedent that would continue throughout the season and eventually play the biggest role in their first-ever NCAA bid — the ability to defeat ranked teams on the road.

Perhaps the biggest such win of the season would come Oct. 24, as the Irish shutout then-No. 3 Boston College by a score of 1-0 in the Golden Eagles' home opener in front of a sold-out crowd of 7,884 spectators. Brown made 27 saves in the victory, which was his second consecutive shutout.

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

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

Brown and Cey would rotate starts through the rest of the regular season, with each stepping up big in key games.

Cey made 32 saves as the team shutout then-No. 3 Maine Dec. 29 at the Everblades Holiday Classic in Estero, Fla., while Brown made 30 saves as Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over then-No. 4 Wisconsin on the road Jan. 19.

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

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

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

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

Although the Irish would lose their Super Six opener 6-5 in overtime against Ohio State, the eventual champion, the team's regular season prowess against ranked teams led to the Irish achieving at-large bid and the No. 4 seed in the Frozen Four in Tampa, Fla.

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By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

**Belles win MIAA tourney as No. 3 seed**

The underdogs became the top dogs in just a matter of days.

After clinching one of the last seeds in the four-team MIAA Tournament by winning its final two regular season games, Saint Mary’s reeled off three upsets—including two against a top-5 team in the nation—to win the MIAA Championship May 1.

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

The Belles (20-19) beat second-seed Calvin (18-16) 5-3 to advance to the championship game against No. 4 nationally-ranked Alma (35-6) in a best-of-three series. Saint Mary’s pitcher Kate Sajewich shined. Sajewich threw a complete game, allowing no runs on just three hits and striking out three.

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

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

“We played with our hearts, left everything on the field, and beat the fourth team in the nation twice,” Sajewich said.

Down one run heading into the fifth, the Belles managed to tie the game thanks to an Angie Ellison single and a couple of Alma errors.

Then in the sixth with two outs, the Belles went on to win. Sajewich walked and Grall followed with a single. Audrey Gajer then drove a two-run double to right center which ended up being the difference. Sajewich allowed a leadoff single in the seventh, but then settled down to record the final three outs.

When the game was over, Sajewich said the team was elated.

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better at NCAAs, getting better at conference, being consistent," Irish coach Bailey Weathers said.

But for Perry-Eaton, nothing has come easy.

Setback

Perry-Eaton thought she was in the prime of her career coming out of high school. The Brandon, Fla. native was a three-time diving All-American at Bloomindale High School and qualified for U.S. Nationals three times. After just one year of diving, she qualified for the Junior Outdoor Nationals.

So when Perry-Eaton left her home and her coach, she was nervous about her new surroundings in South Bend.

"My coach from home was unbelievable," she said. "Coming to Notre Dame was a risk because I wasn't sure what to expect from the diving coach. But he had a good reputation, so I decided to come here."

But her freshman year was not what she expected.

"When I came here freshman year, I was really peaking in my career," Perry-Eaton said. "I had achieved everything up until then."

Up until her injury, that is.

Perry-Eaton competed in two events as a freshman before suffering a season-ending back injury.

"I avoided the pool at all costs (when I got injured) because it was unbelievably upsetting," Perry-Eaton said. "I withdrew myself so I could focus on my studies."

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

That summer, she went home to rehab with her coach after spending time at Notre Dame in the fall and returning.

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

Silencing doubters

Perry-Eaton returned to the board for her sophomore year. But it wasn't what she expected.

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

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

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

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

And Weathers agreed.

"She really made great progress throughout her career," Weathers said.

Perry-Eaton followed her sophomore campaign with even more improvement going into junior year.

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

But Perry-Eaton remained unsatisfied.

Senior year

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"This season, while it was rewarding that about the season, the end left me bitter," Perry-Eaton said. "I can't let that happen to me again."

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1. **Women's hoops wins national title**

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

**Flying High**

April 1, 2001

2. **Willingham leads Return to Glory**

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

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Spring 2002

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4. **Irish go to CWS, first trip since '57**

It took an improbable victory over No. 1 Florida State at Tallahassee, but the Irish found a way to reach their first College World Series since 1997. The team played well in Omaha, beating Rice on a walk-off home run and losing twice to a tough Stanford team. They also won 50 games, a new team record.

**IRISH INSIDER**

Reaching new heights

June 15-18, 2002

5. **Brey-coached Irish find Sweet success**

As a five seed in the West Regional, Mike Brey led the men's basketball team to the Sweet 16 for first time since 1979. Brey took over as head coach in 2000 and has steadily improved the basketball program. Under his guidance, his teams qualified for three straight NCAA Tournaments.

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Brey makes Irish a Sweet 16 team

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7. **Fencing finally wins national title**

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

**SPORTS**

Shaved Irish scalp fills line

March 23, 2003

8. **Hockey earns first-ever NCAA bid**

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

**SPORTS**

Can Cinderella skate?

March 21, 2004

9. **Women's golf makes NCAAs**

For the first time in the 16-year history of the program, the Irish advance to the NCAA Tournament. The Irish received the No. 15 seed at the Central Regional at Illinois State by winning a school-record four tournaments during the regular season, including their second-consecutive Big East Championship.

**SPORTS**

Not so friendly confines

April 26, 2004

10. **Saint Mary's cuts track program**

Under the recommendation of athletic director Lynn Kachmark, Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred decided to terminate the track and field program following the 2001 season. Kachmark made the decision, in part, to keep two full-time coaches.

**BELLES PREVIEW**

The Finish Line

February 1, 2001
Saint Mary's: Year in Sports

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

Left, Stefanie Simmerman and the golf team are in the NCAA Tournament and looking to build on last year's fourth-place finish. Middle, Kristin Kana dribbles for the basketball team earlier this season. The Belles finished 7-8 in the regular season, 2-12 in the MIAA. Kristen Playko serves for the volleyball team earlier this season.

Cross Country

The Belles finished sixth overall at the MIAA Championships, and followed that up with a 30th-place finish in the Hanover College Regional of the Division III NCAA Tournament, finishing their 2003 season by showing slight improvement over last year's seventh-place finish in the MIAA Championships.

Peter Haring, the Belles put a bang, winning three consecutive races. The Belles recorded five consecutive wins and advanced to the MIAA Tournament.

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Swimming

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Ramsey finished second in the 500-yard freestyle (5:14.22) and fourth in the 100-yard butterfly. This performance was good enough for her fourth consecutive All-MIAA honor. Ramsey finished her career after having placed as a finalist in the top six in every individual event she swam in at the MIAA Championships. She owns school records in the 100-yard butterfly, 200-yard butterfly and is part of four relay records.

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Golf

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Softball

Under first-year head coach Peter Haring, the Belles put together an impressive season, finishing with a final record of 10-5-4 and 6-4-4 in the MIAA.

Saint Mary's started its year with a bang, winning three straight matches against non-conference opponents before opening MIAA play with a 2-2 tie against Calvin.

From Sept. 11 to Oct. 11, the Belles collected five consecutive shutouts against MIAA opponents, including 4-0 victories over both Olivet and Kalamazoo. For the entire season, the Belles collected eight shutouts.

Saint Mary's had the opportunity to play a spoiler late in the season, as their 4-4 tie against Calvin eliminated any chance that Calvin might get an at-large bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Belles had no chance to make the tournament, even before playing their game against Calvin.

Volleyball

A young Belles team with only one senior in Allison Schivko showed considerable improvement, going from a 7-21 (5-12 in the MIAA) record in 2002 to 16-13 (10-10) this year.

After starting the season 0-2, the Belles rallied off four straight wins and advanced to the final of the Wooster (Ohio) Invitational Sept. 5-6, losing in the final match to Marietta (Ohio).

A key point in the Belles season was a five-game win over Albion in the final regular season match of the season. Albion had defeated Saint Mary's in the Belles' home opener earlier in the season.

Freshman Kristen Playko had an impressive rookie campaign for the Belles, finishing as the team's kills leader with 496 in 104 games. Her 54 service aces also led the team. For her efforts, Playko was named to the All-MIAA first team, the only freshman to achieve that honor.

Basketball

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Men's and women's soccer end outstanding seasons with losses to Michigan

Observer Staff Report

Men's Cross Country

The Irish sent two members of their team to the NCAA Championships in Todd Mobley and Tim Moore. Mobley finished 27th (1:09 minutes, 9.2 seconds) and was named an All-American as a result, while Moore finished in 90th place (2:37 minutes, 3.1 seconds).

Notre Dame finished a disappointing eighth at the Great Lakes Regional meet, and did not earn a team NCAA Tournament bid. The Irish finished second in the Big East championships, losing to Georgetown in the Bronx, N.Y.

The Irish opened their season at the Valparaiso Invitational, just barely finishing behind Western Michigan for first place at that meet. Notre Dame then returned home two weeks later to take first place at the National Catholic Championship. The Irish won the Notre Dame Invitational to make it three consecutive victories in a row, but did not finish higher than second in their final three meets.

Women's Cross Country

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

King finished the race with a time of 20 minutes, 25.6 seconds, with Huddle not far behind at 20:31.0.

Notre Dame's 10th-place finish was somewhat of a disappointment during a season in which the Irish never placed below third overall in any of their regular season meets. The Irish captured first overall in the Valparaiso Invitational, the National Catholic Championship, the Notre Dame Invitational, the Big East Championship and the NCAA Great Lakes Regional. Huddle was the overall winner at the Great Lakes Regional with a time of 20:14.7.

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

Men's Soccer

The Irish advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's history, before falling 1-1, 4-3 on penalty kicks to Michigan Nov. 23.

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

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

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

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

Notre Dame finished the year 16-3-4.

Women's Soccer

Like the men's team, the Irish were 1-0-1 to Michigan in the NCAA Tournament, putting a disappointing end on a stellar regular season.

The Irish played all season with key players Catherine Chapman and Randi Scheller, and had to deal with other injuries throughout the year. Ultimately, the team was able to compile a record of 20-3-1.

Notre Dame went undefeated over its first 19 games of the regular season, collecting an 18-0-1 record against several ranked teams, including No. 16 Stanford (0-0) and No. 10 Santa Clara (2-1).

Notre Dame's first regular season loss of the season also came against Michigan, as the Irish fell 3-2 to the Wolverines at Alumni Field Oct. 29. The Irish lost to Boston College 2-1 in the semifinals of the Big East Tournament, but still collected a No. 1 seed (No. 2 overall) and home field advantage for the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament.

The Irish cruised Loyola-Chicago 2-0 in the first round, before falling to Michigan after the Wolverines cashed in on their only corner kick of the contest. For the game, Notre Dame out­ put 12-3.

Volleyball

The Irish completed the regular season ranked No. 24 in the nation, after losing to Louisville in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. It was the first time Notre Dame had an effective finish for a team that was not ranked in the preseason poll, but was ranked in every subsequent poll in 2003.

An upset of then-No. 10 Arizona in Notre Dame's season opener helped sparkplug the team to a 2-12 start, the second best ever in the team's his­ tory. Including in that fast start was a 14-match winning streak, the longest the Irish have had in 30 years.

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

Notre Dame finished second in the NCAA Tournament after finishing as one of the major success stories for the Irish was their blocking, which was first overall in the NCAA with a 3.72 blocks per game average. Lauren Bresner, (1.78 blocks a game), was the NCAA's individual blocking champion.

Fencing

One year removed from a national championship season, the Irish took third at the NCAA Tournament. Notre Dame scored 153 points, behind Ohio State's 194 and Penn State's 160.

Junior Alejka Kryczka won the women's foil title for the third straight year, while freshman Valerie Provenza captured the gold medal in saber. With the win, Kryczka became the first Irish athlete to be a three-time NCAA Champion or three player of the year. She improved her overall record to 284-20, including a 69-6 mark in NCAA action.

Senior fencer Kerry Walton and junior epeeist Andrea Ament each earned runner-up finishes for the women.

For the men, junior epeeist Michal Sobieraj and freshman saberist Patrice DuBois each earned All-American honors.

Notre Dame finished third, while Ghattas took tenth. Sohieraj won seven of nine round-robin bouts on the final day to finish 18-5, while Ghattas finished 13-10 after posting a 6-3 record on the last day. Matt Stearns narrowly missed All­ American honors, finishing 14th after a 4-5 record on the final day, good for a 10-13 overall record.

Men's Swimming

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

Kogelman was joined by sopho­ mores Steve Schumaker and Doug Bauman. Schumaker broke a school record with a time of 1:47.39 in the 200-yard backstroke. He broke Bauman's record, set in the beginning of the season.

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

Women's Swimming

The senior and freshman teamed up at the NCAA
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and the men's and women's golf teams won Big East and made the tourney.
ND Women's Tennis

No. 29 Irish hope to make noise in NCAAAs

Irish face Iowa after finishing 2nd in Big East tourney

By ANN LOUGHERY

Nowadays, everyone wants to be a Cinderella.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Irish have conditioned themselves for the postseason with a rigorous schedule. Fifteen of the 20 days before the NCAA Tournament, including No. 7 seed Duke, No. 13 seed Texas and No. 14 seed North Carolina. "Everyone’s going to be nerv­ous, but we’ve earned our spot here," freshman Christian Thompson said. "We’ve played tough teams all season, and the teams we play in the tournament will be tough, we don’t assume any less. But, if we play together and fight like we did against Miami, it will be hard to beat us."

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

"Miami definitely stepped it up two levels, but we were still in every match. We really fought back," Christian Thompson said. "It couldn’t have gone any other way.

Thompson jumpstarted a rally after the Irish found themselves in a 3-0 deficit. After saving four championship points, Thompson forced a third set in singles against Melissa Applebaum at No. 2. She led the third set 2-1, when Miami clinched the win 4-0.

At No. 3 singles, freshman Catrina Thompson also staged a comeback, extending her match into a third set against Mari Toro. Toro, named the Big East's Most Outstanding Player, rebounded after a 5-4 deficit in the third set to win 7-5 and clinch the win for Miami.

After the meet's outcome was decided, the matches at Nos. 4 and 6 were also abandoned. At No. 4, sophomore Lauren Connelly won her first set 7-5, but fell behind 4-5 in the second set against Staci Stevens. Junior Sarah Jane Connelly and senior Alicia Salas triumphed over Robbins and Stevens. No. 50 Catrina and Christian Thompson were tied 6-6 against No. 36 Applebaum and Megan Bradley, before the Miami duo pulled ahead 8-6 at No. 1.

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

All three players received bids for the matches at Nos. 4 and 6 against No. 36 Applebaum and Megan Bradley, before the Miami duo pulled ahead 8-6 at No. 1.

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Tennis captures MIAA tournament and league titles

Belles win their fourth straight MIAA Tournament

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Staff Editor

On the Saint Mary’s tennis team, there are no individual standouts — there is one team that stands out.

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

So it came to be a little surprise when the Belles won the MIAA Tournament title for the fourth straight year to go along with the 2004 regular season title.

It was a close race to the finish, as the Belles entered the tournament tied with Albion and Calvin for the league title, which is a combination of regular season and tournament results.

“This year the competition was a lot tougher,” No. 4 singles player Kris Spriggle said. “Their players have more experience, and the teams are tougher.

But at the tournament, the Belles came through, winning singles championships at No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 singles. They also earned a second-place finish in No. 3 doubles, and took fourth in No. 1 doubles.

These victories were enough to propel the Belles to 79.5 points, one point ahead of second-place Albion.

“It was incredible to win by one point,” senior Jeanne Knish said. “There was no point we thought we had it in the bag.

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

Spriggle also won singles, taking the No. 4 title, for her third straight. “It meant a lot, especially for the three seniors,” Spriggle said. “It was a great way to go out. We really enjoyed the season.”

Rounding out the lineup was Knish, who took third at No. 1 singles and also earned fourth at No. 3 doubles with sophomore Kate Bower who played in her first MIAA Tournament. It was a team effort that spurred the Belles to the title.

“We really pulled together as a team. We had the best team as a whole because we did the little things.”

Kris Spriggle
Belles senior

“When you see that on the wall, you know what you’ve accomplished. It was the ultimate goal for us.”

Senior Katie Cutler
Belles senior

Perry-Eaton dives her way to third in the NCAA Championships

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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When one thinks of who would be The Observer’s 2003-04 Outstanding Notre Dame Senior Female Athlete of the Year, the last person one would likely think to look is on the diving board.

But thanks to Meghan Perry-Eaton, maybe some will look twice.

Perry-Eaton finished third in 1-meter diving at the NCAA Championships in 2004, just 3.3 points behind first place. She also took 28th in 3-meter diving. Her third-place finish was the highest ever by a Notre Dame athlete, and it was good enough to earn her All-American honors. She is the sixth Irish athlete, and second diver to earn All-American honors.

All of this came after Perry-Eaton was named the Big East’s Most Outstanding Diver two years in a row, leading the Irish to two consecutive Big East Championships. She swept all the diving events this season.

“She has just done a wonderful job the last two years, getting

The Irish land three top-100 recruits in the class of 2009, including Luke Zeller of Washington, Ind.
Congratulations
Class of 2004
JACK
May the Lord smile on you...
(Numbers 6:25)
May the Lord use your talents
and passion to further His Kingdom.
Congratulations!
We are Proud of You!
Love, Mom, Dad, Bridgette, Alli

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

Love Mom &
Dad

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

Congrats to our ND Grad!

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

You have always made us
So proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Dan and Sean

Congratulations
Tom McTaggart
and the
Class of 2004

Congratulations
Phillip Ruisi
Michael Ruisi

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

May all your dreams become realities

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jennifer
Chris and Brian
Way to go, Allan!
Turtle Creek, FAC, Campus start in Dillon.
A domer grad, and forever alum.
God, Country, Notre Dame!

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

"All the world's a stage"
...May God lead you to yours!
Congratulations and we love you Adel!
Love Mom, Dad and Layla

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

You haven’t changed a bit, and we are still so proud of you.
BlingBling and The Fred
It's "Double Domer" time! Way to go Andy! Go Irish!

Mom, Dad and Michael

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

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

Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Michelle Westhoefer!

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

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

We love you!
Mom & Dad

Allison,
From your first day of school to your last...

We've always been proud of you!
Congratulations, Frankie
on a job well done!

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

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

-Bruce Springsteen

Congratulations, B.!
Love ya - Dad

Anthony,
Congratulations on graduating from the greatest university on Earth! From the beginning, we knew. You continue to make us so proud.
Irish born, Irish educated!
Love - Dad, Mom, Anastasia

Congratulations Alex and the Notre Dame Class of 2004
The world is yours.
Love, Mom, Dad, Greg and Caitlin

Fancy Gowns & Bows,
All our love, on you go.
Mom and Dad

Congratulations...Announcing - Cause and Effect
Love, Your Urban Family
Congratulations, Matthew!
 You have always made us proud!
 Love, Mom & Dad

The girl may leave ND, but ND will never leave the girl.
Congratulations, Sarah!
We Love You --
Mom, Dad, J.P. & Kevin

Congratulations! It's been a great climb to the top.
We love you and are so proud.
Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Tommy!
You've always been at the "head" of the class!
Love,
Mom & Dad

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

We all made it! Congratulations, Kelly!

Congratulations Katie!
We are very proud of you! What an accomplishment!
Love, Mom & Dad
Congratulations Beth!
We're happy that your dream came true!
Love Mom and Dad

Congratulations Brogueboy!
You are now an Irishman!
Love, Dad, Mom, Eric & Scott

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

Congratulations Beth!
You've always been a special blessing to us.
We're so proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad

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

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

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

Frankie - I am happy for you and so proud of you!
Love, M.
P.S. I wish your grandparents could see you now
Dear Christopher,

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

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

Forever love,
Mom and Dad

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

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

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kevin

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

Adam
Your Journey Continues
Congratulations
Love, Mom, Dad, Kari, Sammy, and Biff
Your joyful spirit embraces the world. We are so proud!
Love, Mom and Dad.

Congratulations!
We're proud of our "Pooz."
Love, Mom and Dad.

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

—from our little girl....

COME TO OUR BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN!

—from a hurricane to a dammer!
WELL DONE!
GOOD LUCK IN GRADUATE SCHOOL.

Love, your family

Congratulations!
Life is good. You are awesome.
Love ya.

Congratulations!
Love, Mom, Steve, Brendan, Nanny and Pop

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

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

Mom, Dad & Trevor

Congratulations,
Dana!
We are proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Ash and Angie

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

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

Congratulations
Anthony Ortiz Lopezman
"For with God, Nothing shall be impossible"

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

We're very proud of you.
Love - Mom, Dad, Anastasia

Congratulations
Claudette!
God Bless You in all your life choices.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Caroline!
From the first day you shared your talents, sought out new experiences and excelled in so many things. We love you, Mom, Dad and Christine

Cara, you've always had your own style!

We applaud your individuality and achievements. Congratulations!
Love Mom and Dad ('64)
We’re so proud of you, Court! Here’s to making your 15 year dream come true! God Bless you and Happy Birthday!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Roman

Blue and Gold through and through...
Congratulations, Colin.
Love, Mom, Dad, Ryan, Erin, Regan and Erin Michelle

Congratulations, Chase!
Love, Mom, Dad and Anne

Congratulations Chris Broughton

I find the great thing in this world is, not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving...
-Goethe

Keep going, Jennie, WE LOVE YOU and are so proud of you!

Mom, Dad and the seven sibs

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS
BRIAN!
Always remember only those who DARE to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.
Keep achieving.
We are so proud.

Love you,
Mom & Kim

We love you, Domer ’04 Love Mom & Dad
May God continue to bless you throughout your life journey.

Love,
Grandma & Aunties
Uncles, Cousins

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

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

Love, Mom and Dad

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

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

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

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

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

Congratulations Dani!
Dear Erin - From your first day at school to your last one at Notre Dame, you have always made us proud.
Love, Mom, Dad, Sarah and David

Congratulations, Elliot

Elliot, you are truly a blessing.
Love, Mom & Dad

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

David M. Stevens

Congratulations, you worked hard & made your dreams come true.
Love, Mom & Dad, Aunt El & Uncle Cady, Eman & Dan

Congratulations John!
Here you are; our young ND civil engineer.
Love, Mom and Dad

Carolyn

CONGRATULATIONS!
Another GREAT SUCCESS!
We are very proud of YOU and of your tremendous accomplishments at Notre Dame!
We wish you continued success, and we will always be there for you.
We love you very much.
Mom, Dad and Jen

"Oh, the Places You'll Go!"

Congratulations Camilla
Love, Mom, Dad, Caitlin & John
Congratulations Jonathon!
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Joe!
Now you’re a Notre Dame Grad!!
Love, Mom, Dad, Grandma & Family

Congratulations Cheryl
From Irish Idol to ND TV You Have Proven to Be the “Host with the Most”
We are so proud of you,
Love, Mom, Dad, and Cynthia

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

Congratulations Lauren and Erin!
ND ’04 ND Law ’04
Way to go Erin...
One adventure done, many more to come.
Love you.
Mom and Dad

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

Our Irish eyes are smiling with pride!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Lorraine

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

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

Congratulations Lauren and Erin!
ND ’04 ND Law ’04
We’re really proud of you!
Mom, Dad, & Adam
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She's a success, ND'd

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

Jason,
You've always been fired up about Notre Dame! Congratulations on all your accomplishments there!
Love, Mom, Dad, Brent, Kimmy and Smokey

We are so very proud of who you are and what you've accomplished!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Chip and Kelsey

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

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

Erin
Daly

2004

She's a success, ND'd

How the time passed!
You got it!
Love, Mom, Dad and Odie

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

Great job Cris! We are very proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Brandon, Shane and David
Lawrence, Thanks for always being there for me and all that you’ve brought to my life. You’re my inspiration and my best friend. Congratulations on this great accomplishment and best wishes for the future. I love you bro.

Brian

Lauren, we’ve had so much fun! Congrats!

Mom, Dad, Aunt Pat, Uncle Jim & Aunt Marge

David,

You’ve worked hard and followed your dreams . . .

Now, let your dreams take flight!

We are very proud of you.

Love,

Mom and Dad

Go Irish!

Congratulations Cam!

You make the

Entire Family

Very Proud Indeed!

Mom & Bill

Now we’re cheering for you, Erin!

Congratulations on a job well done!

Love,

The Family of Erin Kathleen Mulvaney
Congratulations Katie!
Love, Divot and the gang

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

Congratulations Justin!
We are so proud of you!
Love, Dad, Mom & Rachel

We found our “pot of gold” in you.

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

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

A man makes his plans, the Lord directs his steps
Gregory, always follow Him!
Love, Dad, Mom, Phil and Stephen
Congratulations, big Brother!
I always knew you could do it!

Lindsay,
Notre Dame was your future, and, now is your past - but, always a home and a treasured place! Congratulations as you graduate. We are very proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ryan, Ted

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

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

Love, Mom, Dad,
Brandon and Matt

Dustin Alexander Lopez University of Notre Dame Class 2004

Dear Dustin:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

From the first day of kindergarten to the final day at ND - we've always been proud of you!
From start to finish, you have made us proud!
Love, Mom, Dad & Crowd

We are so proud of you, Katie! We're ready for your next act!
Love, Mom, Dad and Melinda

Congratulations, Jessica

Congratulations Jen!
You knew all along.
Love, Mom, Dad, Becky & Missy

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

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

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

We are sooo proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Lisa & Matt

A prophecy fulfilled! We are so proud of you!
Forever Irish!

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

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

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

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

Emily Dickinson

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

Slainte!
Congratulations Meagan!
The world awaits your wisdom and passion!

Congratulations Matt!
Dreams do come true!
Love, Mom, Dad & Chad

CONGRATULATIONS JENNIFER!
Today is your day.
You’re off to great places!
You’re off and away!

From Atlanta to Florida,
to Dallas, to Notre Dame...
Oh, the places you’ll go!
There is fun to be done.
And will you succeed?
Yes! You will, indeed!
(99.9 percent guaranteed.)
Love, Mom, Dad, and J.D.

Dear Jim,
WOW! Four years at Notre Dame. We are so proud of your hard work and academic accomplishments through these years at this great University.
Congratulations on four years with the University Bands and Marching Band.
We will never forget the pride in watching you perform as saxophonist and section leader in "The Band of the Fighting Irish." With love, Mom, Dad and Lisa

Congratulations Megan and Katie!

From jelly beans to “Domer days” - wonderful memories.
Congratulations Matt!
Dreams do come true!
Love, Mom, Dad, Mike, John, San & Payton

Love, Your families

Congratulations Jessie!
We ALWAYS knew you could do it.

Love, Mom, Dad

Congratulations!
We are so proud of all you have accomplished. Words can’t express the love and joy we are feeling.
May God continue to bless all your endeavors.

Love, Mom, Dad, Emily and Marissa
Congratulations Lauren Beck!
Your Irish eyes have been smiling since day one!

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

Congratulations Joey!
You have made us prouder than we could ever express.

Love,
Mom, Pop, and the next "DOME" Jack, 03

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

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

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

Love,
Mom, Dad & Jeff

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

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

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

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

Mom & Dad

Congratulations.
We love you.
-Mom and Dad
Mimi, it's been an exciting ride - we're so proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad

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

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

Congratulations Leslie!
Love, Mom & Dad

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

Congratulations to our Oliver!
Love, Mom and Dad

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

 Congratulations
 Johnny
 and your Siegfried brothers
 of the Class of 2004

Love, Mom, Dad & Charley

Congratulations, Julianne Plazas, we are proud of you and also your achievements.
Love, Mom, Dad and Alexandra
Congratulations Senior Trombones!
from the Schumachers

From “She-Ra”, “Jem and the Holograms”, year-round swim meets, cutting down Christmas trees, prom parties, Notre Dame tailgates, tears and laughter; may your future be filled with the luck and happiness that being Irish provides!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Kelly & Conor

CONGRATULATIONS KARINA AND NICK!!!
YOUR ND EDUCATION HAS PREPARED YOU WELL!
MAY GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD! WE RESPECT AND LOVE YOU VERY MUCH,
YOUR FAMILIES

PJ -
Congratulations and Well Done! Thanks for all the great memories. There is finally a JBW Domer!
We love you
Mom and Dad
Shannon and Chris
and Grandma too!

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

Congratulations, Lawrence!
Love, Patrick

Congrats
Justin!

2004
Domer

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

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

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

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

Congratulations

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

Congratulations Puppy

Congratulations Katie - Always an Irish girl!

Love, Mom, Dad and Trish

We’re happy too!!
Congratulations Kathleen.

Love, Mom and Dad

Dearest Lucy,

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

Love.

Mom, Dad & Joe.

Congratulations Kevin!

You may leave Notre Dame, but Notre Dame will never leave you.
Best of luck in all you do.
Love, Mom, Dad and Keith
Class of 2004

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

Congratulations, Laura
What a wonderful journey it has been!

Our little girl...
...is a “Domer!”

May “Our Lady” Always Watch Over You
Love, Mom & Dad

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

We love you so much,
Mom, Dad and Amber

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

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

Make GOD #1
In your
Climb to
Success

Love
Mom & Dad
Congratulations to the

Congratulations Matthew—our Irish Guard! All of your hard work and dedication has paid off. You will be successful.

Love Mom, Dad, Bob, Steve and Kevin. Remember the words from “Forever Young.”

Congratulations, Kevin! We’re so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

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

You’ve come a long way, baby. We are so proud of you!

Love Dad, Mom and girls.

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

Love,
Mom, Dad and Melissa

BRAVO ALDO TESI
You are on your way!
Love, Mom and Dad, Gina and Monica
Class of 2004

Mego,
You've come so far
and we're so proud.
Congratulations!

Love,
Mom and Dad

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

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

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

Congratulations Matt.

Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Mark.
We are so happy that you realized your dream of being a Domer.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Missy

MARIAN EXCELLENT ADVENTURE FROM DAY ONE!

The Chalk Garden School

LOVE 'YA
MOM, DAD, MICHÈLE + CHRISTINA
Congratulations Michael!
What an awesome four years.

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

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

Love,
The Fam

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

Congratulations
Mary
We are proud
of you.
Mom and Dad

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

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

¡Felicitaciones hijo nuestro!
We are so very proud of you. God bless
you on your new journey in life.
Cariños y amor siempre,
Mom and Dad.
Congratulations to our favorite aero grad! We're proud of you Nick.
Love, Mom, Dad, Alex and Andrew

Congratulations son!
You have provided me with so much joy since the day you were born. You now see that hard work brings about positive results. I want you to know that I always lift my head high and speak from my heart with pride, when I say the words “My Son.”
Love

Congratulations Omar!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Analisa

Congratulations Michael Kwiat!
We are happy for you too!
Love,
Mom & Dad,
Anne, Jim & Katie

Bien Joué Matthew Scott!
You continue to amaze and delight us.
Love,
Mummy, Dad, Andy and Mindy, Allie and Geordie.

Congratulations Monica
Your best is still ahead of you.
Love, Mom & Dad

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

Love, Mom & Dad and the entire family

Congratulations, Mike! We hope you will "work like you don't need the money, love like you've never been hurt, and dance like nobody's watching!"

We love you!

Dad, Mom, Leigh and Dottie

Congratulations, Nick!

Your clothes are still in style!
(Nice Pants)

Love, Mom, Dad, Tom & Chris

Timothy Patrick ("Pat") Millea...Irish by birth

...Now Irish forever!

We love you!

Mom, Dad, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Andrea & Michael

Congratulations, Brendan! Right from the start...proud to be IRISH!

Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Toots! Go Irish! Go Tim! Love Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Seth!

You are a fighting Irishman!
Congratulations, Sarah!  
Love, Mom, Dad & Amanda

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

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

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

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

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

From “The Dooder” to “The Domer.”  
Congratulations Michael.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad
CONGRATS

Of all your achievements to date
Being a Domer takes the cake
CONGRATULATIONS RITA!

Conratulations Peems!
Love,
Mom, Daddy & Tara

We are proud
of you for
following your
dream and
accomplishing
your goals.
Love,
Mom & Dad

PEDRITO: WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU. WE LOVE YOU A LOT. MA, PA AND LUIS

Congratulations Scott!
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Kraig (2003)

Magna est veritas et praevalebit

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

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

Love, Dad, Mom and Tommy

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

Love, Dad, Mom and Lisa

Meghan,
Congratulations Notre Dame Graduate 2004. We are all so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Greg, Michele, Manoucher, Matt, Jen, and Mary.

Congratulations, Matt! Notre Dame has made a wonderful son even better! We are so proud!
Love You Lots, Mom & Dad

Destined for the Dome!

Congratulations Rebecca

Congratulations Rob We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad and Chris

Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal. We’re so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Jenny, Joey & Tate
Congratulations, Sonia!

We’re so proud of you.

Love,
DAD & MOM

Dear Brendan, we are so proud of what you have done, may your life be filled with faith, hope and love.

Love, Mom, Dad, Sean and Molly

Congratulations, Scott!
Find joy in whatever you do.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Sarah, Anne

Tommy—

We’ve always been together—and I’m really going to miss you—good luck next year

Love, Linds

Congratulations, Sarah
Have fun in your next adventure!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Quinn & Jared

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

Congratulations my little boy.
Love, Mom, Dad, Kellie and Katelyn

Congratulations Sean!
You and ND were meant to be! We’re all so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Melissa, Amanda, Gram & Pop Pop
XXXOOO

Congratulations, Sonia!
Congratulations Mike!
Still a Cub Fan. This is your year!
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

"We hope you never lose your sense of wonder. You get your fill to eat. But always keep that hunger.
May you never take one single breath for granted.
Good grade love, and have you money banked.
We hope you eat and small.
When you stand by chance and
When every one loses, we hold in your arms. Promise you will get over the lightning chance.
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.
We hope you dance."

Congratulations Stephanie

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments.
Keep that smile and continue to reach for your dreams.

Love,
Mom & Dad

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

Congratulations Zakiya!
You're off to a new beginning. We're all so proud of you.

Love, "Du," Ewunike,
Kafele, Ameena, Lateefah,
Damali, Fateemah,
"Jig Day," Vicki, Atiba,
Aunties, Uncles, Cuzzins and friends.

"ND LL"
"COOL CHRIS"
You are Notre Dame through and through!

Love,
Your whole family

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

Congratulations!
Love, Mom, Dad & Kaitlin

Hats off to our awesome Domer! You continue to fill our hearts with joy.

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

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

GI Joe, OompaLoompa, Captain Jack and more - Pete, you and your ND Spirit soar!
Go Irish!
Dad, Mom, Gina, Maria & Brian

Congratulations
Tony!!

Love Grandpa 
& Lucille.

GOOD LUCK IN THE FUTURE!

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

Conratulations Peanut!

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

Strummin', partying, & graduating!

Congrats - Love Mom, Dad & Tate

Study pays off
for Sarah Mary Cunningham '04

Love,
Dad, Mom, Julia
Congratulations. Your accomplishment is an honor for you and for our family!

Congratulations Pete!!
Dad, Mom, Jim & Ann

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sarah, you are our greatest achievement and a source of endless pride. Love you bunches, Pumpkin!
Mom and Dad
C O N G R A T S

Ruth Ann,

All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today.

Go flower!

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

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

Love, Matt

Congratulations Bill! Pop would be proud!

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

Congratulations Olga! We are so proud of you. God bless you always.

Love, Mom and Dad

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