Rectors leave positions

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

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

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Dean Roche to resign

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

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

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

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McCartan to be honored with Laetare medal

By JENN METZ

Mike Gilloon
Editor in Chief Emeritus

The chair of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees, Patrick McCartan, will be honored as the 131st recipient of the University's highest award during the undergraduate commencement exercises Sunday.

The medal is awarded annually to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity."

It was first awarded in 1883 and is regarded as the most distinguished honor given to American Catholics akin to the Golden Rose, a papal award dating back to the 11th century. McCartan will rank among notable American Catholics like activist Dorothy Day and former President John F. Kennedy, who have previously received the award.

Last year, the Laetare Medal was awarded to renowned jazz musician Dave Brubeck, the popular jazz pianist who has produced pieces such as "Blue Rondo a la Turk" and "Take Five" and who has been featured on the cover of Time magazine.

McCartan, who has served on the Board since 1989, was elected Board chair and University fellow in 2000. In surveys conducted by the National Law Journal, McCartan has been listed as one of the most influential and prominent lawyers in the country.

He graduated from Notre Dame with an undergraduate degree in 1956 and earned a juris doctor degree from the Law School in 1959.

Pat McCartan's strong leadership and service to the University have been recognized in a number of ways, including the naming of the Patrick McCartan Board of Trustees Chair in 1994.

"Notre Dame's auspicious institutional position as it enters a new era owes much to Pat McCartan's strong and sure leadership." - Father John Jenkins, University President

Quick Facts About the Class of 2007

- Approximately 95 percent of the 1,935 undergraduates who enrolled at Notre Dame in the fall of 2003 will receive a diploma Sunday (May 30) - a graduation rate exceeded only by Harvard, Princeton, and Yale.

- About 80 percent of Notre Dame's graduates participate in volunteer and service-learning programs in the greater South Bend area; nationwide and around the world.

- Approximately 10 percent of Notre Dame seniors will go into volunteer service programs, including the Peace Corps, Teach for America, the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and the Alliance for Catholic Education.

- About 8 percent of Notre Dame's graduating class will serve in the Armed Forces.

- All 50 of the United States are represented in the senior class, making Notre Dame among the nation's most geographically diverse universities.
General Electric CEO to address graduates

By KATLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Jeffrey R. Immelt, the chairman and chief executive officer of General Electric, Inc., will be the principal graduation speaker and will receive an honorary degree from Notre Dame on May 18.

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

In a statement released with the announcement of the speaker, University President Father John Jenkins praised Immelt and expressed excitement for his visit to the University.

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


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And wishes them the Best of Luck in the years to come.
Construction to continue across ND campus

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

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

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

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

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

The plaza is located on the former Juniper Road between Notre Dame Stadium and the Joyce Center and is part of the planned expansion of the stadium area that will continue during the summer. Construction of the parking lots south of the stadium and Joyce Center is also scheduled to continue during the coming months.

Construction of Duncan Hall, a male dormitory west of McIminch Dorm, began in early March. The dorm will reduce overcrowding in future dorms while providing more space for transfer students, as well as juniors and seniors not wishing to leave dorm life. The new dorm is slated to have more lounges, among other amenities, to increase desirability.

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

Extended work north of the Joyce and Stadium plaza during the removal of Juniper Road will continue. This will include a renovation of the Joyce Center and will require periodic disruptions to both pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area as the sidewalk is inadequate.

Construction of the new Melissa Cook Student Center, a social sciences building on the east side of campus, will also take place this summer and is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2008.

Other construction projects completed this year include renovation of the Student Health Center, a sanitary sewer project between the area east of Breen-Phillips Hall, and construction on a chilled water system between the Morris Inn and the former Notre Dame Post Office.

Utilities work related to these projects caused two separate gas leaks during February and March — both west of Hesburgh Library. The first prompted the evacuation of seven buildings, and the second led to a precautionary evacuation of the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) building.

As the University’s 10-year master plan moves forward, Lyphout said, construction will continue in the near future at “about the same pace as we have experienced in the last several years.”

Upcoming construction projects include the Law School expansion to the location of the former Notre Dame Post Office, which will begin this summer.

“The former Post Office will be demolished in June and ground-breaking on the new building will be in late July,” Lyphout said. Also on schedule is the demolition of the University Club’s project home to make way for the new Snesco-Bemek Hall, a multidisciplinary engineering building, scheduled to break ground this November. Lyphout said. That project has upset some regulars of the Club, who wish to stay in their current location.

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

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

Other planned projects include a new CSI and Institute for Church Life building on the site of the current CSC structure, a Joyce Center renovation and a commons area south of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center in anticipation of development on Eddy Street.

Other capital projects mentioned in the campus master plan released by the University architect include three more dormitories after Duncan Hall, a social sciences building, an executive education center, a new art museum and an art center.

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

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Rossmann to give ND valedictory address

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

By AARON STEINER

Rossmann joked that those who aren’t as familiar with him and might not know of his academic tapestry will say, “I was just so surprised. He can understand people's ideas — he can communicate — and I'm thankful as well,” Rossmann said of the honor.

He said he was chosen from a pool of approximately 16 students after submitting a copy of his speech, a resume and other application materials shortly after spring break.

After an interview, Rossmann was notified of the decision to name him the top student in his graduating class.

He was honored and excited by the opportunity to speak at the commencement exercises.

“A lot of people who know me have been excited for me,” he said. "I'm ready to take this ... to a different level," he said. “Rossmann said he is currently unsure where a life in the priesthood would lead him, though he is open to many paths — including teaching at the university level, working and serving abroad, promoting social justice or just doing pastoral work, he said.

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By LIZ HARTER

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Campus hit hard by storms

Strong winds destroy 30 trees, knock spire off Basilica tower

By KEN FOWLER and KAITLYNN RiELY

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Leaders to receive ND SMC honorary degrees

By JENN METZ

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will award 12 honorary degrees during the commencement exercises this weekend.

General Electric CEO John F. Immelt, the undergraduate commencement speaker for Notre Dame, will be receiving one of Notre Dame's honorary degrees, also along with nine other figures.

Senior Patrick Welch said he "came to ND excited about football." He later said he has made friends from every country in Latin America, Africa and Europe, and has been exposed to all the different cultures he has encountered here. In the classroom, he has developed "a force for democratization in the nation," Adamkus said. He will receive an honorary degree until 2003 when his opponent, Rolandus Pakus, won the election. 

"Notre Dame graduate Robert Kiley will be awarded a doctorate of laws for his 50 years of service as a judge and as a chair and CEO of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York City from 1983 until 1990. Later, he served as a dean of law and transport in London from 2001 until 2006. 

Mary Sue Coleman, the president of the University of Michigan and commencement speaker for doctoral and masters degrees, will be honored with a doctor of science degree. The award is for her "exceptional contributions to professional, educational, interdisciplinary studies and health care," a University News release said.

"Robert Kiley's humanities degree will be awarded to Immaculada Illichaga, a member of the United Nations Development Program. Kiley chose her as "a symbol of Left to Telling God Amidst the Rwandan holocaust." 

On May 8, 2007, Kenneth Hackett, the president of Catholic Relief Services, Notre Dame's board of trustees chair, will receive a doctorate of humanities. He will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Catholic Relief Services since 2003, during which time the organization aided victims of the conflict in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks and the tsunami in 2004.

Kathryn in a Chicago-based sculptor, will receive a doctorate of fine arts. Her work, "I Have Been to Mountaintop" at the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site and "Jacob's Ladder" at the Carter G. Woodson Library in Washington, D.C., were selected for the degree.

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"We can do a lot more than just football," Welch said.

Diocese of Rockville Center Bishop Nicholas J. Zeppetello, who attended Notre Dame, said in an interview with the Observer that he will also be attending the commencement exercises Saturday.

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Graduates reflect on 4 years of academics and growth

Seniors reminisce about first impressions of Notre Dame, lessons learned, friendships made, preparation for the future

By MARCELA BERRIOS

The president changed, the football coach did too and the campus has expanded. Notre Dame has moved fast the past four years, but for the seniors graduating Sunday, life suddenly seems to be moving even faster. Still, as they pack up and prepare to leave their undergraduate careers, students say they're ready to embody the spirit, thanks to the University and lessons that will last.

Surpassed expectations

"I have a bit of excitement," Adamkus said after he was admitted to Notre Dame. He thought he would spend the next four years of his life standing on cornfields with white people from the Midwest. Instead, he said he has made friends from every country in Latin America, Africa and Europe, and has been exposed to all the different cultures he has encountered here. In the classroom, he has developed "a force for democratization in the nation," Adamkus said.

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

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Jenkins replaces Malloy as president

September 23, 2005

University President Father John Jenkins was inaugurated as Notre Dame's 17th president Sept. 23, 2006. Inauguration activities spanned two full days as afternoon classes were canceled in order for students to attend an academic forum Thursday afternoon featuring Tom Brokaw as the moderator and a Mass Friday morning.

Fraternity speakers at his inauguration included Board of Trustees chairman Patrick McCartan, Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop John D'Arcy and then-Alumni Association president Timothy Brady.

At his inauguration ceremony, Jenkins recalled the legacy of Notre Dame's founder, Father Edward Sorin, and spoke of his desire for Notre Dame to strive to be a top Catholic university in the 21st century for research and learning. Jenkins called for a "bigger and better than ever University."

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

Jenkins replaced University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, who served as president for 35 years, preceded Malloy.

Mooney chosen to succeed Eldred

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees selected Notre Dame's 11th president the College on Dec. 26.

Carol Ann Mooney announced her retirement in March 2003, which launched a nine-month search process for her successor.

December 26, 2003

Jenkins questions 'Monologues'

In a series of three speeches, Jenkins appeals to the Notre Dame community for feedback on the intersection between academic freedom and Catholic character. Vigorous campus debate followed.

Ten weeks later Jenkins announced "The Vagina Monologues" would not be prohibited at Notre Dame.

January 25, 2006

University mourns senior's death

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

Brann was a marketing major from Orlando Park, Ill.

November 10, 2006

Va. Tech massacre shakes campus

The Notre Dame community gathered in grief and celebrated a Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart to remember the 33 victims of the Virginia Tech shootings. A lone gunman opened fire on his professors and classmates, sparking nationwide debates about campus safety measures.

April 16, 2007

Elam convicted of sexual battery

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

August 30, 2003

ResLife suspends McAlarney

The University suspended sophomore basketball player Kyle McAlarney after the starting point guard was charged with possession of marijuana. His mother declared "the punishment does not fit the crime," and debate raged on whether McAlarney received an appropriate punishment.

January 23, 2007
At global health forum, Jenkins announces a new initiative in Uganda. Brann dies in crash. McAlarney suspended.
member of the University Board of Trustees and chief executive officer of Qwest Communications International, was elected to a three-year term as Center for Social Concerns director. His term begins July 1, and he will become Notre Dame's sixth chairman.

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

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

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

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

A month later, on March 16, a construction crew working on St. Joseph's Drive, near the Center for Social Concerns caused the rupture of another gas line. In that incident, vibrations from the digging likely unsettled the soil and caused the rupture in the transition point, "that had been failing caused rupture in the transition point," said Director of Utilities Paul Kempf.

University officials defended staff efforts after each incident and said they are just examples of the inherent possible problems of construction.

Brown, Braun make history
The hotly contested race for student body president, with contenders Danny Smith and Ashley Weiss failing to produce a majority winner. The pair's choice of Sheena Plamoot as chief executive assistant created an all-female top-three for Notre Dame's student government.

Notre Dame broke ground on Duncan Hall, a planned male dormitory on West Quad.

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

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

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

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

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

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**February 18**
Liz Brown is elected student body president and Maris Braun vice president in a closed-door Student Senate meeting after a runoff with Dann Smith and Ashley Weiss failed to produce a majority winner. The pair became the first all-female ticket to lead Notre Dame's student body when their term began April 1, and the pair's choice of Sheena Plamoot as chief executive assistant created an all-female top-three for Notre Dame's student government.

**March 8**
Notre Dame breaks ground on Duncan Hall, which is expected to be a male dormitory for 232 students. The University is expediting the construction of the building, which is the first of four residence halls. Notre Dame hopes to complete the entire complex by the 10-year, $40 million building.

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**THE YEAR IN REVIEW**

**February 28**
Students open the first performance of "The Vagina Monologues" in front of an audience of approximately 50 people at South Bend's First Unitarian Church. The presentation was moved off campus after organizers could not secure the endorsement of an academic department.
The Alliance for Catholic Education is proud to welcome its fourteenth class of Catholic school teachers. We give thanks for their gift of service to America’s Catholic schools. Please join us in congratulating the following 2007 graduates of Saint Mary’s College and the University of Notre Dame.

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Justice Alito to speak to Saint Mary’s grads

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

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary’s Editor

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

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

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

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

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

The silent protest will be the only demonstration by members of the senior class against the choice of Alito as the major graduate speaker. On March 8, M. a g h a n Herbst, who is president of the College Democrats, joined Allison Beyer and junior Giuliangela Bonato in submitting a formal letter addressed to Mooney with signatures from disapproved students.

“I couldn’t believe we would have someone so polarizing and misrepresenting of our mission at Saint Mary’s as our commencement speaker,” Meaghan Herbst, president College Democrats, said.

Alito, who graduated from Princeton University in 1972 and Yale Law School in 1975, is the 11th Catholic to serve on the Supreme Court and the 5th on the current Court.

Herbst said Alito has made many court rulings against women’s rights in terms of family and medical leave, violence and sexual harassment. Herbst thought the College’s choice was not in alignment with Saint Mary’s mission.

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While many students are pleased that such a prominent speaker will be delivering the commencement address, Beyer said, having a “big name” doesn’t guarantee the speaker identifies with the College.

On the protest, the participants said, was not to change the speaker; they said they realized that Alito had already come into the administration. The goal was to bring their dissatisfaction to the attention of the administration.

Mooney chose not to release a statement about the issue after the protest.

The majority of seniors seem to support Alito as the 2007 commencement speaker, as does Mooney.

Alito was nominated to the Supreme Court by President George W. Bush and was sworn in on January 31, 2006. He previously served as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit as appointed by George H. W. Bush in 1990.

Alito has also served as assistant to Solicitor General Rex E. Lee, deputy assistant to Attorney General Edwin Meese and as U.S. Attorney for New Jersey. Mooney recently worked as a committee member with Alito on the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. They became friends through their work together, Executive Assistant to the President Susan Dampeel said.

Soon thereafter, Alito cordially accepted the invitation to speak at commencement. Alito will attend the Baccalaureate dinner and reception today before the commencement address at noon in the Court of LeMans Saturday.

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Three Notre Dame graduates were elected to the Board of Trustees this year. Six of the nine new board members were re-elected to new three-year terms when the board, which has 13 voting members, met Apr. 4-5 for its spring meeting. The 19 voting members of the board also elected a new Fair Committee and a new group to present a presentation on the creation of the National Science Foundation.}

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Dear Graduates,

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

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

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
Graduate School holds first separate ceremony

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

By MARCELA BERRIOS

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Dean of the Graduate School, Don Pope-Davis, will preside over Saturday's ceremony, which will feature University President Mary Sue Coleman as its keynote speaker.

A distinguished biochemist, Coleman has served as Michigan's 37th president since 2002, investing millions of dollars in affirmative action and health care initiatives during her tenure.

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

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

Jenkins, Pope-Davis and Provost Thomas Burish decided together to hold a separate ceremony "based upon the suggestions of several faculty members and in consultation with the deans of the various colleges," Jenkins wrote. Despite their rationale, there were some complaints among the graduate student population after Jenkins announced the decision to hold a separate, smaller ceremony in the Leighton Concert Hall, which can seat as many as 1,000 people. Patty Bueso, who will receive her Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) degree Saturday, said many of her classmates didn't understand Jenkins' reasoning.

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

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

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Prestigious awards given to graduates

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Several seniors have received fellowships and scholarships that will assist them in pursuing their passions and future careers as they embark on the next stage of their lives. Senior Zach Stewart, an architecture and medieval studies major, was one of the eight recipients of the prestigious Fulbright research grant for a group of applicants.

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

"The [grant] is useful because I plan to pursue a Ph.D. in the history of medieval architecture," Stewart said. "It will give me the chance to spend the year studying the buildings themselves." Stewart said his study abroad experience in Rome impacted both his leaning and his passion for architecture.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other scholarships will assist students financially for post-graduate school.

Senior Ted Brown received $7,500 toward his medical school education at the Indiana School of Medicine via the ACS Scholarship, which is awarded to successful student-athletes.

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

"It is an important thing I learned at Notre Dame was the importance of time management," Brown said. "Because I was able to handle both my rigorous academic and the swimming requirements, I think I can achieve my goals because of the foundation I had at Notre Dame."

Brown hopes to specialize in oncology, but said he is keeping his options open to other fields of medicine as well. Many also use fellowships and scholarships to explore fields of study of particular interest to them.

This September, senior Juan Gastelum will teach middle school English and American Studies in Spain as part of the Fulbright Teaching Assistantship. Gastelum said the program fosters cultural exchange between the United States and Spain.

"The Romance Language component [of my studies] gave me a background in Spanish and Italian literature and also helped me to learn Spanish culture," Gastelum said.

A pre-professional studies and romance languages major, Gastelum said the nine-month assistantship will help him decide whether he wants to continue to pursue a career in medicine.

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

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

Other awards won by members of the class of 2007 include Austrian Teaching Assistantships (Adam Snider and Stephen Zakas), French Teaching Assistantships (Samantha Alaric-Leca, Michael P. Barrett, Danielle Danaher, Andrea Nolez), the Humanity in Action Fellowship (Nasmi Hansen) and National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships (Jonathan Bischof, Rebecca Ludewski, Elizabeth Rolfins).

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Administrative changes shape College's future
Fleming named to replace Vithael as Saint Mary's vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

After a nearly yearlong search, Saint Mary's named Patricia Fleming vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty on Feb. 20.

Fleming will replace interim Vice President and Dean of Faculty Olin Ortiz, who has agreed to step down to join the administration of the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Ortiz will be vice provost at Wisconsin, and Fleming will take over his duties July 1.

"In addition to being a gifted administrator who is a proven leader in nationally and internationally known Catholic higher education institutions, Fleming is well regarded for her ethical implications of nuclear waste proposal," College President Donald H. Jeanne Oliva, who named Fleming, said in a statement shortly after the announcement. "Her extensive involvement in Catholic higher education, her scholarly standing, and her administrative skills make her a perfect fit for leading the faculty at Saint Mary's, and I am excited about working with her."

Fleming taught philosophy at Creighton University in Omaha since 1977. There, she

focused on environmental and medical ethics and the philosophies of social science.

In 2001, she was appointed to senior associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Fleming also recently served on a National Academy of Science committee and currently main- tains a White House approved appointment on the Veterans Affairs and Disability Compensation.

Now Fleming said she is looking forward to working with a new faculty and staff and her experiences at Creighton prepared her for the role.

"There is an abundance of research that proves the value of a single-gender education for women, especially in the greater access it gives women to develop their talents," she said in a statement. "I have met many impressive students at Saint Mary's who demonstrate Saint Mary's extraordinary success in that area."

Fleming said she is ready to take on her new administrative position.

"It is clear to me, when standing outside Saint Mary's, that it is the number one Catholic residential college for women in the nation today," Fleming said. "I am humbled by Saint Mary's choice in my candidacy and am proud of the opportunity to help the College continue its impressive work.

Fleming hopes to identify with the students of Saint Mary's in 2005.

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Last spring, Saint Mary's also named professors Joseph Kelly and Brian McCarthy associate deans of faculty and academic strategies, respectively, each will serve for three years.

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Seniors participate in post-graduate service

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

While Notre Dame has an established tradition of under-graduate service programs in Africa, a new trend is emerging with many graduating seniors who choose to participate in post-graduate service programs in Africa. These programs allow students to have traveled to Latin America for service opportunities. Recently, however, because of the tightness of students' efforts in Africa due to the University's involvement in Uganda, as well as an increased campus awareness of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

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

Approximately 160 seniors plan to participate in post-graduate service programs, MacKenzie said, and that number is likely to increase to about 210 participants by the fall — nearly twice the experience of the Class of 2007 who will participate in various service programs around the globe.

"We are on target for this year for the 10 percent," MacKenzie said. "That number has stayed consistent for the past several years."

Former student body president Thomas Burish is one of the students who graduated from Notre Dame in 2006 and is one of the students who chose to participate in postgraduate service programs in Africa. In 2003, Roche published The Moral Foundations of Catholicism and the Idea of a Catholic University, a book that came from his research of thousands of job candidates who real-ized that many had not been prepared to lead Notre Dame's Catholic mission was all about," he said.

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Looking through old boxes in my closet this week as I began organizing for my trip home, I stumbled upon a picture that I’d placed in my dorm during freshman orientation four years ago.

Huddled in a tight cluster were me and eight of my closest friends from high school enjoying ourselves on a late summer night before we’d all head our separate ways. The picture was a reminder of a time when I thought that I’d never be able to match those friendships. Boy was I wrong.

Over four years at Notre Dame I’ve collected a number of great memories from my time as a student and editor at the campus newspaper. I’ve taken great classes, met intelligent professors and received an excellent education. At the newspaper I learned valuable lessons that I will carry with me as I begin my professional career. Listening to Charlie Weis and Mike Brey talk sports wasn’t bad either.

But the number of these memories don’t come close to the ones I’ve collected while spending time with my friends. Let’s start with some of the first weekends in Kenough freshman year when we began realizing that Mac had a special talent. To this day, I laugh every time he runs down the stairs in our off-campus house.

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

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

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

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In fourth grade, I went out for the school basketball team. I played mostly on the "B" team in sixth grade of course, I use the term "play" loosely. Even in fourth grade, it is possible to tell the natural basketball players from those whose moves more suited to soccer or swimming or field hockey, and I fell into the latter group. But my three years of basketball experience made me the most experienced player on 2006's "You Think We're Bad. But You Have No Idea" Bookstore Basketball team. As such, I assumed the role of point guard and power forward. It is not surprising that my team was shut out 21-0 in our debut last year, and managed to score just one legitimate point this year (although we managed to convince our freshman opponents to allow us to score a few toward the end of the game to lessen our margin of loss). My former coaches and teammates would probably tell you that I have actually gotten worse since my days of grade-school basketball, although my court vision has significantly improved now. In fourth grade, I went out for the school basketball team. As such, I assumed the position of starting point guard, the term "play" for the next two years, and managed to solidify my college experience in three important ways. They say college is what you make of it, and I credit my friends for making the little everyday things into memories I will always cherish. Whether it is being one of Bookstore Basketball's least talented teams, or bringing my luck out for every possible SYR theme, planning parties, going grocery shopping or just hanging around on the couch watching Friends and talking (it might surprise you how much time we can spend doing this), these people have shaped the contours of the past four years. We were brought together by fate and the freshman housing system and held together by a love for Finnegans', TV on DVD and Notre Dame football.

Notre Dame football brings me to the next reason that Bookstore Basketball is, in a microcosm, my Notre Dame experience. Sports are crucial to being a part of the college experience. Although I never cracked the two-deep (honestly, I'm not as athletic as the column is making me sound), my time on the sidelines gave me time to solidify friendships, particularly with other non-starting defensive players. Our social lives in the fall are dominated by the football schedule, with the occasional road trip to games that prove to be as memorable to me as the most memorable experiences of my college career (see: Michigan 2005 and my national TV debut, or Michigan State 2006 and the most hilarious rainstorm in the history of the world. I also felt that tailgating brought me closer to my friends' families and, in turn, helped them get to know mine better.

This, of course, leads to the last part of Bookstore Basketball as a metaphor for the past four years: family. One of the accomplishments of which my father (Charlie Gales '85) is most proud is graduating from college with a winning record in Bookstore Basketball. Although I went 0-3, I was proud to be a part of the tradition of both my school and my family. After the upsetting shutout loss in 2006, Dad comforted me by sending me pictures of his team in the old Bookstore tournaments. I don't know if they were intended to cheer me up, but the help I was wearing significantly dulled the pain of my defeat.

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

My sister will enter Notre Dame in August as a freshman. I have such faith that she will carry on the WinningGales tradition even better than I have (she tends to cuddle in blankets. I don't think she really needs my advice. But there is one thing that I have learned over the past four years. At Notre Dame, you will probably never be the "best" at anything. You will be the best at some things. And that is what makes everyone so important to this University, in creating "the Notre Dame family."

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

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In the past four years Kelly Meehan has directed in a Roman piece, played a wicked game of volleyball in her backyard, climbed the Eiffel Tower and scheduled herself for a semester of co-ed public relations and marketing, with a degree in communications and will be moving to — or York City this summer but will never forget some of the best days in her life spent at Saint Mary's and all the friends that she made along the way. She can be contacted at kmeehan02@smcm.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Sex kills. So come to Notre Dame and live forever.

Joey Falco

Forty Ounces

Confidential T-shirts are ubiquitous on this campus, and four years ago, one of them proclaimed just that. Or at least, that was the point Cohen wrote in his 2003 Notre Dame Magazine article entitled, "Notre Dame Students Today: What They're Like?"

At the time, the article was a noble attempt to describe the then-ND students, written by "someone nearly as old as some of their parents" through Cohen described himself.

He wrote about alumni who "dream of seeing their children follow in their footsteps up the Main Building's stairs." Hence the article's biggest problem — it wasn't written by a student. If Cohen was a student, he surely knew the legend — undergrads don't walk up the Main Building steps, if they do, they walk down the stairs.

Four years later, Cohen's article is as outdated as a denim short-sleeve T-shirt in the dorm. Heck, he wrote it back when Club Fever was still Hearderland, when our main campus building bore the DeBartolo family name and when Tyonne Williamson was the only commissioner to resurrect the Notre Dame football program.

And unless there are any sticklers walking out there, no current undergraduates were around when the administration banned in hall dances, the loss of which Cohen reflected upon.

So what are the typical non-Man-National-student Notre Dame students of today?

What we're like

During a recent address at Kansas State University, President Bush offered advice to graduating seniors. Willingham was the one commissioned sixth-year seniors out there, no current student himself. P arents — or so Cohen wrote in his "Times — the motion picture industry — one knows, depicts the tragic love affair over the merits of the film itself is politicization of American life has Oscar-nominated western that brought haven't seen the movie.

And there you have it, the gay vote; the, as he said, "gay vote," and the "liberal media" vote. No matter who wins the Oscar at this year's ceremony, the Democratic Party will certainly come on top. If only our president would stop crediting this kind of success rate.

Beyond a reiteration of the cliché that Hollywood is the heartland of American culture, though, this politicization of the film industry and one of our most cherished forms of entertainment is only something that will further divide an America that is already starting to resemble a blue Oreo stuffed with way too much red cream. As George Washington warned in his legendary farewell address, "The alternate dominion Cohen once upon time so sharpened by the spirit of revenge, natural to party dissension ... is in itself a frigid despotism.

And the first step forward to ending this fanaticized despotism? Nominating a film for Best Picture that all of America can appreciate and enjoy — like "Walk the Line." Or, at the very least, "Miss Congeniality I: Armed and Fabulous."

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Homosexuals excluded once again

It should come as no surprise that Bishop Joseph J. D'Arcy is once again condemning an attempt to bring a sense of inclusion to homosexuals at Notre Dame. In a Feb. 10 letter to the South Bend Tribune, the bishop blasted the Notre Dame Queer Film Festival, calling it "an abuse of academic freedom" and claiming that by sponsoring the festival, "the rights of others are violated." This response exhibits a lack of understanding of the issues that have left me laughing hysterically; "The Vagina Monologues" is just one of them. To view them as too busy laughing to actually think, "Wait a second: this is terrible logic!" Once again causing me to think he didn't even see the performance. Personally, I did not find the ending of the skit to be funny at all. Neither did the other 359 viewers packed with me in the DeBartolo theatre this past fall. In fact, I clearly remember a dead silence falling across the audience at the end of the skit. To me, this skit was one of the more prominent parts of the play. As I lay in bed that night, I considered and reconsidered the argument, because its possible implications were incredibly stunning. My final point is this. Attempting to defame those involved with "Loyal Daughters" and "The Vagina Monologues" through exaggerations and oversights of the material is cowardly. If Buttaci is going to attack us, he should attack us for something that we have actually done that is out of line with the Catholic character that he so readily defends.

Erin Weeden senior
Lyon Hall
Feb. 14, 2005

An acronym you can get behind

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

The writer is a former cartoonist for The Observer.

Mike Friday, May 18, 2007
What has been most memorable about living in South Bend?

Anne Siebels
Pasquerilla West

"The weather."

Chris Lee
off campus

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

Elizabeth Reed
Howard

"Notre Dame home football games."

Laura Navarre
Howard

"My friends."

Brad Tucker
off campus

"Making out with trees."

Alfredo Tuesta
Alumni

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

Describe your time here in three words or less.

Alicia Davis
Cavanaugh

"Fabulous."

Jesse Goliath
O'Neil

"Absolutely fabulous."

Caitlin Mahan
Breen Phillips

"Blessed."

Michael Buseo
Morrissey

"Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious."

Carolin Hubscher
Howard

"Frustrated, poor and edumacated."

George Dzuriscko
off campus

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

Amanda Meyer
off campus

"Oooh man. I wish I could remember."

Beth Jollivette
off campus

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

Packy Cain
off campus

"5 letters: D-U-S-T-Y. (He's my favorite pizza guy!)"

Kevin Wolff
off campus

"Sharing a house with that guy."

Dave Viken
off campus

"Sitting next to Ray McCarthy during a test."

Maggie Wickstrom
off campus

"Navarre Street. Period."

What are your plans for after graduation?

David Saucedo
Carroll

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

Joseph Blondin
off campus

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

Maggie Wehmer
off campus

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

Ray McCarthy
off campus

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

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

Tim Loh
Keough

"I plan to give my liver a much deserved rest... wait, that's not true."
WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers go 11-6 against a competitive slate of competition

By MIchael Bryan
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team fell just short of its lofty goals for the 2007 season, losing in the semifinals of the Big East Tournament to rival Georgetown. The win was the first ever against the Hoyas in Big East history.

"I was really proud of the team and I learned new leadership skills," Coyne said. "We want to win and show we have the ability to win," Coyne added in disappointing fashion. Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals of the Notre Dame's regular season, 11-6, with 12 of its 17 matches against three top tier teams — achieved those goals in early tests losing in the semifinals.
MEN'S TENNIS

Doubles teams lead charge

New pairs help Irish take conference title 4-0 over Louisville

By JAY WADE
Sports Writer

The No. 5 Irish had quite the journey to the NCAA Tournament round of 16. The Irish (26-3) played one of the nation's toughest schedules — littered with top-20 opponents — but they battled through it all, starting the season outside of the top 10 and advancing to the final four nationally.

This impressive run by the Irish began on a sour note in January, when they lost their first two matches against Indiana and Ball State, a position that had been weak for the team all season. The switch paired seniors Stephen Blass and Ryan Keckley, junior Andrew Roth with senior Barry King and sophomore Brett Helgeson with junior Sheeva Parbhoo. All three pairings had not played with each other prior to the match, but the Irish rode this lineup to eight straight wins in a row, including the Big East tournament, and two opening rounds of the NCAA Tournament.

Prior to this switch, the Irish had won only four out of eight doubles points — the team has won every doubles point since, and Blass/Keckley have yet to lose, going 8-0. The tournament season for the Irish has gone just as well. Notre Dame easily handled the best East Irish had to offer and won the conference tournament championship by beating Villanova, St. John's and Louisville all by shutouts. It was the second league championship for the Irish in the last three years.

The team will now face No. 12 Southern California in the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals after defeating Butler and Wisconsin in the first two rounds by scores of 4-0. Individually, the Irish have excelled as well. Senior lead and No. 1 ranked Blass has accumulated a 35-9 overall record and is a finalist in the National Senior Prize. Sophomore Roth earned a record of 26-11, Helgeson is 27-3, and Parbhoo had 22 dual-match wins.

"As far as the season goes, we had a number of good, and so far we have met all of them." Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "I am as proud of these guys as much as any group, because they have been one another's biggest mentors, but they have seen, Team wise, we have been one of the two or three consistent teams in the country, we've played and recruited from some great opponents."

The Irish do not plan on stopping now.

"We're excited to be here. We have a lot of pride in the Irish team," Blass said. "Everyone has risen to the occasion at the NCAA Tournament because everyone is excited about playing Southern California and keep moving forward."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Tar Heels up next in round of 16

Team dominates first two showdowns in NCAA Tournament

By DAN MALOOF
Sports Writer

The No. 6 seed Irish will take their 27-3 overall record to Athens, Ga., when they take on No. 11 ranked Arkansas in the NCAA Tournament round of 16 today.

Having easily defeated Illinois-Chicago and No. 23 Michigan by scores of 4-0, Notre Dame will try to keep the momentum going against the Tar Heels, whom the Irish defeated 5-2 Feb. 16.

Notre Dame head coach Jay Louderback understands, however, that the matches are only going to get tougher the deeper the team goes into the tournament.

"We know we have a tough match in the second round with Michigan but we played well, Louderback said. "Especially once the first round is over, from then on you know you're going to play someone good the rest of the time, so you just have to be prepared."

"Each match now gets tougher as you go." Notre Dame, who finished the regular season ranked No. 2 overall, also earned the one-seed in last month's Big East tournament for the 11th time in 12 years. The Irish were able to cruise through the first few rounds of the Big East with convincing victories over Connecticut and Marquette, but in the finals they were upset by second-seeded South Florida.

Bouncing back strong from tough, Louderback said, "Thou just got it done, the senior leadership of twins Christian and Catrina Thompson has been instrumental in the team's success and ability to overcome any adversity it faced this season, Louderback said.

"They've done a great job, especially here at the end," he said. "Once the Big East got over, they've really done a great job of keeping everyone together and forgetting about that last match in the Big East tournament and getting ready for the NCAA Tournament. They do a lot of it by example too by working hard in practice and putting in extra time there as well."

Perhaps most importantly, the success and notoriety of the All-America doubles pairing ranked 120th overall in the country will also help the Irish, "or they have graduated," said Louderback. "I think the biggest difference with them has been in recruiting, " Louderback said. "They were two of the best kids in the country and decided to come here to school, and since they've been here, I think our recruiting has improved, this will help us down the line as well."

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**Men's Soccer**

**Irish breaking new ground on ascent**

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Heading into the 2006 season, the Notre Dame posters described the Irish program as "ascending.

The program secured its NCAA quarterfinal berth as well as its first Hermann Trophy winner in 2006, it's safe to say that Notre Dame is on the rise.

The Irish finished the regular season with a record of 13-6-2. Earning a first-round bye in the NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame went on to defeat Illinois-Chicago 1-0 at home in its first game before knocking off defending champion Maryland 1-0 in overtime in the round of 16.

It marked the second consecutive year that the Irish ousted the reigning national champions out of the NCAA tournament.

Notre Dame bounced defending champion Indiana in 2005. The win over the Terrapins also ended a streak of three consecutive Sweet 16 exits for coach Bobby Clark and his squad, who went on to face 4th-seeded Virginia in the program's first ever quarterfinal berth.

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

"I would like to have that game over again," Clark said, referring to the Virginia game.

"We didn't quite play to our potential in that game, and it was a game where you came off the field saying: I wish we could play them again tomorrow. I felt the season stopped a little too short because I felt we had a team that was good enough to go to a Final Four."

Against the Terrapins, Notre Dame defeated the Hoosiers 5-4 in overtime Sept. 3 in the Midfield Credit Union Classic. The Irish also ran off an eight-game unbeaten streak from Sept. 20 to Oct. 18 in which they outscored their opponents by a combined total of 41-2.

Clark pointed to senior leadership as the main reason for his team's success.

"Senior co-captains Greg Dalby and Dale Bellas provided fantastic leadership," Clark said. "Any team that's going to be successful needs good leadership, and the whole senior class was terrific. It also wasn't bad having the top scorer in the country, but the leadership was the catalyst to the season."

By top scorer, Clark was referring to junior forward Joseph Lapira, who led the nation in both goals (22) and points (50). Those statistics helped Lapira win the program's first-ever Hermann Trophy — the collegiate soccer player of the year award.

Even more impressively, Lapira did it all playing with a torn left meniscus, which he injured in the first game of the season against UAB.

"It was a special year," Clark said. "Lapira has a terrific appetite to shoot, and that's a great attribute for a striker. He loves to shoot and he loves to go to goal, but he was also a pretty good team player this year as well. He had a great energy and great work ethic all season." After its impressive 2006 campaign, Notre Dame hopes it will continue ascending to the top of the collegiate soccer world.

Despite losing Dalby and Bellas, Notre Dame will return seven starters, including Lapira, in 2007 to go along with a bevy of younger talent.

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

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“Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.”  Micah 6:8
The Irish began the season with national title aspirations, but instead received a rude awakening from nation's top programs.

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

For Charlie Weis, 9-3 wasn't going to be good enough in 2006. But a year after reinventing the program and cracking into the BCS before a blowout loss to Ohio State, Weis' squad with talent-laden seniors on offense finished with only one more win and suffered just as many losses in the coach's second season with the Irish.

The season began with expectations higher than they had been in more than a decade for a program looking to reclaim its place among the perennial elite — a status lost since 1993 to schools like Michigan, Nebraska, California and Louisiana State. But those three schools stood in the way of Notre Dame regaining its Super Bowl status, delivering crippling blows to a team whose vaunted offense sputtered badly at times and whose vulnerable defense could not bear up for scoring deficiencies.

But that wasn't how the season started.

Indeed, the Irish offense looked powerful right away, scoring 14-10 in a muddy Atlanta night against Georgia Tech to start the season. Notre Dame scored only 14 points, but a second-half defensive shutdown delivered a season-opening 14-10 win in hostile Bobby Dodd Stadium.

After a highly efficient 41-17 victory over Penn State in the home opener, the Irish traveled to the Big House and faced the Michigan State Spartans. With losses to eventual national champion Florida and Auburn — who each finished 11-2 — the matchup proved too much for the Irish.

Behind the strong arm of quarterback JaMarcus Russell, Louisiana State rolled all over the Irish. After a competitive first half, LSU pounded Notre Dame in the second with suffocating defense and a persistent, efficient offense. The Irish trailed just 21-14 after two periods, but the Tigers defense bore down in the third and fourth quarters, and a flat Notre Dame team never showed signs of coming back. The result was a 33-30 advantage in second-half yards for the Tigers and a second straight BCS blowout loss for the Irish.

"Obviously, it was a team effort," Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said after his final collegiate game. "We really weren't converting on third down, making plays when we had the opportunity, and really, when you look at it, we weren't productive."

In the days after the game, Weis announced defensive coordinator Rick Minter would not be retained, and neither would quarterbacks coach Peter Vaas. He replaced Minter with Corner Brown, a young secondary coach for the New York Jets, and Vaas with former Irish signal-caller Ron Powlus.

Despite the loss, the Irish have remained productive on the recruiting front. Notre Dame signed a top-10 class, headlined by two highly regarded quarterback Jimmy Clausen on national signing day in February. Clausen, who enrolled as an early-entrant in January, was the only quarterback to finish April's Blue-Gold Game without a fumble or an interception, and with Weis' emphasis on limiting mistakes, he has a strong chance at earning one of two spots to compete for the 2007 starting job come August.

Recruiting for the class to sign next February has taken an even quicker pace. The Irish have landed verbal commitments from a dozen players nationwide, most prominently on the defensive side of the ball.}

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**ND WOMEN’S SOCCER**

Undefeated streak ends with loss in title game

By CHRIS KHOREY

Sports Editor

For most squads, a season that included just one loss and a trip to the National Championship game would be considered a success. But for Notre Dame, which finished the year 25-1-1 after falling to North Carolina in the title game, that one loss still stings.

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

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

North Carolina has won 18 National Championships in the 25-year history of the Women’s College Cup, and the confidence of the 2006 squad was evident as it took a 2-0 lead over the shell-shocked Irish and held on for a 2-1 victory. "For about seventy minutes, they clearly were the better team," Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said. The Irish made a comeback late, getting a goal from sophomore Brittany Rock and threatening to score several other times, but couldn’t equalize.

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

Waldrum said both the Tar Heels’ mystique and style of play frustrated his team — even the seniors, who had never faced North Carolina. "They put you on your heels and they put so much pressure on the ball," Waldrum said. "We didn’t see that a lot."

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

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

The only blemish for the Irish in the regular season was a scoreless tie at Connecticut Oct. 13. The Huskies, generally a Big East power, struggled in 2006 and were just 7-7-1 when they played Notre Dame. But Waldrum said his team should have treated them like any other Connecticut squad.

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

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

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

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Seniors lead way to league title, record season

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

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

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

It was the close to a season in which the Irish ran a gamut of highs and lows with their first-ever CCHA playoff title in Joe Louis Arena on St. Patrick's Day with a 2-1 win over Michigan.

Senior center Jason Paige's game-winning goal with 10 minutes left in the third period transformed The Joe from a Wolverine-dominated den into a pro-Irish crowd, and the Notre Dame defense that stonewalled opponents to a national low of 1.67 goals per game held on for the win.

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

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

"There's no question that [Brown] made the biggest impact on the ice," Jackson said. "I think that there are a lot of people that had an impact and some had more of an impact off the ice."

Jackson attributed a great amount of that off-the-ice impact to captain T.J. Jindra, but said that the entire senior class was integral in forging a team that won a school record and national high — 32 games.

"I didn't anticipate the kind of camaraderie and success we had this season," Jackson said, giving full credit to the seniors.

The defense — anchored by seniors Wes O'Neall, Noah Babin and Tom Sawatske — limited the Michigan offense to seven goals in three games during a season in which the Wolverines averaged more than four goals per game. The Irish dragged Boston College through the mud in the 1-1 October blowout before they posted nine shutout wins on the season — a drastic change from the four, five or six-goal hours that plagued the team through-out recent history.

"I have to say that the senior defensemen improved their willingness to take a hit to make a play," Jackson said. "Some of that is just willingness to pay the price. That group, as a whole, I wouldn't have said that a year ago at this time."

On the offensive side of the puck, Paige and Jindra were joined by seniors Josh Sciba and Michael Bartlett. Sciba led the Irish in goals a season ago but missed more than a month of the season with a broken wrist — and still added eight goals for 18 points. Bartlett teamed up with Paige and Jindra to form a line that was tasked with shutting down the opposition's top line throughout the middle of the season, which they notably accomplished in a January series against No. 8 Miami for a win and a tie.

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

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

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ND Softball

Irish will face Redbirds in NCAA Regionals

ND heads to Evanston after losing in Big East tourney to Louisville

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

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

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

Freshman Kara Nelson scored 57 of those runs while hitting .409 from her lead-off spot in her rookie season. Sophomore Amber Smith and Jessie Baker provided the power for Illinois State, with 15 and 16 home runs, respectively.

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

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

Notre Dame was only five outs away from defending last year's Big East title last Saturday, but Louisville sophomore Brooke McClain single in a run in the bottom of the sixth to give the Cardinals a 3-2 win and the conference championship.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In order to reach the finals, Notre Dame had to get through Connecticut and No. 12 DePaul.

The Irish cruised past the Huskies with a 6-0 win to start the tournament. With momentum on its side, the offense kept things going in an 8-2 win over the Blue Demons.

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

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

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

Notes:

♦ Notre Dame will be losing four seniors to graduation this season — pitcher Kenya Fuemmeler, catcher Gessica Hufnagle, outfielder Carissa Jaquish, and Brown.

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

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By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

The Irish rode the winning streak with a .682 field goal percentage in the Big East tournament. This finish, coupled with a win to lock South Bend in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, showed Notre Dame's resilience after the Irish were picked to finish 11th in the Big East in the preseason polls.

"It was just a lot of chemistry and a lot of heart," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "An attitude of 'we can do it, everybody's wrong.'"

McGraw said her senior starters — forward Crystal Erwin and guard Briona Grazianna — and her two guards off the bench were the key to the run. The Irish were ranked 17th in the AP poll and 19th in the coaches' poll.

"We played well as a team," McGraw said. "We played well, you know, and that's what we needed, that's what we needed to do."

The Irish rode the winning streak to the seventh seed in the starting lineup and became a potent offensive threat off the dribble. Jackson matured with each passing game and earned a spot in the starting lineup. She made 11.2 points and 6.2 rebounds per game.

Junior Robert Kurr contributed from an ankle injury that he sustained in the second half of the season to lead the team in scoring. He averaged 13.5 points per game and 12.6 points per game.

Senior forward Crystal We've got to prove everybody wrong. We've got to dig deep at that point and come out and play. We've got to keep rolling and keep going forward and not feel sorry for ourselves.

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"It was only the second game against (McGraw), and she played so well and we beat a good team here," Brey said. "I think that was a confidence builder for Tori, our guys, and myself. It helped me feel good about myself."

"You know what, we still got a great shot at doing the things we've dreamed about doing," Jackson said.

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Belles fall in MIAA semis

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

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

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

Despite the lack of expectations, Henley must have been pleased with the result of the season. After finishing 11-12 (10-6 MIAA) in the regular season, the Belles lost to Hope in the semifinals of the MIAA tournament. Hope went on to defeat regular-season champion Calvin in the finals. Losing to the conference champions has no placating Henley, as going to be a game. I get beat, we knew we lost to their next four and closed their season. After finishing 11-12 (10-6 MIAA) in the regular season, the Belles started 1-6. The stretch included three losses by four points or less, one coming in overtime.

After losing their fourth straight game — to Carthage on Dec. 4 — the Belles started to turn their season around. I think we had a very brutal non-conference schedule, with the teams that we played, and played so early," Henley said. "It prepared us for the conference, prepared us for the Hopes and the Caravins. Being in my first year, inheriting a team not knowing much about them, I think a lot of it is just feeling each other out and trying to find the right chemistry on the floor with the lineups and things of that nature."

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

Part of the turnaround came from the play of junior guard Allison Kessler, who averaged 19.9 points per game. During the team’s four-game win streak, Kessler scored 25 points in the first contest and 33 in the last.

Losing seniors point guard Bridget Lipke and forward Stefanie Broderick will affect the team both on and off the court next year, Henley said. "Sof did so many things off the court for us that’s never going to show up in any newspaper article," she said. "And Bridget’s performance in terms of running the show and being our point guard is going to be a key position for us to replace."

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

"Every year every team is different, just like we’re going to be different next year," she said. "We’d like to build upon our success we had this year, but our team is the same, year in and year out, in terms of personnel and your style of play and things of that nature."

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BASEBALL

Irish gear up for Big East tourney in NYC

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

The Irish struggled last weekend, falling in three straight games to Louisville — 3-1, 4-3 and 7-3. Notre Dame has struggled to stay above the .500 mark in conference play all season, falling to 10-13 after the losses to Connecticut.

The Irish come out on the right side of 3-0 with a 17-6 win over West Virginia April 21. Notre Dame fell to West Virginia 16-7 the next day.

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

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

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

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Top left, a fan reacts to a bad call in a Notre Dame's women's basketball game Jan. 20 against Syracuse. Top right, North Carolina scores a goal in the NCAA Championship against the Irish. The Tar Heels went on to win the title 2-1. Center, the hockey team gives one last raise to the crowd following their 3-1 loss to Michigan State in the NCAA Tournament. Bottom left, Brady Quinn reacts after losing 44-24 to USC. Bottom right, Russell Carter collapses after missing the final shot in the 84-82 Big East tournament semifinals loss to Georgetown.
Senior Kim Lorenzen played in 56 games during her career at Notre Dame. The Irish went 92-8-2 during her four years.

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that went 92-8-2 in its four years in South Bend and won a national championship in 2004.

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

"The weather was absolutely terrible, but it was the best game I feel like we played that year," Lorenzen said. "I really felt the excitement of winning after the game." Lorenzen arrived at Notre Dame fresh off another national title—this one by her club team, which also included future Irish players Jill Krivacek, Jill Buczkowski and Brittany Bock.

Lorenzen said she found herself in the starting lineup quickly at Notre Dame, appearing in 23 games her freshman season and contributing to a unit that allowed only 23 shots on goal all season. The next year, Lorenzen was a defensive fixture for the national title squad and scored three goals, including the game winner in a road matchup with West Virginia.

Lorenzen's junior year got off to a rough start. She missed six games due to illness early, and her season ended in frustration as a squad that Irish coach Randy Waldrum called "better than we were the national title" fell in a quarterfinal rematch with the Pirates.

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

Saint Mary's had one of the best seasons in school history this past fall. The Belles finished the season 17-10 overall, 9-7 in the conference and fifth in the MIAA regular season. "Our team chemistry was definitely one of our greatest strengths," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "Also this season, our players have really lifted their game and shown so much individual improvement — they really play for each other.

"Our seniors have done a nice job on the court all year — they really play for each other during both practice and during competitions, which is something I noticed was a bit absent in years past." The Belles beat Alma 130-103 Jan. 13 for their second dual meet win of the season and their first conference dual meet win in seven years.

In the MIAA championship meet, the Belles finished sixth out of seven, but for only the second time in the program's history claimed an individual title, as Maggie took the 1,600 freestyle.

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

"Sarah truly is a great role model that every student-athlete should strive to be like," she added. "We'll definitely miss her next year." With most of the team returning, the Belles said next season has promise for the Belles. "I believe that this group is ready to help lead the 2007-2008 Saint Mary's swimming and diving team to our best finish ever at conference," Dombkowski said. "I truly believe next year's team should break several school records and even send a few swimmers on to national competition."

Cross Country

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

Senior captain Sara Otto and sophomore Jessica Gray led the Belles for most of the season. Gray's best time on the year was a 1:14:42 at the Manchester Invitational, in which she won the individual title and the Belles finished third.

Otto's best time also came in Manchester, where she crossed the finish line in 19:41 and finished sixth.

Softball

The Belles (25-9, 10-6 MIAA) finished the season with an unbeaten run up the hill, which led them to the 4th seed in the MIAA tournament. But their streak of success ended quickly in the postseason as the team was eliminated on the first day of the conference tournament. "We weren't mentally ready for the tournament," coach Erin Sullivan said. "That and our hitting just wasn't on that day."

The Belles lost to host and eventual tournament co-champion Alma in a 3-0 blanking. MIAA most valuable pitcher in the MIAA Kay McDonald (1.62 ERA) dominated the Belles with nine strikeouts. She allowed only three hits. Sophomore pitcher Calli Davison, senior shortstop Sarah Miesle and freshman outfielder Ashley Peterson all had hits, but the Belles weren't able to drive anyone home. Alma started the low-scoring game with a run in the first and two more in the third. Three runs were more than enough to win the game and send the Belles to the consolation bracket, where they lost to third-seeded Hope.

Now that the season is over, Sullivan said, the team is looking ahead. "I think we had another great season. We had some amazing moments again," she said. "I'm looking forward to seeing what the players will do over the summer to come back ready to go next year."

Six Saint Mary's seniors saw their collegiate careers come to a heartbreaking end during the MIAA quarterfinal round this year. The Belles battled through two overtime periods in a scoreless tie, which led to them before losing 4-3 in penalty kicks.

Midfielder Carolin Stancukas was the only player in the MIAA to win the national title this year. The award is given to a minimum student-athlete who succeeds in school and in competition, and who has the potential to once again prove themselves. Stancukas also received the honor for swimming during the winter.

Next season the Belles return nine freshmen as well as a small base of upperclassmen as they look to return to the top of the MIAA.
The Irish sent eight swimmers and divers to the NCAA Championships held March 8-10 in Minneapolis, Minn. The total was the second most ever sent to the Championships in program history, and the team managed to compile 25 total points, good enough for a 27th place finish.

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

“It shows what a dominant force we’ve been in the Big East for 11 years,” Notre Dame coach Carrie Nixon said after the conference championships. "We've been there every year, both in swimming and diving, and we've been competitive every year. It's a great feeling for the team to be able to win a conference championship in both sports."
Women's Golf loses conference tournament in playoff; Fencing finishes fourth nationally

Nakazaki, who is the all-time leader in stroke average for the Irish, ended the 2006-07 year averaging 74.70 per round and finished 18th in the NCAA Central Regional Invitational at The Patty Hankins Women's Golf Tournament in Terra Haute, Ind., the Irish still had a successful season.

The Irish men and women came out strong in their first tournament of the season. Although Benninger's first round was the big news for the Notre Dame Invitational and the National Catholic Championship held at Notre Dame's Westin Hotel May 18-20, they won both events while the women finished in second at Valparaiso and tied for the win at the NCAA.

After the NCC, the squad's seasons started to separate. The men continued their success at the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 29, spurred on by underclassmen Patrick Smith's personal-best time of 23:46 for a third-place finish and Smith's fourth-place finish.

Men's Cross Country

Although Notre Dame's season ended with a disappointing 19th-place finish at the NCAA Tourname nt in Terra Haute, Ind., the Irish still had a successful season.

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1. **After three years, Willingham out, Weis in**

On Nov. 30, 2007, the news that Tyrone Willingham had been fired after three years as Notre Dame head coach sent shockwaves through the university and the nation. Willingham won his first eight games at the Irish helm, including victories over Michigan and Florida State, but went just 13-15 over the next two-and-a-half seasons, including three straight losses to both Boston College and Southern California.

As the team prepared for the Insight Bowl against Oregon State under interim coach Kent Baer and the media howled over the racial implications of Willingham's dismissal, Athletic Director Kevin White went looking for a replacement.

After a brief flirtation with Utah coach Urban Meyer, who ended up at Florida, White settled on New England Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weis. Weis was hired on Dec. 12.

The next day, Willingham accepted the head coaching position at Washington, where his teams have gone 7-16 over the past two seasons.

Weis brought a pro-style offense to Notre Dame that helped him win a quarterback battle. Brady Quinn set more than 30 school records. Under Weis, Notre Dame has gone 19-6, reaching two BCS bowl games but losing both.

When the time was right, Weis was able to lure Joe Montana back to South Bend to help. Montana was hired as the Irish's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

November - December 2004

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

In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, the men's basketball team beat UCLA on Dec. 28, 2006. Point guard Kyle McAlarney was arrested for marijuana possession. McAlarney watched the next eight games from the bench before being suspended by the University for the semester.

January 24, 2007

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3. **Women's soccer wins national title**

After an impressive regular season, the women's soccer team finish with a 24-1-1 overall record, the Irish won the National Championship in penalty kicks after two scoreless overtimes against UCLA on Dec. 5, 2004. It was the team's first national title since 1995.

December 5, 2004

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4. **Hockey emerges under Jackson**

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

March 17, 2007

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5. **Guard suspended for possession**

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

January 24, 2007

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6. **Men's hoops gets back to NCAAs**

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

March 16, 2007

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7. **Quinn drafted 22nd overall**

After setting more than 30 school records at Notre Dame, Brady Quinn was thought to be a surefire top ten pick. But on NFL Draft Day, Quinn was passed on by several teams, falling all the way to 22nd when he was taken by the Cleveland Browns. Quinn was the first first-round player taken in the first round since center Jeff Baumeister in 2003.

April 28, 2007

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8. **Fencing wins national title**

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

March 20, 2005

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9. **University plans JACC renovations**

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

October 6, 2006

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10. **Baseball team wins 23 straight**

First baseman Craig Cooper had a 21-game hitting streak in the midst of the baseball team's longest winning streak of the modern era. The 23 straight victories rushed the Irish all the way to No. 5 in the country before the streak finally came to an end with an 11-8 loss to Bowling Green April 26.

April 26, 2006
Crossword

ACROSS
1. Do Take
8. If it may be hard to
15. Copping
17. Composer of a
set of variations on "God Save the King"
18. Like some wines
20. ‘prof
21. "The Shatton
Room" actor
22. Musical circles
23. Some TV
programs are shown on it
25. Arrow bonuses,...
28. Briefly
30. ... in title
31. 'A),(B) | (;)
33. With 13 Down,
34. "Happy birthday" wish
36. Calendar to unit
37. Calendar abbr.
38. Will

DOWN
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Horoscope

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are more sensitive than members of other
zodiac signs. You, therefore, will probably become as others dis­
approve of the accomplishings of those weirdos from the play "Blue Man
Group." As you travel beyond the ND and SMC campuses, keep those
aqua-colored freaks in mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Anytime you say the words "Drink," "Drunk," or
"Drunk" in the next few weeks, make sure you just drink, will drink, and
are drunk.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are a realist. Ask yourself why you
would read Eugenia Last's horoscopes day in and day out. And, oh yeah,
say why anyone read all of the horoscopes by some jock named Iran Tolm
if that's a boy's name or a girl's name? Challenge norms.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Whenever you're tempted to label a male that prac­
tices sorcery as a "witch," remember that such men prefer the term 'W e-
lock.' Practice the Notre Dame policy of political correctness daily.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are a realist. Ask yourself w hy anyone
read all of the horoscopes by some jock named Iran Tolm
if that's a boy's name or a girl's name? Challenge norms.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have a creative gift. Concentrate your efforts
on making a children's cartoon show that doesn't include a character with a
name like Skeeter (Doug), Tinky Winky (Teletubbies), B.J. (Barney), or Mr.
Rogers. Maybe "Mr. Riggles" is acceptable but the rest of those characters
names scared countless children as their parents sat by unknowingly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Today, you will come in contact with
(GASP) a Sagittarius. Isn't that obvious, though? There are only twelve
signs and today you well undoubtedly come in contact with about nine
times that number of people. Unless you are a troll. A troll or a hernia—
obody knows which is which...

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you are an English major and a
Sagittarius, your mission is clear. Help raise the profile of the multi-purpose
colomb. Not only does the color have a great name; it is also very
useful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you spent a year or more as a SUB rep-
tative and never got an A on an impressive test to come to campus, miss
your head in shame and try harder next time. Or else hang it in triumph
and think about what you've done.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will get into an argument over the mer­
times signs and today you will undoubtedly come in contact with about nine
times that number of people. Unless you are a troll. A troll or a hernia—
obody knows which is which...

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Robert Downey, Jr. chews Wrigley's
spearmint. He just wants you to know that before you graduate.

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

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

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

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

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

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

After winning the regular season and tournament CCHA championships — Brown was named the MVP in each — second year head coach Jeff Jackson said, “I believe they’re saying all the right things. They’re saying all the right things, but we are still waiting for the actual offer. We’re just waiting, now but...”

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

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

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

Stack those stats up to her senior year performance: a .405 batting average, 44 hits and 38 runs in 110 at-bats, five home runs, a school-record 39 RBIs, eight doubles and three triples.

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

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

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

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

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

Miesle, who plays every game like it’s her last and rarely shows her frustration on the field, had a huge impact on the team’s winning ways this year.

“She always gave her all on the field,” Belles head coach Erin Sullivan said. “She is most Improved to a tee. She worked hard on her skills and learned to be confident in her abilities. I think there is a great group that will step up and fill her shoes. She has taught the team a lot.”

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

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

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

Contact Rebecca Slinger at rsling01@stmarys.edu

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

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

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

And by the end of the year, Lorenzen’s freshman proteges had grown up.

“I felt like Haley and Amanda weren’t really freshmen anymore [by the end of the season],” Lorenzen said.

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

Contact Rebecca Slinger at rsling01@stmarys.edu
Congratulations
Class of 2007
Good Luck!

ERIC,

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

Congratulations!

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

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Stephen Anthony Renzi
Congratulations 2007!!!

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

With love, Mom, Dad, and Kristen

May the roads rise to meet you,
May the winds be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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

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

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

Love,
Your Big Brother

Congratulations Anthony!

We're very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Jennifer

Books,
Room/Board..................................$$
Tuition...........................................$$$$
Seeing your son graduate from ND............Priceless
Showing Matt's friends what a dork he was........More Priceless

With Love and Pride,
Dad, Mom, & Nathaniel

Congratulations Annie!

So many memories to treasure and friends for life.

Love,
Mom and Dad
Dearest Hillary,

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

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

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

Dad, Monica, Tiffany and Mom

Congratulations, Bryn!

We love you and wish you the best, Always!

Love, Mom, Dad, Burke and Reilly

Naomi Hansen

on your Graduation
from the University of Notre Dame
Go Class of 2007!

Love, Mom and Dad
OBIO RA IDIGO

Obi Love, (Okolobia Oyibo)

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

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

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

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

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

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

As a rower of 8's she was famed,
And captain of crew she was named.
Many friends she will treasure,
Memories without measure,
IRISH she'll always remain.

Congratulations, Sarah Kate!
Love,
Patrick, Mama & Dad

Congratulations Covington.
We know you will make your goal.

Love - Mom and Dad

Congratulations Sego!

We always knew You'd be a domer!

love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Katie Baron and friends, on your graduation!

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

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

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

Love, Mom, Dad, & Jim

Michelle Kurczak

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

Love,
Mom & Dad

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

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

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

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

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

God Bless
Love,
Your Family

Congratulations
Bitsy on a job well done!
Love Mom, Dad, Jill and Court

Our Favorite Daughter

Love always and forever,
Mom, Dad & Brendan

Mary Sophia Baumann McVeigh

Congratulations
Class of 2007
Friday, May 18, 2007

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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2007
Friday, May 18, 2007
Patrick -
Cheer, Cheer!
Your dream is fulfilled.
We are so proud -
Congratulations!
Love you forever,
Mom, Dad, Kyle and Dennis

Patrick López...
Son
Brother
Student
Friend
Athlete
Traveler
Notre Dame
Graduate
Class of 2007

CONGRATULATIONS
PEANUT!

We could not be any more proud of you.
All our love
Mom, Dad,
Julien & Tux

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

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

Andy,
Ever since you were little, you always had your sights on a goal.
Congratulations and best-of-luck in the future.
Love,
Mom & Dad
Congratulations Robert!
Love, Dad, Mom, Kathryn & Michael

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

Congratulations Matthew!
Love, Mom, Dad, Greg and Tim

Preston,
Congratulations! May God continue to bless you on life’s journey.
We love you,
Mom and Dad, Jennifer, Jackie & Spencer

Hold your memories close to your heart. May your life always reflect the values and traditions of Notre Dame.
Congratulations.
Love, Mom & Dad

Molly -

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

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

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference." — Robert Frost
**Mitchell O'Ryan Thomas**

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

LOVE,
Dad, Mom, Shawndale, Anisa, Ashley, Taylor, A.J. & The Family

**Congratulations Maria Olga Bosch!**

We love you very much
Your Dad, Momy, Ponchin, Jordy, Maria Cristina

**CONGRATULATIONS BROOKE!**

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

LOVE, MOM, DAD TREY AND MOLLY

**A great four years ...great memories!**

Love Mom, Dad, Mike and Teresa

**Oh...**

_the places you’ve been & the places you’ll go!_

_Write On, Eileen Duffy!_
Way to go, Claire Bear! 
Love you always, 
Mom, Dad, Christopher, 
Kate and Annie

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

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

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

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

Congratulations! 
Today is your day 
You're off to Great Places! 
You're off and away... 
Your mountain is waiting... 
so... get on your way. 
Dr Seuss

Love, 
Mom, Dad, Danny & Alita
We couldn't be prouder!
We love you,
Mom, Dad & the girls!

Congratulations
Mike Doversberger!
M & D

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

Nina, We're so proud of you.
All our love,
Dad, Mom, Finn and Digger

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

Congratulations my "Choochi Brown"
Love,
Grandma Rachel
Kristin,
We are all so proud of you and your accomplishments. You are a wonderful daughter and you have a wonderful future ahead of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Family

Congratualtions Paddy
Your determination and persistence pay off. Your dreams come true.
Love, Mom, Dad,
James, Conor & Joseph

CONGRATULATIONS TONY
Son and Brother
Hall Gov’t
Bengal Boys Champ
CHEERLEADER

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

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU SENIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS!

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

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

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

Dear T.J.!
Dreams do come true...
Congratulations on getting into Medical School!
Love, Mom & Dad

Darling Nikki,
Follow your dreams, live life to the fullest, & let the learning never end.
We love you,
Mom, Dad & Tara

Congratulations, Bud!
Wow—2 degrees!
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad and Hillary

Ashley,
No matter what road you take,
Your journey will lead you to do incredible things.

Congratulations! Love, Your Family

John, you set your goal and accomplished it. We are so proud of you and what you have become. The future is yours—Live it.
Love, Mom & Dad, Jenny and Julie
Congratulations, Leigh!
Mom, Eric, Brian, and I are very proud of you and your accomplishments! We know you will be very successful. Watch out Credit Suisse.
Love, Mom & Dad

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

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

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

Patrick,
"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you’ve imagined."
—Thoreau
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad
Yahoo, you did it! Congratulations Gregory!

Love, Mom and Dad

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Congratulations Matthew
May the glow of the Dome shine upon you forever.

Love, Mom and Dad

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Paul Donahue

"Okoboji Skies"

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

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

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

---Paul Donahue

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

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

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Melissa, You have always been an artist &
you've followed your dream. We are so very,
very, VERY proud of all you have
accomplished. Congratulations on your BFA!

Love, Mom, Dad, Andrew,
Chris, Tim & Aunt Dale. xoxo

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

Love Always,
Mom, Dad & Jori

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Congratulations
SEAN & Christina, Honors Grads,
and Best wishes on continued
success at Harvard Law.

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

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**Congrats**

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

**Congratulations Alisa!**
We are so very
proud of you.
Wishing you
continued success and happiness.

Love,
Mom and Dad

**Our Precious Jana Marie**
We are so proud of you!

**Love, Mom and Dad**

**Way to go Ryan...**

**We are very proud of you**

**Love Mom, Dad, Andy & Kelsey**

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

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

**Love Mom & Dad**

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

**Our Precious Jana Marie**
We are so proud of you!

**Love, Mom and Dad**
Good Luck

Claire,
You Rock!

Congratulations
We love you,
Mom, Dad &
Conor

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

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

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

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

Hope it was a blast!
Mom

Congratulations Andrew Kowalski!

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

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

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

Dad, Mom, Scott, Leah & Will

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

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

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

Pat and Paul Rigney
Cheer, Cheer for Pat and Paul Rigney
We are very proud of you!
Congratulations! Love, Mom, Dad '70, '73, '75, Erinn '04 & Meghan '04 Go Irish!

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

Kelly
Four years really flew by.
Congratulations-
Mom, Dad, Chop + Pat

You've Come A Long Way Baby!!

And We Couldn't Be Prouder!
Congratulations Meggie!!
Keep shining like the star that you are. The world is waiting.
Face all of your tomorrows with confidence, compassion, laughter & love.
You are our greatest Meg & we love you so very much!

Mom & Dad
Congratulations Patricia!

We are so proud of our newest Domer!

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

Congratulations Bréona! God is always Good and Stars always Shine!

Love, Mom, Brandon, Granny and Poppy

Congratulations Tim,

We’re proud of you!

Love, Mom & Dad

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

WE LOVE YOU

Mom, Dad, Andrew, The Felix’s, The Raymetz, Grandma & Grandpa, The DePinto’s
Ann Marie
Verwilghen,
Love & God’s
Blessings to our
Chemical Engineer.
Mom, Dad,
Laura & Andrew

Gina
You’re finally
coming home
to me!!!
Luv,
Brady Morgan
P.S.
Congratulations!

Meghan,
You make us
Proud again!!!!
Congratulations
Love,
Mom & Dad

Let’s all stand and
cheer, Colleen’s
graduating this
year!

Congratulations
sweetheart. Love,
Mom, Dad, John
and James

Congratulations
Kaitlin:
Your world awaits
Ye & we could not
be prouder.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Ben

Alya,
We’ve watched you
as you reached for the stars
with your laughter, love, creativity
and spirit of determination!
We are filled with pride for
all that you’ve accomplished!

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

We love you!

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

“Teaching is a profession that teaches all other professions”

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

Ashley J. Enright

Today’s preparation determines tomorrow’s achievement.
Congratulations
Gracie!
"No Where But Notre Dame"

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

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

Mom, Dad and Andy

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

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

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

Wishing
you the
best
always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Annie

Congratulations
Yayal. We always
believe in you!!

Love,
Mom & Da

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

Mom, Dad, and Scott
Congratulations Joe,
We know you will do great things!

Love
Dad, Mom, and Teresa

Shane,
Congratulations!

We’re very proud of you and all you’ve accomplished.

Love
Dad and Mom

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

Patrick, always continue making waves.

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

Congratulations Jeremy!

We’re proud of you!
Go Irish

Love, Mom, Dad,
Josh and Deni

Richard and Auntie Steph

“Blowing a dandelion for good wishes”
By: Richard

Congratulations Christopher!

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

We love you.
Mom and Dad.

Congratulations Tom! May God bless you always and in all ways.

Love, Mom, Dad, Mike & Emily

Great Job “MYSTER”
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Greg, Congratulations and best wishes.

All our love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Care! We love you so much!

Mom, Dad, Elizabeth & Deej

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

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

Love, Dad and Mom

Congratulations to our “one and only” Domer!

Love, Mom and Dad

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

Love, Dad Mom, Kara and Kristen

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

Congratulations Veronica.

We love you, Mom, Dad, Mandy & Alicia

Congratulations on your graduation from Notre Dame Jesse!

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!

LOVE, MOM AND DAD
Congratulations Ben!
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Mija,
thank you for always being studious...I’m very proud of you!
Daddy

You know the power of a dream, Domer!
Congratulations on making your dream a reality! May the dreams you hold today be the reality of tomorrow!
With love and great pride,
Mom and Dad

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

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

He would be so proud of you on this very special day.
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The Tradition Continues...
‘50 ’76 ’07
We are so proud of you, Scott!
Love, Mom and Dad
Kim and Dan and Emily

CONGRATULATIONS, TIM!
“Who Would Have Thunk It?”
Love, Mom, Dad, Schnoz, Snuffle & Turkey

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

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Congratulations, Laurie!

Little did you know back in 1992 that 12 years later you’d score a touchdown in the ND stadium for Walsh Hall and graduate from Notre Dame! We are so proud of you!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Dan & Stefanie

Congratulations, Jana!

You continue to surprise us... (but in good ways)!

Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Kristin, once again you’re on the move!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Amy,
Keep following your dreams!
Be “ND Proud” forever.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Dear Tara,

Congratulations, you clever girl!

We love you!
U.S.S.*

*Usual Sentimental Stuff

Tara

Michael,

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

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jennifer, & Ryan

Michael Johnson

You worked hard and played hard too.

Congratulations Mike

Love, Mom Dad Jen Lori and Matt

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

Congratulations Meeg on your BFA.

Love, Mom & Dad
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Rena—

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

Congratulations Emily Jeanne!

Go out into the world and tell the Good News.
GO IRISH!

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

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

Love, Mom, Dad,
Katie & Michael

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

Love Always,
Mom ’73 and Dad ’74

Congratulations Allison

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

CONGRATULATIONS BETH GARRABRANT!!!

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

“Gop Gop” – Jim Donnelly – ND ’45

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

Elizabeth Garrabrant – ND ’07

We love ND and we love you!

Grandma and Gop Gop

XOXOXOXO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Way to hang in there Sarah! You’ll
Make a Great Teacher.
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, J.P.,
Joe, Heather, and
future domers;
Lia, Reece and
Gianni.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Way to go Kiwi and Gee!!
You have always made our Irish Eyes Smile!
Love, Mom & Dad

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS
Megan!
It seems like only yesterday!
Love, Mom and Daddy

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

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

From start to finish it's been a great run! Congratulations Chris! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad

Heart of Our Hearts
Katrina, we are very proud of you! Congratulations on four great years at Notre Dame!
Love always, Mom and Dad

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

Another domer! We love you, Conor.
Mom & Dad

Once an Irish lass, now our Irish grad! Congratulations Kristen!
Love, Mom, Dad, Kyle and Karoline

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

Congratulations Mike! We couldn't be prouder!
Love, Mom & Dad

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

Congratulations Casandra!!
We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments! We always have known that what you want in life you would succeed in getting accomplished.
Love you always! Mom, Dad, Chris, Calvin, Chad and Gandpa
Congratulations

“Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men’s blood........”
Daniel Burnham
(......or women’s blood, for that matter.)

Clare—
Congratulations on all that you have accomplished and blessings on all that is to come.

With pride and much love,
Mom and Dad

Love, Mom, Dad,

Brian Doxtader
Back to the Future

We are so proud of you, Amy!

May the Luck of the IRISH Always be with You!

Love You,
Mom, Dad,

Kim,
We’re so proud of you!

Love, Mom,
Dad, Michael
and Mark

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

Love, Dad, Mom,
Jennifer,
David & Jimmy

Jennifer

We’re so proud of
you!

Love, Mom,
Dad, Michael
and Mark
Congratulations to my “Rome Girls.”

Love, Nana

“HERE I GO, MOMMY”

"An innocent girl arrives on Earth."

"A strong, confident, educated woman enters the World."

Educere ~ Q.E.D; Love from your (extensive) family!

Marissa May Vita Buck

Congratulations, Greg!

We are so proud of you and all you’ve accomplished! The sky is the limit now.

Love, Mom, Dad and Chris

Congratulations “Trickie Micky”
(Alias Michael Burke)

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

Congratulations Wendy Sue!
Changing Lives, one smile at a time!
We are so proud!
Love, Mom, Dad, Emily and Steven
Dear Andrew:

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

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

Love,

Mom and Dad

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

Love from above,
Pop Jack and Ahma

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

Love, Mom, Dad and Jeff

Irish dreams can come true!

Congratulations

Love, Mom, Dad and Jeff

Brendan,
To our longtime Notre Dame "star" player.

Love, Mom, Dad, Bob & Jim

Stephen John,
We are so proud! IRISH FOREVER!

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

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

Love, Mom and Dad

We love you, Mom & Dad
Dear Michael

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

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

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

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

Michael we love you so very, very much.

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

Congratulations Mikeypooh!
We are so very proud of you!
Love, The Dad, The Mom, KimbyAnn,
Teresita, Shippapoo, and Amanda Panda

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

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

Congratulations Marmee and Dad

...you dreamed big dreams.
As you grew they became goals.
Through hard work, determination and maturity, the first is now reality.
Congratulations on the first of many realities!

Our Little Tygee
Before she was a Belle
We always knew she’d do quite well.
Especially after the fences were paid.
And becoming a home balm for customers as well.
Now a college grad it she.
Our Little Tygee whe did quite well.

Congratulations
Marmee and Dad

We’re proud of you.
Mom & Dad
Jeff & Kristin
Dan, Heidi, Evey & Keity
Aunt Sherry & Shanny

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

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

Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations to our TWO Domers!!

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

Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Adam, on joining the Fischer Family Notre Dame Alumni!
Mom '76L, Dad '73, Erin '01, '04L, and Lauren '04

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

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

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

Congratulations- we are so VERY proud of you!!

All our love, 
Mummy, Gerry, Gordon and Tin Cup

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

Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Doner Girl! We are so proud of you and your Incredible ND journey. So much More fun to come too! With tons of love to you.

Mum, Dad and Gannarsa
James Michael Ramos,

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

Love, Dad, Mom, Vicki, Brittany, Jeremy and Riley

Hi Steve -

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

Congratulations and much love - Mom, Dad, & Dave

You did it, you devil you!
And we could not be prouder!

Love, Mom, Dad,
Christopher and Brian

Stephanie Best
Dallas, Texas

At Work at Notre Dame.

“Steph” at Play in Zermatt.
Choose? No Way! You tried to get it all. We are so proud of you!

Love Mom and Dad
Where did the four years go?

Love, Dad, Mom, Vicki, Brittany, Jeremy and Riley

You dreamed of a dome of gold;
and heard echoes of fame; traditions to hold;
nowhere but Notre Dame!

We love you, Mom & Dad
Michael,
You seized every moment of Her Golden Opportunity.
You Honor Her Legacy.
You Are ND!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Anthony

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

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

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

To happy endings and new beginnings!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Lisa

Congratulations Caroline!
Love, Mommy, Daddy, and Leslie

Congratulations, Ali Kay.
You’re the tops!

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. B

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

Congratulations Alumni Domer!
Love, Mom and Dad

May your life's journey continue to be a "joyride" with sass and class! We are so proud of your accomplishments at Notre Dame!
From “suds” to “suds”... you’ve come a long way, babies!

Congratulations we love you guys!

Always knew you’d be an engineer!
Congratulations, Domer!
Love, Mom + Dad

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

We’re SO proud of you, Chris!!!

Love & best wishes as you head off to medical school!
Mom & Dad,
Becca, Kevin & Michael
Grandma & Papa
Grandma & Grandpa Davis
& all your aunts, uncles, & cousins

Congratulations ALL 2007 ND Grads!

Congratulations Patricia!
May the luck of the Irish be with you always!
Love, Dad, Mom, Ally, Meg, Billy
Congratulations Joe-Joe!
We are incredibly proud of you.
Love,
Alvaro & John

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

Love -
Mom, Dad, Alexis, Chris, Sammy, and Angela!

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

Congratulations Christopher!
We are so proud and happy with your achievements. God has blessed you in countless ways, have faith in God and yourself. Love with all your heart and soul. Our pride in you is surpassed only by our love.

Congratulations we are with you always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Reggie, and Steph

FRANCISCO / FRANKIE

YOU HAVE EMBRACED THE SPIRIT OF NOTRE DAME DURING YOUR LIFE AT THE UNIVERSITY.

WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AS YOU HAVE EVOLVED TO BECOME A MAN WITH HIGH ETHICAL VALUES AND A GREAT SENSE FOR SERVICE TO OTHERS.

IT IS GREAT TO CALL YOU SON, GRANDSON OR BROTHER.

THE WORLD IS YOURS.
GO FOR IT, AND EXCEL.

WITH ALL OUR LOVE,
MAMI, PAPI, DIANAMARI AND MIMI

Congratulations dose Michael,
Still cute after all these years!
Love,
Mommus and Dottie
CONGRATULATIONS TIFFANY J. ROBERTS
NOTRE DAME CLASS OF 2007

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

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

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

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

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

The journey’s been marvellous.
First word, first steps, first date.
Her studies at the Golden Dome.
Provided a brand new slate.

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

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

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

Love, Mom and Dad

The voyage of the best ship is a zigzag line of a hundred tacks.”
(Ralph Waldo Emerson).
You make our hearts pop,

Love Mom, Dad,
Reggie, Buddy and,
of course, Galoot, who says, “way to go little guy.”

Congratulations Michael,
What a great choice you made
going to N.D. It has changed
your world forever.

Love Mom & Dad

“An innocent girl arrives on Earth.”
“A strong, confident, educated woman enters the World.”

Educere ~ Q.E.D; Love from your (extensive) family!

Marissa May Vita Buck

Congratulations to the
“Southern Gun”
—Bryan Wierson.

We are proud of all
your accomplishments
at Notre Dame

From all your fans
down in the
West Texas town
of El Paso
Get ready world!
Here comes...
The Best of the Irish!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Congratulations Rebecca!
We always knew you were going places!
We're so proud of you.
Love, Mom & Dad

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

Love,
Mom, Dad & Chris

Yo Vinnie!

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

Congratulations Dan!
Mom, Dad, Charlie & Abby

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

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Sarah, Kate, Greg and Thomas.

WAY TO GO, MATTER!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Melissa & Mom-Mom
Congratulations Michele! You always dreamed of being a domer! You achieved your dream! Now be a domer who makes a difference! Keep on smiling!
Love, Dad, Mom & John

Then and now, you are the best!
Congratulations Julie!
Love, Mom & Dad

Then and now, you are the best!
Congratulations Julie!
Love, Mom & Dad

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

Here come the Irish!
Congratulations Jean!
Love, Mom & Dad

Frankie, Dreams do come true! Congratulations!

Katie, Thank you for allowing us to share in your Notre Dame experience!

With much love,
Mom and Dad
To Francesca, a/k/a Princess I,
Hey Diddle Diddle,
Once you were so little,
And now you're a Notre Dame grad!

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

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

Gina Tesi

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

We are proud of you!!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Aldo, and
Monica

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

Mary Anne,
Congratulations! You did it!

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

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

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Katie and
Denali
CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2007

Friday, May 18, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

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

Love, Mom & Dad

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

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

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

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

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

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

LOVE,
Mom & Dad
and Omar

Back to crayons, "Teach!"

"To teach is to touch lives forever."
Congratulations on your many accomplishments, Christina.
We are so very proud of you.
Lots of Love,
Mom, Dad & Brett

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

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

May your day be filled with blessings
Like the sun that lights the sky
And may you always have the courage
To spread your wings and fly!
May the leprechauns be near you
To spread luck along your way.
And God Blesses and Congratulations to you
For son on your Graduation Day.

Love always
Mom and Dad

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

Congratulations Menaka!
You've always made us proud!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Arun

"If I could reach up and hold a star for every time you've made me smile,
the entire evening sky would be in the palm of my hand." - ANONYMOUS

CONGRATULATIONS!
LOVE,
MOM & DAD
GOVAN & SHAWN
Congratulations

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

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

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

Congratulations, Ben!
You will always be our all star!
Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Katie and Eileen

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

CONGRATULATIONS on 4 wonderful years at N.D.
Always keep those "Irish" eyes smiling!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kiera,
Me Mom & Poppy

Congratulations Keita!!
よく頑張ったね。
Thank you very much to Professors, Friends, Alumni Hall father, Chefs in S, Dining and all Notre Dame people,
We never forget your kindness,
With Love: Kelichi & Nobuko Miyamura
Congratulations
"Mr. Nice Guy!"
We are so very proud of you.
Love, Grandma & Grandpa Dolan

Congratulations Dave!
We are so proud of you!
God Bless You always.
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Katherine,
Jonathan, and
Kristen

Congratulations to our Dana!
We love you infinitely and beyond...
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Frankie

Congratulations Clare!
We are so very proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Molly

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

Congratulations!
—Love,
Mom and Dad

You danced into our hearts 23 years ago!
We’re so proud of you!
Congratulations,
Nicole!
Love you!
Mom and Dad

Dear Michael,

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

With pride and love,
Mom, Dad, Abby, and Aunt Marian

We are so proud of my Uncle Lance.
Love,
Cade
(also Dad, Mom, Ashley, Caleb, and Aubrey)

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

Good Luck
And walk among long dappled grass,  
And pluck till time and times are done  
The silver apples of the moon,  
The golden apples of the sun.  
W.B. Yeats  

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

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

Congratulations  
Annie!  
Love,  
Dad, Mom,  
Casey, Laurie  
& Meg  

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

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

Congratulations  
Dylan,  
You continue to make your family proud.  
LOVE MOM, DAD,  
SAGE & COLTON  

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

Congratulations,  
Michael!  
You made your N.D. dream come true!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Tim & Mary Caitlin  

She’s Our Sister!  
Love, Maureen, Kathleen  
and Mom, Dad, Nana, Paul and Poppa, grinning from above!
Danielle,
from the first day of preschool, you have been an inquisitive girl who loves to learn. We are proud of your accomplishments at N.D.
Your future is bright!
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations Neil!
You have always exceeded our expectations and been a source of such joy. Go Irish!
With Love, Mom and Skip, Dad and Carol

Patrick,
Congratulations to our SUPER GRADUATE!
Love, Mom, Dad, Courtney, Frank, Ryan & Holly

Congratulations Lern! We are all so very proud of you!
Love, Dad, Mom, Charles, and Karli

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

Even though your Grandmother is not with us anymore, she is watching over both you and your sister every day and is so very proud of the both of you and loves you both very much!
Love, Mom

Wishing you a lifetime of health, happiness and safety. We love you and are very proud of you.
Mom, Dad, Jason, Susie & Nick

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS JIM!!!
WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU LOVE, MOM, DAD, PETE & ANN
CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL!

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

Mom, Dad, and Danielle

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

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

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

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

Becca,
Irish Eyes
Are Smiling!
Go Irish!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Scott & Grammy

SUPER K,
WAY TO GO
FOR THE
GOALS!

LOVE,
TEAM W.

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

Love, Mom, Dad,
Billy, David & Medi

Congratulations Sweetheart! You did your Irish heritage proud!

Love, Mom, Dad & Family

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

Love,
Mom and Dad
BJ,
It was a long haul but you made it!
We're proud of you!
Congratulations!!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Jeff

Congratulations
Meg! We are so very proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

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

Congratulations Rachel!
Follow your heart and live your dreams.

With love and pride, 
Mom & Dad

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

Love,
The Family

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

Love,
Mom, Dad, Christina, Joey

"Children are natural builders."

"The soul is healed by being with children."
—Dostoevsky
We couldn’t be prouder!!
Go Irish!

Love, Mom, Dad, Matt & Sean

Dear PJ:
You always dreamed of going to Notre Dame and filling "big shoes"...
You’ve made us all very proud of your achievements ... 
Congratulations on making your dream come true!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Rob, Annie and Drew
May your day be filled with blessings
Like the sun that lights the sky
And may you always have the courage
To spread your wings and fly!
May the dependences be near you
To grant back along your way
And God Bless and Congratulations to you
Our son on your Graduation Day.

Love always
Mom and Dad

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

Love you,
Mom & Dad xxox

Congratulations
Megan!
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Estephani,
In Spirit with Our Lady
Mucho Cariño
Grandma Chita

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

Love, Mom, Dad & Alexis (Lucy & Heisman)
Congratulations Matthew Gries!
You Are Now A Domer!

Love,
Mom and Dad

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

Congratulations, Megan!

Our little graduate is all grown up.

We love you,
Daddy, Mommy, & Jake

Hooray Tessie!
You’ve become a Notre Dame Alum. We are very proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Melissa

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

Mom, Dad and Bri 2007

Congratulations, Christine!

Go Irish!

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

Love,
Mom and Dad, Grandpa Dick and the Family

GO IRISH!!!
Congratulations Josh!

Your will and persistence has led you to the road which you are now headed.

The Lord has given you knowledge throughout these four years.

You have been called to fulfill a task given to you since birth.

Son, always remember:

"With God's Love, everything is possible."

We are proud of you and we love you.

Mom and Dad.

Congratulations Runt!

You made it with no sweat!

Love,
Dad, Mom & Jamie

Congratulations Colleen!

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." THOREAU

We are so proud of you!

Love,
Dad and Mom
Erin and Meghan

Congratulations, Evan!

Your loving family,
Mom, Dad, Cary and Laura

He sang of love and tragedy, and legends of his home, and of the lovely lady who stood on a golden dome.

His journey made him weary and He longed for simple rest; But weakness did not stop the man; Or slow him on his quest.
Congratulations
Seniors!

Congratulations
Mike (Coughlin)!
It's 17 years later
and you're
graduating again!
Good luck in
Colorado!

Love,
Mom

On February 10, 1985, God
blessed us with a son named
Brendan. The man he has
become, and the way he lives
his life is a blessing to God
and a blessing to us.
We love you, Brendan.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Like the warmth of the Sun
And the light of the day
May the Blessing of the Irish
Shine Bright on Your Way.

Our admiration, pride, and love—
Dad, Mom, Chris, Melissa and Emily

Congratulations
Andy! We wish
you the best.
(nice jacket)

Love,
Mom and Dad