**Inside Column**

**What We'll Take**

I went to a party last weekend and ran into Maddie Hanna, who graduated from Notre Dame a couple years ago. “Never graduate,” he ordered me. -Lauren De Vito, sophomore, not the idea of being one of those people. My degree in French was cool. (It gets worse: My mom’s) I thought it was God.)

I’ll remember how we thought it was cool to dance on dorm room radars. (Or watching my room mate get tired to this place, the words — the words — they were affected. In a little more than a week, I thought, my room mate would be putting on tours and downs and forced smiles and trying not to cry as our parents insisted on taking that group picture that no one could see, because no one’s eyes were shut and my mom forgot where the zoom button was.

But — not counting the architecture students among us — would you really want another one? The freshmen would seem even younger, the bars, even smaller; the roommates, even smaller, writing my last paper made me realize how lucky I am to avoid grad school.

The good thing about goodbyes is that they often overwhelm the moments we’d rather forget. I won’t remember finals weeks or sleepless nights or roommates or first-night hearings. I’ll remember our first home football, game, rushing the field, then rushing into St. Joseph’s, then calling my friend, telling him how incredible Notre Dame was.

I’ll remember how we thought to think the Mary statue on top of the Dome was Father Sorin. (It gets worse: My roommate thought it was God.)

I’ll remember my first SYR: Blind date. W. O’Neill Hall, three girls, one guy. I’ll remember how proud we were of ideally obtaining alcohol before our first class. “She said last night,” how we thought we were so cool for being the first people in the building.

I’ll remember how we thought it was cool to walk through men’s dorms, that they were the men’s dorms and ask for beer. And how we thought it was cool to throw trash into the trash receptacles. And, later, when we realized none of that was cool.

I’ll remember how disappointed I was that Bruce Springsteen did not, in fact, roll out of bed and onto the bar, in between the SPRC at Notre Dame and the dorms.

I’ll remember that blue blood paint wasn’t easier to put on than it was to wash off.

I’ll remember the trips: Chicago—Fort Lauderdale, the Caribbean, LA and Mexico. And no experience could top driving to Oklahoma in a pick-up truck. (Or watching my roommate get banned from the state of Missouri.

Warnings from still-can’t-let-go alums aside, I’m ready to graduate. What’s everyone else doing? We didn’t need to go to Notre Dame to know that our lives wouldn’t have wanted to anywhere else.

Maddie Hanna will graduate with a degree in French and a minor in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy. She’s been a part of the Observer for this summer and, hopefully, for many more summers to come. She’d like to thank her friends, especially those who have always been there: Kim, who never got 1,000 laughs, Kait, who lives with no regrets: and Megan, with whom I did the most damage. From Lewis Hall to Lafayette, from Carroll Street to Hill, they’ve given her the greatest memories. She’d also like to thank the parents, who have made everything possible.

By BECKY HOGAN

**OIT begins switch to Google mail**

Current students, alumni will get e-mail to migrate their accounts over summer, receive bigger quotas

**SUNDAY, MAY 18**

9:00 am Graduate Business Commerce

1:50 pm Academic Procession

2:00 pm University Commencement Ceremony

4:00 pm Law School Ceremony

**FRIDAY, MAY 16**

10:00 am Nurse Pinning Ceremony, Church of Loretto

4:00 pm Baccalaureate Mass, Angelic Athlete Facility

**SATURDAY, MAY 17**

9:00 am ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

10:00 am Graduate School Commissioning Ceremony

1:00 pm Service Send-Off Ceremony

5:00 pm Commencement Main

**CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON CAMPUSS**

**Work progresses on Duncan Hall, new girls' dorm, Law School and Engineering build-**

**Construction continues on campus**

**Observer Staff Report**

Construction has been visible across Notre Dame’s campus this semester, and with several projects currently in progress, including Duncan Hall, a new male dormitory, an unnamed female dormitory, new Law School building and a new Engineering Building — work sites will continue to be major fixtures in the coming months.

Construction of Duncan Hall, a male dormitory west of Millen Hall, will be completed in time for students to move in this fall. The dorm will reduce overcrowding in current residence halls, while providing more on-campus living options for transfer students, as well as juniors and seniors not wishing to leave dorm life. The new dorm features full kitchens on each floor and some larger rooms with private baths, to increase desirability.

Duncan Hall will feature a new engineering building, in the fall of 2010, will be complet-
McCarrick to speak to ND graduates

By AMBER TRAVIS
News Writer

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of Washington, D.C., will be the principal speaker during Notre Dame’s 163rd Commencement exercises Sunday.

McCarrick will also receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University, according to a news release from the University.

University president Fr. John Jenkins said he is looking forward to meeting the needs of new immigrants, the University’s Laetare Medal winner, and to educating the children of low-income families which gave them the option of choosing public or private schooling for their children and led to the enrollment of 1,000 scholarship recipients in Catholic schools within the D.C. area.

He was a member of the Secretary of State’s Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad and the United States Commission for International Religious Freedom. McCarrick was also one of the 115 cardinals who participated in the conclave that elected Pope Benedict XVI in April 2005, the press release said.

The University announced the Commencement speaker later than normal in early April. Assistant Vice President for News and Information Dennis Brown said the later decision had to do with this year’s early Easter season. There was a close proximity between the announcement of the winner of the Laetare Medal, which is always announced on Easter Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent and the announcement of this year’s Commencement speaker.

“We wanted to give some time between that announcement and this one so as not to have too many announcements all at once,” Brown said.

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Sheen to receive Laetare Medal

Actor will be honored with award at Commencement

By AMBER TRAVIS
News Writer

Actor Martin Sheen will be honored as the 132nd recipient of the University’s Laetare Medal during the undergraduate commencement exercises May 17.

Sheen is best known for his work in film and the NBC drama “West Wing,” is a controversial recipient of the award due to his positions in favor of abortion and homosexual rights. However, University President John Jenkins said Sheen deserves the award because the way he has used his fame to influence Catholic social issues.

“Has he used [his] celebrity to draw the attention of his fellow citizens to issues that cry out for redress, such as the plight of immigrant workers and homeless people, the waging of unjust war, the killing of the unborn and capital punishment?” Jenkins said in a press release.

Jenkins also commended Sheen for his dedication to the Catholic faith.

“We welcome the opportunity to lift up his example for our Church, our country, and our students,” he said.

University Associate Vice President, Counselor to the President and Chairman of the Laetare Medal committee Father James McDonald also supports Sheen as the recipient of this award even though it may be controversial.

“No one who has distinguished himself in a public way will be without critics, and Mr. Sheen has his share,” McDonald said.

“I would invite even his critics to spend a few moments with him this weekend and I think they will recognize in him those values we hold dear at Notre Dame and that the seniors who graduate this weekend will remember him for a long time.”

He said taking in the lifetime of Sheen’s commitment to the Catholic faith qualifies him for this award and outweighs anything be may have said contrary to Catholic teachings.

“No one phrase on a given day disqualifies him,” McDonald said. “One needn’t know too much about the environment of Hollywood and its pressures to notice a life-long happy marriage, a devotion to Mass and the sacraments and constant promotion of social justice to know that his example is worthy to be held up for recognition at Notre Dame.”

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Nearly 91, Hesburgh finds time for visitors

Former University president fills his days with prayer, appointments and by keeping up with current events

By JAY FITZPATRICK
News Writer

Sitting in his office on the 12th floor of the library named for him, Fr. Theodore Hesburgh has a busy schedule filled with appointments every day.

He sees students, faculty, alumni and trustees — anyone who is willing to schedule time to meet with him. As a result, he reads — actuallyVictoria a wide range of newspapers, books, books for and to his left eye, and half-blind in the right eye.

Some of these sheets of paper usually contain two names of people — written in the margins and the dates the information was signed by Pulitzer Prize winner Time Magazine, among others.

"I have the Mass by heart, but it changes every day and I can't remember the whole thing," Fr. Hesburgh said.

For Mary, he said he prays three Rosaries a day, saying a different prayer each time.

He also reads the New York Times and Time Magazine to stay up-to-date on current events across the world and at the University.

"Like to be up-to-date. News I can get on TV, but for real news I go to New York Times and Time Magazine," he said.

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"We see him in such a comfortable atmosphere. Just him in his office, smoking his cigar, drinking his afternoon coffee. So it's really nice, but he's still really professional and has this air about him," said Casey Bouskill, senior.

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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, 2005. Inauguration activities spanned two full days as afternoon classes were cancelled in order for students to attend an academic forum Thursday afternoon featuring Tom Brokaw as the moderator and a Mass Friday morning.

Featured 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 indispen- sable 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 Virgin" that appeared in Notre Dame. More recently, the University has announced a $1.5 billion fundraising drive that could shape the campus' future — and much of Jenkins' legacy.

Jenkins replaced University President Emeritus Father Edward "Monk" Malloy, who served at the University's helm for 15 years. University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, who served as president for 35 years, preceded Malloy.

Four students die during past two school years

Four students die in unrelated cases in 2008. Mother collected them in a car accident after their tire blew out on the Indiana Toll Road in November 2006. 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 Orland Park, III. Three students died in unrelated cases in 2008. Connor Mcgrath, a sophomore in Siegfried from Oklahoma City, passed away on Feb. 17 in Dillion Hall. He intended to major in business.

Jenkins allows 'Monologues'

Jenkins appealed to the Notre Dame community for feedback on the interplay 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. The play was performed off campus last year before coming back to campus this year.

Jenkins meets Pope Benedict XVI

Jenkins and Pope Benedict XVI spoke for 30 seconds in Vatican City during the former's pilgrimage to the Holy See. Jenkins, University officials and the Board of Trustees travelled to Rome for a series of meetings and conferences with Vatican leaders. The Pope called Notre Dame "a great Catholic university.

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City council passes party ordinance

The South Bend Common Council passed an amended form of an ordinance that would require permits for parties. The ordinance lays out rules that, if enforced, would have residents of boarding houses, roommates and more people where alcohol would be served. Future legislation could enact the ordinance.

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 a debate raged on whether McAlarney received an inappropriate punishment.
The two students enrolled in the fall semester.

In the weeks following the shooting, one did not know if Harris was still in the building. Donations pay for the entire cost of the building. The College broke the $19.2 million goal.

The CCAC was formed after the South Bend Common Council passed the ordinance. The CCAC is a liaison between the student body and the South Bend residents and off-campus students.

The ordinance was the brainchild of Councilor Joseph Bensinger. The ordinance and its provisions are contingent on student off-campus housing and future relations in South Bend.

October 1

Saint Mary's launches a new initiative called "She's Saint Mary's" to help the student body attract more students.

The students areovie that their time at Saint Mary's is different. It features personal stories from students about what their time at Saint Mary's means to them.

The Common Council and its supporters recognize Saint Mary's as one of the best midwestern colleges for 2008. College president Carol Ann Mooney says she hopes to break into the top 50 liberal arts colleges in the future.

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September on a platform that included more interactive segments and the student body. As a way to better hear student voices, the student body created a Web site, hodabrandant.com, that allowed students to contact Reid and Schmidt with suggestions. “Part of the campaign was connecting to the students and trying to make sure that we're not any better than anyone else,” Schmidt said after the election. "The hodabrandant.com thing, a lot of people laughed at it, but it was something that was pretty successful in presenting our ideas that was appealing.”

The election broke a trend through the last four administrations in which either the previous year's vice president or executive assistant to the president became president the following year.

Law School Dean announces she will step down

Law School Dean Patty O'Hara announced she would leave the school next June after 10 years of service. O'Hara joined the law school in 1981 and became dean in 1999.

She said 10 years was "the optimal length of time to serve in a dean," in a statement released on March 26.

"Like her predecessor, Dean O'Hara has been a powerful advocate for the School's being recognized as both a top flight law school nationally and as one that, in the Catholic tradition, invites serious and sustained consideration of the normative dimensions of the law," associate dean John Robinson said in April. "She has invested an enormous amount of time and an equal amount of intelligence and imagination in achieving that goal.

Some students questioned O'Hara's capabilities after the law school dropped from No. 22 to No. 28 last year in the U.S. News and World Report Law School rankings. The building is set to open for classes in the fall.

Clinton and Obama visit South Bend

Democratic presidential hopefuls Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton both visited South Bend as part of their campaign to win the Indiana primary. Obama spoke at Washington High School on April 9. He outlined his campaign plan for supporters and cited Martin Luther King Jr. as an inspiration for the reason he decided to run for office.

Clinton spoke at Cavelleski Stadium, home of the South Bend Silver Hawks, on April 10. She also told students that she had only met Obama four times in one-on-one debates and called for a revision of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

South Bend mayor Stephen Luke announced his support of Obama before Clinton kicked off her campaign. He outlined his "step-down plan for supporters and cited Martin Luther King Jr. as an inspiration for the reason he decided to run for office.

Clinton said she would end the war in Iraq and allow uninsured Americans to buy into the Congressional health care plan.

"It's good enough for members of Congress, it's good enough for every Hoosier and every American, and that you keep insurance if you have it, but if you don't you will be able to buy into it," Clinton said.

"Monologues" return to campus

Students perform Eve Ensler's controversial play "The Vagina Monologues" on campus after moving off-campus last year. Jenkins allowed the play to be performed on campus after receiving sponsorship from two academic departments. The performances must also include discussions after the play, analyzing the play from a Catholic perspective. Jenkins reaffirmed his decision this year.

Students report laptop thefts

Cavanaugh, Howard and Lyons halls was burglarized of cameras and wallets during the spring semester. The suspect would carry a bag and walk into unlocked rooms to take items.

NDSU director Phil Johnson said the suspect in those cases was identified by "several people" as a black male, between 5-foot-5 and 5-foot-8, who is a "penny tail or braid, possibly had or missing teeth and possibly facial stubble.

Jenkins was pleased with the students and what the 91st spot last Fall.

Saint Mary's security under scrutiny

To see our quality recognized, "College President Carol Ann Mooney said in a statement released on March 26.

The new tagline, "She's Saint Mary's campaign, "The College debuted a new branding initiative in October as a continuation of the 2006 identity initiative.

The identity initiative in an ongoing process to better understand and improve the image the College must present to students, families of prospective students and parents. The initiative was part of College President Carol Ann Mooney's inaugural platform to instill "Saint Mary's a nationally known institution of Academic Innovation, the Center for Spirituality and the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership. The new building offers state of the art classrooms, laboratory and office space. There are also a number of common areas where faculty and students can gather, such as a cafe, reflection and room patio.

SMC breaks into U.S. News and World Report rankings

Saint Mary's broke into the U.S. News & World Report rankings of the top 100 national liberal arts colleges in the nation for the first time, securing the 91st spot last Fall.

While the College was previously ranked the top liberal arts college in the region, it hadn't made the national rankings since 2006. The Princeton Review also recognized Saint Mary's as "Best Midwestern College for 2008."

"We've long known we can compete on a national level," said President Carolyn lamp. "We're focused on rigorous academic experience and the relationships students have with each other and with faculty. Those are things that they felt really strongly about as they look back on their experience."

Part of the reason the Saint Mary's admissions process was changed was "Educating Women, Transforming Society," was to help better communicate the benefits of the College in an effective manner, said Karen McDonald, then acting vice president of integrated marketing communications.

"People were just not hearing the benefits," she said. "Those have not changed. We just didn't communicate them correctly. This is a campaign to bring these characteristics and quality to the forefront."
Service important to ND valedictorian

Brother's battle with cancer provides inspiration for writing of senior's Commencement speech

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

Although Joshua Hammack, the class of 2008 valedictorian, earned GPA of 3.99, Zahn rector Corry Colonna said he filled his college career with more than just academics. "He's obviously well-rounded," Colonna said. "Everyone assumes he's a valedictorian," which comes from your GPA, but in Joshua's case, it really is the person he is.

While maintaining his grades, Hammack participated in a variety of activities, including Bengal Bouts, interhall basketball and soccer and the University admissions office's high school ambassador program. Hammack said he made time for all of the activities that he enjoyed during his years at Notre Dame.

"You just end up making time for the things that you want to do," he said. "You just have to find the balance for yourself and force yourself to do the things that are really important to you." He said.

Senior Chris Izaguirre, who knows Hammack from Zahn and Bengal Bouts, said his dedication extends to his athletics.

"He seems to find energy somewhere and is never too tired," he said.

In addition to athletics, Hammack's career service as a high priority has worked on projects such as I Promise for Life, mentoring and tutoring math at local high schools. At his home in Huntington, West Virginia, he volunteers at Nazareth House, where people can buy food and clothing that they cannot regularly afford.

Even with these time commitments, Hammack earned straight As at Notre Dame, except for one, and worked as a teaching assistant for business professor William Sexton for two years. Hammack also expanded his academic interest beyond his accounting major and said two of his most influential classes were Fiction Writing and Poetry Writing.

"They gave me a great opportunity to reflect on things and I believe and values that I hold and write about them," he said.

Hammack said he strove to achieve balance in college, incorporating faith, academics, service and athletics into his life. He added that his perception of this balance in Notre Dame students is what attracted him to the University.

During Hammack's sophomore year, he experienced the strength of the Notre Dame community when his brother, Sean, a current freshman in Zahn, battled cancer. Hammack said it was difficult to be far from his family during this time and that he had to go home for a week.

Senior Doug Vanderel, a friend of Hammack's, remembers Hammack's role as a veteran from freshman year through junior year, and how he still maintained his work ethic, despite the family crisis he faced.

"I was very impressed with how he handled his school work," Vanderel said.

According to Hammack, Sean's battle with cancer was one of the experiences he drew from to write his graduation speech, and it was inspired by "unrelenting faith and hope beyond hope that things were going to get better, in spite of what doctors were telling us."

After graduation, Hammack will serve for one year, possibly in a teaching position with AmeriCorps. He said he plans to eventually attend law school and become a corporate lawyer, but that he feels this is the best time in his life to work for a service organization.

"If I do end up going to law school, that's going to pile on more loans and more responsibilities," he said. "Service is very important to me, so I think I'm seizing the opportunity at its best."

In addition to law, Hammack said he also wishes to become a published author, and he has begun writing a novel based off his experience of having a sibling with cancer. He said he hopes his story will encourage readers who are struggling through situations similar to his.

"If someone can see that someone has a relatable experience, that's another source of hope," he said. "When you're fighting cancer, that's all you can ask for."

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Seniors reflect on their brief four-year stay

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

When they first came to Notre Dame, seniors brought with them ideas of what to expect from the school and a few concerns about the experiences to come.

"I was afraid that I was going to be a little fish in a big pond," senior Michael Schaefer said. However, he found that dorm life made the transition to college easier and allowed him to meet people and find a "sense of community."

"I remember as a freshman, Dillon Hall did such a good job of having us go to the pep rallies together and play sports together," he said.

The reputation of Notre Dame's science department and the atmosphere of campus drew senior Julio Noriega to the school. As a South Bend resident, Noriega also said the fact that Notre Dame attracts students nationally and internationally appealed to him.

"I was very excited about being with people from all fifty states and twenty countries," he said. Tim Luebbert anticipated a good football season, along with friends that would be influential in his life.

"I expected to meet good people who could... be a moral foundation, ethical foundation for the rest of my life," Luebbert said.

Surprises and Challenges

As they made their way through Notre Dame, seniors encountered surprising and challenging experiences both inside and outside of the classroom.

Noriega said after attending a diverse public high school, it felt strange to be in an environment that was less diverse. In terms of academics, students and professors impressed Noriega as well.

"Academically, I was really surprised by how smart people are here," he said. He added that he was generally surprised by the friendliness of professors.

Many seniors agreed that finding time to take advantage of all Notre Dame has to offer has been challenging.

"There's so many amazing things going on here, so many ways that you can fill a day," Hartnett said.

Memories

"One thing I've learned is that it's okay to be a little off balance," he said. Hartnett has been consistently taken aback by "how aggressive alumni are with getting to you know you."

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Andrew Hartnett said the sense of community makes students feel part of something bigger than themselves.

"There really is kind of a pervading feeling in this place," he said.

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SMC valedictorian to continue research

By MANDI STIRONE
Assistant News Editor

Saint Mary's 2008 valedictorian, Lesley Anne Weaver, said she began working towards the honor as a freshman, when she was stunned when told she received it.

"At Saint Mary's I had the opportunity to know a lot of brilliant women so I was surprised," she said.

The political science and social work double major, with a minor in mathematics, earned a 3.97 grade point average over her four years at the College, according to a press release.

"I'm really happy that all my hard work paid off," she said. "I'm kind of nervous about my speech but I think overall I'm happy about it."

She was heavily involved in activities at Saint Mary's including being a writing center tutor, co-chairing service initiatives for the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and serving as treasurer of the Pacific Islander and Asian Club, according to the press release.

Her volunteer work with the Children's Dispensary and as the co-coordinator of Friends with Students as well as her Social Work Field Practicum internships at Senator Evan Bayh's Office and Covering Kids and Families of Indiana, helped to reaffirm her "passion for health, health care and disadvantaged rights," she said.

She said the passion comes from people she who has met and spoke with.

"I think I've always been interested in politics," she said.

After graduation, Weaver is attending the University of Minnesota in the Hubert Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs to pursue a Master's in Public Policy with a dual concentration in Social Policy and Advanced Policy Analysis Methods.

She then plans to pursue a doctorate in either Political Science or Public Policy. The main objective of the doctorate will be "in order to explore how social welfare policies affect social problems and how social problems shape the passage and implementation of policies," Weaver said in the press release.

She hopes to continue to do research on the topics of social inequity and social welfare regardless of where it might take her career.

"I really want to do research, if that takes me to Washington D.C. that's great if it takes me to a large university that's fine," Weaver said.

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College honors multiethnic seniors

Graduating students received gift from diversity clubs, Board of Trustees and residence hall directors.

By MANDI STIRONE
Assistant News Editor

Saint Mary's held its first annual gift to Multiethnic Celebration on Saturday, May 3 to commemorate the 11 graduating multiethnic seniors.

Alumni, faculty members of the College's multiethnic clubs and some students attended the event held in Dallaway's Coffee House.

The graduating seniors were presented with a gift from the diversity clubs and a gift from the Student Diversity Board (SDB) and each wore a black stole with embroidered symbols in multi-colored thread over their graduation gown.

Junior Christy Romo presided over the ceremony and the gifts were presented by directors of Multicultural Affairs Larisa Glin-Ortiz. Speakers included Vice president for Student Affairs Karen Johnson and former student body president Kim Hodges and Tyra Jackson, a 1999 African-American alumna and Director of Development for the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech.

In her opening speech, Johnson congratulated and thanked the seniors for their dedication and hard work over the past years.

"I want to thank you for the courage that you've had," she said. "We're very proud of you.

If people reflected on her activities and projects at Saint Mary's, "This event is truly a dream come true for me," she said. "It is a representation of community and even more so a celebration for people I consider to be family."

She also talked about the accomplishments of the other students being honored at the celebration and expressed thankfulness for her own triumphs at the College.

"It was all worth the sacrifice and I would do it all again," she said.

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Kim Hodges
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For those of you who are graduating seniors, I hope that your time at Notre Dame has been fruitful, that you are leaving the University not only with a superb education but also with wonderful friends who will be part of your life long after Commencement. I pray also that your years at Notre Dame have allowed you to nurture your relationship with God and created in you the desire to turn your gifts to the service of God’s people. Wherever life’s journey may lead, you are likely to encounter fellow Notre Dame alumni who are working to improve their corner of the world, in every imaginable profession and field of endeavor. We take enormous pride in all of the ways our graduates contribute to and serve their families, the Church, and society, and I am confident that you too will be part of this rich heritage of service.

For those of you receiving graduate or professional degrees, I hope that you will carry with you the best of our traditions as they relate to your discipline. We are certain that you will represent Notre Dame well, not only through your professional accomplishments but also by your commitment to justice and adherence to ethical standards. I wish you much success in all of your endeavors.

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By EMMA DRISCOLL

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Father Mark Thesing served hall for six years, will be missed by dorm residents

By BECKY HOGAN

Father Mark Thesing will step down as rector of Keenan Hall and will take a new position as Business Manager in the University's Office of Student Affairs.

Thesing said his new position as Business Manager will be a more permanent position, which necessitated that he step down as rector of Keenan Hall. The position as rector of Keenan since 2002 and said he enjoyed working with the men of Keenan Hall.

"There was a wonderful time working with men of Keenan and being involved with all the things Keenan does from Frosh-O to the Keenan Beve," he said. "I'm happy to be a part of that and happy I've worked with so many Keenan guys who have spent their years there.

"Keenan was a positive place to be, and the men of Keenan were always filled with energy." "Keenan is one of the best halls on campus, and I enjoyed all of the energy that the Hall staff had along with the Hall government in organizing and putting together activities and events. It provided a real place to live where something is always happening," Thesing said. There is always something going on when being rector of Keenan meant that he had to help students as they faced the challenges of college life.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to be here as they continue to go through the challenges of being college students," he said. He also said there were some aspects of the position that were challenging, especially when it came to disciplinary issues.

"There were days where you knew you were being a rector and not the head of someone who was just not going to work," said Thesing. "I did not like having to deal with students who are unwilling to address issues in their lives, or who are unwilling to make changes that would be appropriate," Thesing said.

Senior J.J. Cappa said Thesing has been a mentor to him during his time in Keenan Hall. "Father Mark has always been a mentor to me. There's really nobody who can help you develop your strengths when you're in a dorm hall," said Cappa.

Cappa also said Thesing was an invaluable part of the many traditions celebrated during dorm events such as the Keenan Beve, an annual comedy show that put on a campus life and pop culture.

"It was the Keenan Beve producer in 2007 and that's something you can't do without Father Cappa," he said. "That was really key in getting this going." Cappa also said that he really enjoyed the rector's role and that filling his shoes will be a struggle.

"Everybody who is living in Keenan Hall is going to miss them," said Father Mark as their rector and I know that Keenan has been great for Father Mark because we all want to do our best and we're really happy to have worked with him.

Cappa also said that Father Mark had a role in building the community in the dorm.

"I have always been very welcome and always made you feel like you could go to him and talk to him about anything. He was the one who always tried to give everyone the benefit of the doubt," said Cappa.

Wheeland also said Thesing played a major role in building the community in the hall.

"I remember the beginning of this year a freshman's father passed away and he was so upset. He came in here and I always tried to give everyone the benefit of the doubt," said Wheeland.

Additionally, Wheeland said the rector has been influential in changing dorm life.

"I feel like next year will be a learning process for everyone. The Keenan Beve might be different, and it will be interesting to see if traditions that he has come up with continue," Wheeland said.

One tradition that Thesing kept alive during his time as rector of Keenan Hall was the tradition of giving a commencement address. He made sure that he and the RA's would always try to make sure that other Keenanites could study during finals.

"I was always involved in projects in Keenan — and he made it really easy to get things done and make plans (projected)," Cappa said.

"He gave us whatever we needed to make the show as great as possible," Cappa said. Thesing said often went above and beyond the call of duty.

"There's a lot Father Mark did I have never heard of doing (rectors doing)," said Cappa.

Cavanaugh gave an example of how he kept the most remarkable things about Thesing was his influence on the Keenan Beve. A lot of things that had been done in the Beve had been specifically about the computer programming and computer systems that had been influential in the Beve. Thesin was the first woman chosen for the A.T. "I never thought about doing this job," said Wheeland.

"I'm really going to miss him next year," Cavanaugh said. "He was the first woman chosen for the A.T. Turing Award for the first time, and I am excited that he will be able to teach at the University of California, San Diego and help people.

"He was always really great and one of the best things that people do in the dorm was that he made sure that everyone who had ordered carpeted ahead of time had them laid down in their beds before they arrived.

"He was always very reliable and always made you feel like you could go to him and talk to him about anything. He was the one who always tried to give everyone the benefit of the doubt," said Wheeland.

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Chelsea Clinton campaigns at SMC on eve of Ind. primary

By BILL BRINK

Chelsea Clinton discussed her mother's health care and education plans and told the audience that her mother would make a better president than her father did on May 5 in the Saint Mary's student center.

Speaking during a study break for students on the eve of the Indiana primary, Clinton, a former Democrat Party senatorial candidate for president, was "more prepared than her father," she was when he was president.

"She's lived and worked in the White House and lived and worked in the Senate," Chelsea said. "She experienced the enormous challenges..."

Hillary Clinton won the Indiana primary as expected, but by a slim margin: she received 31 percent of the votes to Senator Barack Obama's 49 percent.

Although the event was a question-and-answer session, Chelsea steered most of her responses towards health care and education reform.

"The health care premi­um rose almost 100 percent over the last seven years," she said. "This is outrageous."

To combat this, Chelsea said Hillary wants to drop the price of health insurance premiums to about 55 percent of what they are now. Hillary also plans to allow people to buy into the Congressional health care plan to lower the number of uninsured Americans.

"More than 100 million Americans, at some point in 2008, won't have insurance," Chelsea said. "Hillary's still fighting for what she knows we have to do in our country." Chelsea said Americans were more likely to die without health insurance, and that risky people who the uninsured person was a woman or a minority.

Aside from health care, Chelsea said, Hillary sees other problems in the medical field inhibiting the advancement of health care. The pharmaceu­tical companies, Chelsea said, have not taken the cor­rect approach to children's medication. She gave the example of a 10-year-old who pharmaceutical companies called an adult and accordingly gave him half of the medication an adult would receive. Hillary wrote a law that passed through a bipartisan Congress and "shamed" President Bush into signing it.

Chelsea Clinton plans to extend aid to students in college only if they help pay off loans. Any loans in excess of $3,500, Chelsea said, would be forgiven. To pay for this service, Clinton plans to reinstate the tax on citizens who work over seven million dol­lars in-family assets. This would affect 0.3 percent of the population, Chelsea said, but create eight billion dollars of federal revenue.

Hillary's revision of the edu­cation system, Chelsea said, focuses on public education as well. To start, Chelsea said, Hillary wants to get rid of the No Child Left Behind act on the grounds that it inspires lower standards in public schools.

"It incentivizes schools to lower standards because it awards money based on beat­ting self-set standards," Chelsea said.

Chelsea Clinton wants to start reform with three-year-olds, Chelsea said, and expand Early Start programs, which help educate children from under­privileged families. She hopes this will put children on a level playing field by the time they get to kindergarten.

As part of public education reform, Chelsea said, Hillary wants to improve school sup­plies such as textbooks. Chelsea said Hillary saw a textbook in a school in upstate New York with the sentence, "Sometime we will send a man to the moon."

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Chelsea Clinton campaigns for her mother, Sen. Hillary Clinton, on May 5, at Saint Mary's Student Center.

Miller will be missed at commencement ceremonies

Math professor, softball coach dies after six-month battle with cancer; daughter will graduate from Saint Mary's

By LIZ HARTER

The Saint Mary's community has continued to pay tribute to former chair of the department of mathematics and professor Donald E. Miller since he died Sunday, April 13, in his home after a six­month battle with cancer.

Miller, 67, was a math­ematics at the College since 1967 and chaired the department since 1997. He was assistant coach of the Billies softball team, a position he took over in the 2000-2001 year. He also served as the faculty advisor for the team, helping them to keep up with their majors, grades and other scholastic matters.

He also served as the marsh­al at Commencement ceremonies for more than two decades.

"Don was the ideal College mar­shall," Commencement Committee Chair Susan Dampere said in a statement. "The [event] is consistently beautiful, dignified and flawless because of his attention to detail. He loved the cere­mony and understood its significance in the lives of our students and their families. It is hard to imagine Commencement without him."

His daughter, Laura, is gradu­ating with a degree in music education this year.

"I hope people realize that even though they can't see his white beard and smiling face leading the procession for as long as I can remember, and not having him marching right along side me as a graduate, I will still be there."

"I hope people realize that even though they can't see his white beard and smiling face leading the procession this year, he will be there, proudly watching over us, and in all our hearts and minds."

Laura Miller, Miller's daughter, SMC senior

"I'm sure I'll be able to find comfort in knowing that even though he isn't marching on the ground, wearing that white beard and smiling sash that my grandmother made for him, he will be marching right alongside me," she said.

"He was the type who'd been handing out purple ribbons, the symbol of pan­creatic cancer, to his classmates to wear underneath their gradu­ation robes since they aren't allowed to wear anything extra on top of them."

"I hope people realize that even though he is not leading the procession he will still be there."

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Lauren Miller, Miller's daughter, SMC senior

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Best wishes in your future endeavors.
We carp about partisanship. We bemoan the lack of civility in discussions of food at seniors week events. We grumble about the computer clusters and GFT. We even protest the placement of cheese in the dining hall.

If a scriptwriter came to Notre Dame on the wrong day, he'd have the title of a blockbuster movie in mind: "The Great Complainers." For all that we have, we can be a bit selfish and annoying at times. The appropriate term may be self-centered. We're always, but certainly much too much, and this isn't about the institution; it's about us. And I include myself among the worst offenders.

But there are two things we can think about that can change from relatively spinal twitches to support and positivity that Notre Dame graduates should be. One, we can make a difference. Every one of us has problems, every place has its issues. But we can help effect change. It takes effort, it takes persistence and it takes time. But it can be done.

We can be a part of the solution to problems that annoy us, and we can be a force for good anywhere we work or live. It's easy to whine and complain about things that seem to be pointless and annoying. I know from experience, it's harder to take the time to contact people in charge of building services, maintenance, landscaping services, etc. Making something better rarely occurs without effort. If we all pitch in when we can — in a positive, productive manner — we can make changes that benefit everybody.

2. Remember the answer to this question: Where would you rather be? Where is professing your faith not just a First Amendment right but rather a encouraged part of life? We're at a Catholic school where a Muslim football player named Ryan Harris felt more comfortable living his religion than at secular schools because our ethos is to respect faithfulness, not shut it up.

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It's true: I grew up appreciating the extent of that loyalty when my roommate told of how Rudy again, whether at the Backer next fall or in some far-flung locale, we'll each give other the secret handshake.

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The Observer is the independent, daily newspaper published to print and online by the students of the University of Notre Dame du Lac and Saint Mary's College in northern Indiana. We've walked around the world. Some of us come from the limited quantities of food at senior commons. I'm not many can say yes to all. Remember the answer to this question: Where would you rather be? Where is professing your faith not just a First Amendment right but rather a encouraged part of life? We're at a Catholic school where a Muslim football player named Ryan Harris felt more comfortable living his religion than at secular schools because our ethos is to respect faithfulness, not shut it up.

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It's still Notre Dame to me

Joey King

Sports Editor Emeritus

I’ll never forget the cheers of the crowd as I stepped at that end zone at the Rose Bowl last fall.

Of course, I wasn’t wearing a football uniform when I was yelling — I was just trying to get from the crowd of reporters surrounding Charlie Weis to the foot of the stands.

The Irish players were celebrating the first win of the season. But seriously, I can’t even imagine that I had to be any more of a hindrance. I don’t realize that we have a fighting chance.

So I suppose all we can do is try to create something we’ve never experienced before. I’ve never been one to have a fighting chance. I’ve never been one to have a fighting chance. I’ve never been one to have a fighting chance.

That wasn’t the only once-in-a-lifetime event that happened to me over the last four years. When I graduated, there’s no way I would have believed what I got to do while at Notre Dame.

I sat courthouse at two NCAA tournaments — one of the first, one, a Chicago sportswriter wrote a column boasting that Luke Harangody would take his frustration over losing to Wofford out on me. I got carried away during a live national-television football game. A Notre Dame student — and it earned me two weeks of hate mail and made me infamous.

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**Question of the Day:** What was your favorite Notre Dame experience during these past four years?

- **Meghan Jeho**
  - Cavanagh, Tuam, County Galway, Ireland
  - "Graduating."  
  - Lewis Lewis  
  - Leavenworth, Wash.  
  - "Dancing on top of the St. Ed's terrace, and getting yelled at by Notre."  
  - Alexandra Persley  
  - Lewis Kansas City, Mo.  
  - "Waking up with mulch on my face after a night at Club 23."  
  - Ashley House  
  - Houlton, Charlotte, N.C.  
  - "Cross-country skiing on the golf course."  
  - Elijah Pearce  
  - Squier, Savannah, Ga.  
  - "Watching the bite it in a small trap, while cross-country skiing on the golf course."  
  - Patrick Brown  
  - Morrissey, Winter Park, Fla.  
  - "The Zibi's 2009 punk return, USA 2005."  

**Question of the Day:** What are your plans for the future?

- **Joshua Kempf**  
  - NBC, Los Angeles, Calif.  
  - "Investment banking, traveling the world one bag at a time."  
  - Pat Reddy  
  - Scrin, Greensville, Va.  
  - "Trying to be Ted Hesburgh."  
  - Pavan Sadanandam  
  - St. Louis, St. Louis  
  - "I'm going to be a sophomore assistant in the Caribbean."  
  - Sarah Walter  
  - Hamptons, N.Y.  
  - "Living on my friend's couches."  
  - Josh Morris  
  - Squier, Columbus, Ohio  
  - "We med school South Bend campus. Two more years of power, I'll be the guy in a white coat."  
  - Nate Serazio  
  - Siegfried, Dayton, Ohio  
  - "Med school at Northwestern, coming back to see you at Favre every Thursday. See you there, Favre."
QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SOUTH BEND MEMORY?

Ji Yoon Sim
Caronanagh, Seoul, Korea

“My volunteer work at the homeless shelter. Becoming a part of the community was such an enriching experience.”

Dustin Mennella
Seattle, Wash.

“Scotch eggs and Irish music at Fiddler’s Hearth.”

Peter Tober
Morrison, N.C.

“Hearing Miley Cyrus come on at the Barker.”

Dan Tober

“I intramural baseball at Boehrln Park. Because it was nice to get off-campus for something other than a party.”

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR NOTRE DAME EXPERIENCE IN THREE WORDS??

Matt Lucel
Morrissey
Fairborn, Mass.

“Tender loving care.”

Steph Lewis
Off campus
Denver, Int.

“Findie’s dance parties.”

Michael Luftau
O’Neill
Hudson, Ohio

“Windchill, frostbite, hypothermia.”

Matt Mudock
Alumni
Anchorage, Ala.

“Father George Hazan.”

Chris Babcock
Alumni
Cincinnati, Ohio

“God, country, Notre Dame.”

Nick Kluesner
Morrison
Avery, Iowa

“Pants down Enrique.”
ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Squad falls to Miami, Buck and Tefft invited to NCAAs

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

The 2008 season ended for Notre Dame last week at the NCAA Tournament Regionals. Notre Dame (12-9) defeated Florida International in the first round but fell in the regional final to No. 1 Miami (22-1). 

The Irish battled through a tough test from FIU that included multiple rain delays and less than optimal court conditions. The Irish triumphed 4-3, winning the decisive fourth point over eight hours after the match’s scheduled 2 p.m. start. “It was a lot better than we thought it would be. They had six good singles players, and we really had to play well to win,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “We got off the court Friday night at 10 and that didn’t help us a lot for Saturday against Miami.”

Miami started strong by snapping Notre Dame’s 17-match winning streak and doubles point win streak. Freshman Kristen Rafael earned her first career NCAA Tournament win alongside sophomore Kali Shank at No. 3 doubles. But sophomores Colleen Rielley and Cosmina Ciobanu fell at No. 2 and, the top pair of senior Brook Buck and junior Kelcy Tefft lost 8-6. Miami scored three singles victories before any Irish players could take a match. Buck and Tefft fell in two-set matches to give FIU the 4-0 sweep.

Louderback wishes that his team could have taken the doubles point as Olympus and Krisik were leading in their singles matches when the Irish were eliminated. “Miami’s No. 1 (doubles) team is really good, but I was disappointed we couldn’t take either of those top two doubles matches, especially after winning at No. 3. It was going to be a tight match, so not getting that doubles point killed us because you need to win it against the good teams,” Louderback said.

Despite being eliminated early, Louderback was pleased with the effort and performance staying strong through the end of the season. “We did a lot better than in previous years playing up to our ability,” he said. “Our kids were really going after it in practice at the end. This year they didn’t slack off in practice at all and that helped us finish strongly.”

Even though the team’s season is over, Buck and Tefft will play on. The pair was invited to play in the NCAA Doubles Tournament, and Tefft will represent Notre Dame in the singles tournament as well.

Buck and Tefft are seeded No. 3 in the 32-team tournament, and the pair was named the national indoor championship this past fall.

“There’s five or six teams in doubles with a good shot to win, and (Buck and Teff) are definitely one of them,” Louderback said.

Tefft goes into the 4-4-person tournament unseeded, but he has been ranked as high as No. 38 in singles this year.

“It would be great experience at that tournament because that’s some really tough players. Kelsey had a bad blister and a sore wrist at the end of the season, so some rest before it will be good for her,” Louderback said.

Buck and Tefft will finish the season at a neutral site but in front of a home crowd.

“They’re both Oklahoma natives so they’re going to have a lot of fans to cheer on,” Louderback said.

The Irish will only lose the two seniors, Parbhu and Roth. The team will look to continue the winning tradition at Notre Dame with more experience.

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Irish junior Santiago Montoya also played a large role at No. 2 doubles late in the season.

“We felt that a doubles change needed to be made,” Buck said. “A doubles team is like a marriage. It can either go well, but after a while things can just fizzle out.”

Irish senior Brook Buck returns a shot during Notre Dame’s 7-0 home win over Marquette on April 13.

MEN’S TENNIS

Parbhu, Helgeson lead young team to Tourney

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

With six freshman starters, the Irish continued the program’s storied success this season under head coach Bobby Bayliss.

The Irish were led in singles and doubles by junior Brett Call and sophomore Kirk Krisik in No. 3 doubles. But sophomores Colleen Rielley and Cosmina Ciobanu, who teamed with senior Sheeva Parbhu as the No. 1 doubles team, Parbhu also was the No. 2 singles player that contributed to many wins.

“Parbhu and Helgeson are a strong doubles team,” Bayliss said prior to the NCAA tournament. “They have adapted, and are learning to work better together and know that they can rely on each other.”

While the Irish lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament this season, they finished with a 16-11 record in 2008, and an undefeated record against conference opponents.

The Irish were also able to capture the Big East Conference Championship for the fifth time in six years.

En route to the Big East Championship the Irish defeated Villanova, DePaul, and the University of South Florida.

“We have a very tough schedule,” Bayliss said. “We will face six out of the top-8 teams in the country this season.”

Also early in the season the Irish were able to capture many 4-3 matches early in the season which helped boost their record and ranking. The Irish rose as high as No. 9 this season in the national rankings.

“We won many 4-3 matches early in the season,” Bayliss said. “That is what helped our ranking. We had a rough patch later in the season, but still were able to maintain a good record.”

One of the big 4-3 wins for the Irish came over the Duke Blue Devils on Feb. 3. The No. 11 Irish defeated the No. 15 Blue Devils. Behind Helgeson and Parbhu in the singles lineup was fellow senior Andrew Roth.

Both who had battled injuries throughout his career was able to pull through the season and come up with some big wins for the Irish.

“We had battles in all of his matches,” Bayliss said. “Once he sets his teeth into a match he doesn’t let go. He is a solid fighter.”

Irish featured many freshmen in both the singles and doubles lineups.

Parbhu played a great game in his singles matches when he was healthy. He helped us in the long run,” Bayliss said. “Hopefully the experience will help us in the long run.”

Sometimes a coach wants the players to mature faster than the players want to. Bayliss said, “Our goal is to finish out our talk with the Gerber people soon.”

Junior Santiago Montoya also played in his first tournament because there’s not much time before any Irish players could play in any tournament.

“The Irish have a lot of talent,” Bayliss said. “We’ll both have lots of fans.”

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Feb. 5, 2007

You probably don't need another reason to avoid the library, but it's flooded with sh** right now. Sorry.

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The Badlin 24-hour lounge will also be closed because a pipe burst there last night (if you know what I mean).
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MEN’S LACROSSE
Irish edge Colgate in OT to keep season alive

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

The Irish lost 9-8 on a Denver goal with nine seconds left. As for the double-figures win, it came in a must-win the last game of the GWLL season against Ohio State.

We need to win this game,” Corrigan said before the match-up with the Buckeyes. “If we win this game, we’ll be the No. 1 seed going into the [GWLL] tournament this weekend. If we lose this game we’re going have to beat [OSU] and Denver in the tournament next weekend.

Sure enough, with the 17-12 win over the Buckeyes, the Irish clinched the No. 1 seed in the tournament, which they won handily for their 11th GWLL title. The win also earned Notre Dame a spot in the NCAA Tournament for the 13th time in program history.

This past Sunday, the NCAA Tournament came to South Bend, and the Irish welcomed it in dramatic fashion. After losing 7-5 with 4:23 left, the team stormed back behind goals by sophomore attacker Neil Hicks, senior attacker Michael Podgajny and a thrilling goal by senior field-er Peter Christman to seal the win with 1:28 left in overtime.

All year the Irish have been coming in a must-win the last game of the season. Notre Dame looked to go on the attack immediately, trying to establish strong momentum. The Irish outscored their opponents 23-21 in the first quarter as a part of a 197-109 overall margin.

Corrigan said this was not solely an offensive effort.

“Defensively we’ve established ourselves as a very solid group,” he said. “Off of the games we lost, one was by a goal, one by two goals, and we held every opponent but one under double figures.

Those two losses came in a close 8-6 game at North Carolina on March 8 and a heartbreaker against Denver at Toyota Park in Chicago, which the Irish lost 9-8 on a Denver goal with nine seconds left. As for the double-figures win, it came in a must-win the last game of the GWLL season against Ohio State.

“We wanted to win our league again and get back to the Tournament. We felt like if we got there, we’d be a team to be reckoned with.”

Kevin Corrigan
Irish coach

Top-ranked Northwestern ends brief Tournament run

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame’s season made history, as junior Jillian Byers broke the program’s career scoring record and the Irish became the first women’s team to compete in the NCAA Women’s Lacrosse Tournament.

But the nation’s top team, three-time defending champions on Northwestern, didn’t care about any of that, ending Notre Dame’s season Monday with a 15-7 victory in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

“We were excited to play Northwestern because we faced them earlier in the season,” assistant coach Meredith Simon said. “They’re the best team in the country right now, so it doesn’t get much more exciting than competing against the top team. Even though it wasn’t our ideal choice to play them in the first round, we know we’d probably have to face them eventually.

Irish edge Colgate in OT to keep season alive

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

Though their season still goes on, the Irish still have a lot to be proud of in 2008. The Irish (14-2, 4-1 GWLL) outscored their opponents 53-21 in the first quarter of a 197-109 overall margin.

The Irish were fortunate to have her back because she’s definitely the heart of our attack,” Simon said. “Hailing her a senior and step up into a leadership role next year will be awesome for us.”

McKinney (38 goals, 25 assists) led a senior class that also received key contributions from Heather Ferguson (18 goals, 11 assists) and defensive stalwart and co-captain Becky Banas.

“The senior class was great. They were the glue that kept the team together,” Simon said. “They were very unified as a group and were always willing to put the team first to work together as a class to help our team through all the challenges.”

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Women’s Lacrosse

Top-ranked Northwestern ends brief Tournament run

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame’s season made history, as junior Jillian Byers broke the program’s career scoring record and the Irish became the first women’s team to compete in the NCAA Women’s Lacrosse Tournament.

But the nation’s top team, three-time defending champions on Northwestern, didn’t care about any of that, ending Notre Dame’s season Monday with a 15-7 victory in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

“We were excited to play Northwestern because we faced them earlier in the season,” assistant coach Meredith Simon said. “They’re the best team in the country right now, so it doesn’t get much more exciting than competing against the top team. Even though it wasn’t our ideal choice to play them in the first round, we know we’d probably have to face them eventually.

so why not in the first round?” Head coach Tracy Guynn was not available for comment.

The Irish werefortunate to even qualify for the tournament after losing a heart-breaking 15-14 triple-overtime decision to Georgetown in the semifinals of the Big East tournament — held in Notre Dame Stadium.

Any awe or excitement at playing in the stadium the Irish had was replaced by the sting of allowing the Hoyas to overcome an 8-1 deficit and eventually win in sudden death. Notre Dame was deter-}

161 career goals against Duke and finished her junior campaign with 179. Byers was joined by senior captain Caitlin McKinney (38 goals, 25 assists) as a first-team all-Big East selection.

“Jill’s awesome. We’re excited to have her back because she’s definitely the heart of our attack,” Simon said. “Hailing her a senior and step up into a leadership role next year will be awesome for us.”

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Belles finish even overall, in conference play

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
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Coming off a 12-13 season and returning only one starter, the Saint Mary's basketball team came into 2008 with a large set of challenges ahead of it.

As the year wore on, roadblocks kept popping up for the Belles. Coach Jennifer Henley started the season on maternity leave, then they lost three key contributors at the guard position (sophomores Mary Lynn Carlson and Patty Duffy and freshman Liz Cronin) to injuries, and they had to play Hope, the nation's top-ranked team in Div. III, three times in the course of the year.

"I think this team learned how to keep their composure and how to handle adversity," Henley said. "There were a lot of times that things could have fallen apart, but this team stuck together. I give them all the credit, and I am very proud of how much our returning players matured and our young athletes stepped up."

Despite these numerous obstacles, the team rallied together to a 13-13 overall record, including an 8-8 record in the MIAA.

To what did Henley attribute her team's triumph in the face of so many difficulties?

"I think we had great team chemistry this season," she said. "And that was the heart of our success. We normally found a way to score when we had to, but we did have some shortcomings in our team defense as the season went along. We saw big improvements in our rebounding efforts, which was one of the areas we needed to improve prior to the season."

Much of this rebounding came from junior forward Erin Newsom and sophomore forward Anna Kammrath. The two led the team with 229 and 203 rebounds, respectively, on the season, averaging 8.8 and 7.8 boards per game. The success on the glass was also reflected in the team's season stats: the Belles out-rebounded their opponents 1039 to 993 on the season, for a plus-1.8 per-game ratio.

All of these combined efforts became very important late in the year, as the Belles were forced to make a three-game run to clinch a spot in the MIAA playoffs, which they did with home wins over Kalamazoo, Adrian and Olivet. No. 1 Hope, who beat the Belles 82-65 in the tournament semifinals, ended Saint Mary's season.

Senior guard Alison Kessler provided a strong and consistent presence for the team, averaging 20.4 points, 5.4 rebounds, and 3 assists per game. Near the end of the year, Kessler broke the career scoring record, eclipsing 1996-grad Jennie Taubenheim's old record of 1,533 and setting the new mark at 1,628.

Kessler was recently named MIAA Most Valuable Player, Great Lakes Region Player of the Year and a member of the Second Team All-American by D3hoops.com, all firsts for a Saint Mary's player.

But Kessler's efforts, while stellar, were supported by equally strong performances from several other Belles as four Saint Mary's starters averaged over nine points per game in 2008—Kessler (20.4), Newsom (11.3), junior guard Katie Rashid (9.9), and Kammrath (9.2).

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Team's magical run ends in national title loss

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame's path to the best finish in school history, as national runners-up, could be summarized by the program's biggest win: a 3-4 overtime thriller over CCHA rival and top-seeded Michigan in the Frozen Four semifinals on April 10.

The Irish opened the season with a 16-4-0 start, including a nine-game win streak heading into Christmas break. Against the Wolverines, the Irish jumped out to a 3-0 lead with a dominant first period on goals from freshman Calle Ridderwall, senior captain Mark Van Guilder and sophomore Ryan Thang. But as they did in the second half of the regular season, going 8-11-4 before the NCAA Tournament, the Irish relinquished their early momentum against Michigan, giving up three unanswered goals to tie the game before eventually trading tallies to send the game, at 4-4, to overtime.

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And despite almost giving it all away, as the Irish nearly did before sneaking into the Tournament as the last at-large team, Notre Dame overcame its own shortcomings in beating the Wolverines 3-4 in overtime, thanks to Ridderwall's game-winner — his second of the game and just his fourth of the season.

"I think that the way we finished is definitely the most important thing," third-year coach Jeff Jackson said. "It's not about the beginning or the middle, it's about the end, and getting there at the end is a real tribute to our kids... We think that the end is a good reflection on what we could be."

The Michigan win was huge for the Irish in that they were able to avenge not only a pair of regular season losses to the Wolverines, but also to overcome their struggles in overtime — they had lost or tied their previous six — and one-goal games — they had lost three of their last four.

Though Notre Dame's season ended with a 4-1 loss to Boston College in the national championship game, its journey to the Frozen Four Denver, Colo. — the first in school history — sent a message to the rest of the country: the Irish have arrived.

"It took all the time trying about trying to build a championship-caliber team, and you've got to play well enough to get there. That's the key," Jackson said. "That's a real positive thing for our program, to go from the year we had the year prior, to this year, showing some level of consistency as being one of the best teams in the country, is a huge step for our program while providing a calming presence between the Notre Dame posts.

"Our guys knew that their season was on the line. They quit worrying about whatever it was, they just put their mind to not allowing the season to end."

Jeff Jackson, Irish coach

The Irish responded by returning to early season form, scoring seven goals — something they hadn't done since the final game of their pre-Christmas win streak — in a 7-3 thrashing of the Wildcats.

"As a coach, you always have that belief that you can do it," Jackson said. "It's just a matter of playing at that level. We showed signs of playing at that level at times throughout the season, and it was just a matter of putting it all together."

The Irish did just that, getting all-star efforts from the likes of Van Guilder, who was named the NCAA West Regional MVP, and junior Christian Hanson, who scored three goals in the two regional games. Sophomore Kevin Deeth also scored a goal in each of the Frozen Four games.

Junior goaltender Jordan P也不例外，who was named the CCHA's goalie of the year over standouts like Michigan's Billy Sauer and Michigan State's Jeff Lerg, quietly outdueled his counterparts as he had all season while providing a calming presence between the Notre Dame posts.

"Just based on the returning guys, we should have a good hockey team, especially if we learn some lessons from how we played in the NCAA Tournament."

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"It seemed Notre Dame's season would die in Detroit, as the Irish headed into the weekend expecting that they needed to win at least once to secure an NCAA berth. They lost a heartbreaking 2-1 overtime game in which Miami (Ohio) tied the game with just three seconds to play in regulation. The next night, in the consolation game, the favored Irish fell to Northern Michigan by the same score.

"You've got to make the tournament, you've got to get to Joe Louis," Jackson said. "You have to put yourself in position for that championship and our team did that... It's something we aspire to do every year, but things have to go in a positive direction."

"If we could play that way on a consistent basis, we could have an extremely good team."

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Senior captain Mark Van Guilder skates toward the net during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Ferris State on March 16.

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HOCKEY

Sophomore center Kevin Deeth handles the puck between two Boston College defenders during the Golden Eagles' 4-1 victory in the national championship game April 12 in Denver, Colo.
Irish move past slow start, advance to Final Four

By FRAN TOLAN
Associated Press Editor

After a slow start uncharacteristic of the Notre Dame program, the Irish caught fire and rode their hot streak all the way to the semifinals of the NCAA Tournament.

When the team dropped a home match to Penn State on Sept. 23, it fell to 3-4-1 and the No. 24 spot in the national rankings. In the loss, Irish junior striker Kerri Hanks scored for the fourth straight game but it was not enough. After the Irish fell to Florida State in the College Cup semifinals to end the season, Irish coach Randy Waldrum said his team had realized it could not allow itself any more setbacks like the one against the Nittany Lions.

"It was to a point in the season when we could not afford to lose any more," Waldrum said.

Notre Dame displayed its sense of urgency by winning 12 straight contests after falling to Penn State. The streak began with a 1-0 victory at No. 25 Louisville in a notoriously difficult venue for road teams. In that game, Irish senior midfielder and captain Alex Yoshinaga marked her 100th career game with 11 more triumphs. Notre Dame's unbeaten string was finally stopped by West Virginia, who defeated the Irish in a shootout to take the Big East championship.

But the loss to the Mountaineers did not cost the Irish much momentum as they rolled through the early rounds of the NCAA Tournament. Notre Dame was awarded a No. 4 seed for the tournament, giving the squad home games against two top ten teams.

The Irish defeated Loyola Chicago 3-0 at Alumni Field in their Tournament opener on Nov. 16. Irish junior Brittany Rock scored her second goal of the season and Hanks picked up three assists. The big game was another in a long line of dominant performances by the duo. Rock finished with 16 goals and 14 assists, while Hanks scored 14 goals to go with 21 assists.

The Irish also cruised past their second round opponent the Fighting Illini 2-0 at Alumni Field. But the biggest test may have come in a very much more difficult venue for road teams.

Irish forward Kent Hanks shields the ball during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Duke on Nov. 30 in the NCAA Quarterfinals.

Alison Arboagas/The Observer

"This was the feeling of satisfaction of winning our tournament victory with a road upset of a highly ranked and highly regarded team before falling one step short of the program's first ever Final Four appearance."

Yet despite the similarities between the past two seasons, Clark highlighted an important difference between 2006 and 2007.

"Every time you get to a certain level, that's at least the expectations," Clark said. "In 2006, we got to the NCAA quarterfinals, so anything less than that would have been a disappointment in the 2007 season, but the expectations were to take it beyond even to some degree (Duke) rankings the ranking of No. 6 was nice. There's the feeling of satisfaction of being a top ten team, but we were disappointed not to get to the Final Four."

Notre Dame could hardly have been more disappointed after losing the Final Four in 2007. After a second-round victory over Oakland, the draw lined the Irish up with road games at No. 7 Santa Clara — which they ascended to the top of the national ranking of No. 2.

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Although Notre Dame stunned Santa Clara 2-0 in what Clark called his most satisfying moment of the season, the Irish were unable to pull off another road upset when they fell to the Demon Deacons 1-0 in overtime. Clark highlighted the difficulty of having to win multiple games on the road to reach the Final Four.

(Wake Forest) was the best team left in the tournament at that point," Clark said. "If we had played Wake Forest at our place, we might have played them better, but that's the way the draw goes."

The Irish partially had themselves to blame for not securing an easier path to the Final Four. After victories over St. John's and DePaul, the Irish prepared for a showdown with Connecticut. Both the Big East title and a top-eight (possible top-four) NCAA tournament seed were on the line against the Huskies. Such seeds would have guaranteed Notre Dame more home games in the NCAA tournament, but the Irish fell 2-0 to the Huskies.

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Despite the disappointing finish to their season, Notre Dame finished the campaign with a 14-4-3 record, a No. 6 ranking, and the program's second-ever NCAA quarterfinals appearance. The Irish also enjoyed a nine-game unbeaten streak during which they ascended to the top of the national ranking of No. 2.

"I don't know that we've had any other team in the history of this program that has struggled with the win-loss results so much early in the season and regrouped in this fashion and making it all the way back to the College Cup for the semifinals," Clark said after the win over Duke.

The Irish headed to the College Cup with high hopes after drawing a semifinals matchup against Florida State.

But the team received a rude awakening when Seminoles attacker Mami Yamaguchi scored just 15 seconds into the contest. Notre Dame rebounded on a goal by defender Carrie Dew but was forced to play from behind for much of the contest as Florida State again took the lead. After Irish defender Ellie Weber netted a goal to knot the game at two, Seminoles midfielder Amanda DaCosta's tally proved to be the game-winner for Florida State.

Both Waldrum and Seminoles coach Mark Krikorian said that Notre Dame outplayed Florida State despite the result of the game.

"The disappointing thing last year in the final versus Carolina is that I don't think we really came out and played our game until the final 15 to 20 minutes of that game," Waldrum said.

"But this time we came out and played well enough to win. (But) at the end of the day, unless you win it all you are going to be disappointed."

Waldrum did put a positive spin on the biter result, pointing out that the Irish will lose key cogs in Cinalli and goalkeeper Lauren Karras but will return most of their starters.

"We still have a relatively young team and we hope we've learned from the College Cup last year," the coach said.

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Irish midfielder Justin Morrow heads the ball during Notre Dame's 3-3 overtime with Connecticut on Oct. 13.

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"Leading the way for Notre Dame in 2007 was Joseph Armstrong was equally important to Notre Dame's success. Given the unenviable task of replacing two-time first team All-American Kyle Dalby, Armstrong started every game on his way to earning All-Freshman second team honors from both Soccer America and College Soccer News.

"There's not many people that could have come in and filled Greg Dalby's shoes," Clark said. "We knew Matt Armstrong would miss him in there from day one but I don't think we knew he would miss him that much. Although Lapriva won't be back, we do have a lot of talent here that will allow us to be competitive, "Laplira. Coming off a breakout season in which he garnered the M.A.C. Hermann Trophy, the senior forward led the Irish with 11 more triumphs. Notre Dame finished the campaign with a 14-4-3 record, a No. 6 ranking, and the program's second-ever NCAA quarterfinals appearance. The Irish also enjoyed a nine-game unbeaten streak during which they ascended to the top of the national ranking of No. 2.

"We have talent on this team that we can take the next step just like the past two teams have had the talent," Clark said. "We have the leadership, and we also have the experience."

But Clark also said his coaching career has shown him that the best teams do not always go as far as they are capable in the NCAA Tournament.

"It's a funny thing: I think back to my three teams at Stanford, and it was probably my least-talented team that reached the Final Four," he said. "You also have to have a little luck."

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The Irish senior outfielder Sarah Smith makes contact during Notre Dame's 11-5 home victory over Wisconsin on April 16.

"We've got the chance to go right now," junior third baseman Linda Kohan said. "We're on the same playing field as the other 63 teams." The Irish (37-20-1, 14-8 Big East) have come a long way since their opening game, a 6-2 win over Utah in the Classic in Gainesville, Fla., and Charleston, S.C. Notre Dame coach Deanna cabeça of Calif., and Charleston, S.C.

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No matter how the Irish fare in the NCAA Tournament, next year's squad looks to be just as good, if not better. With only Laing and Smith graduating, the Irish are poised to field a more experienced team in 2009, and could be ready for another run deep into May.
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish fight through adversity to reach Sweet 16

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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After a three-year absence from the Sweet 16, Notre Dame returned to the NCAA regional final this season before falling to eventual national champion Tennessee 74-64.

The only thing is, the Irish almost didn't make it there.

On Feb. 10 in a home game against Pittsburgh, freshman forward Devereaux Peters — who had been one of the biggest surprises for the Irish up to that point at both ends of the floor — landed awkwardly after grabbing a rebound and fell to the ground. Later tests would show she had torn her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and would miss the rest of the season.

“Devereaux went down, that was kind of the big blow to us. So to make the Sweet 16 without her thought was kind of a fantastic season,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Peters had been integral for the Irish defense, which operated almost exclusively in a zone during the second half of the season because she was the point of the Irish press. At that position, she was responsible for turnovers that led to easy transition buckets.

“When she went down, immediately what suffered was our press... Cheryl did a good job at the point. Ashley did some at the point of the press,” McGraw said. “It was good, but we didn’t have the depth. We weren’t able to move people around as much.”

While Peters’ production before her injury was a pleasant surprise (19.1 points per game, 5.6 rebounds per game and 2.6 blocks per game), McGraw said the surprise was more in how early this production came.

“I expected Devereaux to be a shot-blocker and a rebounder, and she definitely gave us that. She was leading the Big East in blocked shots, and I didn’t expect her to do as well as she did,” McGraw said. “She scored a little bit more than I thought she would.”

Coming into this season, Peters was only one of the three Irish freshmen to surprise McGraw. Guard Brandy Malory came into Notre Dame as McGraw’s 5-point man, but the freshman became an important part of the team’s defense. Forward Becca Bruszewski had a slow start to the year, but eventually became a big surprise (9.1 points per game), and McGraw called her team’s 81-80 loss to DePaul at home on Jan. 22 “a low point of the season,” and said she was not pleased with her team’s defense. This statement was much calmer than her immediate reaction to the loss, when she said in her post-game news conference her squad was “certainly the worst defensive team in the Big East.”

Following that game, McGraw almost completely abandoned the man-to-man defense in favor of the zone, something she said led to Notre Dame’s success later in the season.

“As it turned out, switching to zone was really important because I think we were good at it, we ran well. Going back to the foundation of our success helped us string some wins together and get our confidence back,” McGraw said.

One of Notre Dame’s goals coming into the season was the earn a first-round bye in the Big East tournament, and after its rough January, it needed a strong February to accomplish that goal — and that’s exactly what it got.

The Irish only lost once in February, 57-51 on Feb. 19 at No. 3 Rutgers, and clinched the bye before the season ended. Notre Dame also exacted some revenge on the Blue Demons, winning 66-64 in Chicago on Feb. 24.

The Irish lost any momentum they had garnered with back-to-back losses against St. John’s in the season finale and Pittsburgh in the Big East tournament.

“It was a big emotional let-down for us because we thought we were going to do well in the tournament, and we had really high hopes for ourselves,” McGraw said.

McGraw gave her team what she thought was some much-needed rest in order to prepare for its first-round match with Southern Methodist in the NCAA Tournament.

After topping the Mustangs 75-62, the Irish moved on to face No. 4 seed Oklahoma. After battling the Sooners through the first 40 minutes to a 62-65 deficit, Irish guard Cheryl Allen took over in overtime, propelling her team to a 79-76 win into the Sweet 16.

“That [win] was huge for our whole program,” McGraw said. “We’d been there six out of eight years and we hit a dry spell and we hadn’t been there for three or four years. It was huge for us to get our program back to where our program expects us to be a Sweet 16 team every year.”

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Irish guard Tulyah Gaines eyes the basket during Notre Dame’s 77-46 victory over Michigan on Dec. 2.

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Baseball

Squad attempts to improve on 33-16-1 record at end of season

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

After playing at an other-worldly clip during the middle of the season, Notre Dame has come back to earth in the past several weeks. But the team still sits in second place in the Big East and appears to be a lock for the NCAA Tournament.

The Irish won 11 straight contests during April before finally falling to West Virginia. Notre Dame was able to take two of three from the Mountaineers to run its record to 25-10-1 but the loss cost the team some momentum.

The Irish have dropped their last three contests — most recently to Michigan Tuesday — to fall to 33-16-1.

Notre Dame is now 16-7 in Big East play and trails only Cincinnati with one conference series left to play.

They will head to South Florida for a three-game set this weekend before traveling to Clearwater, Fla., for the Big East championships on May 20-24.

The nice weather of Florida should be a welcome change for the Irish, who have had one game canceled because of rain, several delayed until later dates, and another called a tie when the field became unplayable.

Several of the Irish season highlights took place during non-conference play. On Apr. 2, Notre Dame took on the South Bend Silver Hawks in an exhibition contest at the minor league team’s home field, Coveleski Stadium.

The game was played as a benefit for cancer research in honor of Irish coach Dave Schrage’s late wife, Jody, who died of liver cancer. The Irish lost the contest but Schrage said there was something more important on the line than the game’s outcome.

“I just appreciate the Silver Hawks to give us this opportunity to play,” Schrage said after the game. “Silver Hawks President Joe Kerner and (manager) Mark Halley are both very classy individuals. The people of Michiana got a chance to put baseball in the spotlight tonight, and raise money for a great cause.”

Just two weeks later, Notre Dame again played a game that had added significance. On Apr. 16, The Irish faced off against Northern Illinois at U.S. Cellular Field, the home of the Chicago White Sox.

The contest raised money for the families of the victims of the shootings that took place on Feb. 14 at Northern Illinois.

“The hook about baseball is it starts during springtime and spring is a time for renewal. And that’s what this is about,” Northern Illinois coach Ed Mathey said before the game against the Irish.

The Irish defeated the Huskies 5-4 for their tenth straight win.

However, the team has trailed off somewhat in recent weeks. The Irish have dropped games to Connecticut and Pittsburgh, both of which have losing records. The Irish did take two of three against
Sophomore Harangody emerges as All-American, helps team to No. 2 conference finish, NCAA Tournament berth

By CHRIS HINE
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It was a season of redemption, a season of great accomplishment, but a season that featured an ending that left a bitter taste in their mouths.

The Irish entered the 2007-08 season picked to finish ninth in the Big East preseason coaches' poll after losing their two main scorers — Colin Falls and Russell Carter — from last season. They ended up with second place finish after falling in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to Washington State 61-41. Along the way, forward Luke Harangody pulled down Big East Player of the Year honors and guard Kyle McAlarney joined Harangody on the all-conference first team as both helped Notre Dame replace the scoring prowess of Falls and Carter. Irish coach Mike Brey also earned his second consecutive Big East Coach of the Year award.

Harangody's performance turned the soft-spoken, shy kid from Schererville, Ind., into a national star. The second-team All-American averaged 20.4 points and 10.6 rebounds per game. "The way he handled pressure, the way he handled the high-butt crowds..." Brey said. "We didn't know until we were in it. They were just unbelievable." Harangody, who nearly transferred after his freshman season because of academic issues, returned to campus last summer, installed a 1-2-2 defense that decreased because of the move, he said. "It was a wake-up call. The week of practice paid off." As important as Kansas was, that three-day period made us feel more confident," Brey said.

Brey said that confidence was shaken with two blowout losses on the road to Villanova and Georgetown. The Irish lost 92-66 on Jan. 12 to Marquette and 94-65 to Connecticut on Feb. 15. "We had a 91-74 win over Cincinnati sandwiched in between on Jan. 15," Brey said. "With a week to prepare for Notre Dame's next road trip against Villanova, Brey decided to change things up a bit. He installed a 1-2-2 defense that decreased because of the move, both players took the move as a challenge. It was just practice paid off. The Irish came out kicking on all cylinders against Villanova and won 90-80 behind 30 from McAlarney and 25 from Harangody." "It's a win in a tough atmos- phere after not being very good two road games in a row," Brey said. "...Then we kind of started getting in a groove.


But against Washington State, Oregon faced out of the toughest defenses in the country. "They're the biggest, highest-scoring, most aggressive defense in the country," Brey said. "They're not the best basketball team in the country, but they're the best defense in the country and we had to feel like we could beat them in the postseason." Kurz averaged 12.5 points and 7.1 rebounds per game in his final year and Brey said he'll miss some of the other things Kurz did for the Irish. "Kurz was always guarding the big post, rebounding, being our best screener, we lost our best screener and a lot of our shooters got open. Now, who's going to get them open?" Brey said. "And we're going to have big shots at key times."

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A mighty fall

Team struggles to worst start in program history, finishes 3-9; offense proves anemic as defense gets abused

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s 2007 season was a record-setting one, just not with the kind of records fans want.

The Irish started the season 6-5 — the worst start in team history — before finally beating UCLA on Oct. 6.

They lost to 38-0 to both Michigan and USC, and the largest shut-out margins in the histories of the two rivalries.

They lost 46-44 in triple overtime to Navy — Notre Dame’s first loss to the Midshipmen since Heisman Trophy winner quarterback Roger Staubach beat the Irish 47 years ago.

They lost seven consecutive games dating back to last season, the longest skid in Notre Dame history.

The offensive line allowed 58 sacks last season — the most since the NCAA began recording the stat.

The nine losses were the most ever for an Irish squad ...

The team’s ineptitude started during the first week, 33-3 to Georgia Tech on Sept. 1. Irish coach Charlie Weis played three different quarterbacks during the loss, starting with the dual-threat Demetrius Jones in a spread offense. Weis had met with former West Virginia head coach Rich Rodriguez over the summer to discuss the spread, which worked well against the Yellow Jackets in the Mountaineers’ Gator Bowl win with a 104-yard performance.

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“We thought that going against Georgia Tech, especially with our experience level, we thought that the best way to go is against them was to run the football,” Weis said in his post game news conference. “These kids are 17. Do you think they’re worrying about 43 years? They are worrying about right now. They don’t think that’s the streak they are worrying about. They are worrying about the here and now, and the here and now is what they are worrying about. They are worrying about how many games they lost on the road, at home. That’s what they are worrying about. How many games were played since UCLA when we last won. That’s what they are worrying about. They are worrying about the here and now,” he said in the post game news conference. “These kids are 17. Do you think they’re worrying about 43 years? They are worrying about right now. They don’t think that’s the streak they are worrying about. They are worrying about the here and now, and the here and now is what they are worrying about. They are worrying about how many games they lost on the road, at home. That’s what they are worrying about. They are worrying about how many games were played since UCLA when we last won. That’s what they are worrying about. They are worrying about the here and now.”

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Despite the atrocious season, Notre Dame landed one of the top recruiting classes in the country, ranking No. 2 according to the recruiting Web site scout.com.

The Irish had top-five recruits at multiple positions, including quarterback Dane Crist, wide receiver Michael Floyd and tight end Kyle Rudolph.

Overall, Notre Dame landed 23 recruits, including seven in the scout.com top 100, tied for fourth behind Ohio State (nine), USC and Oklahoma (eight each).

Even though the recruiting class is signed, the Irish have already gotten started on the 2009 recruiting class.

Following this year’s Blue-Gold game, five-star running back Cierre Wood and four-star defensive lineman Tyler Starks committed to Notre Dame. Four days after Wood signed his letter of commitment, four-star running back Theo Riddick also committed to Notre Dame.

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The Irish had lost by an identical score at Michigan on Sept. 16.

The feeling didn’t last long, with former West Virginia head coach Charlie Weis played three different quarterbacks during the loss, starting with the dual-threat Demetrius Jones in a spread offense. Weis had met with former West Virginia head coach Rich Rodriguez over the summer to discuss the spread, which worked well against the Yellow Jackets in the Mountaineers’ Gator Bowl win with a 104-yard performance.

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Saint Mary's: Year in Review

Swimming enjoys best season ever. Golf just misses NCAA Tournament. Gray helps redefine cross country program

Golf

The Belles finished off one of their best years to date with a fifth-place finish in the MIAA championship and hope to continue that momentum into the future.

Coach Ryan Domkowski will step aside next year and his wife Alicia will take over. Ryan will remain as an assistant coach, while Alicia will be the girls golf coach at Saint Mary's.

Alicia brings her own swimming experience to the table as she was a Div. III swimmer at Saint Mary's where she helped set two Saint Mary's records on relay events and was also named the squad's fifth coach to coach the girls, she has already joined the MIAA in 1997-1998.

The team was able to set a school record this year with five dual meet wins, breaking the team's former record.

The Belles' future, however, does lose some major talent with the graduation of senior sprinter and freestyler, Kelly Tighe, as well as Tracy Kosmala. The rest of the team will be returning to help improve upon the fifth-place finish.

The team was close multiple times to pulling out league victories, but either missed by a hair, losing by six points to rival Ball State University and Michigan State in an early start in the case of its meet against Olivet College, where the Belles were leading but a medley relay was called back due to an early handoff.

The diving team took major steps this year with a fall that it has been reintroduced to Saint Mary's, and were able to win a couple of events, including Leah Bocian who won one of the three titles against Hillsdale College.

With the return of 27 swimmers and divers from the team's record-setting year, including the return of senior freestyler, freestyle champion Melissa Gerbeth, the Belles know that they will need to set a new record this season to beat their record-setting year.

Cross Country

Senior Megan Gray capped her record-setting career with a fifth-place finish at the Division III National Championships as Katie Trottio tied for third in a school-best fourth place finish in the MIAA.

Gray finished first for Saint Mary's in every race she ran during both her junior and senior seasons. She became the first Runnin' Bells team to win the all-MIAA first team and the first to qualify for the national meet — and she did both twice.

Gray also set school records in both the 5k and 10k races while capturing both titles in her individual meet titles.

A Megan has been a turning point for Saint Mary's cross country coach Jackie Shartle. "I think we expect them to play very well down the road."

"If it wasn't for the first-round hole they put us in we couldn't have won," says Corrigan. "They're just a very well-balanced team."

"It was a very competitive meet," "Gray finished first for Saint Mary's, the 5k and 10k in all-MIAA first team, the first to qualify for the national meet — and she did both twice.

Saint Mary's

Saint Mary's was a school with a lot of potential, the Belles were aware of where its season would take them. This season marked the third straight year that featured the second-place finish, fifth place match, winning 5-2.

The season marked the third straight time the Belles have qualified for the NCAA tournament. The Belles lost both of their meet titles but pulled out a 9-0 win over conference foe and set the stage. After that match, they won seven of their last nine before beating international powerhouse Lawrence University in the first round of the tournament.

Senior Katie O'Brien wrapped her 1650-meter run and successfully defended her title with a league average of .580. She also led the league with 29 hits during the MIAA record for hits in a season.

Kurczak was one of 10 players in the MIAA to post a perfect fielding percentage. The second baseman for the Belles had no errors and did not make an error in 59 chances.

Tennis

Saint Mary's went into its season with only two returning members, eight freshmen and an interim coach. With a young team and so much potential, the Belles were aware of where its season would take them.

After going 13-13 (5-3 MIAA) and 10-21 (5-3 MIAA) for the season, Saint Mary's was ready to improve. It started by going 4-3 over spring break, overcoming first match anxiety early in the season and improving as the week progressed.

"We have a lot of good leaders just waiting on this team," Hamilton said. "I am confident that one will step up and emerge as a leader early on in the season."

No. 28 Notre Dame concluded its season last week with a 16th place finish at the NCAA Central Regional Tournament at the University of Texas Golf Club in Austin, Texas. The Irish shot a 61-over-par 925, 23 strokes away from the cut line to the NCAA Championships. Both the score and finish are program records for Notre Dame in NCAA tournament play.

Irish junior captain Lisa Maunu paced the Irish for the fourth time this season. Maunu's nine-over-par 225 placed her in a five-way tie for 30th. Freshmen So-Hyun Park and Katie Conway carded 231 and 238, respectively. Sophomore Kristin Weitzel and Annie Brophy rounded out the squad with a 236 and a 240, respectively.

This year's tournament marked the third time in program history Notre Dame has earned a bid to the NCAA Regionals. The Irish earned their No. 9 seed with a Big East Tournament win last month, the third conference title in six years for Notre Dame.

The conference title caps an Irish season distinguished by rousing success. Notre Dame claimed its fifth straight conference title in six years. The Irish women missed the NCAA Championship last month, sweeping the top 25 teams in the nation.

The Irish women finished in the top five in all 10 tournament appearances this season—the Big East Tournament win is its fifth first-place finish. The Irish collected honors at Golf World Tournament of Champions, being named the most surprising women's team, while freshman So-Hyun Park was named most surprised women's player.

Park, the No. 14 golfer in the country, has led the Irish with her scoring average of 73.12, a program-record. She also recorded two first-place finishes this season.

Junior captain Lisa Maunu contributed three podium finishes, including one first-place finish. In total, every Notre Dame golfer recorded at least one top-10 finish this year. Coach Susan Holt attributes her team's success to preparation and mental toughness.

"Golf is basically hitting shots and playing holes and managing our game," Holt said. "We have to get into our mode; that thought process, with coming with the managing course well."

Notre Dame's success led to Big East Coach of the Year honors for Holt as he earned the award four times in her career.

"This is a great honor because it's a result of the team's performance," Holt said. "I'm grateful because they are such a wonderful group and it's a privilege to coach them. This team is special and to get this award was a hard work is an honor."

Rowing
Notre Dame claimed its third straight Big East Championship last month, sweeping all six grand final races to claim the title. The Central/South Region Championships will be the final tournament of the year for Notre Dame before the NCAA Championship in Sacramento, Calif., at the end of the month.

Cross Country
Notre Dame's season featured a mix of success and disappointment, and a blend of upsets and victories stepping up for the Irish.

For the women, coach Tim Connelly called the season "one of the most disappointing that I have in many years." He cited the fact that key runners were not able to perform as a reason for the disappointment. "We had some injuries and illnesses to several of our top runners which we were not able to overcome," Connelly said.

The season started out with a bang, with the team taking first place in the Crusader Invitational at Valparaiso, followed by another first place finish in the National Catholic Championships. Sophomore Lindsey Ferguson finished 14th overall at the Big East Championships, as the team took home a sixth-place finish.

Connelly sees a brighter future for next season.

"We only graduate one runner (Anna Mazzone) of our top-five runners at the end of the year, so we are very hopeful that 2008 will be significantly more successful," he said.

The men's team had a more successful run, winning its first three meets and spending the season among the top 25 teams in the nation. The Irish claimed the fourth place in the Big East Championships, with junior Patrick Smyth leading the way with a third place finish.

He was followed closely by senior Jake Watson, who took 12th.

Smyth would continue to have success, winning the NCAA Great Lakes Regional meet, while leading the team to a third place finish. At the NCAA Cross Country Championship Smyth received second-team All-America honors after finishing 15th. The team, making its fifth straight appearance at the Championship in the past 18 years, finished 21st.

Fencing
Both men's and women's teams met similar fates as each finished as the runners-up to Ohio State at the NCAA Championships. Five Notre Dame men garnered All-American honors but the team was unable to claim the prize coveted most. The Irish mustered 258 points to Ohio State's 285 to finish with 185 victories.

The finish was the men's best at the NCAA Championship since the squad won the NCAA title.

The Irish women missed an NCAA win ever more so, as the women's team was left with just three victories to the host Buckeyes.

Two Notre Dame women were honored individually. Senior Kaitlynn Hurnig was named the Big East Fencer of the Year while junior Laura Foray was named the Big East Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Men's Track
Notre Dame claimed the Big East Championships for the fourth time in six seasons.

Senior runner Jake Watson led the Irish by placing second in the 1500-meter race and running the second leg of Notre Dame's runner-up 4x100 relay team.

Behind Watson in the 4x400 relay, senior Kurt Benninger and junior Daniel Clark placed sixth and eighth, respectively.

The Irish 4x100-meter relay squad also scored points for Notre Dame, placing with a time of 41.63 seconds.

For the fifth time since 1999, both coach Joe Plano and his assistants were named the Big East Men's Coaching Staff of the Year.
March 9
Women's basketball is upset by Pittsburgh 64-53 in the first round of the Big East tournament.

Women's Track
Notre Dame saved its strongest performance for the end of the season, placing third at the Big East championships meet held at Villanova.

March 16
The Big East outdoor meet was certainly our best team meet of the year," Irish distance coach Chris LeBlanc said. "We had a number of people who had struggled earlier in the season but who really came through in our meet last week at Villanova.

March 22
The Irish will be in a great posi­ tion to improve upon the huge leap­ der next year as they will return nearly all of their top athletes.

March 30
Our defense, expand our range, but our main goal is to improve defense during spring season and the Irish focused on improving the top-20 team in their final Big East tournament as the No. 4 seed and defeated Cincinnati three games to one in the first round. The Irish did not go on to finish their season as they had hoped. A subsequent loss to Louisville in three games ended the Irish season. The Irish had beaten the Cardinals only seven days after winning the championship series against the Cardinals.

April 4
Women's swimming and diving coach Carrie Nixon and her Notre Dame squad also sent three female divers to the NCAA Zone C championships.

April 11
Three Irish swimmers earned invitations into the NCAA national meet. Junior Chrisa Riggins earned bids in the 50, 100, and 200-free events. Freshman Amywerele Miller competed in the 50-free, 100-fly and 100-free, while Senior Sara Maxwell earned spots in the 100 and 200 breaststroke competitions.

April 16
All three went on to record their first career records to successfully earn the NCAA national championship title.

May 1
Behind the efforts of the Irish women's basketball team, the Irish women lost six seniors, including Senior guard Morgan Bullock, Natalie Burke, Kate Golde, Katie Hopkins, Caroline Johnson, and Georgia Stenerud — and two senior divers, Hyer and Laura Bronson, this season. The Irish women's season ending four game win­ ning streak class coming in. Things will be dif­ ferent but we hope to be just as strong," Webb said.

The Irish women had similar success, winning the Big East championship for the 12th con­secutive time. The Irish dominated, earning 667 points, while Louisville earned a distant second place with 567 points.

"We had a solid dual meet sea­ son," Irish swimming and diving coach Carrie Nixon said. "We always treat that as a stepping stone toward Big East tournament.

The Irish women's swimming and diving coach Cairo Nixon and her Notre Dame squad also sent three female divers to the NCAA Zone C championships.
Weis here to win

After three years, Willingham out, Weis in

On Nov. 30, 2004, 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 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 USC.

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, Notre Dame Athletic Director Kevin White began searching for a replacement.

After a brief flirtation with Urban Meyer, who eventually ended up at Florida, White settled on New England Patriots offensive coordi­nator Charlie Weis. Weis was hired for his first head coaching job on Dec. 12.

The next day, Willingham accepted a head coaching position at Washington, where his teams have gone 11-25 over the past three seasons.

Weis brought a pro-style offense to Notre Dame that helped quarterback Brady Quinn set more than 30 school records. But after making a bowl game in each of Weis's first two seasons, the Irish struggled to a 5-7 record last season.

Under Weis, Notre Dame has gone 22-15, reaching two BCS bowl games but losing them both — 34-20 to Ohio State in the 2006 Fiesta Bowl and 41-14 to LSU in the 2007 Sugar Bowl.

ND-USC lives up to pre-game hype

Football endures disastrous season

Women's soccer wins national

After winning its first NCAA title a year ago, the hockey program continued its resurgence under coach Jeff Jackson.

In 2005, the Irish shooting guard Kyle McAlarney was suspended during the 2006-2007 season for possession of marijuana. But the New York native came back to school as a junior and earned a selection to the All-Big East first team. McAlarney averaged 15.1 points per game as the Irish made it to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

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Icers go to NCAA title game

Guard returns from suspension

Lapira, Hanks win Hermann

By leading the conference in scoring with 23.3 points per game and pulling down 11.3 rebounds in Big East play, Harangody earned player of the year honors. Harangody improved upon a freshman campaign in which he net­ted 11.2 points per contest. He was also named a second-team All-American as a sophomore.

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 championships in 2003 — their first title since 1994 — although they finished second or third each year in between.

With a win over Northern Illinois, the Notre Dame men's basketball team set a school record by winning its 25th straight home game. The Irish extended their streak to 26 by winning all three remaining games at the Long Center. But the team has not lost a home contest since the Irish, 91-60, fell to Marquette.
Kessler continued from page 4

"All of this success, Kessler's coach Jennifer Henley said, is not solely a matter of talent but one of attitude. "Alison was a very competitive player. Many fans could see that during the game. She was also that type of intensity to practice. Henley said. "I remember her right away that she had that kind of pace.""

**Lapira continued from page 4**

"I thought he did magnificently this senior year," Clark said. "It would have been easy to go into a tailspin because things weren't going as well as the year before, but I felt he stuck to his plan. He kept his character. He kept his personal identity and we won some games at the end of the season, he scored the vital goals." Lapira's magnificent career was no enough to interest professional clubs on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. Toronto FC drafted the forward with the 35th pick in the 2007 MLS SuperDraft — Lapira likely would have been drafted higher had not teams not known that his previous performance was to play in Europe — but Lapira spurned MLS for more fitting pastures. Norwegian ones, to be exact.

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Carving a legacy

Lapira wins Notre Dame's first Hermann Trophy in 2006

By GREG ARBOGAST
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Energy and goals. No two words could better describe Notre Dame's dynamo forward Joseph Lapira who became an irresistible force during his four years in South Bend under coach Bobby Clark.

By the time he hung up his Irish cleats, Lapira had terrorized opposing defenses to the tune of 41 career goals and 105 career points — both fifth-best in Notre Dame program history. Such goal-scoring prowess also helped the Lake Charles, La., native make new history for the Irish program.

Lapira's breakout junior season, in which he led the nation in both goals and points, netted him the program's first ever M.A.C. Hermann Trophy — college soccer's national player of the year award.

While Lapira will be remembered primarily for that spectacular 2006 season, it was the little-seen changes in the forward's game during his first two campaigns under Clark that made his breakout junior year possible.

Kessler graduates as Saint Mary's all-time scoring leader

By MEAGHAN VISELLIK
Sports Writer

Eight Saint Mary's records, three MIAA records, 2007-2008 MIAA MVP, Great Lakes Region Player of the Year and an All-America selection this year have made senior Allison Kessler the most successful athlete ever to come out of Saint Mary's.

Kessler may not have expected it four years ago when she joined a Belles basketball team that had gone 7-19 in the 2003-2004 season. Since then she has helped in

Kessler saves best for last in NCAA Tournament win

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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Charel Allen saved the biggest game of her career until her time at Notre Dame was almost over.

The senior shooting guard dropped a career-high 35 points in her last Irish victory. Allen helped Notre Dame advance to the Sweet 16 in a 79-75 overtime win over Oklahoma.

"She willed us to victory in that Oklahoma game," coach Muffet McGraw said. "She took the ball and just said 'We are not losing this game.'"

The thing about that game is that it was nothing out of the ordinary. Allen has been Notre Dame's go-to player late in games for the last four years, nailing key shots in the final minutes throughout her career.

"What she has done in her whole career is make big shots, play with poise under pressure. She has made the big play countless times, even this year," McGraw said. "So many times this year when we needed a basket,"
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We love you TuTu... Congratulations on your many amazing accomplishments. What a blessing you are to so many... Love, Mom, Dad and Lexy

Congratulations, Rachel!

We are so proud of you!

Love, Dad, Mom and Justin

Congratulations, Andrew!

We're so proud of you.

Love and best wishes from your family.

You have surpassed all our hopes and dreams for you! We are so proud of our "domer"! Thank you for all the fun, love and warmth you share with us.

All our love, Daddy and Mummy, Vicky and Johnathan
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CONGRATULATIONS Tara,
We are so proud of you. God Bless!
xxoo
Mom & Dad
Ray, Anne, Keiran, Erin, Maeve, Gavin, & Devyn
Bobby, Christy, Kelly, Ryan & Brady
Sean, Tracy, Sean & Megan
Michael, Allyson, Caiden & Keane
Timmy & Suzy

CONGRATULATIONS Mary!
We’re so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Cindy

CONGRATULATIONS Sarah!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Rachel

CONGRATULATIONS Ned! We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Enjoy this moment. GO IRISH!
Mom, Dad, Sara, and Jenny
CONGRATULATIONS
MEGHAN!
We're so proud of you. Next stop- med school!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Kev,
We’ll wake you up for finals!
With Pride,
Love,
Mom and Dad

CONGRATULATIONS KEVIN!
I wonder what I’ll be doing in 21 years?
Congrats!
Love,
Mom, Dad
Brian & Krick

Spencer D. Longhofer
Del Oro High School

From your first day of school to your last, you have made us very proud!
All our love,
Mom, Dad & Family

Congratulations
Spencer,

Loomis Grammar School
Tony,

I can't tell you how proud we are of all your accomplishments. Remember to always use your gifts and talents. Congratulations and Go Irish.

All our love always,
Mom, Alessandra & "Homer"  

...A Dream Come True!

Congrats John!

We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Sarah, Hannah & Matt

A Notre Dame Dream comes true!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Colleen, & Mike

One terrific young man...
Two University Presidents...
Four ND addresses...
Eight undergraduate tuition payments...
Thirty-two flights to and from Dallas...
One hundred and twenty midterms and finals...
Fifteen hundred Domer Dollars...
Countless memories, friends, and experiences...
One hundred sixty-two credit hours...
Ninety-four hours camped out in Breytopia...
Twenty-eight tailgate parties...
Eight Bookstore Basketball games...
Two summer internships...
One very special college graduate...

Congratulations
Patrick McGowan

and many thanks to the priests, faculty and staff of Notre Dame
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Elizabeth - Caitlin - Vanessa - Martha - Mary
Thank you for four years of joy!
With love,
Mike and Becky

PE Girls – Sheila Says...Congratulations!

Congressations Sean and Sean!
May God Bless and Keep you both always.
We are so proud of you!
Love
All the Cullens
XXX

THANKS FOR THE JOURNEY, ARIELLE!
LOVE THEE NOTRE DAME
Mom, Dad, Justin (ND '06), & Lissande
PE Girls – Sheila Says...Congratulations!

Congratulations Dom

We are so proud of you.
You’ve been a credit to yourself and Notre Dame

Love
Mom and Dad

Congratulations Amanda

We are so proud of our Notre Dame grad!

Love,
your family

Congratulations, Tim. We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Em and Jeff

The future belongs to those that believe in the beauty of their dreams - Eleanor Roosevelt

Proud Grandparents

Family Pride-
Cousins

No words needed-
Aunt Kathy & Tyler

Congratulations Bubba-
Tris and Kyle
Congratulations, Elizabeth!
Love, Mom, Daddy, James, Teddy, Claren, and Hershey

Congratulations, Elaine May!
You're on your path.
Love, Mom and Dad

CAMP PENDOLA
CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION
DIocese OF SACRAMENTO

CONGRATULATIONS MEGAN!!!!!!

From your first day at Lyons Hall
With Leo and Sr. Sue
You had found your second home
Of that, we surely knew

Lifelong friends you have found and made
Memories woven into your heart
Dances, games, cheers and laughter
Are just the start

Wherever life takes you, be it near or far
And wherever you may roam
We know your heart will always draw you back
To that magnificent place under the DOME

Thank you for allowing us to share in your special journey
Along with our love and pride we have one wish
That is to always know, wherever you go, your heart will be saying...

GO IRISH!!!!!!

WE LOVE YOU TONS,
Dad, Mom and Troy
Way to go, Corey! Congratulations & Love
from Dad & Mom, Meghan + Brianne

Congratulations Dave!
Your dreams took you to Notre Dame, now you'll follow them “to infinity and beyond!”
Love,
Mom, Dad & Sarah

Just as cute, just a little older and a lot smarter—

Congratulations, Katelyn!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Elizabeth- A third generation Domer!
Golden is thy fame!!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Rachie and Joey
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Congratulations, Christopher!
Love
Mom, Jesse, Grampa
The Martinez's, The Lara's, The Izaguirre's,
The Mendoza's & The Guerra's

We love you and we are so proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad

Katie Marie Miller

"Nowhere else but Notre Dame."

Congratulations Katie!
We are proud of you.

Love you,
Mom, Dad & Gabe

We are so proud of your accomplishments.
Your persistence, determination and hard work made your dreams come true.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Bill

Congratulations Vince!!

You started out young
Knowing where to find fame

It was your heart
You knew the game

Hard work and dedication
Were one and the same

Now you can say you did it
You're a graduate of Notre Dame!

We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad
Cheer, Cheer for Nicole to celebrate your graduation from old Notre Dame

Love, Mom, Dad, Jeffrey, Susanne and Kristyn

To Mary Kate, our favorite Observer Editor

We will miss your byline!

Love, Mom, Dad, Maggie and John

Your family and friends knew you'd DO IT and join the Domer family.

Congrats you are on your way.

We love you, Mom and Dad

CONGRATULATIONS STEPH!

You came, you saw, you conquered.

With Pride and Love, Dad, Mom, Laura & Chris

Look out! Here she comes!! Jenna Moran

From Dad, Mom and Anna
"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."
— ee cumings

Well done, Taco!

You have always been your own person, a sweet smorgasbord of wonder and kindness and determination. Now we can't wait to see where life propels you!

With love deeper than the ocean and pride wider than the sky, Mom, Tom, and the gang

Matt,

Congratulations on your great accomplishments...don't be afraid to take risks in life, but, just in case, keep your helmet on!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kim & Ashley

Genevieve,

From Dad
Dear Christine,
Here’s to our Irish girl! Congratulations. We are so proud of you. May your future be filled with many more Golden moments.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Laura and Mary Rose

Renee, you did it!
All grown up! We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Steven ('06)

CONGRATULATIONS
ERIN ROGOZINSKI!

Keep smiling, Keep Shining! Irish blessings and our love forever! 
Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Brian!
We are so proud of you and wish you the best beyond the Dome!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Megan & Brad

Time goes by in a blink of an eye

Congratulations, we are so proud of you

Love, Mom & Dad
Congratulations
Jacques!
Proud to have
a dormer!

Love,
Mom, Dad, John and
Everybody in the Family

From Lego Man to
ND Architect Grad.
Congratulations.
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations Caroline!
Go Irish Go

Fighting Irish

We are proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad,
Patrick, Meg, and Doug

Congratulations Molly!
Well done.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Andrew

Aaron,

You have taken all of us on such
a fantastic journey!! What a privilege
to be a part of it. We’re forever
grateful! You followed “your dream,”
went after it and succeeded.
You are NOW a member of an
Elite group — The Domers!
Congratulations!!

We ALL are so very, very proud
of you!! Thanks for the ride!!!

With Great Love—
Mom, Dad, family and friends
Congratulations Christian
You make our family proud and bring much joy into our lives. GO IRISH!

Love, Mom, Dad, & Lisa

We are so proud of you
Good bye Notre Dame — hello Harvard.

Love Mom & Dad

Congratulations Stacey

We are so proud of you. Good bye Notre Dame — hello Harvard.

Love Mom & Dad

Congratulations Rob
The World is Yours for the Taking.

Much Success in the Future

Love
Mom, Dad, Lauren & Caroline

Hold your memories in one hand but leave the other open for all your beautiful tomorrows.

Congratulations,
Caitlin Miller

Love,
Mom, Dad and E.J.
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At commencement you wear your square-shaped mortarboards. My hope is that from time to time you will let your minds be bold, and wear sombreros.

- Paul Freund

Rob A.-
First day of kindergarten and you were ready for Notre Dame!
Congratulations, you "PLAYED LIKE A CHAMPION"!
We love you!
Mom and Dad

Congratulations
Scott Campbell!

We always knew you'd be one of the Fighting ARRRR-rish!

Love, your fellow CAPED CRUSADERS

Congratulations, Amy Meyers!

We are proud of you, our Third Generation “Domer”!

We love you,
Grandma and Grandpa
(Class of 1949)

It's been an incredible journey...we are so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad,
Mike and Dan

M-EMORABLE
A-MUSING
R-RUNNER
I-INTELLIGENT
E-EXCITING
C-ARING
E-ELPFUL
E-ENERGETIC
R-REFRESHING
V-IVACIOUS
A-ADVENTUROUS
N-ATURAL BEAUTY
I-IMPASSIONED
C-HEERFUL
K-KIND
Congratulations Bill and Anne Marie!

Notre Dame Class of 2008 and
St. John the Evangelist, Silver Spring, MD, Class of 2000

"Peek-a-Boo"
Watch out world!

Congrats Jared!

Nick

Destined to be a Domer!
Congratulations!!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Stacie and Ryan

Congratulations Graduate!

Congratulations Amy Meyers!

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments at Notre Dame.

"Bounce" On!!

Love,
Mom and Dad
Geoff, Tom & Jack

Chris, Congratulations!
God guide & bless you!

We are so proud & love you forever!

Dad & Mom, Liz & Nicholas
Congratulations, Sweet Angel!!!!!
Notre Dame and You were perfect together!
Love,
Mommy and Daddy

Way to go, Bill!
We’re so proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Julie

Ryan,

We are SO PROUD of you!
Now you can soar to new heights.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Brittany, you’ve always been practically perfect in every way, from the runway to the goat show arena to the tennis court to the classroom. Congratulations on continuing your tradition of success at Saint Mary’s College. We can’t wait to see what you’ll accomplish next. We know that great things await!!

Congratulations on graduating from SMC!

Love,
Mom, Roger, Chelsea, and Emmy

Biannce:

It has been a long journey. It was not always easy. Obstacles and challenges arose, sometimes when you least expected them. Yet, you overcame every obstacle and rose to every challenge. Your response to self-inflicted wounds was growth. Your response to external ones was perseverance. You learned to trust the gifts you have, and to trust the giver of these gifts, who is God. You have matured into a woman of integrity, strength and character. Through it all, you were determined to succeed.

As you reach the end of this journey and begin another, we celebrate with you, thanking God for all that he has done and for blessing us with you. To God be the Glory!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Allen, Sheridan, Grandma and Grandpa Lofston, Grandma and Grandpa Davis, and Miss Becky
Jana Blake

Congratulations on your Graduation
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments

May God watch over you in all that you do
Love, Your Family

Congratulations Mike!

You’ve always been amazing!
Love:
Mom, Dad, Lauren, Kathryn, Nicole and Alyssa

YOU DID IT!
YOU STUCK WITH IT AND WE’RE SO PROUD OF YOU CONGRATULATIONS!!!
LOTS OF LOVE,
MOM & DAD

You did it Hoobs!!
I’m so proud of you...
Thanks for being you!!

Love, Dad

Long before you sat in the “tree,”
A “dormer” is what you wanted to be.
DPT school at Pitt,
ing and monogram won,
We’re so proud of you
for all you have done!

Row, Irish!

Congrats Kaity!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kristy & Mals
Let's keep in touch after graduation!

Pat, Matt, Dave and Phipps

Our Belle, Alyssa
We are very proud of you and all you have accomplished.
Love Mom '77, and Dad.

Congratulations, Pat!
We always knew you'd be a Domer!
Love, Mom & Dad

One Family, Two Domers Many Blessings

Your Legacy Begins!
Love, Mom and Dad

Dearest Pavan,
Congratulations! We are all so proud of all your achievements & to have another Domer in the family. We know this is just the beginning of all the success you will have in your life.

THEN
Love,
Mom, Dad,
& Bro. Sonu
(Class of 2016)

NOW

Congrats Kev! Always a Domer!
Love,
Mom and Dad '63
and
Peggy '87, '96 MA
Tom '88
Kathy '90
Matt '91
Anne '97 (& Mike '95)

We made it!!!!
Congratulations

Congratulations Amanda!

We are so proud of all your hard work and accomplishments.

Love,
Mom and Dad
Gretchen and Olivia

Ryan!
We are so proud of you!
Best Wishes!
The Durkin's

Congratulations, Sal Michael, our Domer.
Thanks for carrying on the legacy.

We love you dearly, Mom & Dad

Class of 2008!

Congratulations on your graduation after four awesome years at Notre Dame! So many wonderful memories... proud accomplishments... cherished relationships...

Carry them all with you to Boston & continue to dream big.

You make us so very proud!

We love you!
Mom, Dad & Robert
CONGRATULATIONS!

Good Luck 2008

From Schoolboy to Scholar
We are very proud of you, Patrick!

Congratulations on your Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration and International Business Certificate.

Love, Dad and Mom

Nicholas J. Houpt

Congratulations!
We are so proud of you
Follow your Heart

Love,
Mom, Dad & Jacob

ANTHONY DAYRIT ADOMER

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CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU MADE IT!

LOVE, MOM & DAD

"The Possible's light is fueled by the imagination."

You have dreamed and imagined, and made possible.

God bless you as you imagine, and make possible, a better future for all.

Congratulations, Jonathan, on your Graduation and your Future.
Best wishes

¡Felicitades Felipe!
Keep inspiring us!

Congratulations Josh!
You were Notre Dame Bound from the time you were born!
We Love You,
Mom, Dad, Gma, Alisha & Brad

Congratulations, Caitlin!
GO REDS!
Love,
M, D, B and A

Bon Voyage Amanda
Notre Dame au Notre Dame

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Colleen & Anne