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My entire college experience has been defined by my work at The Observer. One of my freshman year roommates was reminiscing the other day, and remembered how excited I was to have my first article on the front page, and how late I stayed in the office to earn a measly \$10 paycheck.

It wasn't about the money, though. It was about being involved with something important,

about being part of a group. I think in high school we all had several of those places, teams and clubs that gave us that feeling. And even though at Notre Dame we call each other part of the same family, it was so nice to have a smaller part of that family to grow close with.

Working at The Observer has not been the easiest job. I couldn't go five minutes without checking my e-mail, without making sure I knew everything that was going on, without having the feeling that I was in control of what was going on at the paper.

What I've learned, however, is that no matter how hard you try, it's impossible to be in control of everything. I couldn't be in control of when the University announced President Obama would speak last year at Commencement; I couldn't be in control of every word, cartoon and photograph that printed in the paper. I've realized these things now, but while I was in the moment I was stressed and sleep-deprived.

Though I can't turn back time to relive the excitement of the freshman with her first article on the front page and approach my career at The Observer differently, I can take the lessons I've learned here with me in my next steps in life. I think they are lessons that can help several of the members of the Class of 2010, especially those with uncertain futures.

No matter what happened, we still got a paper out everyday. We couldn't control everything, but in the end, it all worked out. Other aspects of my Notre Dame education have contributed to this outlook: the sense of family here — no matter what happens you will have people you can turn to for help — and the strong faith shared by our classmates that guides our decisions. We can't control the future, but after attending Notre Dame, we are prepared to face whatever happens next.

I would like to thank The Observer and the wonderful staff I've worked with over the years for teaching me that. I would like to thank my parents for agreeing to send me to a school so far away and encouraging me to calm down when I am too stressed. I would especially like to thank the friends I've made here, that I'm able to reminisce with, for making the last four years truly unforgettable — no matter what the future holds.

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Jenn Metz

Editor-in-Chief
Emeritus

Commencement to be held in Stadium

University changes location of ceremony, adds departmental diploma ceremonies

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

Last year, graduating seniors could bring only three guests to Commencement. This year, some students will have as many as 60 family members and friends present when they graduate as a result of the University's decision to move the Commencement ceremony to Notre Dame stadium.

"Parents from each year would say, 'It's really hard on us to have so few guest tickets for such an important event and can you please do something about that?'" University Registrar Harold Pace said.

As a result of the change, seniors can have an unlimited number of guests, and their guests will be able to sit together in the stadium — something that would not have been possible in the Joyce Athletic Center.

Commencement had been held in the Joyce Center since 1969, but the Center's recent renovations made seating limited and sparked the decision to change locations, Pace said.

"We were already down to three or four tickets per family. We didn't feel like that's where we needed to go in the future," Pace said. "We decided with this renovation that it was the year that we needed to make formal recommendation to move to the stadium."

Pace estimated that 25,000 people will attend the ceremony Sunday, a substantial increase from the 9,000 that attended in the past. He said the crowd is expected to fill half the stadium.

The large bulk of the crowd will be guests, Stephanie Maenhout, senior administrative assistant for the Office of Registrar, said.

Approximately 22,000 guests are expected to attend, with students bringing an average of eight guests each, she said.

"The responses that I got were wonderful. It was like yes, I really do have that many family members coming. The one has 60 coming," Maenhout said. "We think it's wonderful."

Pace said there will be two large screens broadcasting the ceremony in the stadium, as well as a broadcast in DeBartolo Hall for those who wish to be inside.

Commencement was last



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Nine thousand people gathered in the Joyce Center for last year's Commencement. This year, an estimated 25,000 people will attend the ceremony in the Notre Dame Stadium.

held in the stadium in 1959. Commencement has also previously been held at the Grotto, University Mall, Stepan Center and Washington Hall.

In addition to the change in Commencement location, the University will hold diploma ceremonies separate from Commencement.

"What happened in the past was graduating students would go to the field house and faculty were there to distribute the diplomas to them, but not in ceremony," Pace said. "They would actually walk into Commencement holding their diploma in hand."

Assistant Registrar Lora Spaulding said this method of diploma distribution was missing a key element.

"What was lacking there was the individual recognition," she said.

Eighteen diploma ceremonies, separated by department, will take place across campus Sunday afternoon.

Pace said the decision to implement diploma ceremonies also came in

response to parent and student feedback.

"We had requests from parents saying that would be really nice if they could actually see their student receive their diploma in hand and we felt that was an important part of the weekend," Pace said.

An additional change this year will be the time of the ceremony, Pace said.

Previously, the ceremony was held Sunday afternoon, but this year it will be held at 9 a.m., Pace said.

The addition of diploma ceremonies, which needed to occur Sunday afternoon, contributed to the time change, Pace said.

"We really ruled out having a University ceremony on Saturday because some family members might not have been in town," he said. "The other factor is since it is outdoors, there are fewer thunderstorms in the morning than in the afternoon."

In the event of rain, the

ceremony will proceed as planned. If the weather is severe — lightning, high winds or heavy, persistent rain — the ceremony will be moved to the Joyce Center. A message will be sent to graduates' cell phones via the ND Emergency Alert System, Pace said.

Each graduate is allotted three guest tickets if the ceremony is moved to the Joyce Center, but severe weather will not affect the number of guests who can attend the diploma ceremonies in the afternoon, Maenhout said.

Pace said the decision to move Commencement to the stadium will be a long-term change.

"It is our location moving forward," he said.

Spaulding said she thinks the change will be a positive one.

"There is no other venue that can handle the number of people that come," she said. "I think the students are excited about being able to graduate in the stadium."

Students can pick up guest tickets today at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Saturday

9 a.m. ROTC Commissioning Ceremony
DPAC - Leighton Concert Hall

10 a.m. Mendoza College of Business Graduate Ceremony
Joyce Center - North Dome

10 a.m. Graduate School Commencement Ceremony
Joyce Center - Purcell Pavilion

1 p.m. Service Send-off Ceremony
DPAC - Leighton Concert Hall

5 p.m. Commencement Mass
Joyce Center - Purcell Pavilion

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Stadium opens for guest seating

9 a.m. Commencement Procession

9:30 a.m. Commencement Ceremony Begins

Afternoon Departmental Commencement Ceremonies

Seniors pleased with selection of NBC anchor Brian Williams

Students say host of *Nightly News* provides insight and experience without controversy of Obama invitation

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

University President Fr. John Jenkins selected the host of NBC *Nightly News* Brian Williams — a journalist who has said he does not even tell his wife who he votes for — to deliver the 2010 Commencement address.



Williams

Jenkins' decision to invite Williams comes on the heels of last year's controversy over President Barack Obama's invitation to deliver the address, and seniors say they are pleased with this selection.

"I think Notre Dame made a good selection," senior Nicholas Dan said. "I'm glad there is no drama about the speaker."

Dan said he was initially disappointed at not having a speaker with the gravitas of the president of the United States, but he said this changed when he learned more about Williams and his career.

"When the Commencement speaker was first announced, I was fairly

unimpressed," he said. "But after some reflection, I think he will do a good job. Reporters have a wide variety of experiences, and speak for a living. I'm sure he will be interesting."

Although some Notre Dame seniors said they are not devotees of any nightly news program, senior Keith Ruehlmann said he knew of Williams from his humorous appearances on *30 Rock* and *The Daily Show*.

"I liked him on *30 Rock*, so I approve," he said.

Ruehlmann said although he is sure Williams' address will contain the same messages as speakers in the past, he is confident that his experience as someone who has traveled the world and met numerous heads of state would make the Commencement speech memorable.

"I'd imagine it'll be the same 'go out and change the world, you are the future' talk, but as someone who has made a career out of covering the news around the world, I think he'll be in a unique position to offer insight from his experience," he said. "I'm looking for-

ward to hearing what he has to say."

Jenkins said he was very happy the University was able to secure a speaker with the stature of Williams.

"Mr. Williams is one of this country's most respected and trusted journalists, and we are absolutely

delighted that he has accepted our invitation," Jenkins

said in a press release. "He has tremendous insight into the current state of our world, and I know his perspectives will be of great interest to our graduating Class of 2010."

When he heard Williams would deliver the address, senior James Redden said he was glad there would be no controversy at Commencement this year.

"I am not disappointed that Brian Williams is the speaker," he said. "I think he will be engaging and entertaining. I am glad that

this year's speaker is not controversial because it keeps the focus on the celebration of the seniors instead of on the speaker."

Dan and Ruehlmann also said they were very happy there would be no drama this year.

"I'm glad that I won't

have to worry about the firestorm that existed last year," Ruehlmann said. "Williams was clearly a conservative choice based off of what transpired last year, but I think everyone from our class expected our speaker to be far less contro-

versial. I wasn't wowed by the selection, but at the same time, I'd rather have that than protesters on the outskirts of campus and planes flying overhead."

While some were impressed by Williams's credentials, senior Priyenka

Thapa said she is impressed by Williams's looks.

"He is handsome and hopefully he'll have something resonating to say," she said.

Thapa said she really wished one of Williams's NBC co-workers could have given the address.

"I really wish Alec Baldwin,

Tina Fey or Amy Poehler would've been selected," she said. "I have the utmost confidence that one of them would have delivered the speech of a lifetime."

Williams is the seventh anchor of the NBC *Nightly News* and has reported on events such as Hurricane Katrina, the death of Pope John Paul II and the war in Iraq. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York and on the Board of Directors of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation.

He received his undergraduate degree from George Washington University and then studied at the Catholic University of America.

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FOUR YEARS IN REVIEW

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The top Observer news stories from the 2006-2010 academic years

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Obama speaks at Commencement

May 17, 2009

After months of controversy, President Barack Obama delivered the University's 164th Commencement Address, asking graduates to seek common ground on abortion and other divisive issues facing the country.

Obama acknowledged the controversy surrounding his visit to campus and noted the irreconcilable differences in the abortion debate.

"Your class has come of age at a moment of great consequence for our nation and the world — a rare inflection point in history where the size and scope of the challenges before us require that we remake our world to

renew its promise; that we align our deepest values and commitments to the demands of a new age," he told the Class of 2009.

University President Fr. John Jenkins invited Obama to speak at Commencement and receive an honorary degree in March of 2009 — a decision that sparked protests from students, alumni and groups unaffiliated with the University.

The student group ND Response formed days after Jenkins' announcement, staged demonstrations and submitted a petition to Jenkins criticizing his decision.

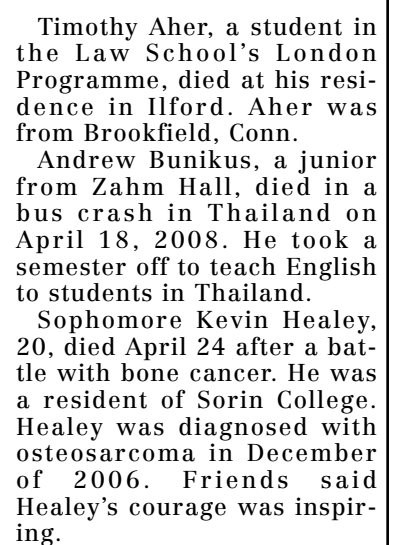
Yet a count by The Observer in April showed

that out of 345 Letters to the Editor authored by students, 74 percent were in favor of the invitation and 29 were against Jenkins's decision.

In an interview with The Observer, Jenkins said he was "honored" when Obama accepted the University's invitation.

"Presidents from both parties have come to Notre Dame for decades to speak to graduates about our nation and our world," Jenkins said. "They've given important addresses on international affairs, human rights, service, and we're delighted that President Obama is continuing that tradition."

Five students die during past four school years



Two students shot outside Club 23



Seniors Matthew Collins and Mitchell Depree were shot by a man in an SUV around 1 a.m. on August 21 following a conversation with the shooter. Collins was shot in the abdomen and leg, wounds that were originally considered life-threatening. A bullet remains in Collins' abdomen. Depree was shot in the leg.

August 25, 2007

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 force residents of boarding houses to obtain a permit to have a party of 25 or more people where alcohol would be served. Future legislation could enact the ordinance.

September 25, 2007

Glendon declines Laetare Medal



Mary Ann Glendon, former U.S. ambassador to the Holy See, declined the Laetare Medal in a letter to University President Fr. John Jenkins on April 27. She wrote that she was "dismayed" President Barack Obama was selected to receive an honorary degree, marking the first time the award has been accepted and then declined in its 126-year history.

April 27, 2009

Eddy Street Commons opens



Eddy Street Commons opened for business at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. Restaurants like Five Guys Burgers and Fries and Chipotle have opened and four more tenants — Kildare's Irish Pub, Nicholas J. Salon and Spa, Camellia Cosmetics and an upscale diner called The Mark — are expected to open in the coming months.

August 2009

Students ask to add sexual orientation to clause



Members of the Campaign for Human Dignity petitioned University President Fr. John Jenkins to add sexual orientation to the University nondiscrimination clause. The University did not change the clause, which states, that it does not discriminate based on "race/ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status or age."

January 28, 2010

Business school named No. 1



The Mendoza College of Business was named the top undergraduate business school in the nation in Bloomberg BusinessWeek's fifth annual rankings. Notre Dame, which was ranked second in 2009, beat out schools like the University of Virginia, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Pennsylvania.

March 16, 2010

Poet Dana Gioia will receive Laetare Medal

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE LAETARE MEDAL

2008 – Martin Sheen
 2007 – Patrick F. McCartan
 2006 – Dave Brubeck
 2005 – Joseph E. Murray, M.D.
 2004 – Rev. J. Bryan Hehir
 2003 – Peter Steinfels and Margaret O'Brien Steinfels
 2002 – Rev. John P. Smyth
 2001 – Monsignor George G. Higgins
 2000 – Andrew James McKenna
 1999 – John P. Gleason
 1998 – Edmund Daniel Pellegrino, M.D.
 1997 – Rev. Virgilio Peimbert Elizondo
 1996 – Sister Helen Prejean, C.S.J.
 1995 – Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

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By SARAH MERVOSH
 News Editor

Dana Gioia, poet and former chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), will receive the Laetare Medal, the University's highest honor, during the 2010 Commencement ceremony on May 16, the University announced in a press release March 14.

The Laetare Medal is the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics and is awarded annually to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity," the University press release said.

Mary Ann Glendon initially accepted the Laetare Medal last year, but then declined the honor after hearing the University would award an honorary degree to President Barack Obama.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said last year's events did not affect the selection process this year.

University President Fr. John Jenkins commended Gioia's commitment to both faith and culture.

"In his vocation as poet and avocation as arts administrator, Dana Gioia has given vivid witness to the mutual flourishing of faith and culture," Jenkins said in the release. "By awarding him our University's highest honor we hope both to celebrate and participate in that witness."

Gioia is the second poet to receive the Laetare Medal. The University presented poet Phyllis McGinley with the medal in 1964.

Gioia has published three collections of poetry, including "Interrogations at Noon," which won the 2002 American Book Award. He also published eight smaller collections of poems, two opera libretti and many translations of Latin, Italian and German poetry.

He also has edited more

than 20 literary anthologies and writes essays and reviews in magazines, such as The New Yorker, The Washington Post Book World and The New York Times Book Review and Slate.

Gioia served as chairman of the NEA from 2003 to 2009. During his tenure, he sought to strengthen bipartisan support for public funding of arts and art education, to champion jazz as a uniquely American art form, to promote Shakespeare readings and performances nationwide and to distribute NEA grants more widely.

In a lecture he delivered in 2000, Gioia said art and Catholicism work together because "the Catholic, literally from birth, when he or she is baptized, is raised in a culture that understands symbols and signs.

"[Catholicism] also trains you in understanding the relationship between the visible and the invisible ... Consequently, allegory finds its greatest realization in Catholic artists like Dante."

A native of Hawthorne, Calif., Gioia graduated from Stanford University in 1973. He earned a master's degree in comparative literature from Harvard University in 1975 and returned to Stanford for his master's of business administration in 1977.

The Laetare Medal is named in honor of Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent and the day the University announces its recipient each year. The award was first given in 1883.

Actor Martin Sheen was the last recipient of the Laetare Medal in 2008. Past recipients include operatic tenor John McCormack, President John F. Kennedy, Catholic Worker foundress Dorothy Day and jazz composer Dave Brubeck.

This article originally ran in the March 16 edition of The Observer.

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Nine honorary degrees awarded

By SARAH MERVOSH
 News Editor

Notre Dame will award eight honorary degrees at this year's Commencement in addition to the honorary degree it will give commencement speaker Brian Williams, the University announced March 30.

Williams, anchor of NBC Nightly News, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree.

The additional recipients come from a variety of backgrounds, including in education, engineering, law, philanthropy and the Church.

Steven Brickner, a leader in antibacterial drug development, will be awarded a doctor of science degree. Brickner's research helped lead to the discovery of Zyvox, the first oral drug to treat penicillin-resistant strains of strep and staph infections. More than two million people have been treated with Zyvox since its creation in 2000.

Scott Cowen will receive a doctor of laws degree. As president of Tulane University, Cowen has led Tulane to major growth in donations and student applications. He also created a plan to rebuild the university's facilities after Hurricane Katrina flooded 70 percent of its uptown campus and dispersed all of its students in 2005.

Archbishop Demetrios Trakatellis will also be awarded a doctor of laws degree. He was appointed primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America and he previously taught

Biblical studies at the Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, Mass. After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, he presided at many memorial services and funerals for the victims.

The University will award Fr. Reginald Foster a doctor of laws degree. Nicknamed "the Pope's Latinist," Foster is considered an expert on the Latin language and has worked in the "Latin Letters" section of the Vatican for many years translating Church documents into Latin. In 2006, Foster founded a free Latin academy for English speakers wishing to learn the language or improve their Latin skills.

MaryAnn Mathile, a top philanthropist, will receive a doctor of laws degree. She is the chief executive officer, board chair and treasurer of the Mathile Family Foundation. Mathile and her husband, Clayton, established their foundation to support children and families in the Dayton, Ohio area. Among the foundation's largest gifts was an academic building at Saint Mary's College.

Marc Maurer, a 1974 Notre Dame graduate, will receive a doctor of laws degree. Maurer, who was blinded by an overexposure to oxygen after birth, now serves as president of the National Federation of the Blind (NFB). Under his leadership, NFB has expanded its headquarters and accelerated development of innovative education, technology, products and services to facilitate the independence of blind people.

Ted McCourtney, who grad-

uated from Notre Dame in 1960, will receive a doctor of engineering degree. McCourtney was the lead partner of Venrock for 30 years. Venrock was an early investor in Apple Computer and the chip-maker Intel. McCourtney has also served on the University's Board of Trustees and he remains an Emeritus Trustee.

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor will receive a doctor of laws degree. A native of England, Murphy-O'Connor served as rector of the Venerable English College in Rome, was archbishop of Westminster and president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales. Pope John Paul II made him a cardinal in 2001. His ministry is well known for his ecumenical work, the protection of human life and the rights of immigrants.

In addition to these honorary degrees, the University will award the Laetare Medal, its highest honor, to Dana Gioia, poet and former chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) at the Commencement ceremony.

Last year, much controversy surrounded the University's decision to award President Barack Obama with an honorary doctor of laws degree. Obama was the ninth U.S. president to be awarded with an honorary degree, a March 20, 2009, press release said.

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SMC awards Earle, Lowry

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
 Saint Mary's Editor

Marine biologist Sylvia Earle will deliver Saint Mary's 2010 Commencement address and receive an honorary doctor of humanities degree. Author Lois Lowry will also be receiving an honorary doctor of humanities degree at the ceremony.

"It will be an honor to welcome Sylvia Earle and Lois Lowry to our campus," Carol Ann Mooney, president of the College, said in a press release.

According to the release, Earle has spent over 6,000 hours underwater. The New York Times labeled her "Her Deepness." She led the first all-women team of aquanauts in 1970 and holds the record for the deepest solo dive.

In September 2009, she published "The World Is Blue: How Our Fate and the Oceans Are One," which discusses the need to protect our oceans and the work people need to do to keep them clean.

"Doctor Earle is a passionate advocate for the survival of our planet," Mooney said in the release. "Her work to save our oceans is legendary and I know our graduates will be inspired by her dedication to this important cause."

Earle has written more than 175 pieces relating to the global ecosystem, namely the ocean.

She also made an appearance on the Comedy Central program



Photos courtesy of Gwen O'Brien

Sylvia Earle, left, will deliver the College's Commencement

"Colbert Nation" to convey her message on protecting the environment.

According to the press release, Earle has established marine protected areas across the globe. These include a 140,000 square-mile ocean home called the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Monument, which contains more than 7,000 forms of marine life.

Lowry, a young-adult fiction writer, has won Newbery Medals for her books "Number the Stars" and "The Giver." She is also author of the "Anastasia Krupnik" series.

"The majority of our graduates

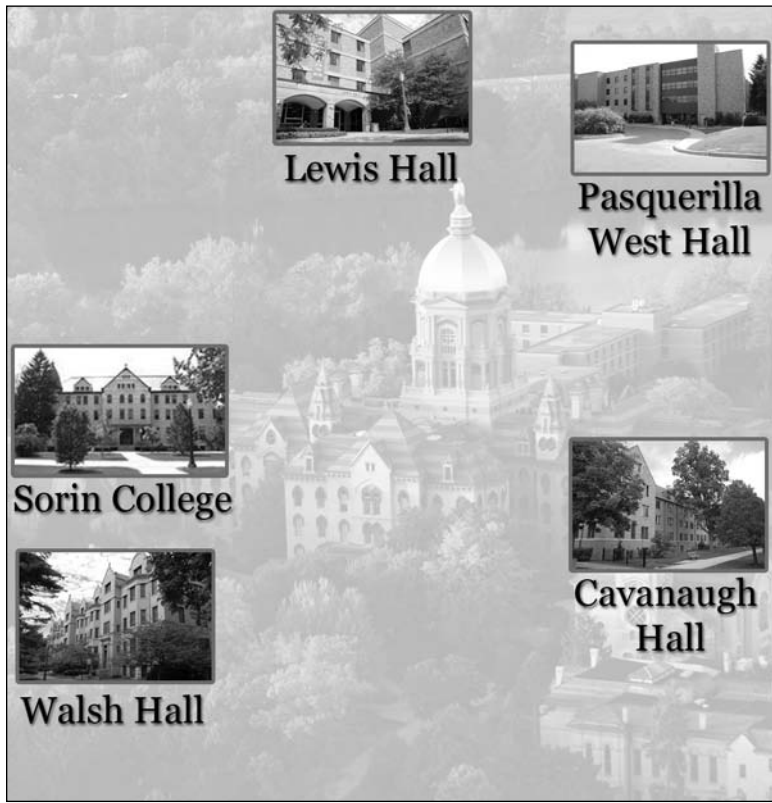
probably counted Lois Lowry's books among their favorites when they were growing up," Mooney said in the release. "We are delighted to be able to recognize her body of work."

Lowry said in the release that she works through her writing to "convey her passionate awareness that we live intertwined on this planet and that our future depends upon our caring more, and doing more, for one another."

Commencement will be held May 15 at noon on Le Mans Green.

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Five rectors to leave at end of school year



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By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

Although Linda Cirillo, rector of Lewis Hall, attended the University of Southern California, previously worked at Georgetown University and will now be living near Ohio State University, she said she will always be a Domer at heart.

"If I had a choice today on which university I would I have gone to, Notre Dame would be the one," Cirillo said. "Do not worry that I will start cheering for the Buckeyes. I really feel that I am a Domer."

Cirillo and several other rectors will leave their positions at the end of the academic year. Other rectors who will be leaving include Sr. Janet Stankowski of Walsh Hall, Fr. Jim King of Sorin College, Sophie Henrichs of Pasquerilla West Hall and Amy de la Torre of Cavanaugh Hall.

Henrichs, who will leave the position of rector to get married, said she tried to keep a balance between allowing fun to occur and following University policies.

"I think [being a rector] maybe has actually caused me to step up and really be a lot more responsible because any decision I make just isn't going to affect me," she said.

At the same time, Henrichs said it was a privilege to experience "the randomness, the joy and the laughter" with her residents.

"Just letting the silliness happen. The kind of conversations or bits of conversations I overhear from my door, just the normal everyday life of a student with relationships, friendships, giggles, quarter dogs," she said, listing the things she enjoyed about being a rector.

Cirillo, who is moving to Ohio to be a hospital chaplain, also said she will have fond memories of her students.

"I think the most important thing or the most enjoyable thing for me is to see my freshmen when I came in as a freshmen rector, now they're graduating as seniors and also I'm graduating," she said. "That has been a lot of joy — to see them blossom and see them grow into young beautiful women that are mature and ready to go out into

the world."

Both Cirillo and Henrichs said they will remember their participation in dorm events after leaving the University.

"It was my second year here and I allowed them to paint me up just like them and it was really fun," Cirillo said. "[It was] the Lewis pep rally for the football game. I allowed my chicks to paint my face, and I was part of the cheering group."

Henrichs also showed dorm pride when Pasquerilla West Hall was in the interhall football championship game and she dressed up as the dorm's mascot.

"I wore a weasel costume out onto the field," she said. "I don't think anybody else can actually say they've worn a weasel costume down Library Quad and right into the tunnel of Notre Dame Stadium. A rector in a weasel suit."

King, who was the rector of Sorin College for seven years, said dorm life is integral to the Notre Dame experience.

"I believe that Holy Cross' model of residence hall ministry is the heart and soul of Notre Dame and the single most important explanation of why alumni feel as strongly about the University as they do," King said.

King will serve as Religious Superior for Holy Cross priests and will move to Corby Hall to take over his new position.

Cirillo said her experience at Notre Dame will help her as a hospital chaplain, where she will specialize in end-of-life care.

"Of course I'm very much drawn to Our Lady. I know she brought me here and I know she's sending me forth," Cirillo said.

"I feel comfortable in saying that Notre Dame gives you the whole education. The mind, the body, the spirit, what it means to be alive and to be there for one another," she said. "As I move into this next phase of my life, which is being present with people that are dying, I know that the dying phase of their life is part of living," she said.

"I will take all this love that I was given in the last four years and I'll use that in my new position."

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Valedictorian says passion is health care

By MEGAN DOYLE
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University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh and several of the University's first female graduates toasted to Class of 2010 valedictorian Katie Washington at Hesburgh's birthday lunch Tuesday.

Washington will address her classmates from her position as an academic leader during the Commencement ceremony Saturday.

"I really hope that my class will reflect on the last few years in hopeful anticipation for what is next," Washington said. "It's a scary step, but I hope that we all choose to approach it with confidence and resolve, knowing that we have what it takes to affect the world."

Washington earned a 4.0 grade point average and will receive a degree in biological sciences with a minor in Catholic Social Teaching.

After graduation, Washington will continue her academic career at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in their Medical Scientist Training Program. This program will allow Washington to pursue a dual degree to open up paths in clinical medicine and medical research, she said.

Washington said she is undecided about the exact field that she plans to enter after receiving her dual degree, but has enjoyed working in global health and infectious disease initiatives, as well as research on lung cancer.

Wherever her education and research leads her, how-

ever, Washington said health care is her passion.

"I'm hoping that by pursuing my dual degree, my clinical interests and research interests can inform each other so I apply my combined skill set to a problem or set of problems in health care in a new way," Washington said.

Washington's research experience has included work at the Cold Spring Harbor labs and genetic studies in the University's Eck Institute for Global Health on dengue and yellow fever, according to a University press release.

"A lot of times, when I have found myself worrying about whether or not the work I do will matter for the big picture of global health care or to universal efforts towards social justice in general, I try to shift my frame of reference to realize that there are people all over this University and the world who are working just as hard as I am to find solutions to problems that matter," Washington said.

Washington said the classes and professors that she has encountered in her years at Notre Dame established her desire to give as much as she can, no matter how big or small, to her community.

"I realize how blessed I am to be able to participate in a community of people who have similar goals, hopes and ambitions for the world," she

said. "Notre Dame professors are really great at helping maintaining this perspective."

During her time as a Notre Dame student, Washington was active with the Voices of Faith Gospel Choir, the sister-to-sister program at South Bend's Washington High School and the Center for Social Concerns' "Lives in the Balance: Youth Violence and Society Seminar."

Washington's involvement in the Voices of Faith Gospel choir played an important role in her time here at Notre Dame, she said.

"[Voices of Faith] has helped me to survive the stress and the pressures of different commitments that we all have here," Washington said. "I'm hoping to find the same kind of outlet in the future."

Washington said saying goodbye to her home for the last four years will be "a healthy and exciting transition."

"Notre Dame has really helped me to build a foundation in terms of my beliefs and hopes for my life and vocation that will stay with me throughout the rest of my life," Washington said. "Right now, I feel so content and overwhelmed with gratitude."

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Seniors reflect on their four years under the Dome

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

Four years ago, the Class of 2010 arrived on Notre Dame's campus, ready to make new friends and start a new life beneath the shadow of the Golden Dome.

Now, as Commencement approaches, seniors say they are ready to move on but will miss the community they have found here on campus.

"My favorite part of Notre Dame is the people I've met here," said Jenny Heil, a senior from Pasquerilla West Hall. "I've made phenomenal friends, and I'll miss them all. I've gotten the chance to meet all kinds of people, and I'll miss those faces you pass every day as well."

Pasquerilla West senior Lauren Demeter also said she will miss the community she has found at Notre Dame.

"I don't think the Golden Dome epitomizes Notre Dame. I think the group of people does," she said.

Senior Scott Andrews, a resident assistant (RA) in Siegfried Hall, said his senior experience was unique because of his ability to help build dorm community as an RA.

"Being an RA was awesome because my last everything was my freshmen's first everything," Andrews said. "I got to be a senior but also relive everything that was exciting freshman year."

Andrews said dorm life is one of the things he'll remember most about Notre Dame.

"Siegfried is only a cinderblock building, but it's home. I never thought I'd become attached to one place so much," he said.

Although students had mixed

feelings about the end results of many football games, they said the sense of spirit Notre Dame students share is exceptional, and cannot be found at other schools.

"My favorite football memory over the last four years was at the UCLA game in 2006. I'll always remember that touchdown pass to Jeff Samardzija with seconds left in the game," said Kevin Hurley, a senior from Dillon Hall. "I'll definitely come back for games in the future. I plan on going to four games next year — two at Notre Dame and two in New York."

Andrews said Notre Dame football contributes to the overall college experience.

"We have that class unity and camaraderie," he said. "My single favorite football memory was the Michigan State away game either my sophomore or junior year. We won, and there was a roar [of cheering] you could hear all the way across campus. Now I could understand that for a home game, but for an away game that's really something special."

Breen Phillips senior Nicole Overton said she will miss spending time studying what she loves and meeting others interested in the same subject.

"I'm an anthropology major and I just love it," Overton said. "Professor McKenna's Intro to Anthropology Class really got me interested. In Human Osteology, I got to work with actual human bones. I love coming back and telling my friends about what I did in class."

Most students said they will not be sad to leave behind the gray South Bend sky, whipping wind across South Quad and endless months of snow and



Observer File Photo

Seniors reflect on their time at Notre Dame, including Notre Dame's victory over Michigan in 2008 when Golden Tate had a 60-yard touchdown catch.

cold.

Andrew Baroody, a senior in Siegfried Hall, said what he won't miss about Notre Dame is "the weather."

He will, however, miss being so close to everything all at once — food, friends and entertainment. With friends next door and LaFortune Student Center a short walk away, Baroody said he thinks a Notre Dame student truly has everything he or she needs.

At Notre Dame, dorm life plays a central role in a student's social experience. But some seniors said they have made some of their deepest friendships through activities outside of the dorm.

Demeter said she enjoyed trying out all kinds of clubs

and organizations during her four years, and she said she did not dedicate all of her time to one particular extracurricular.

"There wasn't one thing that I was involved in specifically," she said. "That's pretty typical of a Notre Dame student."

But Pasquerilla West senior Katie Matic said she devoted at least 20 hours a week to Mock Trial.

"The best memory was our 12-hour bus ride to Memphis for Nationals this year," Matic said. "Just all the laughing and fooling around. I'll always remember that."

Leaving college, Matic said she knows she will also be leaving a tight-knit community that runs on its own schedule,

a schedule she has gotten used to over the years.

"It's awesome living with your friends in college and enjoying the experiences that happen late at night, like going to get ravioli from the Huddle at two in the morning," she said. "I'll miss that."

Seniors said they agree that while they will miss friends, the Notre Dame campus and power-walks to DeBartolo Hall, they are ready to move on to the next phase in their lives.

"I'll miss Notre Dame a lot, but I'm going to law school next year," Matic said. "I'm ready for the next step."

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Struggling economy affects job market

By AMANDA GRAY
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Even though the job market is challenging, Kevin Monahan, associate director of the Career Center, said he is optimistic for the graduating senior class.

"When students say 'It's a bad market,' I say, 'someone's getting hired today. Why can't that be you?'" Monahan said. "There are opportunities out there. You just have to be assertive."

But some students say the effects of the poor economy have hit them hard.

Senior Jim Quiniff, an aerospace engineering major, said his field of study isn't translating well to the job market.

"A lot of people [in this field] didn't get jobs last year," Quiniff said. "This leads to more competition."

"Not a lot of companies are hiring."

Quiniff said he has been looking into the aircraft and space industries and even though he's been searching for a job since the beginning of the school year, he said he has only had two interviews.

Senior Alex Bodewig, a management consulting major, said she also felt the competition for jobs.

"I was looking for any job in business," she said. "Consulting requires lots of travel time, so I'm not sure if I want that."

Bodewig is from El Salvador, which makes her job search more

difficult, spanning two different countries.

"It takes a long time to find a job listing you're interested in," Bodewig said. "It's also hard when you don't hear back. The waiting is rough."

She said professors and the Career Center have been urging students to keep applying.

"They said the market is rough, but looking up," Bodewig said. "There have been people getting offers the last couple of weeks. It's very last-minute."

Bodewig, who has an upcoming interview but no job offers yet, said the economic state is hitting many graduating students hard.

"Companies don't have the money to hire," she said.

The Career Center is helping bring companies to students, at least virtually, Bodewig said. She said video conferencing is helping bring more interviews in because companies don't have to pay for travel expenses.

Monahan said the Career Center works with students in all stages of the job hunt to help them find a job that is right for them.

"The Career Center meets students where they are in the process," Monahan said. "We help with every aspect."

Graduating senior Kate Callahan said she used help from the Career Center to land a job at Nielsen, one of the biggest marketing research companies in the world.

Callahan said she received her

job offer at the end of fall semester, but that wasn't the case for many applying for jobs.

"In the fall, companies didn't know where they would be in the spring," Callahan said. "There was a lot more stress and pressure on students."

Callahan said the job market has been noticeably more competitive recently due to the economy.

"There are fewer jobs out there," Callahan said. "There are fewer offers. It's really competitive."

Yet Monahan said he saw a broad list of companies looking at students for possible employees.

"Across the board there was broad interest," Monahan said. "There were companies from film and public relations to the traditional corporate field."

The Career Center's most successful year-long venture was alumni-student networking, Monahan said.

"Students should embrace networking," Monahan said. "They are phenomenal resources to connect with people in many fields."

Despite the tough job market, Bodewig said she can see a silver lining.

"I think a lot of people considered service or more school because of the tough market," she said. "It forced people to consider other venues for their passions. They could go for their calling."

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Students choose post-grad service

By AMANDA GRAY
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Graduating senior Beth Neiman said the opportunity to volunteer after graduation just fell into her lap.

"I heard about Americorps through the [Center for Social Concerns]," Neiman said. "I'll be teaching at an Indian reservation."

Neiman is one of about 10 percent of seniors going into the volunteer force upon graduation and one of five Notre Dame students who will be teaching on the same reservation.

"This year-long program will give me time to decide what to do," Neiman said.

Neiman said she hopes the time she will spend volunteering will teach her life lessons.

"This volunteering isn't really in my field, but it will teach me good life skills," Neiman said. "I'll be more able to understand life."

She said the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) aided her search for a volunteering spot.

"The CSC is so helpful in sending out lists. I applied to many different things," Neiman said. "It was a lot of trial and error."

Michael Hebbeler, director of Senior Transitions at the CSC, said

volunteer service can be beneficial because it is a way to learn more about the world before pursuing a more permanent career path.

"Some students are pretty set on medical school, but they want to do some pretty meaningful work for a year, or they want to gain some sense of focus or direction with their work," he said.

Hebbeler said he sees volunteer service as in agreement with Notre Dame's mission statement.

"In the mission statement, there's that line about service becoming learning and justice. We're looking toward building a just world. This is a very hands-on, concrete way of doing it," Hebbeler said.

Senior Mary Kate Battle said she wants to go into international development, and her service work at Farm of the Child in Trujillo, Honduras will help.

"I wanted to do service before graduate school, not as a break, but as giving back," Battle said. "The best way to do a job in [international development] is to do service in it."

Battle said the Notre Dame atmosphere fosters a call to service.

"Notre Dame is educating the mind in the classroom and the heart through loving service," Battle said.

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Ryan features traditional single, double and quad rooms, but also has modified "super doubles," which have bay windows, and "super quads," which have private bathrooms. The dorm established their identity as the turquoise and white Ryan Wildcats.

As the newest dorm on campus, Ryan is a "green hall," with amenities to save energy. Some green features include high efficiency washing machines, energy efficient windows, and toilets that have two flush sizes to save water.

SMC enrollment highest since 1991

Despite the economic downturn of the past year, Saint Mary's College saw its highest enrollment since 1991.

The College currently has 1,664 students enrolled, up from 1,527 in 2006.

Vice President for Enrollment Management Daniel Meyer said the increase can be attributed to two things.

"For the past four years, we have had more than 425 students in each of the first-year classes," Meyer said. "Secondly, this year we had higher than expected retention of first-year students to second-year students."

College President Carol Ann Mooney named an enrollment increase as a goal in her 2007 strategic plan, written to strengthen diversity and stabilize the campus community financially. According to the plan, the College's operating budget is strained when the enrollment falls below 1,600 students.

In a struggling economy, Saint Mary's families need more financial aid, which has resulted in an 11 percent increase of an average amount of \$2,700 per student, according to a press release. In response to this, the College increases its institutional aid budget by around \$2.6 million.

Budget cuts and changes allow Saint Mary's to offer both new and returning students the assistance to pay for their education.

Holy Cross students robbed, forced into trunk of car

Two Holy Cross students were robbed and forced to ride in the trunk of their car

for at least an hour on Sept. 24, 2009 — highlighting the issue of student safety off campus.

The two male students had exited their car in a parking lot near the 800 block of Notre Dame Ave. about 10:40 p.m. that night when a man approached them with a gun and demanded money before forcing them into the trunk of their car.

The students told police several men hit them while driving the car, and forced them to make withdrawals from several ATMs. One student said he was hit in the ear with a gun and punched in the face.

Police said an officer stopped the vehicle on McKinley Road because the driver failed to turn off the car's high beams, and the suspects fled the vehicle. The officer then discovered the students in the trunk.

South Bend Police Capt. Phil Trent said the crime "shocked the community," and Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poorman said the University is making safety a priority, in response to the assault.

Eddy Street Commons opens

Following years of planning and development by the University, Eddy Street Commons opened this past September, providing students and faculty with services such as a number of new restaurants and high-end housing.

While the project is still under development and some aspects such as a full-service hotel have been delayed because of the recession, others, such as a Chiptole restaurant, have proved to be popular with students and been declared a success by the University.

SMC prof. writes award-winning play

Saint Mary's College professor and playwright Susan Brabant Baxter's play, "Confessions of the Chaff," directed by Professor Mark Abram-Copenhaver was performed at Saint Mary's College Little Theatre from November 13-15. Baxter submitted the play to several playwriting groups. It ultimately came in second place in a national play competition.

"I was somewhat relieved that it didn't win," Baxter said. "I knew I needed more time to consider what, precisely, I wanted this play to do."

The play is set in Ireland in 1942 depicting the Mahan family's struggles to rebuild relationships after a death.

Baxter first drafted "Confessions" in 1995 while living in Colorado in response to a sex-abuse scandal within her local

diocese.

She has written many one-act and full-length plays, in addition to collaborating on a musical. Her previous plays have been performed at the Saint Mary's Fine Arts Camp and Summer Academy.

"I'd like to commend the SMC Theatre Department. It is like no other artistic community I have ever seen. Mark Abram-Copenhaver is an incredibly gifted director," Baxter said.

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The Vatican announced on Nov. 14, 2009 that Bishop Kevin Rhoades, who was then the bishop of the Harrisburg, Pa., diocese, would replace Bishop John D'Arcy on Jan. 13 as the Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, which includes Notre Dame.

D'Arcy, who was 77-years-old at the time of the announcement, was called a friend of the Notre Dame by University President Fr. John Jenkins despite his past condemnation of Barack Obama's selection as Commencement speaker and disapproval of the Vagina Monologues.

Rhoades, who also disapproved of Obama's selection, acknowledged those past tensions but said those particular disagreements are "in the past," saying he hoped to have a "close personal and pastoral relationship" with Notre Dame.

In a released statement, Jenkins was very welcoming of Rhoades's appointment and was looking forward to his leadership as bishop.

"We are confident that the ministry of Bishop Rhoades will be a blessing for Notre Dame and the diocese," Jenkins wrote. "We look forward both to his apostolate and to our friendship for many years to come."

Weis fired; Kelly hired

Former Irish Football Coach Charlie Weis was handed his pink slip by Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick on Nov. 30, 2009. After a season of disappointments including home losses to Navy and the University of Connecticut, many Notre Dame alumni and students began calling for the end of Weis's reign. Despite high graduation rates among his players and top-rated recruiting classes, Weis failed to match the records of the two coaches he succeeded, and he finished the 2009 season with a 6-6.

The search of Weis' successor began immediately as Swarbrick and the Notre Dame administration eventually settled on Cincinnati's Brian Kelly on Dec. 11, 2009.

Kelly went 34-6 in three seasons with the Bearcats and had just led the team to the Sugar Bowl.

"Nobody does it like Notre Dame," Kelly said. "There's a chapel in every dorm, and there's a leader around every corner, and we will cultivate that leadership here at Notre Dame, and we will continue to move towards excellence both in the classroom and on the football field."

Student government creates weekend bus route

Former student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber established a new Transpo route that runs weekend nights past bars and student neighborhoods in December 2009.

The new Transpo route 7A, Schmidt and Weber's main initiative of their term, was meant to offer students' a safe and cheap way to go off campus for the weekend. The bus runs Friday and Saturday nights.

The route is funded by student government and the Office of Student Affairs.

The first run of the new route on Friday, Dec. 4, 2009 had almost 500 riders.

Schmidt said the first run was crucial to the success of the new Transpo route, so he was happy the buses were packed.

"It was really important for this weekend to be successful," Schmidt said at the time. "But the buses were literally packed."

Students, faculty, administration address crisis in Haiti

Students and faculty responded swiftly to the 7.0-magnitude earthquake that struck the nation on Jan. 12.

The University evacuated faculty and staff working in Haiti as part of the Notre Dame Haiti Program in Léogâne. The program focuses on research to eliminate lymphatic filariasis, also known as Elephantiasis, a disease that afflicts more than 26 percent of the Haitian population.

After ensuring the safety of Notre Dame faculty, the University focused on rebuilding and relief efforts, creating the site haitidisaster.nd.edu to organize University giving.

Student government also rallied support among students, and created cash boxes set up throughout campus for students to donate money.

The funds were donated to the American Red Cross, Catholic Relief Services, fundraising efforts of Friends of the Orphans, Congregation of Holy Cross

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In the shadow of the 2009 controversy over President Barack Obama's invitation to deliver the Commencement address, University President Fr. John Jenkins participated in the March for Life in Washington D.C. on Jan. 22.

Jenkins accompanied about 400 students to the Capitol, and he said there was a "certain energy" in the students marching that day, after abortion colored the debate over Obama's presence on campus the previous spring.

Before the March, Jenkins celebrated a Mass in Saint Agnes Church in Arlington, Va. with the students who were staying in the Parish Center.

"Out of all the controversy from last spring, we wanted to take steps to deepen the pro-life cause," Jenkins said told The Observer after the March.

Students petition for addition of sexual orientation to nondiscrimination clause

Over 200 students and faculty rallied outside the Main Building on Jan. 27, demanding the University change its nondiscrimination clause to add sexual orientation.

The "No Home Under the Dome" demonstrators presented a petition and letter to University President John Jenkins asking for the policy change, and the protesters attempted to enter the Main Building before being denied access by Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) officers.

The demonstration followed an offensive Mobile Party comic about violence against the gay community that ran in The Observer on Jan. 13.

The petition asking for the inclusion of sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause has been presented to Jenkins several times in the past, and each time has been rejected.

The University issued a statement that afternoon upholding its current non-discrimination policy and the "Spirit of Inclusion," which represents the University's "commitment to an inclusive community."

Economics dept. branch dissolved

The Academic Council voted to dissolve the Department of Economics and Policy Studies (ECOP) at a February meeting, a decision that received backlash from students and faculty involved in the

Department.

The University has supported two economics departments since 2003, when the Academic Council voted to split the Department of Economics into Economics and Policy Studies and Economics and Econometrics.

The remaining Department of Economics and Econometrics will become the University's only economics department starting next academic year.

The College of Arts and Letters said they would honor the tenure of ECOP professors and find places in other areas at the University to house the ECOP faculty.

But economics students submitted a petition to Arts and Letters asking to continue ECOP, and student government passed a resolution calling for a delay of the dissolution of the Department.

Business school ranked No. 1

The Mendoza College of Business was named the top undergraduate business school in the country in Bloomberg BusinessWeek's fifth annual rankings.

Notre Dame, which was ranked second in 2009, finished ahead of the business schools of University of Virginia, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and University of Pennsylvania.

The criteria included students' response to teachers, SAT scores, recruiters' responses to students and student-faculty ratio.

"Students boasting about the school's commitment to ethics, Catholic beliefs and passionate professors helped land Mendoza in first place," the BusinessWeek article said. "During an economic crisis that has left many young people unemployed, Mendoza also managed a strong showing in career placement, with 95 percent of grads landing a job offer within three months of graduation."

Carolyn Woo, dean of Mendoza College of Business, said a commitment to undergraduate education as well as the entire Notre Dame experience contributed to the school's success.

She said Mendoza does not tailor their curriculum to rankings, but rather strives to fulfill Notre Dame's mission.

"This is a school to honor the Blessed Mother, and [University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh] once said, mediocrity is not the way we honor the Blessed Mother," she said. "Everything we do, we should do it as well as we can. We did what we did because it is our mission."

Actress Glenn Close speaks at SMC

Close visited Saint Mary's College March 15 as the Margaret Hill Endowed Lecturer. In "An Evening With Glenn Close," Close spoke about her journey as an actor in the College's O'Laughlin Auditorium. She shared stories from her life and told tales of past auditions, her childhood and her family.

As a 12th generation Connecticut Yankee, actress Glenn Close found her inspiration and strength in her two grandmothers and her mother to pursue her dreams.

Close introduced herself with an anecdote about a woman who spotted her at the airport and mistook her for Meryl Streep.

"Your perception of those characters have deeply influenced your perception of me," Close said.

Close said she based some of her characters after her grandmothers' strong personalities. Both of her grandmothers were talented — one dreamed of being a famous singer, and the other longed to become an actor.

Though she has been successful in her career and has been awarded many of the parts she wanted, Close said she was greatly influenced by others.

"I've had so many brilliant people constantly whispering in my ear," Close said.

Saint Mary's Dance Marathon raises \$77,000

Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students gathered to "Dance for a Chance" at the fifth annual Dance Marathon at the College's Angela Athletic Facility March 26-27.

The event, which was hosted by the College with the help of Notre Dame's Pre-Professional Society, raised \$77,328 and will donate \$72,000 to the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

"This year, we were focused on fundraising, making our presence known and trying to raise awareness," said Dance Marathon president Kelly Deranek, a senior at Saint Mary's.

Approximately 350 people attended this year's event, which ran from 8 p.m. Friday until 8 a.m. Saturday.

The night included live performances by the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Irish dance team and bands such as South Jordan. In addition, raffles, crafts and card games were among the many activities of the night.

Children from Riley attended the event, including Marty Manges, who said arm

wrestling with a Notre Dame football player was one of the coolest things he had ever done. The Saint Mary's College Morale Committee also came to teach volunteers how to dance.

Soler, Bell elected student body president, vice president

Sophomores Catherine Soler and Andrew Bell were elected student body president and vice president Feb. 8 and took office April 1.

The duo became the first all-sophomore ticket to win the election when they defeated their opponents with 54.6 percent of the vote. Soler and Bell won without a runoff election.

"This is the first time in at least four years that we haven't had a runoff," then Judicial Council president Ian Secviar said.

Soler previously served as sophomore class president while Bell was a student senator. They defeated juniors Eras Noel and Julian Corona and freshmen Peter Ledet and Gabe Alvare in the election.

Soler and Bell promised a textbook rental program and to focus on community relations during their time in office.

Chesley, Smith take SGA office

Saint Mary's juniors Rachael Chesley and Laura Smith said they would bring a "fresh perspective" to their roles as Student Government Association (SGA) president and vice president, respectively, when they took office April 1.

The pair defeated junior Meg Griffin, current SGA vice president, and sophomore Emily Skirtich, SGA executive secretary in the Feb. 26 election.

Chesley has served as a member of the Student Activities Board (SAB) as well as on Dance Marathon and the Class Gift Campaign. Smith has also participated in Dance Marathon and has served on the first year, sophomore and junior boards.

One of their main goals is to be a strong voice for the student body, Chesley said.

They are working to connect to alumnae back to the campus community.

Chesley and Smith said their mission can be stated in two words: "Community" and "integrity."

"I am excited for the opportunity to be a visible and involved voice for the students," Chesley said. "This opportunity will be a challenging and rewarding one, and it will surely be an opportunity to provide a fresh perspective and to be an enthused and involved leader for the student body."

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January 27 - Students petition for addition of nondiscrimination clause
Over 200 students and faculty rallied outside the Main Building Jan. 27, demanding the University change its nondiscrimination clause to add sexual orientation. The "No Home Under the Dome" demonstrators presented a petition and letter to University President John Jenkins asking for the policy change, and the protesters attempted to enter the Main Building before being denied access by Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) officers.

March 26 - Saint Mary's Dance Marathon raises \$77,000
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January 22 - Jenkins marches with students in pro-life rally
In the shadow of the 2009 controversy over President Barack Obama's invitation to deliver the Commencement address, University President Fr. John Jenkins participated in the March for Life in Washington D.C. Jan. 22.

March 5 - Business school ranked No. 1
The Mendoza College of Business was named the top undergraduate business school in the country in Bloomberg BusinessWeek's fifth annual rankings. Notre Dame, which was ranked second in 2009, finished ahead of the business schools of University of Virginia, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and University of Pennsylvania.

April 1 - Soler, Bell take over as student body president, vice president
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Music video draws mixed reactions

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

A video project for the Athletics Department featuring the Notre Dame pom squad, footage from football and basketball games and Ohio-based funk band Freekbass has created a stir among students — resulting in a Facebook group protesting the video with almost 4,000 members.

The “We are ND” video features Freekbass singing the chorus “We are ND. We are Notre Dame” throughout campus, in the Notre Dame Stadium, the Joyce Athletic Center and under the “Play Like a Champion Today” sign.

But Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) Professor Ted Mandell, producer of the video and writer of the “We are ND” song, said the video is not meant to be an official promotional video for the University.

Mandell said he produced the video for Athletics Department’s end of the year awards show, the O.S.C.A.R.S, which highlights the achievement of student athletes.

“The idea was to make a fun, laugh at yourself, cheer for the Irish, dance in the parking lots, celebration song that would fit well with the tone of the O.S.C.A.R.S show,” he said. “It’s intended to be a goofy, carefree dance song you sing when you’re partying in the parking lot after beating Michigan. Something that fans can chant, and jump up and down to.”

Yet some students say the video, which features Freekbass in large sunglasses and funky outfits, does not fit Notre Dame.

“We want to tell the Boston College and USC fans that will make fun of us that we didn’t give the okay,” sophomore Kyle Blanco said. “It’s only a small portion of the Notre Dame population behind it.”

Freshman Christopher Grunewald, one of the students who started the Facebook group “Protest ‘We are ND’ Video,” said the creators of the group felt Freekbass was not representative of Notre Dame.

“My first impression was, ‘why is a guy wearing freak attire singing 70s funk on our basketball court and under our Play Like a Champion Today sign, singing, We are ND?’” Grunewald said.

Junior Michael Burke, a production assistant for the video and FTT student, said he thinks the students criticizing the video are taking it out of context.

“The video really had no purpose. [Mandell] wasn’t trying to reinvent school spirit,” Burke said. “I could have

guessed some people wouldn’t like it, but I didn’t think people would be so outspoken. I think it’s ridiculous that people are taking it so seriously.”

Burke said the video cost nothing and was not sanctioned in an official capacity by the University.

“I think it was apparent to everyone song was corny, Burke said. “It just wasn’t meant to be as serious as people are taking it. It’s supposed to be light-hearted and just funny.”

Despite the reaction from students, Burke said producing the video was a fun experience.

“It was really awesome working with equipment and helping professors do something on more professional level rather than as a student,” he said.

Senior Stephanie Jensen, a member of the Notre Dame Marching Band, plays the falto during a scene filmed at Legends in the video.

“I think the video was really well put together, but I’m not a really big fan of the song itself,” she said.

Jensen said her scene was filmed in about five or six takes, which took about half an hour. Burke said the whole video was filmed in one day.

“It’s always fun being with band kids,” Jensen said of the experience filming the video. “It was kind of weird. I can’t really verbalize it. It wouldn’t be something Notre Dame would usually do. I guess it was just atypical.”

Grunewald said he was surprised at how fast the Facebook group protesting the video grew.

“It was actually funny. I started it and within about 20 minutes, there were already over 100 people, and it grew exponentially from there,” Grunewald said.

But Mandell said he has heard positive feedback on the video as well.

“I think being posted on the University YouTube Channel set up certain expectations for the viewer. No one expected to see a video from the O.S.C.A.R.S. No one expected to see a guy like Freekbass. No one expected to hear a funky little fan song,” he said. “I think some viewers applied their expectations of what they thought it would be, to what it really was, and that produces negative opinion.”

“I’ve gotten nothing but positive feedback from fellow faculty and administrators who see it for what it is — fun and goofy. Freekbass certainly doesn’t take himself seriously. He makes fun of himself.”

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ROTC seniors to begin assignments

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
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Thirty-nine Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) cadets will be commissioned as officers at the Tri-Military ceremony in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Saturday.

The ceremony will take place at 9 a.m. and will be followed by a reception in the Pasquerilla Center. The Army will commission 12 2nd lieutenants, the Air Force, 12 and the Marine Corps, six. The Navy will commission nine ensigns.

Senior Thomas Capretta, cadet battalion commander of the Army ROTC Fightin’ Irish Battalion, said the commissioning involves taking an oath and getting the rank of Second Lieutenant pinned on each cadet’s uniform.

Maj. Gen. Philip Volpe will be the speaker at the ceremony. Volpe, a Notre Dame alumnus, has had a long career in Army medicine, and has received various awards for his service.

After the ceremony, the students will officially be commissioned officers of the military.

“Most will have four-year commitments, but some will have longer if their training costs more,” Col. Dennis Mitchell, commanding officer of the Air Force ROTC Unit, said. “For example, three will be going to one year of pilot training and will spend at least 10 years in the Air Force after training.”

The Navy also requires four years of active service, with aviators requiring up to eight years after they receive their qualification wings, Lt. William Fensterer, assistant professor of naval science, said.

Fensterer said Navy cadets will go to different locations depending on their preferences.

“We have some heading to Pilot Training, Surface Ships, Submarine Training, Marine Corps Basic

School, one to SEAL Training and one to a Naval Medical Center,” he said.

The commissioning ceremony honors every graduating cadet in the ROTC program, but each senior also has the opportunity to do a private commissioning ceremony with his or her family at the Grotto or the east door of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

“These are done mostly on Friday, with a few done on Saturday. I will be doing my private commissioning ceremony at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning at the Grotto,” said Marina Rodriguez, a senior Army cadet.

While most ROTC seniors will go directly into the service after graduation, Rodriguez will delay her service a few years to enter medical school.

“I am actually in a slightly different situation than most of my peers. I received an education delay authorizing me to delay my service commitment in order to allow me to attend medical school starting in the fall,” Rodriguez said. “So, unlike my peers who will begin their branch training and transition to their assigned units this year, I will be attending University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine.”

After finishing medical school, Rodriguez will be a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. She will have an eight-year service obligation that must be completed at the end of her residency.

“As of right now, I plan to make a career out of the Army and will likely serve at least 20 years,” she said.

Rodriguez said the most rewarding part of the ROTC program has been the strong friendships she built over the four years.

“My classmates and fellow members of the battalion are some of the best friends I could ever hope for,” she said. “I have grown a lot during my time in ROTC.”

Capretta also said the program

has influenced his personal development and overall experience at Notre Dame.

“ROTC has been an integral part of my college experience. The cadre and recent alumni of the Fightin’ Irish Battalion have been great mentors to me, and have influenced me more than anyone else in the past four years,” Capretta said. “The cadets in program have become some of my best friends at Notre Dame.”

As cadet battalion commander of the Army ROTC Fightin’ Irish Battalion, Capretta was responsible for training the 87 cadets currently in the battalion.

In November, Capretta will head to Ft. Benning, Ga. for infantry officer training. After completing his training, he will go to Ft. Carson, Colo. for his first permanent station.

“I’m not sure how long I will be in the Army. I can see a career, a four-year stint and anything in between as being possible right now,” he said.

Capretta said that after his four years of ROTC training, he feels ready to enter the Army.

“Speaking for my classmates, I think we all feel very well prepared for our first assignments in the real Army. The ROTC program here has done a great job of pushing us to improve ourselves,” Capretta said. “It has also given us many leadership opportunities to hone those skills that we will need as officers.”

Rodriguez agreed that she feels prepared to move on to the next step.

“The instructors here have done an excellent job in preparing us to enter the Army and to serve as leaders of our various units,” she said. “Joining ROTC was one of the best decisions I made during my time here at Notre Dame.”

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Faculty, students recognized by College

Honors Convocation held at Saint Mary's awarded professors, senior

By ALICIA SMITH and
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News Writer

Students and faculty received a variety of awards during the Honors Convocation held at Saint Mary's College on May 2.

Ted Billy, chair of the English Department and professor at the College was awarded the Maria Pieta award. The award, according to a press release from the College, was established in 1976 in honor of Maria Pieta, a former teacher and administrator at Saint Mary's.



Billy

The award is given to one nominee who has demonstrated quality teaching in courses for first year students and sophomores.

"It's for outstanding teaching, especially in regard to lower division courses," Billy said.

Billy also said the award was given to a professor who displayed excellence in teaching, and dedication to the students. Recipients also must demonstrate a passion for teaching.

"Usually there's always an abundance of really good teachers who are being promoted by the students," Billy said. "It's always a very nice thing to do. There are so many worthy candidates."

Billy said he was surprised he was the recipient of the award.

"It was an unexpected delight," he said.

Billy has been a professor at the College since 1987. He has served as the chair of the English Department for two terms. Currently, he is serving his second term, and has been for the past four years.

In addition, Billy is the faculty advisor for "The Avenue," the student-run nonfiction magazine, the advisor for the English Club and he has participated in several plays.

Billy said he enjoys teaching and recognizes that learning is a process.

"Teaching is not just simply a transmission of information, but also a transformation of the individuals involved," Billy said. "So, it's a real joy to see a student who you have in your class in her first year at Saint Mary's and then see her again say in her junior or

senior year in another class having a great deal more self-confidence and being more assertive and having a greater self image."

Also recognized was professor Joanne Snow, chair of the mathematics department, who received the Spes Unica Award. It is given to a professor who has done "eminent service to Saint Mary's College," according to a press release. Snow came to the College in 1983, and has been teaching students and has participated on College committees.

She received her undergraduate degree from Loyola of Baltimore and her Ph.D. from Notre Dame. Snow has spent time as a visiting professor at Loyola University and taught for two years in Germany before beginning her career at the College.

"I wanted to be a teacher ever since I was a little kid. It was just part of my personality, inborn," Snow said.

She said her favorite part of teaching is "working with the students and seeing the students grow, seeing the students get excited."

Snow currently serves on several committees, including Curriculum, Rank and Tenure, Student Affairs, Mission Council and many others.

"Saint Mary's is a place that's involved in the whole life of the student, not just in pouring facts into your heads," Snow said. "It's also life, and so because the College is committed to the Holy Cross tradition of information, formation and transformation, the life of the College goes way beyond the classroom."

Snow said teaching is one of the most difficult, but rewarding jobs a student could take.

This is not the first time Snow has been recognized by the College, she also won the Maria Pieta Award in 1993, which is an award that recognizes "quality of teaching done in courses for freshmen and sophomores," according to a press release.

Snow said she enjoys the relationship she can establish with the students here at the College, which is a large reason for why she teaches.

"Saint Mary's is a really unique place," Snow said. "You form



Snow

bonds with the students that go far beyond the content of a math class. It's a privilege to teach here. It's a privilege to work with the young women. It's a privilege to be allowed into their lives."

Saint Mary's junior Jinqui Guan received the Saint Catherine Medal at the Honors Convocation.



Guan

According to a press release from the College, the Saint Catherine Medal is awarded to a sophomore or junior student who has demonstrated personal excellence and a high standard of scholarship and has contributed to the College Community.

"This is for a conscious student's contribution to Saint Mary's in academics, leadership and activities," Guan said.

Guan is an economics and French double major at the College.

Guan said she has been involved in Student Diversity Board, the Around the World Club, the Saint Mary's Dance Ensemble and the International Business Council. In addition, Guan is the student representative for the Alumni Board and the student representative for the Modern Languages Department at the Student Academic Council.

Guan said she was caught off guard when it was announced that she would receive the award.

"I was really, really surprised because I had no idea about it," Guan said. "I had no idea that it was given to a student at this Honors Convocation."

Guan said she was thrilled to be the recipient of the Saint Catherine's Medal.

"I was so excited, my legs were shaking," Guan said. "I totally didn't expect that. I was so happy, and I am so happy that what I have done was recognized and people really appreciate it."

Guan also said she is grateful for all of the support from faculty and staff at the College.

"I am very thankful and grateful for all the faculty and students and the administrators here [at the College] who really support me and help me along the way," Guan said.

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Saint Mary's graduate receives 'Outstanding Senior Award' from Alumnae Association

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The college experience is what you make of it, according to Saint Mary's senior Rachel Eisterhold, and she said she has worked for the past four years to try and get as much as possible out of her time at the College.

"I saw the passion [other students] had toward Saint Mary's and I wanted this same passion in everything I do on campus," Eisterhold said. "I jumped into a lot of different activities and found what I love here on campus and in the mean time found hundreds of people that have touched my life and changed my perspective."

Eisterhold, who is originally from the Tulsa, Okla. area, was recognized by the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Association Board of Directors and presented with the "Outstanding Senior Award" because she "exemplifies the spirit and values of the College," according to a press release.

During her time at Saint Mary's, Eisterhold has participated in several different academic and extracurricular activities.

"I have realized, especially this past year, how everyone on campus is so involved," Eisterhold said. "Just because someone participates in their major activities, this doesn't limit them from getting involved in student government, Campus Ministry, Residence Life and Student Living, campus clubs, activities at Notre Dame, and I feel everyone is so well-rounded with both a passion for their major as well as their faith, friends, clubs and activity involvement."

Eisterhold has taken advantage

of the activities on campus, including peer ministry, acting as secretary for the Italian Club and playing oboe for the University Band at Notre Dame. She is also a resident advisor in Regina Hall, a student ambassador who shows interested students around campus and an intern in the public relations department at Saint Mary's.

"I love being in tune with events and activities around campus as they are happening and sharing this news with the community," Eisterhold said.

Eisterhold also spent a year abroad in Rome as a sophomore.

"I had never been a big fan of history before the trip, but seeing the history of Rome in ruins through a tour of the Roman Forum and seeing this history up close made me appreciate how far we have come and how much we make an impact on others that follow us later in life," Eisterhold said.

With all the activities she participates in, she said sharing her experience with others stands out most to her.

"My favorite memory at Saint Mary's is celebrating Mass in so many different ways on campus with others," Eisterhold said. "I have loved so many memories

"I love this holistic education, and I would like to think that I can make a positive difference in the world because I have found my passion for learning, living, my relationship with Christ and my relationship with those around me."

Rachel Eisterhold
senior

that come from living in the residence hall and becoming so close to the amazing women around me."

After graduation, she will be spending the summer at Notre Dame working with the ND Vision program. Once that is complete, Eisterhold said she hopes to get a position at a public relations firm and eventually go to graduate school.

"I love this holistic education, and I would like to think that I can make a positive difference in the world because I have found my passion for learning, living, my relationship with Christ and my relationship with those around me," she said.

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Co-valedictorians part after 17 years of attending school together

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After attending the same school for 17 years, Saint Mary's College co-valedictorians Audrey Marrah and Carly O'Connor plan to go separate ways after graduation.

Marrah and O'Connor have attended the same school since kindergarten.

"We always knew each other," O'Connor said.

According to O'Connor, the two became best friends when they swam together in eighth grade.

"Middle school started in seventh grade for us," Marrah said. "We started hanging out in the same group of friends, and then, as Carly

said, we swam together in eighth grade."

After attending high school together, the two decided independently to attend the College. Both said they were excited when they found out they were attending Saint Mary's together.

"[Carly] had decided before me," Marrah said. "I was kind of between a few different schools, but then I came and spent a weekend with one of our friends who was a freshman at the time, and I fell in love with it, and I decided to come [to Saint Mary's] too."

O'Connor and Marrah also said they were excited when they found out they were going to share the honor of being the College's co-valedictorians.

"We were excited that we were going to get to share it together and that we wouldn't be on stage by ourselves," O'Connor said.

Both received an e-mail from the administration in late February informing them that they were co-valedictorians.

"When I got the e-mail, it said I was co-valedictorian, but it didn't say who the other one was," O'Connor said. "I was just hoping, 'please, let it be Audrey. Please let it be Audrey.' Then we found out and we were excited."

According to Marrah, both knew that they had 4.0 GPAs before they were announced as co-valedictorians.

The two plan to give a joint speech during Commencement where

Marrah begins and finishes the speech, and O'Connor delivers the middle.

"I'm the meat in the sandwich," O'Connor said.

"I'm the bun," Marrah added.

O'Connor will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. Marrah will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

After graduation, O'Connor and Marrah are separating after 17 years.

"I am doing Mercy Volunteer Corp.," Marrah said.

While Marrah will be overseas, O'Connor plans to attend graduate school.

"It's called the John Paul II Institute, and I'll be getting a master's

degree in theology and Marriage and the Family," O'Connor said.

After graduate school, O'Connor said she hopes to work in a parish or diocese doing family ministry. She said she might also work toward her Ph.D. as well.

Though they won't be together, the two plan to keep in touch the best they can, and they look forward to the future.

"I'm really excited. I wanted to do service work," Marrah said.

O'Connor said she is eager for the next step of her life as well.

"John Paul II's work, it's my passion," O'Connor said. "I'm very excited."

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Teams win \$15,000 competition

Students present business models at annual Mendoza event

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The Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies recently announced Weekend Student Adventures (WSA) and Morph and Thro as the winners of its annual business venture competitions, awarding each team top prizes of \$15,000.

The competitions were held at the Mendoza College of Business.

This year's McCloskey Business Plan Competition and Social Venture Plan Competition drew entries from 101 student and alumni teams, which is its highest number yet, Karen Slaggert, program manager for the business plan competitions, said.

"This year we had such a great mix of student and alumni teams," Slaggert said. "We were blown away by the quality of the presentations of the undergraduates."

Led by senior BFA student Andrew Steves, the winning McCloskey team, which conceived the WSA idea, was comprised of MSA candidate Patrick Carey, BBA candidate Helen Lee and MBA candidate Jeff Harer.

WSA presented a multi-faceted business plan that serves American college students studying abroad in Europe. It offers guided tours and travel packages for weekend and weeklong trips, Slaggert said.

Steves, who studied abroad his junior year in Rome with teammate Carey, said he used his own travel experience to develop the plan.

"We all saw that there were so many great experiences we had in studying abroad and it really broadens your horizons," Steves said. "But at the same time, there's also so much resulting from inexperienced travel. For example if it's their first time in Rome, a lot of kids won't know to get up early to wait in line for the Vatican."

Each team in the competition was partnered with a mentor to facilitate their development process. WSA was matched with John Anthony of Anthony Travel.

"[Anthony] helped them figure out the campus component," Slaggert said. "He helped with the marketing to universities and colleges."

Steves said he and Carey plan to go to Europe in August to research the launch of their first season of tours. WSA will focus on a select number of initial destinations based on popularity.

"We determined popularity based on surveys and interviews I'd done," Steves said. "Paris, Prague, Barcelona, Dublin, Rome and London were the top destinations."

The runner-up team of the McCloskey Competition was Eptics LLC, which works to develop and commercialize Progenitex™, a laboratory process that rapidly expands progenitor bone marrow cells collected from umbilical cord blood.

The other competition, the Social Venture Competition, now in its ninth year, features plans with environmental or social components and are not necessarily not-for-profit.

Morph and Thro, which is com-

posed of former Irish football players Gerome Sapp, Glenn Earl and Jim Molinaro, won the Social Venture Competition with a plan to recycle post-consumer plastic bottles (PET) to make polyester fitness apparel.

The garments are made from 100 percent recycled material in a proficient domestic work force, and according to the plan's website, the venture aims to "promote individual, social and environmental sustainability through performance apparel."

Sapp said he was thankful for the opportunity to return to Notre Dame for the competition.

"Being able to come back to Notre Dame and compete in the Social Venture Business Competition and win after graduating from the business school and going on to play five years in the NFL was extremely rewarding," Sapp said.

He said the support his team received was helpful as well.

"The most rewarding part of winning the competition was receiving all the support and insight from distinguished alums and competition mentors," he said.

The runner-up team of the Social Venture Competition was composed of all undergraduates who developed a plan called Red Carabao to open international youth hostels.

"Their plan was very well done," Slaggert said. "We had to remind the judges that they were all undergraduates."

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Entrikin named associate provost

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

The University has selected vice provost of international studies at University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) J. Nicholas Entrikin to become Notre Dame's first vice president and associate provost for Internationalization.

Entrikin's new position will focus on "enhancing and expanding the international components of Notre Dame," Provost Tom Burish said.

"We recognize that Notre Dame really is a global institution," associate provost Dennis Jacobs said. "Its mission is one that extends to the entire world."

Jacobs said Entrikin's new duties would include attracting more international students and faculty to the University, enhancing study abroad programs and increasing collaborative efforts.

Jacobs said the University was already very strong in some areas, such as study abroad participation, but lacking in others, such as percentage of undergraduate international students.

"Campus does not reflect the diversity of the Church," he said.

Entrikin said he will focus

on establishing a higher level of coordination and raising the international profile of Notre Dame.

"Such a coordinating role will involve working cooperatively with others across campus to enhance international learning opportunities for Notre Dame students, to attract more international students and visiting scholars to Notre Dame and to facilitate faculty research and teaching collaborations with international partner institutions," he said. "The University of Notre Dame is well situated to become an important and distinctive member of a growing network of globally-focused, research universities."

Jacobs said Entrikin was chosen following an international candidate search. Jacobs said he was impressed with how Entrikin had "brought together a very complex campus like UCLA and brought together many functions and offices."

Ultimately, Jacobs said most peer institutions have similar positions already established, and Entrikin would help the University be "a powerful force for good that was not restricted to U.S. boundaries."

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It's gotten to the point where I hate going to sleep.

That's what this college does to you. It takes something you cherish and turns it to dust. But that's why you love it.

Sleep is the elusive nirvana that college students strive towards, the tonic that cures all ills. Countless times I've been working for this paper, or up all night working on a newspaper, or in class during a busy week begging for an hour between the sheets.

Come senior year that changes. Now my bed represents the death sentence of another day with the people I love, one day closer to the point where I have to leave behind everything I hold dear and join the real world.

This place is so wonderful, it's transformed sleep from a goal to a dread. My buddy Rob says I don't appreciate the value of a good nap. This is why.

The sacrifice of sleep allowed me to experience the memories that will stay with me. That's both for big events, like waking up at 4 a.m. to bus down to the Kentucky Derby, and small, like staying up until 4 a.m. arguing with my roommates about whether a pretzel is classified as a cracker or a pastry. (It's both. It's also a German guild symbol and a Christian Lenten staple, and the biggest pretzel ever weighed 40 pounds and was five feet wide. And to think I almost went through life without these crucial nuggets of information.)

But what does Notre Dame have to do with this, other than its proximity to Louisville? It brings together the people that make these memories possible. You



Bill Brink

Managing Editor Emeritus

Sleep easy

take a massive group of wonderful people and then break it down into subsets: class, dorm, section, etc. Whatever dorm you're in automatically becomes the best one on campus (unless you're in Fisher, which is the best dorm on campus) and you grow as close with your section members as with your family.

Speaking of family, and Google Apps, which we know all Notre Dame students love, some of my friends have an e-mail label called "ND family," a section in which they put all chain e-mails regarding the things we do together. How many other schools breed that kind of unity?

I'll remember not sleeping on account of class work that I had allowed to pile up, nights spent in Reckers until morning. Worth it? Sort of. My GPA survived (it's a 4.12, Dad, in case you were wondering) and I learned a lot in some great classes with wonderful professors. Another thing this university attracts is a fantastic faculty who care about the students and what they learn. That's not the case everywhere and shouldn't be taken for granted.

Now's the time for me to tell you about how scared I was freshman year, how much I've changed, how great this place is, and maybe sprinkle in a cliché to illustrate the Class of 2010's fleeting time at Notre Dame like "We will always have Paris." I won't do that, but that does remind me of the time my roommate and I stayed up all night, finals the next morning be damned, discussing the top 10 most quotable movies. Now, can I tell you who the Secretary of State was in the Kennedy administration, since I was studying for U.S. history that night? Sure. But now I also know that when someone asks me "Did I catch a 'niner' in there?" and wonders if I called from a walkie-talkie, I need to respond with "No, it was cordless."

"Never memorize something that you can look up," Albert Einstein said, since we're on the subject of quotes. Dean Rusk is a simple Google search away. But the

time I spent with my friends here cannot be replicated in any form and needs to be cherished.

I'm sure the rest of you are just as sad about graduating and leaving this wonderful place and these wonderful people behind. You've been blessed with the chance to spend time here, and I hope for all our sakes we can remember it fondly as well as let it shape as we enter the real world. My friends, rectors and professors have had a profound effect on who I am, and that's a good thing. I hope that's the case for you as well.

So now it's night time of our college career, and we'll go to sleep here one final time before we wake up to a world absent the things that have made our lives great for four years. It won't be happy. But it's a necessary part of this experience. In 15 years, when you slide under the covers (probably at 9:30, because the kids need breakfast by 6:15 to make the bus and you have a meeting at 8:30 you need to prepare for) you'll think back to the time when those concerns were a distant possibility and sleep represented the ticking clock on the best time of your life. And you'll smile and be thankful that you got to be a part of it.

Sweet dreams, Class of 2010. It's been real.

Bill Brink is graduating with a degree in History and Journalism, Ethics and Democracy. He would like to be remembered as the guy who debunked the myth that you won't graduate if you walk through the doors of Main Building, since he did it as a freshman in his first week on campus because no one told him not to. He'd like to thank all the people who made it possible for him to come here and all the people who made his time here as special as it was. He can be contacted at wbrink@nd.edu

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Can we top this?

Fears about post-college life hit me hard Monday driving back from Wrigley Field after hanging around Chicago all day. I mentioned to a friend of mine that, in one week, we'll be sitting at home and won't be students anymore.

In that particular moment, having just spent the day with friends bumming around downtown, going to the ballpark, getting tipsy and having generally just a great time, I

thought to myself: how will I ever top the last four years?

In the last four years at Notre Dame, I, like the rest of you, have had experiences I never imagined and made friends that will last a lifetime. We could talk for hours about that time freshman year our first TC party got busted, the summer we snuck into the tunnels, how much we loved tap with McKenna, the St. Patrick's day we drank in class, how we lived through the circus over Obama's visit last year, and on and on and on.

But what happens now, when that's all over? This worry hasn't been helped by the dozens of people who say you should "enjoy college while you can" because

"they're the best years of your life." It's probably good advice while you're starting out, but it makes me sick to think about today.

But what now? Will I just turn into a wannabe-student alum — the alums who come back for all the football games, get wasted at tailgates and hit on undergrads at the Backer? I hope not. I want a life after college other than trying to re-live my college days.

What it boils down to is that I still want some adventure after college. And, in retrospect, having an adventure is something I've learned how to do fairly well in the last few years.

The best friendships, the best memories were usually about taking a risk, stepping out of my comfort zone, doing something spontaneous. I would have never had such a great career at Notre Dame had I been a risk-averse hobbit. It was diving into something new, something unexpected, or something adventurous that provided me with an unforeseen opportunity or a new friendship.

Like the time we decided to go to Cairo while studying abroad in Innsbruck, got on the plane without a plan, got lost and ended up riding the camels to the pyramids. That was stepping out of our comfort zone.

Or the time we did the Hesburgh Challenge at the end of this semester and were nearly caught on the 13th floor by a janitor. That was risky.

Or, even something like trying out for

the marching band freshman year on a whim, and later going to the Sugar Bowl with some of my new best friends. That was an adventure.

College and the freedom it provides young adults like us is the ideal time to find adventure and have fun. But who says the adventure has to end with graduation? So that's my goal for the next few years. Though, living in Chicago a mere two hours from campus I'll be at a high risk of becoming one of those wannabe-undergrad alums, I'll be making a point of seeking out adventure after college.

Even if we don't think we can "top" the Notre Dame experience, we'll have the memories and friendships to carry with us, along with a sense of adventure and spontaneity to make more great memories down the road, even as our college years come to a close.

Aaron Steiner will graduate with a degree in Management and German. After graduation, he is working for Deloitte in Chicago and will try to balance coming back to campus and being a wannabe-undergrad. He'll also try finding adventure by (hopefully) visiting his adventurous friends in Korea and Europe and around the U.S. He owes everything to Mom and Dad, Ellie, Peter, Andrew and all of his friends — he will be forever grateful.

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Aaron Steiner

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Don't live down to expectations. Go out there and do something remarkable."

Wendy Wasserstein
U.S. playwright

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Wherever you go, go with all your heart."

Confucius
Chinese philosopher

Notre Dame as an institution and a family

Everyone has that moment when they question their decision to attend Notre Dame. Not everyone is lucky enough to be reassured that they made the right choice. At least, not as an undergraduate.

I think most people don't begin to fully appreciate how lucky they were to be here until after they leave, and I am only just starting to realize how this University affected me.

I would not be who I am now without Notre Dame. I was allowed to find myself, surrounded by the strongest peers, most dedicated mentors and best friends I could have asked for. The people I've interacted with here have changed me. Professors taught me both in and out of the classroom how to be who I want to be. They shared both knowledge and experience, always exceeding my increasingly heightened expectations. Peers and colleagues provided an environment, more commonly called the Notre Dame



Kara King

Viewpoint
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Bubble, where I felt safe trying new things without worrying too much about failure. I made mistakes. But I had friends who let me make them and laughed with me at the consequences that ensued or commiserated over the lost opportunities. I cannot possibly say how much my friends here have meant or thank them for always being there and knowing how to react to my sometimes difficult-to-read moods. I am leaving with more hilarious memories and ridiculous stories than I can count, and I know I'll never forget all I learned from my friends here. Rooms aren't necessary when you can party in the hallways and sleep is vastly overrated when you have time to waste.

Looking back over four years here, it's hard for me to separate my undergraduate career from my Observer one. Given how things turned out, most people would probably think that's a bad thing. It would be easy for me to agree, but I don't want what ended up being my last week as an Observer employee to define my entire tenure, just as I wouldn't sum up my college experience based on a test I didn't do particularly well on. Actually, I don't think grades are in any way an accurate reflection of my time here. My college experience would not have

been the same without the paper: It changed me more than any other activity, class or individual in my four years here.

I am not the same person who walked into the office freshman year to copy edit Viewpoint, or who hesitantly applied for Viewpoint Editor (and, contrary to certain ICPA speeches, had the 'privilege' of counting and reading the hundreds of letters concerning Obama's visit to campus in my last few weeks on the job). I'm definitely not the same person who cockily assumed I'd be given the AME position after a year on Ed Board and allowed that overconfidence to affect the quality of my work. Every day I was challenged by the paper, and it was through undertaking these challenges that I was able to grow into who I am now.

Ultimately, The Observer allowed me to show who I have become here at Notre Dame. It granted me the opportunity to prove that all the hype and rankings around the business school and its ethics curriculum are an actuality not lost on the students. While resigning was the hardest thing I had to do here, in a way it was a final lesson that I had to learn before my introduction to the real world. Actions have consequences regardless of

intention, and those consequences are much easier to accept while still sheltered inside the Notre Dame Bubble. I have no regrets in how I reacted after the situation arose, and would much prefer that to the alternative.

I'm still pretending I don't have to leave the bubble yet. But I know that after I receive my diploma and finally let go, I will be more than prepared for whatever awaits, partially because of Notre Dame, the institution, but much more so because of Notre Dame, the family. And especially because of those annoying nights spent laboring away in the basement of South Dining Hall, hoping to leave before breakfast.

Kara King is graduating with a BBA in Accounting and a BA in Economics. She still isn't sure how useful two degrees will be, but figured that she should take the University up on its buy one get one free offer. She would like to thank her parents and siblings for everything. 800 words is not enough space to explain all the help she's had along the way, but to those she was fortunate enough to know, thank you. Keep in touch. She can be contacted at karaking88@gmail.com

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'Keep your fork'

When I finished up my last day at work a couple of weeks ago, I thought I had successfully avoided writing a single article here — apparently not. I would have much rather submitted a graphic detailing my favorite campus eateries (Greenfield's, Reckers, Decio Commons, and Café de Grásta, in that order) instead of writing a senior column, but that wasn't an option.

I will begin by wishing my fellow classmates a happy graduation. I won't actually be there.

During Commencement Weekend I will be rowing with my teammates in Oakridge, Tenn., competing for a top finish at Regionals. I happen to be one of those seniors absolutely dreading graduation, so it really helps that I don't have to go. (Don't worry, I will be graduating the next day.)

I guess I should be thankful that approaching graduation is so painful — it means that my time here was well spent. I can thank my best friends for that: the girls in Pasquerilla West and my teammates. Our experiences together have shaped me throughout these four years. I finally realized though that when you ask your best friends to help you decide between studying and driving out to Ritters, they will always choose the less productive option. But go ahead and ask them anyway.

A priest once told me that he knew an old lady who wanted to be buried with a fork. Her reason: to remind her family and friends that after you finish your meal you need to hang on to your fork so you can be ready for when that fantastic dessert comes. Though it would be extreme to equate leaving Notre Dame to death, that woman understood that even when you can't see past the end, you have to think that the next course will be even

better.

So the lesson here is: keep your fork, the best is yet to come. (You might want to keep your spoon too, because North Dining Hall is known to hide them from time-to-time.)

We will never be allowed to relive our college experience, but soon we will be able to join the ranks of the thousands of alums who get to enjoy Notre Dame in a different way.

I'm still nervous for graduation, though. Especially because some of the amenities I enjoy here, I've been told, don't exist in the "real world." Flex points, for example. Unfortunately, when you start making money they expect you to use it to buy things, too. Also you may have to walk farther than 10 steps to get to a chapel for Sunday Mass. When you live on your own, no one will go around around ringing keys to tell you it's 2 a.m.; you may have to use a clock. Take full advantage of these things now.

I've been trying to look on the bright side, though. Some of our favorite Notre Dame features do exist outside of the bubble, like buses that will pick you up right outside of bars, conveniently located Starbucks' and, most importantly, other Notre Dame fans.

Thank goodness for Facebook albums; they will help me recall some of college's greatest moments.

I'm going to miss this place. But I am definitely hanging onto my fork — because if the best is still yet to come, then boy is it going to be sa-weet.

Andrea Archer is graduating a day late with a degree in marketing and graphic design. She will return home to Connecticut to live with her parents until they say she can't anymore, hunting for jobs in advertising. She would like to thank her friends, boyfriend and family for being so supportive while she was "whooshing" around all the time.

Andrea encourages everyone to buy The Shirt 2010, because whoever designed it certainly did a fantastic job.

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Andrea Archer

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'See you later'

It's still surreal to me that this weekend I'll graduate from Notre Dame. Even applying as a senior in high school, I never knew if coming here would actually happen. I didn't know if my grades were good enough, if my family would be able to pay the way-too-much tuition or if I could move 600 miles away from Atlanta where I hardly knew anyone.

Four years later it's still hard to believe sometimes. There's days I still walk around campus and just try and take everything in, and those days have become more common this year and especially in the last few weeks.

Before I came here everyone told me Notre Dame was a special place. They talked about the campus, professors, football games, the Grotto and Touchdown Jesus.

But it's not really those things that make this week bittersweet, and the big stuff isn't what I'll miss. I'll miss a lot of the little dumb things, like throwing the football around the quad before dinner and playing Mario Party on Saturday afternoons. I'll miss going to Burger King some 30 times this year and only ever getting things off the dollar menu (and after 2 a.m.).

I'll miss Christmas parties and playing (and mostly losing) club sports games.

I'll miss going to Outback for birthdays, one on one games of beer pong, Flashforward and having seen every Scrubs episode at least four times. I'll miss getting up at 10 a.m. to tailgate, going to Finnies and "Ridin Solo" and "Rocket Man".

Even thinking about my time abroad, I enjoyed hanging out with everyone in my tiny room before going out and getting fish and chips at the harbor for lunch, just as much as the skydiving and crazy nights in Singapore.

The thing in common with all these little things I'll miss is the people, and that's what makes this place what it is. Notre Dame is about them, not the classes, the football team, the Dome and definitely not South Bend.

That's why I don't really want to walk across the stage and graduate — Notre Dame has become my second home and my friends my second family. But it's our time now, and thankfully the best parts of college will still be a huge part of my life — they'll just be spread all over the country.

So thank you to all of you for being part of the best four years of my life, especially the six-man, McGlenn girls, Freo kids and upstairs neighbors.

In the movie "John Q," Denzel Washington's character says goodbye to his son after dropping him off at school, and the kid says, "No goodbye, you know I don't like goodbyes. See you later."

I agree.

So until next time, see you guys later.

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Growing up and moving on

Cliché as it may sound, I still feel like I arrived at Notre Dame just yesterday.

As I wallowed on my bottom bunk in Lewis, I realize now that I sobbed into the phone to my parents not because of the painfully lame Frosh-O or because I didn't have any friends yet. I was crying because the minute they pulled away from campus, I was no longer just a kid.

"Going back home" would mean buying an expensive plane ticket and that my bedroom would be turned into a de facto guest room. The reality of growing up was finally setting in, and I was not entirely ready to face it.

That feeling of dread at moving up and moving out is once again setting in. It's strange to think this college life of deadlines, due dates and schedules is coming to a fast end and



Katie Peralta

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I feel like I only just started it.

The prospect now of not knowing what the future holds is especially daunting.

Looking back at the past four years, though, I am starting to realize how much I have grown and how ready I am to move on.

I might be graduating without summa cum laude status, a ring on my finger or a job but I am still feeling like much more of a big kid than the wide eyed 19-year-old that I came in as.

And also cliché as it may sound, I owe this feeling to the experience I had here.

Of course the fabulous American Studies faculty I have been privileged to know here (thank you especially professors Ardizzone, Meissner, Doss and Schmuhl) and the courses I've taken have contributed to my overall growth. Of course the papers I've written, the books I've read and the lectures I've attended have made me into a more learned and well-rounded individual.

But the experiences I've had outside the classroom — from The Observer to studying abroad in Spain to volunteering within the South

Bend community — have built me up and made me ready to take on whatever comes next.

I remember toward the beginning of the second semester of my freshman year someone told me I would find my niche by really rethinking what I want and being assertive. On somewhat of a whim, I picked up an Observer, obeyed one of those annoying grey boxes on the bottom of the News section advertising the need for writers and chatted with then-Editor-in-Chief Maddie Hanna.

Having never written for any kind of publication, I couldn't sleep the night before my first article came out. It's embarrassing to admit the fact that I was like a kid on Christmas Eve that night, but I somehow knew before it even happened that I was about to start something meaningful.

Throughout sophomore year my friends at the newspaper used to joke that it was kind of ironic that we were actually college students since everything we did in the basement of South Dining Hall (Observer office) seemed to trump our actual schoolwork.

The good ol' GPA had its ups and

downs throughout my Observer career as a result of a number of distractions, revelations and inspirations, but after a year's hiatus when I was in Europe, I, for some reason or another, decided to come back to the paper senior year, and I'm honestly so glad I did.

So this isn't meant to be some kind of cheesy shout out at the paper or anything, but I just want to say how grateful I am for this experience.

I'm going to miss so much about college life, but I'm ready now to move on and I'm so grateful for all I've been given here.

Good luck, Class of 2010. I'm really glad to call you my family now.

Katie Peralta is graduating with a degree in American Studies and Spanish. She would like to say thank you to her family for all of the love and support and for making it out to South Bend this weekend. A special thank you to the girls of Marion Street as well for a great four years and a good luck to the rest of the senior class.

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Beyond the classroom

Leaving Notre Dame is a mixed bag for a senior getting ready to go out and face the world, but the healthiest way to look at it would be to focus in on the good things that are in our futures. It hardly

does any good to look back with sadness and nostalgia, so one must consider the past with an eye on how we have become prepared for everything that is to come, right?

We should be proud of our accomplishments, whether it be maintaining a high GPA or landing the big job that we had always dreamed of getting coming out of college, and many of us truly are and deserve to be.

That being said, who cares?

As I sit here I listen to my roommates going through the list of Latin honors for this year's class, comparing their grades and looking at who received magna and summa cum laudes and I wonder if that is the healthiest way to evaluate what we really got out of our time here. Another friend of mine told me about



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how she had calculated the exact grade she needed to get on a final exam to end with the GPA she wanted, and how she felt like she was a failure when she did not reach that expectation.

I am very proud of my accomplishments as a student here as well, as I believe I put in some of the hardest work of my life trying to be the best student I could be, but that is not what I will be taking away from this great college experiment that we shared with one another.

What matters in the end is none of these things, but the relationships we built along the way and the way we changed as human beings.

I remember coming into Notre Dame as quite the conceited person, believing that I knew everything and that college was just a necessary stepping stone to taking one's rightful place in the world. Little did I know the humbling process that would take place, introducing me to the wealth of knowledge that is out there and my truly small place in comparison to the richness of experience that everyone else brings to the table. I was not prepared for this change and was truly rocked by it, but it occurred and I would not have it any other way.

Who knew that so many different kinds of people were out there and the

wealth of different ways to look at how we are able to exist together and form the substantial organizing principles of civilization? Making a trip to Rome for a semester of studying abroad opened me up to so many different ways of doing things, inspiring a love of good cooking, good friend and good wine.

I would like to think that some of my best memories will come from the classrooms and things that I learned there, but as I look back and evaluate, I realize that I have no interest in those things. What I am going to care about and remember are the times I spent with friends, the PLS lunches that we had in between classes, and the times that I had the opportunity to make a fool of myself in front of everybody.

I learned my most important life lessons not from reading Plato or Kant or whatever author or theory of life you chose to subscribe to or study, but instead from my interactions with all those people and classmates around me.

The point of college was not to prepare us for a certain career or to allow us a perfect forum for comparing ourselves to one another, but instead to find our identity in life and to find our niche within the society around us.

When I meet people in the years to

come, I am not going to evaluate them by taking their college GPA or current salary and comparing it against other people's to determine who was successful at life and who was not. What I am going to try and determine is how many people that individual cared for and how many people cared about him. That is the true measure of a man, how a person makes someone else's life better, and a jerk is a jerk no matter what titles and honors you dress him up with.

So do not lose heart fellow sailors on the voyage of life, if you have lived your life to the fullest so far, then you can only expect things to continue going well. I am looking forward to what is to come, not because I now carry a college degree, but because I have changed into the kind of man I want to be for the rest of my life.

God save us all.

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The Observer congratulates
 the graduating Class of 2010
 and wishes them well
 in all their future endeavors.

EXCERPTS FROM PAST ISSUES

Four Years in Review

A dream school with Catholic responsibility

Reading the article on a dream college, I thought it was well balanced in its comments. I would like to add one that was left out. In addition to the fact that Notre Dame continues to be in the top 10 of this list, it was pointed out that it is the only religious affiliation as well as the only Catholic institution to make the list. This brings with it more visibility and so on.

This should also bring with it more responsibility to stand up for its Catholic identity. There is more responsibility to represent Catholic values and not take a step back, but to take a step up when called to stand for the truth. To whom much is given, much is expected. If Notre Dame is visible let it be so we can stand and be leaders and uphold what the Catholic church teaches us to stand up for. This responsibility starts at the top. Ask honestly, has this been what has happened in recent times?

Sue Chambers
St. Mary's alumna
Class of 1977
March 29, 2010

Obama speaking

I am Roman-Catholic, pro-life and middle-upper class citizen with strong leanings toward the Republican Party. Oh, and one more thing: I am ecstatic that the President of the United States is coming to speak at my graduation Commencement. Within hours of the big announcement on Friday, I was receiving infuriating e-mails from my fellow pro-lifers calling for the immediate repeal of President Obama's invitation to Notre Dame. "We must stand against evil," said one message. "He supports gay marriage, which is an affront to the family," read another. "He should not be given this opportunity to confuse our youth." One message went so far as to compare Obama with history's most hated villain. The email read: "The German people supported Hitler because he was dynamic and promised jobs and food. There is more to a man than his charisma." There is also more to a man than his views on the single issue of abortion. Such rash and radical comments not only fail to promote the end of abortion, they undermine the entire pro-life movement.

In an emergency press release issued by the Pro-Life Action League, National Director and Notre Dame alumnus Joe Scheidler made the following statements: "Over the first two months of his administration, Barack Obama has established himself as the most pro-abortion president in U.S. history. My alma mater should not be providing a platform for this president. Father Jenkins cannot expect pro-life Catholics to stand back and allow the most pro-abortion president in U.S. history to make a mockery of Notre Dame's Catholic identity." As a pro-lifer myself, I understand where Scheidler is coming from; I, too, am concerned for the pro-life movement under the Obama administration. I simply cannot agree, however, with the idea that Notre Dame, one of the finest academic institutions in the nation, should deny the President of the United States a platform to speak solely because of his views on abortion. Obama is not coming to Notre Dame to speak about abortion, nor is his speech supposed to play a pivotal part in the formation of our Catholic identity.

It is our responsibility, not our Commencement speaker's, to continue to cultivate our Catholic identity and apply it beyond graduation. The role of a Commencement speaker is to welcome college graduates into the real world, arm them with knowledge of complex and evolving issues, and inspire them to be passionate and influential citizens of a global community. I simply cannot think of anyone more qualified to do these things than the leader of the free world, President Barack Obama.

Thus, to my fellow pro-lifers: let us battle the president on each and every issue pertinent to life, but let us not undermine our intelligence and our patriotism by forsaking other important issues in the reckless pursuit of one. The world will not stop turning for the abortion issue to be resolved. We as Catholics are therefore called to be dynamic citizens who take a multi-dimensional approach to making our world a better place; this means listening and learning from influential world leaders such as Barack Obama. To disinvite the President of the United States based on a single issue, even one as important as abortion, would be a disgrace both to our Catholic identity and to this great Catholic University.

Mark Weber
senior
off campus
March 21, 2009

The hook-up culture

Dear six guys I've hooked up with this semester, Thank you for the hook-up. It was ... decent. From my experience, it was a typical freshman year hook-up.

Some of you shamelessly led me on, while with others it just sort of happened. Obviously, I wanted it too because I definitely didn't stop you. In fact I love to kiss boys, my roommates and I refer to it as "my hobby."

Yes, the hook-up itself was fine, but afterwards we've run into a problem. The problem is the dining hall, at parties, the quad and in class. It's the way that you look at me, with that awkward stare that makes me want to scream "Yes we did hook up once and no we haven't talked since then!" Other times we see each other and you quickly dart your eyes to avoid eye contact or suddenly become enthralled in conversation with the nearest object. To be fair, I think I may have gotten a "hey" from one or two of you before (it's been a while though, so forgive me if my memory isn't perfect).

What about my number, did you ask for it just as a matter of course? Is it your way of saying, "Thanks for the hook-up, can I have your number so that I can delay your realization that we are never going to speak again?" Well it worked, I gave every one of you my number and haven't heard from most of you since. How many of you would actually call me if you needed someone to go grab lunch with? Or if you needed help studying for a class that we both have? How many of you haven't deleted it, or are just now realizing that I must be that mysterious "Melissa" entry in your contact list?

Don't blame me for not calling you, a broken phone can attest to the fact that I've lost most of your num-

bers. I doubt you would answer even if I could call you. I'm a good person and an even better friend. But obviously, since we hooked up, it would be too much to ask that we ever consider friendship as an option. Ignoring each other, apparently, is the only choice that we have.

Of course, I don't render myself blameless. Our hook-up was the most convenient form of instant gratification that we could find. I realize that and I admit to being just as guilty as you are. But next time I smile at you on the quad, or say hi to you in class, can you pretend that you haven't gone both deaf and blind since that night that we met at that party?

Although I doubt that you are willing to do that, I am sure of one thing: You six guys are where I draw the line. This weekend, and all weekends until I graduate, I refuse to add to this list. I won't hook up with any more random boys. Not because the act itself wasn't enjoyable, but because this campus isn't that big and I can't afford to have any more boys refusing to look me in the eye when I walk down South Quad. At Notre Dame, I am looking to make friends (not boyfriends, fiancés, or husbands) and hook-ups obviously lead to anything but friendship. I can find a new hobby, hopefully something that really does make me happy, but I will not hook-up. I'll see you at the dining hall.

Sincerely, Melissa.

P.S. — Don't worry about our kiss under the arch — unless we move to Utah, it's unlikely that all six of you will find yourselves married to me.

Melissa Buddie
freshman
Lyons Hall
Nov. 13, 2008

Time to act on GLBT issues

As a recent alumnus and member of the 2006-07 Student Senate, it is disheartening to witness the actions — or, rather, inaction on the part of this administration — taking place on Our Lady's campus.

The Student Senate passed a resolution in March, 2007 requesting the University add "sexual orientation" to its non-discrimination clause. While I do not personally identify as GLBTQ, I remember strongly supporting the Social Concerns committee chair during Senate proceedings. I was shocked such wording did not already exist. And I remember being a part of the 25-1-1 majority that voted to pass the resolution.

This publication, The Observer, reported at the time that both the Student Senate and Faculty Senate had passed similar language in 1998. Two Holy Cross schools, King's College in Pennsylvania and Holy Cross College in Indiana, already included the language at the time. I recall students on campus having civilized and intelligent debate regarding the issue.

Yet, three years later, we have not progressed. Students, faculty, and alumni continue to support measures to be more inclusive with regard to our

GLBTQ brothers and sisters, but nothing is done. It is not news that the administration can be selectively deaf regarding student issues, but 12 years of repetitive voices and increasing volume must have an effect.

Notre Dame, it is time to act. Alumni, students and faculty have done all they can. Now, it is up to this administration to stop dismissing the issue and step up to the plate. Take bold steps to live your "Spirit of Inclusion" in word and deed. Include "sexual orientation" in the University's non-discrimination clause. Allow the Student Union Board to recognize groups of gay students on campus as legitimate student groups. And if you won't, you at least owe 12 years of the Notre Dame community an explanation of your reasoning. Refusing to address the issue — hoping that ignoring it will make it go away — will not cut it any longer.

Chris Beesley
alumnus
Class of 2008
Jan. 29, 2010

Original fight song cherished

At this point, I've grown accustomed to biting my lip and grimacing at certain times when Notre Dame students, faculty and alumni try to instill their opinions, viewpoints and beliefs into others. This has held true until I recently read Caity and Erin Schneeman's letter to the editor, "Reconsidering the Victory March" (Oct. 30).

While few people would refer to me as "old fashioned," I am still a firm believer that certain traditions should remain unscathed — above all, the "Notre Dame Victory March." I'm a proponent for equal rights, yet I can't help but ask myself the question: Can anything be left sacred anymore? The reason that most Notre Dame fans are fans is because of the traditions and pedigree associated with the University.

While people are on such a kick to appease the minority by making every tradition as politically correct as possible, they isolate the majority and forget about what most people care about. I've witnessed many great Notre Dame traditions die since I started as a student and the very mention of changing the lyrics to the "Victory March" fills me with the same sadness and rage I usually associate with watching Tyrone Willingham coach a football game.

What's next? Should we start redrafting the

Declaration of Independence because it doesn't state that "all men and women are created equal"? Words might just be words but like the Declaration of Independence, the "Victory March" has meant a great deal to a number of people and to change it now would be an injustice to every person who has walked the steps beneath the Golden Dome.

The thing that you must remember, Caity and Erin, is that this University was founded in 1842, not 1972. So, while I find Caity and Erin's family traditions to be "interesting" and "cute," I, along with the rest of the Notre Dame family, will continue to sing the original and real version of the fight song written by the O'Shea Brothers in the early 1900s.

Honestly, if Caity and Erin feel oppressed or shorted in any way by reading my opinion, then I would like to remind them that the beautiful gates of Saint Mary's College are always open. Last time I checked, there was no discussion of incorporating a male presence into its fight song.

Matthew Wrablik
alumnus
Class of 2006
Oct. 30, 2007



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Days before the fall semester began in 2007, two Notre Dame students were shot and wounded while waiting for a ride outside Club 23.



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

ESPN's College GameDay came to Notre Dame in January 2009 for the men's basketball match-up against the Connecticut Huskies. Students camped out overnight in the JACC for a chance to appear on TV.



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

A group of students parades out of DeBartolo Hall on St. Patrick's Day in 2007. In the last few years, South Bend has experienced sunny weather on March 17, adding to the holiday's jubilant atmosphere.

Who was your favorite celebrity visitor?



Jow Berges
Tecunseh, Mich.
"Brian Williams"



Trey Tumminello
Baton Rouge, La.
"Wendell – The Miller Highlife guy"



Adam Joines
Bourbonnais, Ill.
"Taylor Swift"



Chris Schaal
Long Beach, Fla.
"Obama"



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

President Barack Obama was a controversial but memorable campus visitor.



TRAVIS ALLEN/The Observer

The spoon train became an annual event on South Quad to help get Domers in the record books.

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As Taylor Swift graciously accepted her award for Best Female Video, rapper Kanye West stormed on stage to express his outrage at her win, and exclaimed that "Beyoncé had one of the best videos of all time." The world was stunned to see America's sweetheart awkwardly dealing with the insult, and it attracted a lot of media attention in the days following.

Sadly, some great talents of our era have passed away in the past few years. In 2006, "The Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin died at 44 after being pierced in the chest by a stingray. In 2007, model and television personality Anna Nicole Smith died at 39. Heath Ledger shockingly died at the age of 28 in 2008, before the premiere of the eventual box office hit, "The Dark Knight," for which he won a posthumous Oscar for his role as the Joker. In the summer of 2009, celebrity death became a pattern as Ed McMahon, Farrah Fawcett and the Michael Jackson died within a matter of weeks.

TV Trends

Vampires

The vampire bug has officially hit America. From tweens to older moms, people are tuning in to TV shows like "Vampire Diaries" and "True Blood." Since the "Twilight" series, the tall, dark and handsome stereotype has been replaced with a new one: sparkly and possessive. Thanks to Stephenie Meyer, mortal men will now never seem good enough. Once the youth of America were entranced by wizards with scars, but Harry and Ron will eventually die, while Edward will always live on.

Reality Dating Shows

From "The Bachelor" to "Rock of Love" to "I Love New York," people love to watch people they have never met embarrass themselves while trying to find true love. And who doesn't love that one crazy girl who undermines her competitors by backstabbing and trash talking? Every celebrity who has lost the limelight knows the best way to get America talking is to proclaim from the colorful box in the living room that they need to find someone to love.

Mystery Dramas

As Arthur Conan Doyle knows well, people have always loved a good mystery. In this modern era, this love has manifested itself in mystery dramas like "LOST." For six seasons, JJ Abrams's creation has entranced scores of people from all walks of life with questions like "Why is there a polar bear on a deserted island?" and "Will Kate end up with Jack or Sawyer?" Unfortunately, the show finally comes to an end on May 24. Hopefully all of the questions will finally be answered.

Hulu.com

Life today is hectic and busy. Sometimes it even feels like there aren't enough hours in the day to do everything important, let alone watch TV. Enter Hulu.com. Almost every TV show is available online to play whenever you would like to watch. Now, if you miss an episode of "LOST" one week because of a big Orgo test you had to study for, you can still be ready for next week's episode by visiting Hulu whenever you'd like. Procrastinating has never been so easy.

WOMEN'S TRACK

Top individual honors highlight ND season

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

As a team the Irish may have struggled to bring home overall titles this season, finishing sixth at the Big East championships. But many athletes found success individually, setting new records along the way. With a season that extends into the summer, they also still have plenty of opportunity for further growth.

"Although we haven't performed the greatest as a team, I believe there have been a lot of personal accomplishments," senior thrower Jaclyn Espinoza said. "One thing I will say about our group is we have this amazing ability to perform at Big East championships."

Perhaps the best showing for the Irish came from senior sprinter Joanna Schultz, who consistently came in first or second in meets throughout the season in the women's 400-meter hurdles. She entered the weekend ranked 15th in the country in the 400-meter hurdles with her time of 58.13 seconds, good enough for first in the Big East. At the conference championships, she not only won her fourth conference title, but also set a Notre Dame and a Big East championships record in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 56.82 seconds.

The 4x400-meter relay team

of Schultz, senior Samantha Williams, junior Natalie Johnson and sophomore Maddie Buttinger also earned all-Big East honors, taking second place with a time of 3:44.39. The 4x800-meter relay team of juniors Abby Higgins and Kelly Langhans, sophomore Allison Schroeder and freshman Rebecca Tracy finished fifth at 8:53.47 to set a program record.

Buttinger also finished second in the heptathlon with 5,278 points.

Espinoza entered the discus competition ranked 30th nationally and third in the Big East, and earned all-conference honors in the event by taking third place at the championships with a throw of 50.02 meters.

"I feel like our outdoor season has really just started, and with regionals at the end of May and nationals in June," Espinoza said. "We still have a lot of time to accomplish big things."

Through both the indoor and outdoor seasons, the women have continued to improve not only in the conference standings, but also individually in personal time and distance records. The Irish wrap up the postseason June 12 at the NCAA Championships, where the seniors look to end their careers on a high note.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish claim berth in NCAAs

By LUKE MANSOUR
Sports Writer

A Notre Dame team with five all-conference players earned an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament and will take on No. 2-seeded Northwestern tomorrow.

Junior midfielders Shaylyn Blaney and Jackie Doherty and senior attack Gina Scioscia were named to the Big East all-conference first team, while junior midfielder Kailene Abt and senior defense Rachel Guerrero were named to the all-conference second team. Blaney earned first-team honors for the third consecutive year, while Scioscia earned her second straight spot on the team.

"We were very pleased to have such strong representation," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "It's such a competitive conference, and anyone who gets recognitions has earned it. They have all been instrumental to our success this season."

While the recognition of many of the key players on the squad was well-deserved, the Irish had their eyes set on a Big East tournament title. But after falling to Syracuse 12-11 in a heartbreaking loss in the fourth overtime, the Irish (11-6, 6-2 Big East) had to reevaluate their goals.

Notre Dame and Syracuse engaged in a tightly contested affair earlier in the conference season on April 11, and Notre Dame won a defensive battle, 6-5. Despite the victory earlier in the year, Coyne said the NCAA tournament committee



TOM LA/The Observer

Senior attack Gina Scioscia goes for the steal during Notre Dame's 15-10 victory over Duquesne on Feb. 27.

places additional weight on conference tournament victories and titles.

"I think people look at [the April 11 victory] as a bit of an anomaly, and that bugs me," Coyne said. "We have a great record, and I don't think the team is as well-respected as we should be. The roles were reversed last year when they beat us in the regular season, then we beat them in the conference tournament."

Nevertheless, the Irish breathed a slight sigh of relief

Sunday when they learned they would enter the championships for the third time in as many years. The No. 15-seed in the field of 16, Notre Dame will take on No. 2-seed Northwestern (17-1, 6-0 American Lacrosse Conference) Saturday in Evanston, Ill.

The Irish fell to the Wildcats in the opening round of the tournament in 2004, and again in 2008.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Despite loss to Syracuse, Notre Dame headed to tournament

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

An inconsistent season did not stop Notre Dame from earning its fifth consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament.

The Irish (7-6, 2-4 Big East) began the season on a three-game win streak. Notre Dame then lost two, won two, lost three and won two, before closing the regular season with a loss to Syracuse.

"It's been a mixed bag," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We've played very, very well at times and we've played not well at times."

The Irish entered the season with high expectations, coming off a 2009 campaign that

included an undefeated regular season and the Great Western Lacrosse League's regular-season and tournament titles. Maryland upset Notre Dame in the first round of the NCAA tournament, giving the Irish a 15-1 record in the best season in program history and setting high expectations for the 2010 season. Adding to the anticipation was the inaugural season of the Big East conference in men's lacrosse, with seven traditional conference rivals (Syracuse, Georgetown, Villanova, Notre Dame, Rutgers, St. John's and Providence) forming the inaugural lineup, as well as the opening of Arlotta Stadium, the new state-of-the-art home of Irish lacrosse.

The season-opening trip to

then-No. 2 Duke confirmed the Irish's ability to live up to these expectations, as they never trailed in vanquishing the Blue Devils by the score of 11-7. Two weeks later, Notre Dame again won a marquee matchup against then-No. 10 Loyola in Baltimore, 11-9. After the hot start to the season, however, inconsistency began to rear its ugly head, and the Irish only showed flashes of the form they had displayed at the season's start.

"It's a little surprising in that you generally don't have the inconsistency we've been having, not just between games but within games," Corrigan said.

The Irish won only two games in Big East play, though three of their conference losses were by

a combined six goals. Notre Dame's season finale against second-ranked Syracuse, broadcast on national television, went to the Orange 12-6 as the Irish fell behind 5-0 in the first quarter and never recovered.

Despite the disappointing fourth-place finish in the Big East, Notre Dame qualified for the NCAA tournament on the basis of its three wins over other tournament teams and drew No. 6-seeded Princeton, whom the Irish will visit Sunday.

"They're very talented, and they've got a lot of different guys who can make plays," Corrigan said. "They've got what it takes, and it's going to be quite a challenge."

To win, Notre Dame will need

big games from season-long standouts David Earl and Kevin Ridgway.

"Earl has been consistently good. He's done so many things for us," Corrigan said. "Ridgway's been playing the other team's best player week in and week out."

The team has shrugged off the inconsistent regular season and has bought into the "second season" mentality, looking for a fresh start in postseason play to give themselves a chance at a run deep into the tournament.

"We've gone back to work," Corrigan said. "The guys have really applied themselves, and now everyone's back to 0-0."

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Indiana Jones: We do not follow maps to buried treasure and X never, ever marks the spot.

Indiana Jones: Get back to Cairo, get us some transport to England. Boat, plane, anything... Meet me at Omar's. Be ready for me; I'm going after that truck.

John Rhys-Davies as Sallah: How? Indiana Jones: I don't know. I'm making this up as I go.

C-3PO: Sir, the possibility of successfully navigating an asteroid field is approximately 3,720 to 1. Han Solo: Never tell me the odds.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish fall to Tar Heels twice

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame met North Carolina in the College Cup for the third time in four years, and, for the third time in four years, the Tar Heels ended any Irish dreams of a third National Championship.

The two storied programs met in the second week of the regular season, in a match-up of the top two teams in the country that served as a grand opening for Alumni Stadium. But within the game's first 23 seconds, North Carolina found the back of the net, and never looked back, winning 6-0.

"To open the stadium with an unbelievable crowd, fans turned away, I couldn't have asked for more from the students or the local community. Everybody did their jobs on that opening day, except us," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "It was embarrassing. I felt humiliated. I felt we let the fans down, let Notre Dame down."

Notre Dame (21-4-1, 17-0-1 Big East) lost two more games against top-10 foes the following weekend in California against Santa Clara and Stanford. Suddenly, a team that had reached the College Cup Final in 2008 was 3-3 heading into Big East play.

"In the end, I think that made our team a lot tougher," Waldrum said. "It was a rude wake up that we had to get this ship righted pretty quickly here."

The 2-0 loss to Stanford would be Notre Dame's last until the national semifinal against North Carolina. In between, in a 19-game span, the Irish rattled off 18 wins and one double-overtime scoreless tie against Pittsburgh. Winning the program's 13th conference regular season title and 11th Big East tournament title restored some of the team's confidence.

"To [win the Big East] in a year when everybody was thinking Notre Dame was down, and I think all the Big East opponents



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Junior midfielder Lauren Fowlkes dribbles the ball against Loyola-Chicago during Notre Dame's 2-0 victory on Aug. 28.

probably thought that was the year they could beat us," Waldrum said. "That not only really got us going into the NCAA tournament, but I think the other thing it did was send a message to the Big East that Notre Dame is still the team to beat."

In order to send that message, the Irish needed to overcome a series of devastating injuries in the first few weeks of the season. Senior captain Courtney Rosen broke her foot in a fluke accident during preseason practices and missed the entire season. Fellow senior captain Michele Weissenhofer struggled with hamstring issues throughout the entire season, as did classmate Haley Ford. Sophomore forward and leading scorer Melissa Henderson suffered through a slow start to the season after summer surgery.

"Melissa missed the entire summer where she couldn't even run or train, so if you look at the first part of her season, just like the team, she got off to a really slow start," Waldrum said. "But if you look back, she got hot in the Big East and NCAA tournaments.

I think a little bit is because she was finally coming back into form off those surgeries."

In fact, Henderson ended the season with 18 goals and five assists, including 10 goals and two assists in eight postseason games alone.

Riding Henderson's hot streak, consistent goaltending from junior Nikki Weiss and that 19-game unbeaten streak, the Irish entered their fourth consecutive College Cup with more confidence than ever before, and exited the Cup after the 1-0 loss with more pride than in years past, Waldrum said.

"We really felt at that point we were playing well enough to win a national championship," he said. "In years past we have walked away shocked, devastated. This year was the one time that I felt like we probably did all we could to get to that point, we battled hard that entire game, and with a lucky bounce here or there, we could have won that game."

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HOCKEY

Losing record marks disappointing season

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

A year removed from a No. 1 ranking and a disappointing loss in the opening round of the NCAA tournament, expectations were high for Notre Dame in 2010.

An inept offense and a struggling defense led to a 13-17-8 record for the Irish, the program's worst since coach Jeff Jackson's first season in 2006. One of the most accomplished senior classes in school history left on a rare low point.

"As seniors and four-year players, I think they were probably most disappointed in our season," Jackson said. "I think that they did everything in their power. ... For the most part, they stood by the convictions that we built in the program in their first three years here."

The senior leadership, specifically captain Ryan Thang, center Kevin Deeth and defenseman Brett Blatchford and Kyle Lawson, contributed to a three-year run in which Notre Dame won two CCHA championships, reached another CCHA tournament final, and, in 2008, made it to the NCAA Championship game. Jackson said their mentality on the ice was the deciding factor in most of these accomplishments.

"Kevin Deeth did a lot to make sure that we never backed down from a situation," Jackson said. "They had a lot to do with that [success]. They contributed a lot."

Those four stayed healthy for most of the season, but for large portions of the year Jackson employed a defensive line consisting of one or more wings and centers. The lack of manpower put many of the underclassmen on the ice in unique situations,

something Jackson said he hopes will lead to positive results in the future.

"I have to hope that between those freshmen and sophomores, there is some growth because they showed signs of a lot of positive attributes and hopefully the year's experience is going to help them move forward," he said. "We have to hope that all those younger players are going to come back with that experience under their belt and make a positive contribution next year."

In many cases, the underclassmen made positive contributions this past season. Junior wing Calle Riderwall led the team in scoring with 19 goals and eight assists, while sophomore wing Billy Maday added seven goals and 14 assists and freshman wing Kyle Palmieri finished tied for second on the team in goals scored with nine.

"In many cases, with youth comes enthusiasm," Jackson said. "Those guys will be the guys leading the way offensively."

In goal for the Irish for most of the season was freshman Mike Johnson. Johnson showed great promise early in the season, stopping 27 of 28 shots in the CCHA opener against Ohio State, a 3-1 victory. But in Notre Dame's last game, an 8-2 loss to that same Buckeyes team in the first round of the CCHA tournament, Johnson gave up four goals in the first period.

"He showed signs of brilliance early on, but his lack of consistency hurt him and caught up to him," Jackson said. "Our team wasn't scoring as anticipated, and that put more pressure on him. I think that finally wore on him."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Kammrath leads balanced offense

By TIM SINGLER
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With only one senior to rely on, Saint Mary's turned its inexperience into success en route to an appearance in the MIAA tournament semifinals.

Picked to finish third in the conference in the MIAA coaches' pre-season poll, the Belles opened their conference schedule 5-2 before a late losing streak caused them to finish the season at 10-8 in the MIAA, 15-12 overall.

"After graduating four seniors in '09, and returning Anna [Kammrath] as our only senior for the 09-10 season, I knew we would be very young," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "I think as the season continued, we matured as basketball players and found our chemistry."

That chemistry resulted in a 61-59 win over Albion in the first round of the MIAA tour-

namment, but the Belles lost to Calvin, 90-71, in the next round.

Saint Mary's relied on a balanced offensive attack throughout the season, led by sophomore Kelley Murphy and her 14.2 points per game. Three other Belles averaged double-digits.

Kammrath, averaging 11.0 points per game, nearly averaged a double-double, as she also tallied 9.8 rebounds per game this season on her way to many school records, including most rebounds in a game (23), most steals in a game (9) and most rebounds in a career (863).

"I think you have to recognize Anna Kammrath for all that she has done in her career," Henley said. "As far as statistics go, Anna had her best season as a senior breaking several records along the way."

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FENCING

ND finishes third in NCAA field

By CHRIS MASOUD
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After posting a third-place finish at the 2010 NCAA Championship and being the consensus top team in the nation for the better part of the season, most programs would call it another successful year. But after falling short two years in a row to Penn State on the final day of competition, the Irish left the strip with anything but satisfaction.

"You know it could be a dream year because of the results of the season," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "We were No. 1 on all polls in the nation, we were breaking all records in a number of victories, and everything looked very well. The biggest problem was that we wanted to get the gold medal, but it was not easy."

Bednarski attributed this year's finish to a lack of experience, as the nucleus of the team was made up of freshman and sophomores. However, he said he also

believes a change in the fencing format from the regular season to the championships was a contributing factor.

Unlike the regular season, the individual team rosters were limited to accommodate the much larger field at the championships. Bednarski said the reduced roster prevented Notre Dame's depth from playing a significant factor in the team competition.

"It's like basketball, when you play five-on-five for the regular season, and then in the last match for a final it's done two-on-two," Bednarski said. "It's changing the situation — it's more random."

Nevertheless, sophomore Gerek Meinhardt picked up the gold medal in the individual foil competition, while sophomore foilist Enzo Castellani and junior sabreist Avery Zuck both earned bronze medals. Sophomore Courtney Hurley took home the bronze medal in the epee.

"I have to focus hard against every competitor," Meinhardt said. "Because I'm at the top,

people want to bring me down."

Bednarski said Meinhardt, the youngest U.S. male Olympian in 2008, brings much-needed experience and poise to a young team.

"Experience in the Olympic games shows two things," Bednarski said. "First, it shows that you are a good defender who can play at the highest level of professional fencing. Second, it shows that you can fight on the big stage in front of all the cameras. This will bring calm to a young team that can easily get nervous."

Although nothing is certain in sports, Bednarski expects next year's squad to be laden with talent and battle-tested for the big moments.

"Each year is different because we don't know who will come to support them [players] next year," head coach Janusz Bednarski said. "We know that we have a core team that is very strong and very young."

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Successful season ends in Sweet 16 OT loss

Returning veterans complemented by strong freshman class, including rookie superstar Diggins

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Heading into the 2009-2010 season, expectations couldn't have been higher for a team laden with talent and experience, but with little to show for it. Notre Dame had not advanced past the first round of the NCAA Tournament since 2008, the program was breaking in a new home court and the squad featured four starting seniors and a number of questions about the future.

Yet the Irish met each challenge in turn. Notre Dame advanced to the Sweet 16, falling to Oklahoma in a gut-wrenching overtime loss. The team finished with a 16-1 record in the newly renovated Purcell Pavilion, notching a record six sellouts. Finally, the squad's future success appears safely secured in the hands of freshman sensation Skylar Diggins, who put together one of the most complete rookie campaigns in program history.

In the eyes of Irish coach Muffet McGraw, it was a pretty good year.

"I was really pleased with the season," McGraw said. "I thought we achieved our potential, we improved throughout the year. Individually, we had a lot of people who really had good years, which of course translated into the team's success. I thought our senior leadership was outstanding — just a great group that we're going to miss in so many ways next year on and off the court."

Leading Notre Dame to a 29-6 (12-4 Big East) record, the senior class brought a number of tangibles to the floor — great ball-handling skills, the ability to shoot the ball from behind the arc, and finesse in the post. Guards Melissa Lechlitner and Ashley Barlow provided the offense from the perimeter. Guard Lindsay Schrader's dribble-

drive wreaked havoc in the lane, and forward Erica Williamson's size provided support under the basket.

Despite the obvious talent on the floor, McGraw believes their intangibles were just as valuable to a team preparing for the next stage of its development. Confidence, determination, and mental toughness — each senior understood the value of those traits, and each brought her own version to the court every time she laced up.

"They were the type of players that were very hard workers," McGraw said. "They come in with a great work ethic, they were determined to succeed, and they were team players. They were very steady and consistent in their attitude and approach to practice and games."

Whether in the classroom or in the gym, the senior tandem represented the University in a way that many student-athletes strive to imitate, but so few can deliver — excellence in the classroom first, and success on the court a close second.

"They were excellent students, all five of them," McGraw said. "Never any worries about them in any way. They were great leaders who always had a great attitude, were a confident bunch, and made it easy for the rest of the team to follow them. I think because they were such strong leaders, it leaves some big holes for us next year."

Whether it was making the extra pass or being the first one off the bench to congratulate a teammate, great chemistry and a close team dynamic translated into wins on the court.

"First and foremost, I think all of us bring leadership," Barlow said. "We've been here four years, some of us even five. We just get along with each other, we know how to work well with each



Freshman guard Skylar Diggins pumps up the crowd during Notre Dame's 84-66 win over Vermont in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on Mar. 23.

other."

Motivated by a first-round loss at home in the NCAA Tournament in 2009, Notre Dame began the season looking to run the table. And for a while it did, winning its first 15 games and peaking to the No. 3 spot in the AP polls before falling on the road on Jan. 16 to a Connecticut team who would eventually win it all.

Regardless of the game's outcome, the Irish made women's basketball history by becoming the first team, alongside the Huskies, to be featured on ESPN Women's Basketball College Gameday. College Gameday made its debut in 1993 as Notre Dame hosted Florida State in a matchup of the top two football teams in the country, and McGraw said the players appreciated the significance of the event.

"The first ever Gameday was here [Notre Dame] for a football game, and that's kind of how the whole Gameday thing got started," McGraw said at the time. "So it's kind of fun that Notre Dame is involved in the first historic event, now for women's basketball."

While the season's success can be traced to the talent and resolve of the senior class, it would be difficult to imagine Notre Dame's highlight film without the rookie Diggins taking center stage.

A 2009 McDonald's All-American and the highest-ranked guard coming out of high school, the South Bend native had lofty expectations placed upon her from day one.

Diggins not only cracked the starting roster during the Paradise Jam in late November, but was named MVP of the tournament. Diggins went on to lead the Irish in points (13.8 per game), assists (112), and steals (90).

While McGraw came to expect Diggins' contributions on the offensive end, her rapid development into a threat on defense continued to impress the coach as the season progressed.

"That was the part that surprised me I think — the defense on the ball," McGraw said. "She really set the tone for the defense, and that was something that we worked on last year at the end of our season, to try to really focus this year on a much more intense, aggressive defense. Skylar was a huge part of that."

Yet not even Diggins' raw talent alone could have garnered her All-Big East Second Team honors and an AP All-American honorable mention. The seniors' greatest legacy may not be their own individual contributions, but their success in developing Diggins and the other underclassmen into legitimate Big East competitors in the years to come.

"It was a perfect time for

her [Diggins] to come in as a freshman because she was able to learn from a very strong class," McGraw said. "She didn't ever have to feel like she had to do it all. She was able to ease in the college game and play her game without worrying about a lot of other things that the team just took care of. They helped her in a lot of ways, and gave her free reign to be creative and figure things out on her own."

Lechlitner said she believes the ability of the seniors to maintain their composure and poise in the midst of a difficult situation was especially helpful to their younger teammates, who looked to follow in their example.

"We're just a steady force," Lechlitner said. "When adversity's thrown or a game might be getting tight or we're down a little bit, I think the steady hand that we offered for them allows them to play within themselves and excel from that point."

Although the future is bright with Diggins running the offense, the Irish lose a cast of seniors that finishes as one of the most successful in program history. While they never made it to the Final Four, the seniors put together four years of high-octane basketball that Irish fans are not soon to forget.

As the squad begins the task of discovering a new identity and filling out the four remaining starting spots, McGraw believes a talented group coming through the pipes should be a factor in the mix.

"I expect that we will start with the players who came off the bench for us this year and see how quickly the freshmen are ready to challenge them," McGraw said. "We have some depth, but we have a lot of inexperience. We'll see by the time the Big East rolls around if the freshmen are pressuring to get that starting spot."



Senior guard Lindsay Schrader celebrates during Notre Dame's win over Vermont. Schrader became the fourth player in Irish history to finish her career with over 1,400 points and 800 rebounds.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish fall to Cardinals in conference tourney

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The Irish will wrap up its season with an appearance in the NCAA Tournament when they face Wisconsin in the first round today. The Irish head into the postseason match after finishing in second place behind Louisville in the Big East championships.

"While I was proud of the way we competed against South Florida in the semis because they had beaten us during the season, the goal was to win the championship and we did not reach that goal," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "The USF match was played at the South Bend Racket Club, rather than at the Eck. This presented some problems for us in that several of the courts were much faster than ours."

Unable to adjust back to the home courts, the Irish fell to Louisville 4-0 in the finals.

"The match against Louisville was a lot closer than the score," Bayliss said. "We had excellent chances to win each of the unfinished matches, but a closer score was not our goal, and they clearly deserved to win. Give them [Louisville] credit, as they have stayed at or near the top 10 all year long."

Although a conference title was out of reach, the Irish turned in another successful season under

Bayliss' direction in his 23rd season at Notre Dame. A key for the Irish has been the emergence of the bottom of their lineup, which has pulled out some big wins for the Irish.

Included in this group were sophomore Samuel Keeton, juniors Daniel Stahl and David Anderson and freshman Blas Moros.

"Sam Keeton has learned to get to the net and finish points, which makes him a threat to beat anyone he plays in the NCAA Tournament," Bayliss said. "Dan Stahl held his own at No. 3 and showed significant improvement in doubles. Blas Moros got on quite a roll near the end of the season. David became a very solid point as the season developed."

Losing only two seniors and adding a talented group of recruits, the Irish look to be even stronger next season regardless of the outcome at the NCAAs.

"Adding at least two freshmen who are capable of contributing immediately makes playing time pretty competitive for everyone," Bayliss said. "That can really galvanize a team, but it can also discourage some, so handling that situation well will be critical for us. Clearly I am looking for everyone to buy in and make next year a special one."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Ties carry ND into NCAA

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Notre Dame began its 2009 season with a 1-0 exhibition win over Northwestern and ended it with a 3-1 loss to Northwestern in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. In between was an up-and-down season, but it proved momentous for the program in a number of ways.

"I always say that a successful season is when you play the last game and you're playing for something very meaningful," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Obviously when we played Northwestern, we actually played a very good game. I thought the players played their hearts out, but it wasn't to be."

The season began with the opening of Alumni Stadium, where then-No. 10 Notre Dame defeated No. 21 Michigan 5-0.

"Playing in the new stadium was fantastic," Clark said. "I thought that made it very special in many ways. I don't think any of the players at the opening game against Michigan will ever forget. It was a great game, playing against one of our rivals, beat them 5-0 on a beautiful evening in a beautiful new stadium."

In that game, however, fifth-year captain Cory Rellas went down with a knee injury 10 minutes into the action. This disappointment was amplified just a few weeks later, when

sophomore Aaron Maund and freshman Dillon Powers left to play in the under-20 World Cup in Suez, Egypt. This left the team shorthanded to begin Big East play.

"It was great for them, great for the program," Clark said. "Not many teams even had one. Eleven college players in the 22 that went to Egypt, and for us to have two of them was impressive. But the downside of that was you lost them for four weeks."

"So then you go on ... We had a few things in our face, but I thought the team stayed together. We had good depth in the squad."

The Irish finished 8-3 in the Big East, coming in just behind Connecticut in the Blue Division standings. With its NCAA status in doubt, Notre Dame went into the Big East tournament with something to prove and ended up in the finals despite not winning a single game to get there.

The Irish tied South Florida 2-2 and Louisville 0-0 in the quarterfinals and semifinals, advancing through both games with shootouts.

Against St. John's in the conference championship, the final score was again a 0-0 tie, but the Red Storm won the shootout and the title. However, Notre Dame's play was good enough to earn an NCAA berth.

"It's always good to go to the final of the Big East tournament, so that was another posi-

itive. Getting into the NCAAs for the ninth year in a row, not many teams can say that," Clark said.

While the season ended with the loss to Northwestern, the team's success did not end — three players were selected in the MLS draft in January, and one later signed a professional contract.

Forward Bright Dike, the Big East offensive player of the year, was drafted in the first round by the Columbus Crew. Midfielder Michael Thomas and left back Justin Morrow were drafted in the second round by the San Jose Earthquakes, though Thomas opted to go abroad and is now playing in the Swedish first division. Goalkeeper Andrew Quinn later signed with D.C. United.

"It wasn't just they went to the pros — they all graduated, and I think that's very telling," Clark said. "To send a player to first-division in a European country, that's a statement right there."

Despite the loss of a strong senior class, Clark said he is cautiously optimistic about his 2010 team.

"You lose some very good players, but if you're a good team you can be losing players every year and then if you're doing your work right, you should be replacing them with good players," Clark said.

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BASEBALL

ND overcomes slow start in Big East play

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Following a dismal start to the regular season, Notre Dame needs to win seven of its last eight games to finish the season above .500. In a year plagued by injuries and misfortunes, Irish coach Dave Schrage said the seniors have taken it upon themselves to salvage the remainder of the season.

"I feel like they've known that their backs are against the wall," Schrage said. "Two weeks ago they found themselves at the bottom of the Big East, and we're climbing. They've really responded over the last couple of weekends."

The Irish (21-26, 6-15 Big East) began the season with a weekend sweep of Mississippi Valley State on the road to open the season. But after posting a 5-16 record during a four-week stretch, Notre Dame's dreams of its first conference title since 2006 and an appearance in Omaha quickly evaporated.

But after spending time with hitting instructor and assistant coach Scott Lawler, the hitters regained their form midway through the season.

"We got back to the process of taking the pitch up the middle, hitting everything back up the middle, moving runners, hitting behind runners, hitting and running," Schrage said. "When we do that we're a very, very good offensive club."

After opening the conference season with a 1-5 mark, the Irish proceeded to win seven of their next 12 Big East games, earning series victories over Seton Hall and Cincinnati, before a recent slide against St. John's and West Virginia. Schrage believes the squad has taken a short-term approach to the season, which has

made all the difference.

"I know it's cliché, but we've just been focusing on getting better every day and trying to be the best team we can be," Schrage said. "We told our guys we don't want to talk about Omaha or winning the Big East. We want to talk about getting better every day."

The seniors led Notre Dame's resurgence on the mound and at the plate. Ryan Connolly has been the most consistent hitter, leading the squad with a .367 average, 11 home runs and 36 RBIs. Senior David Mills has contributed in just about every facet of the game, from driving in game-winning runs to shutting down the opposition in critical situations.

"He's done a tremendous job on the mound," Schrage said. "He's had some clutch hits. I don't think you can ask much more of a player. He's done a great job in relief, and now he just continues to get some big hits for us — just having a great season."

Sitting in the bottom half of the Big East standings after a five-game losing streak, including a three-game sweep at the hands of West Virginia, the Irish will have to make a late push in order to secure a top seed in the Big East Championship, which begins on May 26. Nevertheless, Schrage is confident his seniors can right the ship and finish the season on a winning note.

"We talked that they had a month left in their careers and they want to make something happen, and they're going out and doing it," Schrage said. "They have a lot invested in this program, and they want to make their last year special. I'm expecting them to step up again."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Improved Belles reach playoff goal

By MICHAEL TODISCO
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Entering the 2010 season, Belles coach Erin Sullivan expressed three challenges for her team to accomplish. Sullivan hoped to win 20 or more games, qualify for the MIAA tournament, and have a team grade point average of 3.3 or higher.

Saint Mary's accomplished two of the three during a double-header against Calvin on April 28. In sweeping the twin-billing, the Belles earned wins 20 and 21 to earn a place in the conference tournament.

Nevertheless, Sullivan is hopeful that her team can achieve all three goals this season.

"We were looking at the semester break with a 3.25 ... I am confident we will get the GPA goal as well."

Although the squad was ousted in the conference tournament in a 3-2 loss to Adrian, Sullivan said the program has taken a significant stride this season.

"We truly establish ourselves as an excellent program in being able to compare ourselves to excellent teams like Alma, Adrian and Trine," Sullivan said.

The catalyst to the Belles' successful tournament run this season was their prolific offense. Every starter in the line-up had a batting average over .300, as the squad had a conference-best .356 batting average.

"I was really proud of how well this team has done offensively this season," Sullivan said. "They have been a fun group of hitters to watch this season."

Senior outfielder Ashley Peterson was a key factor in the team's offense. Peterson set the MIAA conference record for home runs (eight) and RBIs (31) in a single season. She also won conference position player of the week honors three times and led the league in batting average.

The Belles will be losing three seniors this season — Peterson, shortstop Maureen Healy and catcher Sara Montelongo.

"All three have taken this team on their shoulders and put it upon themselves to show everyone how playing as a team, believing in yourself and achieving goals is what makes this game so great," Sullivan said.

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Saint Mary's: Year in Review

Soccer hires new coach; Slupczynski leads volleyball to .500 record; tennis claims fifth in MIAA tournament

Observer Staff Report

Soccer

After finishing the season with a record of 4-13-2 (1-6 MIAA) to mark another disappointing campaign, the Belles dismissed head coach Ryan Crabbe in the hopes of changing their recent misfortunes. Saint Mary's now hands over the reins to Michael Joyce to take the program back to excellence.

The Belles closed out the final portion of their season by losing all three conference contests, including a 4-2 loss to rival Hope, and falling short of a conference tournament bid.

"Against Hope we put ourselves in too big of a hole to come back from," Crabbe said. "Being down 3-0 in the second half is tough. The team competed and brought the game back to 3-2. However, we fell victim to some bad officiating and Hope gained a late 4-2 advantage. The way the game was officiated was really unfair to both teams."

The Belles opened the season with a 3-0 win over Holy Cross and a 5-1 win over Manchester, but were unable to maintain that success over the course of the whole year.

Under the new leadership of Joyce, the Belles will be looking for big plays from underclassmen to help lead the team in the fall of 2010 and build upon their dismal conference record.

Crabbe's tenure lasted at Saint Mary's for only two years, yet he facilitated the development of freshman backup goalie Adele Bruggeman late in the season. Bruggeman managed to log some playing time for the Belles this season, as senior goalkeeper Patty Duffy leaves the goal for good.

"She [Bruggeman] has worked very hard," Crabbe said. "Our goalkeeper coach Marc Colwell has done a tremendous job with both Adele and Patty this season."

Losing nine seniors, the Belles face a significant rebuilding task ahead of them under Joyce's direction. The program doubled its win total from last season, and looks to build on that improvement in the upcoming season with a new coach, a new core group of leaders and new underclassmen.

Volleyball

The Belles climbed to a .500 record after battling through the first half of their conference schedule, but several key injuries led to an eight-match losing streak to end the season with a 9-17 record.

"This season we were able to play at such a high level with

everyone on the court healthy," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "We did not end up in the conference where we would have liked. However, we played well as a team."

While the injuries hurt the team's overall performance, it did afford several players the opportunity to gain experience during a tough 5-11 conference season.

"We had a lot of players that were able to step out of their comfort zone and fill big roles on the court when key players were injured," Kuschel said. "We will be looking for our returners to bring that kind of energy, commitment and dedication into next season. I know they are more than up for the challenge."

Kuschel said the element of the season that most pleased her was the amount of heart the Belles showed amid the adversity that presented itself late in the season.

"This season our team had to overcome many challenges," Kuschel said. "We could have just given up. However, that was just not in our nature. Everyone gave it all they had every time they stepped out on the court. They showed a lot of heart."

The driving force behind the Saint Mary's team this year was the strong corps of veteran leadership, especially from the seniors.

"I can't say enough great things about this year's group of seniors," Kuschel said. "I came into this year not knowing what to expect being a new coach here at Saint Mary's. They have truly been a joy to work with. I have certainly grown a lot as a coach in my first year and they have a lot to do with that. They were fantastic leaders and role models for their younger classmates."

Senior Lorna Slupczynski was named to the first team all-MIAA squad for the first time. She finished her career with the Belles with three consecutive seasons with 300 kills, finishing with 1,360 kills for her career. She also had three seasons with over 300 digs, and had 1,311 digs in her career.

Next year, Saint Mary's will be healthy and ready to attack the MIAA schedule with a renewed fervor. The Belles will return several key players and welcome new additions as well.

"We will also have a solid group returning next season," Kuschel said. "We will be looking for a few key freshmen to add depth and strength to our offense next year."

Cross Country

Saint Mary's had a successful

season, but was ultimately denied its ultimate goal of cracking into the top three of the final MIAA conference standings. The Belles finished fourth for the third consecutive year after another up-and-down season.

"Our goal was to get top three in the MIAA, but I would still consider this year a success," senior Megan McClowry said. "I think that in the next few years this team will achieve the goal they set for themselves."

The Belles concluded their season at the NCAA Division III Regionals, where they finished in 17th place. Freshman Julia Kenney finished a strong rookie campaign with a 61st place overall finish at the regional tournament. Sophomore Joanne Almond finished right behind Kenney at 63rd.

McClowry provided a steady veteran presence on the team, as she turned in many solid performances this year after earning all-MIAA honors in 2008. Almond also was able to build off her previous strong performances, as she finished second for the Belles in both the conference and regional tournaments.

"We have a lot of good underclassmen who really stepped up, and I think their contributions will be vital to improving next year," McClowry said.

One of the highlights of the season for the Belles occurred at the Calvin Invitational, where the team took sixth place overall thanks to many breakout performances. Saint Mary's showed its mettle in a meet that featured many of the top cross country teams in the nation.

"After a hard week of training we ran against some of the top D-III teams in the country," McClowry said. "But we came away with a slew of personal records while maintaining a tight pack throughout the race."

With a strong combination of veterans and underclassmen poised for a strong season in 2010, Saint Mary's appears ready to make a run at the top three teams in the conference. For the graduating seniors like McClowry, their experience as varsity runners is one they are not soon to forget.

"I was able to develop friendships with an amazing group of women," McClowry said. "Whether it was running into Lake Michigan after a race, celebrating with teammates at their weddings, or just eating dinner together, I have loved being a part of this team."

Swimming

The Belles certainly did not envision a winless season when they

first hit the water in October, but an eight-point loss in mid-January was the closest Saint Mary's got to a victory.

Sophomore Audrey Dalrymple, 2009's top swimmer and national qualifier, went abroad for the spring semester, and her absence, handicapped with a variety of injuries, handicapped the Belles. Nonetheless, a strong freshman class emerged for the Belles.

"It was a hard transition because we had so many incoming freshman and nobody knew each other," freshman Ellie Watson said.

In the beginning of the season, Belles coach Alicia Dombkowski predicted Watson and classmate Katie Griffin would add strength to the roster and viewed a national cut in their future.

Watson ended the season with second-place finishes in the 500- and 1,650-yard freestyle events at the MIAA championships, marking a school record in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:09.90 and achieving an NCAA B cut in the 1650-yard freestyle with a time of 17:47.70. Her efforts throughout the season earned her a position on the 2010 All-MIAA Team.

Also in the MIAA Championships, senior Meredith Lierz ended her career with a 15th-place finish in the consolation final of the 100-yard freestyle at 55.99 seconds, senior Maggie McNicholas took 12th in the 200-yard butterfly at 2:45.83 and senior Sara Niemann took 12th in the 1,650-yard freestyle.

"By the end [of the year] we were like one family. We bonded really well throughout the season especially on our training trip during Christmas break," Watson said. "We've been through a lot with each other, which helped the team as a whole."

Tennis

Although Saint Mary's lost in the first round of the MIAA tournament, the Belles ended the season by winning five of their final six matches.

"Despite our fifth-place finish in the conference, I think we had a decent season overall," senior Camille Gebert said. "I definitely think we could have done a lot better, as I believe we were close with teams like Albion and Kalamazoo."

The Belles (13-9, 6-5 MIAA) ended their season with a win in the MIAA tournament over Olivet in the fifth-place match. Gebert was named first team all-MIAA and junior Jillian Hurley was named to the second team.

"Overall, the season was success-

ful, even if the outcomes of our matches were not what we had hoped," Hurley said. "As a team, we bonded together better than we have in previous seasons."

In the past, Saint Mary's had hovered in the middle of the MIAA standings. Coming into the season, the Belles felt like this was their year to rise to the top in the conference, but the 2010 campaign resulted in more of the same.

"We all had hoped this to be the year we would beat the teams we always lose to and get over the hump," Gebert said. "I think that more has to change if we want to finish in the top three or four teams in the future."

Part of that needed change will only come from learning from their losses Hurley said.

"I think going into the season we expected to fare better against certain teams in the conference," Hurley said. "But even in the matches we lost there was improvement over last season."

The Belles traveled to Orlando, Fla., over Spring Break, and came home with victories in four of their five matches.

"We started our season off strong, winning a lot over Spring Break," Gebert said. "But we had a tough stretch of matches the second half of the spring."

Despite the ups and downs, the one constant for the Belles was their consistent and full-hearted effort in both preparation and execution.

"Our team has a very strong work ethic," Gebert said. "We all love the sport and I think that really shines through when we play."

Hurley was a consistent bright spot for the Belles. At one point during the season, Hurley had won 10 straight matches at No. 1 singles and 11 straight matches at No. 2 doubles with junior Mary Therese Lee.

"Being named all-MIAA was really rewarding," Hurley said. "It was nice to be recognized for a good season along with other outstanding players in the conference, including my teammate, Camille [Gebert]."

Gebert said her final season as a Belle was a special one because of her all-MIAA accolades and for the culmination of a career's worth of memories playing for Saint Mary's.

"I was really excited about being named all-MIAA again," Gebert said. "It had been a goal of mine since the beginning of the season. It had more meaning, especially being a senior. There is a lot of talent in the MIAA and I am honored to be recognized."

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2009-2010

September 26

Senior Megan McClowry leads the cross country team to a fourth place finish in the MIAA Jamboree, finishing 20th as the team takes fourth overall.

October 24

Soccer extends its losing streak to six games following a 3-2 loss on the road to conference rival Kalamazoo.

December 5

Swimming and diving finishes in sixth place in the 11-team field at the Calvin Invitational as sophomore Audrey Dalrymple takes sixth in the 200-yard breaststroke.

January 22

Swimming and diving avoids its fourth straight conference loss by tying Albion in the final dual meet of the season.

February 13

Swimming and diving concludes its season with a seventh place finish at the MIAA championships, as freshman Ellie Watson turned in the third-fastest 1,650 free time in program history.

March 20

Softball sweeps Manchester with an 11-8 victory, as senior Ashley Peterson belts her 14th career home run.

April 22

Tennis snaps a five-match losing skid with a convincing 7-2 victory over Bethel to eclipse the .500 mark.

May 5

Saint Mary's announces Mark Benishke as the head coach of the swimming and diving program, and Michael Joyce as the head coach of the soccer program.

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September 4

Volleyball earns its first victory of the season by beating Muskingum 3-2 on the road.

October 10

Golf claims their fifth MIAA Championship with a low score of 329 in the final round, 30 strokes over second place Olivet.

November 3

Volleyball falls to then-No. 14 Calvin in the first round of the MIAA Tournament 3-1 despite 21 digs from junior Meghann Rose.

December 12

Basketball picks up its second conference victory by defeating rival Alma 67-58 at home.

January 27

Basketball drops to .500 in the conference by falling to then-No. 10 Calvin 67-57 despite a 14-point effort from senior Anna Kammrath.

February 25

Basketball's season comes to an end at the hands of No. 2-seed Calvin in the semifinals of the MIAA tournament.

March 27

Tennis opens the conference season with an 8-1 victory over Alma as juniors Jillian Hurley and Mary Therese Lee win their ninth consecutive doubles match.

April 24

Golf finishes in third place at the MIAA NCAA qualifier, good enough for an automatic bid to the Division III Championships.

May 3

Peterson earns MIAA Position Player of the Week honors for the third time after breaking the conference single-season home run (8) and RBI (31) records.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Late-season surge propels ND to NCAA berth

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

With its season on the brink and its best player on the bench, Notre Dame responded by winning its final four regular-season conference games and two Big East tournament games to secure a No. 6 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

All-American senior forward Luke Harangody went down midway through the second half of Notre Dame's Feb. 11 loss at Seton Hall, which dropped the Irish to 6-6 in the Big East with eight games to play. Notre Dame then lost its next two games to St. John's and Louisville by a combined three points without Harangody. The 91-89 double-overtime loss at Louisville on Feb. 17 represented a turning point, however, as senior guards Tory Jackson and Ben Hansbrough and junior forward Tim Abromaitis stepped up to lead the Irish to a near-upset in one of the conference's toughest places to play.

A week later, Notre Dame's season changed for good.

Before the Irish hosted No. 12 Pittsburgh on Feb. 24, the still-sidelined Harangody was the first player inducted into the school's "Ring of Honor," as his No. 44 now hangs from the rafters. At the time, it looked like Harangody might have played his final game for the Irish, with NCAA Tournament hopes and a shot at a Big East tournament run looking dim.

But then the Irish introduced their new "slow burn" offense, which was a stark contrast to Irish coach Mike Brey's typical fast-paced scheme. The change of pace paid off against the Panthers,

as Notre Dame turned a 35-27 halftime lead into a 52-30 advantage in the first six minutes of the second half. The Irish won the game 68-53 behind 10-for-18 shooting from 3-point range.

"I think just being patient on offense was a key for us," Abromaitis said after the game. "There were a lot of possessions that went down to single digits on the shot clock and we waited until we had the best look we could possibly get."

Three days later, the Irish went on the road to No. 11 Georgetown, where Notre Dame handed the Hoyas a 78-64 defeat to get back to .500 in the Big East. After a quiet first half, Hansbrough scored Notre Dame's first 10 points of the second half in a three-minute span to put the Irish up 41-30. The Irish built a 50-38 lead and saw it cut to 50-46 before 3-pointers by Jackson, junior forward Carleton Scott and Hansbrough built the advantage back up to 59-46, at which point Notre Dame pulled away.

In its next game, the home finale against Connecticut on March 3, Notre Dame overcame a pair of double-digit first-half deficits behind Jackson's 20 second-half points to beat

the sliding Huskies, 58-50. The win ensured the Irish at least a .500 Big East record — a benchmark Brey often said would be good enough for an at-large NCAA berth.

But the Irish weren't done stating their case yet. They closed the regular season with a thrilling overtime win at Marquette on March 6 in Harangody's return. Scott hit a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to force overtime, Abromaitis had 18 points and Harangody played 11 minutes off the



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Senior forward Luke Harangody runs the floor during Notre Dame's victory over UCLA on Dec. 19, 2009. Harangody finished his Irish career as a three-time All-American.

bench, scoring five points and grabbing two rebounds.

The four-game win streak propelled Notre Dame to the No. 7 seed in the Big East tournament, securing the Irish a first-round bye before playing No. 10-seed Seton Hall in a game dubbed by some as a play-in game for the NCAA Tournament. Harangody made an impact for the first time since his injury with 20 points and 10 rebounds off the bench in a 68-56 second-round victory.

"The last couple of days of practice have been great for me, just to get back in the flow. Kind of get my conditioning back up to where it has been," Harangody said. "I feel right now that I started to get a little bit of swagger I had before the injury, a little more of the confidence. I feel great with the guys out there."

The Irish won their sixth straight the next night by beating No. 2-seed Pittsburgh, the nation's No. 16 team, for the second time during the streak. Notre Dame's slowed-down offense was the difference in the 50-45 victory that sent the Irish to the semifinals of the tournament, against West Virginia.

Harangody and Jackson each had 12 points in the defensive struggle.

"Our interior defense and ball-screen defense has been the most consistent since I've been here," Brey said. "I guess when your life is on the line, you're really good at it."

No. 7 West Virginia, the tournament's No. 3-seed, ended Notre Dame's win streak and its hopes of reaching its first Big East tournament title game in a 53-51

Irish loss that was probably closer than it should have been. Jackson missed a 3 with four seconds to play after an 11-2 Irish run cut West Virginia's lead to 48-47 with 2:58 remaining.

Notre Dame learned its NCAA Tournament fate on March 14, surprising some by grabbing the No. 6 seed in the South Region. The Irish were assigned to play No. 11-seed Old Dominion in New Orleans. The Monarchs pulled the upset, 51-50, on March 18.

A pair of six-minute scoreless droughts in the second half doomed the Irish, who made only six of 26 3-point attempts, including two of 12 in the second half. Scott's game-tying 3-point attempt rimmed out in the final seconds as the Monarchs completed the first-round heartbreaker.

"It just sounds so simple, but we had some really clean looks. You've got to make some shots," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We'd been a good shooting team. It's not like I'm saying something the percentages say we can't do or haven't done."

The Irish held a 28-22 lead at halftime, and after Scott scored the first points of the half to give Notre Dame a 30-22 lead, the Monarchs posted a 9-0 run over six minutes to take a 31-30 advantage. Scott broke Notre Dame's second six-minute drought with a 3 to tie the game, 46-46, with

1:49 remaining.

Hansbrough's 17 points led all scorers, and Scott scored 14 points and added 10 rebounds.

In his final collegiate game, Harangody was held to four points — both in the final 12 seconds.

"He got the two fouls and I thought he could never really get into a flow," Brey said of Harangody. "Also, when you're playing against zone for long periods of time, it's probably a little harder to establish him, you know, offensively."

Despite the disappointing finish, the Irish senior class of Harangody, Jackson and Jonathan Peoples leave as the winningest class in school history, with a 93-43 record, including a 43-27 mark in the Big East.

Harangody became a three-time All-American — Notre Dame's first since Kevin O'Shea in 1948-1950 — after being named a consensus second-team All-American for the second time in his career. He was the first Irish player to score 2,000 points and grab 1,000 rebounds, and his 2,476 career points and 1,222 career rebounds both rank second in the Notre Dame history books.

The Irish finished the season 23-12 and posted a 10-8 record during the Big East regular season.

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Senior point guard Tory Jackson attempts a lay-up during Notre Dame's victory over DePaul on Jan. 23.

FOOTBALL

Second straight 6-6 regular season dooms Weis

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame failed to finish the regular season above .500 for the third straight season in 2009. This time, it cost former Irish coach Charlie Weis his job.

The Irish began the season 4-1, just as they did in 2008. And then the Irish dropped five of their last seven to finish 6-6 — again, just as they did in 2008. That drop-off ultimately led to Weis' dismissal on Nov. 30, two days after Notre Dame lost its season finale at Stanford.

"As you look at the entire course of the season, it led you to the conclusion that you couldn't have enough confidence that a jump up was imminent, that you could know with sufficient certainty that next year's results would be significantly different," director of athletics Jack Swarbrick said following the dismissal. "And so I think that was probably the tipping point."

Notre Dame opened the season with a bang, thrashing Nevada, 35-0, at home on Sept. 5. Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen threw for 315 yards and four touchdowns in the game, which featured an offensive outburst similar to Notre Dame's last contest, its 49-21 victory over Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl on Dec. 24, 2008.

"How do you keep momentum rolling from a game that was so long ago? A lot of it has to do with hunger. These guys are hungry," Weis said. "This was their first opportunity to show that they're a different team. It was just a good start."

Sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd caught four passes for 189 yards and three touchdowns, as the Irish amassed 510 yards of total offense and led 28-0 at halftime.

"It's the first game," Floyd said. "You have to show the nation what kind of team Notre Dame is and how we are going to do everything."

The No. 18 Irish hit the road the next week to play at rival Michigan in Ann Arbor, where the Wolverines pulled out a 38-34 victory on freshman quarter-

back Tate Forcier's five-yard touchdown pass with 11 seconds remaining.

Junior running back Armando Allen ran for 139 yards but was injured late, and the Irish were unable to run out the clock and had to punt the ball away with 2:13 to play. Clausen threw for 336 yards and three touchdowns, and Floyd and Tate combined to catch 16 passes for 246 yards and three touchdowns.

"This feeling right here," Clausen said, "is not going to happen again."

Sure enough, the Irish managed to avoid that feeling the next week, surviving a late Michigan State surge to beat the visiting Spartans, 33-30. Clausen was impressive again, throwing for 300 yards and two touchdowns, including 127 yards and a score to Tate. On a second-half scramble, Clausen suffered an apparent foot injury, but did not miss a snap. Notre Dame did lose Floyd to a broken collarbone and needed senior safety Kyle McCarthy's interception at the 4-yard line with less than a minute to play to hang on to the victory.

"In the past, what might have happened is when we went down in the second half, it might have been deflating," Weis said. "But not this team. This team just expects they're going to come back and make a play and win."

At Purdue the following week, Clausen, whose foot injury was worse than it initially appeared, came off the bench to throw a game-winning, two-yard touchdown pass to sophomore tight end Kyle Rudolph on a fourth-and-goal with 24.8 seconds to play. Sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist played most of the 24-21 victory and led two touchdown drives.

"[Clausen] actually wasn't supposed to play in the second half," Weis said. "He took some medication at halftime, and we tried to run a lot of shotgun formations so it would take pressure off his footwork. At the beginning of the fourth quarter, he said he could go and when the game got to that situation, I listened to him and went ahead and put him in there."



Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen prepares to take the snap during Notre Dame's 45-38 loss at Stanford on Nov. 28, 2009. Clausen declared for the NFL Draft after the season.

The Irish began a three-game home stretch the following week and won their third straight nail biter, topping Washington 37-30 in overtime. Junior running back Robert Hughes' overtime touchdown run gave Notre Dame the final lead. But the story of the game was the Irish goal-line defense, which stopped the Huskies six straight times with the ball inside the 1-yard line in the fourth quarter.

"We're just clutch," Tate said. "We're a clutch team. In the trenches we know what to do and we've been doing a good job of that, I think."

After a bye week, the Irish put their three-game win streak to the test in a highly anticipated Oct. 14 home date with No. 6 USC. Clausen almost led Notre Dame to another comeback victory, but the final Irish drive fell four yards short in a 34-27 Trojans win.

"Coming up short, one second to go, it's heartbreaking," Clausen said.

Notre Dame trailed 34-14 early in the fourth quarter but scored two touchdowns in six minutes to close the gap with 7:28 to play. Clausen threw for 260 yards and two scores, and Tate caught eight passes for 117 yards and two touchdowns in the game.

"I think anyone that doesn't realize the fight that's in the Fighting Irish is missing the boat. It's evident if you watch the last five games. Every week it's the same thing," Weis said. "This team's a bunch of fighters. I'm proud of the fight. I'm disappointed with the loss, it's never OK to lose. But they're a bunch of fighters."

The 5-2 Irish used the week of Fall Break to prepare for Boston College, which had beaten Notre Dame six straight times. In another game that went down to the wire, junior linebacker Brian Smith's interception with 98 seconds to play sealed a 20-16 Irish victory. The defense gave up 279 yards passing to 26-year-old freshman quarter-

back Dave Shinskie but intercepted him three times.

"The story of our season, the game coming down to the last five minutes," said Tate, who caught 11 passes for 128 yards and two touchdowns. "It's keeping people at home and making sure they continue to watch the game. I don't know, I can't tell you why, but it says a lot about us. We don't give up."

The following week, on Halloween night in San Antonio, the Irish finally posted a blowout victory by beating one-win Washington State, 40-14, in an offsite home game. Hughes, starting in place of an injured Allen, ran for a career-high 131 yards, while Clausen threw for 268 yards before giving way to Crist. Crist threw an impressive 64-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver John Goodman before going down with a torn anterior cruciate ligament that would sideline him until spring practice.

The highs of the Washington State victory were immediately erased with the lows of a second straight home loss to Navy, which topped the No. 19 Irish, 23-21, to begin Notre Dame's second consecutive November slide and end its hopes of a Bowl Championship Series (BCS) run.

"It's a heartbreaking loss," said Clausen, who threw for 457 yards but turned the ball over in the red zone twice.

The Irish dropped their second straight the next week at No. 8 Pittsburgh, as Tate's two fourth-quarter touchdowns weren't enough to erase an 18-point deficit, and the Panthers prevailed 27-22. The loss was Notre Dame's eighth straight against a top-10 team and dropped Weis to 1-10 against ranked teams since 2006. A conservative game plan saw the Irish score only three points in the first half before Clausen and Co. got going.

The losing streak continued with Notre Dame's second straight loss on Senior Day, a

33-30 double-overtime heartbreaker to a reeling Connecticut squad dealing with the death of a teammate. The Huskies had two different players eclipse 100 yards rushing, and the Irish surrendered their second kick-off return touchdown of the season in the loss. Tate broke single-season school records for catches and receiving yards in the game.

"I really feel absolutely miserable for those 33 [seniors]," Weis said, declining to answer questions about his future after the loss dropped the Irish to 6-5. "I'll worry about me tomorrow. But I think today I should be worrying about them."

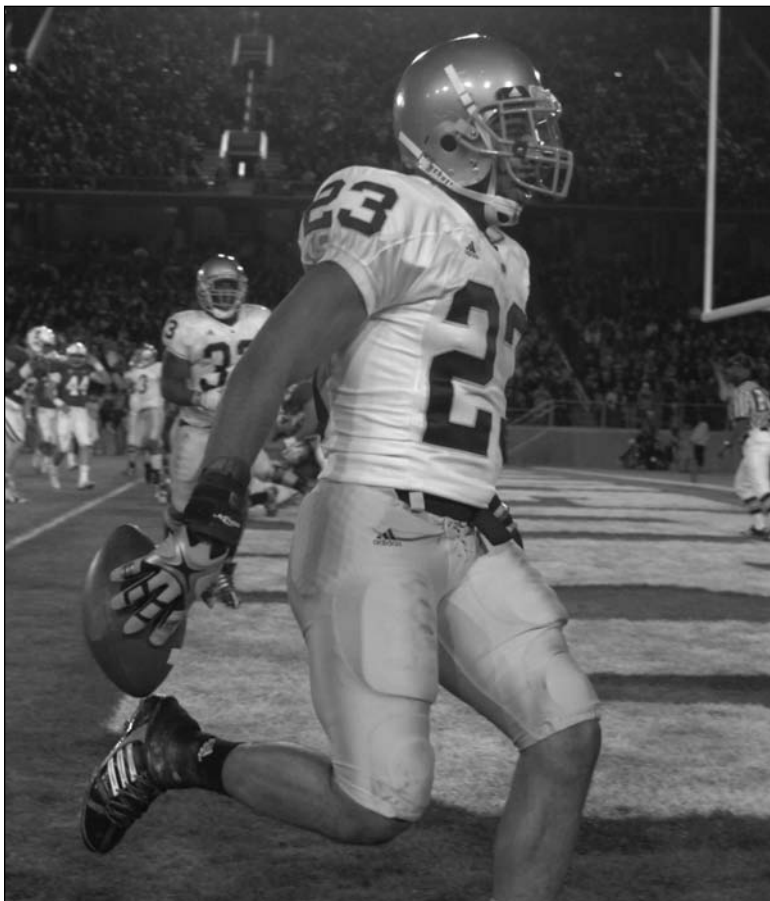
In what seemed likely to be Weis' final game, the Irish concluded their season with a 45-38 loss at Stanford. Cardinal running back Toby Gerhart torched Notre Dame for 205 yards rushing and three touchdowns while also adding an 18-yard touchdown pass.

"There's a bunch of 22, 23-year-old young men right there finishing out their career losing the last four games," Weis said in a postgame radio interview. "They feel miserable and I feel miserable for them."

Weis was fired two days later. In addition to Weis and the Irish seniors, it turned out to be the final games for Clausen and Tate, who declared for the NFL Draft on Dec. 7. Clausen finished his junior season with 3,722 yards passing, 28 touchdowns and four interceptions. Tate caught 93 receptions for 1,496 yards and 15 touchdowns, and he scored 18 total touchdowns in 2009, resulting in the junior earning the Biletznikoff Award given to the nation's top receiver.

Both Clausen and Tate were second-round selections in the 2010 NFL Draft, with Clausen going to the Carolina Panthers and Tate to the Seattle Seahawks.

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Junior receiver Golden Tate celebrates a touchdown during Notre Dame's loss at Stanford on Nov. 28, 2009.

FOUR YEARS IN REVIEW

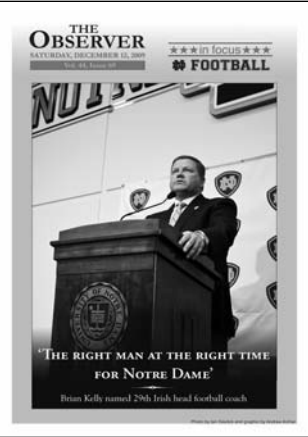
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The top 10 Observer sports stories from the 2006-2010 academic years

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1 Weis fired after five seasons; Kelly hired

December 1, 2009; December 12, 2009



After leading Notre Dame to the most losses in a three-year span in program history, Charlie Weis was fired on Nov. 30, 2009, and a mere 11 days later, director of athletics Jack Swarbrick named Brian Kelly as the 29th football coach in Notre Dame history.

Weis held the reigns to the football program for five years, accumulating an overall record of 35-27. After going 9-3 in his first season and earning an appearance in the Fiesta Bowl, Weis was granted a 10-year

contract extension through 2015.

Nonetheless, two home losses to Navy and consecutive Senior Day defeats to Syracuse and Connecticut spelled the end of the Weis' time leading his alma mater.

A secretive coaching search resulted in the hiring of Kelly, fresh off an undefeated regular season at Cincinnati in his third year with the Bearcats.

Previously, Kelly was the head coach at Central Michigan for three seasons, leading the Chippewas to a

Mid-American Conference in 2006. Kelly began his head coaching career at Division II Grand Valley State, tallying a 118-35-2 record over 13 seasons.

Kelly brought Bob Diaco, defensive coordinator, and Charley Molnar, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, along with him from Cincinnati to lead his coaching staff and reunited with Chuck Martin, now defensive backs coach, who took over as head coach at Grand Valley State when Kelly left.

2 Football endures disastrous season



In the worst start to a season in Notre Dame history, the Irish limped to an 0-5 record. It all started with a 33-3 home loss to Georgia Tech.

The debacle continued with identical 38-0 losses to rivals Michigan and USC. The Irish won their last two contests to finish 3-9 but did not come close to earning a trip to a bowl game.

Nov. 5, 2007

3 Clausen, Tate enter NFL Draft

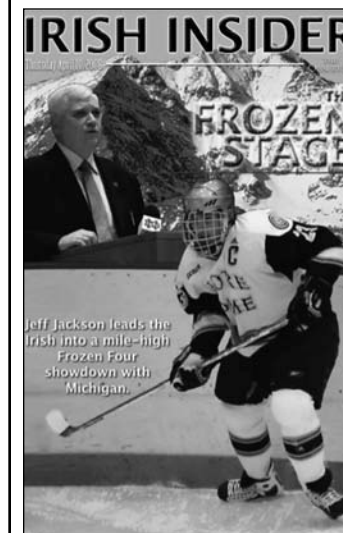


Quarterback Jimmy Clausen and wide receiver Golden Tate, both juniors, declared for the NFL Draft after setting numerous individual records in just three years at Notre Dame.

Projected as a likely first round selection, Clausen waited until the 48th pick for the Panthers to draft him in the second round, and Tate went 12 picks later to the Seahawks.

Dec. 8, 2009

4 Icers go to NCAA title game



After winning its first CCHA title in 2007, the hockey program continued its resurgence under coach Jeff Jackson.

The Irish just sneaked into the NCAA Tournament but capitalized by qualifying for the first Frozen Four in school history. They then topped Michigan to advance to the title game, where they fell to Boston College.

April 10, 2008

5 Swarbrick takes over AD position

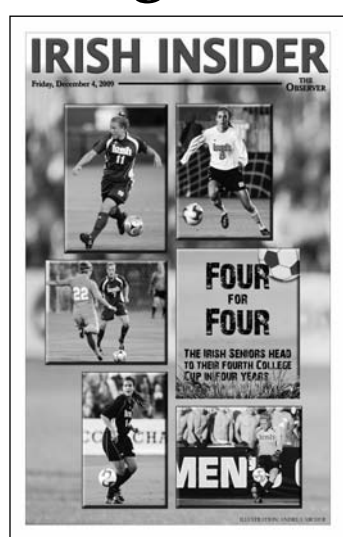


On June 1, 2008, then-director of athletics Kevin White announced that he would be leaving Notre Dame to assume the same position at Duke.

Six weeks later, Swarbrick was hired as the 12th athletic director in the school's history. He was previously a lawyer instrumental in the Indianapolis sports scene.

July 16, 2008

6 Women's soccer goes to four Cups



The women's soccer program reached four consecutive College Cups, falling twice in the finals and twice in the semifinals.

In 2006 and 2008, the Irish fell to North Carolina in the national championship, both times by a 2-1 score.

In 2007, Florida State beat Notre Dame 3-2 in the semifinals, and in 2009, North Carolina beat the Irish 1-0.

Dec. 4, 2009

7 Basketball ranked in top 10



The Irish were ranked No. 9 in both preseason polls and rose as high as No. 7 early in the 2008-09 season that had Final Four aspirations.

Things started to unravel, though, as a seven-game losing skid sent Notre Dame plummeting down the rankings. The Irish ended the season ninth in the Big East, and were not invited to the NCAA Tournament.

Oct. 15, 2008

8 Football snaps bowl losing skid



Notre Dame earned its first bowl victory in 15 years on Christmas Eve against Hawaii.

Quarterback Jimmy Clausen completed 22-of-26 passes for 406 yards and five touchdowns, both Irish bowl records. Receiver Golden Tate had six catches for 177 yards and three touchdowns as the duo shared MVP honors.

Dec. 24, 2008

9 Fencing finishes second twice



After a fourth-place finish in 2007, the Irish finished just short in the NCAA Championships in 2008 and 2009, falling to Ohio State and Penn State, respectively.

The Irish fell short again in 2010. After holding onto the No. 1 ranking for a full season, Notre Dame falls to third in the NCAA championships.

March 17, 2008

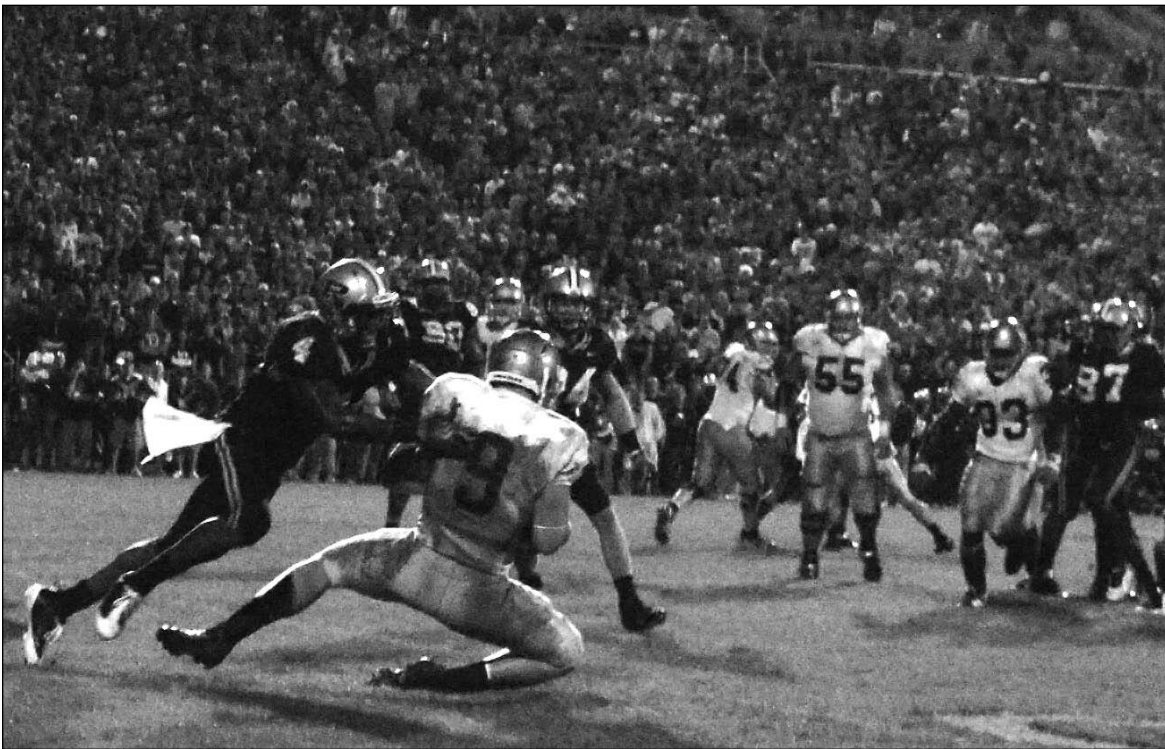
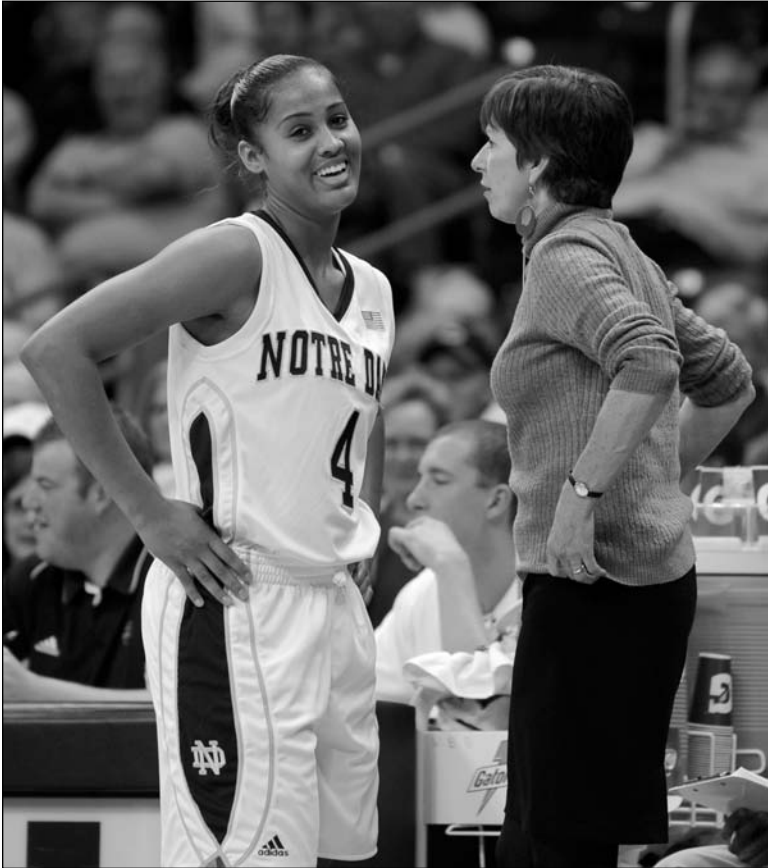
10 New facilities constructed



After hosting Irish athletic events for over 40 years, the south dome of the Joyce Center received a renovation in the summer of 2009 and reopened in October as the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center.

New facilities for lacrosse, soccer, track, softball and hockey were also completed in the past two years or are in the works currently.

Oct. 6, 2006



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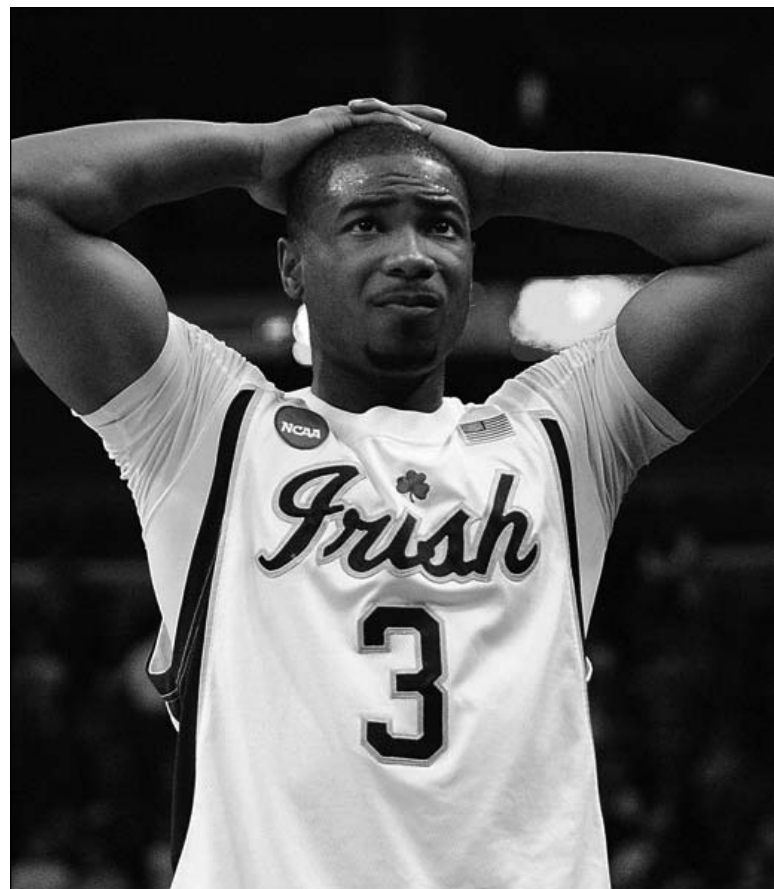
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Top left, freshman Skylar Diggins talks with coach Muffet McGraw in a preseason game against Indianapolis before leading the Irish in scoring during the season. Top right, Brian Kelly addresses the media for the first time as the new Irish coach. Center, Kyle Rudolph catches the game-winning touchdown pass from Jimmy Clausen at Purdue. Bottom left, Frenchy Silva celebrates with teammates during a perfect 14-0 conference season. Bottom right, Josh Sandman takes his approach before claiming first at the Irish Gridiron Golf Classic.

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Top left, former Irish coach Charlie Weis walks off the field following a loss at Stanford, his last at Notre Dame. Top right, Tory Jackson reacts following a first-round elimination loss in the NCAA Tournament to Old Dominion. Center, Michele Weissenhofer takes a last look at the field after a second consecutive loss to North Carolina at the College Cup. Bottom left, Kevin Deeth lets it fly during a loss to Providence in coach Jeff Jackson's second-worst season at Notre Dame. Bottom right, Frank Desico tracks down a ball in an extra-inning loss to Rutgers.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

ND delivers all season, earns conference title

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Under Irish coach Jay Louderback, the trophy case for the women's tennis program has become a bit crowded.

The Irish added a new load of hardware in late April, claiming the 2010 Big East title in addition to several individual awards. Louderback earned Big East Coach of the Year honors, sophomore Kristy Frilling was named the Big East Player of the Year and freshman Chrissie McGaffigan garnered Big East Freshman of the Year honors.

The awards came at the tail end of a dominant season for the No. 6 Irish, who carry a 22-3 record heading into the NCAA Championships. After an early loss in the regular spring season to North Carolina, the Irish staked their claim as one of the top teams in the country by defeating then-No. 1 Northwestern 5-2 on Feb. 21.

"We lost two weekends before to North Carolina, which kept us out of the National Indoor Championship," Louderback said. "Our kids were definitely down. Then Northwestern came in, and we turned around and played very well. We saw that day that we can play with anybody."

The squad rode the momentum from the Northwestern match, winning 15 of its final 17 matches. A highlight for the team came during Spring Break, as the Irish traveled to Puerto Rico for a couple of matches, finishing 1-1 on the trip.

Riding a four-game win streak into the Big East tournament, the first to be hosted at Notre Dame, the

Irish reeled off three dominating victories, including a 4-0 sweep of DePaul in the finals to notch the 10th championship in program history. The Irish did not drop a singles match in the tournament.

"Towards the end of the season, we changed around our lineup a bit," Louderback said. "Our doubles teams got really comfortable with each other and the chemistry was great. We were so tough to beat because if we win the doubles point, we go into the singles up 1-0, and it's tough to win four singles matches against our players."

Pacing the Irish all season at first singles and first doubles was Frilling, posting a 41-5 combined record between the two slots, including a 19-5 record at the challenging No. 1 singles position. Frilling stepped up to replace last year's Big East Player of the Year, former Irish No. 1 Kelcy Tefft.

"Her move from two to one singles was big for her," Louderback said. "She knew she'd be playing a good player every match and that really helped her mentally."

Backing up Frilling at the other slots was a talented cast, including sophomore Shannon Mathews, McGaffigan and a host of talented seniors including Kali Krisik and Cosmina Ciobanu.

"I was worried about [Mathews and McGaffigan] playing two and three because they were injured in the fall," Louderback said. "They couldn't prepare, so it's almost like learning on the job. As for the seniors, their poise under pressure in big matches was excellent."

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SMC GOLF

Belles poised for national title run

By LUKE MANSOUR
Sports Writer

Coming off yet another successful season that saw the program earn its second consecutive MIAA conference title, No. 5 Saint Mary's seems poised to earn a top-five finish in the NCAA Division III Championships.

Saint Mary's earned its second straight automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament on Tuesday thanks to a huge second day at the MIAA qualifier. Trailing conference rival Olivet University by five strokes, the Belles tore up Blackthorn Golf Course in South Bend and ended the day leading by 28 strokes.

"I believe our team has the potential to be the best in the country if we work hard and perform to the best of our abilities," sophomore Natalie Matuszak said. "However, I think it's an honor and a great achievement in itself that we made it to the tournament."

The Belles' road to the NAAs certainly had some ups and downs, as the team felt they could have played better in a few tournaments during the season.

"I think there were a couple of tournaments we would have liked to have played better, but overall we had a great season," Matuszak said. "We pulled together as a team and continued to prove that we are a strong team all the way through the lineup."

Some of the top players on the Belles included Matuszak and juniors Mary Kate Boyce and Rosie O'Connor. All three were mainstays in the top three positions in Belles coach Mark Hamilton's lineup throughout the season.

With many experienced players on Saint Mary's roster, the team expects a big finish to its season down in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. The NCAA Tournament consists of four separate rounds, and the Belles will need to be sure to retain their focus throughout the long and arduous competition.

"I'd say this year has definitely been a success," Hamilton said. "We lost two number one players along the way, so there was a bit of adversity, but you would be hard pressed to find a team that can lose two top players and qualify for the national championship."

As the season comes to a close, Matuszak said she will miss the time spent with such a talented group of seniors.

"We really become like a little family, and so it's hard to see the seniors go at the end of the season," Matuszak said. "Although I am sad this season is coming to an end, I am excited for the NCAA Tournament because I think we are about to post some of our lowest scores yet."

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Kansas City Chiefs on Jan. 8. Notre Dame started 6-2 in 2009 but dropped its final four games — including home losses to Navy and Connecticut — to finish the regular season 6-6 for the second straight year after a 3-9 showing in 2007.

“For many of you who may have thought that was a foregone conclusion, I would say to you that the decision was harder than you might have thought, principally because of the man it involved,” Swarbrick said on Nov. 30, 2009. “I hope we can find somebody who loves this University as much as he did, does, and who cared as much about his student athletes as he does.”

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Director of athletics Jack Swarbrick watches Brian Kelly speak during the news conference introducing Kelly as Irish football coach. IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Lux

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numerous as well. She is the only player in conference history to record 60 runs, 80 hits and 60 RBIs in a career, and she holds the top spot in career RBIs (66) and home runs (24) in conference play.

Despite the long list, Lux said breaking records never gets old.

“It’s exciting every time,” she said. “I honestly still don’t know half the records I break until I break them and [the coaches] are like ‘Oh congratulations, you broke two records today!’ and I’m like ‘What records are they?’”

“I don’t really like to focus on stats so much, because you just start getting in your head, and softball’s so much of a mental game as it is and I don’t want to add more pressure to myself about beating records. If we win, I’m happy. That’s pretty much my reason for being out there.”

She has been out there since her freshman year, when she played in 45 games, starting

41. “Some people got injured and I got the chance to play, which was a great opportunity and I kind of took advantage of it and I’ve been able to play since, which has been great,” Lux said.

In the early part of her career, Lux said she did not feel pressured, despite having established herself as an important part of the Irish offense.

“Yes, the coaches did want me to perform well, but I was still a sophomore and the team at the time was dominated by upperclassmen,” she said. “The underclassmen weren’t that great of an impact at the moment.”

Lux began to take on more of a leadership role on the 2009 team, which upset DePaul for its first Big East

tournament title since 2006 and an automatic NCAA berth.

“It ended on a double play, it was a close game, close game and finally double-play, bang-bang, it’s over,” Lux said. “It was one of the biggest highs I’ve had in my life. It was so exciting, because at Notre Dame I’d never won a big championship. We’d never won regionals, we’d never won the Big East, until last year, and it was amazing.”

Lux was named to the all-tournament team that year, and she earned first-team all-Big East honors to go along with her All-American distinction.

Now, Lux is one of just three seniors and the only one who will graduate — seniors Lex Clay and Heather Johnson are both eligible for one more year. Lux said all three have been important leaders for the 2010 team.

“The three of us right now are a solid group of players who have had a ton of experience under our belt,” she said. “And we have a calm mentality that kind of just transcends through the team. And they feed off of it, so they’re relaxed and calm. They don’t get all crazy if we’re not doing well. I think the level-headedness and the experience we bring has really helped the team this year.”

The three have led the team to its most successful season in years, helping the team to a 44-9 record and a share in the Big East title.

“Finally, all the work that our team has done has paid off and has shown,” Lux said. “In the previous three years, we’ve put in the hard work but the results haven’t really come through, but this year we are dominating in all respects of the game and we’re finally making a name for Notre Dame softball.”

“And it’s just exciting to be a part of that and have this be my last year. I wouldn’t have chosen another team to be a part of.”

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Christine Lux
Irish first baseman



Senior first baseman Christine Lux rounds third to score during Notre Dame’s doubleheader sweep of South Florida on April 10. SARAH O’CONNOR/The Observer

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish run through Big East slate undefeated



Junior pitcher Jody Valdivia throws a pitch during her one-hitter against South Florida on April 11. The Irish won 2-0. TOM LA/The Observer

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

A perfect 19-0 home record and a 19-3 in-conference record will give No. 25 Notre Dame a boost heading into the Big East tournament and the rest of the 2010 postseason.

“Going undefeated at home was definitely one of our team goals at the beginning of the year,” Irish assistant coach Kris Ganefff said. “We’re only the second team in the history of the program to do that.”

The Irish (44-9) suffered through some ups and downs before dominating the Big East season, which ended with the team clinching a share of the regular-season title with DePaul.

“The early tournaments were more of the time for us to prepare, to be ready,” Ganefff said. “We want to feel like we got all the kinks ironed out, because really how well you do in the conference is what counts when we go into the post season.”

Notre Dame needed a 12-game winning streak to counteract a slow 1-4 start to the season.

“That first tournament we didn’t play anywhere near the expectations we should have been playing at,” Ganefff said. “The girls knew that weekend wasn’t representative of what we should have been playing like on the field.”

Notre Dame saw this win streak come to a close with a 2-1 loss to San Diego, but once the team returned to South Bend, it won the next 11 games.

Junior pitcher Jody Valdivia led the Irish to 75 percent of their victories, finishing up the regular season at 35-4 with an ERA of 1.74, including nine

shutouts. She is now Notre Dame’s all-time leader in wins from the mound in a single season. Valdivia threw one no-hitter, March 27 against Seton Hall, and tallied a few one-hitters along the way as well.

“Jody has really stepped it up this year for the team,” Ganefff said. “After two years of being the No. 2 pitcher on the team, she really learned the ropes.”

Junior Sadie Pitzenberger led the team offensively with a .409 batting average, while senior Christine Lux’s 55 RBIs led to her breaking the program record for career RBIs.

“Lux overall has just been phenomenal, and this year is no different from the rest. She’s steady and consistent and she’s been that way for all four years,” Ganefff said. “She wants to get to that World Series and she’s not going to stop until she does her part with that.”

The Irish will only be losing Lux this year as seniors Lex Clay and Heather Johnson each have one year of eligibility left and will return next season.

“We’ll definitely feel the loss of losing the home run leader and first baseman; that’s a big hole to fill,” Ganefff said. “The younger people on the team are going to have a chance to step up. Hopefully, those players should easily fill in those roles, so the program can continue the way it has been going.”

The Irish began the Big East tournament Thursday against Providence, but results were not available at press time. The tournament will continue through Saturday. Notre Dame will begin the NCAA Tournament with regionals on May 20.

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Notre Dame:

Volleyball finishes conference play perfect at 14-0; women's swimming earns 14th consecutive Big East title

Observer Staff Report

Volleyball

Early exits in both the Big East tournament and the NCAA tournament could not diminish Notre Dame's accomplishment of going undefeated through the Big East regular season.

"We [were] very pleased with the season," said Irish coach Debbie Brown, the AVCA Division I Northeast Region Coach of the Year and the Big East Coach of the Year. "We had a strong start and had an incredibly strong run through the Big East regular season, going undefeated in conference."

The Irish (21-7, 15-0 Big East) claimed sole possession of the Big East regular season championship before falling in the conference tournament semifinals to Louisville, and then to Ohio in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The losses, however, don't trump all of what Notre Dame accomplished this season.

"Our side out efficiency was strong all year for us," Brown said. "We had great offensive options and the experience of the seniors was a huge positive factor. We improved in every aspect of the game. Our offense got stronger, we blocked more balls and held our opponents to low hitting percentages and our passing and serving were solid."

The team's six seniors led the team throughout the season, on and off the court.

Tara Enzweiler, Megan Fesl, Christina Kaelin, Kim Kristoff, Jamel Nicholas and Serinity Phillips, who were named the nation's fifth-best recruiting class when they entered the program as freshmen, worked to make the entire team close — which certainly paid off for the Irish, Brown said.

"Our team chemistry was strong. They were always there for each other," Brown said of her players. "They had the motivation to play hard for each other. It was easy for them to celebrate when their teammates did well and natural for them to pick up their teammates when they struggled."

Kaelin, Phillips and Nicholas earned first team all-Big East honors and junior Kellie Sciacca was named to the second team for the second consecutive season. All four also earned all-

region honors.

Kaelin finished the season tied for sixth in league play for kills, including 11 double-figure kill performances. She posted a career-high 20 on Oct. 10 against Cincinnati. Nicholas finished her Notre Dame career with 3,094 assists, the fifth-most in school history. A versatile Phillips posted at least 16 kills in five conference competitions. She also was the 18th player in Irish history to record at least 1,000 career kills with her total of 1,154 over four seasons.

Sciacca, the Northeast Region's Freshman of the Year in 2007, led the conference in individual hitting percentage.

Brown said the outstanding individual performances led to two events that defined the season.

"Two things come to mind immediately," she said. "Certainly our win over Stanford was huge and set such a good tone for us for the season. Additionally, our undefeated run through the Big East was particularly rewarding. It was a huge accomplishment and we were able to do it because the team was so committed to making it happen."

Before falling to Louisville on the Cardinals' home court, 3-2 (24-26, 25-16, 18-25, 25-16, 15-13), in the conference tournament semifinals and the first match of the tournament to go five sets, the Irish were on a 15-match winning streak, tying the second-longest in program history.

Ending the season in the first round of the NCAA Tournament was not the ideal end for the Irish, but they didn't go down easy, again falling 3-2 (23-25, 25-16, 20-25, 25-15, 15-7).

"I believe we played the best we could at the time," Brown said. "We were physically down with three of our starters at less than full strength. We gave all we could and fell short. It was disappointing for the season to be over, particularly since we had such a good run throughout the rest of the season."

None of Notre Dame's success couldn't have happened without the strong leadership and skills of its seniors, Brown said.

"As I've said on so many occasions throughout the year, the seniors were absolutely critical to the success of the team," she said. "They have given all they could throughout their four years. Each

of them has grown individually and as a group. They all brought different strengths to the table and the combination of all of them was tremendous."

Cross Country

Although both the men's and women's cross country teams started out the 2009 season with back-to-back first places in their first two meets, the end of the season produced different results for the two squads.

The Irish competed in seven meets during the fall, including two at home — the National Catholic Invitational and the Notre Dame Invitational. The two squads mirrored each other several times during the season, finishing in first place at the National Catholic Invitational while falling to sixth at the Big East championships.

A first-place finish at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional meet clinched a spot for the women to race at the NCAA Championships, where the Irish finished 23rd out of 31 teams.

"Our goal every year is to get to the NCAA meet, and from that perspective it was definitely a successful year," Irish women's coach Tim Connolly said. "The highlight of this season was winning the regional meet."

Senior Lindsey Ferguson finished 30th overall, earning All-American honors.

Including Ferguson, a total of five seniors will be graduating, leaving behind quite a legacy for the underclassmen to carry on. Beth Tacl, Molly Sullivan, Analisa Sandoval and Dominique Taylor will be moving on from Notre Dame, passing over their leadership to the four juniors on the team.

"I think that we are all feeling very excited about the team next year," freshman Jessica Rydberg said. "If we are able to keep everyone healthy and we can all get a solid summer of training, then the outlook for the next cross country season looks great."

A seventh-place finish for the men's squad at the Great Lakes Region was not enough to qualify for a spot at the NCAA Championships, a meet they had been preparing for all season. Nevertheless, senior Jake Walker qualified for the individual competition with a ninth-place finish and all-region honors. Walker finished 129th at the NCAA meet.

Along with Walker, Blake Choplin, Daniel Clark, Cameron Eckert, Jack Howard, James Notwell and Brier Steenberge will be graduating. The seven seniors led the Irish to season opening victories at Valparaiso and in the National Catholic Invitational.

"It was an average year at best," Irish men's coach Joe Piane said. "We performed pretty well, especially at the National Catholic meet where we dominated, but beyond that it was somewhat of a disappointing year. We're not prepared yet because of track, but we will be when the time comes."

Men's Swimming

When the swimmers and divers get back in the pool for the start of the 2010 fall season, they will do so with the knowledge that they have some mighty big shoes to fill. This year's senior class, led by John Lytle and Andrew Hoffman, graduates as one of the most decorated and accomplished in program history.

"This is a very special senior class for me," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "I'll remember just how much they've grown and how much they've contributed to the program over their time here. We've been through two extremely exciting Big East championships, including in 2009 when a relay team with Lytle and Hoffman on the first and last legs won the meet for us."

The 2009 season finished with the Irish taking second place overall behind Louisville in the Big East championships. The meet provided a number of individual highlights that Welsh said will define how the season is remembered in years to come.

"Lytle's 100 freestyle at the Big East meet was one of the defining moments of the season," Welsh said. "The Big East is always a big deal for us, and the fact that our divers were able to perform so well the weekend beforehand, finishing one and two in both springboard events, well, that was probably our best performance of the year."

The strong performance at the championships by individual swimmers and divers capped a year where the Irish finished with a 5-6 record in competitive meets. As the year progressed, the Irish saw increased contributions from younger swimmers, including a tremendous swim by freshman Bill Bass on the opening night of

the conference meet. Bass set a program record with his time of 1:46.44 in the 200-individual medley.

Welsh said he was pleased with the development of Bass and all of his underclassmen swimmers.

"This year's freshmen, we think, are very good," Welsh said. "What I hope is that we will see them emerge. As a group they have enormous potential, and there is room for them to make a big mark with all the talent graduating."

The competitive season also helped Welsh see leadership form among his junior class, a positive sign heading into the offseason.

"The rising senior class is a committed class," Welsh said. "They have strong leadership. We have Michael Sullivan as a two-year captain leading the swimmers, and obviously [Wesley] Villaflor, [Nathan] Geary, and Eric Lex leading the divers. There are great leaders on both ends, and we saw that this season. We are very optimistic for next year."

Women's Swimming

Notre Dame continued its reign as Big East champion with its 14th consecutive conference title. The streak is the longest active streak in the conference in any league sport.

A late charge from second-place Louisville forced the Irish to finish the conference season strong, senior captain Megan Farrell said.

"Although some of our individual performances this year were disappointing, I was impressed with the collective team performance when it mattered most," she said. "When it came down to the wire at the Big East championship, the team as a whole rose to the challenge and did not let Louisville surpass us in the point total. Everyone showed great mental toughness and determination when it was their turn to race and put the team first. I believe that tells a lot about the character of these girls."

Junior Samantha Maxwell and freshman Kim Holden brought home individual titles on the final day of the meet to clinch the title for the Irish.

Maxwell was named the Big East Most Outstanding Swimmer and head coach Brian Barnes earned Big East Coach of the Year honors for the second straight season.

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September 4

No. 2 women's soccer sees its 30-game regular-season winning streak come to an end by falling to reigning national champions North Carolina 6-0.

September 25

Volleyball opens the conference season with a 3-1 victory over Connecticut on the road, as senior Serinity Phillips notches 16 kills and 12 digs.

October 23

Women's soccer clinches its 12th Big East regular-season title in 15 years by defeating Villanova 2-0.

November 7

Football falls to Navy 23-21, the second loss in three years to the Midshipmen at Notre Dame Stadium.

November 30

Athletic director Jack Swarbrick announces that Charlie Weis will not be retained as the head football coach.

December 7

Clausen and Tate declare for the 2010 NFL Draft.

September

September 1

No. 10 men's soccer opens Alumni Stadium with a 5-0 victory over Michigan as senior Bright Dike completes a hat trick.

September 5

Football steamrolls Nevada 35-0 in the season opener behind junior Jimmy Clausen's four touchdown passes.

October 8

Junior Golden Tate is named AT&T All-America Player of the Week after hauling in nine receptions for 244 yards and one touchdown in football's 37-30 overtime victory over Washington on Oct. 3.

October

October 31

Volleyball takes down Seton Hall 3-1 to remain undefeated in the conference and extend its winning streak to nine games.

November

November 8

Women's Soccer defeats Marquette 2-1 to claim its 13th conference tournament title in a matchup of the top two seeds.

December 4

Women's Soccer falls to North Carolina 1-0 in the College Cup Semifinals, marking the second consecutive year the team has been eliminated from the cup by the Tar Heels.

December

December 10

Brian Kelly is named the 29th head football coach. Tate wins the Biletnikoff Award as the top wide receiver in the nation.

Year in Review

Men's golf falls by one stroke in Big East championship; men's track takes indoor and outdoor conference titles

"Both Brian Barnes and Kate Kovenock have such a passion for swimming and their energy is contagious," Farrell said. "Both individuals have different strengths when it comes to coaching and they complement each other very well. Brian and Kate have the ability to develop the Notre Dame swimming program into a national powerhouse."

The Irish also participated in the NCAA Championships in West Lafayette, Ind., on March 18-20, finishing 38th overall with 14 points.

Junior Amywren Miller set a school record in the NCAA Championships in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.30 seconds, which was good enough for an eighth-place finish and All-America honors. Maxwell also earned Honorable Mention All-America honors with a 14th-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Rowing

Notre Dame overcame two disappointing races to capture its seventh consecutive Big East title.

In their second meet of the spring, the Irish struggled against Michigan and Michigan State. Notre Dame then followed that performance with a trip to California to face UCLA and USC, only to finish second by at least four seconds in every heat.

"I think we're disappointed we didn't race well on the West Coast and earlier in the season against Michigan and Michigan State," Irish coach Martin Stone said. "I think we've rebounded and we're definitely much faster since then."

Only two weeks later, Stone's squad demonstrated marked improvement, when it dominated the Big East championship. In the process, the coaching staff was honored as the best in the league, while six rowers were named to the all-Big East team.

Seniors Brittney Kelly and Casey Robinson and junior Stephanie Gretsche were named to the first team, while senior Sarah Keithley, junior Katherine Linnemanstons and freshman Stephanie O'Neill were named to the second team.

One notable change this year for the Irish was the training regimen, which shifted to a heart-

rate-based monitoring system in the mold of many international teams' training methods. Though it was certainly a shift in attitude, Stone downplayed its importance.

"What we do hasn't changed all that much, but how we monitor what we do has changed," he said.

Stone credited much of the team's success to the cohesive culture sparked by the squad's seniors.

"The seniors set the tone and they put the team first," he said. "I think that sets the tone for the way we want to do things, and we go from there."

Despite the continued success, the Irish are not satisfied, looking for more speed as they head to the South/Central regional regatta today and Saturday in hopes of qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

"We always want to be faster. We're slightly disappointed we're not faster," Stone said. "We've won the Big East, which was one of our goals. Now it comes down to how fast we're going to go in the South/Central race."

Men's Golf

Despite a slow start to the year, the Irish wrapped up another solid season with a few top finishes as they battled back to enter the NCAA Championship on the right note.

The Irish were narrowly defeated in the Big East championships, missing out on a conference title by just one stroke, losing to Georgetown on the final hole of the tournament.

"Obviously a tough, tough finish down there at Innisbrook," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "They just did a great job. They fought so hard, showed so much heart and guts, and they just hung in there. I was really proud of the way we finished."

Although Notre Dame failed to take home the title, a much lower finish was expected following a dismal first round that saw the Irish fall to sixth. The squad entered the final round in fifth place, but managed to vault three teams for a strong finish.

The Irish also had some notable individual efforts at the conference tournament. Sophomore Tom Usher carded a two-under par 69, tied for the lowest score of the day, while

sophomore Max Scodro was tied for first for the outright individual title through the first 54 holes.

The seniors also put together a strong showing at the tournament, held at the Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club. Despite some early struggles in the first two rounds, senior Josh Sandman shot an even par 71 on the final day of action.

"Obviously kids come to Notre Dame for the education, the experience, but they come to play for championships," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

Notre Dame's most rewarding victory of the year came in the fall season at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic. The Irish claimed their first regular season title since the 2004-2005 season, and Sandman took home the first individual title of his career.

The Irish also posted a number of other first-place finishes, including the Bandon Dunes Championship and the Battle at the Warren. Notre Dame also finished second in The Match Play, as the Irish constantly put themselves in position to win big tournaments.

Notre Dame looks to continue playing strong golf as they participate in the NCAA Regional on May 20 at the Warren Golf Course. Despite competing against tough competition from around the nation, the Irish look to use the home-course to their advantage.

Women's Golf

The Irish completed a season laden with challenges, but despite the adversity, managed to put together some strong finishes against top competition. Notre Dame ultimately finished 17th at the NCAA Central Region last Saturday, but still has a season of highlights to reflect upon.

The Irish finished strong in a tough stretch of tournaments during the spring, making the squad the team to beat entering the Big East championships. Although the Irish would end up finishing in third place, they still managed to earn an at-large bid into the NCAA Central Region competition.

Notre Dame was able to stay in contention during the conference tournament in large part due to excellent play from senior Annie Brophy. Brophy was one of the

most consistent players on the team throughout the season. While at the championships, Brophy finished in second place, just short of her first-place finish a year before.

Sophomore Becca Huffer also rose to the occasion to lead the Irish.

"The two players that have shown up on a consistent basis are Annie Brophy and Becca Huffer," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "They've both done their part. Becca and Annie have pulled their share of the weight."

The success began for the Irish at the start of the fall season, as they had one of their best finishes by tying for third at the rain-shortened Bettie Lou Evans Invitational in Lexington, Ky.

While at the tournament, junior So-Hyun Park led the Irish with a 1-over 72 on the final day of play, which earned her a share of eighth place for the overall individual title. This marked the first of many top individual honors for the Irish.

In a tough conference, the Irish had three players named to the All-Big East team. Through their outstanding performance in the regular season, Brophy, Huffer and junior Katie Conway all proved to be among the best in the conference. Brophy became only the second player in Irish history to be selected all four years.

Although a sport often times dominated by individual honors, the Irish attempted to focus all of their efforts towards the good of the team. Regardless of individual honors, the scores matter from every member of the team as they all can contribute to a winning season.

"When it comes to competition, the better the individual is doing then the better the team is doing," said Brophy.

Brophy reflected on her contributions from an inexperienced rookie to a battle-tested veteran.

"There is no other kind of relationship like the one you share with your teammates," Brophy said. "And I consider myself very blessed to have been able to share my experience here with them."

Men's Track

When it came to Big East titles this season, Notre Dame stepped up to the task, winning both the

indoor and outdoor championships.

"This is an extremely impressive accomplishment because the competition within the conference is very strong and many athletes are competing at the national level," sophomore pole vaulter Kevin Schipper said.

Heading into the final day of competition in the outdoor championships, Notre Dame needed first-place finishes from both Schipper in the pole vault and senior Daniel Clark in the 1,500 meters to jump from fourth overall into the top position.

"We were hoping to win our third straight outdoor Big East meet. We knew it'd be tough," Clark said. "The team was able to put together enough great performances in Cincinnati to squeak by Louisville for the win."

Seniors Blake Choplin and Jim Notwell, junior Kevin Labus and sophomore Jack Howard combined to finish second in the 4x800-meter relay, and junior Greg Davis also claimed second in the hammer throw, with sophomore Mitchell Gormley behind him in third.

These performances helped Notre Dame to a narrow victory over second-place Louisville by a score of 123-114.

"With the way our workouts are drawn up, we typically see consistent improvements in race performance throughout," Clark said. "Individually, winning the Big East meet was a thrill and a sign of good things to come."

Clark said he saw much maturation out of his teammates throughout the 2010 campaign.

"All of the different groups of the team have seen consistent improvement throughout the year and we're starting to hit peak performances just in time for conference and the NCAA prelims coming up in three weeks," Clark said.

Irish head coach Joe Piane and his staff were named the Big East coaches of the year for both the indoor and outdoor seasons.

"We have a solid group of athletes that are focused on performing to the best of their ability," Clark said. "The coaches help push us to maximize our talent. Winning the Big East was a culmination of all of the hard work individuals have been putting in."

The NCAA Regionals will be held on May 28-29.

<p>January 3 Thanks to a 2-1 shootout win, hockey defeats No. 6 North Dakota in the Shillelagh Tournament title game.</p>	<p>January 9 Men's basketball upsets No. 8 West Virginia 70-68 to open the conference season 3-1.</p>	<p>February 11 Senior forward Luke Harangody sprains his left ankle during a 90-87 loss to Seton Hall, missing the next five men's basketball conference games.</p>	<p>February 21 Men's track and field claims the Big East Indoor Championships title, marking the eighth consecutive year the squad has brought home a conference title.</p>	<p>February 28 Women's tennis defeats Tennessee 5-2, marking its seventh consecutive regular-season victory.</p>	<p>March 18 As the No. 6 seed in the South Division, men's basketball falls to No. 11 Old Dominion 51-50 in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.</p>	<p>April 18 Led by a go-ahead RBI single from senior David Mills, baseball defeats Seton Hall 7-4 to complete the three-game sweep.</p>	<p>April 20 Led by sophomore Tom Usher's two-under 69 in the final round, men's golf finishes in second-place at the Big East championships, losing by one stroke to Georgetown.</p>	<p>April 25 Women's tennis claims its third consecutive conference title with a 4-1 victory over DePaul in the final of the Big East championships.</p>	<p>May 2 Men's track and field takes its third consecutive Big East outdoor championship title, as the women's squad finishes sixth in the field of 16.</p>
<p>January 30 Men's and women's track and field teams earn 17 top-five finishes, including four first-place honors, at the Indiana Invitational.</p> <p>January 12 Women's basketball defeats South Florida 81-64 to open the season 15-0 and reach the No. 3 spot in the AP rankings.</p>	<p>February 23 Senior Melissa Lechlitner scores a career-high 23 points, and women's basketball downs Marquette 82-67 to remain undefeated in Purcell Pavilion.</p>	<p>March 6 Junior Carleton Scott knocks down a 3-pointer at the end of regulation against Marquette to send the game into overtime, as men's basketball wins 63-60.</p>	<p>March 8 Women's basketball is eliminated from the Big East championships following a 59-44 loss to Connecticut, the squad's third loss to the Huskies on the season.</p>	<p>March 27 Despite a late 3-pointer from freshman Skylar Diggins to force overtime, women's basketball comes up short against Oklahoma in the third round of the NCAA tournament, falling 77-72.</p>	<p>March 28 Fencing takes home third place at the NCAA Championships after being ranked No. 1 in the USFCA Coach's Poll all season.</p>	<p>April 24 Sophomore Nate Montana throws for 223 yards and three touchdowns, leading Gold to a 27-19 victory in the Blue-Gold spring football game.</p>	<p>May 1 Men's lacrosse receives one goal and two assists from sophomore Nicholas Beattie, but Syracuse downs the squad 12-6 in the final game of the regular season.</p>	<p>May 6 Women's lacrosse falls to Syracuse 12-11 in four overtimes in the longest match in Big East tournament history.</p>	

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pick it up at times."

Harangody said he and Jackson entered their rookie seasons with a "business-like" attitude, which helped Notre Dame earn a No. 6 seed in the 2007 NCAA Tournament. The Irish lost to No. 11 seed Winthrop in the first round. Harangody averaged 11.2 points per game that season in more than 20 minutes per game and became the first freshman since Troy Murphy to score in double figures in his first five games.

"[The NCAA Tournament freshman year] was a pretty memorable season because it was my first go-around with things," he said. "It was something I'll always remember."

Harangody, like any athlete, said he believes in off-season improvement, so he used the summer to hone his game as well as his fitness. The next season, he averaged 20.4 points and 10.6 rebounds per game.

"It all has to do with work ethic," he said. "Every summer, whether it's been working on my body or working on another part of my game, just get better every year."

It was that season that earned him conference Player of the Year honors.

The Irish earned a No. 5 seed in the Dance that year and beat George Mason easily in the first round. Despite Harangody's 22 rebounds, No. 4 seed Washington State took down the Irish in the second round.

During Harangody's junior season, Notre Dame started 12-3 but lost seven straight games and dropped out of contention for the Tournament. It wasn't for a lack of production from Harangody: He led the team in scoring for 14 consecutive games and averaged a career-best 23.3 points and 11.8 boards per game. Harangody scored 30 points against Kentucky in the NIT quarterfinals and had a double-double in the semifinal loss to Penn State.

Then came decision time. In April 2009, Harangody, then a junior, declared his eligibility for the NBA Draft. He didn't hire an agent, however, which allowed him the opportunity to change his mind and return to school.

"I think when you are a kid shooting around at the park, every kid dreams of playing in the NBA and obviously I did and this has always been a dream of mine," he said on April 16, 2009. "So I mean for me, it's neat to be standing up here and announcing this decision today."

"This is a new territory for me. But, you know, one of the best things is that with the team I have, the teammates I have, I told them this week what I was going to do and they have been so supportive, not only the team's leader but the guys that are going to be on

the team next year and, you know, I wasn't very surprised at that because I know we have some of the best guys in the world here, in the country."

Those supportive teammates played a role in Harangody's decision to forgo the draft and return to school to finish his senior year.

"It was obvious to see that the NBA is a business," he said on July 15, 2009. "It's not like being at Notre Dame around the group of guys that we have. I realize it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be with a group like this."

Harangody said he wasn't ready to give up one last go-around with his teammates.

"It was one more year to be around the guys and get a senior year," Harangody said recently. "It's something I truly hold special. Now I get a chance to watch these guys succeed in the postseason and also get my degree."

Harangody said his parents and Brey helped him with the decision.

"[Brey] was very helpful throughout the whole process. He wasn't like, 'Come back to school,' " Harangody said. "He gave me options to go out there. He was always open to me, which I really appreciated."

In the end, my parents and I and coach Brey sat down and talked about the whole situation and I just felt more comfortable coming back to school here."

That senior season didn't pan out quite like he planned. At first the Irish played well, but once they got into conference play they had two rough stretches, losing three out of five and four out of seven at various points. Worse still, Harangody suffered a bone bruise in his knee on Feb. 11 against Seton Hall and missed five games because of the injury. At one point the Irish were 6-8 in the conference and the season's funeral march was beginning.

Even with a serious injury, Harangody wouldn't be slowed. He missed the next game, against St. John's, but convinced everyone he would play against Louisville on Feb. 17.

"He kind of talked us into he was going to try and play," Brey said. "He had everybody,

the doctors the trainers, me. 'I'm going.' He didn't bring any street clothes. 'I'm playing.'"

It took Brey to stop him.

"He wasn't feeling good [after the shoot-around]," Brey said. "I told him after shoot-around, 'Well I'm not playing you so how's

that? Does that make the decision easier? You're not ready.'"

But then a funny thing happened: Notre Dame slowed down its offense and had success. The Irish lost in double overtime to Louisville, but won their next three games, including two over top-15 opponents, to finish the season. All without Harangody.

"What I've been really happy with, since he's been down, how he's been helping [freshman forward Jack] Cooley and [junior forward Carleton]

"He's been one of the greatest to ever wear a uniform here. Flat out."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

"Every summer, whether it's been working on my body or working on another part of my game, just get better every year."

Luke Harangody
senior forward



Senior forward Luke Harangody earns two of his 2,476 career points during Notre Dame's 65-62 victory over South Florida on Feb. 7. This total ranks second in Notre Dame history.

SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Scott," Brey said. "His voice with those guys during the game, halftime, I could hear his voice in the locker room. He's a leader and kind of a coach for us."

"I think you just try to keep their confidence up," Harangody said of his approach with Scott and Cooley. "At first, the first game against St. John's after I left, a couple guys didn't really know how to approach it. But it as it went on and they got more practice time it was like night and day."

Harangody recovered enough to play in Notre Dame's last

regular-season game, an overtime win on the road against Marquette. He came off the bench for 11 minutes and scored five points.

He also played in all three of Notre Dame's Big East tournament games, averaging 14 points and 24 minutes per game.

But even with Harangody's presence, the sixth-seeded Irish could not get past No. 11 Old Dominion in the first round of this year's NCAA Tournament, falling 51-50. In his final game, Harangody played 23 minutes off the bench, and his four points, his

only four points in the game, in the final 15 seconds were nearly enough for Notre Dame to slip into the second round.

"When he got here he made us believe again," Brey said. "He was an impact guy. Look at what he's done throughout his career."

"He's been one of the greatest to ever wear a uniform here. Flat out."

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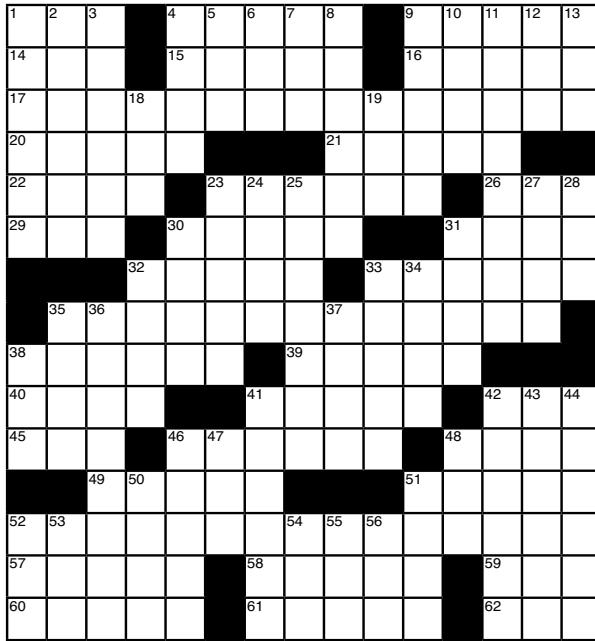
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 - 9 Roil, as the waters
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 - 16 Licorice flavoring
 - 17 All around, as on a trip
 - 20 Common cold cause
 - 21 Spanish bulls
 - 22 Suffix with disk
 - 23 Young and feminine
 - 26 Money on a poker table
 - 29 "Hel-lp!"
 - 30 Dashing actor Flynn
 - 31 Ho-hum sort
 - 32 "Remember the ___"
 - 33 Horse color
 - 35 TV show with many doors
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 - 39 Get by logic
 - 40 "___ a fool to ..."
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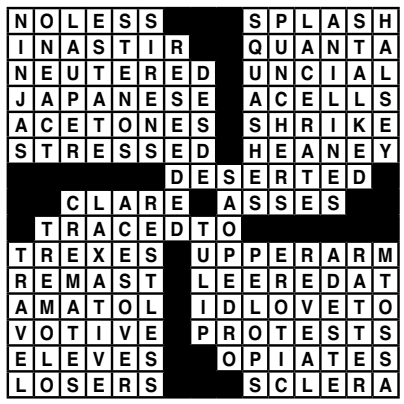


- Down**
- 3 Applies, as pressure
 - 4 Stadium cheers
 - 5 Kabuki sash
 - 6 Guy's date
 - 7 Night school subj.
 - 8 Buddy Holly's "___ Be the Day"
 - 9 "The Treasure of the Sierra ___"
 - 10 Reverse, as an action
 - 11 Scattering of an ethnic group
 - 12 Internet connection faster than dial-up
 - 13 "___-haw!" (cry of delight)
 - 18 Street, in Paris
 - 19 "There is ___ in 'team'"
 - 23 Former Texas senator Phil
 - 24 "___ la Douce"
 - 25 First-year players
 - 27 Pitcher Hershiser
 - 28 ___ Aviv
 - 30 "Born Free" lioness
 - 31 Title before Rabbit or Fox
 - 32 End in ___ (come out even)
 - 33 More secure
 - 34 German/Polish border river
 - 35 Stow, as cargo ... or an anagram of the last word of 17-, 35- or 52-Across
- Across**
- 36 Started out (on), as a journey
 - 37 Prefix with skeleton
 - 38 Tiniest drink
 - 41 Contemptuous looks
 - 42 N.B.A.'s ___ Abdul-Jabbar
 - 43 Period of advancing glaciers
 - 44 Sinew
 - 46 Like Santa's suit after going through the chimney
 - 47 Letter holder: Abbr.
 - 48 Chum
 - 50 Follow, as advice
 - 51 Seaweed used as food
 - 52 Recipe amt.
 - 53 "That's brilliant!"
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can make things work as long as you know what you are dealing with and how to handle others. A budgeted shopping spree will update your look. Consider what you need to do to maintain or better your health. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Deal straight up with people with whom you have an issue, so the situation won't spin out of control. You will learn valuable information if you ask questions -- get the facts rather than making assumptions. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The more open you are to suggestions and trying new things, the better you will do personally and professionally. Invest in something you are knowledgeable about and you will make a financial gain. Don't push others to get involved. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Domestic discord can disrupt your day if you aren't prepared to deal with personal issues quickly and move on to projects and pastimes you find satisfying. An intriguing connection to someone you meet will spark your interest. Proceed with caution. ★★

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The information you gather will help you make a good financial decision, as long as you don't let your personal life influence what needs to be done. Rely on technology to lighten your workload and your travel time. Leave personal problems alone until you have a better handle on the situation. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There is a chance to turn a friendship into a unique type of partnership. Your finances will be affected by a decision you make. Before you decide, consider which choice will help to eliminate the pressure you are feeling. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your talent must be highlighted in order to make it worth your while to get involved in a financial partnership. Growth, expansion and development should be your priority. Don't overdo it financially. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Set your sights high and don't let what others do influence you. A problem at home should be rectified before you move ahead with personal plans. You may be caught in the middle of an unsavory situation if you ignore information. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Prepare to go another round if you didn't take care of pressing matters the first time. You'll be questioned about your plans and how you intend to fit them into your responsibilities. You cannot waste time or skirt issues. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's your commitment to finish what you start that will impress someone you are interested in working alongside. Make sure you aren't taken for granted by others. You need to stabilize your financial situation. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make a point of sharing your plans for the future and what you need from others to follow through. Trouble and stress at home or with a personal matter will be taxing but don't let it slow down your professional progress. ★★

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STORY OF THE YEAR

Swarbrick fires Weis, looks to Brian Kelly to turn team around

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

After failing to post a winning regular-season record in three tries after guiding Notre Dame to back-to-back Bowl Championship Series (BCS) berths in his first two seasons, former Irish coach Charlie Weis was fired on Nov. 30, 2009. His replacement, Brian Kelly, was hired away from Cincinnati and introduced as Notre Dame's 29th head football coach less than two weeks later.

"Nobody does it like Notre Dame," Kelly said in his introductory press conference on Dec. 11, 2009. "There's a chapel in every dorm, and there's a leader around every corner, and we will cultivate that leadership here at Notre Dame, and we will continue to move towards excellence both in the classroom and on the football field."

A veteran with 19 years of head coaching experience, Kelly spent three years at Cincinnati, leading the Bearcats to new heights, including a 12-0 record

and a berth in the Sugar Bowl in 2009. He previously held the top jobs at Central Michigan and Grand Valley State.

"You do not come to the University of Notre Dame because you want to be average," Kelly said on Dec. 11. "You want to be the best of the best. And that's why I'm here. It inspires me to be around young men like I had in front of me today."

Kelly has since assembled his coaching staff, completed a solid 2010 recruiting class and led the Irish through spring

practice. The staff is now hitting the recruiting trail and has already secured nine verbal commitments from the Class of 2011.

Kelly has received praise from members of the Notre Dame community, including director of athletics Jack Swarbrick, for his energy and his accessibility as the head coach. Kelly has made it a priority that he and his players become more involved on campus.

"We need to care about Our Lady. We need to care about Notre Dame," Kelly told The

Observer in an exclusive interview on April 15. "When I got here, our guys thought about themselves first, then their family, then their teammates, then Notre Dame. I want them to flip that. They're here for Notre Dame, first and foremost, and that's really the paradigm shift for our players. They've got to care about each other and understand why they're here."

After five years at Notre Dame, Weis became the offensive coordinator of the NFL's

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OUTSTANDING SENIOR ATHLETES

Seniors make history



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Senior forward Luke Harangody was named an AP All-American three times, the first Irish player honored three times since 1950.

Harangody sets records, becomes first Ring of Honor inductee

By BILL BRINK
Senior Staff Writer

On March 3, Luke Harangody became the first-ever Irish player to be inducted into the Purcell Pavilion's Ring of Honor. His No. 44 jersey climbed to the rafters, celebrating four years of awards, accolades and success.

"Seeing some of the players involved in this University, for me to be the first one, it was a tremendous honor," the senior forward said. "That was a very proud night for myself."

One of many. Harangody will graduate as Notre Dame's second-leading scorer and rebounder. His class made the NCAA Tournament three out of four years and has won more games than any other class in school history. He was named the 2008 Big East Player of the Year, was a second-team All-American in 2008 and 2009 and became the first

Notre Dame player to be named to the Big East first-team three times.

As a freshman, Harangody said he didn't anticipate it.

"No, there's no way I ever saw that," he said.

Harangody received four varsity letters at Andrean High School in Schererville, Ind., where he won two conference and three sectional championships. When he got to Notre Dame, he and then-freshman guard Tory Jackson played early in the season.

"We threw them in there, both of them were key guys as freshman," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We went to the NCAA Tournament because they were ready as freshman to be men in this league. They have an unbelievable mental and physical toughness, both of them, that I think has permeated through our group. It's helped some other guys who aren't at their level of mental and physical toughness-wise

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TOM LA/The Observer

Senior first baseman Christine Lux holds the school career record for home runs and is second in RBIs. She holds the conference record in both categories.

Lux rewrites record books en route to All-America honors

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Christine Lux has always put a lot of pressure on herself to do well. She knew her hard work had paid off when she earned third-team All-American honors after her junior campaign, becoming the first Irish All-American since 2006.

"That was never an honor that I thought I would get," the senior first baseman said. "I came from a little town, a little softball team."

Lux, who hails from Glendale Heights, Ill., will leave Notre Dame after one of the program's most accomplished four-year careers — but she almost did not get a chance to do so. In fact, Notre Dame was one of few schools that considered her to play softball.

"I was from the Midwest and normally the softball coaches from all around the United States will go to

the warmer climate places like California and Florida to recruit because they play softball year-round," Lux said. "When I got here I was glad to make an impact and show that yes, Midwest girls are talented and they can be good at softball."

And she did. Lux began breaking records in 2008, her sophomore season, when she hit her 14th and 15th homers in the last game of the regular season, achieving a new high for home runs in a season. She tied that record in 2009 and broke it again this season, finishing with 16 home runs. She also owns Notre Dame career records for home runs (49) and putouts (1,523), and is second in career RBIs (169). Her 2010 slugging percentage of .816 is the best in a single-season, well above the .695 mark she set in 2009.

Lux's Big East accomplishments are

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