

Incoming freshmen shine in more than academics

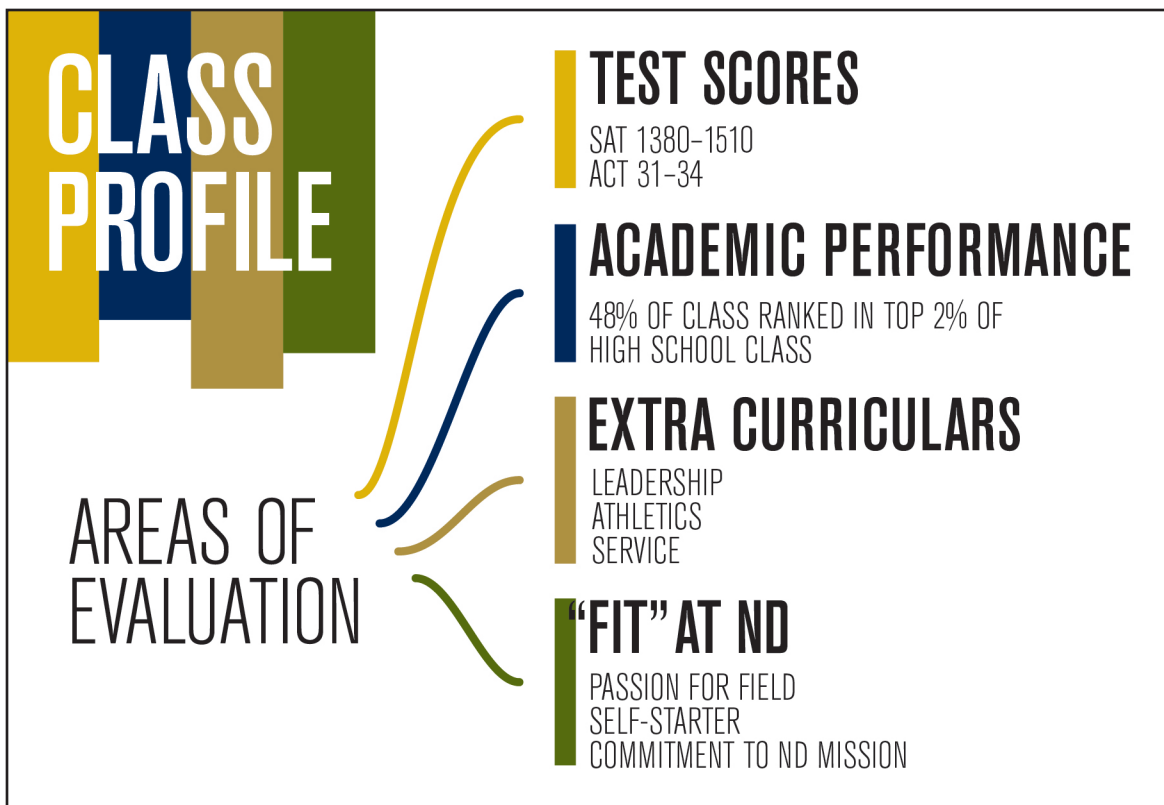
*ND freshmen
boast well-
rounded resumes*

By **JOHN CAMERON**
News Editor

While Notre Dame's incoming Class of 2016 promises to be the most accomplished ever based on numbers alone, Don Bishop, associate vice president for enrollment, said the new freshman class brings more to campus than top test scores and GPAs.

"This year, 55 percent of enrolling students were ranked in the top one percent of their class, or by national test scores," Bishop said. "But just having the high numbers wasn't enough. We have a

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*College welcomes
intelligent, athletic
freshman class*

By **JILLIAN BARWICK**
Saint Mary's Editor

When the Class of 2016 arrives at Saint Mary's this week, the incoming freshmen will be a part of one of the largest and most unique classes in school history.

Director of Admission Kristin McAndrew said the College is welcoming 418 freshmen to the school this week. This number is slightly larger than the 396 students in the Class of 2015.

"This number exceeds the goal set by the college each year, which is phenomenal," McAndrew said. "For our

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Campus welcomes new students

By **NICOLE MICHELS**
News Writer

While freshman orientation staffs waited expectantly for the first cars to pull up in front of their dorms Friday morning, families of new students began to explore Notre Dame's campus.

Friday marked the first day of "Frosh-O," a weekend packed with events meant to welcome freshmen to their new "home under the dome."

Freshman Bernie Floeder of Shoreview, Minn., said he is excited to move into Fisher Hall and begin his life at Notre Dame.

"Notre Dame was by and far the school that I was most interested in," Floeder said. "When I visited here, it seemed like this was the place — excellent academics, people ready to help you and a great campus."

Junior Sarah Fleming, Badin Hall's freshman orientation commissioner, said her staff is anxious to welcome the Class of 2016 to campus by easing them into life at Notre Dame.

"Our staff is super excited to meet the new Badin Hall freshmen,"

Fleming said. "We've been waiting for this since April. All summer our staff has been working ... to coordinate things ... we have our dorm all decorated and the music blaring outside."

Fleming said the weekend is structured so that the freshmen would first bond with their hall-mates and then with other classmates around campus.

"We planned it so that Friday events would be Badin only, so that the girls would build relationships with one another," Fleming said. "Saturday and Sunday the events are with the rest of campus, but then Sunday after the final goodbyes to their parents we have a lot of events planned one after another because some girls might find it difficult to say goodbye to their guardians."

Freshman Andrew Petrisin, who hails from McKinney, Tex., said he decided to attend Notre Dame after a visit to campus last fall.

"I came here for the Michigan State football game and immediately fell in love with the whole place," Petrisin said. "This was always the No. 1 choice."

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University renovates library



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The Notre Dame Facilities Design and Operations office renovated the Hesburgh Library this summer, focusing on the first-floor periodicals room, also known as "The Fishbowl."

By **DAN BROMBACH**
News Writer

With the 50th anniversary of the Hesburgh Library less than a year away, Notre Dame officials decided it was time to give the campus landmark a much-needed

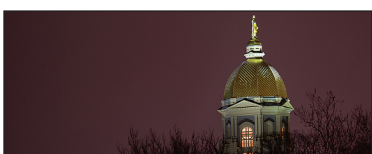
facelift.

Members of the Notre Dame Facilities Design and Operations office renovated the Library over the summer, guided by input from the University Architect's Office and a team of librarian planners.

Head librarian Diane Parr Walker said these renovations aim to modernize the Library and make it a more welcoming facility.

"As a place where students spend a great deal of time

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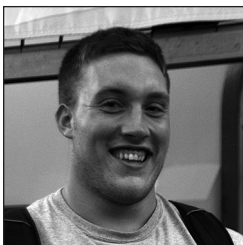
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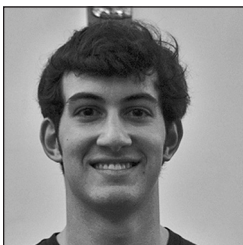


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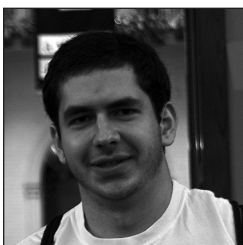


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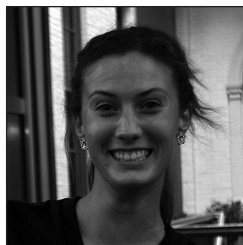


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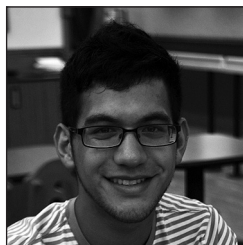


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Walsh

“Serving in Uganda.”



Chris Damian

2013

Off-campus

“Seeing family in Guam.”



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Knott

“Having the whole family together for the first time in six months.”



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The Notre Dame football team runs to Irish coach Brian Kelly during practice Thursday in the Loftus Center. The Irish open their season Sept. 1 against Navy in Ireland's Aviva Stadium at 9 a.m. Eastern time. Notre Dame's home opener is a week later against Purdue at 3:30 p.m.

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THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS:

Sunday

Residence Halls Open

All campus
All day
All day
At 9 a.m. upper classes move in.

Frosh-O Mass

Joyce Center
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Freshmen and families celebrate Mass.

Monday

Classes begin

All campus
All day
Non-undergrads begin class.

Campus Ministry

North Quad
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Campus Ministry hosts North Quad extravaganza.

Tuesday

Classes begin

All campus
All day
Undergrads begin class.

Mass and Picnic

Joyce Center
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
ND celebrates return to campus.

Wednesday

CSC Info Night

Geddes Hall
6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Students explore CSC seminars.

Hamlet

DPA
7:30pm-9:30pm.
Week-long Shakespeare Festival presents.

Thursday

First Visit

Grotto, Basilica
9 - 10 p.m.
Freshmen bond at ND sites.

Movie on Quad

North Quad
9:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
“The Lorax” is shown.

Friday

Biathalon

Boat House
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
RecSports
Biathalon held at St. Joe's Lake.

Men's Soccer

Alumni Stadium
7:30-9:30p.m.
ND vs Duke.

Saturday

Women's Soccer

Alumni Stadium
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
ND vs East Carolina.

Moderni-TEA

Snite Museum
2 - 4 p.m.
Converse about modernity in art over tea.

Notre Dame named to Forbes 2012 top college list

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

Members of the Notre Dame community have long been aware of the University's continual growth and rise to prominence as a national research university, but now the financial world is taking note as well.

Earlier this month, business magazine Forbes ranked Notre Dame No. 12 on its 2012 list of America's top colleges and universities. According to Forbes.com, this holistic ranking is based on information gathered from five general categories: postgraduate success, student satisfaction, debt, four-year graduation rate and competitive awards.

Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Enrollment Don Bishop said the Forbes ranking methodology uses "reality-based outcomes" to measure the quality of American colleges and universities.

"Forbes is a financial expert, so not surprisingly, they tend to look at outcomes in what your costs were for going to a school, the productivity of that school in graduation and student satisfaction and the actual success — not perception or prestige — five, 10, 20 years out after graduation," Bishop said. "It is gratifying that Notre Dame rises even

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FORBES 2012 LIST OF AMERICA'S BEST COLLEGES

01 *Princeton University*
02 Williams College
03 *Stanford University*
04 *University of Chicago*
05 *Yale University*
06 *Harvard University*
07 United State Military Academy
08 *Columbia University in the City of New York*
09 Pomona College
10 Swarthmore College
11 *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
12 *University of Notre Dame*
13 Amherst College
14 Bowdoin College
15 Washington and Lee University
16 Wellesley College
17 *University of Pennsylvania*
18 *California Institute of Technology*
19 *Brown University*
20 Vassar College

BRANDON KEELEAN | Observer Graphic

higher in that more realistic, outcomes-based approach."

Bishop said he believes Notre Dame fared well in Forbes's ranking due to a correspondence between the values outlined in the ranking methodology and those of the University.

"We tend to have the same values that Forbes seems to identify, such as the quality of undergraduate education, student access to faculty and the feeling that students are getting attention and inspiration from that faculty," Bishop said. "We don't intend to overuse rankings, but this

particular ranking is more thoughtful and robust, and when we discuss where Notre Dame's strengths lie, a lot of attributes [Forbes] articulates, we articulate."

Because the list includes both national research universities and liberal arts colleges, Notre Dame ranked eighth among its research university peers and No. 12 overall. This ranking places the University ahead of half the institutions in the Ivy League as well.

"We think that's a fair assessment," Bishop said. "This ranking is a very useful tool

for Notre Dame because it places us in a more advantaged situation in conversations with students to talk about the benefits of the University. Now you have an external source recognizing that and placing a high value on it, too."

One of those "Notre Dame benefits" acknowledged by the Forbes ranking is the University's emphasis on financial support for students and its impact on the pool of students applying to Notre Dame, Bishop said.

"We think financial support is important in lowering debt, and improvements in our financial aid over the last decade have moved Notre Dame up," he said. "We're now getting students to enroll that may not have enrolled 10 years ago because of our more supportive financial aid. That's a strength that's only going to get stronger."

The increased financial support for students in recent years has been facilitated by the simultaneous growth of the University's endowment, which Bishop said now ranks in the top 10 among private universities, compared with its top-15 ranking 15 years ago.

"We're moving up in the success of the University due to the support provided by alumni and the general public," Bishop said. "We also just completed a \$2 billion alumni donation campaign last year, which was a historic accomplishment."

The growth of Notre Dame's endowment has also allowed the University to invest more heavily in its faculty and campus facilities, Bishop said.

"We have one of the top faculty cohorts in the country, and Notre Dame continues to invest in a stronger faculty each year," he said. "The quality of the faculty and the access students have to that faculty has been a major investment in the last 10 to 15 years that's only getting

stronger each year."

Bishop said the combination of those three factors — faculty, financial aid and facilities — contribute to both the University's growing reputation and its commitment to providing students with the best education possible.

"Not only are we very good at raising money, but we're very good at investing that money and getting a higher return, which means we can provide better facilities, faculty and aid," Bishop said. "When you have those three things going your way, you're going to keep making up ground on others as long as you know where you're headed."

Although national college rankings like those of Forbes are generally held in esteem by much of the American public, Bishop said the University strives to "be a better Notre Dame" that holds true to its mission, rather than evolving into a "generic" top 10 university.

"Notre Dame has a vision of where it's headed in terms of mission ... It is not driven by outside rankings. It's driven by the belief that it's our responsibility to get better every year in many different ways," he said. "More importantly, we value a sense of obligation and service to others. We're not here just to be No. 1 for our own benefit, but the more successful we are, the more we can serve others successfully, and people believe that here."

Despite the high financial costs of attending Notre Dame and Forbes's focus on the economic value of a college education, Bishop said he believes enrolling in the University proves to be a "good return on a very expensive investment" in the long run.


"Notre Dame has a very strong sense of mission and focus along with expanding resources that make us a better value today than when we charged much less some time ago," he said. "Yes, it's more expensive, but it's worth a lot more."

Overall, Bishop said the Forbes ranking will further the University's national reputation and attract high-quality applicant pools in the future, but it should not take away from Notre Dame's unique character.

"[The Forbes ranking] improves the conversation, but it should not dominate the conversation. It still needs to be about the unique benefits of Notre Dame," Bishop said. "We're No. 1 at who we are, so we need to get students who care about that."

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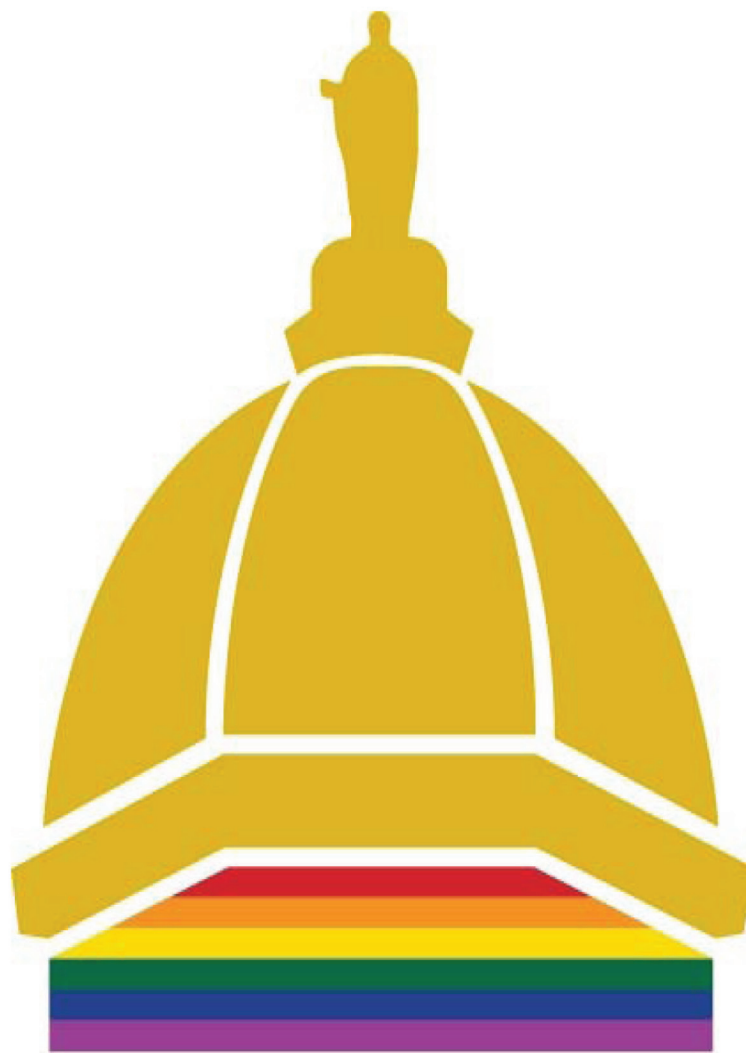
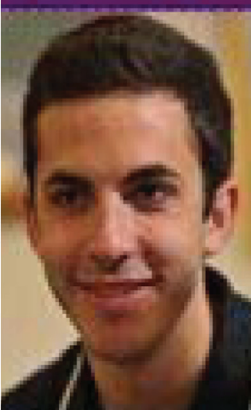
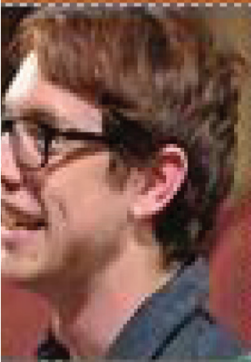
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Notre Dame welcomes new rectors to campus

By **TORI ROECK**
News Writer

In some campus residence halls, freshmen and transfer students won't be the only new residents this week.

New rectors will welcome students in Breen-Phillips Hall, Farley



Hall, Keenan Hall, Stanford Hall and Zahm House as they transition into their jobs as dorm leaders.

Associate Vice President for Residential Life Heather Rakoczy Russell said rectors have four important roles within their dorms: pastoral leader, chief administrator, community builder and university resource. Backgrounds in each of these areas are the criteria the University uses to hire new rectors, she said.

"We're looking for people who are trained in theology, ministry, education — specifically higher education — and that they have a sense of themselves and their work and mission in ministry, education, student development and

formation of the whole person," Russell said.

Scott Opperman, rector of Zahm House and a former Notre Dame graduate student, said the intersection of all these areas influenced his decision to apply to be a rector at the University.

"I will try to integrate academics



and spirituality into residence life, and Notre Dame does that very well already," Opperman said. "I believe in the Holy Cross charism and mission that the University of Notre Dame has ... I love Notre Dame so much so it's just a perfect fit for me."

Stephan Johnson, rector of Stanford Hall, said working with young people is one of the best parts of his job.

"I feel really fortunate to be here, and I think it's a tremendous calling to have an opportunity to affect so many of God's great children," Johnson said. "Every time I see them, they inspire me, and they give me personally a sense of hope about the world."

Sr. Mary Catherine McNamara, rector of Breen-Phillips Hall, is a Sister of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament, and she said in a statement that being a rector has great religious significance for her.

"Simply put, it is a 'God-thing,'" she said. "I believe God is inviting me to accept the challenge and



embrace the opportunity to carry on the rich tradition of serving as Rector of Breen-Phillips Hall. It seems to be a natural next step on my journey of ministry."

Although previous ties to Notre Dame are not required, some rectors have a long history with the University. Elizabeth Moriarty, rector of Farley Hall, lived in Farley as an undergraduate and also received a master's degree in divinity from the University.

"I am humbled to be returning to Notre Dame, yet again, to be the next rector of Farley Hall, which I believe is the result of the divine intervention of my dear friend and confirmation sponsor, Sr. Jean Lenz," she said in a statement.

Lenz passed away in January.

Noel Terranova, rector of Keenan Hall, is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in theology at Notre Dame. He said in a statement he hopes his faith will guide him to be a good leader in his dorm.

"I feel it is a noble calling to guide young people through a transi-



tional period in their adult development that will have a deep and formative impact on how they live the rest of their lives," Terranova said. "I pray that Spirit will guide me so that the men of Keenan will know me as a strong leader, with firm convictions and a gentle heart."

Opperman said he looks forward to promoting a welcoming culture in Zahm House and celebrating the dorm's 75th anniversary this year.

"We're going to strive to be the most inclusive and welcoming Notre Dame residential community," Opperman said. "Another fundamental thing is we have to respect, care for and love ourselves

and others, and we're going to do that in an exceptional way."

Johnson said building community is also important for him in Stanford Hall, and he is working to institute a big brother program within the dorm. But his first goal is to emphasize service, he said.

"My primary goal is that we



become known all over campus as the hall that dedicates itself to serving others," Johnson said. "One of the themes of our year is 'Fend for Others.' We're going to get the guys out of the dorm and into some of the impoverished areas in our community and even challenge them to go beyond that."

Russell said she is impressed with this year's group of new rectors, and she is excited to see what they will accomplish.

"I am delighted," she said. "What all of these rectors share in common is a deep connection to Notre Dame."

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ND welcomes foreign faculty

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
News Writer

Members of the Class of 2016 boast a high percentage of international hometowns — as does the collection of new Notre Dame faculty members arriving this fall.

The School of Architecture will welcome visiting professor Julio Cesar Perez Hernandez. A practicing Cuban architect, as well as the first and only Cuban Harvard University Loeb Fellow, Perez will teach a fifth-year studio section on the city of Havana, according to the School of Architecture's Dean's Office.

"He is the author of a master plan for 21st-century Havana," architecture professor Jorge Trelles said.

Hernandez's is the author of "Inside Havana" and "Inside Cuba," and is currently writing a book titled "The Magic Landscapes and Urban Design

the Netherlands.

Cremers taught at the Yale School of Management for 10 years. He has frequently been recognized for his academic accomplishments, with his most recent awards including Inquire Europe Research Grants in 2012 and 2010.

Interdisciplinary artist Carmen-Helena Tellez, a native of Venezuela, joins the Department of Music in the College of Arts and Letters.

"Carmen-Helena is a renowned specialist in 20th- and 21st-century choral orchestral sacred repertory, a major growth area for Notre Dame's new program in sacred music," Margot Fassler, co-director of the Master of Sacred Music program, stated in a press release.

Tellez also serves as artistic co-director of Aguava New Music Studio, a group of artists with which she has recorded and toured internationally.

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of Havana."

Anjan Chakravartty will join the University's faculty from the University of Toronto, where he was director of the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology.

"My interests intersect beautifully with the work of my colleagues in the philosophy department — with its celebrated strength in metaphysics — and with the broad expertise of my colleagues in the History and Philosophy of Science graduate program in the [John J.] Reilly Center," Chakravartty stated in a press release.

Chakravartty will assume the role of professor in the Department of Philosophy and the John J. Reilly Center this fall. He also recently became editor of the philosophy and science journal, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*.

The Mendoza College of Business is adding 15 new faculty members this fall, including finance professor Martijn Cremers, a native of

In addition to the array of new international faculty members, a few familiar faces are returning to teach at Notre Dame.

Lee Gettler, a member of the Class of 2005, is a biological anthropologist who attracted the University's attention with his research on the connection between fatherhood and changes in testosterone.

"[His work] promises to enliven the fields of biological anthropology, human reproductive ecology, and fatherhood," Susan Blum, professor and chair of the Department of Anthropology, stated in an Arts and Letters press release.

Gettler will begin teaching this fall as an assistant research professor. He credited professors Meredith Chesson and Agustin Fuentes with influencing his decision to become an anthropology major, and Professor James McKenna for giving him his first job in a lab.

"Without that year I spent at Notre Dame working in Jim's lab and having many, many members of the department

provide me encouragement, I likely would not be pursuing my Ph.D. at this time," Gettler stated in the press release.

Gettler stated he has embraced the "four-field" approach to anthropology he learned at Notre Dame.

"He is at the forefront of a new way of understanding the connection between human biology and behavior," Blum stated. "It is a special treat to have him, and we are honored by his decision to join our department."

Walter Clements, a South Bend native, will join the Mendoza College of Business's Department of Finance this fall. He will serve as a full professional specialist while maintaining his position as managing partner at Orion Consulting Group.

Clements began teaching two years ago at Indiana University, where the Executive MBA Class of 2012 honored him with the 2012 Leo Burke Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award.

The College of Science is adding 12 new faculty members to their ranks, some of who specialize in breast cancer research.

"We made three cancer [research] hires, which is a big deal for us," said Nicolle Hayley, executive administrator for the College of Science's Dean's Office.

Laurie Littlepage, Jenifer R. Prosperi and Siyuan Zhang will join the faculty as assistant professors in the college this fall.

"Littlepage, Prosperi and Zhang examine tumor progression, metastasis and chemoresistance during breast cancer progression," the College stated in a press release.

The release stated these new faculty members will advance breast cancer research at the Harper Cancer Research Institute with the Indiana University School of Medicine-South Bend.

In the College of Engineering, senior administrative assistant Judith Liudahl said the faculty has not made any significant hires, because the College welcomed so many new professors in 2011.

"We will be having some exciting additions in 2013," she said.

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College opens Dept. of Global Studies

By JILLIAN BARWICK
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This fall semester brings the launch of a new department on the Saint Mary's campus. The Department of Global Studies is ready for enrollment to the college.

Jill Vihtelic, chair of the department of Global Studies and a professor of business, believes the new department will bring a greater sense of excitement about global studies programs.

"The Global Studies program will act as a home for students who want to further their knowledge on global studies."

Jill Vihtelic
chair of the department of
Global Studies

"The Global Studies programs will act as a home for students who want to further their knowledge on global studies," Vihtelic said. "This is where their global interests can flourish."

Global studies is an interdisciplinary major in which students learn about the economic, historical, cultural, geographical, and political factors that influence global processes.

"The major is built around a core of globally oriented social science courses which provide a foundation for upper-level concentrations in which the student can take advantage of a wide array of curricula at Saint Mary's and tailor her major to her interests and future professional goals," Vihtelic said.

Since Saint Mary's is gaining more international students every year, the department expects the new programs to be more attractive to these students who identify with global studies, Vihtelic said.

"Saint Mary's is continuing the growth of international students and this is a great opportunity for these students to come and study at a place that they can call their home," Vihtelic said.

Incoming faculty for the

new department is also diverse, Vihtelic said.

"We have professors who are coming to Saint Mary's from all over the globe to teach in our department because global studies is already attractive to them," Vihtelic said. "This is very exciting for us and for them as well."

According to the program description, students who major or minor in global studies will be required to spend at least five weeks in a college-sponsored study abroad program. They must also have competence in at least one world language.

Requiring the students to study abroad will increase the use of technology into each course for students in the major and minors, Vihtelic said.

"We will be encouraging our students to tweet and blog more about their experiences at Saint Mary's as well as their experiences abroad," she said. "Students will also begin creating an E-portfolio which will contain everything they create from the courses they take. This is a great tool to have for meeting future employers."

The new department will spark a great interest for global studies to students who may want to explore new cultures, Vihtelic said.

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Department of Global Studies responds to global interests for students on campus.

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Freshmen

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holistic admissions selection process.”

Bishop said the University’s broader admissions evaluation process looks beyond the raw numbers, and focuses on determining whether applicants fit Notre Dame.

“We look at high school performance, national test results, essays, letters — that’s the holistic process,” he said. “In the end, we feel we’ve shaped the best class possible for what the Notre Dame mission is.”

This year’s admission rate was 23 percent, with a record 16,957 applicants, 3,947 admitted applicants and 2,015 estimated enrollees. The transfer class also faced tough competition, with the University admitting 167 of 509 applicants, and an estimated 140 enrolling.

Bishop attributed the influx of applications to Notre Dame’s academic prominence and the University’s unique identity.

“I think Notre Dame’s reputation continues to rise,” he said. “The beauty of the campus, especially with all of the construction in the last 5 to 10 years — when people see it, it really is one of the great American campuses. Notre

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Despite the University’s rising reputation and admission standards, Bishop stressed its mission is more central than

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associate vice president for enrollment

ever in the admissions process.

“In the last five years, Notre Dame has gotten significantly more selective, but we’re more on mission,” he said. “We look more today at the other things we value [besides academics] ... It’s not just a numbers game.”

Numbers game or not, the Class of 2016’s test scores reached a new high for the University. The middle 50 percent scoring range for the SAT and ACT were 1380-1510 and 31-34, respectively. Although the incoming class boasts higher numbers than preceding classes, Bishop said scores are not the sole distinguishing factor.

“The academic profile is similar to the last year or two. What’s different this year is

that the class is more global as well as more diverse within the U.S., which we view as probably one of the great success points,” Bishop said.

This year’s class body boasts five percent international students and 27 percent students

of color from within the U.S. Bishop doesn’t attribute the greater diversity to a larger pool of diverse applicants or admits, but rather at the increasing likelihood that ethnically diverse or international students will choose to enroll at Notre Dame.

While the overall class profile continues to become more varied, Bishop said a number of noteworthy individual students make the incoming class even more unique.

“In this class we have a student who participated in the U.S. Women’s Open, we have an Olympian, we have a student who started up an Internet business, a student who founded a fundraising organization at age 12 and raised \$50,000 for [Hurricane]

Katrina,” Bishop said. “There are some individuals who’ve already distinguished themselves on the outside [of the University].”

Bishop said it is crucial for the University to continue to pursue an increasingly diverse student body.

“You’re going to see that American top universities are broadening access, and Notre Dame needs to be on the forefront,” he said. “We are ambitiously seeking the top students from every background. That’s why we meet full need.”

Bishop said the generosity of alumni and the successful management of the

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University’s growing endowment have made it possible to expand accessibility for applicants with limited financial resources.

“About half of our [incoming] students are on Notre Dame Scholarships,” Bishop said. “Notre Dame will invest \$110 million of University funds in scholarships for their education over the next four years.”

Bishop said his office’s long-term plans for the future center on the further expansion of its outreach to a more diverse and global pool of potential applicants.

“We’re going to be doing even more in the future, more recruitment, more contact and follow-up with students,” he said.

While the talent and academic profile of incoming classes are likely to continue along this upward trajectory, Bishop said he believes his team has found the ideal class for the University at this point in time.

“I wouldn’t trade this class for any other university’s,” he said. “The [academic] profile puts them in the top-15, maybe top-10, but I wouldn’t trade them for any of the others because of all their attributes. They have attributes the other top universities would envy, so we’re fortunate those students view Notre Dame as a special place.”

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Transfer students join ND family

By **MEL FLANAGAN**
News Writer

Sophomore transfer student Allie Gerspach felt her freshman year at the University of Miami was missing something.

"I wanted to be at a school with more school spirit," she said. "It wasn't really a close-knit community."

The promise of Notre Dame's lively spirit, along with its stellar academics, prompted Gerspach to apply to transfer.

This year, Notre Dame welcomes 141 transfer students, the largest class in recent years. While the majority of the transfer class consists of sophomores, a number of juniors will be arriving as well.

Office of Undergraduate Admissions Assistant Director Erin Camilleri, who oversees transfer admissions, said this year's class comes from a variety of backgrounds.

"They're coming from top-tier research institutions, they're coming from flagship state schools and they're coming from small liberal arts schools," she said.

The students' intended majors are just as varied. Camilleri said the University admitted transfer students to the Colleges of Arts and Letters, Science, Engineering and the School of Architecture.

Transfer students are not admitted to Mendoza College of Business because the college is already overenrolled, Camilleri said.

One challenge transfer students often face is finding housing. If they apply for on-campus housing, transfer students are placed on a waitlist along with readmitted students and those who previously lived off campus and are trying to move back into a dorm.

Jeffrey Shoup, director of Residence Life and Housing, said the office housed all 80 men on this year's waitlist, but only 42 of the 79 women.

"We typically have more males cancel their housing every year than female cancels," he said. "We also changed a few rooms around in Morissey, Zahm and Dillon [residence halls]. We added a few beds in hopes to make some more space."

Shoup said the University assigns students lottery numbers to decide who will be given on-campus housing. Administrators also try to assist the students they are not able to provide housing for by directing them to a Facebook page and a resource site.

"With the Facebook page they talk to each other about looking for roommates," he said. "Then they use the resource page to figure out who to call to find different apartments or complexes that are taking students."

Gerspach said she was nervous about finding housing before she found out she would be living in Welsh Family Hall this year.

"I was told it was really rare that people would get on campus as transfers," she said. "But I lucked out, I got number three in the lottery."

Although she has cousins and a few friends who attend Notre Dame, Gerspach said she has mixed emotions about starting at a new school as a sophomore.

"I'm excited definitely, but I'm nervous too," she said. "It's kind of starting all over again in a way, meeting new people and everything."

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Move-in

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Freshman Katie Kaes of Cincinnati, Ohio, said she was familiar with the University before coming to campus, but she is excited to make Notre Dame her home.

"I've been around Notre Dame my whole life, and I've loved it my whole life," Kaes said. "When my sister got there I just learned more about it, and really wanted to go here ... I'm so excited to meet my roommates and to get to know more about Notre Dame than what I've already experienced."

After visiting Notre Dame during Reilly Weekend, freshman Steven Doyle said he knew this was an amazing place.

"All the people in Alumni Hall have been really welcoming," Doyle said. "Everyone's been really helpful here. I'm looking forward to having a great time."

Junior Pat Raycroft, freshman orientation commissioner for Zahm House, said he planned his



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Freshman Lexie Klaus moves into her new home, Farley Hall. Klaus is one of over 2,000 members of the Class of 2016 arriving this weekend.

weekend in the same way. First, the staff would help their freshmen build a sense of brotherhood, and then they would encourage new residents to connect to the rest of Notre Dame's community.

"The biggest thing we want our freshmen to take out of the weekend is brotherhood — that they have guys around them in their house that are willing to do anything for them," Raycroft said. "We tried to strike a balance between interhall and intrahall stuff so that they would not only get a good orientation to Notre Dame, but a

good orientation to Zahm."

Junior Maggie Wieland, Cavanaugh Hall freshman orientation co-commissioner, said the overall goal is to welcome the Class of 2016 to the Notre Dame family from the first moment they step onto campus.

"All of the planning, all of the craziness — it's all for them," Wieland said. "We want to make sure that they love it here as much as we do."

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Library

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in intellectual pursuits, we wanted the library to offer inviting, inspiring and comfortable spaces that will foster intellectual engagement," Walker said.

In response to complaints of drab interior decoration, the renovation team focused on remodeling the first-floor periodicals room, more commonly known as "The Fishbowl." The popular study area was repainted and carpeted, its furniture was replaced, new lighting was installed and its remaining periodicals were moved to a nearby reference room.

The new first-floor design also features a "digital sandbox" area equipped with a Microsoft touch-screen surface table. Walker said the Office of Information Technology hopes to use this area to determine which services and technologies students find helpful and to expand upon that information for future planning.

Walker said plans are also underway to install a café in the former vending machine area, also on the first floor. Projected to open in November, the café will serve coffee, pastries, soups and sandwiches, and is intended to accommodate students studying in the library for

long periods of time.

"We're anticipating the café will be a great service for people who are studying long hours in the Library to be able to get breakfast, lunch or a snack without having to leave the building," Walker said.

The design team also revitalized the Library's exterior courtyard near the reflecting pool by planting a variety of trees and shrubs while bringing in benches and bistro tables for additional outdoor seating. Walker said the courtyard will be completed by early September.

Walker said the renovation was initially set to be completed before the end of the last school year, but was ultimately delayed by furniture issues.

"We were hoping to do the project really quickly and have it available by the middle of the spring semester," Walker said. "What always happens with construction and renovation projects, though, is however much time you think they will take, you should go ahead and double or triple it."

Walker said new furniture was also ordered for the Library's music and media area this summer after students complained the old tables were too small and inflexible to accommodate their equipment needs. The



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A Microsoft Surface table available for student use is among the recent additions to the first floor library space. An iPad and touchscreen television are also available.

furniture is expected to arrive before the academic year begins.

Walker said student input was highly valued during the renovation process, so students can expect to have future opportunities to express their concerns and provide feedback.

"I hope students will be excited to see how many of their ideas we've included," Walker said. "We held many discussions and planning sessions with students last spring to

gather input, and we incorporated as many ideas as we could."

Although no additional projects are planned at the moment, Walker said the Library would carry this summer's momentum into establishing a comprehensive interior renovation plan.

Overall, Walker said she hopes to realize University President Emeritus Fr. Ted Hesburgh's vision of the Library as Notre Dame's academic heart and a modern

center of inspiration and higher learning.

"Twenty-first century libraries should offer a variety of spaces to foster and inspire intellectual engagement across disciplines," Walker said. "Many peer institutions have already renovated their libraries to offer these kinds of services. I'd like to see us at Notre Dame do the same for our students and faculty."

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admission team, however, welcoming new students into our community is more than reaching that magic number. Gaining young women into a community that they will excel in is our main goal."

Several members of the Class of 2016 stand out as athletes on the national and international

level.

"[One freshman] was in the Michigan top five archers for 2010 and 2011 and was also in the top 10 in the U.S. for 2011," McAndrew said. "Two students represented Team USA for synchronized skating and have competed internationally, and another student is ranked in the top 10 percent of the tri-athletes in her age group nationally."

Another incoming freshman is a collaborator on an urban concept vehicle, McAndrew said.

In overall academics, the Class of 2016 averaged a 3.75 GPA. McAndrew said the incoming freshmen ranked in the top 19 percent of their high school classes, and they scored an average of 1960 on their SATs.

But Saint Mary's students are

also active outside the classroom, McAndrew said.

"Out of the incoming students, many have been involved with community service as well as religious services prior to admission at Saint Mary's," McAndrew said. "This stands out to the admissions team greatly. We are able to see the caliber of young women that apply to Saint Mary's and see how well they will fit into

our community. Many of our students come to Saint Mary's with service already on their brains."

The Class of 2016 will include students from 32 states and give countries other than the United States.

"We have incoming first years from China, Jordan, Myanmar, Nicaragua and Spain," McAndrew said. "The international studies were very attracted to the attention Saint Mary's gives to global education."

This international community will fit well with the College's dedication to "global education," McAndrew said.

"More than half of Saint Mary's students study abroad during the four years spent at the college," McAndrew said.

McAndrew said 97 members of the incoming class have at least one alumnae relation from the school, and 63 members are first-generation college students.

For the admissions team, McAndrew said move-in day is an exciting way to welcome the incoming freshmen to Saint Mary's.

"The entire staff agrees that this is the most fun day for all of us," McAndrew said. "We are thrilled to welcome our incoming students as they drive up the Avenue and begin their collegiate career inside the halls of Saint Mary's College."

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Bittersweet advice

**Allan Joseph**
Editor-in-Chief

For the last few weeks, I've been doing everything in my power to avoid writing this column. Packing, eating, sleeping, writing, cleaning (okay, not cleaning), anything to avoid this moment.

Why?

Well, it means I have to officially accept my status as a senior. It means I have to face the fact I only have one year left here. It means I have to tell you the truth: I wish, more than anything, I could be a freshman and experience four years of Notre Dame all over again.

I can't do that, obviously. But I can give you a little advice that I hope will make your time here just as great — or even better — than mine has been.

First of all, have fun. Really, I mean it. Have a blast. These are a totally unique four years in your life. You have more freedom and fewer responsibilities in your first two years of college than you'll ever have again. Take advantage of that. Go to parties. Soak in every last moment of a home football weekend, or maybe take an impromptu trip to an away game. Seize the precious weeks of nice weather and throw a Frisbee around on the quad. You'll make the best friends in the world, and you won't regret it.

Second, take risks. Change your major — once, twice or five times. Find something you really enjoy, and spend four years studying that. Join a club you never would have expected to join, or maybe one that has nothing to do with your career goals. That's how I got involved with *The Observer*, and I don't think I ever made a better decision. (Note to staff: please remind me of this in three months.)

Third, take advantage of all the opportunities Notre Dame has to offer you. From Center for Social Concerns seminars to unique social events like PigTostal, from the Career Center to interhall sports, this community has a vast array of once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. Whether you study abroad in Australia or simply get to know your rector really well, you'll have too many unforgettable experiences to count by the time you graduate.

Fourth, eat at J.W. Chen's. Other unforgettable South Bend culinary experiences include Rocco's, Bruno's, Barnaby's, Elia's, El Pareiso, Uptown Kitchen and the ever-stalwart Fiddler's Hearth. Your stomachs will thank me, I promise.

Fifth and most importantly, never forget how blessed you are to be a part of the Notre Dame family. Soak up every moment. Thank your parents profusely. Recognize just how true — and timeless — the words of the Alma Mater are.

If you do, my experience writing this column will make sense. In just a few all-too-short years, you'll be the ones giving bittersweet advice to incoming freshmen. But I can promise you, without a doubt, that you too will tell them just how much your heart will forever love thee, Notre Dame.

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**Sam Stryker**
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So Class of 2016, you've arrived to the tropical resort paradise known as South Bend, Indiana. You've moved into your dorm, met your roommates and are about to embark on the greatest four-year journey of your life. Undoubtedly, friends, family and chance acquaintances have thrown you way too much advice on how to approach your college experience — ask questions, don't be shy, talk to your professors, be outgoing — and yes, most of this is true. But there is no uniform recipe for a triumphant freshman year. Every one of you is different (despite it seeming like the admissions office recruited an army of North Face models) and it would be remiss to think there is some formula to "winning" freshman year. I tried to do all the things I was told to do — yet still, there were periods during my first year at Notre Dame that were the most emotionally draining times of my life.

While there might not be a universal game plan that will indisputably yield straight A's, a gaggle of friends and the avoidance of the Freshman 15, approaching college with a certain mentality is key.

YONDO

That's where YOLO comes in. Much has been made of this ubiquitous phrase. While many toss it around with such regularity you would think their life depended on it (myself included) others scorn its usage (like my friends, who have placed me on a strict cap of five YOLO's for every time we hang out.)

For the uninitiated, YOLO stands for "You Only Live Once" and it perfectly epitomizes what freshman year is all about. YOLO's immediate meaning urges one to live life to the fullest, otherwise one might suffer from FOMO (fear of missing out.)

For instance, go ahead and go out on a weeknight. Hang out with your friends instead of studying for that test you know you'll do fine on anyways. Don't hold back, eat that cupcake in the dining hall (actually, hold off — the Freshman 15 is a real thing.) You do only live once, so do all those crazy things you want to do!

But lost in the kitsch and obnoxiousness of YOLO's primary meaning is its true value to all of you members of the Class of 2016. Sure, you can say "YOLO" before you have that non-alcoholic drink you know is going to put you over the edge, or before you engage in a DFMO at your first dorm dance (I'll let you figure that last acronym out for yourself.) But

Notre Dame offers some of the most incredible opportunities to undergraduates of any university in the world. The thing is, you do only live once. On that note, You Only Notre Dame Once — YONDO, if you will — and it would be a terrible waste to cruise through four years of college without taking the University up on some of its offers.

So in this Fighting Irish version of YOLO — YONDO — go out there, and do everything knowing you've only got one shot at college. Go on the Appalachia Seminar. Go to the Career Fair. Play a club sport. Write for the student newspaper (If you can string a couple of nouns and verbs together cohesively, we'd love to have you.) Take interesting classes — I bet you didn't know we have probably the best Medieval Studies program in the United States. Be passionate about something, anything. Basically, get off your bum and be active in the Notre Dame community.

YOLO, YONDO — it doesn't matter how you say it. You've only got one shot at college. Class of 2016, treat it as such.

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It's about the people

**Andrew Owens**
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Welcome home, Class of 2016.

Enjoy every minute of Frosh-O, because the three days will be over before you know it. Heck, your first three years will be over before you know it. You're going to hear the words, "Enjoy every moment," quite a bit, but it's truly better advice than any dean can give you.

Academics and football may have attracted you to Notre Dame, but it's the people that will make you want to stay forever. You could have gone to other top-notch schools, but this University offers so much more than its academics and a football program that hasn't been anything to write home about since before many of you were born.

It's about the people. Take every opportunity to embrace the new relationships. There's a good chance you'll encounter people this weekend who will one day be in your wedding. Your time on this campus only lasts four years, but it's the friendships that last a lifetime.

One of the best aspects of Notre Dame is its national reach. Your freshman roommates probably hail from other regions of the country than you. During the past three years, I've roomed with six different people from four different states, all different than my own. It's a great way to learn about parts of the country of which you may be otherwise unfamiliar.

Those who have visited campus even 100 times before stepping on campus as a Domer can't fully grasp the experience, until now. Your college career will provide opportunities you never could have imagined. My Notre Dame experience is different from my brother's, whose is different than my sister's, and I wouldn't have it any other way. Like Lou Holtz once remarked about Notre Dame: "If you've been there, no explanation is necessary. If you haven't, none is adequate."

Toss aside your preconceived perceptions of the dorm you now call home that wasn't necessarily your top choice. Carroll Hall was at the bottom of my list a little over three years ago, but being placed there was the best thing that's

happened to me at Notre Dame. As I've learned, it's not about the distance or the 106-year-old building that lacks air conditioning.

It's about the people.

My last piece of advice is to remember your entire class begins on equal footing. Your high school accomplishments are irrelevant now, though don't forget about those who helped you get to this point. With a blank slate, now is the time to pursue the opportunities you've always dreamt of and to become the person you want to be the rest of your life. Before you know it, you'll be reading about the class of 2019 and how it managed to average a 37 on the ACT, even though it only goes up to 36.

And you'll be wondering where the time went while you were enjoying every moment and cultivating lifelong friendships.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"My basic principle is that you don't make decisions because they are easy. You don't make them because they are cheap. You don't make them because they're popular. You make them because they're right."

Father Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C.
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Megan Doyle
Managing Editor

To the Class of 2016, welcome.

Get ready for failure. (No offense. Seriously, keep reading.) You are all high school valedictorians and veterans of the honor roll. You blew your SATs and ACTs out of the water. You won awards.

Four years ago, I drove up to Notre Dame just like you did this weekend. I looked around at the glittering golden dome and the neatly trimmed South Quad lawn, and all I saw was perfection. I looked around, and I thought I would need to be perfect to make a life for myself here.

Then I bombed my first Calculus test. And I mean, really bombed. Then I slept through my alarm clock and missed class. Then my first journalism professor told my entire class that one particular sentence in my article was the worst he'd ever read. Then I fell for someone who was wrong for me. Then I used all my Flex Points with way too many weeks left in the semester. Then I wiped out on an icy sidewalk. Then I thought short hair would work for me. (Maybe the worst mistake yet.) Then I walked into the wrong classroom. As a junior.

It's been three years since I felt overwhelmed by the perfection surrounding me on this campus. In those three years, I realized my first impression was not correct. Notre Dame is not perfect, and

neither am I. And that's okay.

I discovered more about academics from bombing exams than from studying for them. That journalism professor is the reason I will pursue a career in newspaper reporting after graduation. I learned how to ask for help and to be brave enough to acknowledge my shortcomings. My best friends catch me when I wipe out, both literally and figuratively.

I'm not saying you shouldn't study, or you should chop off your hair with reckless abandon. I'm saying that you should get ready for failure, learn from it and excel in spite of it. Get ready to walk into the wrong classroom repeatedly. It's always embarrassing — trust me. Get ready to seriously tank your first organic chemistry exam. You will do better on the next one. Or you can become a business major, your choice. Get ready to drink too much at your first college party. When the hangover goes away, laughing at yourself won't physically hurt your brain. Get ready to lose your ID. Replace it at Card Services for a whopping \$30. Get ready to experience your first dining hall date and your first college breakup. Life goes on.

Sometimes you have to screw up to succeed. So here's to four years of failures.

To the Class of 2016, welcome.

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The next chapter

For 170 consecutive years, the University of Notre Dame has opened its doors to new students. Like generations who came before, you are embarking on a journey where you will have an opportunity to advance your knowledge, develop your leadership skills, deepen your faith, learn from others and form lifelong friendships.

Whether you are a first-year undergraduate, transfer, professional or graduate student, we are delighted that you have chosen to join our community, and I extend a warm welcome to you as you begin this formative time in your life.

I hope that Notre Dame challenges you in many ways. Your professors, your rectors and your classmates will encourage you to stretch yourself intellectually and develop on a spiritual and personal level. Take these opportunities to find a passion that matches your talents and allows you to lead a purposeful life. Dare to be different, yet be respectful and welcoming to all. Have a wonderful time, without engaging in behavior that would place you or others at risk. Hold yourself to high ideals. Explore new things, while cherishing the people and traditions that matter. Embrace Notre Dame's distinctive mission and enrich your understanding of it through study and reflection.

Contribute your own talents to improve the lives of those around you. Much of your development at the University can and should occur on your own. At the same time, know that

the Division of Student Affairs is available to support you through our residential communities and a variety of student service departments. Rectors and members of our hall staffs across 29 undergraduate halls and two graduate and family residences are dedicated to building communities of faith that are rooted in the Holy Cross tradition.

The professionals who serve in Campus Ministry, the Career Center, the Gender Relations Center, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, the Student Activities Office, the Office of Housing, the Office of Residence Life, the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, the University Counseling Center and University Health Services are trained to provide specialized services and programming that will complement your development. All of us are eager to smooth and enhance the road that you will travel during your time at Notre Dame, and I encourage you to seek our help along the way. I look forward to watching how your presence, energy and ideas renew and enhance our University. You will lead Notre Dame in new directions based on the paths that you pursue. May we all form a strong community and write the next chapter of this beloved institution together.

With best wishes and prayers for a successful year,

Erin Hoffmann Harding
Vice president, Student Affairs
Aug. 12, 2012

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Explore, nurture, grow

Dear students,

It is with warm enthusiasm that I welcome all new and returning students of the University of Notre Dame. In particular, I wish to congratulate and welcome our first year and transfer students. We are thankful that you are here and that you have chosen to share and develop your intellectual and spiritual gifts with our community. We will strive to nurture your growth during your time as a student.

Make the most of your time here. Be open to engaging new friends, those who may have very similar or very different personal stories and perspectives. Embrace each classroom experience as an opportunity to learn, hone your talents and share your ideas. If you live in a residence hall, explore the multiple ways that you can contribute as a leader. When you face challenge, know that you are not alone and do not hesitate to seek support

from those around you. Finally, in all that you do, take a few moments each day for personal reflection to refresh your spirit.

As a Catholic university, we are dedicated to developing people who will be prepared to make positive contributions to the Church and the world. We are confident that you possess the talent and desire to make meaningful and lasting contributions.

Once again, welcome to Notre Dame. May you soon come to feel at home on this campus, and to love it, as do so many graduates before you. I hope to meet you in person over the course of your time, and throughout that time, I will keep you in my prayers.

In Notre Dame,

Fr. John I. Jenkins
President, University of Notre Dame
Aug. 16, 2012

Welcome home

Dear Class of 2016,

Welcome home! We are so excited for you to join us as the newest members of the Notre Dame family. As you embark on this new journey in your life, we would like to share a few words based on our experiences these past few years. The next four years will be unforgettable. Be open to all of the opportunities Notre Dame will offer you. Whether you are volunteering at the Robinson Community Learning Center down the street, or spending a semester in Uganda, Notre Dame will open your eyes to parts of the world you never knew existed.

Find your passions and pursue them. Meet people who have similar interests and ask them for advice. Your RAs, Hall Presidents, club leaders and upperclassmen down the hall will be more than happy to help you with whatever you need. Embrace every moment of your four years as a Notre Dame student. Introduce yourself to the people sitting around you on the first day of class.

Pull an all-nighter in the Hesburgh Library. Do pushups at a home football game and run through Stonehenge after a

big win. Light a candle at the Grotto. Sink your boat at the Fisher Regatta. Participate in the midnight snowball fight after the first snowfall. Do every cliché Notre Dame thing you can, because your time here at Notre Dame will be over before you know it.

In the coming year, if you find something that you aren't happy with on campus, come visit us in 203 Lafortune. We'll do our best to help you fix it. Notre Dame has a unique ability to adapt and progress while staying true to its fundamental traditions — don't be afraid to lead this change. Like the coming Notre Dame winter, four years may seem like they will last forever, but you'll soon realize how quickly they pass. Begin your tenure at Notre Dame right now, by fearlessly entering Frosh-O with an open mind and heart. Welcome to the family.

In Notre Dame,

Brett Rocheleau
Student body president

Katie Rose
Student body vice president
Aug. 14, 2012

The Saint Mary's way

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Saint Mary's College, I extend a warm welcome to the Class of 2016 and our transfer students. As the 11th president of Saint Mary's, and a proud alumna, I know how powerful this experience will be for you.

You will spend the next four years in a rigorous academic environment supported by an excellent faculty, close friends and a deeply caring staff. As a Holy Cross institution, we place a special emphasis on the education of the whole person. Your education does not end when you leave the classroom. Every activity in which you participate will enhance your collegiate experience.

I encourage you to participate in as many co-curricular activities as time and your academic schedule will permit. More than 80 percent of our students participate in

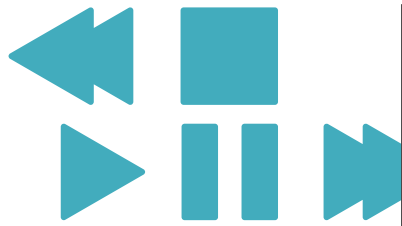
community service. This number demonstrates the importance we place on giving back and on experiential learning. One of my aspirations for you is that you will explore your place in the universe and your obligation to contribute to the common good. If this happens for you, then you, too, will have experienced the real Saint Mary's.

The world needs women educated in the Saint Mary's way. Our proud 167-year tradition of educating women to make a difference in the world now includes you. It is your turn to make history at Saint Mary's College. I look forward to accompanying you on this exciting journey.

Sincerely,

Carol Ann Mooney
President, Saint Mary's College
Aug. 10, 2012

FROSH-O PLAYLIST



Very soon you'll walk into your very first dorm party, an experience you're going to have to get used to quickly. Keep an ear out for these tracks; if last year is any indication, you'll hear them at every one.

01 "A Thousand Miles"

Vanessa Carlton

02 "Wagon Wheel"

Old Crow Medicine Show

03 "Rocky Top"

Osborne Brothers

04 "Party in the U.S.A."

Miley Cyrus

05 "Call Me Maybe"

Carly Rae Jepsen

06 "Party Rock Anthem"

LMFAO

07 "Levels"

Avicii

08 "You Make Me Feel"

Cobra Starship feat. Sabi

09 "Don't Stop Believing"

Journey

10 "Super Bass"

Nicki Minaj

11 "Moves Like Jagger"

Maroon 5

12 "Hero"

Enrique Iglesias

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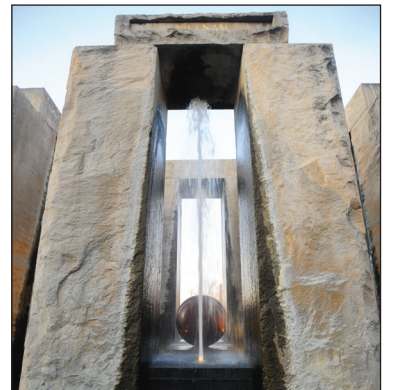
FROSH-O WEEKEND CHECKLIST

Keep an eye out this weekend for some of these highlights

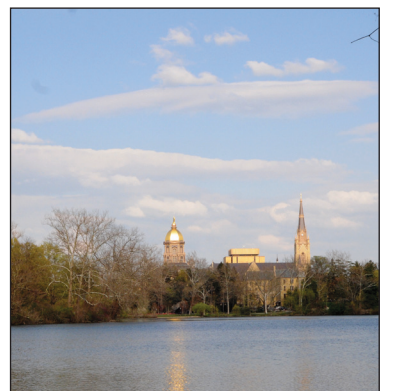
- ☐ You meet someone with at least one Notre Dame alum parent
- ☐ Somebody tells you Shrek is based on Notre Dame
- ☐ Somebody tells you that whole thing about Shrek being based on Notre Dame was a lie
- ☐ You see at least one senior crying because they only have one year left
- ☐ You see someone completely embarrass themselves
- ☐ Someone calls Domerfest by any other name
- ☐ You see an upperclassman, who clearly does not belong at Domerfest, at Domerfest
- ☐ You run through Stonehenge
- ☐ You see a group of guys chanting and covered in body paint
- ☐ You figure out how much your books cost
- ☐ Someone sings a version of "Call Me Maybe," personalized to his or her dorm, directly into your face
- ☐ You realize parietals isn't the worst thing ever
- ☐ You are informed of the different dorm stereotypes, but don't buy into them because you're above such silliness
- ☐ You take in the beauty of the lakes
- ☐ Someone warns you not to walk on the steps of the main building. Don't do it. There – you can cross this one off.
- ☐ You experience the overpowering silence of the Grotto
- ☐ You do something completely embarrassing, but love every second of it
- ☐ You realize that this place might just be home to the greatest four years of your life



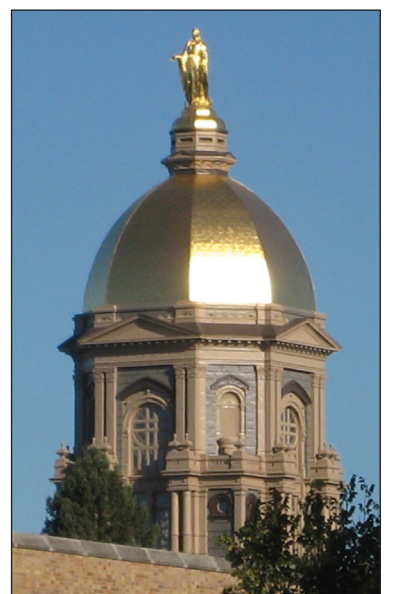
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Style 'n Stuff



Kevin Noonan
Scene Editor

Notre Dame is all about stereotypes. Don't let anybody tell you any differently.

Everybody here is smart, so get used to that. Everybody is good at something, even you (possible title for a future best selling self-help book, I'm calling dibs on it right here and now). Everybody here had to work hard to get here, and they have to work hard to stay here,



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no matter what they might claim about never studying.

Everyone here may have a different idea of what Notre Dame is and what it means to them, but there is a shared and unifying purpose, an ideal of greatness, that drives this University and all of its students, faculty and staff forward.

And on Wednesdays, we wear pink.

You're a stereotype from the moment you walk on campus, a positive stereotype reflective of the high standards of academic and personal excellence to which we

are held.

What does all of this have to do with fashion?

The point is you're already a stereotype here; you already fit in. You don't have to carry that into your style.

All of that said, there are some common themes on this campus. Just remember that just because everybody has one doesn't mean you have to get one.

Everybody has a North Face jacket. Every single person. I have one. Brian Kelly has one. Fr. Hesburgh has one. Mary wears one on the dome when it rains.

That's an exaggeration, of course. Don't freak out if you don't have one and don't want to get one. It's sort of an anti-status symbol.

You see somebody wearing it and you think, judgmentally perhaps, "OMG, everybody has one of those, lol," and then you remember that you have one and you're currently wearing it because it's cold or raining or snowing here 90 percent of the time and you keep your mouth shut.

Every girl has a pair of Uggs, a pair of gladiator sandals and a pair of those black things that pass for pants. Are they pants? Are they tights? Are they leggings? Should I find them attractive? Should I be repulsed by them?

I don't know. I don't get it. They're an unclassifiable species. All I know is, they're about as common at Notre Dame as being from "just outside Chicago."

Uggs are Uggs. They are what they are. Wear them in public at your own risk.

Gladiator sandals are the Leonardo DiCaprio of women's fashion. They all look the same, and they're almost always irritating to look at. On the rare occasion they do work well all I can think about is the other times they don't, and no matter how much I rail against them they don't go out of style.

Which leads me to believe I may be in the wrong on this one, but either way, every girl has them.

Every guy has a pair of Sperrys. They may be brown, blue, orange or green, but every guy has at least one pair.

Sperrys present a number of fashion questions. When are they appropriate to wear? When are they not? What clothes do you wear with them? How beat up is too beat up before you have to get a new pair?

I don't know; I don't know the first thing about fashion. But I do know that everybody has a pair.

Throw those together with a



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It doesn't matter how fashionable they are, they are just so horribly atrocious



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If you wear these, you and I almost definitely are not close friends

pair of khaki or pastel shorts and a semi-casual button down, and you've got the general party going style of just about every dude on campus.

One other thing, for guys; don't wear shorts pants with bowties or crabs or lobsters or some other stupid logo imprinted all over them.

Or if you do, don't act like the kind of person who would wear something like that.

Those are the stereotypes of Notre Dame fashion that you'll see on campus on a daily basis. But remember, you're already the right kind of stereotype here. Let your style be you.

Your style might be ratty gym shorts, wrinkled t-shirts and completely wrecked Sperry's, and you can still accomplish great things, like becoming the editor of the most fashionable section of the campus newspaper.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Hard Knocks shows pros are human too



Matthew DeFranks
Associate Sports Editor

It was my first HBO show. Before “The Newsroom,” before “Luck,” before “Boardwalk Empire,” I was watching “Hard Knocks.”

I watched when Antonio Cromartie tried to name all of his children. I watched as Carson Palmer praised an athletic trainer for his beautifully crafted Gatorade. So was it tough that the lockout a year ago robbed me of a season of “Hard Knocks”? Of course.

But when the announcement came down that “Hard Knocks” would be following my hometown Miami Dolphins, everything was forgiven. The makeup gift was okay, I guess.

At the time, the Dolphins were a far-below average team with a new coaching staff, no marketable stars, a flimsy fan base and clueless celebrity owners. Despite all signs pointing to this year’s show being a dud, there was no chance that I wasn’t going to watch religiously. “Hard Knocks” made Kansas City’s quarterback duel between Damon Huard and Brodie Croyle interesting, for God’s sake.

So when the Dolphins signed social media star, class clown and, oh yeah, receiver Chad Johnson, it reassured that the eighth season of the show would not lack firepower. And firepower he gave.

In the debut episode, Johnson made sounds that sounded like a perfect mix of birds chirping and hyenas howling — and not in a good way. He dropped profanity after profanity in a press conference okay only for HBO to air in its entirety. We even found out that his first date with his wife was at a McDonald’s.

Just days after the first episode aired, Johnson found himself in trouble — he had been arrested for domestic violence. The incident (which included his newlywed wife, a receipt for condoms and head butting) rocked the outspoken receiver. He was arrested, cut, dropped from a reality show and an endorsement deal in a matter of days.

But all I could think about was how “Hard Knocks” was going to cover it. Would they have some super-secret information about it? Would Johnson try to issue a national plea? Would they tiptoe around a sensitive and legally

unresolved topic? I had no idea how it would pan out.

They decided to carve out the final 15 minutes of the second episode for the Johnson fiasco. They included news audio announcing his arrest, video footage of Johnson in handcuffs and, most interestingly, the meeting between Dolphins coach Joe Philbin (who is a clone of Dr. Robert Doback from “Step Brothers”) and the now-disgraced Johnson.

And during the long, painful, drawn-out meeting between Philbin and Johnson, I felt something strange: sympathy. Johnson (who may or may not be innocent) was being crucified on premium television. His job was lost and reputation tarnished — all while America inched closer to the edge of its collective seat with a fistful of popcorn in both hands.

Am I defending Johnson or his actions? Absolutely not. Do I think Johnson’s release was justified? Yes, given his streaky and outlandish behavior, diminished performance and the needed emergence of long-term options at wide receiver, the Dolphins were well within their right to cut him loose.

But no one should be subject to a televised firing, especially one in which the head coach dances around the subject and delays the announcement.

Interestingly enough, “Hard Knocks” did exactly what it was planning to do: it made pro football players people. It made you feel like you could relate to them.

It made you think that Ryan Tannehill’s dogs were just like yours, that David Garrard’s water sports skills were fit for Miami, that Matt Moore’s devotion to “The Bachelorette” was funny and not embarrassing.

So when 10 p.m. rolls around next Tuesday after the first day of school and I sit down on the futon in front of an HBO-less television, I will stay away from Twitter and wait. I will wait to find out what Reggie Bush eats for breakfast, what the next rookie hazing will be or what Les Brown does at an alligator farm.

It will be worth it.

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MLB

Owners approve Padres sale

Associated Press

DENVER — Major League Baseball owners approved the sale of the San Diego Padres on Thursday to a group that includes the O’Malley family and pro golfer Phil Mickelson.

Commissioner Bud Selig announced the endorsement after the conclusion of the owners meetings in Denver.

Under the deal, the group will buy the franchise from John Moores for around \$800 million. The final closing of the sale will be on or before Aug. 31.

The new ownership group includes Kevin and Brian O’Malley, the sons of former Los Angeles Dodgers owner Peter O’Malley. Peter and Tom Seidler — the nephews of Peter O’Malley — also will be involved in the deal. Two of the four are expected to move to San Diego.

“This group knows what it takes to compete,” Selig said. “They’re very optimistic. I’m optimistic. I’ve gone over their projections, gone over everything. I think their projections are optimistic, but realistic. This is a good day for baseball.”

“I think Padres fans have a right to be very happy today — very happy.”

Ron Fowler, chief executive of Liquid Investments, is set to become controlling owner and executive chairman, Peter Seidler said. He also gave a vote of confidence to CEO Tom Garfinkel and general manager Josh Byrnes.

As for what name this new ownership group may operate under, Seidler smiled and said, “The Padres.”

No, really.

“Really, the ‘Padres Group,’” he said. “We want the attention



AP

MLB commissioner Bud Selig joins members of a group approved to buy the San Diego Padres in Denver on Thursday.

and spotlight to be on a great product on the field. We’re going to be supportive and do everything we can to bring that down to San Diego. We’re a bunch of Padres up here.”

The agreement with the new group came months after Jeff Moorad’s attempt to buy the team on a layaway plan collapsed. Moores’ deal with Moorad, who began his attempted purchase of the club in 2009, was valued at about \$500 million. Moores’ divorce forced him to put the team on the market in 2009.

Selig said it’s going to be difficult to say farewell to Moores.

“I saw him this morning and I got very emotional,” Selig said. “John did a lot of wonderful things for baseball. Very helpful for me, during a time when things weren’t, frankly, as great as they are right now. I know it’s the right thing for him to do. Believe me, I like John Moores a lot. He did a lot for this sport — a lot.”

Selig said he was amazed at the ease with which this deal

got approved by the owners.

“There’s always a little bit of a problem here or a problem there,” Selig said. “They were very cooperative. They came in and had all of their work done. It was just easy. There was no other way to say it, it was just easy.”

The price for this sale was inflated thanks to a deal with Fox and the recent sale of the Dodgers for \$2 billion.

San Diego fans hope a change in owners can turn around the Padres, who regularly have had one of baseball’s lowest payrolls and have largely struggled since reaching the 1998 World Series. The Padres are 52-67 this season and sit in fourth place in the NL West.

“We’re looking for a long, consistent ownership group here,” Fowler said. “As a San Diegan — I’ve been there for 30-plus years now — I think it’s great for baseball in San Diego, that the O’Malley family and the Seidler family are going to be the owners. I’m looking forward to having some fun over the next five to 10 years.”

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1980 - Esteban Cambiasso, Argentine footballer

1980 - Athina Papayianni, Greek race walker

1980 - Preeti Jhangiani, Indian actress

1980 - Rob Nguyen, Australian racing driver

1980 - Jeremy Shockey, American

football Tight End

1981 - César Delgado, Argentine footballer

1981 - Dimitris Salpigidis, Greek footballer

1981 - Jonathan Schneck, American musician (Relient K)

1983 - Kris Boyd, Scottish footballer

1983 - Michael Montgomery, American football player

1983 - Mica Penniman (Mika), Lebanese-born musician

1983 - Daniel Keith Swain (Danny!), American record producer/hip-hop artist

1984 - Robert Huth, German footballer

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1992 - Frances Bean Cobain, daughter of Kurt Cobain & Courtney Love

1992 - Riko Narumi, Japanese actress

Welcome back!

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Team adds two top freshmen

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

Coming off a second-place finish in the Big East tournament and a trip to the NCAA Regional qualifiers last season, No. 47 Notre Dame has improved its lineup and is expecting to perform well this year.

The Irish lineup will add two

Nhim.

"The new recruits are young, but they are experienced players," Holt said. "They will add instant depth to the team."

Over the summer, the Irish kept busy by competing in numerous tournaments.

Armstrong and recent Notre Dame graduate Becca Huffer competed with Weaver in the

when they come back to campus," Holt said. "Hopefully, we will hit a stride early and keep momentum going through the season. We have a competitive schedule ahead of us and we will never have a false sense of security."

In this group, Holt said the Irish has its strongest core group of players.

"If you take our six starters, it is the best team we have had in program history," Holt said.

Holt has high hopes for this young Irish team.

"As it is every year, one of our main goals is to win the Big East," Holt said. "We have only qualified for nationals once, in 2011. This year, we want to win regionals and qualify for nationals again."

As for the chances of winning the NCAA championship, Holt said she has complete confidence in her young team.

"We will try and position ourselves in a place to compete for the national championship," Holt said. "Do I think we can do that? Absolutely."

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"The new recruits are young, but they are experienced players. They will add instant depth to the team."

Susan Holt
Irish coach

top-10 nationally ranked recruits in third-ranked Lindsey Weaver and ninth-ranked Talia Campbell, joined in the recruiting class by Katherine Guo.

"Notre Dame is the only school in Division I to get two top-10 recruits," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "We are extremely proud of that."

Weaver, Campbell and Guo will join Big East champion and Rookie of the Year sophomore Ashley Armstrong, sophomore Kelli Oride and junior Kristina

2012 U.S. Women's Open in Wisconsin. Of the amateurs competing in the Open, Weaver and Armstrong finished 17th and 18th, respectively.

Nhim and Armstrong played as a duo in the Pure Silk Team Collegiate Classic, where the pair took eighth overall.

Katherine Guo and Kelli Oride both qualified for the Women's Amateur Public Links, while Talia Campbell played in the Texas Women's Amateur.

"They will be ready to play

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish move forward without senior trio



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Senior Paul McNamara watches his shot during the Battle at the Warren on April 22. McNamara finished tied for fourth place.

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

It is easy to say the upcoming season will be a rebuilding one for the Irish. They concluded last year with the program's lowest 54-hole tournament mark on their way to a sixth-place finish at the 2012 NCAA Central Regional. Notre Dame also bid adieu to the talented senior trio of Max Scodro, Tom Usher and Chris Walker.

Irish coach Jim Kubinski, however, is confident in the depth of his squad.

"We have a number of guys who can do it," Kubinski said. "There are seven, eight, nine guys who can step up. We have two freshmen and a transfer from [Arizona State], [sophomore] David Lowe, who will compete right away. And then obviously the guys we have. We happened to have three really good seniors, but we have some good players returning as well."

Two of those returners, junior Niall Platt and senior Paul McNamara III, were regular contributors throughout the season. Kubinski said Platt and McNamara will have to step up as leaders this fall.

"I think that's where there's going to be a need," he said. "It's kind of a necessity for us, definitely that leadership role. On the course I don't think it's a huge thing but off the course being able to step up into that new role. I think [Paul and Niall] are excited for it, and that's great."

The new season also brings change to the Irish coaching staff. Notre Dame graduate Steve Colnitis will no longer be with the program. Former

professional golfer Scott Gump will replace the former coach after his seven-year tenure.

Kubinski said Gump would be an invaluable part of the team this season.

"Scott Gump was on the PGA tour for almost 20 years," Kubinski said. "He was a real solid tour player, and now the only college coach in the country that is a lifetime member of the PGA tour. There are some [coaches] out there that have played professionally but no coaches that were long-time players out there. He's played a lot of golf. We are really, really excited to have Scott."

The Irish will also look to repeat last year's success in the classroom. On Aug. 1, the Golf Coaches Associate of America named Notre Dame to its 2012 All-Academic Team. Kubinski said the honor is indicative of the work ethic of his squad.

"You look at some of these schools and their goal is a 3.0 [cumulative GPA]," he said. "We had almost a 3.5 last year, and one of the major factors was the guys working extremely hard in every facet. It's really caught on the last few years with the guys. They really get used to operating that way. Selfishly, it helps them with their golf game, but obviously it helps you with everything in life. The guys really bought into it to try their hardest in everything."

The new-look Irish kick off the fall season with the Tar Heel Intercollegiate at Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill, N.C., on Sept. 15.

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Powers

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qualification].”

After several tied games and overtime losses last season, the Irish are working to ensure they finish this season with more victories than last year's nine, Powers said.

“One big thing is to try and develop the killer instinct,” he said. “Our practices have a competitive atmosphere — we are trying to finish things off right, finish things off stronger.”

Clark said he is confident his team is off to a promising start

under the guidance of the co-captains Rose and Powers.

“This is both of their final year at it, so they want to make this a success,” he said. “It's important for them. They are two terrific young men, just if they can carry on just the way they've started here I think we can have two terrific captains. When you have good leadership, you are halfway towards a successful year.”

The Irish will conclude exhibition play when they host Xavier Monday at 7 p.m.

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Irish junior captain Mandy Laddish looks to settle the ball during Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to Georgetown on Oct. 14 at Alumni Stadium.

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Mandy Laddish, the squad will be tested early with two high-profile tournaments. Just two weeks into its season, Notre Dame will host the adidas Invitational, facing off against No. 8 North Carolina and No. 17 Santa Clara. A week later, the Irish will travel across the country, taking on Washington and Portland in the Portland Invitational.

“Those tournaments will be a great measuring stick for where we really are,” Waldrum said. “I think it's important for these kids to get it thrown at them early in the year, so come play-off time they've already got that experience under their belt.”

The early portion of the schedule may also serve to lend clarity to Notre Dame's goalkeeping situation. The competition has been wide-open throughout the preseason, with all five Irish goalies in the hunt. And through the first few exhibition games, Waldrum said freshman Elyse Hight has been the most impressive, playing her way past

the incumbent, senior Maddie Fox.

“I'm not ready yet to have one and say she's the starter for the year,” he said. “I think that Elyse is in the lead for that, but no one has clearly separated themselves from the others. The competition is so tight that they've got to prove it every time they step out onto the field. They can't afford to have any slip-ups.”

Even with a team so full of questions, Notre Dame certainly has the talent to compete with any team in the country. The Irish are the Big East coaches' choice to win the conference, and should figure to make a strong case for inclusion in the NCAA tournament once again. Waldrum said the team's sights are set well beyond that.

“The bar has been set here, and I think — fortunately or unfortunately — that's what the expectation is,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. “I think we've got a chance to be really good at the end of the year. We expect to be back at the College Cup.”

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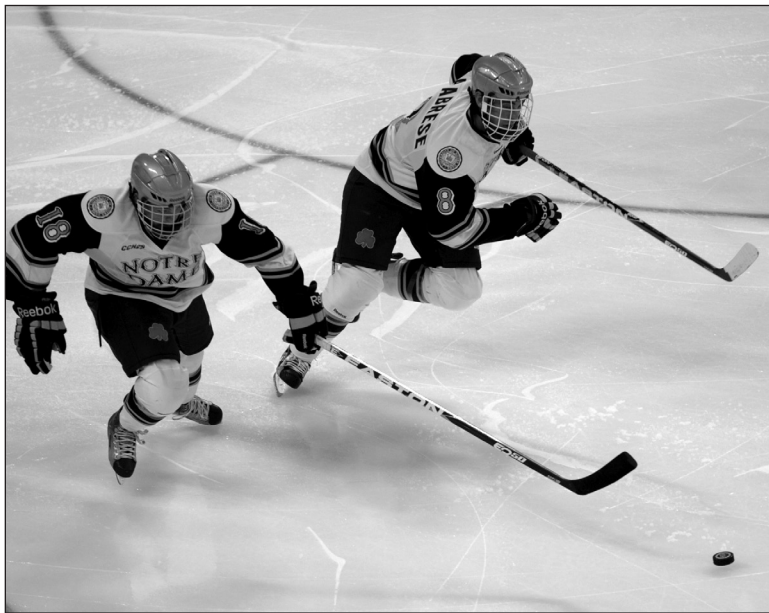
Irish hope to return to NCAAs

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

The Irish look to return to the NCAA tournament this season after struggling through an up-and-down 2011-12 campaign.

Notre Dame began last season ranked No. 1 in the country after making the Frozen Four in 2010-2011. Despite roaring out to a 10-2-3 start, a 6-12 finish left the Irish out of the 16-team NCAA tournament field and in eighth place in the 11-team CCHA.

The Irish hope returning 10 of their top 13 scorers from a year ago will propel them into the national postseason. Leading that group are junior forwards T.J. Tynan



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Irish junior forward T.J. Tynan and senior defenseman Sam Calabrese chase the puck in Notre Dame's 5-2 victory over RPI on Oct. 21.

and Anders Lee. Tynan, a first team all-CCHA selection last season, has been Notre Dame's leader in points each of the last two years, while Lee topped the Irish in goals in both his freshman and sophomore seasons.

In addition to the returning lettermen, Notre Dame will welcome an incoming class of five freshmen, including NHL draft picks Mario Lucia, Steven Fogarty and Thomas DiPauli. Irish coach Jeff Jackson, entering his eighth season behind the bench for Notre Dame, said he is cautiously optimistic about the raw but talented rookies.

"You certainly hope that they're going to make an impact, but they are freshmen and the adjustment to college hockey always takes a little time," Jackson said. "But I think we've got four talented forwards and hopefully they're going to be able to contribute and help our offensive depth, because I think that all four of them have shown the ability to be able to make plays and be a factor offensively."

The Irish lose defenseman and captain Sean Lorenz to graduation but return their six other top defensemen from a year ago, led by senior Sam Calabrese.

Jackson said junior Steven Summerhays is in the driver's seat for the starting goaltender position. Summerhays split playing time much of last season with then-junior Mike Johnson, but established himself as the No. 1 netminder for the Irish down the stretch. Summerhays started five of Notre Dame's final six games, notching a .954 save percentage with seven goals allowed and two shutouts.

"I think the way Steven finished the year, it's going to be his job to lose, but I also have confidence that Mike Johnson can pressure him and work towards trying to get playing time and prove that he's capable, as well," Jackson said.

"If we have two guys who can play, it's better for us, but based on the last six weeks of the season, I think Steven really elevated his game and if he shows that he can play on a consistent basis, he's going to obviously give us a lot more

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Jeff Jackson
Irish coach

confidence back there and I think that that's a huge component towards the success of our team."

The Irish will play their final season in the CCHA this year before the league disbands and the squad heads to the Hockey East conference in 2013-2014. The season's marquee event will take place Feb. 17 when the Irish will face Miami in an outdoor game at Soldier Field in Chicago.

"I'm sure it will be an exciting opportunity to play in that kind of a venue and in front of that kind of a crowd ... it's a league game, it's in February and it's in Chicago and it's outdoors, so there's all kinds of potential for different scenarios coming up, considering the weather potential," Jackson said.

The Irish open the season against Maine on Oct. 12 in Kansas City, Mo.

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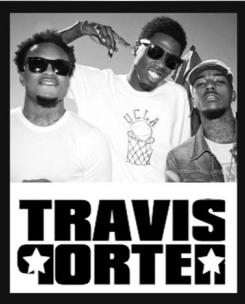
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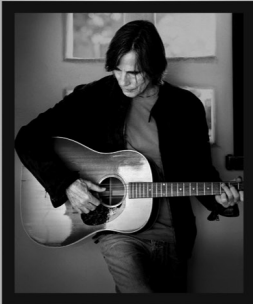
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MEN'S LACROSSE

After Final Four defeat, Irish reload for another run

Season-ending loss to eventual champion Loyola inspires team to improve offensive production

By **MATTHEW ROBISON**
Sports Writer

For the second time in the last three years, Notre Dame fell on championship weekend after a run to the Final Four. The No. 4 seed Irish fell to eventual national champion and top-seeded Loyola 7-5 in the semifinal round May 26 in Foxborough, Mass.

To get to the semifinals, the Irish (13-3, 6-0 Big East) had to go through Yale (11-5) and No. 5 seed Virginia. Led by first-team All-Americans junior goalie John Kemp and senior defenseman Kevin Randall, Notre Dame defeated Yale 13-7.

"The first game of the tournament went very well for us," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "I thought we played very well against a very good Yale team. It was a very good, very balanced Yale team. But I

momentum.

"In the next round against Loyola, we probably didn't play our best, but our guys played really hard," Corrigan said. "The Loyola team played very well and very smart. They didn't give us anything all day."

Loyola stifled Notre Dame's offense by maintaining possession for the majority of the game and keeping the ball out of Notre Dame's playmakers' sticks. In the second half, the Irish had their chances, but could not capitalize.

"We've got to score more than five goals to win at that point in the year at that level," Corrigan said. "We just didn't finish enough of our opportunities. Although I thought we didn't play particularly well in the first half, we played well in the second half. We just didn't finish well. That was enough to be the difference."

Freshman attack Westy Hopkins had two goals while three other Irish players scored one goal apiece. But the Greyhounds did them two better and clinched a 7-5 win, eventually going on to beat Maryland in the national championship.

From the outset, Notre Dame's goal was to win a national championship. But with some reflection, Corrigan said he now realizes that it was a successful year with plenty to take away.

"On the whole, it's difficult to lose at that point in the season, I don't care what's going on or what happened before that," Corrigan said. "With a little bit of perspective now, I thought it was a great season. Our guys played in a lot of close games and really played well. I thought they maxed out a little bit on what we were doing. I think we can get better. It's a whole new year and a whole new team, but we have a lot of guys coming back."

Corrigan had nothing but praise for his departing seniors, a group of players who was not only one of the most successful classes in Notre Dame history, but also was instrumental in establishing a strong culture.

"We're looking at one of the most successful classes we've ever had at Notre Dame. They were part of two Final Four teams, four straight NCAA tournaments," Corrigan said. "We'll clearly miss them a lot. But I also think they did of bringing up our younger guys. Their leadership was very good. I thought the culture of our team was very strong. They've been a large part of that. They did a god job of passing that down."



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Irish junior attackman Westy Hopkins evades a defender during a game against Penn State on Feb. 26. Hopkins scored 18 goals last year for the Irish, and figures to be one of the team's offensive leaders again this season.

Notre Dame has now lost to the eventual national champion in the NCAA tournament in four of the last five years. Corrigan said he is confident about his team's future because of the strong corps of

returning players, a healthy culture and a balanced recruiting class.

"I think we've got a strong class coming in," Corrigan said. "It's a good, balanced class. We've got guys that

can help us at every position. I'm excited about that. As a group, I think this is going to be a very strong class for us."

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Kevin Corrigan
Irish coach

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In the quarterfinals, Notre Dame faced the defending national champion Virginia (12-4) in Philadelphia.

"The second round game in Philadelphia against Virginia was a great job by us," Corrigan said. "We were up on them and then in a close game in the fourth quarter, a tie game when [junior midfielder] Ryan Foley gets knocked out of the game, our guys responded with a tremendous amount of poise and grit. We outscored them 5-1 from that point on. We played really smart, hard, passionate lacrosse in that game against [Virginia]."

Behind three goals from senior midfielder Max Pfeifer, two from junior midfielder Steve Murphy and two from senior attack Sean Rogers, the Irish captured a 12-10 victory to earn a spot in the Final Four.

The Greyhounds (18-1) entered the match as the No. 1 team in the country, riding a streak of wins and a wave of

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Returning corps drives experienced Irish squad

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

When the Irish returned to campus on Aug. 8, Irish coach Debbie Brown found herself surrounded by a slew of determined returning players — including 12 of 14 from the 2011 squad that fell to Cincinnati in the Big East tournament final last November.

Though Brown lost two stalwarts in senior co-captains Frenchy Silva and Kirsten Dealy, she said she feels this year’s team, which has increased in size to 17 players (with four incoming freshmen and the transfer of sophomore libero Erin Klosterman from Saint Mary’s) has positioned itself well to continue their legacy.

“It can be quite a blow when you lose players of their caliber,” Brown said. “But to see the ethic and improvement of this year’s team, I

think we should be fine.”

One position for which the Irish will need to find an answer is at libero, the defensive specialist. Silva held down the spot for all four years of her tenure, collecting more than 1,000 career digs. Klosterman and freshman Taylor Morey will join sophomore Kathleen Severyn at the position. Just a week into practice, Brown said Morey has the early edge.

“Taylor is a really talented and really studied passer,” Brown said. “Factor in her sparkplug attitude and natural intensity, and she’s the type of player who could be like a Frenchy [Silva] for us. She has a lot of potential for such a young player.”

The other three members of Notre Dame’s No. 22-ranked freshman class — setter Hannah Muzzonigro, middle blocker Annie Flynn and outside hitter Haley



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Irish sophomore middle blocker Toni Alugbue goes up for a spike during Notre Dame's 3-1 loss to Louisville on Oct. 2 at Purcell Pavilion.

Bonneval — may find a slower path to the starting lineup, for no other reason than the talent above them on the depth chart. The team returns its statistical leaders in kills (sophomore Jeni Houser

and junior tri-captain Andrea McHugh) and blocks (sophomore Toni Alugbue and senior Hilary Eppink), along with a mix of talented returning starters that includes senior tri-captain Marie Roof, junior setter Sammie Brown and junior tri-captain Maggie Brindock.

“There will be a lot of players stepping into more important competitive and leadership roles this season,” Brown said. “But I think that is also accompanied by tremendous progress from where they were last season. Just to look at where Jeni [Houser] and Toni [Alugbue] are now versus where they were as freshmen, it’s a phenomenal improvement, even for such strong players.”

The Irish will be tested early in the season as they travel to Lincoln, Neb., on Aug. 24 when the team will open its season against defending national champion UCLA before taking on Saint Louis and Nebraska in a round-robin.

“UCLA is going to be a huge challenge for us and a great way to start the season,” Brown said. “It’s the start of a very tough schedule, and we didn’t know they would be ranked number one and defending national champions when we scheduled them, but we’re very excited for it.”

The Irish will host both the Shamrock Invitational and the Golden Dome Invitational, scheduled on either side of a trip to Southern California for the USC Tournament, before getting into the teeth of the Big East schedule in late September. Traditional powers like Cincinnati, Louisville and Marquette await an Irish team that will hopefully have been galvanized by the rigor of its non-conference schedule.

“The teams in our conference are getting stronger every year, and I think that our early schedule will really help us prepare for that,” Brown said. “But right now we’re coming along. Our captains are making sure everyone is taking care of themselves and working hard with positive attitudes.”

The Irish open the season against UCLA on Aug. 24 in Lincoln, Neb., at the Nebraska Coliseum.

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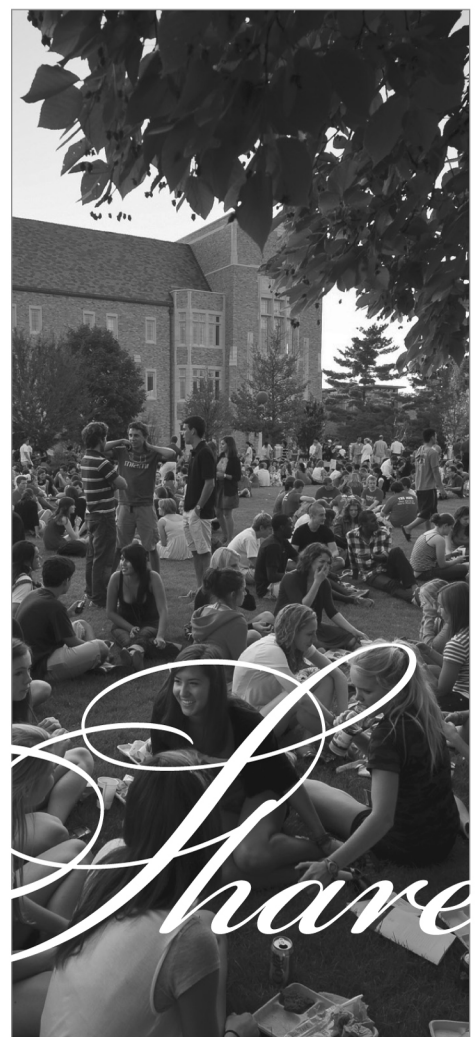
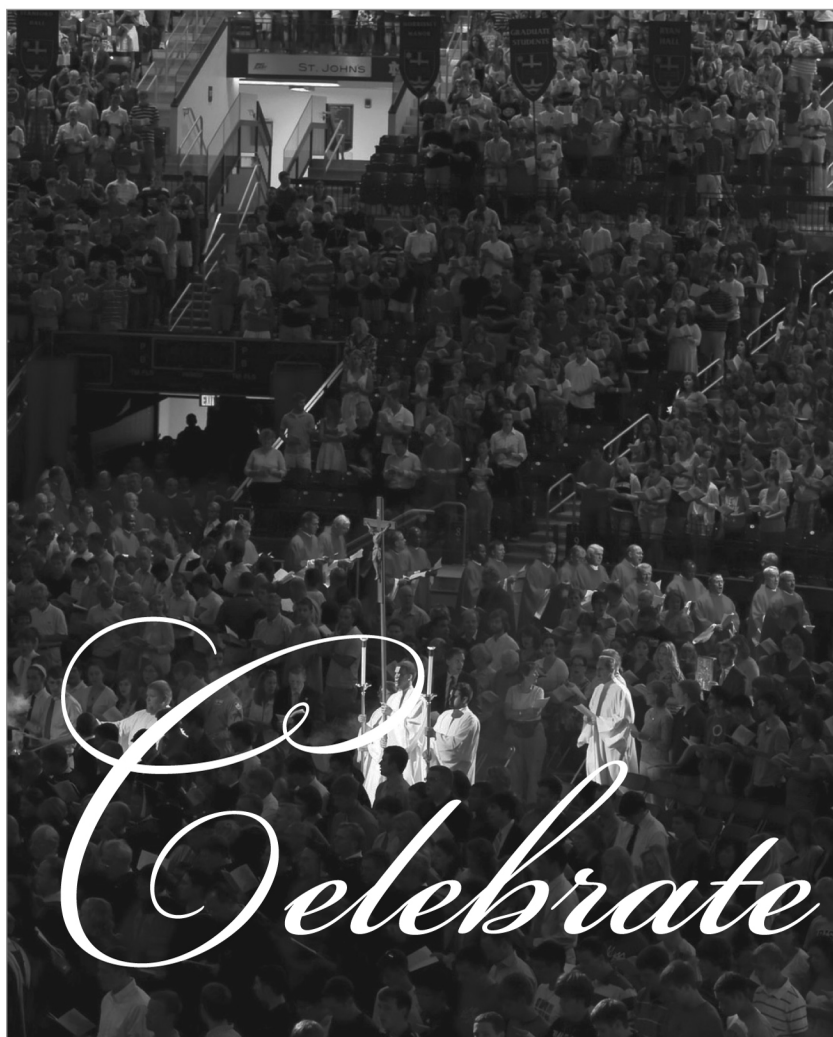
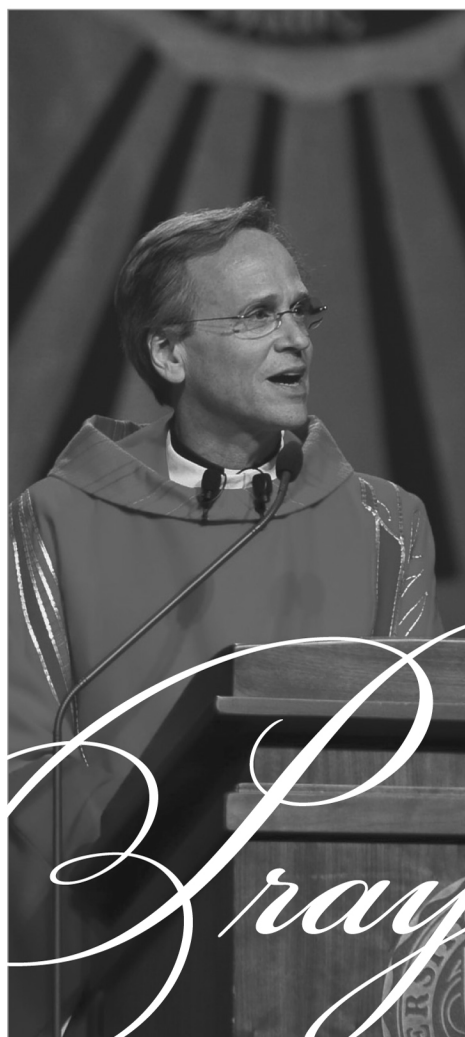
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Summer practice leads to big gains for Irish

By **MATTHEW DeFRANKS**
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite new heightened expectations and a spiffy new court, the 2012-13 Irish will be all about continuity after an offseason that saw graduate student guard Scott Martin return for a sixth year and coach Mike Brey receive a 10-year contract extension.

Notre Dame will bring back all five starters — including senior forward and Big East Most Improved Player Jack Cooley — from last year's squad that bowed out to Xavier in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

"Some coaches say 'Good news, we have all five starters back but we only won seven games last year.' We have all five starters back from a team that won 22 games," Brey said.

Junior guards Eric Atkins and Jerian Grant will anchor the backcourt after combining to average more than 24 points and six assists per game. Sophomore forward Pat Connaughton will come back after a late-season surge that saw him start the final 15 games last year.

Due to a change in NCAA rules that now allow coaches two hours a week with the team, the Irish were able to practice seven times this summer. The recruiting period was also cut from 20 days to 12 days, which prevented burnout among the staff. Brey said the two changes made for a much-improved summer.

"It was energizing for me," Brey said. "When you get back from the road, you get to work with your team. I was able to teach this summer, which is what they hired me to do."

The added time gave Brey and the coaching staff more opportunities to work with the heralded class of freshman — ranked 21st in the country by Rivals.com — comprised of Austin Burgett and four-star recruits Cameron Biedscheid and Zach Auguste.

Brey said the freshmen added between eight and 11 pounds of good weight over the summer while preparing for the upcoming season.

"All three of them picked it up quick," Brey said. "I was very impressed with all three of them."

In addition to the three freshmen, Notre Dame will also add senior center Garrick Sherman and freshman forward Eric Katenda. Sherman sat out last season after transferring from Michigan State, and Katenda practiced minimally with

the team after losing vision in his left eye during a pickup game accident.

With the addition of five new bodies to the fray, Brey said he doesn't have a set rotation number in mind.

"Garrick Sherman, to me, is like a sixth starter with watching him in practice and the experience he brings from his days at Michigan State," Brey said. "[The five starters and Sherman] are going to play a lot of minutes. Then it's a matter of [senior forward] Tom Knight, the freshmen, [senior guard] Joey Brooks. Who is going to speak up for some more minutes?"

While the entire regular season schedule has not yet been released, a few marquee non-conference games stick out for the Irish, highlighted by defending national champion Kentucky's trip to Purcell Pavilion on Nov. 29.

Notre Dame will compete in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic at the new home of the NBA's Brooklyn Nets in mid-November, featuring St.

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Joseph's (Penn.), Brigham Young and Florida State. In December, the team will play Indiana in the Crossroads Classic in Indianapolis.

Notre Dame will also play every Big East team, including home-and-home sets with Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville and St. John's.

While heavy preseason expectations and rankings have been placed on the Irish, Brey said he has set a goal of his own.

"I told our group after the Xavier loss 'I want us to think about a Big East regular season championship,'" Brey said. "We've been very close. We've been right there. It would be as big an achievement as anything in our basketball history."

The Irish will open their season in November.

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Irish senior forward Scott Martin shoots over a West Virginia defender during Notre Dame's 71-44 win Feb. 22 at Purcell Pavilion. Martin had 15 points in the victory.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish take positives from championship defeat

Three new freshmen ready to impress in the wake of departing seniors as McGraw looks to postseason games

By **MATTHEW ROBISON**
Sports Writer

Coming off its second straight appearance in the NCAA title game, Notre Dame realizes it has plenty to take away from last season as well as a lot to improve upon.

The Irish fell 80-61 to Baylor and center Brittney Griner on April 3 in Denver. After beating Connecticut in a barn-burning semifinal when a last-second layup by departing senior guard Natalie Novosel sent the game into overtime, the Irish hit an undefeated juggernaut. But Irish coach Muffet McGraw, who signed a 10-year contract extension this offseason, expressed nothing but pride in her team's accomplishments.

"It was another great season," McGraw said. "It was just an unbelievable performance by so many people to get us back to the Final Four and then to beat Connecticut in one of the best games, I think, ever in the Final Four."

The bitter taste of defeat never quite leaves a team's tongue, especially when it was so close to sweet moment of raising the national championship trophy. But McGraw said Notre Dame will begin the upcoming season with a renewed attitude.

"Coming off a great season, it's tough to not win the last game," McGraw said. "But Baylor was obviously an exceptional team, going undefeated. We lost a lot of people, some great players. So we will be trying to build it back and rely on some freshmen. Some players who didn't have as big of a role last year will have to take on some bigger roles."

Notre Dame lost a strong corps of seniors in forward Devereaux Peters and guards Fraderica Miller, Natalie Novosel and Brittany Mallory.

Peters was an intimidating inside presence, Notre Dame's leading rebounder and post defender who was drafted No. 3 overall in the 2012 WNBA Draft by the Minnesota Lynx. Miller was a fierce defender with quick hands and great athleticism, while Mallory was a defensive specialist and knock-down 3-point shooter.

Novosel, last year's hero in the Final Four, scored 978 points in her career and was an offensive catalyst. Novosel went No. 8 in the draft to the Washington Mystics. The trio of Peters, Novosel and Mallory tied the school record by starting all 39 games last season.

But the Irish bring in three strong players in a highly touted recruiting class.



Observer File Photo

Irish senior guard Skylar Diggins drives past a California defender during Notre Dame's 73-62 win in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on March 20 at Purcell Pavilion.

"I'm really excited about our class," McGraw said. "They are just exactly what we needed."

The Irish have three new freshman guards on the roster: Hannah Huffman, Michaela Mabrey and Jewell Loyd.

"[Huffman] is a very versatile player," McGraw said. "She's a guard. She will be able to post up

and score and rebound and do a lot of things for us."

The Concord, Calif., native committed to Notre Dame the night before the national championship matchup, fulfilling a lifelong dream. Her father, Lon, played golf for the Irish and is a 1986 graduate.

"Michaela Mabrey is a three-point shooter who can also play the point," McGraw said. "She's got really good basketball instincts."

Mabrey, the Gatorade Girls' Basketball Player of the Year in

quickly."

Diggins led the Irish last season in points, assists and steals. Her defensive tenacity and lightning-quick footwork make her a nightmare for opposing squads while also allowing her to get out in transition and push the tempo.

"We're going to play the same style we played last year — play a lot of up-tempo, hope to score a lot of points and play good defense," McGraw said.

When it comes to goals expectations for the 2012-13 season,

"I think that Skylar is going to set the tone when she's got the ball in her hands and get us in gear quickly."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

New Jersey, averaged 17 points, 6.5 rebounds and 5.9 assists during her senior year. Loyd is the No. 3-ranked player in the 2012 class and the No. 1-ranked player at her position. She is a scoring guard and a tremendous athlete.

"[Loyd] can do a lot of things," McGraw said. "She's definitely someone we're going to count on to score, and also to rebound and contribute. All three of them, we're expecting them to contribute as freshmen."

Although Notre Dame lost three key veterans, it returns its tone-setter — All-American senior guard Skylar Diggins.

"We return [Diggins] and [senior guard] Kaila Turner as our captains," McGraw said. "Certainly over the years, having had the experiences they've gotten here, we expect that they will set the tone early. I think that we can count on that. I think that Skylar is going to set the tone when she's got the ball in her hands and get us in gear

McGraw and the Irish keep it simple.

"Our goal is the same every year — we want to get better every game," she said. "We want to be playing our best basketball in March. That is really our goal. We're going to keep it simple early because we have some new people."

The Irish have a tough slate for the upcoming season, but it is all about preparing for postseason play. Notre Dame will face Connecticut twice in a home-and-home series in the Big East. Including postseason play, the Irish faced the Huskies four times in each of the past two seasons. Last year, the Irish took three of the four.

"We'll probably take a few lumps early on in the schedule because we do have a tough schedule," McGraw said. "But we plan on being ready in March."

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Kelly

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football team,” Kelly said. “Really pleased with our team, proud of the way they’ve gone to work each day, and have really benefitted from the teaching.”

Kelly said the need to prepare multiple quarterbacks has shifted

“I mean on both sides of the line, we’re going to be able to physically handle ourselves in the trenches against anyone in the country.”

Brian Kelly
Irish coach

the emphasis in camp from individual drills to team exercises.

“As you know, trying to get a new quarterback ready has ... made our practices more about 11-on-11 because that’s what we have to get ready for,” he said. “A lot of guys have gotten reps and work.”

The Irish coaching staff entered fall camp with a four-way quarterback race to decide, and with two weeks before the Emerald Isle Classic in Dublin, the decision has been narrowed to two inexperienced but talented options. Rees’ suspension and freshman Gunner Kiel’s inexperience in

Kelly’s system mean either Golson or Hendrix will take their first snap as a starting quarterback on Sept. 1. Hendrix saw spot duty as Rees’ backup and a change-of-pace option during the 2011 season, throwing for 249 yards and a touchdown while rushing for 162 yards and another touchdown. Golson spent 2011 on the scout team, running opposing offenses in practice. Kelly said his preference is to see either Golson or Hendrix step up and grab the starting spot to avoid having to play two signal-callers.

“I’ve played two quarterbacks [in my career] only because I’ve had to play two quarterbacks,” he said. “I don’t think I want to have two quarterbacks. I’d rather have one guy make himself known to everybody that he’s the starter. You always love to have a No. 2 that can go right on in for you. But I wouldn’t subscribe to the fact that two is necessarily where we want to be. I’d like to have a single person.”

Beyond the quarterback position, Kelly said he is impressed with his team’s strength on both sides of the ball at the line of scrimmage. The Irish return standout offensive linemen in senior Zack Martin, graduate student Braxton Cave and senior Chris Watt. Two top defensive ends in graduate student Kapron Lewis-Moore and sophomore Stephon Tuitt bolster the defensive line.



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Junior quarterback Andrew Hendrix looks on during practice Wednesday at Loftus Center. Hendrix, who saw limited playing time in 2011, is competing for the starting job in 2012.

“I think we’re really good up the middle, to use a baseball term,” Kelly said. “I mean on both sides of the line, we’re going to be able to physically handle ourselves in the trenches against anyone in the country. That’s a good feeling.”

Fielding a group of young and inexperienced wide receivers and cornerbacks, Kelly indicated a need to see continued development of his perimeter skill players.

“I think that development will go a long way toward determining

how successful we are,” he said.”

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Team enters uncharted waters in Kelly's third season



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Irish sophomore quarterback Everett Golson takes on a defender during Wednesday's practice at the Loftus Center. Golson is involved in a competition for the starting quarterback job with junior Andrew Hendrix.

By **CHRIS ALLEN**
Sports Editor

The beginning of Irish coach Brian Kelly's third season in charge of Notre Dame will have a decidedly foreign feel. The first snap of the Irish opener against Navy on Sept. 1 will be taken in a foreign country by a quarterback in a foreign position: Notre Dame starter.

With junior Tommy Rees — the only quarterback on Notre Dame's roster with starting experience — suspended for the opener, the Irish will turn to a newcomer to start at the most important position on the field.

While he chooses between junior Andrew Hendrix and sophomore Everett Golson to lead the offense, Kelly said during a Media Day press conference

Thursday he is optimistic about his team based on the work the team has put in during fall practice.

"We've been in camp so we've gotten a great look at our football team over the past couple of weeks and in my mind answered a lot of the questions that I had about our

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish look to answer questions on defense

By **JOSEPH MONARDO**
Sports Writer

Following a season filled with expectation that concluded in disappointment, the 2012 edition of the Irish will look to veteran captains for leadership after several key departures.

Last year the Irish (9-4-4, 5-3-1 Big East) failed to qualify for the NCAA tournament for the first time in 11 years after they were ousted as the No. 4 seed in the first round of the conference tournament by fifth-seeded Villanova. Selected by the Big East coaches to finish second in the division this year, the Irish are poised to show significant improvement from last season's campaign, co-captain senior midfielder Dillon Powers said.

"I think the team made some strides over the spring," he said. "I think there were some guys on the team who were really fed up with not getting the results we want. Some guys have grown up and become more competitive."

Powers will serve as a team captain for the second consecutive year and will partner with co-captain and fifth-year senior midfielder Michael Rose, who assumes captaincy duties for the first time.

Notre Dame returns the team's top six point scorers from last year, including 2011 points leader senior forward Ryan Finley, but faces significant questions

on defense after the graduation of three seniors from the starting back line — Michael Knapp, Greg Klazura and Aaron Maund. Klazura and Maund joined former Irish midfielder Brendan King as players selected in January's Major League Soccer draft.

The departure of three tenured defenders leaves senior defender Grant Van De Castele as the only returning starter for the Irish defense, but senior defender Luke Mishu has also seen significant action coming off the bench.

"Obviously we've got a lot of new faces in the defense," Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

"It's a little challenge, an unknown."

With preseason play already underway, Notre Dame kicks off the regular season with an August 25 home matchup against Duke before meetings with Clemson, San Diego State, Oregon State and 2010 national champion Akron in the first two weeks of the season.

"We have a phenomenal schedule, we play a lot of good teams," Clark said. "I think we try to play teams from different regions. The trick is not just to play them, but to play them and beat them. That's the trick if we really want it to give us an advantage [in NCAA tournament

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Young team hopes to continue winning tradition

By **JACK HEFFERON**
Sports Writer

Even with a young and unproven team, unresolved position battles, and an incredibly difficult schedule, the Irish will enter this season with the same expectation as ever — to be in the running for a national championship.

After a first-round exit in the NCAA tournament last year, Notre Dame enters into this season with plenty of concerns, chief among them the team's inexperience.

Eighteen of the 25 players on the current roster were still in high school when Notre Dame beat Stanford for the program's third national championship just 20 months ago. Twelve of those players are incoming freshmen, forming one of Notre Dame's largest — and best — recruiting

classes ever. Ranked as the No. 1 class in the country, there's no question these freshmen are talented.

As such a huge portion of the team, Irish coach Randy Waldrum expects them to come in and make an immediate impact.

"We're going to have to be playing some young players," Waldrum said. "There's no two ways about that. We've had six freshmen in the starting lineup so far in the preseason, so they're going to gain their experience by playing."

And while the roster may be dominated by underclassmen, the team's experienced players will determine how quickly the team can adjust and excel. Led by its captains, senior Jazmin Hall and juniors Elizabeth Tucker and

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Senior defender Jazmin Hall dribbles upfield during a 3-2 loss to Georgetown on Oct. 14 at Alumni Stadium. Hall is one of three captains that will lead the Irish during the 2012 campaign.