

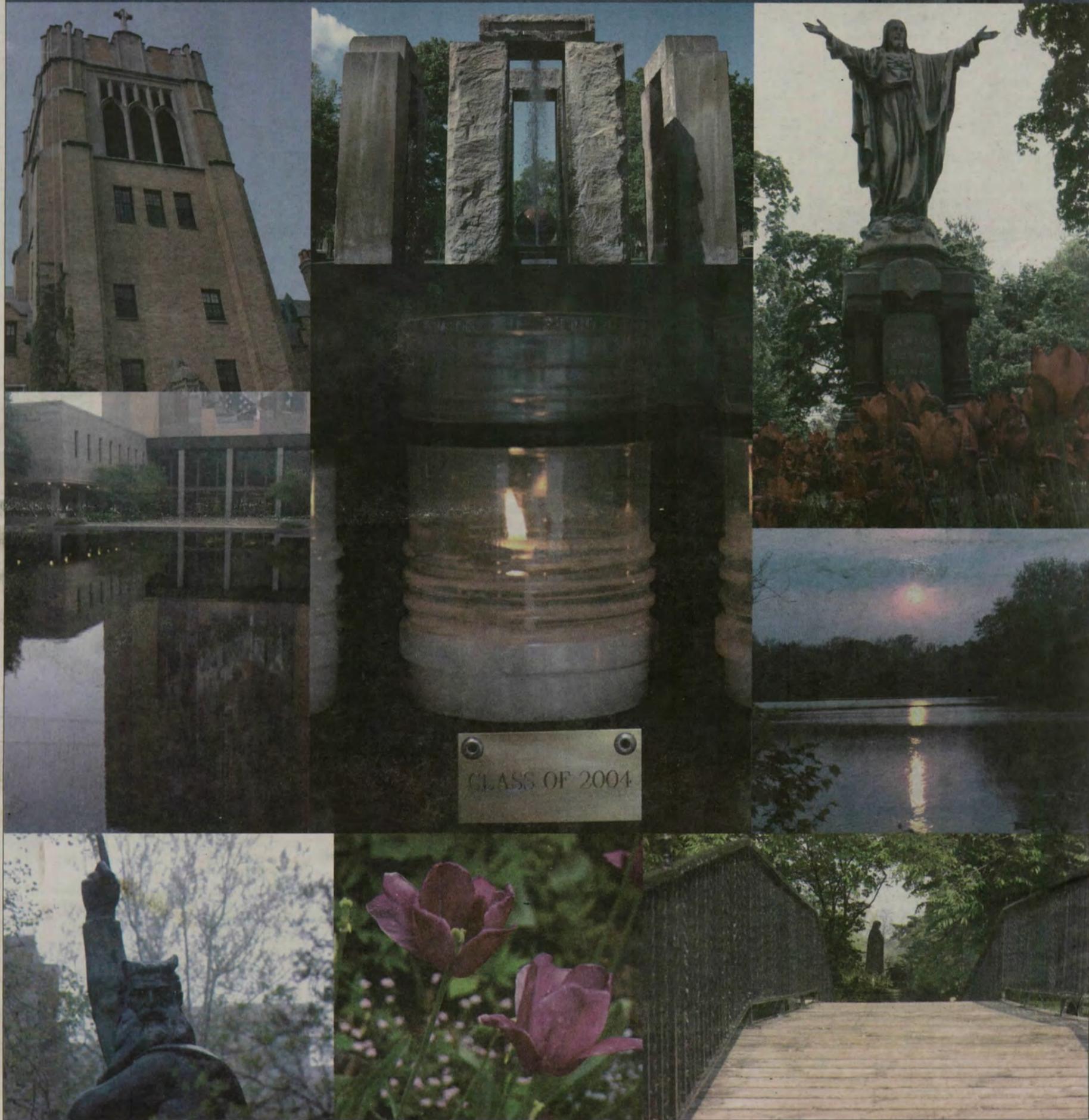
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Monk moves on

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

The Board elected Father John Jenkins, a current vice president and associate provost and former religious superior of priests and brothers at

Notre Dame, from among several candidates to succeed Malloy as the University's 17th president.

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

SEE "MONK MOVES ON" INSERT

Joyce dies at 87

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

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

Joyce became University President

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

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

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INSIDE COLUMN

Never forget

So the bubble pops this weekend. . . We officially become alumni in two days when we receive a college degree to hang on an office wall somewhere and a crooked hat to wear back to a tailgate sometime. That's when we're supposed to disappear into the real world, carrying the weight of a Notre Dame degree and a promise to make the world a better place. We take what we learned in college and go wherever our minds or our wallets call us to go as already-hazy memories of college slowly fade away.



Andrew Soukup

Editor in Chief Emeritus

You'll pardon me if I'm not ready to forget yet.

I don't want to forget that first football game when I ran straight from the Stadium to Stonehenge or that morning when a snowstorm made Notre Dame white-out its final exam schedule. I hope, 50 years from now, I'll still remember what it felt like to watch 12 women's basketball players see 5,000 of their classmates singing the fight song at Main Circle at 3 a.m.

I want to keep picturing the sea of humanity that packed South Quad on September 11. I want to still wear my T-shirt that says "By George, It's O'Leary." I want to believe that Hesburgh really gave Saint Tyrone God's direct phone number two years ago — but then I'd also have to believe that the coach lost it during the Return to Mediocrity.

Don't make me forget what an SYR was like (even though I might have already). Or the sweet feeling of a Backer Long Island sliding down my throat while somebody else's slides onto my shoes. And what I wouldn't give for one more round of \$3 nectar-filled pitchers at Corby's and the satisfaction of seeing that ping-pong ball fall into the last red Solo cup.

I want to remember what the sun looks like when it bounces off the Dome. I want to remember how a bench in Notre Dame Stadium and a pew in the Basilica both evoked spiritual feelings. I want to remember the canvas that is a fall at Notre Dame and the tranquility that is midnight at the Grotto. I want to remember celebrating St. Paddy's with the Fighting Irish, watching a freshly-poured Guinness settle at Legends, blowing too many Flex Points on a strawberry smoothie at Reckers and making a late-night quarter dog run to the Huddle.

I'm too afraid that I'll spend my life worrying about getting that perfect job so I can get that perfect salary to complement my perfect lifestyle that I'll miss everything else. That's why buying books from the bookstore always took a back-seat to playing Bookstore Basketball and why I never hesitated to stand up Plato in favor of a night with the guys. In the quest for that storybook future we're supposed to reach outside the bubble, how many missed the picture-perfect present?

If the rest of my life is anything like my four years at Notre Dame, I won't have to spend it searching for the perfect way to heaven. The way is heaven.

Andrew Soukup is the former Editor in Chief of The Observer and will pursue a career in sports journalism after graduation. He'd like to thank everyone at The Observer for their dedication and friendship, his housemates for being the greatest guys in the world and his dad, mom and three younger brothers for supporting and encouraging him long before he came to Notre Dame.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Andrew Soukup at asoukup@nd.edu.

Commencement Weekend Events

Friday, May 14
 4 p.m.
 Chorale Concert, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
 Graduation Dance, Joyce Center North Dome
Saturday, May 15
 9 a.m. - noon
 ROTC Commissioning, Joyce Center South Dome
 2 - 3 p.m.
 University Reception, Eck Center
 5 - 6:30 p.m.
 Commencement Mass, Joyce Center South Dome
 6:45 - 8 p.m.
 Graduation Dinner, Joyce Center North Dome
Sunday, May 16
 12:30 p.m.
 Diploma Distribution, Joyce Center North Dome
 2 - 4 p.m.
 Commencement Ceremony, Joyce Center South Dome

Friday, May 14
 4 p.m.
 Baccalaureate Liturgy, Angela Athletic Facility
 5:30 - 7 p.m.
 Baccalaureate Dinner, Noble Family Dining Hall
 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.
 Senior Reception, Century Center
Saturday, May 15
 8:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
 Graduation Brunch, Noble Family Dining Hall
 Noon
 Commencement 2004 Ceremony, Court of Le Mans Hall
 4:30
 Sunday vigil mass, Regina Chapel
Sunday, May 16
 9:45 a.m., 11:15 a.m.
 Sunday Mass, Church of Our Lady of Loretto

MIKE HARKINS/Observer Graphic

Hehir to receive Laetare Medal at commencement

Observer Staff Report

The University's Laetare Medal, the oldest and most prestigious award given to American Catholics, will be awarded to Father J. Bryan Hehir, president and treasurer of Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Boston, at Sunday's commencement.

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

Counselor to the President Peter Jarret, who participated in the Laetare selection committee, added his own high praise.

"Father Hehir is a great example of service and dedication to the church and the people of God, especially the poor and people in need," Jarret said. "We just thought it was time [Hehir] was recognized for his incredible dedication and work."

Established in 1883, the medal's notable past recipients include President John F. Kennedy, novelist Walker Percy and Catholic Worker founder Dorothy Day.

Hehir was ordained in 1966 and was appointed to his current post of president and treasurer of Catholic Charities last

January. Prior to that appointment, he served as president and chief executive officer of Catholic Charities USA since 2001.

Previous to his work with Catholic Charities, Hehir was the first Catholic priest to lead the Harvard divinity school, a post he held from 1998 through 2001. This appointment followed 20 years of service in Washington to the United States Catholic Conference, now known as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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

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

Hehir is the recipient of more than 25 honorary degrees from various colleges and universities. In 1998, he received a doctor of laws degree from Notre Dame.

Hehir will receive the award during the University's Commencement ceremony on May 16.

ND, SMC award 14 figures with honorary degrees

Observer Staff Report

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

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

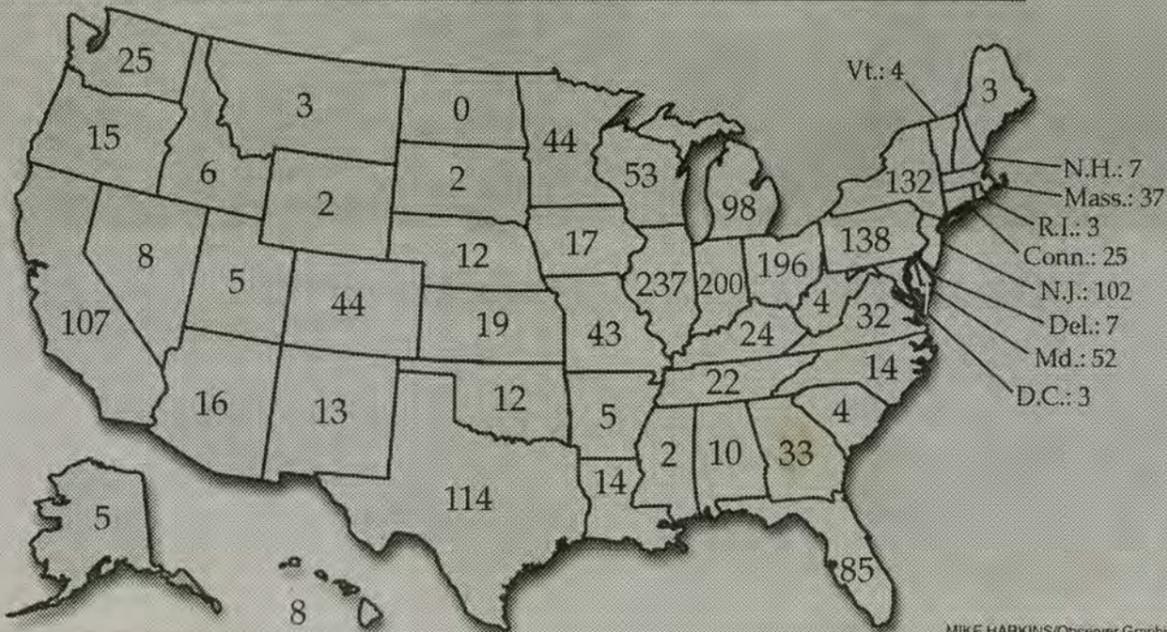
In addition to Page, Notre Dame will award 10 other recipients as well. Recipients include Jose Cabranes, U.S. Court of Appeals judge, Anita de Luna, MCDP, an assistant professor of religious studies at Our Lady of the Lake University, John Hennessey, president of Stanford University, Elaine Kim, professor of Asian American studies at the University of California at Berkeley, Terrence McGlenn, president of All Star Distributing Company and a Notre Dame Board of Trustees member, Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, O.P., professor at the Ecole Biblique et Archeologique Francaise in Jerusalem, Homer Neal, a physicist at the University of Michigan, James Sinegal, president of Costco Wholesale Corporation, Roxanne Spillet, president of Boys and Girls Clubs of America and Peter Tannock, vice chancellor of the University of Notre Dame Australia.

Conversely, Saint Mary's will honor three alumni.

Paula Downing is a 1971 graduate and superintendent of Benton Harbor public schools, Peggy Hill is a 1961 graduate and is now an established Broadway producer, and Sister Michael Mary Nolan, CSC, is a member of the class of 1964 and social justice attorney in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Commencement ceremonies will take place at Saint Mary's on Saturday, May 15. Notre Dame's commencement is Sunday, May 16.

Class of 2004 From Around the Nation



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Page to return to ND

Minnesota Supreme Court Justice to speak to class of 2004

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Page

Elizabeth Lee said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SMC to host Xerox VP

McGarry will address graduates at commencement

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

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

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

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

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

Susan Dampier, executive assistant to the president, said there were a number of reasons McGarry was chosen, including the diversity of her campus experience.

"She has a wonderful life story," Dampier said. "When she was a student here, she was what we called a staff student worker. She worked everyday at the dining hall, in addition to having two part-time jobs, a gas station attendant and a member of a rock band. She now has an enormous career. She is a wonderful person, a fabulous speaker and the students are going to love her."



McGarry

Although McGarry attended Saint Mary's for only two years and did not graduate from Saint Mary's, she remains connected to the College.

"McGarry is really good to Saint Mary's," said Dampier. "I think she thinks of herself as getting her start here, and this is certainly the place she calls home."

McGarry received a bachelor's degree in business administration and management from the University of Redlands in 1980 Dampier said.

Now as the vice president and chief executive officer, McGarry is in charge of worldwide marketing activities, advertising campaigns and sponsorship. She also oversees external communication, customers and employees.

McGarry will receive an honorary degree at commencement.

"It's an overwhelming honor," McGarry said. "I will treasure it, and the fact that it's being given to me by Marilou Eldred makes it very special indeed."

McGarry's mother, a member of the class of 1941, and other family members will be attending commencement to see the speaker receive her honorary degree.

McGarry also wants to offer her best advice to the class of 2004.

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

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And wishes them the

Best of Luck

in the years to come

Kleinfehn top of SMC class

After graduation, the valedictorian plans to teach

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

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

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

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

Kleinfehn plans to focus her graduation speech on the different kinds of experiences students can encounter, she said.

"My theme will focus mainly around the footprints others leave on our lives, and the footprints that we leave for others to follow us in," she said.

Many people are not surprised Kleinfehn is leading her class academically. Dr. Kitty Green, Kleinfehn's secondary education advisor, said she could not be more pleased that the Knox, Ind. resident



Senior Amy Kleinfehn, a biology major and secondary education minor, is Saint Mary's 2004 valedictorian.

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has been named valedictorian.

"The most exciting thing about Amy is that she is a scientist, and she is going to be a teacher," Green said. "She is a great scientist, and I know she is going to carry that over and become a great teacher."

"I set goals for myself academically, although being valedictorian wasn't necessarily one of them"

Amy Kleinfehn
Saint Mary's
valuedictorian

Kleinfehn attributes her success as a student to finding balance between academics and social experiences.

"I've tried to find a balance

with my time," Kleinfehn said. "My advice is to have fun and enjoy your friends while you can. The undergraduate years go fast, so it's important to enjoy it while you're there."

After the glow of graduation wears off, Kleinfehn is hoping to find a high school biology teaching position, but does not yet know where. Down the road, she plans to attend graduate school.

"It's an honor, truly an honor, to represent Saint Mary's in this way," Kleinfehn said. "I'm really excited for this amazing opportunity."

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Streicher named 2004 valedictorian



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

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By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

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

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

She recovered well. With her 3.995 in tow, the English and French double major was chosen from amongst a group of Notre Dame's top 15 graduates — three from each college — to speak as valedictorian at this year's commencement.

Each nominee was required to submit a speech and a résumé to the valedictory committee, and from that number, four were asked to interview in front of what Streicher described as "a huge room full of so many faces, mostly professors, with all these grand titles."

With a hint of modesty, Streicher denied it was her academic record that earned her the no. 1 position, and claimed that she babbled incoherently through her interview. Rather, she believed her speech was what won the committee over.

"It was probably the freshness of my speech that got me here, because I had brilliant competition," she said. "It's not one of those heavy-handed, 'go change the world' speeches. While I was writing it, all the graduation speech clichés were running through my head, so every time I got close to using one, I would step back. I knew I had to do

something quasi-original."

Streicher insisted on keeping the topic of the speech secret, though she did call it "unacademic and light. Not spicy, but light."

She also said that while she is grateful for the honor, she never expected to be named valedictorian.

"I kept track of my rank on IrishLink, but I was always fifth or third or seventh, so Valedictorian was always a distant dream," she said. "The day I actually got the envelope nominating me, I was blown away."

Her family was thrilled as well, especially because they are now allotted a larger number of graduation tickets, joked Streicher.

Though she worked as a tutor at the Writing Center since her sophomore year, Streicher chose to focus on academic work rather

than participating in a laundry list of extracurriculars. Looking back on her years at Notre Dame, she does, however, regret not having a fuller social life.

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

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

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

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

— Father Theodore Hesburgh



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Father Edmund Joyce, 1917-2004

Born Jan. 26, 1917 in British Honduras ♦ Graduated from Notre Dame in 1937 ♦ Ordained to the priesthood in 1949

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

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

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

Father David Tyson, the provincial superior of the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, presided over the funeral mass, and scores of ivory-robed Holy Cross priests concelebrated.

Mourners came from all corners of the Notre Dame family.

A dark-suited young alumnus sat next to a uniformed ROTC instructor, while Monogram Club blazers and Roman collars were sprinkled throughout the sizeable congregation.

In the homily, Hesburgh bade farewell to the man he met at their ordination in the Basilica nearly 55 years earlier. Hesburgh's words fulfilled a pledge between the two men that whoever survived the other would speak at his late best friend's funeral.

"We used to kid each other and argue who was going to die first," Hesburgh said.

"[Joyce] said, 'I have to die first because you're going to have to give my sermon. I don't want to give yours,'" Hesburgh added, to laughter from the congregation.

He also praised the staff of Holy Cross House, where Joyce had lived since suffering a debilitating stroke in September 2002.

"Day and night they are there, caring," Hesburgh said. "Ned never had a bad moment that one of them wasn't at his side."

Despite the help, Hesburgh said Joyce's suffering was a "crucible of pain" for the stricken priest.

"I'm personally happy that he's now at peace," he said.

Hesburgh said that Joyce was a vital part of the administration during the pair's 35-year tenure under the Golden Dome.

"In all that time, he more than carried his half of the load," Hesburgh said. "He was always loyal, faithful and hardworking."

The former president also spoke about his friendship with Joyce, a

relationship that spanned half a century.

"He was always a good friend, in the best sense of that word," Hesburgh said. "I've never known anybody in my life who was as wonderful a person as Ned Joyce."

In ending the homily, Hesburgh expressed gratitude for his long-time association with Joyce.

"I thank you Ned, for just being my brother for so many years."

Mourners like alumnus Tom Blum said Joyce represented a prosperous era in Notre Dame's history.

"It's literally the passing of an era," Blum said.

Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said Joyce was a vital force in the University's rise to national athletic prominence.

"It's rare in life, and especially in any kind of athletic program, to both have an architect and a spiritual architect," Willingham said. "His vision for the athletic programs was unmatched and unparalleled."

Joyce's casket was draped with a pall bearing the emblem of his order — a cross superimposed over crossed anchors, and the motto "Crux spes unica." "The cross is our only hope." A priest placed a crucifix on the casket, symbolic of the crucifix Joyce received when he professed his final vows to the order in 1948.

Following the Mass, congregants sang the University's alma mater, and the Basilica's bells tolled for several minutes.

Mourners then processed on foot along St. Mary's Road to Joyce's gravesite in Holy Cross Cemetery, passing the late priest's former residence of Corby Hall.

Hesburgh gave a final blessing at

the gravesite, where Joyce's friends and family sprinkled the casket with holy water.

"I tell you for Ned that he loves you all," Hesburgh said. "If there's one place he loved on his earth, it was this University."

On the eve of Joyce's death, Hesburgh administered last rites to the ailing priest, and they prayed the Rosary together. Hesburgh said Joyce had been in poor health since his stroke.

"He never really recovered," Hesburgh said Sunday afternoon. "It's been a rough year and a half."

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

"He was a fine priest, he was a wonderful friend, he was a South Carolinian gentleman," Hesburgh said. "He was a real moral anchor and a spiritual leader."

He added that while he was out of town, he had confidence in Joyce to oversee the University's operation.

"When I was away from Notre Dame, I never had to call back," Hesburgh said. "I knew he was in charge, and he was very capable."

Hesburgh and Joyce ran the University during a period of rapid growth, including the construction of the Memorial Library and the Athletic and Convocation Center that now bear their names. Hesburgh said the buildings' construction budgets revealed the men's philosophy for the University's direction.

"We decided the ACC should cost less," Hesburgh said. "We didn't

spend more on the athletic building than on the academic building."

Athletic director Kevin White said that while Joyce's contributions to Irish athletics are often best remembered, his service to Notre Dame was multifaceted.

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

Joyce was born in British Honduras, now known as Belize, on Jan. 26, 1917. After graduating from Spartanburg (S.C.) High School, he came to Notre Dame, where he received a degree in accounting in 1937. He returned to Spartanburg, where he worked for the accounting firm of L.C. Dodge, becoming a certified public accountant.

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

During his tenure, he rose to national prominence in the NCAA as a voice for integrity in college sports.

Former fencing coach Mike DeCicco, who served as Notre Dame's first director of academic advising for student-athletes during Joyce's tenure, said Joyce was devoted to ensuring the education of Notre Dame's athletes.

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

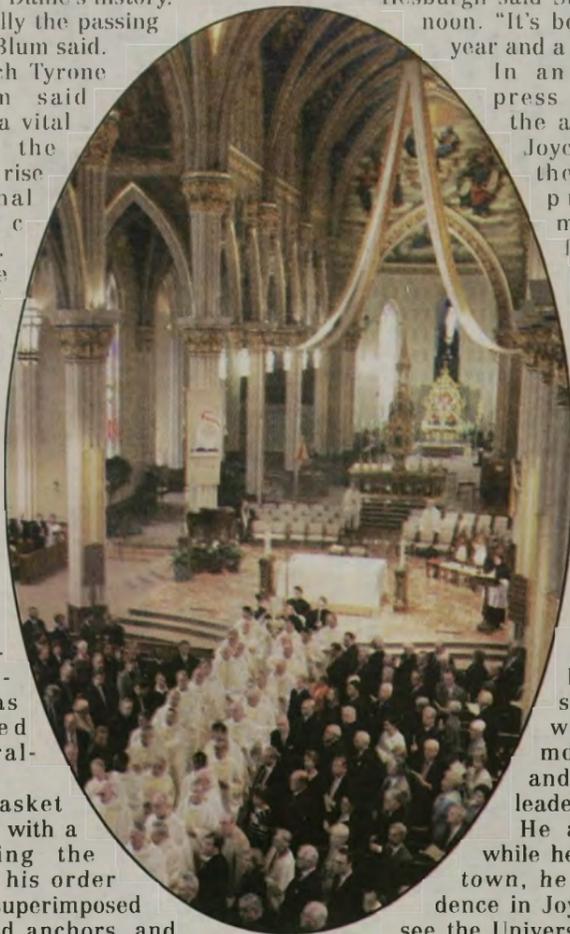
"He was very demanding," DeCicco said. "He told me [not to] make a mistake that brings Notre Dame down in any respect."

Joyce held several honorary degrees, including one from Notre Dame.

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

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

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Died May 2, 2004 ♦ Hired six football coaches ♦ Endowment grew from \$9 million to \$400 million during his tenure

♦ Served as executive vice president alongside Father Theodore Hesburgh from 1952-87 ♦ Respected voice in the NCAA ♦

ND, SMC graduate international students

Classes of 2004 include 63 students from around the world

By ANDREW THAGARD
Senior Staff Writer

Most students agree that the college years represent a major adjustment in a person's life, but few face the daunting task of adapting to college life in a different country.

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

These students hail from such countries as Singapore, Pakistan and Brazil, though their reasons for coming to South Bend are often similar in nature to those of their domestic counterparts.

"I didn't expect to come here, it was just a random application," said Rachael Phillips, a Notre Dame senior accounting major from the Cayman Islands, a British territory in the Caribbean.

Phillips said she received promotional material from the University and was interested in attending college abroad.

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

For Saint Mary's senior Alma Dzudza, however, the decision was a little more complex.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

She added that spending time in the United States made her realize that cultural differences

exist between Europeans and Americans. Europeans, she said, have a greater tendency to speak their minds which can often be perceived as rude in the United States.

"The thing I learned is to shut up," she said.

And what will these international students do after graduation?

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

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

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

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

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Rector bids Lewis Hall farewell

Observer Staff Report

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

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

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

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

George did not return messages seeking comment for this story.

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

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Campus responds to terrorist attacks

September 11, 2002

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

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

cab service to donate blood.

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

Like all athletic events nationwide, Notre Dame's football game against Purdue on the following Saturday was cancelled as the nation mourned the loss of thousands of citizens. At the Sept. 22 home football game against Michigan State, the entire stadium paused as University President Father Edward Malloy said a prayer and

fans raised printed American flags into the sky in an event televised nationwide by NBC Sports.

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

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Malloy steps down as president



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

April 30, 2004

3

Mooney chosen to succeed Eldred



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

December 26, 2003

4

New alcohol policy unveiled



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

March 18, 2002

5

Freshman's death stuns University



Chad Sharon, a freshman from Fisher Hall, disappeared Dec. 12, 2002 after attending a party on Corby Street. Following an extensive two-month search headed by Notre Dame Security and Police, construction workers found his body floating in the St. Joseph's River under the Angela Bridge.

February 12, 2003

6

Boat Club busted by excise police



Police raided The Boat Club early in the morning Jan. 24. Over 200 citations were issued to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students. The bar was known as a popular underage drinking-haven for students on both campuses. Those who were cited are now being sued by the owner of the club.

January 24, 2003

7

Elam convicted of sexual battery



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

August 30, 2003

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Scully resigns as executive VP

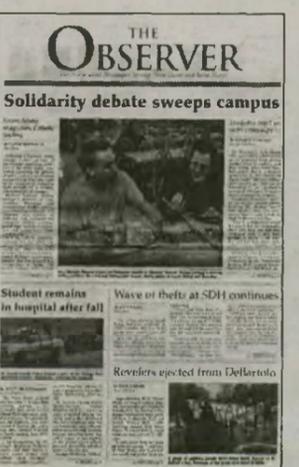


Executive Vice President Father Timothy Scully resigned May 2 due to an apparent power struggle in the University's leadership. A report investigating Scully's behavior, including his confrontation with a reporter, was to be delivered to trustees and would have cleared him of wrongdoing.

May 2, 2003

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'Gay? Fine by Me' held on campus



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

March 18, 2004

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Bush speaks at commencement



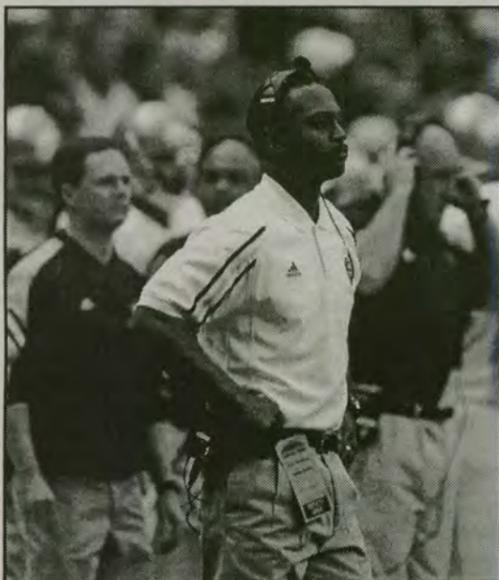
President George W. Bush spoke at the Class of 2001 commencement, becoming the fifth President to speak at a Notre Dame commencement. House representative and Notre Dame alumni helped to court Bush, whose visit was generally welcomed but protested by some who objected to his policies.

May 20, 2001

Frustrating football season prompts fan outcry. Of four players accused of rape, Elam convicted of sexual battery.

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Football frustration

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

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

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

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

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

Sexual assault trials end in one conviction

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

A jury found Elam guilty of sexual battery, a class D felony, but acquitted him of conspiracy to commit rape and criminal deviate conduct on August 30. Elam's sentence — origi-

nally delayed until after a conclusion was reached in the other three trials — will not include jail time, but will require two years of probation and 200 hours of community service, as mandated by St. Joseph County Superior Judge Roland Chamblee in October.

Special prosecutor Maureen Devlin dropped pending lawsuits against Crawford and Smith after another jury acquitted Dykes of rape, conspiracy to commit rape and sexual battery on September 15.

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

Ten-Year plan

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

"Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise" emphasizes academic development through the reaffirmation of outstanding undergraduate teaching, as well as a renewed commitment to graduate education and research. Increasing the balance between the University's undergraduate colleges and enriching and expanding the quality of academic programming are identified as key goals for the next decade — as is elevating at least 25 percent of doctoral programs to the national top quartile.

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

Though four new residence hall

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

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

ND administrator chosen as next SMC President

After a nine-month search following the retirement of Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred, the College's Board of Trustees found its next leader across the street.

Notre Dame vice president and associate provost Carol Mooney was officially selected as the 11th president of the College on Dec. 26, after a Saint Mary's search committee worked in tandem with executive search firm Korn/Ferry International to invite four candidates to campus in November. During their visits, Mooney and the other candidates — Gail Baker, vice president of public relations at the University of Florida; Josefina Baltodano, executive vice president for strategic planning at Alliant International University; and Susan Keys, an administrator at Johns Hopkins University — met with faculty, staff and students to solicit feedback for the committee.

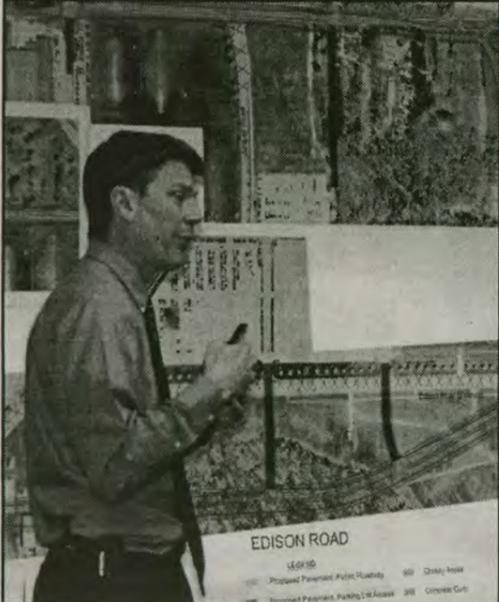
Mooney, a 1972 graduate of Saint Mary's, received high praise from administrators at Notre Dame when they learned of her departure after seven years in the provost's office. She will take office June 1.

Juniper Road

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

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

The proposal would redirect



<p>September 1 Abram Elam is convicted of sexual battery and acquitted of conspiracy to commit rape and criminal deviate conduct.</p> 	<p>September 15 Donald Dykes is acquitted of rape, conspiracy to commit rape and sexual battery.</p> 	<p>October 29 The late Joan Kroc leaves \$50 million to the Kroc institute for peace studies.</p>	<p>January 16 Notre Dame unveils its proposal to close Juniper Road.</p> 	<p>February 27 The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops discloses two reports detailing nearly 11,000 child sexual abuse allegations made against priests since 1950. Bishop D'arcy of the Ft. Wayne-South Bend diocese is complimented for his cooperation throughout the scandal.</p>
<p>September 13 The Notre Dame football team loses to Michigan 38-0 — the team's worst loss in 38 years.</p> 	<p>October "Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise," the University's new 10-year strategic plan is presented to the Board of Trustees.</p>	<p>December 26 Carol Mooney is named the 11th president of Saint Mary's College.</p> 	<p>March 17 A Notre Dame senior falls from a second floor balcony at College Park, prompting police to make six arrests.</p> 	

New 10-year plan released. Saint Mary's elects new president. Malloy steps down as Notre Dame president.

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

The St. Joseph County Council heard a presentation from Notre Dame on May 11 and could vote to finalize the plan as early as their June 8 meeting. And unlike previous discussions about closing Juniper, the University intends to finance all improvements.

Student Govt. restructuring

The work of the student union this year was primarily occupied with its own restructuring.

In recent years, student government's performance had suffered due to poor communication and an inefficient organizational structure. During student body president Pat Hallahan's report to the Board of Trustees in October, several board members asked that student leaders eliminate inefficiencies in the student union before bringing significant requests to the trustees.

In proposals that began to emerge early in the first semester, student leaders agreed to rework the two major bodies of the student union, policy and programming. Executive Cabinet became the Council of Representatives, reflecting its composition of the top members of all student government bodies. Over the course of the spring semester, the council worked to produce a completely overhauled student body constitution that details the responsibilities of those bodies.

The result was a constitution, approved March 31, that provides for more representation of the student body, as well as improved communication across student government.

The Campus Programming Council will now function with representatives from each residence hall to avoid scheduling conflicts, a problem often experienced by its Student Union Board predecessor.

Student leaders also cut thousands of dollars in spending from the policy side, aiming to create a leaner student union that can more effectively communicate students' concerns to the University's administrators and trustees.

Gay? Fine By Me.

Despite Notre Dame students' reputation for apathy, another reputation — that they live on the most homophobic campus in the United States, according to The Princeton Review — proved alarming enough for the largest show

of dissent toward a University stance in recent memory.

On March 18, approximately 1,700 blaze orange T-shirts with the message "Gay? Fine by Me" were distributed to students and scattered faculty members. Not only did the shirts represent full support and acceptance of homosexual members of the campus community, the show of solidarity also aimed to point out the discrepancy between the students' opinions and the administration's policies.

Two policies in particular were questioned — the University's March 4 refusal to recognize the proposed gay/straight alliance United in Diversity and its sustained rejection of sexual orientation as a category in its official non-discrimination clause.

Though neither policy was changed as a result of the students' efforts — which also included inviting Boston College's director of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues to speak on campus and holding a second day to wear the shirts on April 21 — their initiative created a University-wide dialogue about homosexuality, Catholicism and Notre Dame's role to mediate between them.

Taco Bell

Alleged discrimination against homosexuals was not the only University stance that sparked passionate student opposition in 2004. The athletic department's contract with local Taco Bell restaurants also came under fire, albeit from far fewer public demonstrators.

Members of the Progressive Student Alliance began to publicize their dislike of the \$50,000 sponsorship agreement during the National Student Week of Action in early April, delivering letters to University President Father Edward Malloy's office. Demanding that the administration issue a statement against renewing the contract because of alleged unfair wages and labor standards held by the corporation's tomato providers, the letters promised that students would continue to fast until Notre Dame spoke publicly.

After approximately 30 students approached Malloy's office in person April 14, Vice President and General Counsel Carol Kaesebier — who had been in contact with both the PSA and Taco Bell's parent company, Yum! Brands Inc., since the fall — placed several follow-up calls to Taco Bell.

When the University did not receive specific and timely answers, Notre Dame issued a public statement April 27 that postponed renewing the contract and expanding it to \$75,000 by next fall until Taco Bell delivers a satisfactory response.

Monk to move on, Jenkins elected successor

When Father Theodore Hesburgh decided his term as University President was nearing its close, the search for his replacement unfolded before a public audience. Input came from administrators, faculty and even a student committee as the Board of Trustees narrowed the field to five candidates before its much-anticipated decision in November 1986. Even before he was officially named Hesburgh's successor, Malloy was already in the public eye — having been announced as the next president in a controversial Chicago Tribune article twelve days earlier.

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

The 50-year old Jenkins, a current vice president and associate provost and former religious superior of priests and brothers at Notre Dame, will have 14 months to absorb Malloy's experience as he prepares to become the University's 17th president.

Executive VP saga resolved

The year-long vacancy in the position of executive vice president was finally resolved April 30 when the Board of Trustees elected John Affleck-Graves, whose appointment was immediate.

The hole in the University's third-highest leadership slot had existed since Father Timothy Scully resigned in May 2003. Scully, whose resignation preempted a scheduled Board report clearing him of wrongdoing dating back to a confrontation with a WNDU reporter and cameraman in January of that year, remained a political science professor but left his duties to Malloy.

In a decision delayed to coincide with the appointment of Jenkins — who, following the traditionally close ties between president and executive vice president, offered his formal and informal endorsement for Affleck-Graves — the 53-year old South Africa native became the first layman in University history to hold the position.

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 <p>March 18 "Gay? Fine by Me." activities held on campus.</p>	<p>March 31 New student union constitution approved.</p>	 <p>April 14 Members of the Progressive Student Alliance approach the Office of the President asking the University not to renew its contract with Taco Bell.</p>	<p>April 21 Students and faculty again don their "Gay? Fine by Me." T-shirts.</p>	<p>April 27 The University announces in a public statement that negotiations have been postponed with Taco Bell.</p>	<p>April 30 The Board of Trustees elects John Affleck-Graves to assume the post of executive vice president after a year-long vacancy in the position.</p> 
<p>March 20 The one-year anniversary of the Iraq War elicits mixed sentiments.</p> 	<p>April 1 Paul Hornung apologizes for his racially controversial March 31st comments about admissions requirements for football players.</p>	<p>April 16 The Library Irish Pub is raided. Twenty-one underage patrons are cited.</p> 	<p>April 23 Notre Dame Security/Police eliminates security monitors in female dorms after the current academic year.</p>	<p>April 30 Father Edward Malloy announces that he will step down as the President of the University. Father John Jenkins is chosen by the Board of Trustees to succeed Malloy on July 1, 2005.</p> 	

Seniors praise Mooney selection

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

As the Saint Mary's campus continues to grow and change with the addition of buildings, organizations and now, a new president, many graduating seniors feel the changes to the College are positive, and the future is looking bright.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fellow classmate Nicole Garcia agrees with Huba and Caprio.

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

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ND seniors: Monk will be missed

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

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

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

"I think it's the right time for the change," said senior Stephen Morrow. "[Malloy] has been here 17 years ... I

think that his tenure has been amazing. I don't think people realize what a great job he's done, and I think Father Jenkins is ready for the challenge."

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

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

Senior Katie Hunter agreed.

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

from the average student."

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

"I think [students are] bound to have a different experience ... because I think the way the school is

portrayed will change," said senior Tai Romero. "I'm not sure what the changes will be, but I'm sure that something will have to change."

Seniors said they would like

to see the University continue to strengthen its focus on students under a new president.

"I would like to see the administration pay a little more attention to what students want," Hunter said. "When students would like a significant change, like changing pari- etals or getting more money for the Wednesday lunch fast, or any variety of things that affect students' life, I would like

to see more attention paid. I think it's going to be hard, but I think it can happen."

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Transition at Saint Mary's

Eldred retires with legacy of improvement

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

"The phrase I've been telling people is that it's bitter-sweet," Eldred said. "I'm ready to retire. I'm ready to live a more normal life. But, at the same time, it's very hard to leave Saint Mary's."

Eldred came to the College in 1997, after 18 years at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn. where she served in a variety of administrative roles. Eldred became the 10th president of Saint Mary's and was the first laywoman to hold the position. Since becoming president, Eldred has worked to maintain Saint Mary's position as the nation's premier Catholic women's college.

In 1998, Eldred was greeted with both criticism and congratulations for two separate events. During Feb. 1998, Eldred denied club status to The Alliance, a group for lesbian, bisexual and questioning women. Numerous students staged protests and sit ins in Eldred's office for the decision. But in March 1998, Eldred released plans for groundbreak-

ing on a new dining hall, bookstore and coffee house.

In 2000 and 2001 Eldred instituted many positive changes for the College. She was instrumental in creating the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, which was made through a \$12 million grant from the Lilly Endowment. Eldred also

helped develop the College's Master Plan, which calls for many changes to the campus to fit the students' ever changing needs. Groundbreaking for Dalloway's Coffee House and the Welcome Center took place in spring 2000.

During January 2001, Eldred announced the College's production of the Vagina Monologues would be cancelled.

In February 2001, students performed the Vagina Monologues despite the cancellation, with over 150 in attendance.

Last summer, groundbreaking took place for the on-campus student apartments phase one, which will be lived in by seniors next fall. Future plans call for the construction of the second phase of the on-campus apartments and the building of a

new academic building.

Through Eldred's leadership, she has revitalized the relationship between the College and the South Bend community, as well as strengthened ties the College has with Notre Dame and Holy Cross.

Eldred announced her retirement in March 2003, but was asked to stay on until a successor was named. On Dec. 26, Carol Mooney, a vice president and associate provost at Notre Dame, was chosen. She will begin as the College president on June 1.

Though Eldred has enjoyed her time at Saint Mary's, she is ready for a change, she said.

"My husband Don and I are going to move back to St. Paul, where I am going to take some time off," Eldred said. "And then, I hope to get involved with some volunteer work."

Although it is hard to leave, Eldred said she is excited about Mooney coming in.

"If I were to give her [Mooney] some advice, it would be to listen when you first come in to what everyone has to say," Eldred said. "But don't respond to all that advice. Also, take the time to set your priorities and to learn the culture of the College. It truly is a wonderful place to be."

Junior Teresa Healy has mixed

"This is truly an amazing and wonderful place. I hope that I've made it a better place."

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Saint Mary's College

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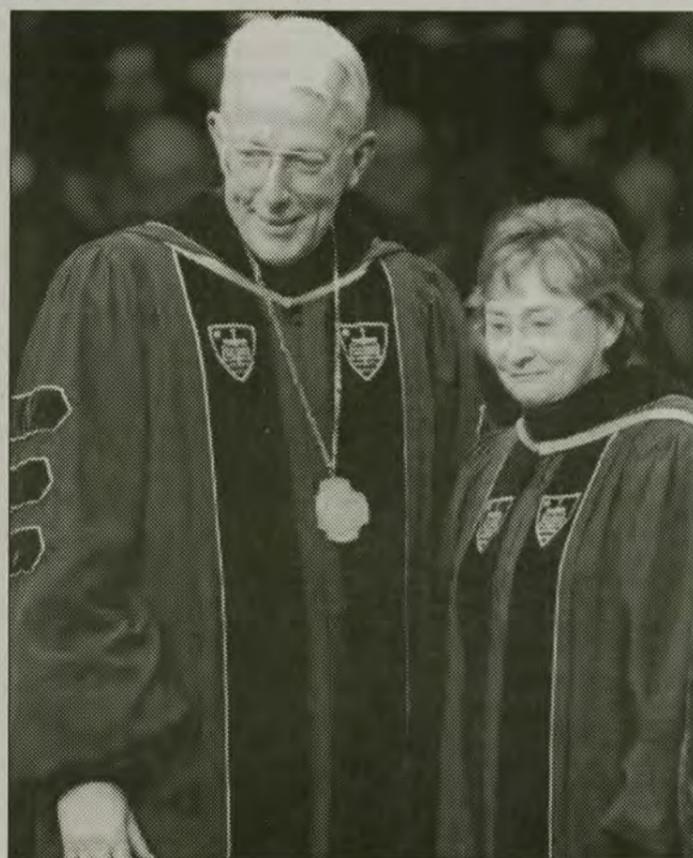


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Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred smiles with University President Father Edward Malloy after Eldred received an honorary degree from Notre Dame in 2001.

emotions on the presidential changes.

"It's tough, because for the past three years, I've watched Eldred do wonderful things for the College, and now during my senior year, there will be someone else filling that place," Healy said. "But at the same time, I've seen and heard wonderful things about Carol Mooney, and I think she is the perfect person to keep things moving in the right direc-

tion."

On May 15, Eldred will take her wide range of accomplishments and the memories she has made and leave the campus in someone else's hands.

"This is truly an amazing and wonderful place," Eldred said. "I hope that I've made it a better place."

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At left, Eldred poses with 2003 graduates. At right, she speaks with 2003-04 student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl.

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Mooney looks forward to College leadership

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

On June 1 Carol Mooney will return down the Saint Mary's avenue to her alma mater to become the 11th president of the College.

She replaces Marilou Eldred, who has held the position for the past seven years. "My leaving Notre Dame will be



Mooney

bittersweet," Mooney said. "I've gotten a lot of great opportunities through the University, and I've made many good friends. But at the same time, I'm very excited for the endeavors I am about to take on. I'm looking forward to it."

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

Mooney joined the faculty of the Notre Dame law school in 1980, became associate law professor in

1984 and full law professor in 1991. She also served as an assistant dean from 1988 to 1991 and associate dean from 1992 to 1993.

A 1972 graduate of Saint Mary's, Mooney is looking forward to returning to her alma mater. Mooney said she believes her Saint Mary's background will help make for a smooth transition.

"[Having attended Saint Mary's] I think will certainly help in my transition," Mooney said. "The experiences I had at Saint Mary's engendered my love for the institution, but it's important to remember, [that] like everything else, Saint Mary's has changed.

It's been 32 years since I graduated, and it's important for me to remember that things are different now."

While Mooney plans to carry forward with the Saint Mary's Master Plan and the Strategic Plan Eldred started, her plans for the campus are much broader.

"My goal is to focus on the academic excellence of the institution," Mooney said.

But for now, Mooney is making the most of her last month at Notre Dame, before answering to a different call.

"I'm looking forward to meeting everyone next fall, and getting to know all the students," Mooney

said. The community at Saint Mary's is looking forward to meeting her too.

Junior Meredith Gramann said she is eager to see what this change in leadership will mean for the college.

"I think Marilou Eldred has done a fantastic job," Gramann said. "But it will be interesting to see what a new president means for the future of the College. Since Mooney went here, I'm anxious to see what she can add to the College using her experiences."

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South Bend hotels prepare for graduation crunch

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Senior Staff Writer

As graduation weekend arrives at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, one coined phrase rings true in the mindset of local hotels surrounding the two campuses: "Location, location, location."

In college towns like South Bend, the hotel industry stands out from others as it capitalizes on the importance of location by marketing the convenience of proximity to campus events.

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

Located on the outskirts of Saint Mary's campus and adjacent to Notre Dame, the Inn typically books rooms for graduation more quickly than other hotels in the area, and the Inn sees the weekend as a crucial opportunity.

"If graduation weekend is the first time they've stayed with us, the majority of our guests have a great experience and want other reservations for the future," she said.

The Inn gives first priority to parents of either Notre Dame or Saint Mary's seniors who have stayed at the hotel for three years prior. Those who meet this requirement then receive an application for graduation accommodations, which, if submitted by its required deadline, almost always guarantees a room, Vohs said. The remaining rooms are then available to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"With [graduation] being such a high demand, it is [the] one time we don't compete with any other hotels," she said.

Instead, if rooms at the Inn are unavailable, representatives assist the business of other hotels by referring guests.

Another hotel that strives to meet the needs of graduation guests is the Morris Inn, located on Notre Dame Avenue and neighboring the Hammes Bookstore, Eck Center and University Club. Unlike the Inn at Saint Mary's, the Morris Inn offers Sorin's, a full service restaurant, and Leahy's Lounge.

"It's a competitive advantage to have both located in the same building," said hotel director William Beirne. "People like the fact that it's a full service hotel."

However, what Beirne said guests are drawn to most at graduation is the convenience of the Morris Inn's campus positioning.

"It's a tremendous advantage," he said. "Location is very important especially on weekends such as graduation [for people] to be on campus and part of what is going on."

Although the hotel's location and consistent past help to ensure a sales boost on graduation weekend, Beirne notes one disadvantage.

Of the 92 rooms available, 50 are pre-sold to the University for specified visitors including those with honorary degrees and others recognized at commencement. The remaining 42 rooms are then sold to parents of graduates, many of whom belong to the Parents Club and are eligible for room, food and beverage discounts.

The University, however, often holds a block of unoccupied rooms until days before graduation, only then offering them for resale.

This obligatory relationship

decreases the likelihood that the hotel will meet its maximum sales profit since many guests will have sought accommodations elsewhere at so late a stage. Beirne himself describes the process as "risky."

For those willing to chance their luck, the Morris Inn offers a wait list for guests and fails to restrict a minimum night stay.

"We have a lot of opportunities in there to make up the difference, so it is difficult for us to say exactly what our pattern will be," Beirne said.

Looked at in comparison, the Marriott hotel downtown would seem to pose little threat to the business of hotels such as the Inn at Saint Mary's or the Morris Inn. Located four miles from campus and with graduation rates reaching \$299 per night, its competition to others could easily be seen as minimal.

Minimal it is not.

"The Marriott name is a draw in of itself," said Gina Schumacher, director of hotel sales. "Brand recognition is significant for us, but most [of our business] is because this hotel has been here for so long."

The hotel offers incentives such as the Marriott Rewards program where guests can collect and redeem points when staying at Marriott or any of its affiliates.

"Although we are lucky to get brand loyalty, we do not take it for granted," she said.

The Holiday Inn City Center, located two blocks from the Marriott, is a competitor of the hotel because it too offers a rewards program. However, Schumacher considers the main competition to exist with the Inn at Saint Mary's and Residence Inn, a Marriott affiliate.

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

Having previously coordinated with special events held on both campuses, Schumacher said it is repetitive and "business as usual" each year. While the hotel staff is accustomed to prepare for special events based on past experience, preparations are



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The Inn at Saint Mary's is just one of the many area hotels that is preparing for guests during commencement weekend.

vastly different from those made on an everyday basis.

The hotel focuses on aspects such as arrival patterns, staffing and group prepackaging. Judging from past weekends, Schumacher said the largest influx of guests arrives between 3 and 7 p.m. on Friday. Consequently, more housekeeping staff members work Friday

morning to prepare rooms in a timely and efficient manner.

"There are different things that are unique to each group that comes into the hotel," Schumacher said. "We find out what the needs of specific groups are and act accordingly."

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ROTC commissioning to take place Saturday

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior News Writer

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

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

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

At the ceremony, Maj. Gen. Henry "Trey" Obering III, deputy director of the Missile Defense Agency, will address the cadets and their families. Obering, a decorated two-star general, is a 1973 Notre Dame ROTC alumnus and former F-4 Phantom fighter pilot.

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

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

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

"They [will] go to the officer basic course for 16-24 weeks of basic officer training in their specialty," Jordan said. "Some will go to specialty schools for further training." These specialty schools, which last 3-9 weeks, include coveted infantry assignments like airborne, Ranger and jumpmaster schools, as well as support tasks like hazardous cargo handling and maintenance officer duties.

Following training, the cadets will be sent to divisional units across the country, where they will prepare for deployment overseas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"For some of these folks, it's pretty immediate that they'll be facing front-line jobs," he said. "The Navy pretty much has a philosophy that if something happens anywhere in the world, we're ready to go at a very short notice."

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

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

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

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

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

"We have people going to Guam, a couple going to Italy, a couple going to Alaska," he said. "The rest are sprinkled across the [continental] U.S."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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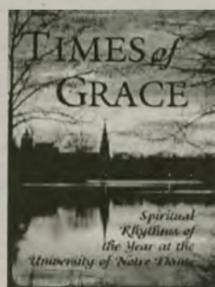
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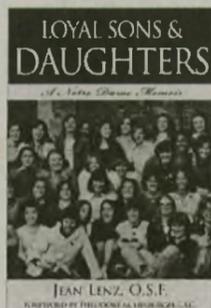
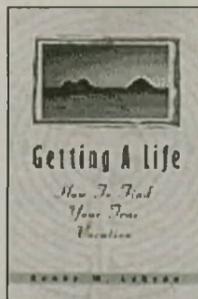
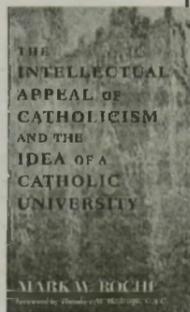
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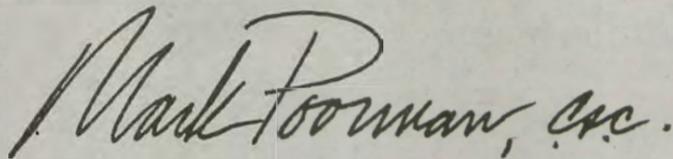
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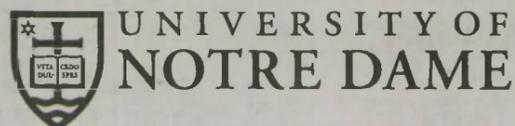
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(Rev.) Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C.
Vice President for Student Affairs



Social ministry calls ND seniors

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

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

Molly Walsh has chosen to give her time over the next two years to service. As a participant in the Loyola Choice program, Walsh will begin teaching this fall in a suburban-Chicago Catholic elementary school.

Walsh will also earn her master's degree after the two years through classes she will take during the summer.

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

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

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

"After all these years of learning about all the problems in our world, I really just wanted a chance to get out of the classroom for a while and actually do something," she said.

Bonk will be spending a year in Syracuse, N.Y., working with the FrancisCorps, a Franciscan lay volunteer program. She will

defer medical school at Loyola University in Chicago for a year because of this program.

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

In addition to giving back to the community, Bonk recognized she will get something out of the program as well.

"I think it will be a great way for me to strengthen my personal values, motivations and faith life before entering medical school," she said.

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

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

Shappell also recognized that some seniors who have chosen to do service may not have given their names to the CSC.

"[That number] will probably continue to go up," she said. "There could be others who didn't sign up [with us]."

Some seniors who choose service after graduation take that giving spirit even further — out of the United States and to other places around the world.

Dan Runde will live and work

in San Juan, Puerto Rico over the next year.

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

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

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

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

"I'm hoping to attend medical school with an aim to eventually work for an organization like Doctors Without Borders," he said.

Runde said he looks forward to gaining knowledge of other people and seeing the world from the experiences.

"At the very least, I hope that I'll be able to say that I got to know the people in my community in more than a superficial way," he said, "and hopefully that I gained at least some perspective on what life looks like from their point of view."

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"Now is the perfect time to give back."

Molly Walsh
senior

Saint Mary's graduates look forward to service

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

As graduation approaches, and the Saint Mary's class of 2004 prepares to make its way in the world, some are choosing a very different path than others. While most seniors will enter the job force, or continue on to graduate school, a few will answer the call to help others through service.

Saint Mary's senior Mary Wotrobka will work through a two year program with Valparaiso University that is similar to the ACE program. Wotrobka will receive her masters in education after the two-year program.

"The program I'm going through focuses on the three pillars of education: community, faith life and teaching as service," Wotrobka said. "I get to student teach in Catholic schools, which are in desperate need of good and qualified teachers."

Saint Mary's senior Shannon Maloney will spend a year in Phoenix, Ariz. with the Holy Cross Associates using her Social Work major in case studies.

"I chose to volunteer for many reasons, to decide the direction I would like to take my life, to deepen my faith and to gain more experience serving different populations that I will work with as I continue on in the social work field," Maloney said.

Wotrobka said she chose her program because it is less stringently service-oriented than other programs, and because she will get to teach at her old school.

"This is the program I am sup-

posed to be in, so now I can help those who have helped me," she said.

Maloney, who is scheduled to attend Washington University in fall 2005, wanted to make sure social work was what she wanted before answering her calling.

"I felt that I wanted to work in another area of social work from what I did this year. I want to have a change of pace and see what else may pique my interest."

But service is not a calling that comes overnight, Maloney said.

"I have contemplated volunteering for as long as I can remember," Maloney said. "This volunteer opportunity allows me to learn more about spirituality, which I believe is the very core of each of us: it is the foundation that affects our thoughts, emotions, actions, and behaviors."

The Center for Social Concerns was helpful in finding the program that was right for her, Wotrobka said. "They really want to help you find the right fit for your placement."

Even though graduation has not yet come, Wotrobka cannot hide her excitement for the new experience she is about to embark on.

"I think teaching is a valuable thing to do because it's really about all the students. I'm really excited for this," Wotrobka said. "I know it's where I need to be. I feel like I've been taking a lot over the past four years, and now it's time to give back."

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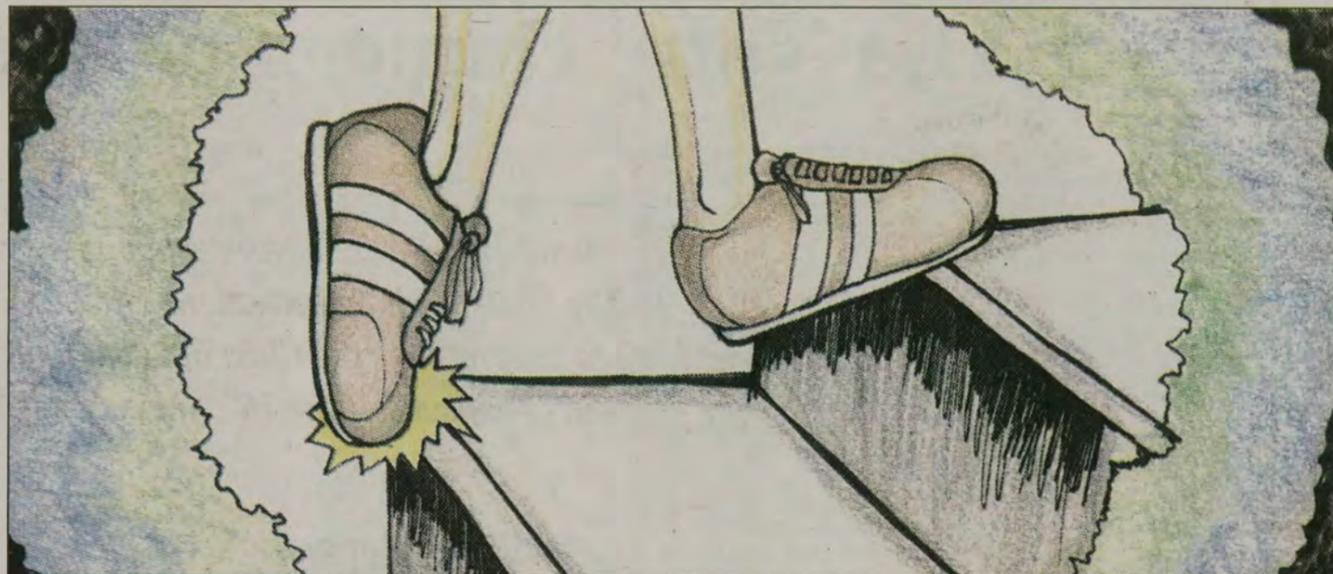
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Going out with a bang

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

I have my own method of remembering, one that is as humiliating as it is effective. I can chronicle my time at Notre Dame through the times that I've fallen — literally, not metaphorically.

Freshman year, I fell down the steps in DeBartolo.

Considering the off-and-on nature of DeBartolo traffic, it is possible that such a fall, if taken during an opportune moment, could go unnoticed and therefore remain relatively obscure. I, however, did not time my fall accordingly, instead tumbling headfirst down the steps at rush hour. I flailed out amidst the crush of students in an attempt to regain balance by grabbing a complete stranger; too uncoordinated to do so, however, I simply ricocheted from student to student until, by some miracle of God, I regained my footing near the bottom of the steps. Shaking my head and muttering to myself, I fled the building, still in disbelief that the idiot girl careening down the DeBartolo steps had, in fact, been me.

The most notable sophomore year fall occurred while I was visiting my roommate in Georgia. She and her mother took me into Atlanta to visit the CNN headquarters, and we ate lunch at a bar/grill within the building. The host seated us in a raised booth, but I forgot that fact when we finished eating; charging off at my usual break-neck speed, I stepped off the platform into mid-air and soon lay face-down on the floor, sprawled out like a chalk figure. The restaurant patrons who hadn't seen my graceful leap soon ended up watching me, anyway, because my roommate

and her mother were doubled over next to me, hysterical.

I fell too many times to count in Spain junior year, but by far the most memorable tumble occurred during my first week in the country. Headed to a bar near my host family's apartment, I pointed up to show my friends where I lived and promptly tripped off the curb. I soon burst into my apartment, bleeding and rambling, and, unable to remember the words for "bandage," "curb," or anything relevant, I think I sputtered out "street" and "blood" before limping into the bathroom, cackling. My Spanish mom looked after me, alarmed and confused, and that look never really left her face until I flew home.

And now we come to senior year, the most mortifying and difficult to live down of the Notre Dame years. I fell outside the stadium in an incident that the Observer sports writers like to reenact. I had been assigned to write about a senior walk-on for a feature issue, and, despite teasing from the sports guys who doubted my ability to interview athletes, I proved them wrong. I successfully completed an in-depth and interesting interview and rejoined the other writers at the door. On the way out of the stadium, however, I spotted the walk-on and shouted something to him, jokingly, about whether or not I was a good reporter. As the words left my mouth, though, I failed to notice a raised portion of the exit gate, and I tripped over it, lost my balance, and executed a spectacular slow-motion fall, complete with flailing arms, flying notebooks, and incredulous onlookers. I ended up on my knees, arms outstretched in front of me with palms flat on the ground in a prayerful position, as if paying homage to the athlete in front of me. Too mortified to raise my head, I remained frozen in the ridiculous pose, listening to the sports writers shriek with laughter as the walk-on said that, regardless of my interviewing skills, I was not quite good at walking.

But the senior year plunges didn't even end there. I contrived another, final, more innovative fall to top off the others and end college properly. While dragging my roommate around the lake

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

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

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QUOTES OF THE DAY

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

Blessed Mother Teresa
foundress of the Missionaries of Charity

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

B.F. Skinner
psychologist

The Notre Dame experience

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

But the Notre Dame experience was also defined by prayers at the grotto and in dorm Masses, by thrilling victories over Connecticut by both basketball teams and by welcoming the national champion womens basketball team back to campus at 3 a.m. at Main Circle. There was the Return to Glory, studying abroad across the globe, crazy road trips and, of course, Long Island Iced Teas at the Backer.

These memories and more all color our individual Notre Dame experience.

But more powerful than any one event here, the Notre Dame experience is defined by the overwhelming community here. It is a community that made

so many of us feel at home at Notre Dame. It is made up of friends that could always make us laugh or give us support in the bad times. It means always having a drinking buddy. It means that even in the midst of finals week, no one is too busy to help a friend or fellow student. It means some of the best friendships I have ever had in my life.

When I broke my ankle my sophomore year, friends were piling into my room in St. Joseph Hospital before the anesthesia from my surgery had even worn off. They scared the nurses by yelling at me to wake up and irritated the nurses by co-opting their whiteboard to write messages. But during those next few months, whether a friend was helping me navigate through the snow on crutches or offering other assistance, I learned a great deal about

the strength of friendships at Notre Dame.

So many of these friendships stem from our dorms. And it's funny to think that almost every one of us was placed in a dorm by the whim of a computer in the Office of Residence Life (or so we're made to believe). As a computer science major myself, I'll consider my life a success if I can design a computer system that makes decisions that results in lifelong friendships-four years later.

We're all sad to leave Notre Dame because of these lifelong friendships that really define the Notre Dame experience. I won't miss 8 a.m. finals in DeBartolo or the stress of having a 10-page paper or a programming assignment due the next day. But I will miss my friends and the energy of this campus. While I know we will all keep in contact, nothing

is the same as being able to go to somebody's room and talk to them or catch up with someone in passing in the quad or running into a friend at a bar.

Thinking about this transition has given me a glimpse of understanding into the alumni who have such intensity when coming back to Notre Dame or talking about it. They are just reliving their Notre Dame experience in a very short time and probably aren't as nuts as we all thought when we first encountered them freshman year. They better not be, as we're all about to become them in two days.

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

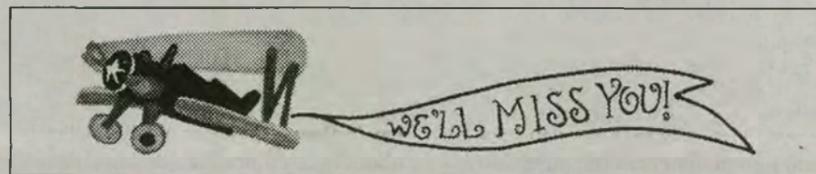
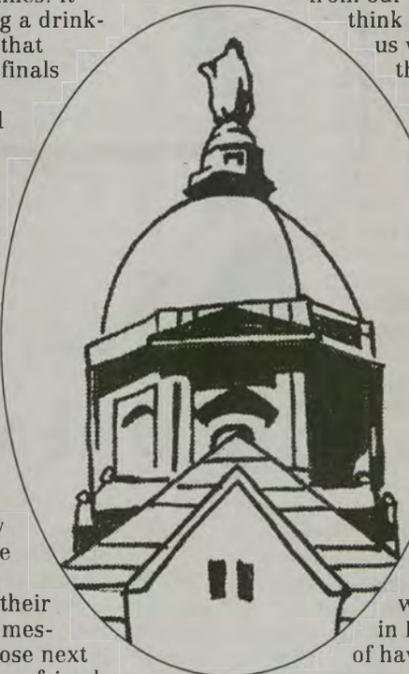
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Scott Brodfuehrer

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Moving on

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

I'm not, after all, one of those fourth generation Domers who sensed he was destined to come here when he watched his first football game at age two. I grew up in a family of Florida Gators, and extended family members graduated from — brace yourselves — Florida State and the University of Miami. As a Florida native, I'm also not a fan of cold weather — much less the blizzard that pounded South Bend my freshman year or the ice storm that blasted us the following winter.

Spending these last few days with friends and just walking around campus, however, has made me realize the extent that Notre Dame has shaped my life and how much I'm going to miss this place.

I'll miss living in Stanford Hall with a short walk to the stadium on football Saturdays and the Basilica on Sundays, and only a few steps from friends anytime I needed them.

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

In a way, I'll miss late nights at the library studying for organic chemistry, then the MCATs, then physics — well, you get the idea — and even later nights at The Observer office. I'll miss occasionally getting done early (midnight) and hearing the Basilica bells toll the alma mater during my walk back to the dorm. Hell, I'll even miss the dining hall, especially when I have to cook my own meals next year.

These past four years raced by so quickly that it's amazing we've learned anything at all. Time spent in the classroom, volunteering and going out — first to dorm parties and later Corby's and Heartland — flew by. Yet somehow, in spite of — or perhaps because of — all this we've grown in our knowledge, deepened our faith and become more confident in our abilities.

This fall, I'll start medical school at the University of Florida, while friends will enter the workforce, pursue advanced degrees, join the armed forces or spend a year or two volunteering. I'd be lying if I said we all aren't a little intimidated or that there won't be challenges and obstacles ahead, just as there have been here. But it's also true that Notre Dame and our families have prepared us pretty well. And while I'll always miss this University, I'm also ready to move on and meet the challenges — and opportunities — that lie ahead.

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Andrew Thagard

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Opportunity knocked

I remember thinking that it would be the be-all, end-all.

I remember sitting on our living room couch, tears streaming down my face and falling softly onto the letter in my hands as though it would cushion the blow.

I remember the anger, confusion and shock that I felt being denied from the one school I had worked so hard for—Notre Dame.

Now, here I am four years later graduating from Saint Mary's. It's somewhat ironic that I ended up so close to Notre Dame with three opportunities to transfer had I chosen to do so, but I didn't.

I came to Saint Mary's with every intention of being enrolled at Notre Dame by sophomore year. Although the College was my second choice out of several other schools, I couldn't help but echo my friends' concerns.

"You're going where?" they asked. "You're the least likely person to end up at a place like that." A private school was one thing, but all women was another. I casually reassured them that it would only be temporary and prepared to pack my bags for South Bend, Ind.

Nothing could have prepared me for the experiences I was about to gain.

Within the first few days on campus I met an amazing group of girls, many of whom I remain close friends with today. Whether coordinating the closest possible housing arrangements or choosing the best bar on a Saturday night, we have been — for the most part — inseparable.

My group of friends was one factor that prompted me to stay at Saint Mary's. Small class sizes coupled with insightful and challenging instructors were aspects I had not been provided in high school. It didn't help that my peers and I strove for similar goals, therefore providing a sense of competition on the intellectual front.

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

Suppressing my excessive apprehension, I auditioned for and was accepted into the Saint Mary's Women's Choir sophomore year. As part of the choir, I have been on two tours visiting cities from Vancouver to Washington, D.C. in addition to performing at Carnegie Hall and recording two CDs — opportunities that I never dreamed possible at a small college.

Two more unexpected breaks came junior year. Recognizing my interest in journalism after taking a course taught by now Chicago Tribune reporter David Haugh, I began writing for The Observer. My experience paved the way for a South Bend Tribune internship, a summer internship at my hometown paper and the Saint Mary's Editor position at The Observer.

I often think back as to whether or not I regret passing on the chance to attend Notre Dame. I then remember the memories and reasons why I'm in the place

I am today and realize I wouldn't want the past four years to have worked out any differently. On Saturday as I receive my diploma, I will be — more than ever — proud to have chosen Saint Mary's.

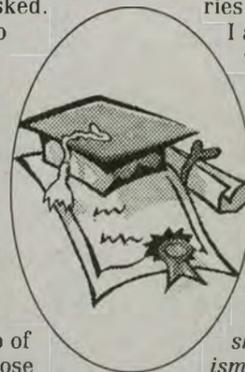
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Anneliese Woolford

Saint Mary's Editor Emeritus



Not your average university

In many ways, Notre Dame is like countless other top American universities.

The academic life can be similar.

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

Notre Dame dorm life has a lot in common with other schools.

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

Even the protests have all been done before.

Students complain about the adminis-

tration's policies and tear up copies of duLac. Social justice advocates protest the wages and living conditions of migrant farm workers. Gay-rights supporters dress up like Knott Hall freshmen to say "fine by me." And the Progressive Student Alliance demonstrates against everything but Birkenstocks.

And yet, Notre Dame has so much that makes it unique. For several years, the admissions office has used the slogan "Nowhere else but Notre Dame." That has always struck me as appropriate.

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

Or the food. This is a school so bursting with pride that it molds the monogram "ND" into its waffles. But if you get tired of dining hall food, just call up the nearest Papa John's store. But they'll put you on hold, because Notre Dame students have made it into the single highest-grossing pizza shop in the history of civi-

lization.

And though we're often slammed for our lack of diversity, think of the background the University has. The fabric of Notre Dame is woven of threads from all over the place. Latin-speaking French priests came to Indiana to establish a school among the Potawatomi Indians. A black North Carolina native now leads a team called the Fighting Irish, a team catapulted into the national spotlight by a Norwegian immigrant. The campus is dotted with the sculpture of Croatian genius Ivan Mestrovic, in between buildings bearing names like Mendoza, O'Shaughnessy and Pasquerilla.

But the thing that really makes Notre Dame a special place is the character that permeates it.

Students here bring more to campus than a little refrigerator and an astronomical SAT score. They bring a desire to serve others. They bring the ability — and the willingness — to improve their own little slice of the world around them. And they do it with faith.

Although most students are hard-working achievers who don't really need the help, they still light innumerable candles

at the Grotto every day. There are 175 Masses a week on campus, and people go. A subtle but strong faith in something higher than themselves is evident when students say a quick prayer, asking for Mary's help with this or that.

During his eulogy for Father Joyce, Father Hesburgh said that when Notre Dame was in trouble, he would look at the statue of Mary and say a short prayer:

"Lady, it's your school, and I'm sure you're going to take care of this little problem."

"And you know," Hesburgh said. "She always did."

Matt Bramanti will be driving back to the great state of Texas the day after graduation, where he will begin work as a commercial real estate appraiser. He'd like to thank everyone who helped him study, write, work and play, especially his parents Frank ('78) and Theresa (SMC '79). He'll be back on campus for the BC game, with plaid pants and a big ol' Guinness.

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Matt Bramanti

Senior Staff
 Writer

EXCERPTS FROM PAST ISSUES

Four years in review: Students react to campus issues

Campus responds to Sept. 11

"Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed."

This line at the Mass in the wake of the terrorist attacks reminded me of a scene from a previous Mass in my hometown.

A mother and a little girl sat a pew ahead of my mother and me. After the congregation dutifully chanted the same line, the little girl, naive and innocent, turned to her mother and asked, "Mommy, what's the word? What's the word, Mommy?" Perhaps the answer to the child's question is also the answer to the chaos and pandemonium plaguing our nation today.

As has been illustrated, faith alone is not enough to perpetuate the elusive utopia of peace. The faith that the terrorists, these thieves of life, embrace is what moved them to the actions that

they took.

Instead, the word we are looking for is respect. Cambridge defines respect as politeness and honor shown towards someone or something that is considered important. I cannot fathom what could be more important than human life and the immortal human soul.

From this whole ordeal, let us learn to live respect, breathe respect and breed respect. Let us learn to fight violence with love. Let us learn to transfer our being the victims into being the victors.

May God bless and protect our country, and may He, as an example for us, absolve the sins of those who have abhorred us.

Tai Romero
 sophomore
 Walsh Hall
 Sept. 11, 2001

Vagina Monologues express freedom

As most students already know, Saint Mary's College has canceled a play called "The Vagina Monologues." This is somewhat ironic, considering that Notre Dame and Saint Mary's administrators seem to speak only in monologues.

Did Saint Mary's administrators gather student opinions before canceling this play? Did they have an open forum before making a final decision? It seems they simply issued a decree and considered that the end of any conversation.

This should not surprise students of either college.

In the same issue of The Observer philosophy professor Ed Manier was quoted, "How can any of us (CLC) hope to accomplish real change in an environment where student life administrators dictate what we can and cannot do?"

There is simply a pattern of denying discussion on certain issues either school deems inappropriate.

If Saint Mary's is paying for sets, costumes or stage help then they do have the right to cancel this play since it is the College's money.

If not then they are simply denying the students of Saint Mary's intellectual freedom, which is a far greater disgrace than a sexually oriented play.

If people feel strongly against the play's message, then they should be able to protest outside the entrance to it. That is how groups and ideas are heard. Not through an imperial decree, but through open conversation and, yes, confrontation.

We may learn many things while we attend college. But in the end, if we haven't learned to engage ideas that may contradict our beliefs, learned to face those who challenge our way of thinking and learned how to interact in a world of diverse views and backgrounds then we haven't learned the only lesson that matters. We can only hope both schools' administrations recognize this.

Kevin Suhanic
 freshman
 Morrissey Manor
 Jan. 23, 2001

Questioning revised alcohol policy

Love them or hate them, you have to hand it to members of the administration for knowing what they are doing regarding the recent changes in the alcohol policy. Inevitably, more students will move off campus because they are fed up with being treated like children, leaving more dorm rooms for incoming freshmen. Students over the age of 21 who live on-campus will most likely welcome their new-found ability to tailgate at the cost of their right to have hard liquor in their rooms.

Moderate drinkers should not be directly affected by a ban on hard liquor and actually may support the intent to decrease on-campus drunkenness. It appears that the only segments of our community that will oppose these changes will be heavy drinkers who live on campus and underage drinkers who still lack the ability to tailgate. The last time I checked, neither demographic was busy forming a special interest group.

However, all students should be opposed to these changes for no other reason than that we had absolutely no

say in them. This new alcohol policy is about much more than alcohol. We put up with a lot as Notre Dame students, and the administration seems to have no appreciation for it. University officials manage to maintain a facade of understanding through organizations such as student government, the Campus Life Council, SUB and any other groups you want to throw in there.

However, when the rubber hits the road, don't think for a minute that the administration is anything other than apathetic to dissension from students. Their general attitude seems to be "love it or leave it." Somebody handed them the Golden Dome and they use it against us every chance they get. I could be wrong. In fact, I hope I am. But if not, this is still our school, and I can only hope that someday we'll actually have the guts to take it back.

Vinnie Zuccaro
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 March 19, 2002

Opposing the war in Iraq

Thousands of students, faculty and staff from Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's did not sign a petition opposing a potential U.S.-led war with Iraq. The petition appeared as an ad in The Observer, included the signatures of approximately 600 people superimposed over the phrase, "Hear Our Voice," and was the feature of a front-page article written by Helena Payne for the The Observer.

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff who did not sign the petition opposing war with Iraq might cite the just cause tenet of Catholic just war theory as a primary motivating factor in their decision to abstain from endorsing the petition. They could mention that "The Challenge of Peace; God's Promise and Our Response," a United States Catholic bishops' pastoral on war and peace, endorses war "to protect innocent life,

to preserve conditions necessary for decent human existence and to secure basic human rights."

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff who did not sign the petition opposing the war with Iraq could combine this 1983 Catholic Pastoral teaching with CIA-generated facts concerning human rights abuses under Saddam Hussein including Hussein's use of mustard gas in Panjwin in October-November 1983 leaving 3,000 Iranian and Kurdish casualties, his murder of another 2,500 Iranians on Majnoon Island in February-March 1984 by the same method, his April 1987 mustard-gas attack ...

Timothy Bonadies
 junior
 off-campus
 Feb. 26, 2003

What is the most memorable thing about living in South Bend?



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

"South Bend on football weekends — it's like a giant Notre Dame tailgate."
-Danielle Hulick
Galesburg, Ill.



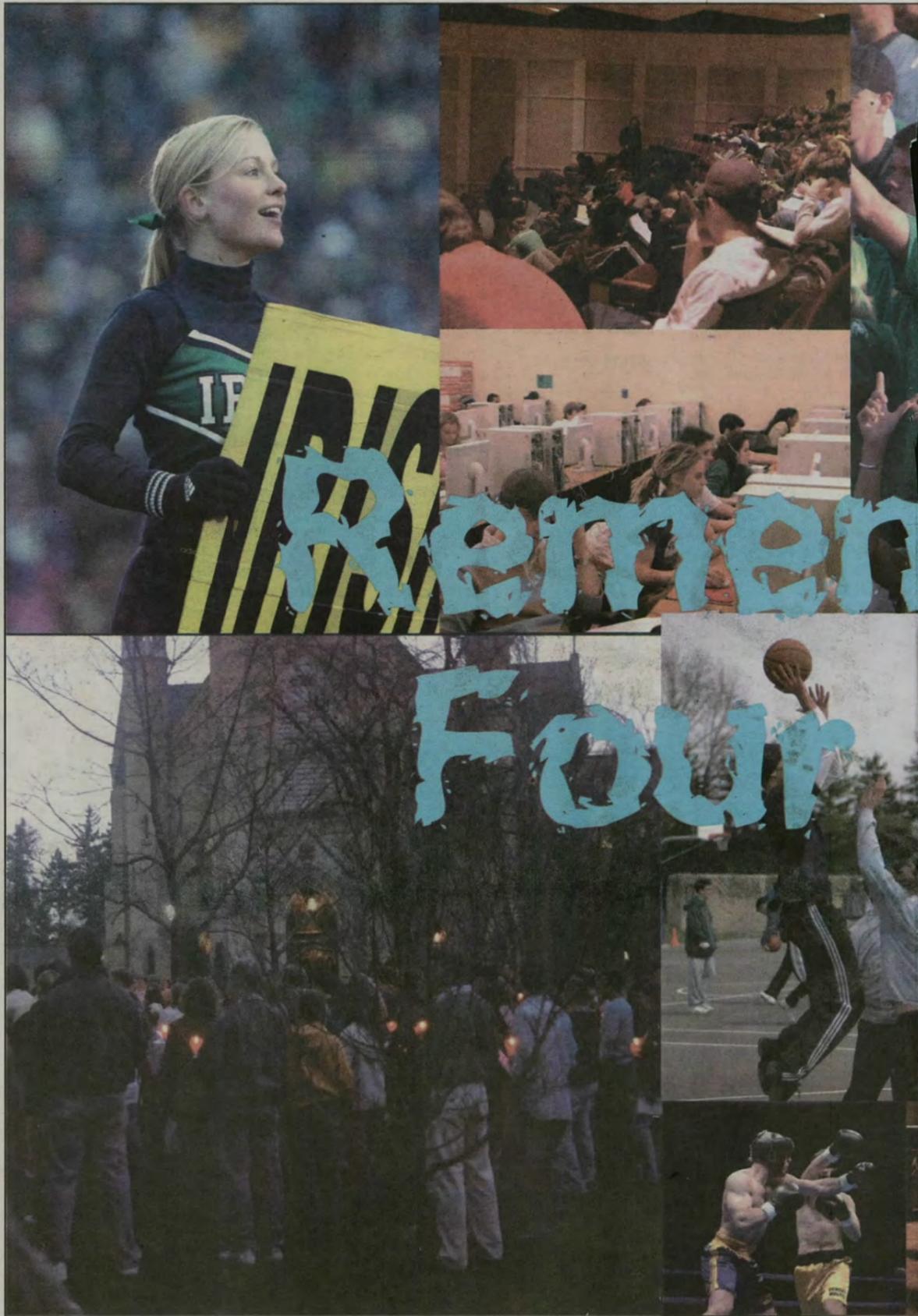
"Cab drivers."
-Jamie Lamers
Combined Locks, Wis.

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



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

"Boat Club."
-Jessica Roberts
Oak Brook, Ill.



Describe your college experience in three words.



"Friends, fun, faith."
-Chris Trice
Aliceville, Fla.



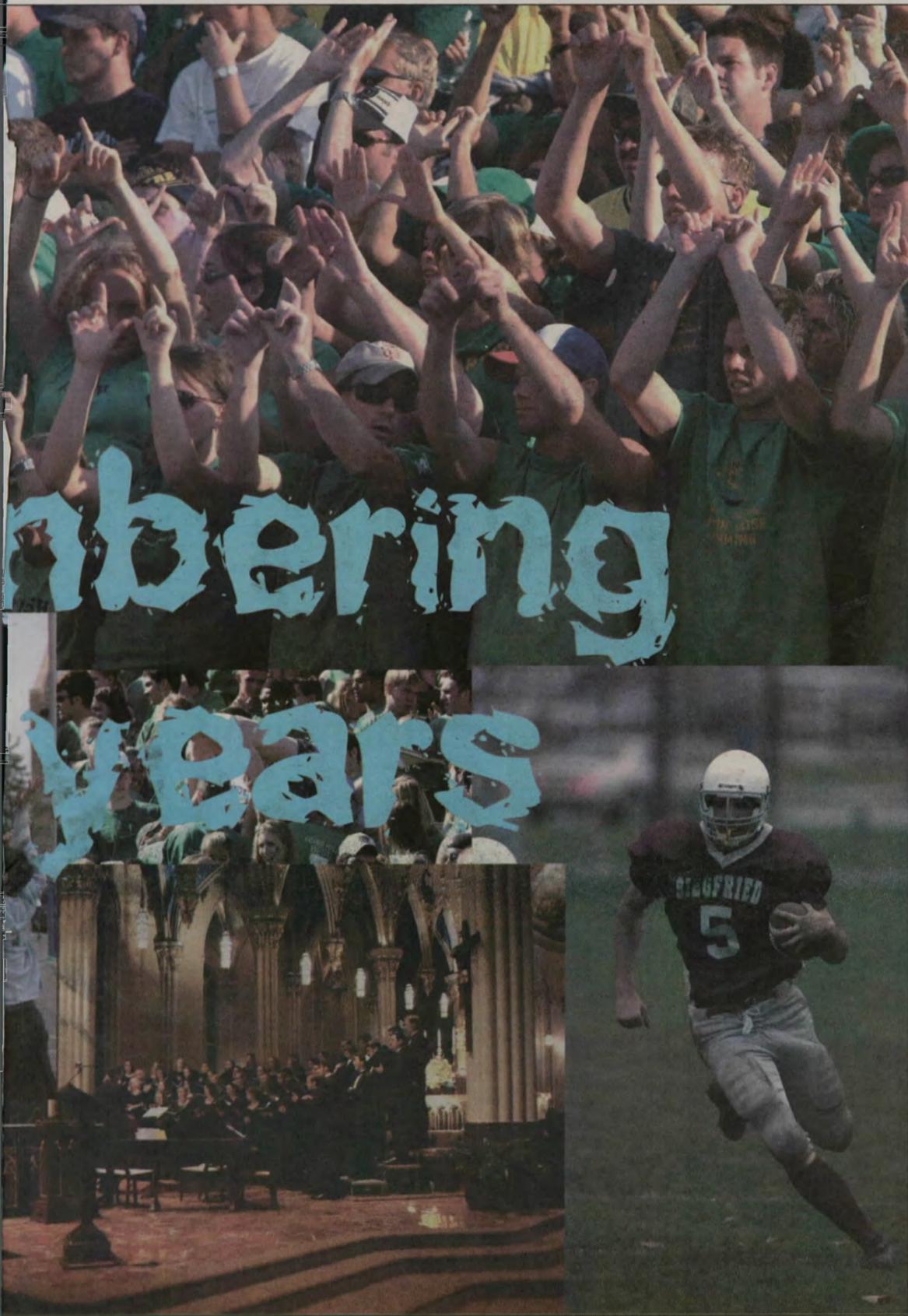
"They were stupendous!"
-Saleem Ismail
South Bend, Ind.

"Full of opportunities."
-Stephanie Zurek
Arlington, Mass.



"Don't ever graduate."
-Megan Basto
New Jersey, N.J.





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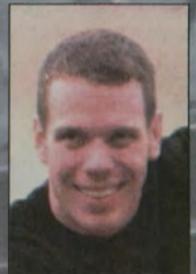
What was your best experience at Notre Dame or Saint Mary's

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



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

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



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

What do you plan to do after graduation?

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



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



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



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

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



"Fiesta Bowl freshmen year."
-Kelly Faehnle
Painesville, Ohio

BASEBALL

Sollmann returns from injury, makes immediate impact

Senior collects five hits to help Irish sweep Connecticut

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Their leader is back.

After missing a month of the season with a broken jaw, Notre Dame co-captain and second baseman Steve Sollmann returned for the Irish series against Connecticut May 9-10 and helped the team sweep the Huskies to improve to 38-9, 15-5 in Big East play. Sollmann collected five hits in the series and started all three games at second base.

Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri knows his team needs their senior captain with the most important and toughest games nearing on the schedule.

"You can't even describe how important it was for him to be out there," Mainieri said. "I told him that even if he didn't have a base hit the whole weekend he'd be a big contributor to our success this weekend ... Just having him out there to play defense and have his steady influence on the team, it just gave us a lot of confidence."

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

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

"We've looked at it that way since the day they walked on

campus," he said Tuesday. "The challenge is so great that you just can't look too far ahead. As soon as you catch yourself looking too far away, that's when it comes up and bites you. We're not even looking at Rutgers, all were concerned about is Michigan."

"Every single game is of critical importance."

After defeating Michigan Wednesday night 7-3, the Irish can now focus on Rutgers this weekend. The Scarlet Knights are 13-5 in Big East play and could still win the regular season conference title if they can knock off the Irish. Rutgers started the season slow, but have played better of late. They are 28-17 overall and have won 21 of their last 25 games.

Notre Dame has a two-game

series against Central Florida May 18-19 before closing the regular season against Virginia Tech. The Hokies are not contending for the Big East title, but could play the role of spoiler if they beat the Irish.

Notre Dame is all but a lock to receive a bid to the NCAA Tournament. If that happens, the Irish will play a double-elimination, round robin tournament against three other schools. The winner of that moves on to the Sweet 16 and a three-game series against another

opponent. That winner is one of eight to make it to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

The Irish played well in their series against Connecticut, knocking off the Huskies 4-0,

11-4 and 16-8 to complete the sweep. Chris Niesel was dominant in the first game, going seven innings, striking six and allowing zero runs. In game two Matt Macri went 4-for-5 and the Irish bullpen combined for 3 2/3 innings and allowed just one earned run. The Irish exploded in the series finale by plating 10 runners in the first inning and cruising to a 16-8 victory. Matt Bransfield went 3-for-6 with five RBIs for the team.

Notre Dame had not played a game for over a week before the Connecticut series. Mainieri believes the break allowed his team to rejuvenate themselves and prepare for the stretch run.

"We were hoping the break in action was going to be good for us," Mainieri said. "I think it's pretty obvious it recharged our batteries."

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"Every single game is of critical importance."

Paul Manieri
Irish coach

ND SOFTBALL

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

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

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

After clinching the No. 1 seed for the Big East Championship, Notre Dame dropped its first conference games on the season when they were swept by Seton Hall 5-0, 1-0, just days after earning a top-25 national ranking in two polls (No. 22 in USA Today/NFCA, No. 25 in ESPN.com/USA Softball).

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

In the first game of the doubleheader, Heather Booth struggled, giving up four earned runs on five hits, striking out just one. In the first, she walked the bases loaded, and then hit Lindsay Trottier with a pitch, giving the Pirates (41-17, 12-8 in the Big East) their first run. It continued to go downhill for the Irish.

Pirates' pitcher Megan Meyer

allowed just four hits while striking out six. She was able to hold the Irish offense in check. With the win, she broke the Seton Hall record for wins in a season (21).

In the second game, the Irish offense was dominated again, this time by Seton Hall senior Casey McDevitt, who surrendered just two hits and struck out three. The Pirates scored in the bottom of the third on two-out singles by McKenzie, Richards and D'arcy Djakalovic. Steffany Stenglein took the loss for the Irish, after striking out seven in six innings.

Ciolli said that although the offense struggled, now is the time for them to do so.

"Saturday was a wakeup call," Ciolli said. "It's better we lose now than in the tourney. That might be a blessing in disguise, because it was a reality check."

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

But the Irish came back strong the next day traveling to St. John's (28-26, 10-10) in the last Big East doubleheader of the regular season. In these games, Notre Dame dominated, defeating

the Red Storm 8-1, 3-0.

"We got the job done on Sunday," Ciolli said. "That's what is about — bringing the intensity to the field everyday. When we come to play, we dominate. When we come out flat, we don't execute."

In the first game, the Irish exploded behind Mallorie Lenn's three hits and Carrie Wisen's three hits and three RBI. Wisen, the third Irish pitcher, stepped up in Ciolli's absence playing right-field — shifting Nicole deFau to center and Nicole Wicks to left.

On the mound, Booth recovered from Saturday's rough outing, scattering five hits, while giving up one run and striking out eight.

In the second game, Stenglein gave up just three hits while striking out four.

With the win, the Irish close out the Big East regular season and opened against No. 4 seed Boston College in the Big East Tournament Thursday, after The Observer went to press.

"We're not looking past the Big East Tournament," said Ciolli, who will be back for the Big East Tournament. "The season has



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Irish shortstop Sara Schoonaert misses a pitch in Notre Dame's win over Purdue earlier this season.

prepared us up to this point. Preseason was the toughest we played in a long time."

Ciolli also acknowledged that the Irish have to play with intensity to avoid games like Saturday's.

"Our Big East schedule and the middle week games have been where the gut check was," she said. "It was about keeping the

intensity and improving all season long. That was our challenge — to keep up the level we know we can play at for the entire season.

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

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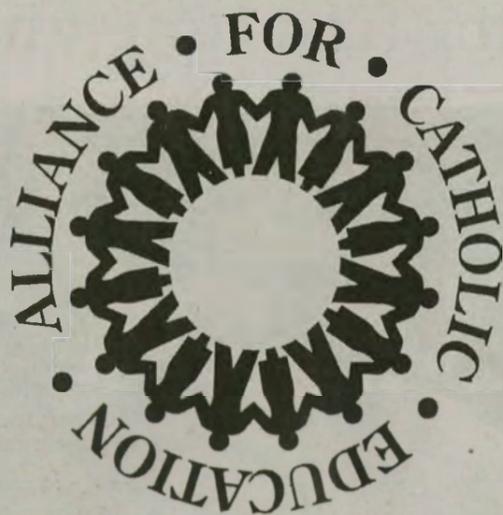
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Andrew and Chris — Thanks for all of your creativity, hard work and fun times for the "strength of the paper." The Observer Sports Staff

Andrew, Chris and Scott — You carried on the legacy of teams from the past, and we will carry on the legend into the future. The Cups Dynasty

To all the seniors, You can't be replaced. Thanks for it all. Lozar

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish fail to advance to NCAAs for first time under Brey

Season ends with NIT quarterfinal loss to Oregon at Joyce Center

By **MATT LOZAR**
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Irish lost six of their next eight games — Pittsburgh twice, Syracuse,

Kentucky and at Rutgers and Boston College. Four of those teams made the NCAA Tournament while the Scarlet Knights only lost at home twice.

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

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

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

The lack of a consistent post presence began to catch up with the Irish as they squandered opportunities — namely a home loss to Providence and a Big East Tournament quarterfinal loss to an Emeka Okafor-less Connecticut team — and saw their bubble burst on Selection Sunday.

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

"There's a handful that do that. Just about everybody rotates through the NIT every now and then."

Viewing the NIT as an opportunity to play more basketball and gain momentum for next season, the Irish defeated Purdue, in the schools' first meeting since 1966, and Saint Louis before losing to

Oregon at the Joyce Center in the quarterfinals of the NIT — one game away from returning to Madison Square Garden.

No NCAA Tournament, only winning 19 games and not advancing to the Final Four of the NIT caused many to view the Irish as a disappointment in 2003-04.

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

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

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Mike Brey
Irish coach

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

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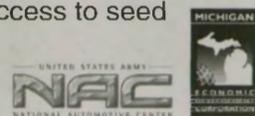
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scored 40 points (19 goals, 21 assists) to Gill's 38 points (17 goals, 21 assists).

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

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

Also, Gill's offensive shooting percentage of 17.9 percent (17 goals on 95 shots) was tied for first with freshman Jason Paige (10 goals on 56 shots). By comparison, Globke's shooting percentage was 14.3 percent (19 goals on 133 shots).

Perhaps the most telling statistic about Gill's final season at Notre Dame was the number of

power-play and game-tying goals that the forward collected during his team's run toward the NCAA Tournament.

Nine of Gill's 17 goals during the season came on the power play and the forward collected two game-tying goals — both signs of a player who scores in key momentum-swinging situations.

Rather than take any credit for his special teams prowess, though, the soft-spoken Gill deflected the praise to his teammates on the ice.

"I just think I get put in pretty easy situations out there," he said. "I just try and hang around the net and maybe pick up a few easy ones off deflections and rebounds and that sort of thing."

It was Gill's devotion to the game of hockey, in all three aspects of the sport — offense, defense and special teams — that led Irish coach Dave Poulin to name the Rochester, Minn.

native the captain of this year's historic team.

The most telling statistic to Poulin was Gill's plus-13, which says that the forward is able to contribute on offense while also staying defensively responsible.

"Our team's strength is defense," Poulin said a few days before the team's first-round NCAA Tournament game. "We need everyone on the ice to do their part defensively if we're going to be successful."

A four-year journey

When Gill arrived at Notre Dame as a freshman in 2000, the Irish were coming off a 16-18-8 season and were still a relative unknown on the national and CCHA scene. Gill and his fellow freshman class were determined to change that.

"When we came in as freshmen, we wanted to make this program into a bigger and better program," he said. "I'm really happy with the group I played with those four years and think that we've really done a good job of putting Irish hockey on the map."

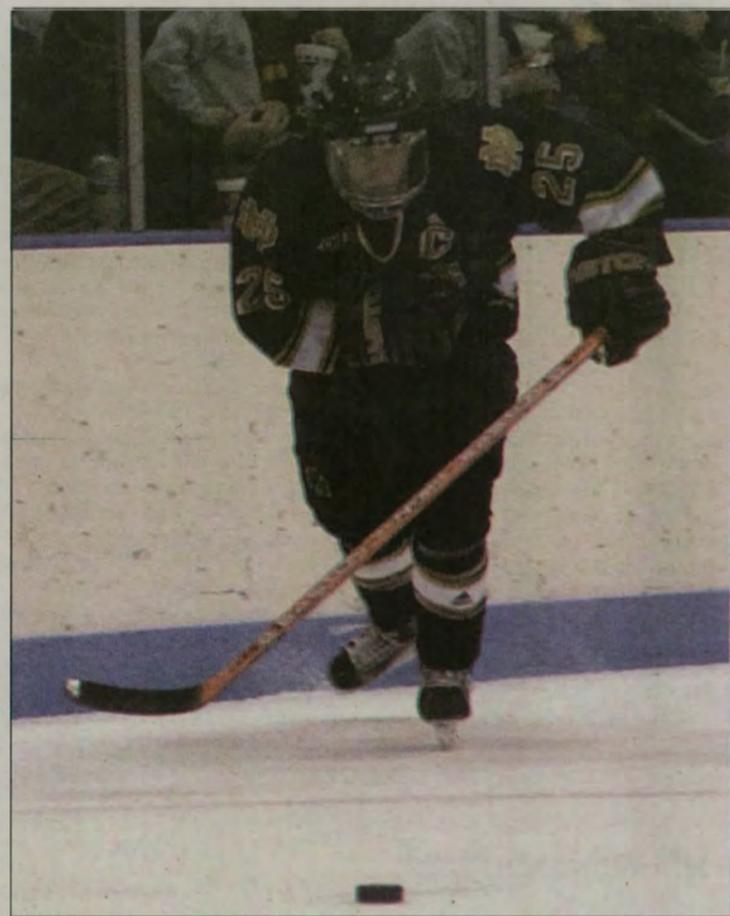
Gill was able to step in and contribute right away with his first Irish team, as he ended up tied for third on that team in scoring along with Globke and another freshman, defenseman Brett Lebda.

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

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

In 2002, after falling behind to Nebraska-Omaha in the first game of the best-of-three first-round playoff series, the Irish won the next two games to advance to the CCHA's Super Six in Detroit, only to lose to Northern Michigan 3-1.

In 2003, Notre Dame fell behind in the first game of the



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

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



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

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

This year, the Irish took care of Western Michigan two games to one in the first round and then faced a familiar foe at the Super Six in Ohio State. Although the Irish eventually lost that game 6-5 in overtime, Gill certainly showed no lack of effort, scoring four points, including a hat trick in the loss.

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

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

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

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

A reward for an outstanding year

Five seniors were especially pivotal in helping the Irish achieve their goal — forwards Globke and Gill and defense-

men Tom Galvin, Neil Komadoski and Brett Lebda. The class's achievement was well documented not only by the Irish faithful but also by national scouts, as all five players received or will receive a contract to play professional hockey.

For Gill, the chance to experience professional hockey was especially sweet, as unlike teammates Globke and Komadoski, Gill was never drafted.

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

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

Gill made an impression right away, scoring a goal in his first professional game, and then further made an impact as a checking forward. Gill's play impressed

his new team so much that the San Jose Sharks agreed to a one-year contract with the senior, who will more than likely begin next season in Cleveland again.

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

Although Gill is beginning the next stage of his hockey-playing career, he will always remember the four years he spent at Notre Dame and especially this historic season.

"I think the biggest thing I learned from my time at Notre Dame was just to always keep working hard," Gill said. "That's the lesson I'll take from my years here."

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FOOTBALL

Irish suffer third losing season in five years

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

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

After closing the Return to Glory 2002 season with two blowout losses, the Irish appeared destined for a third straight lopsided defeat, down 19-3 to Washington State at halftime of the season opener.

Then running back Julius Jones showed why he would gain 1,268 yards for the Irish on a 19-yard fourth quarter touchdown that put the Irish ahead 23-19. The run showed off Jones' speed and strength he developed at Arizona State while missing the 2002 season for academic-related problems.

A week later at Michigan, line-backer Courtney Watson flew over the Wolverines' offensive line on the third play of the game and stripped the ball from quarterback John Navarre, giving the Irish the ball at Michigan's 38.

That's when it became apparent 2003 would be different.

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

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

The frustrations abounded at home in the 22-16 loss to Michigan State where quarterback Carlyle

Holiday continued his early season struggles. True freshman Brady Quinn replaced Holiday and almost rallied the Irish to victory.

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

After a week of secrecy, Willingham and the coaching staff let Quinn start for the Irish at Purdue. Quinn threw 59 pass attempts, the second-most in school history, in the 23-10 loss.

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

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

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

That rushing success carried over to the first quarter against USC as the teams traded touchdowns. The game was tied at 14 with 4:02 remaining in the quarter.

As soon as that success appeared, it went away even faster.

The Trojans scored the next 35 points and blew out the Irish 45-14. At Boston College the next week, the Irish recovered from an 18-point deficit to take a 25-24 lead. But the Eagles marched right down the field and kicked a 26-yard field goal to win by two.

Ten years after the fabled "Game of the Century," Florida State returned to Notre Dame Stadium for the first time and sent the Irish to their lowest point not only on the season, but in a long time for the program. A 37-0 loss dropped



Irish running back Julius Jones looks to run the ball against the Pittsburgh defense in Notre Dame's 20-14 win over the Panthers.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Notre Dame finishes 17th in first trip to NAAs

Team total of 952 finishes 26 behind first place Texas A&M

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

After a long journey, the greatest season in Notre Dame women's golf history came to an end Saturday. The Irish, who were seeded No. 19 in their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance, finished 17th in the regional field of 21 teams. With their three-round total of 952, the Irish finished 26 strokes behind what was needed to advance to the NCAA finals, with first-place Texas A&M recording a score of 74-over par 926.

Early on, the Irish put themselves in a position to advance to the finals, as they spent the early parts of round one tied for ninth.

"There was definitely a moment where we were giving it a run," Irish coach Debby King said.

Unfortunately for the Irish, the combination of a tough field of competitors and disadvantages with the weather eventually triumphed.

"We had afternoon tee-times two of the three days, and it was a little wearying [teeing off] in the afternoon, especially since the wind was stronger [than in the morning]," King said.

This past weekend ended a brilliant run over the final few tournaments of the season to make the NAAs, a run that included the program's second consecutive Big East title.

"Our focus [in looking back at the season] is not on just this tournament, but on the season as a whole," King said. "It was just an excellent season, and lots of records were broken."

Many of those records now belong to freshman Noriko Nakazaki, who, among other marks, set the program record

for lowest average score over the course of a season. With rounds of 80-74-79, she broke another season record by leading the team in scoring for the eighth time in a tournament, finishing with a 233 and tying for 36th place.

Stacy Brown, the other freshman on the team, finished second on the team behind Nakazaki, finishing with a total of 239 with rounds of 79-76-84.

The fact that her youngest players are consistently leading the team gives King high hopes for the future.

"We're moving in the right direction," she said.

Senior co-captain Shannon Byrne ended her Notre Dame career Saturday with a spring-low score of 76. With a pair of 82s in the first and second rounds, Byrne finished with a 240 for the tournament.

Junior Karen Lotta finished fourth for the Irish, with rounds of 81-80-84 to give her a total of 245. Sophomore Katie Brophy rounded out the

lineup with a 252, shooting an uncharacteristic 90 in the second round to go with her 79 and 82 in the first and third round, respectively.

As the season draws to an end, King hopes everyone will use the summer to build on the season while she does some work of her own.

"Each of our players are going to play in three to five tournaments, and my assistant and I are going to be out recruiting for the 2005 season," she said.

With the success of such a young team, King has ambitions that this year will be the first in a string of 'best season's ever.'

"We feel very confident that from now on, making the regionals will be a given, and our new goals will be focused on advancing to the finals," King said.

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the Irish to 2-6 and was the third 30-point loss on the season. It also gave the team its third straight home defeat for the first time since 1984, its first home shutout since 1978 and, for a short period, dropped it to second on the all-time winning percentage list.

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

Jones ran for 221 yards against Navy, his second 200-yard game on the season. In the 33-14 win on Senior Day over BYU, he continued to pile on the large numbers with a 161-yard, three-touchdown effort. Jones eclipsed 200 yards for a third and final time in the 57-7 blowout at Stanford.

"This was more of what I anticipate out of our football team," Willingham said, later adding, "We're getting closer to where I

want to be."

A win at Syracuse would get the team to 6-6 and provide momentum to build on in the offseason for 2004. But in the last game of the season for both teams, the embarrassing tendencies from earlier games emerged again.

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

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

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

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

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

If it wasn't a 180-degree turnaround, it was pretty close.

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

It was time to sink or swim.

When the season finally ended in late March Notre Dame (21-11) had reeled off 14 wins in its last 19 games, advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament for the sixth time in eight years and given No. 1-seeded Penn State all it could handle for a bid to the Elite Eight, before losing 55-49.

The Irish had several reoccurring themes throughout the sea-

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

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

Besides Batteast, McGraw regularly started seniors Le'Tania Severe and Monique Hernandez, sophomore Megan Duffy and either junior Teresa Borton or sophomore Courtney LaVere. Duffy was second on the team

with 9.9 points per game and also dished out 3.9 assists per game. She was named the Big East Most Improved Player at the end of the season.

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

After the opening win against Auburn, Notre Dame would go through a frustrating up-and-down stretch over the next month and a half that saw the team get blown out by Tennessee and Michigan State, and then string together five wins in six games before falling to Purdue and Georgetown. At 7-6 and 0-1 in conference play, the Irish suddenly found the consistency they had lacked all season and made their run for the NCAA Tournament. From Jan. 10 to Feb. 4, the team went 7-1 and beat five straight ranked opponents, including a



Irish guard Megan Duffy drives against a Connecticut defender in Notre Dame's upset of the eventual national champion.

huge upset of then-No. 4 and eventual national champion Connecticut 66-51 at the Joyce Center.

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

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

The Irish nearly saw their season come to an abrupt end in the first round against No. 12 Southwest Missouri State. The

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

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

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

"I'm proud of our effort. We competed and battled for forty minutes," McGraw said after the loss.

"We've come a long way since we were 7-6."

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Members of the Saint Mary's tennis team celebrate their MIAA Tournament and regular season titles.

Tennis

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"We've shown the underclassmen what you can do at Saint Mary's," Spriggle said. "It's possible to do anything, you just have to pull the others with you."

Spriggle was able to end her career on a win after a disappointing loss early in the season. After winning three MIAA singles titles and one doubles title going into 2004, Spriggle lost to Calvin the weekend before the MIAA Tournament in the last home match of the year — and her career.

"I was very upset after the loss," she said. "It was a match that you know you should have won. The wind was terrible, and for whatever reason I just wasn't able to win."

But she rebounded at the MIAA Tournament, defeating Calvin to win the individual title, the fourth of her career.

"As a senior, you feel it's a leadership thing to pull through with a 'W' in the tournament," Spriggle said. "I just tried to step it up."

Meanwhile, Knish was busy earning first team All-MIAA honors. She finished third at No. 1 singles, while earning fourth at No. 1 doubles. Knish finished her career after winning two MIAA singles championships (No. 2 in 2002, No. 3 in 2001), and being named first team all-conference three times. She helped push the Belles to the thrilling first-place finish.

"It was incredible," Knish said. "It was so exciting to win the whole thing."

Cutler rounded out the three seniors, winning a championship at No. 3 singles. It marked the third consecutive title at singles (No. 3 in 2003 and 2002, No. 3 in 2001). She also took third at No. 2 doubles, teaming up with Spriggle after winning two doubles championships in the past two years. She was also named second team All-MIAA for the third straight year.

For these three, the fourth MIAA Tournament title in as many years was certainly special.

"They put an emphasis on winning the conference and get up for the conference matches," Stevenson said of

her seniors.

But even more special may have been the regular season team title, as the Belles lost last year by one point to Albion.

"We were a little worried going into the tournament, but we were able to pull through," Spriggle said. "It was sweet because we lost to them last year — that made it even sweeter."

So now these seniors leave a young team after winning four MIAA Tournaments in as many years, and three regular season team titles in that same span.

"We have set the pathway for many seasons to come," Spriggle said.

Setting an example

These seniors have left a team that has known nothing but success over the past four years. But they didn't just leave the underclassmen to learn the hard way.

"The seniors showed next year's captains how to be a captain and how to be a leader," Stevenson said.

Cutler was a two-time captain, and Spriggle and Knish both played for four years. But despite her leadership title, Cutler was not the only leader on the team.

"Even though [Cutler] was a captain, the others took leadership roles even though they weren't captains," Stevenson said.

They led by example. According to Stevenson, when the Belles would play, he never had to worry about Cutler and Spriggle. Instead, he would bank on their points counting toward the team score before the match began — they were just that good.

"Kaitlin [Cutler] and Kris [Spriggle] both won conference singles for four years," Stevenson said. "They were always dependable to win their point. It was one less thing to worry about."

But Stevenson will miss more than just the leadership these seniors provide on the tennis courts.

"We're going to miss them, not just for their tennis, but we're going to miss them as individuals," he said. "They're like my daughters. I try to treat them that way. I'm going to miss them as people."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish land three top-100 recruits

Brey finding early recruiting success after mediocre year

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

After failing to reach the NCAA Tournament and offering only one scholarship for the incoming freshmen class, Mike Brey and the Irish have snagged three of the Top 100 junior recruits and opened the eyes of fans and basketball media everywhere.

Most recently, 6-foot-6, 190-pound junior forward Ryan Ayers gave a verbal commitment to Notre Dame on May 5 from his home in Philadelphia. Ayers, the son of former Ohio State and Philadelphia 76ers coach Randy Ayers, averaged 16.4

points in a 24-8 junior season at Germantown Academy. His 914 career total points have helped Germantown to a 61-29 record during his career.

"I decided Notre Dame is the right place for me," Ayers told the Philadelphia Inquirer. "I have a great relationship and comfort level with coach Brey. The athletics are at a high level. It's a great school."

Ayers marks the third verbal commitment for at least

four scholarships Brey is expected to use on the class of 2009. Zach Hillesland, a 6-foot-7 forward from Toledo, Ohio, began the rush with a commitment Feb. 17. Little over a week before Ayers announced, 6-foot-11, 225-pound center Luke Zeller out of Washington, Ind. said that he wished to play for Brey's Irish as well.

Zeller chose the Irish over Illinois, Kansas and Stanford and is considered the top center prospect in the Midwest and among the top at this position nationally. He averaged 19.8 points and 9.4 rebounds for the Washington High School Hatchets last season, his third year starting for the team. Zeller averaged 15.3 points as a freshman and 18.1 as a sophomore. He is the first in-state recruit since Chris Thomas committed from Pike High School in Indianapolis.

The Irish are still on the lookout for a point guard to round up their class of 2009 recruiting class after failing to secure one for next season.

The lone recruit coming in from the class of 2008 for Brey is 6-foot-8, 185-pound small forward Rob Kurz out

of Philadelphia's Penn Charter High School. Penn Charter's point guard, highly touted ball-handler Sean Singletary, chose Virginia over Notre Dame.

Ayers did just the opposite for the class of 2009, picking the Irish over the Cavaliers. The first-team All-Inter-Academic League forward is only the most recent of a slew of Philadelphia high school prospects to land in South Bend over the course of the past decade.

Notre Dame has enjoyed success recruiting in the city of Brotherly Love, graduating Martin Ingelsby of Archbishop Carroll — now head of basketball operations — Jimmy Dillon of Holy Ghost Prep and Matt Carroll of Hatboro Horsham. Torrian Jones out of Pennsbury High School graduates Sunday.

In addition, graduated transfer Dan Miller hailed from South New Jersey's Rancocas Valley High, and rising sophomore Russell Carter played in Paulsboro, N.J.

Players have been attracted by the consistency of the Big East and Notre Dame's potential within the league.

"We've been able to sell this league," Brey told the South Bend Tribune. "It's been exciting for kids to say, 'Wow, look at this league.' Let's see if we can keep it going."

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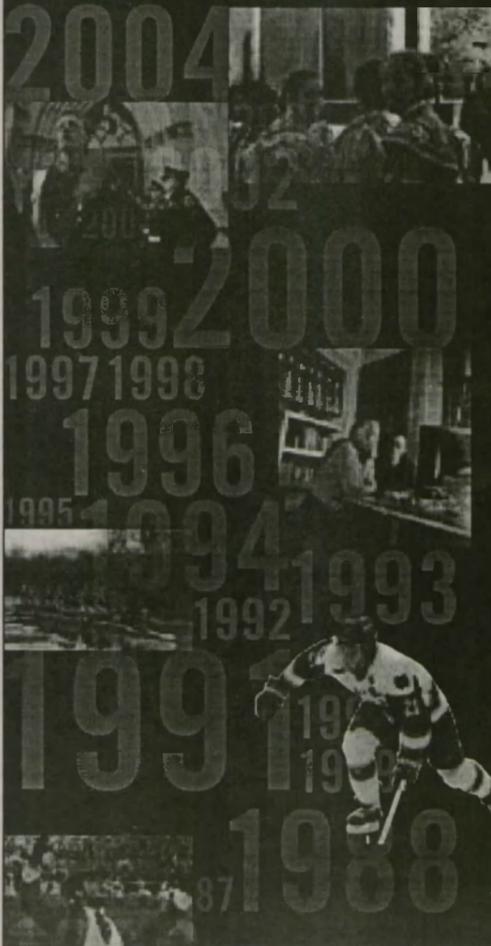
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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish grab fourth title in nine years



Matt Scott hits a shot earlier this season. Scott, a senior captain, earned All-Big East honors in both singles and doubles.

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

After collecting the hardware commemorating their fourth Big East title in the last nine years, the accolades will sit and gather dust as the Irish head to Harvard University to play in the NCAA tournament.

"We tried to enjoy [the awards] just very briefly," said coach Bobby Bayliss of his team's title victory over top-seeded Virginia Tech.

Bayliss was named Big East Coach of the Year and Luis Haddock, Matthew Scott and Steven Bass were named to the all-tournament singles team. The Haddock-Scott doubles duo was named to the all-doubles team as well.

"I thought we were awesome," Bayliss said frankly. "I was really proud of the poise that our guys displayed — from top to bottom, in all our positions, we really didn't have a hole in our lineup. Each day there was a different hero or group of heroes."

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

"The first day Luis deserves a lot of credit for coming back and beating Josh Cohen, who is a terrific tennis player and a really great competitor," Bayliss said.

Haddock was recently honored with the Kanaley Award, Notre Dame's highest honor for student-athletes.

"Some of the other guys really gave us great efforts," Bayliss said. "Matt Scott played a great match ... he didn't finish the second set but just the fact that he had won that first set really put a big dent in Miami's hopes because it's a match they counted on winning at that position."

There was no rest for the weary, however, as the Irish played in 90-degree heat and heavy humidity at noon April 30 and returned to the oppressive conditions the next day.

"Things looked extremely good early on," Bayliss said. "However, a couple of guys hit a wall physically" later on in the match.

Wins came again at No. 2 and 3 singles, with Brent D'Amico and Eric Langenkamp winning 8-6 and Bass and Ryan Keckley

posting an 8-5 victory. The No. 1 match featuring Scott and Haddock was 7-6 in favor of Notre Dame before the Irish clinched the point.

Keckley, a key player in both the doubles and singles lineups, was cripplingly ill with the stomach flu before departing for Miami, Bayliss said. He joined the team in Florida after spending a night in the health center, but essentially missed two days of practice.

It did not seem to affect his play, although he did not compete in the singles matches in the Big East Tournament.

Barry King and Langenkamp were first off the courts and put the Irish within one point of victory. However, D'Amico dropped the No. 4 match, and Haddock lost a close-fought battle at No. 1 with a score of 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. With Scott fighting cramps and nausea, the outlook was bleak for the Irish.

Except for freshman Steven Bass at the No. 3 position.

"The guy just doesn't know the meaning of the word quit," Bayliss said of his stubbornly determined freshman standout.

"Puranen was serving for the match, and Steven did not lose another point," the coach recalled. "He changed tactics a little bit ... made Puranen supply all the pace and it worked brilliantly."

Bass finished off his opponent and seized the title for the Irish with a devastating backhand.

"It was a pretty exciting time for all of us," Bayliss said. "It was a great achievement for our team to beat two teams ... who had beaten [us] during the season."

"That speaks pretty well for the character of our guys. We left Miami pretty happy people."

However, the team will not dwell on past achievements. Facing No. 19 Tulane in the first round will be a challenge in what is arguably the country's most difficult bracket, featuring three top-30 teams and four conference champions.

"We play 9 a.m. Saturday, so we've been practicing in the morning, and hopefully we'll be ready," Bayliss said. "We certainly gathered some momentum [in the Big East Tournament] and we'd like to take advantage of that."

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TRACK AND FIELD

Both teams earn top-three finishes



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Jean Marinangell and Katie Wales compete in the 5,000 meters earlier this season. The women took third at the Big East.

Men win, women take third at Big East championships

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Four champs and a third title.

That's what the Irish men's track and field team achieved last weekend by winning the Big East Outdoor Championships at Rutgers. Selim Nurudeen, Godwin Mbagwu, Ryan Johnson and Ryan Postel all won individual titles to lead Notre Dame as they bested host Rutgers 172.5 to 160.5. This is the first time the men have ever won back-to-back titles in either the indoor or outdoor meets. The win also gives the Irish three straight Big East Championships, including their indoor title earlier this year.

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

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

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

Mbagwu provided the highlight of the meet for Notre Dame as he was named the

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

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

Ryan Postel won his first Big East title with his 47.22-second time in the 400 meters. Postel joined Nurudeen, Ryan Hurd and Tommie Lee to finish second in the 800-meter relay and Nurudeen, Trevor McClain-Duer and Napoleon Suarez for another second in the 1,600-meter relay. Suarez also finished second in the 400-meter hurdles after finishing third in last year's outdoor meet.

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

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

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HOCKEY

Icers make NCAAs for first time in program's history

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

A season that started with several question marks ended with the Irish making team history, as Notre Dame advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's 36-year history.

Although Notre Dame lost in the first round of the tournament, falling 5-2 to defending

national champion Minnesota, the Irish were able to finally put their program on the national map.

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

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

level now that they have the chance to improve upon."

Notre Dame's seniors played an especially large role during the regular season, with forwards Aaron Gill and Rob Globke pacing the team offensively while defensemen Tom Galvin, Neil Komadoski and Brett Lebda helped the team's defense stay at the top of its game.

With the offense and defense covered by the seniors, the team's biggest ques-

tion mark coming into the regular season was goaltending.

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

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

The Irish opened their year with a sign of things to come, knocking off then-No. 15 Ohio State on the road by a score of 5-2. Walsh, making his first career start in goal,

turned away 31 saves in the victory, and Globke helped provide offense with a hat trick.

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

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

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

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

Brown maintained a scoreless streak of 193 minutes, 17

seconds, breaking a record that Cey had set in the 2002-03 season.

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

Cey made 32 saves as the team shutout then-No. 3 Maine Dec. 28 at the Everblades Holiday Classic in Estero, Fla., while Brown made 30 saves in Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over then-No. 4 Wisconsin on the road Jan. 19.

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

Notre Dame faced Western Michigan in a best-of-three tournament to go to the Super

Six in Detroit, defeating the Broncos 4-0 March 12, falling by a score of 4-0 the next day, and then winning a 5-4 overtime thriller in the final game of the series.

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

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

Although the Irish would lose their Super Six opener 6-5 in overtime against Ohio State, the eventual champion, the team's regular season prowess against ranked teams led to the Irish achieving and at-large bid and the No. 4 seed in the Grand Rapids, Mich. Regional of the NCAA Tournament.

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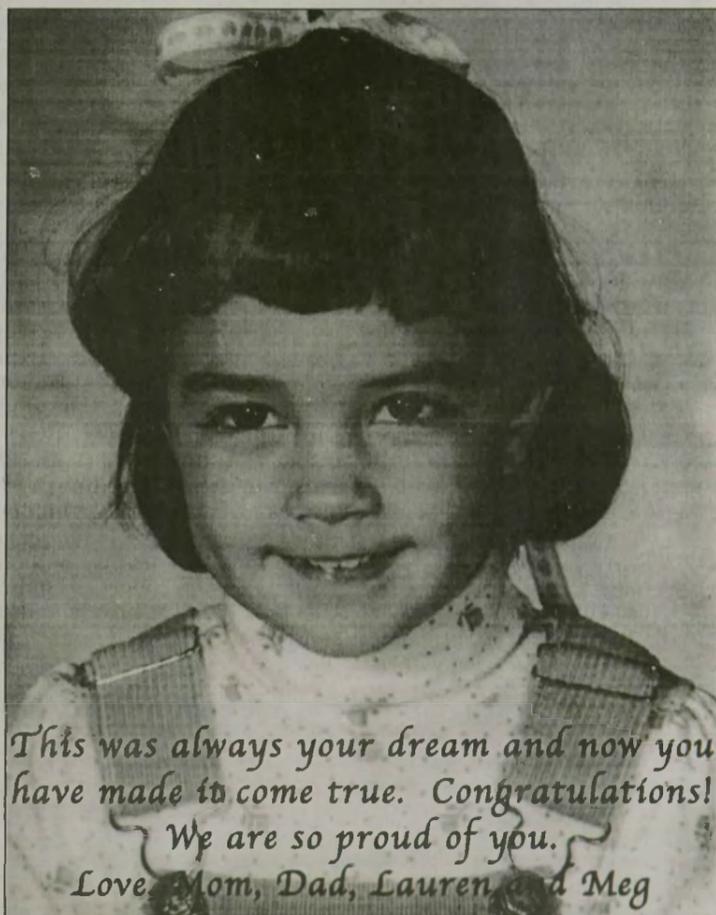
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ND ATHLETICS

Former AD Wadsworth passes away at age of 60

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Mike Wadsworth was athletic director at Notre Dame for just five years, but his impact on the school will likely last much longer.

The former athletic director from 1995-2000 died April 28 at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. He was 60.

Wadsworth left his mark on Notre Dame in variety of ways. During his tenure, the Irish entered the Big East conference for almost every sport, Notre Dame Stadium expanded by 20,000 seats and he played a crucial role in negotiating Notre Dame's television contract with NBC Sports for all home games.

"Mike Wadsworth was a genuine Notre Dame man who made substantial contributions to the University," Notre Dame President Father Edward Malloy said in a press release.

Wadsworth also helped negotiate Notre Dame's role in the Bowl Championship Series for football. He aided in the creation of a Life Skills program for athletes in 1996, and the Irish sports program was ranked No. 3 by The Sporting News, which ranked schools on categories ranging from on-field performance to academic excellence.

But Wadsworth's life was not

limited to athletics. The Toronto native worked in government, law, broadcasting and politics as well. Following his departure from Notre Dame, Wadsworth worked as an arbitrator and mediator for a Canadian-based law firm, Stitt, Feld, Handy & Houston. From 1971-81, Wadsworth practiced law, while also pursuing a career in media. He was a sports columnist for a time and broadcast games on television and for radio.

He became vice president for administration at the Tyco Co. in 1981 and completed the advanced management program at Harvard Law School in 1985. Wadsworth was also appointed as Canada's ambassador to Ireland in 1989.

Wadsworth graduated from Notre Dame in 1966 with a degree in political science and played football for the Irish. Wadsworth had nagging knee injuries throughout his career but still managed to play professional football. After college, Wadsworth played in the Canadian Football League for five years and earned rookie of the year honors during his first season on the Toronto Argonauts.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles win MIAA tourney as No. 3 seed

Saint Mary's defeats No. 4 team in nation twice to win title

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

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

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

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

The Belles (20-19) beat second-seed Calvin (18-18) 5-3 to advance to the championship game against No. 4 nationally-ranked Alma (35-6) in a best-of-three series. Saint Mary's took the first game 2-0 behind the pitching of Kate Sajewich. Sajewich threw a complete game, allowing no runs on just three hits and striking out three.

The Belles scored both their runs thanks to an Alma error in the second inning. With one out, Laura Heline walked and

Sajewich followed with a single. Alma's centerfielder made a throwing error on the play which plated Heline and advanced Sajewich to second. After a strikeout, Bridget Grall singled in Sajewich and the Belles had the lead.

The Belles dropped the next game 8-1, as Alma dominated in every way. Saint Mary's managed just two hits, while five of the eight Alma runs were unearned.

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

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

Down one run heading into the fifth, the Belles managed to tie the game thanks to an Angie Ellison single.

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

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

"It was like, 'Wow we actually did it,'" she said. "Let's face it, we were the underdog so to beat this team who has 30 some people on their lineup card and it was on their field too — it was awesome."

Unfortunately, Alma still earned the berth to play in the NCAA Tournament. The Belles gained six points for being the No. 3 seed in the MIAA tournament.

Alma had nine points for being the number one seed. By winning the tourney, Saint Mary's earned nine points for a total of 15. However, Alma received eight points for second and therefore had 16. The team with the highest points advances, which gave Alma the nod.

Notes

♦ Saint Mary's landed two players on the All-MIAA first team. Sajewich was joined by Erin Sullivan, who was also the MIAA Batting Champion. Earning second-team honors were Ellison and first baseman Katrina Tebbe.

♦ Tebbe was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player, while Sullivan was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player. Head coach Anna Welsh and her staff were named the MIAA Coaching Staff of the Year.

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Diver

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

But for Perry-Eaton, nothing has come easy.

Setback

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

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

"My coach from home was



Photo courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information
Meghan Perry-Eaton prepares to dive in a meet this season.

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

But her freshman year was not what she expected.

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

Up until her injury, that is. Perry-Eaton competed in two events as a freshman before suffering a season-ending back injury.

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

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

That summer, she went home to rehab with her coach after spending time at Notre Dame studying and rehabbing.

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

Silencing doubters

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

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

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

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

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

And Weathers agreed. "She has really made great progress [throughout her career]," Weathers said.

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

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

But Perry-Eaton remained unsatisfied.

Senior year

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

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

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

"I came back in really good physical shape and mentally. I was ready," she said. "There were things I wanted to achieve, and I wasn't going to

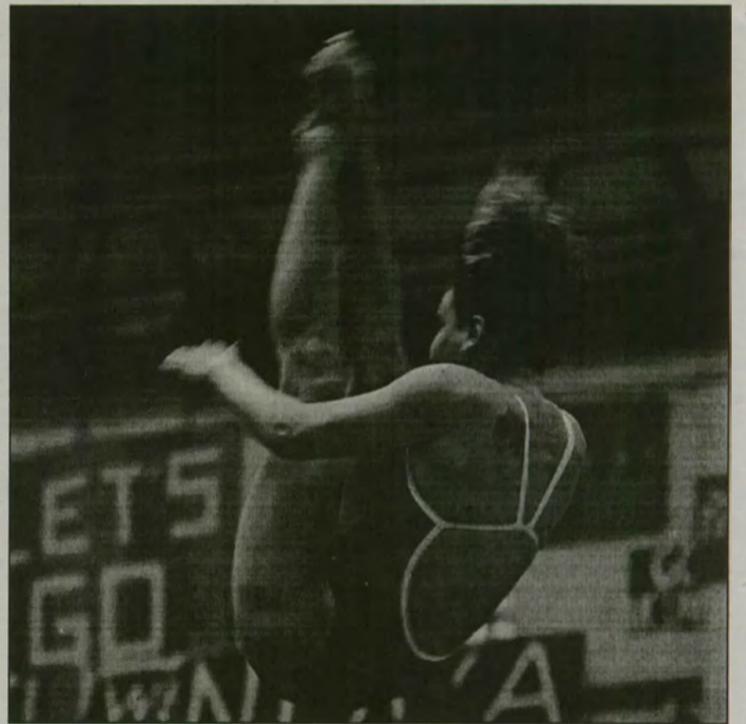


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Meghan Perry-Eaton was the Big East's Most Outstanding Diver for the second year in a row.

give up on those. I realized coming in, that if I was going to achieve what I wanted, it was going to be on my own, and I couldn't give up. I couldn't let other things distract me."

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

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

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

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

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

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

kids from a given conference." **Back for more**

But Perry-Eaton isn't finished — at least not yet. The aerospace engineering major will graduate this weekend, however, she will return to Notre Dame in the fall for graduate classes. She will then dive, using her fifth year of eligibility, granted after her injury freshman year.

"I want to be training at home this summer, and that's how I'm going to get where I want to be," she said.

But first, she has to rehab a broken foot that she suffered diving after this season. As a result, Perry-Eaton missed the Olympic Trials, a chance for her to go up against some of the best divers in the world. However, Weathers says she has competed against the best.

"She's definitely gone up against the best in this country," he said. "A lot of the best divers in the world are at NCAA swimming and diving."

And Perry-Eaton is ready for more.

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

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FOUR YEARS IN REVIEW

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Humiliating coaching search follows Davie firing

December 2001

On Dec. 2, 2001, after a 5-6 season, athletic director Kevin White fired football coach Bob Davie and the search began for a new coach to lead the Irish back to prominence.

At a public press conference on Dec. 9, over 1,500 fans welcomed new football coach George O'Leary, a man who found his dream job at Notre Dame.

However, O'Leary's tenure with the Irish lasted just five days before he was forced to resign for lying on his resume.

After over two weeks of national embarrassment, another 16-day coaching search finally led White to Stanford and Tyrone Willingham, who White announced as head coach on New Year's Day.

2 Women's hoops wins national title



With 5.8 seconds remaining and the NCAA Championship game tied at 66, Ruth Riley calmly hit two free throws that left Notre Dame the 2001 women's basketball national champions.

Thousands of fans showed up to welcome the team back and President George W. Bush honored the team two weeks later at the White House.

April 1, 2001

3 Willingham leads Return to Glory



In his first year as head coach, Tyrone Willingham led the Irish to an 8-0 start. His 10 wins were the most by a first-year Notre Dame football coach.

The season's top wins included a defeat of No. 6 Michigan at Notre Dame Stadium and a win at No. 11 Florida State.

Fall 2002

4 Irish go to CWS, first trip since '57



It took an improbable victory over No. 1 Florida State at Tallahassee, but the Irish found a way to reach their first College World Series since 1957.

The team played well in Omaha, beating Rice on a walk-off home run and losing twice to a tough Stanford team. They also won 50 games, a new team record.

June 15-18, 2002

5 Brey-coached Irish find Sweet success



As a five seed in the West Regional, Mike Brey led the men's basketball team to the Sweet 16 for first time since 1987.

Brey took over as head coach in 2000 and has steadily improved the basketball program. Under his guidance, his teams qualified for three straight NCAA Tournaments.

March 2003

6 Coaches exit SMC revolving door



In a two and a half month period, three Saint Mary's coaches resigned.

The athletic department, which could barely pay its head coaches \$6,000 a year, was unable to attract and retain quality coaches. Bobby Johnson, John Ganef and Theresa Pekarek all left Saint Mary's during the spring.

Spring 2002

7 Fencing finally wins national title



Having finished second or third in the country every year since its last national title in 1994, the Irish were able to finish the job and win the 2003 national title.

Janusz Bednarski took over for Yves Auriol and led the Irish to its sixth national title in his first season as head coach of the Irish.

March 23, 2003

8 Hockey earns first-ever NCAA bid



As the No. 4 seed in the Grand Rapids Regional, the Irish advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's 36-year history.

Coach Dave Poulin's team played a difficult schedule during the regular season to earn the at-large bid, including a win over then-No. 1 Boston College.

March 21, 2004

9 Women's golf makes NCAAs

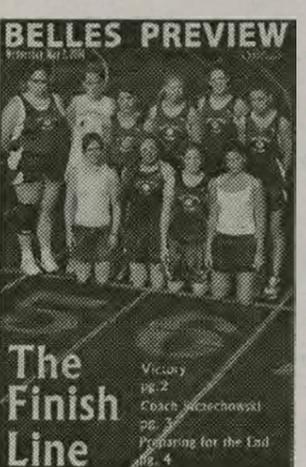


For the first time in the 16-year history of the program, the Irish advance to the NCAA Tournament.

The Irish received the No. 19 seed at the Central Regional at Illinois State by winning a school-record four tournaments during the regular season, including their second consecutive Big East Championship.

April 26, 2004

10 Saint Mary's cuts track program



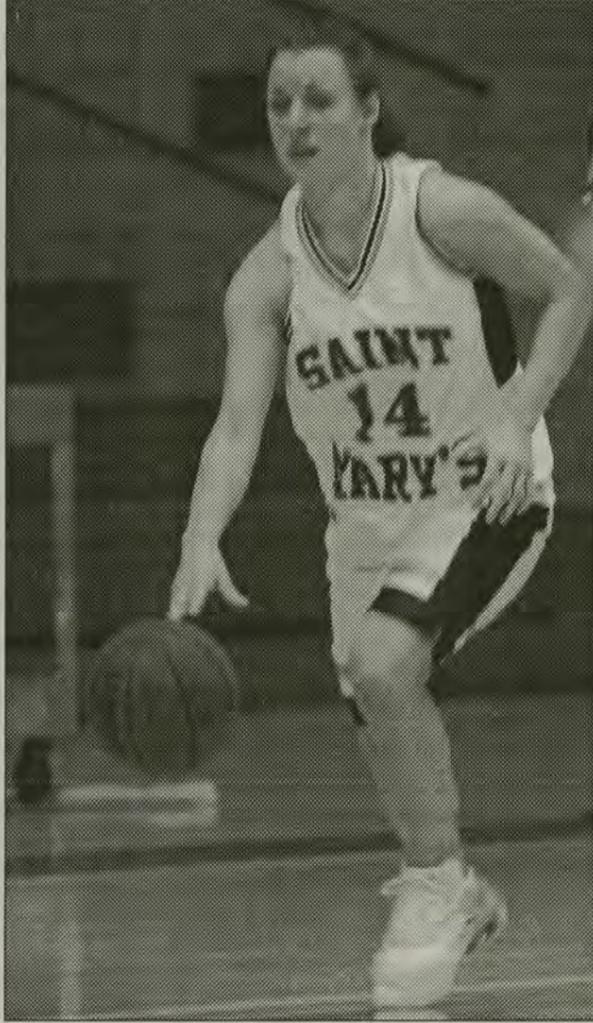
Under the recommendation of athletic director Lynn Kachmarik, Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred decided to discontinue the track and field program following the 2001 season.

Kachmarik made the decision, in part, to keep two full-time coaches.

February 1, 2001

Saint Mary's: Year in Sports

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



Left, Stefanie Simmerman and the golf team are in the NCAA Tournament and looking to build on last year's fourth-place finish. Middle, Kristin Kanja dribbles for the basketball team earlier this season. The Belles finished 7-18 in the regular season, 2-12 in the MIAA. Kristen Playko serves for the volleyball team earlier this season.

Observer Staff Report

Cross Country

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

Freshman Sara Otto led the Belles with an 84th-place finish in a time of 25 minutes, 9 seconds, at the Hanover Regional. The top finisher at that meet finished with a time of 22:13.2.

Senior captain Jackie Bauters contracted a respiratory infection before the MIAA Championships, but continued to run in both that meet and the Hanover Regional. Bauters' illness affected her time at Hanover, with a finish of 28:26.4, 206th overall.

Other Belles finishes at the Hanover Regional included Elizabeth Commers (26:16.7), Katie White (26:48.0), Erin Nolan (27:09.5), Jessica Kosco (27:25.9) and Becky Feauto (27:46.9).

Soccer

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

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

From Sept. 11 to Oct. 11, the Belles collected five consecu-

tive shutouts against MIAA opponents, including 4-0 victories over both Olivet and Kalamazoo. For the entire season, the Belles collected eight shutouts.

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

Volleyball

A young Belles team with only one senior in Alison Shevik showed considerable improvement, going from a 7-21 (1-13 in the MIAA) record in 2002 to 16-13 (5-10) this year.

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

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

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

Basketball

The Belles finished their reg-

ular season with a final record of 7-18 (2-12 in the MIAA), losing to No. 1 seed Calvin 82-48 in the first round of the MIAA Tournament.

On a young team that only featured one senior in guard Katie Miller, the Belles weren't able to find much consistency, never collecting more than two straight wins during the regular season.

Despite the disappointing year, several players earned individual accolades. Junior Emily Creachbaum was named to the All-MIAA second team, while junior Katie Boyce was named the MIAA's Defensive Player of the Year.

Creachbaum led the team in nearly all offensive categories, including points per game (12.4), field goal percentage (48.8 percent) and 3-point percentage (45.9 percent). She also led the team 134 total rebounds.

Boyce led the team with 50 steals.

Swimming

Senior Megan Ramsey was the sole Belle to earn All-MIAA honors, as Saint Mary's took seventh at the MIAA Championships.

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

100-yard butterfly, 200-yard butterfly and is part of four relay records.

Joining in Ramsey's success at the MIAA Championships was sophomore Sarah Nowak. Nowak, competing in her first MIAA Championships, took third in the 200-yard breaststroke and fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke. She also took eighth in the 200-yard individual medley.

Seniors Maureen Palchak and Katy Lebiecz finished 11th in the 100-yard freestyle and 200-yard breaststroke, respectively. Lebiecz also took ninth in the 100-yard butterfly to round out the competition.

Softball

For the first time ever, the Belles won the MIAA Championship. Led by senior Erin Sullivan, the Belles entered as the No. 3 seed and emerged as champions. Their 12-6 record in the MIAA is the best ever for a Saint Mary's team, and the Belles finished 20-19 overall.

Sullivan finished 5-for-12 with two RBI in the tournament and finished as the MIAA's Most Valuable Offensive Player and the MIAA batting champion. She also earned MIAA Player of the Week honors, and was named first team All-MIAA.

Sullivan was joined by pitcher Kate Sajewich, who earned two wins and a save during the tournament, and was also named first team All-MIAA. Sajewich finished 12-6 (5-3 in the MIAA), with a 2.24 overall ERA and a 1.48 MIAA ERA. She threw 12 complete games and saved two.

Other Belles earning postseason honors were first baseman Katrina Tebbe and MIAA runs scored leader Angie Ellison. Tebbe was named MIAA Most Valuable Defensive Player of the Year after leading the league in chances (132) and putouts (124). Meanwhile, she also joined Ellison on the second team All-MIAA. Ellison hit .356 on the year, good for ninth in the league.

Golf

The Belles defended their MIAA crown in the fall season, shooting a 679 as a team to finish first in the eight-team MIAA Championships at Olivet.

Saint Mary's began with an impressive start to the season, finishing fifth overall at the 19-team Ferris State Invitational — a tournament that featured several Division-I teams.

That fifth-place finish would be the team's worst of the season, with the team finishing fourth at the Knox College Women's Invitational and then either second or first in the rest of the season's remaining tournaments.

The team's season continued in the spring of 2004 with the NCAA Championships. After one round, the Belles had a team score of 339, six strokes better than last year's fourth place team at this point. Reigning champion Stefanie Simmerman was in third place with a first round score of 78, leading the Belles.

As of press time, the Belles were in eighth place as a team, and Simmerman was in seventh, six strokes behind the leader after two rounds of play in Green Lake, Wisc.

Notre Dame :

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

Observer Staff Report

Men's Cross Country

The Irish sent two members of their team to the NCAA Championships in Todd Mobley and Tim Moore. Mobley finished 27th (30 minutes, 9.5 seconds) and was named an All-American as a result, while Moore finished in 89th place (30:48.1).

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

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

Women's Cross Country

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

King finished the race with a time of 20 minutes, 35.6 seconds, with Huddle not far behind at 20:48.5.

Notre Dame's 10th-place finish was somewhat of a disappointment during a season in which the Irish never placed below

third overall in any of their regular season meets. The Irish captured first overall in the Valparaiso Invitational, the National Catholic Championship, the Notre Dame Invitational, the Big East Championship and the NCAA Great Lakes Regional. Huddle was the overall winner at the Great Lakes Regional with a time of 20:14.7.

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

Men's Soccer

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

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

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

Notre Dame continued to hang around the top of the rankings all season, with the team's only real stumbling block coming in a 5-2 loss at home to Rutgers, in which the normally stout Irish defense allowing four goals in a 10-minute span.

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

Notre Dame finished the year

16-3-4.

Women's Soccer

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

The Irish played all season without key players Candace Chapman and Randi Scheller, and had to deal with other injuries throughout the season to compile a final record of 20-3-1.

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

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

The Irish crushed Loyola-Chicago 5-0 in the first round, before falling to Michigan after the Wolverines cashed in on their only corner kick of the contest. For the game, Notre Dame out-shot Michigan 13-3.

Volleyball

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

An upset of then-No. 10 Arizona in Notre Dame's season

opener helped sparkplug the team to a 21-2 start, the second best start ever in the team's history. Including in that fast start was a 14-match winning streak, the second longest ever.

Notre Dame won its first 11 Big East matches before falling to Pittsburgh in the final regular season match to share the conference title with the Panthers. Pittsburgh also knocked the Irish out of the Big East tournament in the final of the conference championship.

One of the major successes for the Irish was their blocking, which was first overall in the NCAA with a 3.72 blocks per game average. Lauren Brewster, (1.78 blocks a game), was the NCAA's individual blocking champion.

Fencing

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

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

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

For the men, junior epeeist Michal Sobieraj and freshman sabre Patrick Ghattas earned All-American honors. Sobieraj fin-

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

Men's Swimming

The Irish earned its highest total ever at the Big East Championships, good for a second-place finish. Notre Dame scored 584 points, 121.5 higher than last season.

This year, the Irish were led by youth, including freshman Tim Kegelman. He was Notre Dame's top scorer at the Big East Championships, and broke three school records. Kegelman broke individual Notre Dame records in the 100-yard butterfly (48.43), the 200 individual medley (1:49.68). He was also a part of the fourth-place 200 freestyle relay that broke the school record with a time of 1:21.30.

Kegelman was joined by sophomores Steve Shomberger and Doug Bauman. Shomberger broke a school record by .01 seconds in the 200-yard backstroke. He broke Bauman's record, set in the beginning of the season.

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

Women's Swimming

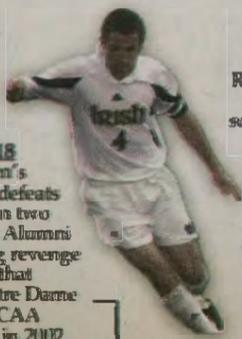
The senior and freshman teamed up at the NCAA

2003



August 29
The Irish volleyball team upsets No. 10 Arizona in Notre Dame's season opener in the opening game of the Four Points Sheraton Classic in Malibu, Calif.

September 18
The Irish men's soccer team defeats Indiana 1-0 in two overtimes at Alumni Field, getting revenge on the team that knocked Notre Dame out of the NCAA Tournament in 2002.



October 11
After allowing four goals to Rutgers in a span of less than ten minutes, the Irish men's soccer team is unable to catch up and falls to the Scarlet Knights 5-2. The loss broke an undefeated streak of eight matches for Notre Dame.

October 29
The Irish women's soccer team loses 3-2 to Michigan at Alumni Field, breaking Notre Dame's 19-game undefeated streak (18-0-1) to start the season.

November 1
The Irish football team falls to Florida State at home by a score of 37-0. The loss was the second worst in Notre Dame's history, and the first time the Irish have been shutout at home since 1978.

November 8
Michigan State's Jim Slate scores on Brown at 7:12 of the first period of Notre Dame's 3-3 tie on the road against the Spartans. Stater's goal broke a streak of three consecutive shutouts and 186 minutes, 15 seconds of shutout hockey for Brown — both Notre Dame records.



November 16
Michigan, one of only two teams to defeat the Irish during the regular season, knocks Notre Dame women's soccer team out of the NCAA Tournament with a 1-0 victory over the No. 2-seeded Irish.

December 28
Walsh again scores the only goal and Morgan Cey makes 32 saves as the Irish blank No. 3 Maine by a score of 1-0 at the Everblades College Holiday Classic in Estero, Fla.

September 6
The Notre Dame football team comes back from a 19-point deficit, and Nicholas Setta's 40-yard field goal in overtime gives the Irish a season-opening 29-26 victory over Washington State.

September 13
Notre Dame loses 38-0 on the road against Michigan in the most lopsided victory ever for either team in the storied football rivalry. It was also the first shutout for either team since 1902.

October 11
Irish running back Julius Jones breaks the Notre Dame single-game rushing record in leading his team to a 20-14 road victory over Pittsburgh. Jones' day broke the previous record of 255 yards by Vagas Ferguson against Georgia Tech in 1978.



October 24
Mike Walsh scores the only goal and David Brown makes 27 saves as the Notre Dame hockey team posts a 1-0 shutout victory on the road against No. 1 Boston College.

October 31
Led by Molly Huddle's third-place finish and Kerry Meagher's sixth-place finish, the Irish women win their second consecutive Big East cross country championship. The men's team finishes second behind Georgetown.



November 15
Huddle wins the 6,000-meter race at the Great Lakes Regional, pacing the Notre Dame women's cross country team to a first-place finish.

November 30
Notre Dame's men's soccer team loses to Michigan 1-1, 4-3 on penalties in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, ending the team's season.

December 6
Notre Dame lost 38-12 at Syracuse to close out a 5-7 season. The Irish finished with their third losing season in five years, something that had never happened in the history of the program.

Year in Sports

and the men's and women's golf teams won Big East and made the tourney

Championships to earn the Irish a top-25 finish for the fifth time in eight years.

Senior Meghan Perry-Eaton and freshman Kate Carroll accounted for all of the Notre Dame's 28 points at the NCAA Championships in March. Perry-Eaton earned 16 points with her third-place finish in the 1-meter diving competition. As a result, she earned All-American honors. Perry-Eaton's third-place finish was the highest-ever for a Notre Dame swimmer or diver in the NCAA meet.

Meanwhile, Carroll was busy getting the other 12 points. She earned nine after taking ninth in the 200 individual medley and three after earning 14th place in the 400 individual medley. Carroll also set school records in both races. The freshman is the first in her class to be named honorable mention All-American in multiple events.

Carroll and Perry-Eaton also led Notre Dame to its eighth consecutive Big East title, and it was the highest-finishing Big East team in the NCAA Championships.

Men's Lacrosse

The Irish finished 7-5 on the regular season, good for second place in the Great Western Lacrosse League only trailing No. 7 Ohio State, and finding themselves ranked as high as No. 5 this season.

No. 12 Notre Dame finished the regular season with a 9-8 double overtime loss to No. 3 Maryland. The Terrapins won after tying the game with 19 seconds to go in regulation.

Pat Walsh, a preseason All-American, led the Irish this season, garnering numerous indi-

vidual honors. Walsh, a sophomore attack, led the conference in scoring and assists and was sixth and fifth, respectively in Division I. He was one of 15 nominees for the Tewaarton Trophy, awarded to the nation's top player on June 3.

Senior Matt Howell provided leadership on and off the field, as he battled back from numerous injuries to give the Irish another solid attack. He earned the GWL Player of the Week award April 20, after almost breaking a school record for points in a game.

Women's Lacrosse

After starting off the season 10-0, the Irish struggled, losing four straight. However, they bounced back to beat Syracuse and then No. 11 Vanderbilt to finish the season 12-4, 4-2 Big East, good enough for second place. During the undefeated stretch, Notre Dame saw its ranking go up as high as No. 2, until losing to then-No. 7 Georgetown 9-7. The 12 wins this season are the second-most in program history, the most coming in 2002, when the Irish won 13 games.

Despite the mid-season slide, Irish earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years, where they faced Northwestern in the first round.

Notre Dame was led by senior Meredith Simon, one of 20 Tewaarton Trophy nominees for the best player in the country. She broke the school record for points in a season, accumulating 72 this season. Simon was also named Big East Offensive Player of the Week four times in 2004, in addition to earning the title of Inside Lacrosse Magazine Player

of the Week.

Men's Tennis

Behind freshman Stephen Bass, the Irish were able to secure their fourth Big East Championship in 2004. Bass won 12 straight points after being three points from defeat to win No. 3 singles and propelled the Irish to a 4-2 win over Virginia Tech.

Irish coach Bob Bayliss was crowned the Big East Coach of the Year, and the Irish dominated the All-Tournament team at the Big East Championships. Luis Haddock and Matt Scott earned both singles and doubles honors, while Bass earned All-Tournament honors in singles. Haddock was 20-11 in the regular season, and 2004 marks the second season in a row he has been named All-Tournament. Scott, meanwhile, was 19-13 on the year, including three victories over ranked opponents. As a team, these two seniors were 13-3 this year, 18-5 overall.

Meanwhile, Bass has won five of six, good for a 22-7 record. He was 16-5 in dual matches at No. 3 and No. 4 singles. Bass was 10-0 in three set matches, including a 7-0 record when the team title is undecided.

This trio will lead the Irish in the NCAA Championships, beginning May 14 at Harvard, where the Irish will face No. 19 Tulane.

Women's Tennis

The Irish have been a mix of young and old this season. Senior Alicia Salas was joined by twin sisters freshmen Christian and Catrina Thompson to lead the Irish to a second-place finish in the Big East.

After two 4-3 losses to No. 11

Northwestern and Purdue, the Irish lost to Miami 4-0 in the Big East Championship.

But Salas led the Irish all season, rising as high as No. 10 in singles and No. 36 in national rankings. She finished with a career record (before the Big East Championships) of 94-40 in singles and 80-38 in doubles. This year, Salas was 23-15 in singles and 21-7 in doubles, including 14 victories over ranked opponents in singles. She is just the fifth player in Notre Dame history to earn berths in the first two legs of the collegiate grand slam. Salas has also been listed in each of the last 17 sets of national singles rankings, going back to the end of 2001.

Christian Thompson, meanwhile, finished with a 24-13 singles record at No. 2 singles. She was ranked as high as 88th. She teamed up with sister Christina to go 21-15, and they were ranked No. 36. They were announced as the only all-freshman team to make the 32-team NCAA Doubles Championship.

Men's Golf

For the first time in 38 years, the Irish made the NCAA Tournament after winning the Big East Championship by six strokes. Going into the final round, the Irish were down five strokes, but came back to overturn the defending champions Virginia Tech. Notre Dame finished at 36-over-par, the lowest total of the spring, and ninth-lowest in school history.

The Irish were led by sophomore Tommy Balderston, who tied for third place at eight-over-par, the best mark of his season. Freshman Cole Isban tied Balderston at eight-over-par,

good for his best spring mark as well.

Sophomore Eric Deutsch rounded out the All-Big East selections for the Irish, as he shot nine-over-par, good for a tie for fifth place, and Mark Baldwin, also a sophomore, finished in eighth place at 13-over-par.

Another sophomore, Scott Gustafson, shot 14-over-par, good for 11th place. Earlier in the season, Gustafson shot a three-over-par, good for 14th place at the Cleveland Golf Collegiate Invitational.

Women's Golf

After never qualifying for a NCAA Tournament berth, the Irish turned that all around this year, as they took won their second straight Big East Tournament, good enough to earn them an at-large bid to the NAAs.

At the Big East tournament, Notre Dame saw freshman Noriko Nakazaki earn third place after shooting a 70 in the second round, the lowest round in Big East Championship history. Sophomore Katie Brophy, 2003 Big East co-champion, took fourth place, and junior Karen Lotta took seventh after shooting an 81 in the opening round. All three golfers earned All-Big East honors.

At the NAAs, Nakazaki led the way once again. She tied for 36th, 21 shots behind the leader. Behind Nakazaki was Stacy Brown. The freshman tied for 69th in the Regional. On the year, the Irish won four tournaments, a program record. They also turned in seven top-five and 16 top-10 performances throughout the season.

2004



February 9

Behind Chris Thomas and Chris Quinn, the Irish upset then-No. 5 Connecticut 80-74 in a Big East men's hoops matchup. In the game Notre Dame turned the ball over just four times, a season low.

February 21

Diver Meghan Perry-Eaton and swimmer Katie Carroll lead the No. 20 Irish to their eighth consecutive Big East title. Coach Caiming Xie was named Big East Diving Coach of the Year.

March 20

Notre Dame takes 25th at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships behind Megan Perry-Eaton and Katie Carroll. Perry-Eaton took third in 1-meter diving and 28th in 3-meter diving. Carroll earned honorable mention All-American honors in the 200 individual medley and 400 individual medley.



April 17

After starting the season 10-0, the No. 2 women's lacrosse team falls to No. 5 Georgetown 9-7 in Washington, D.C.

April 25

The men's and women's golf teams both win the Big East Championships at the Warren Golf Course. The men earned their first trip to the NCAA Tournament since 1966.

April 26

The Notre Dame women's golf team earns its first-ever NCAA bid in its 16 years of existence as an at-large bid.



May 1

The men's tennis team wins the Big East Championship after freshman Stephan Bass makes a dramatic comeback win to seal the team win.

January 13

In a Big East conference women's basketball matchup at the Joyce Center, the Irish knock off then-No. 4 Connecticut 66-51 behind Jacqueline Batteast's 23 points on 10-of-13 shooting and 11 rebounds. It was the eventual national champion Huskies' second loss of the season.

February 7

Sophomore Molly Huddle breaks her own school record in the 3,000 meters at the Mayo Invitational with a time of 9:08.60. This time broke her old record of 9:14.33, which she set last year. The time was also the third fastest in the nation at that point in the season.

February 14

The Irish softball team pulls off a 6-4 upset over No. 8 Nebraska behind two Liz Hartmann home runs, including the game winner at the UNLV Classic. Carrie Wisen earns the win for the Irish.

March 21

The Irish hockey team earns its first-ever bid to the NCAA Tournament. In the field of 16 teams, the Irish matchup against two-time national champion Minnesota.



March 27

After making it to the Sweet 16, the Irish women's basketball team falls to No. 1 seed Penn State 55-49 in Hartford, Conn. Minutes later, the hockey team falls 5-2 to Minnesota in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

April 24-25

Julius Jones and Courtney Watson are selected in the second round of the NFL Draft. The next day, Glenn Earl is taken in the fourth round, Vontez Duff in the sixth round and Jim Molinaro in the seventh round.

April 24

The rowing team grabs its first-ever Big East Challenge Championship, good for a berth to the NAAs as well.



May 2

The men's track team wins the Big East Championship behind junior Selim Nurudeen. The women, meanwhile, finish third.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 29 Irish hope to make noise in NCAAs

Irish face Iowa after finishing 2nd in Big East tourney

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Nowadays, everyone wants to be a Cinderella.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Irish have conditioned themselves for the postseason with a rigorous schedule. Fifteen of the 20 teams the Irish faced during the regular season have earned spots in the NCAA Tournament, including No. 7 seed Duke, No. 13 seed Texas and No. 14 seed North Carolina.

"Everyone's going to be nervous, but we've earned our spot here," freshman Christian Thompson said. "We've played tough teams all season, and the teams we play in the tournament will be tough; we don't assume any less. But, if we play together and fight like we did against

Miami, it will be hard to beat us."

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

"Miami definitely stepped it up two levels, but we were still in every match. We really fought back," Christian Thompson said. "It could've gone either way."

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

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

After the meet's outcome was decided, the matches at Nos. 4 and 6 were also abandoned. At No. 4, sophomore Lauren Connelly won her first set 7-5, but fell behind 4-5 in the second set against Staci Stevens. Junior Sarah Jane Connelly trailed Sara Robbins 2-0 in the third set at No. 6.

Each of the doubles matches were equally close. At No. 3, Sarah Jane Connelly and senior Emily Neighbours fell to Audrey Banada and Toro 8-6. Lauren Connelly and senior Alicia Salas matched Miami's win with an 8-6 triumph over Robbins and Stevens. No. 50 Catrina and Christian Thompson were tied 6-6 against No. 36 Applebaum and Megan Bradley, before the Miami duo pulled ahead 8-6 at No. 1.

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

All three players received bids for the individual portion of the NCAA Championships, Salas destined for the NCAA Singles Championship and the Thompsons for the NCAA Doubles Championship. The Thompsons are the only all-rookie doubles team in the 32-team field.

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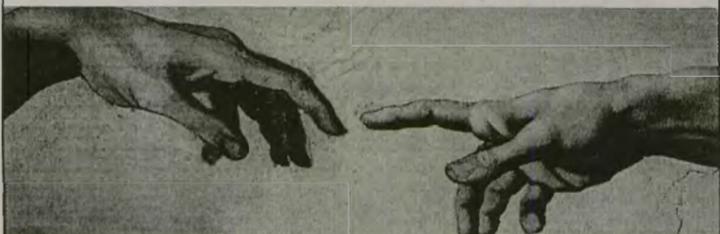
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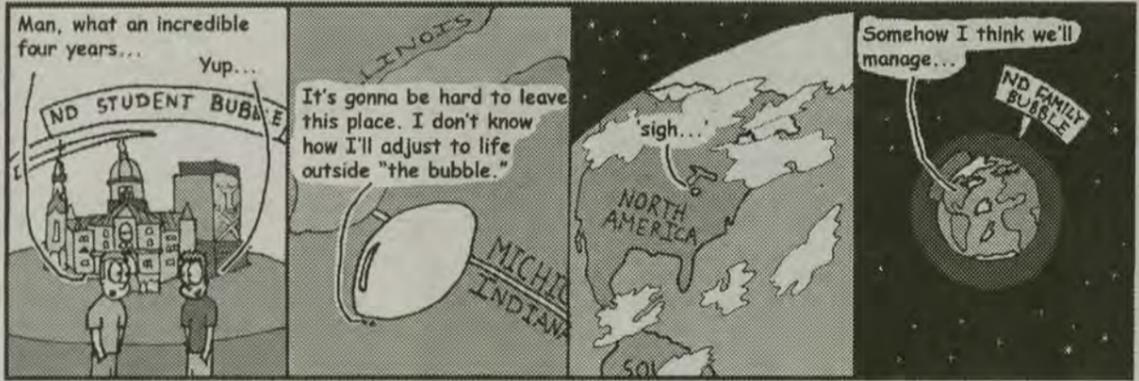
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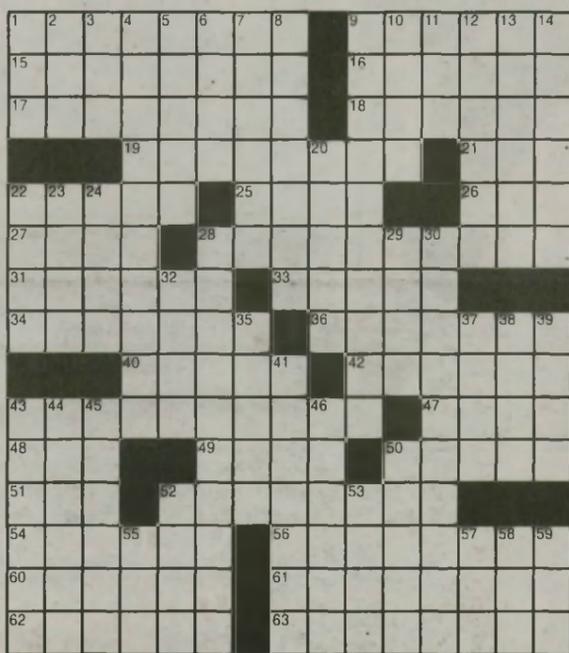
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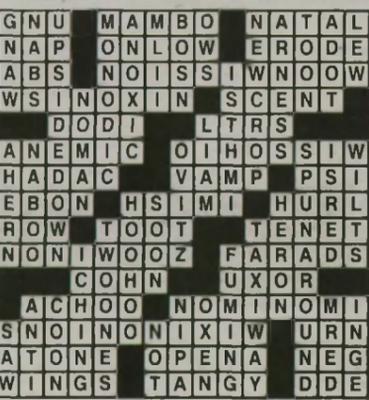


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Best of the Class

Gill led the Irish to its first-ever NCAA bid in his final season

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

When the Notre Dame hockey team made the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the team's history this year, the senior class deserved a lot of credit for helping the team reach that goal.

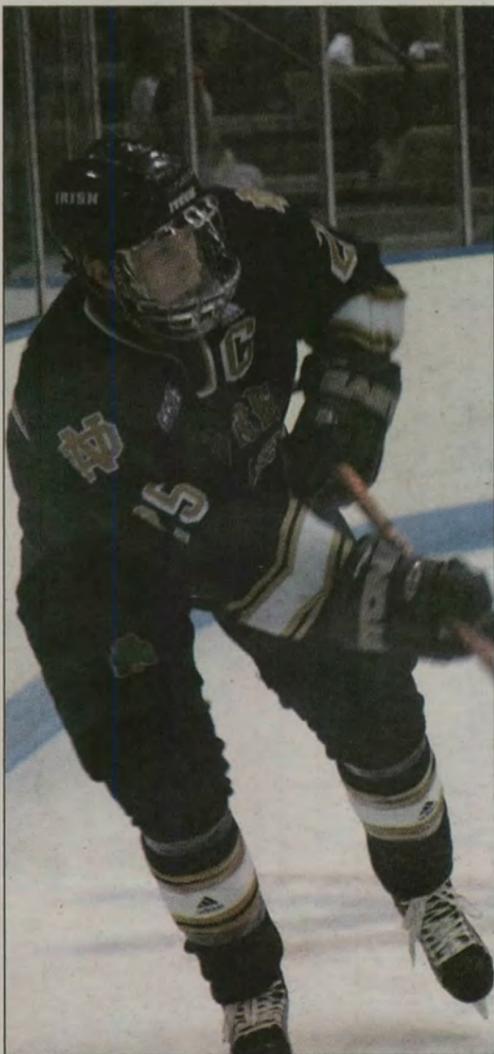
One senior in particular made a special effort to reach that goal with hard work and discipline — the tenets of the ideal Notre Dame student-athlete. For this reason, this year's Irish captain, Aaron Gill, was selected as The Observer's 2003-04 Notre Dame Senior Male Athlete of the Year.

"I think this year we did a really good job toward moving toward our goal of making the NCAA Tournament, and we didn't let obstacles get in our way," Gill said. "We had a great senior class this year, and I really think we've helped set a standard for our guys to try to reach in the future."

A solid all-around player

Looking at Gill's numbers, two things stand out. He wasn't the leading scorer on the team during the regular season, in either goals or total points — both those honors have to go to his classmate forward Rob Globke. Globke

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Aaron Gill and Meghan Perry-Eaton have been named The Observer's 2003-04 Outstanding Notre Dame Senior Male and Female Athletes of the Year.



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

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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Tennis captures MIAA tournament and league titles

Belles won their fourth straight MIAA Tournament

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

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

As a result, the Saint Mary's tennis team has been named The Observer's 2003-04 Outstanding Team of the Year.

From the beginning, there was no doubt this team would be competitive. They won the 2003 MIAA Tournament and returned four key members from that team.

So it came to be a little sur-

prise when the Belles won the MIAA Tournament title for the fourth straight year to go along with the 2004 regular season title.

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

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

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

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

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

But Knish was just one of many Belles to perform well at the tournament. Sophomore Kristen Palombo won her second straight No. 2 singles title, in addition to finishing second at No. 3 doubles with freshman partner Grace Gordon. Senior and two-time captain Kaitlin

Cutler won her third straight MIAA title at No. 3 singles to go along with a third place finish at No. 2 doubles with fellow senior Spriggle.

Spriggle also won singles, taking the No. 4 title, for her third straight.

"It meant a lot, especially for the three seniors," Spriggle said. "It was a great way to go out. We really enjoyed the season."

Rounding out the lineup was Knish, who took third at No. 1 singles and also earned fourth at No. 1 doubles with sophomore Kate Bowler who played in her first MIAA Tournament. It was a

team effort that spurred the Belles to the title.

"We really pulled together as a team," Spriggle said. "We had the best team as a whole, because we did the little things."

Palombo earned second-team All-MIAA honors, the second straight year she has done so.

But despite the help of the underclassmen, the seniors led the way.

"They are going to be sorely missed," coach Dee Stevenson said. "They were certainly leaders."

Senior Leadership

Cutler, Knish and Spriggle were the anchors of a team that had seen much success over the past four years.

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

Kris Spriggle
Belles senior

SPORTS
AT A GLANCE

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame 2nd in Big East Tournament

Alicia Salas and the Thompson sisters led the Irish.

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ND ATHLETICS

Former Notre Dame athletic director Mike Wadsworth died April 28 at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles win MIAA Tournament as No. 3 seed

The Belles captured the title by defeating nationally-ranked Albion twice.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Men win Big East Championships, women take third

The men used four individual titles en route to its third straight Big East Championship.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame wins Big East Tournament

Freshman Stephen Bass keys the title run for the Irish.

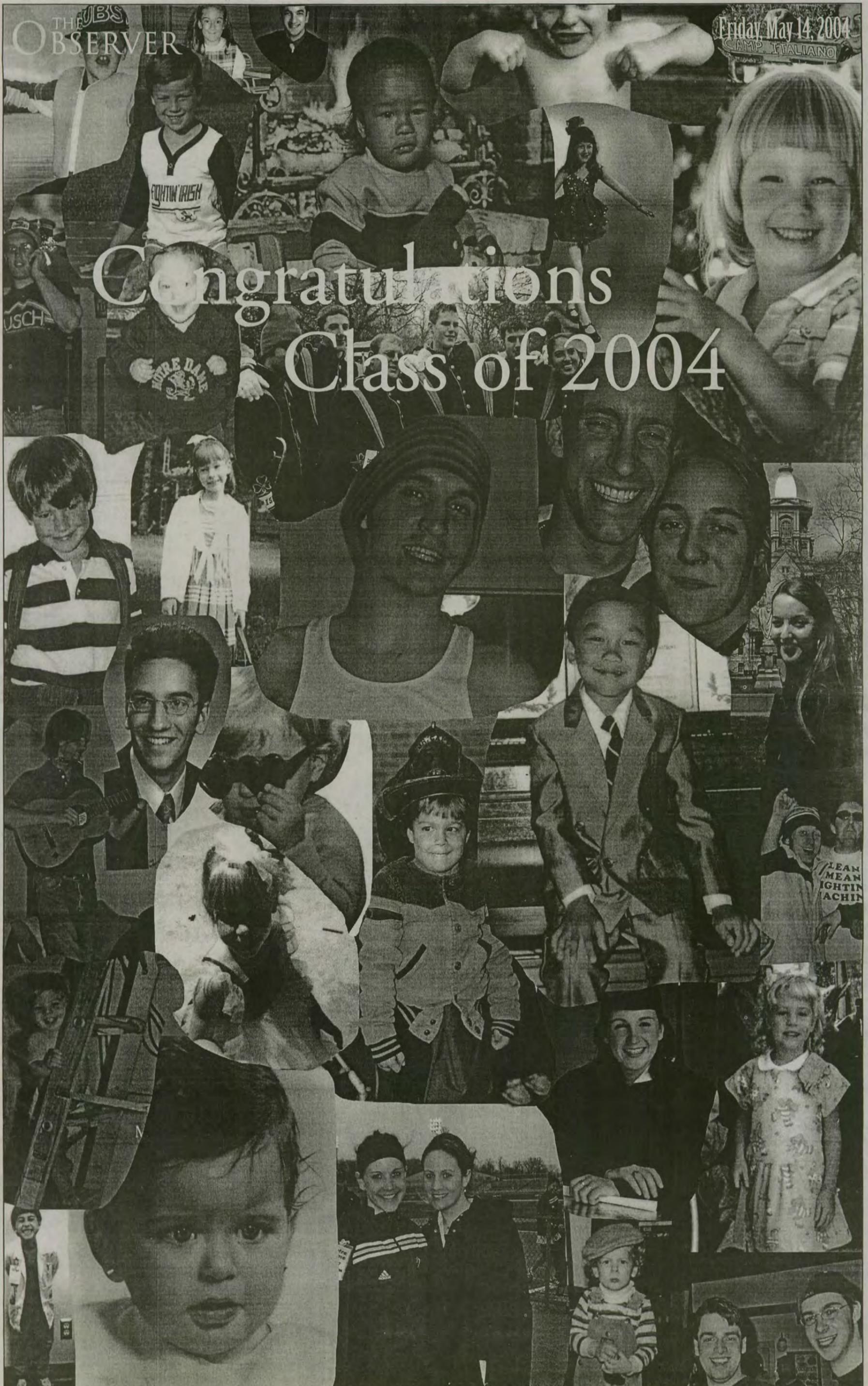
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Irish land three top-100 recruits in the class of 2009, including Luke Zeller of Washington, Ind.

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Congratulations Class of 2004



"BABY BROOKE"



JACK

May the Lord smile on you...
(Numbers 6:25)

May the Lord use your talents
and passion to further His Kingdom.

Congratulations!
We are Proud of You!
Love, Mom, Dad, Bridgette, Alli

*The last of the
Phillips Domers*



*Your family is so proud of
you!*

*We love you,
Moma, Dad (ND '69),
Tommy (ND '01)*

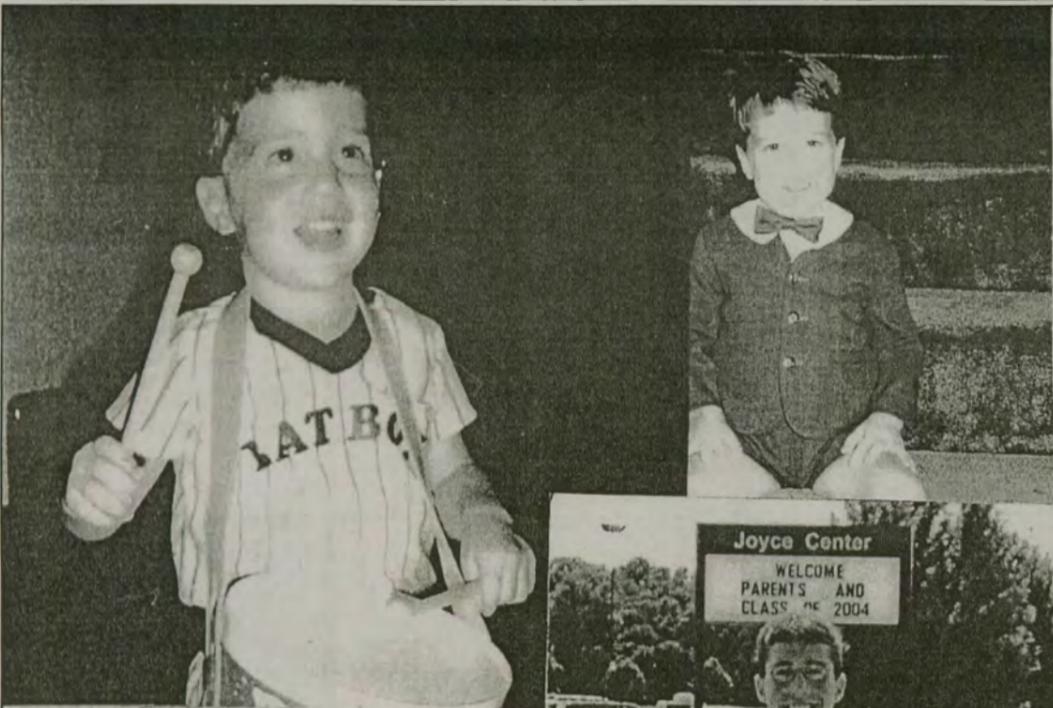


Kristen,
your mom and
grandpa couldn't
be happier.
Congratulations,
we are proud of
you.



Love Mom &
Dad

PS- a woman always
has a right to change
her mind!!



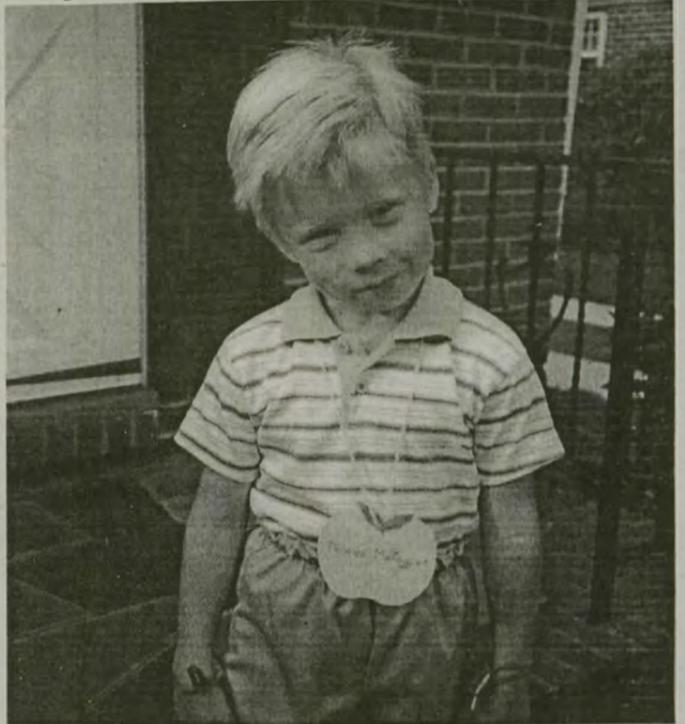
M is for "Michael"
 Our favorite son
 From the day he was born
 He's been "the perfect one"
 From Legos to laptops
 From Ireland to Down Under
 Michael's filled our world
 With magic and wonder!!

Congrats to our ND Grad!

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



From the first day of kindergarten,
 To your graduation at Notre Dame . . .



You have always made us
 So proud of you!



Love,
 Mom, Dad, Dan and Sean

Congratulations
 Tom McTaggart
 and the
 Class of 2004



*Congratulations
 Phillip Ruisi
 Michael Ruisi*



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



*May all your dreams
 become realities*

Love,
 Mom, Dad, Jennifer
 Chris and Brian





*Then
and
Now
We
Love
You,
Allyson
Mom & Dad*



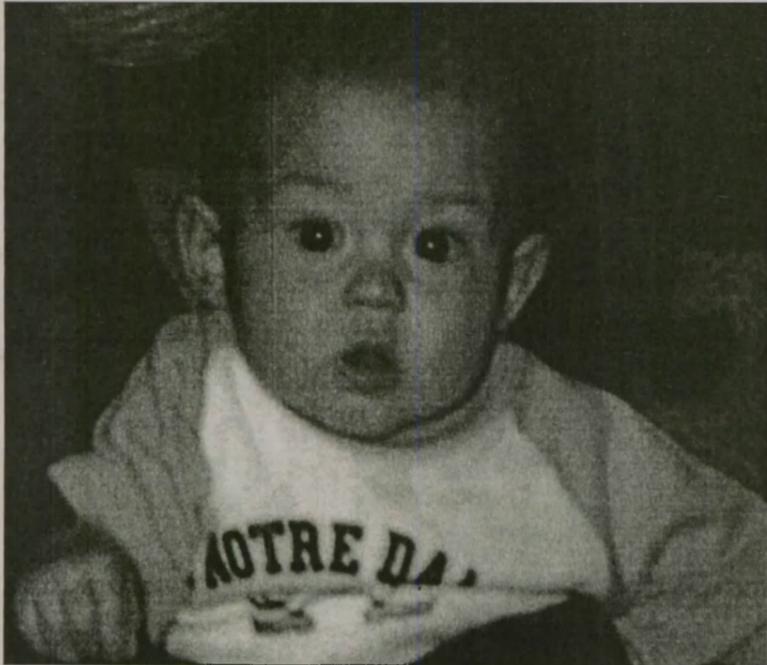
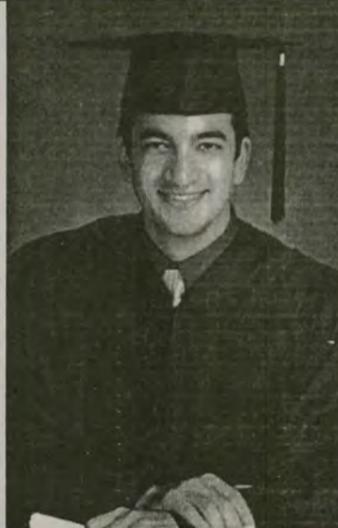
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Turtle Creek, FAC,
Campus start in Dillon.
A domer grad, and
forever alum.
God, Country,
Notre Dame!

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



Congratulations John Lira!
We Love You -
Keep it up!!
Mom & Dad

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



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

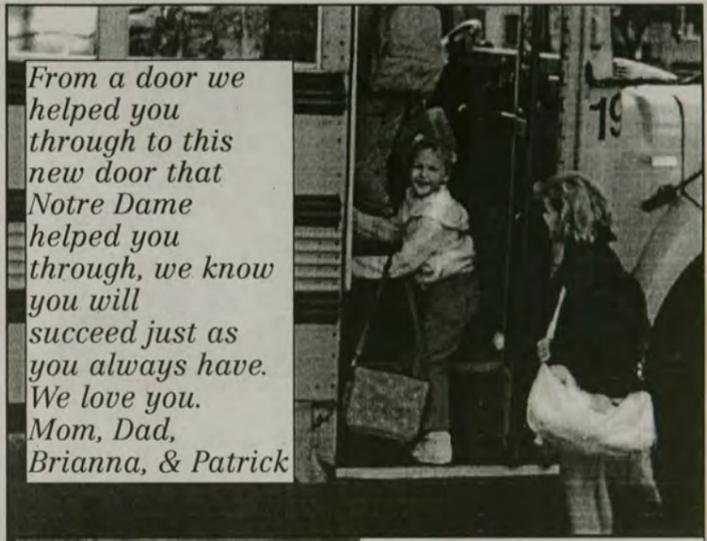


You haven't changed a
bit, and we are still so
proud of you.
BlingBling and The Fred



It's "Double Domer" time!
Way to go Andy! Go Irish!

Mom, Dad and Michael



From a door we helped you through to this new door that Notre Dame helped you through, we know you will succeed just as you always have. We love you. Mom, Dad, Brianna, & Patrick

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



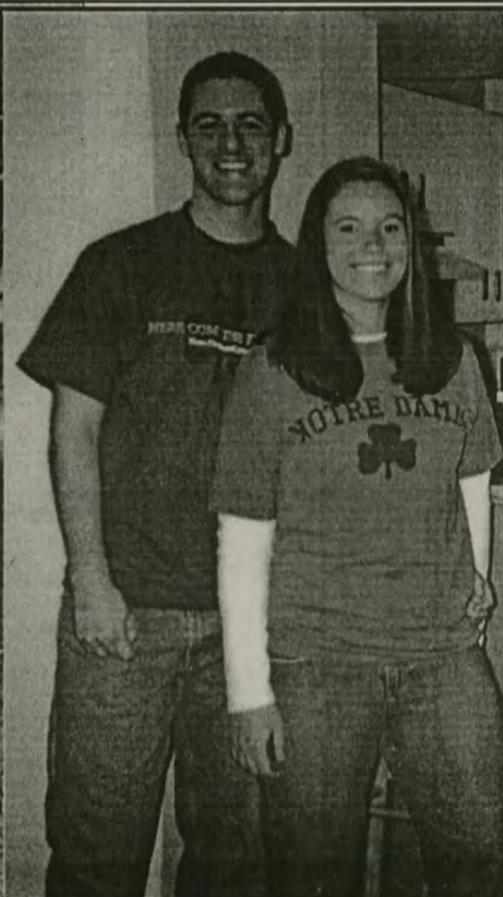
Allison,
From your first day of school to your last...

We've always been proud of you!



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

Love, Mom and Dad



Congratulations, Michelle Westhoefer!

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

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

We love you!
Mom & Dad



*Congratulations Annibanany - Cause and Effect
Love, Your Urban Family*

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

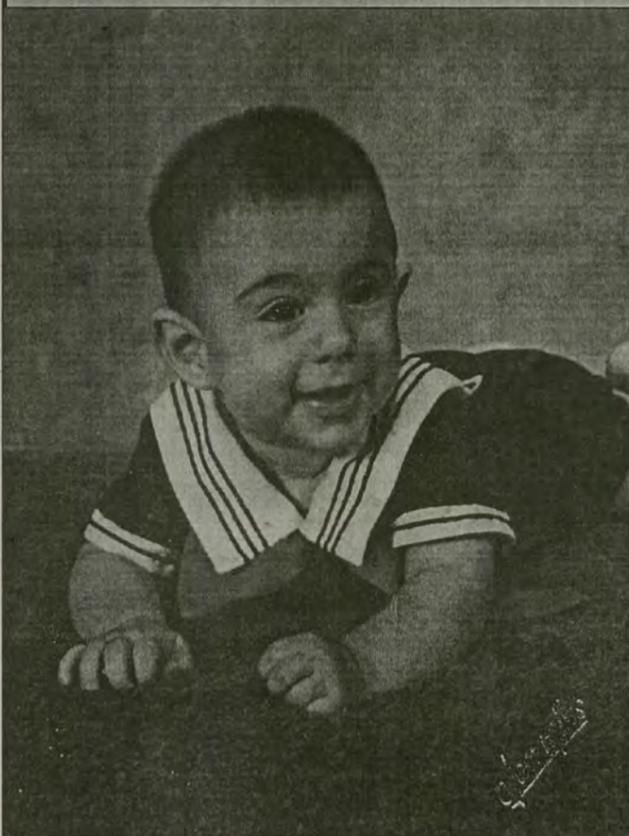


*Fancy Gowns & Bows,
All our love, on you go.
Mom and Dad*



Congratulations Frankie

**on a job
well done!**



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



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



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

**Congratulations, B.!
Love ya - Dad**





I don't wanna graduate yet...

The girl may leave ND, but ND will never leave the girl.
Congratulations, Sarah!

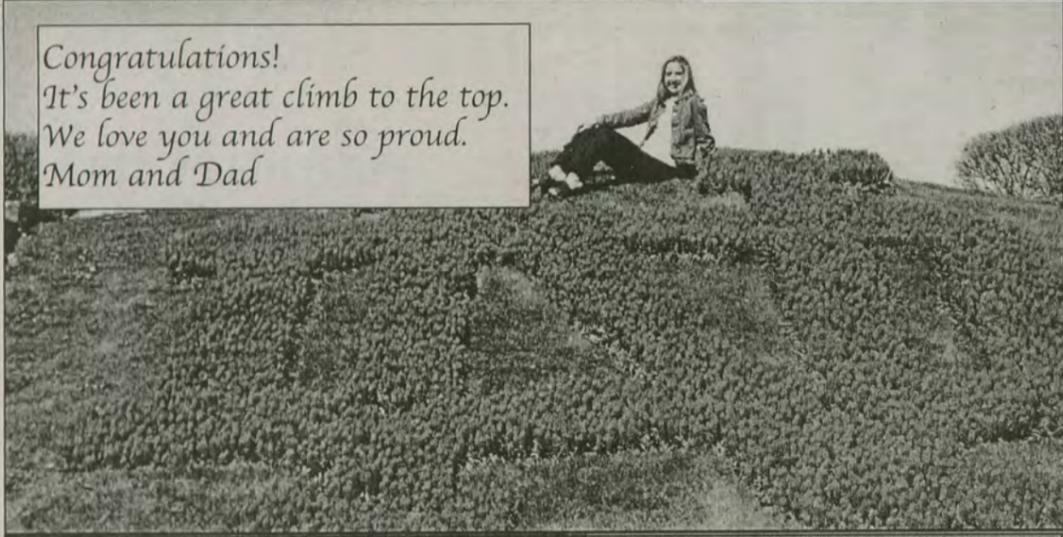
We Love You --
Mom, Dad, J.P. & Kevin



Congratulations Michael!

We're so proud of you!

Love,
Your Family



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

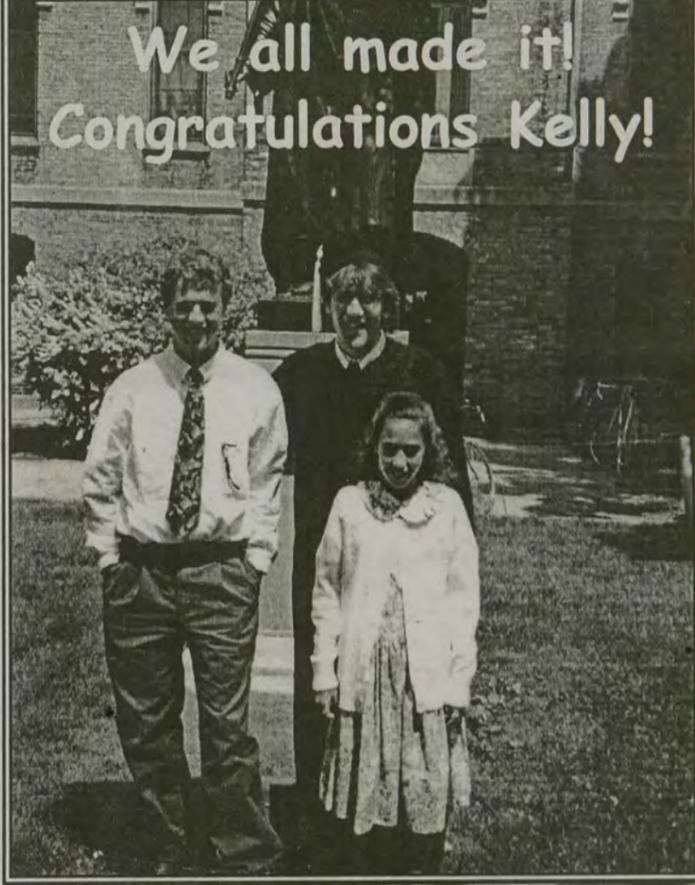


Congratulations Meg!
We always knew you could do it! Great Job!
Love, Mom & Dad



Congratulations Tommy!
You've always been at the "head" of the class!

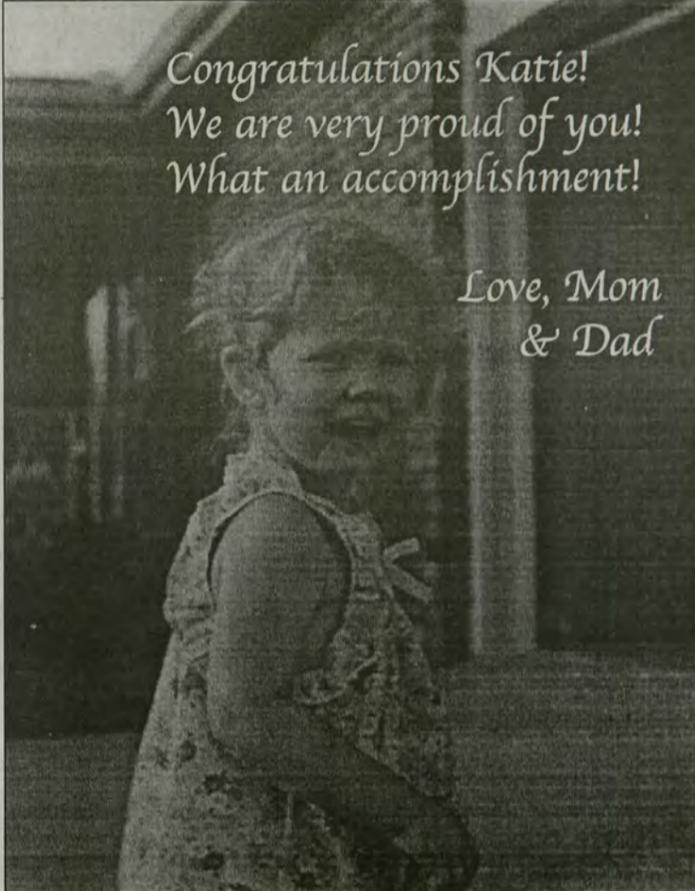
*Love,
Mom & Dad*



We all made it!
Congratulations Kelly!

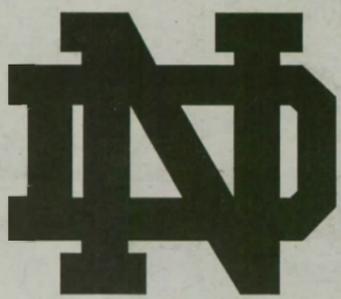


Congratulations, Matthew!
You have always made us proud!
Love, Mom & Dad



Congratulations Katie!
We are very proud of you!
What an accomplishment!

Love, Mom & Dad



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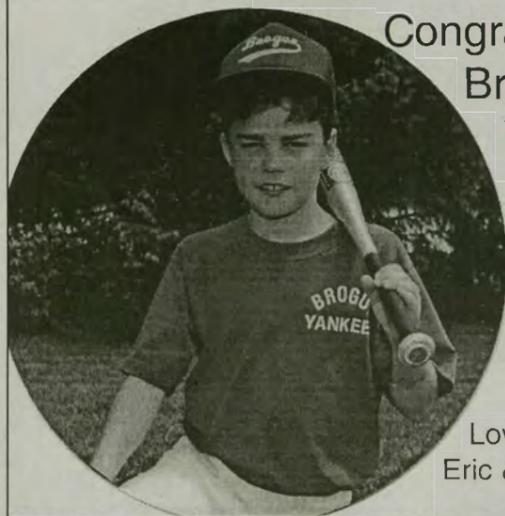
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Brian, Opening another door of life! We're very proud.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Congratulations Brogueboy! You are now an Irishman!

Love, Dad, Mom,
Eric & Scott



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

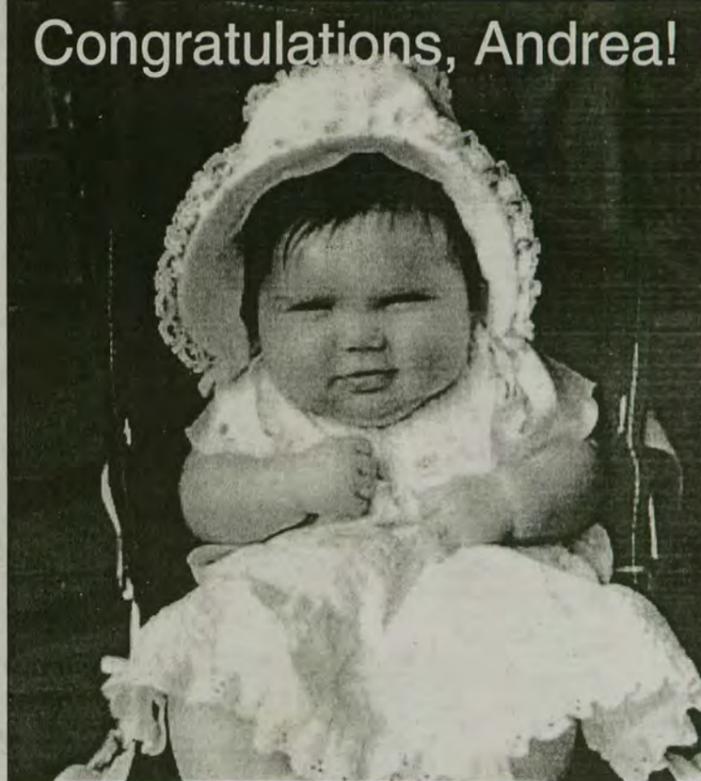
Love,
Mom & Dad



Congratulations Beth!

**We're happy that your dream came true!
Love Mom and Dad**

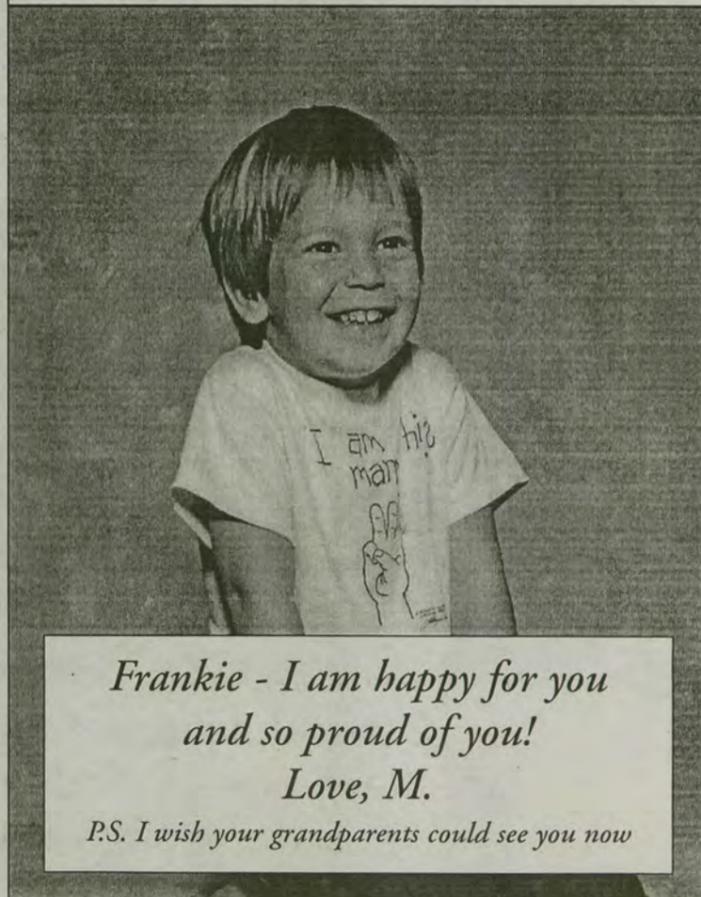
**Andy, you arrrr a Domer!
Be proud, be kind, be yourself.
Love, Mom, Dad & all your family and friends**



Congratulations, Andrea!

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

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



*Frankie - I am happy for you and so proud of you!
Love, M.*

P.S. I wish your grandparents could see you now

Dear Christopher,

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

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

Forever love,
Mom and Dad



**CONGRATULATIONS, BRITTANY!
KEEP FOLLOWING YOUR DREAMS.
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!**

LOVE,
MOM and DAD



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

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

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kevin

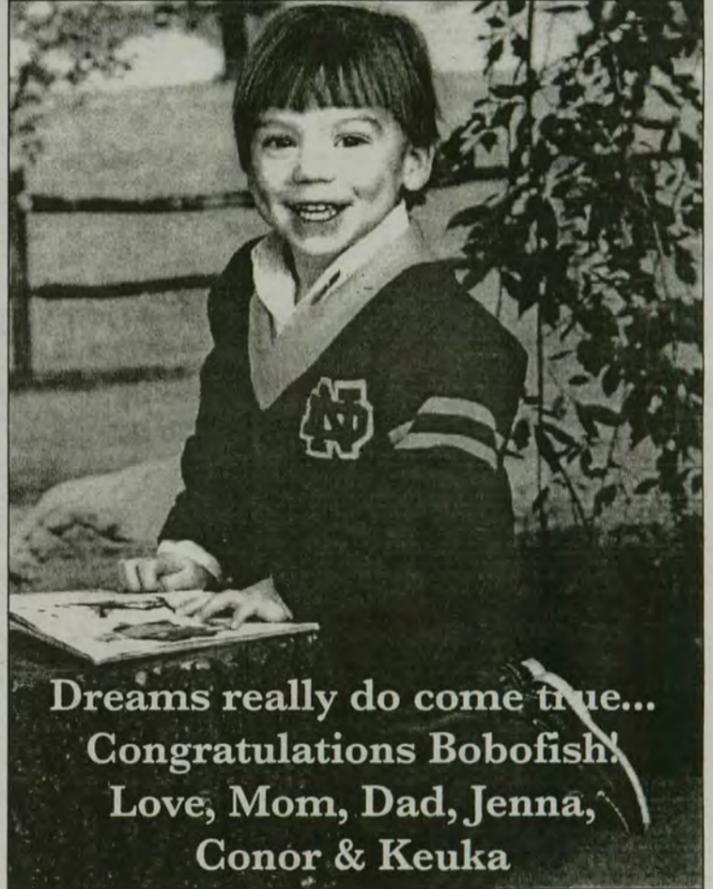


**Brian -
Congrats!
You're the
Real Thing!**

Love - Mom,
Dan, Sarah
and Liz



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

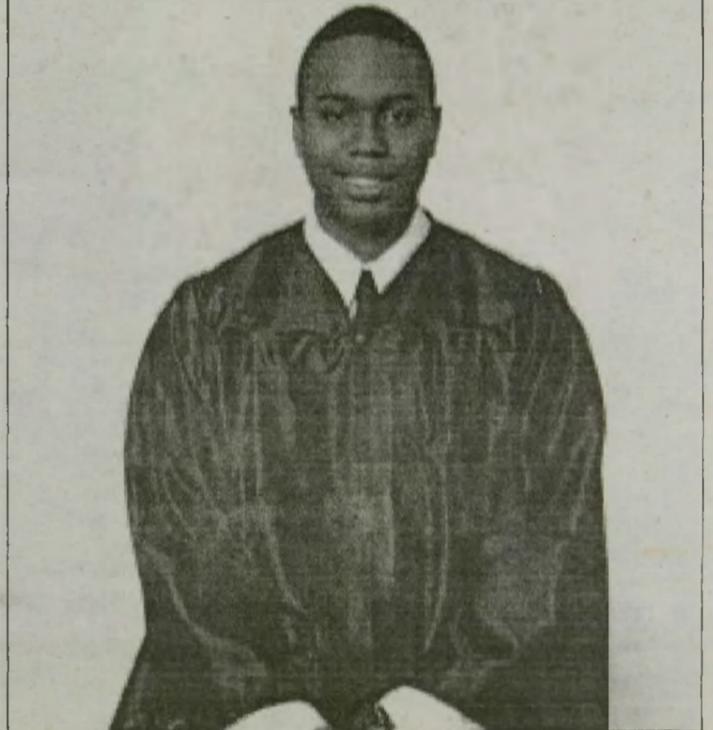


**Dreams really do come true...
Congratulations Bobofish!
Love, Mom, Dad, Jenna,
Conor & Keuka**

Way to go Tony!
We knew you had what it takes! We are very proud of you and your accomplishments
Dad & Sharon



**Adam
Your Journey Continues,
Congratulations
Love Mom, Dad, Kari,
Sammy, and Biff**





Congratulations
Life is good. You are awesome.
Love ya

Your joyful spirit
embraces the
world. We are so
proud!
Love, Mom and
Dad.



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

Congratulations
Brigitte
and may God
bless you always.



Love, Mom,
*Save,
Brendan,
Nanny
and Pop

BRIAN WONG MACMICHAEL

FROM A HURRICANE TO A DOMER!
WELL DONE!
GOOD LUCK IN GRADUATE SCHOOL

LOVE,
YOUR FAMILY

Mija,
You have always been
our shining star
Stay focused and stay true
to yourself and your goals!

CON AMOR Y CARINO
MOMMA and DADA

FROM OUR
LITTLE GIRL.....

CONGRATULATIONS
CHAMP!

TO OUR BEAUTIFUL
YOUNG WOMAN!

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

From Tot Spot to Notre Dame, you read your
directions and checked your work! We are proud
of you! Congratulations, Adam! On to Vandy!



David,
At last, it's time to stop and smell the flowers! You've worked so hard and done so well. We're enormously proud of you! Your next exciting life adventure is about to begin. We are so happy for you. Congratulations! We love you.

Mom, Dad & Trevor



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

Love,
Mom & Dad



*Congratulations,
Dana!*

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



CONGRATULATIONS
BILL!

A Wonderful Son,
Brother, And Grandson



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

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



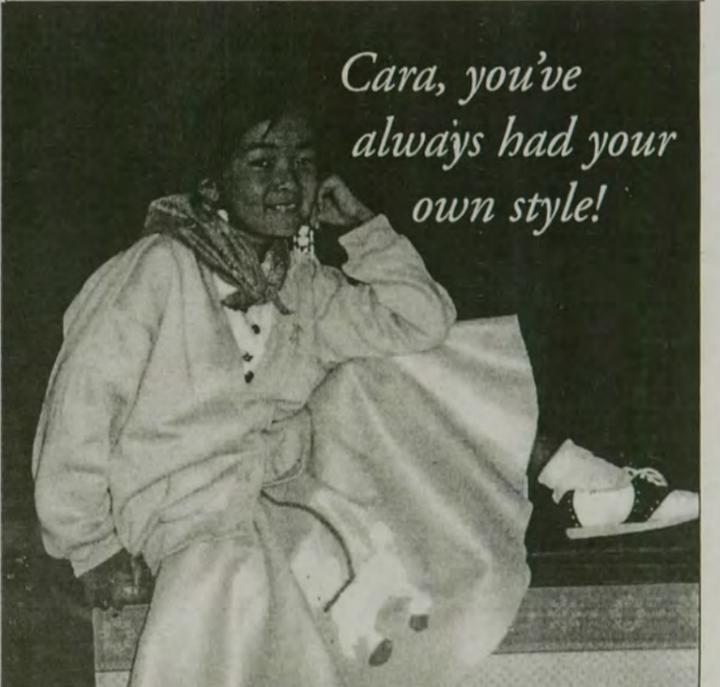
Congratulations Caroline!

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

*Congratulations
Anthony Oritz Lopeman
"For with God,
Nothing shall be impossible"*

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

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



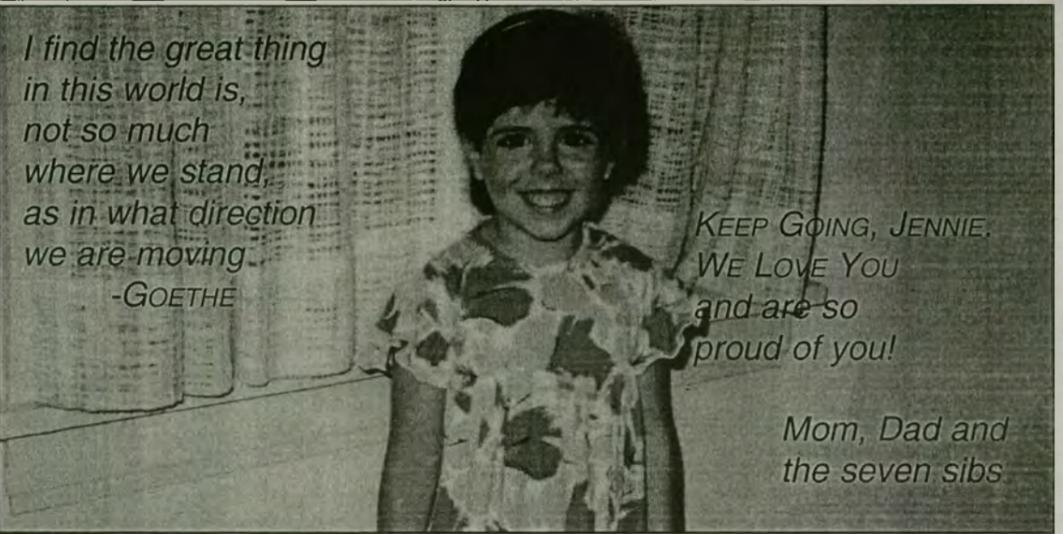
*Cara, you've
always had your
own style!*

*We applaud your individuality and
achievements. Congratulations!
Love Mom and Dad ('64)*



We're so proud of you,
Court! Here's to
making your 15 year
dream come true!
God Bless you and
Happy Birthday!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Roman



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

KEEP GOING, JENNIE.
WE LOVE YOU
and are so
proud of you!

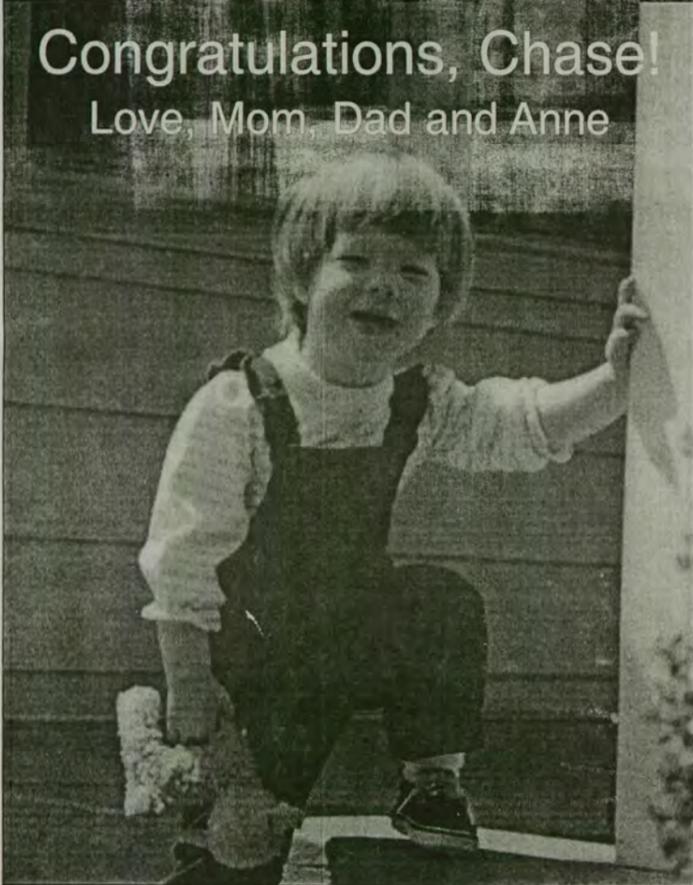
Mom, Dad and
the seven sibs

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



Erin

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



Congratulations, Chase!
Love, Mom, Dad and Anne



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

Congratulations Chris Broughton



We love you, Domer '04 Love Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS
BRIAN!

ALWAYS REMEMBER ONLY THOSE
WHO DARE TO FAIL GREATLY CAN
EVER ACHIEVE GREATLY.
KEEP ACHIEVING.
WE ARE SO PROUD.

LOVE YOU.
MOM & KIM






May God continue to bless you throughout your life journey.

Love,
Grandma & Aunties
Uncles, Cousins



GREAT DAY!
GREAT GRADUATE!
WITH ALL OUR
LOVE TO OUR
CPEG/MBA,

MOTHER & DAD



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



Congratulations,
Dan!

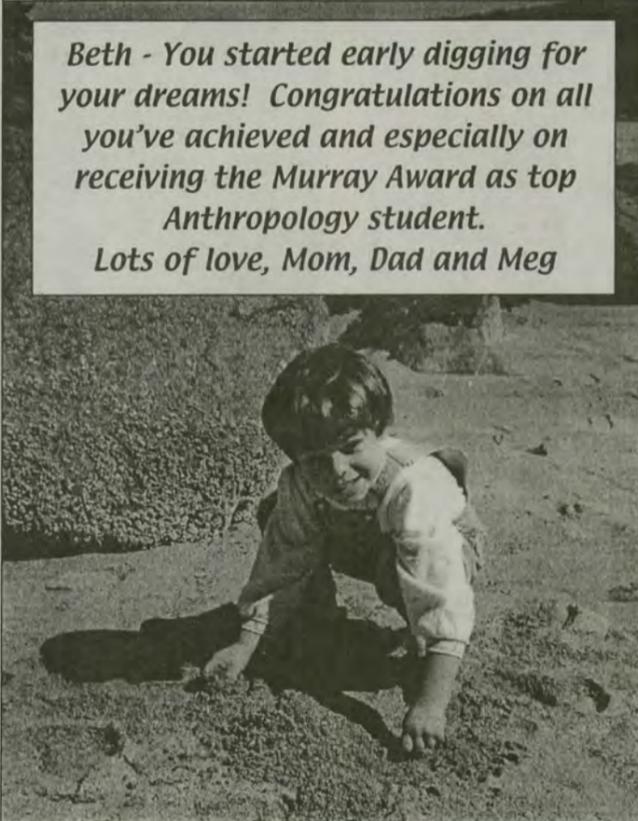
From the 1st day of kindergarten through your last at ND, you've always made us proud!

Love, Dad, Mom & Stacey

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



Love,
Mom
and
Dad

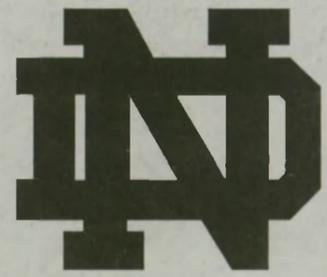


*Beth - You started early digging for your dreams! Congratulations on all you've achieved and especially on receiving the Murray Award as top Anthropology student.
Lots of love, Mom, Dad and Meg*



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

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



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From one promising beginning
to another...
Congratulations Erin
Love, Mom, Dad, Josh & Megan



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

Congratulations, Elliot

Elliot, you are
truly a blessing.

Love,
Mom & Dad



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



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



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



I really want
to go to
Univ. of Notre Dame

David M. Stevens
Congratulations,
you worked hard &
made your dreams
come true.

Love -
Mom & Dad, Aunt El &
Uncle Gayle, Elena & Dave



"Oh, the Places You'll Go!"
Congratulations Camilla
Love, Mom, Dad, Caitlin & John

Congratulations Jonathon!

We are so proud of you!

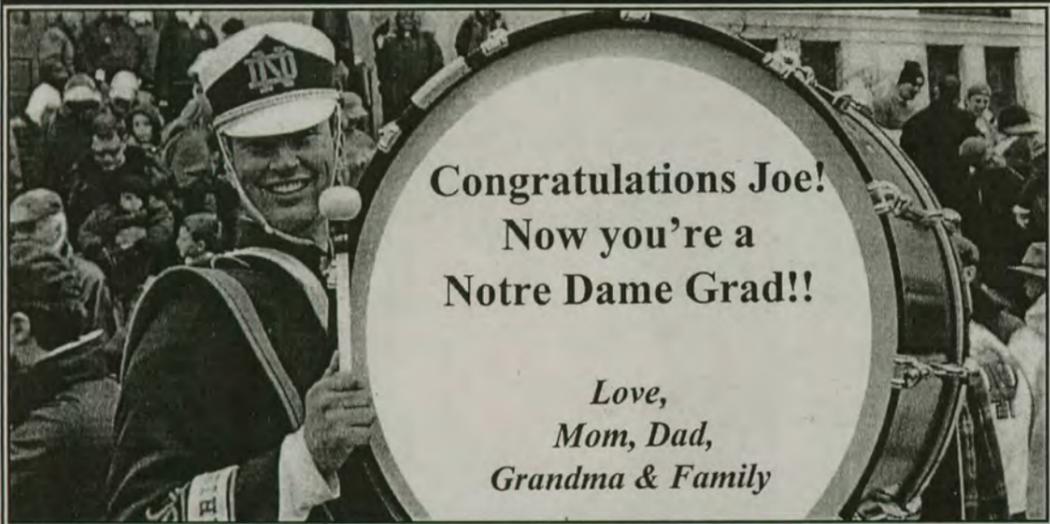
Love, Mom and Dad



Way to go Erin...

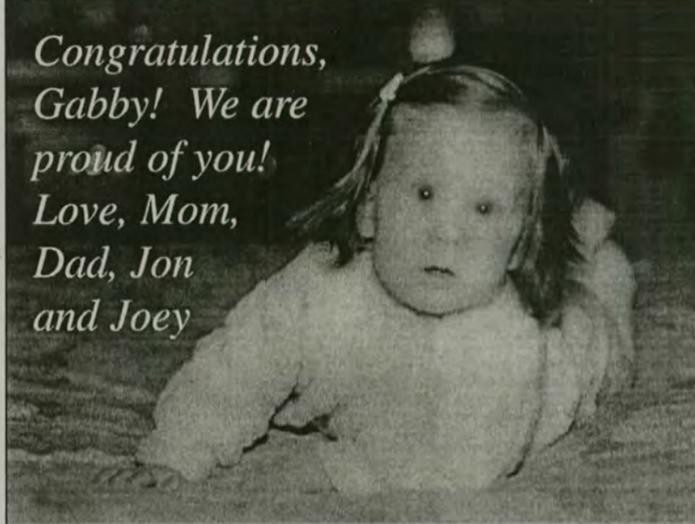
One adventure done, many more to come.

Love you, Mom and Dad



Congratulations Joe!
Now you're a Notre Dame Grad!!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Grandma & Family



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



Congratulations Cheryl

From Irish Idol to ND TV You Have Proven to Be the "Host with the Most"

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



Congratulations David!

Our Irish eyes are smiling with pride!

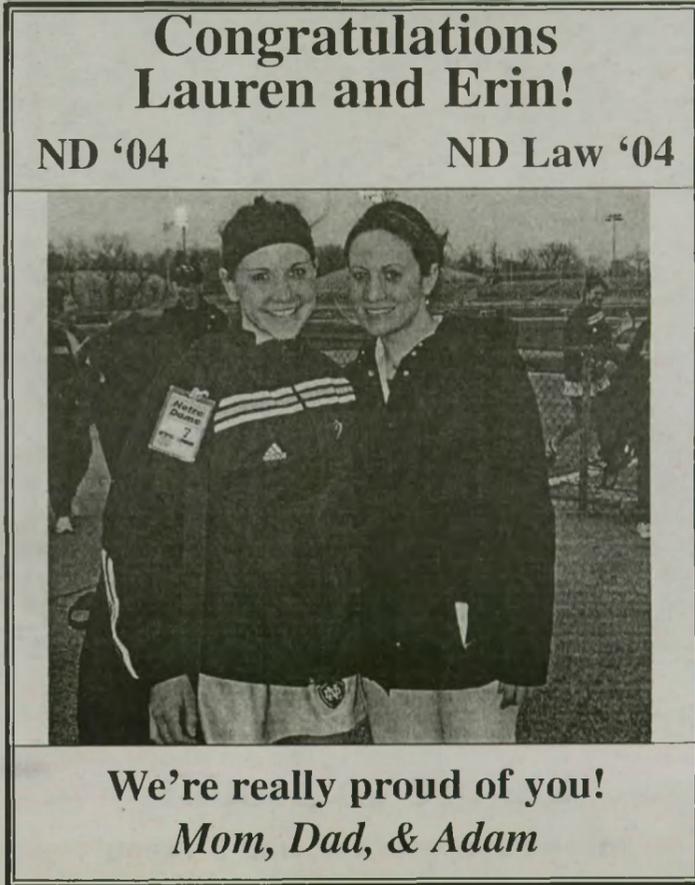
Love, Mom, Dad and Lorraine



Congratulations, Christopher!

"Legends" are made by thoughtful people like you. May your ND experience continue to enrich your life for the benefit of others.

All our love, Mom & Dad



Congratulations Lauren and Erin!

ND '04

ND Law '04

We're really proud of you!
Mom, Dad, & Adam



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



We are so very proud of
 who you are and what
 you've accomplished!

Love,
 Dad, Mom, Chip and
 Kelsey

*Congratulations
 Greg,
 you're the best.*

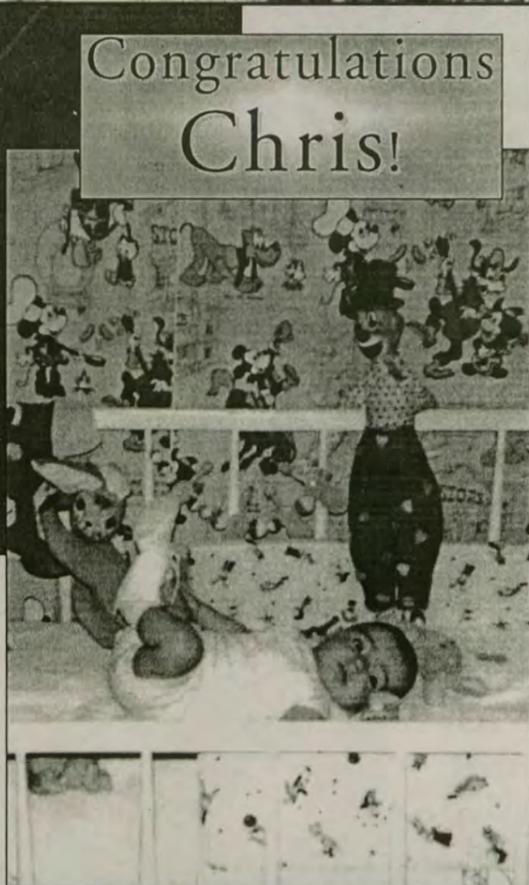
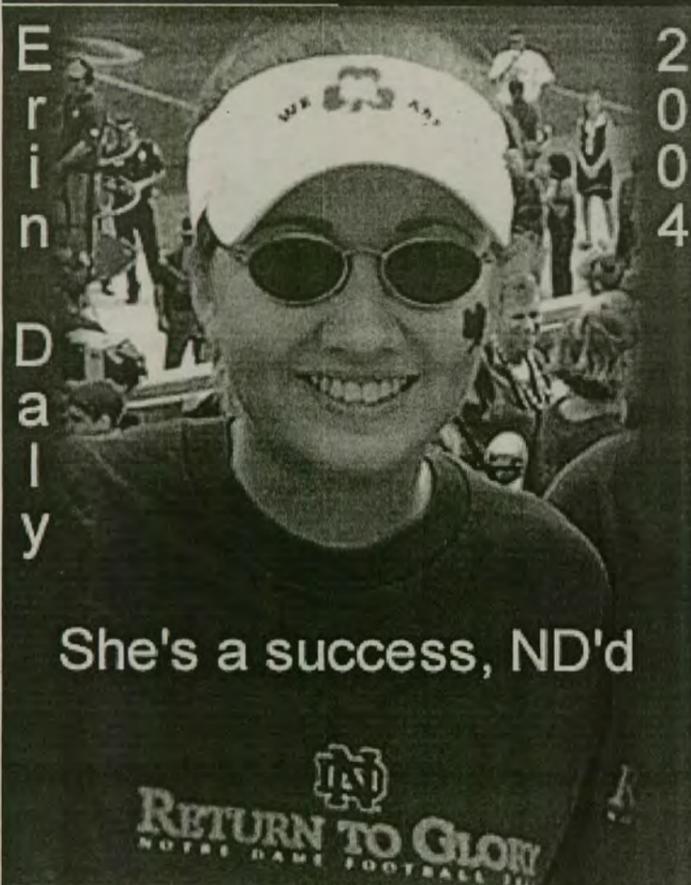
*Love Mom, Dad
 and Brother Gabe*



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

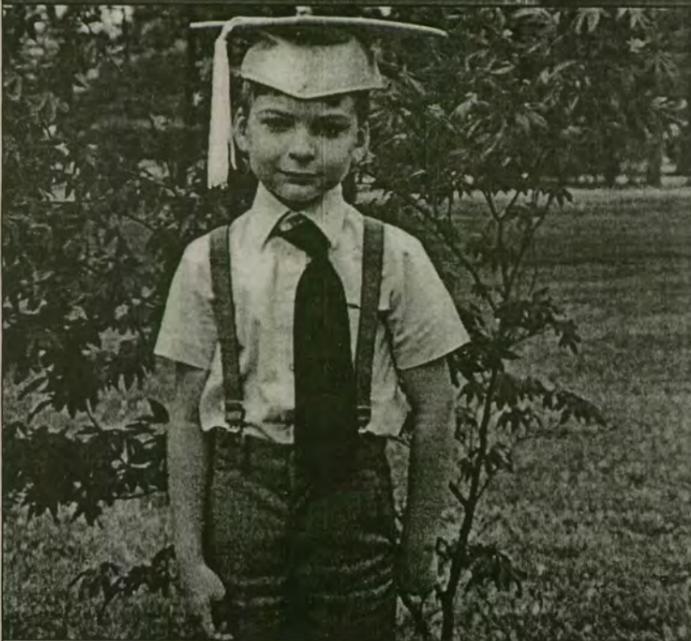


**Now, you're a
 Notre Dame
 grad.
 Congratulations!**
 Love,
 Dad, Mom,
 & Jack



How the time passed!
 You got it!

 Love, Mom, Dad and
 Odie



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



Great job Cris! We are very proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Brandon, Shane and David



**CONGRATULATIONS
JON BOY!**

**4 DOWN
3 TO GO**

**LOVE,
MOM & DAD
NICHOLAS
LISA
&
ANNE E.**



Lawrence, Thanks for always being there for me and all that you've brought to my life. You're my inspiration and my best friend. Congratulations on this great accomplishment and best wishes for the future. I love you broq.

Brian

*Congratulations Jenniel
You are precious to us. We are so proud of you.
Love,
Dad, Mom,
Emmy & Ben*



**Lauren, we've had so much fun!
Congrats!**

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

Congratulations,



**With love
your
family**



David,

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

Now, let your dreams take flight!

We are very proud of you.

Love,

Mom and Dad

Go Irish!



Now we're cheering for you, Erin!
Congratulations on a job well done!

Love,
The Family of Erin Kathleen Mulvaney

Congratulations Cam!

You make the

Entire Family



**Very Proud Indeed!
Mom & Bill**

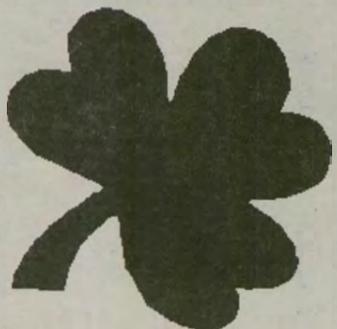


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*Mugs,
You will now sit
with the Notre
Dame graduates.
Congratulations!*

*Love,
Dad and Mom*



**Congratulations,
Justin!**
We are so proud
of you!

Love,
Dad, Mom &
Rachel



Congratulations Katie!
Love, Divot and the gang



We found our "pot of gold" in you.

Bucky- Congratulations!

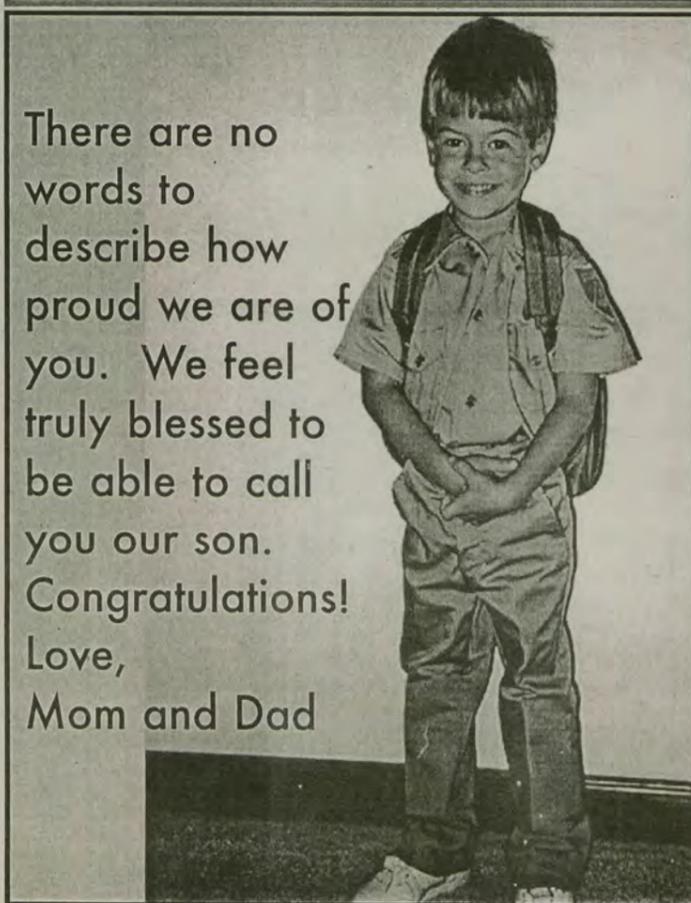
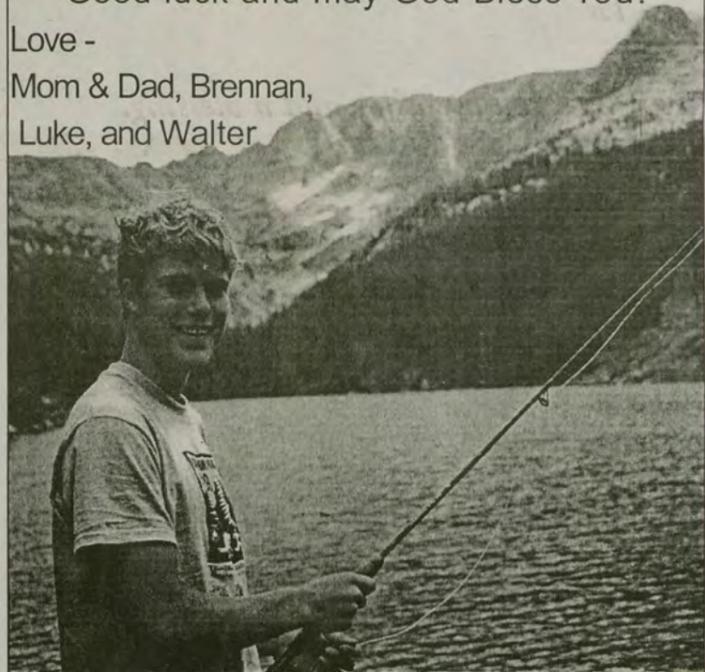
We are proud of the fine young man
you have become and of all
your accomplishments.

Good luck and may God Bless You!

Love -
Mom & Dad, Brennan,
Luke, and Walter



**CONGRATULATIONS
JEANNE!**
Your Irish Eyes have
always been smiling!
Love, Mom & Dad



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



*A MAN MAKES HIS PLANS,
THE LORD DIRECTS HIS STEPS*

*Gregory, always follow Him!
Love, Dad, Mom, Phil and Stephen*



Lindsay,

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

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ryan, Ted

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



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

Love, Mom, Dad,
Brandon and Matt

Kindergarten

My school picture



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

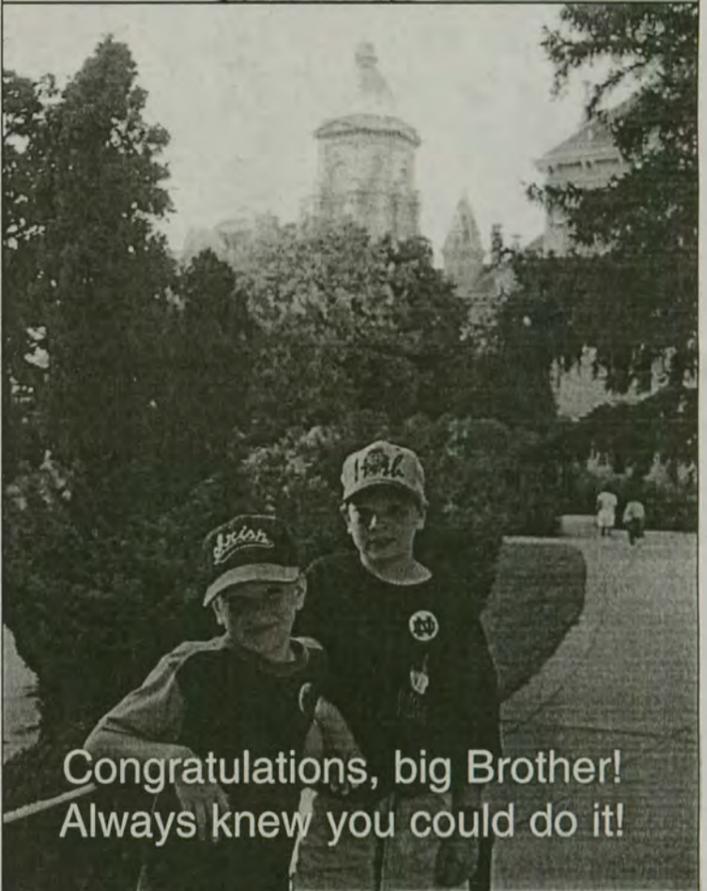
Dustin Alexander Lopez University of Notre Dame Class 2004

Dear Dustin:

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



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



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



Dominic,

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

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

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



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



From start to finish, you have made us proud!

Love, Mom, Dad & Crowd



CONGRATULATIONS MARK!

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

LOVE, MOM, DAD, MICHAEL, KRISTY, KEVIN, MARY & SARAH



We are so proud of you, Katie! We're ready for your next act!

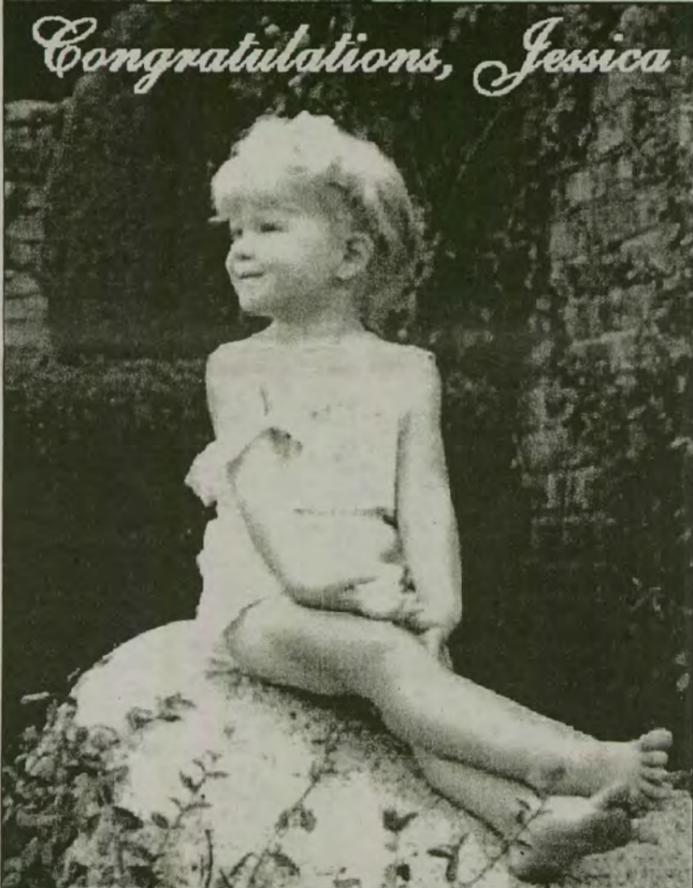
Love, Mom, Dad and Melinda



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

We are sooo proud of you.

Love Mom, Dad, Lisa & Matt



Congratulations, Jessica



A prophecy fulfilled! We are so proud of you!

Forever Irish!

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



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

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

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

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

Emily Dickinson



Congratulations Elizabeth!

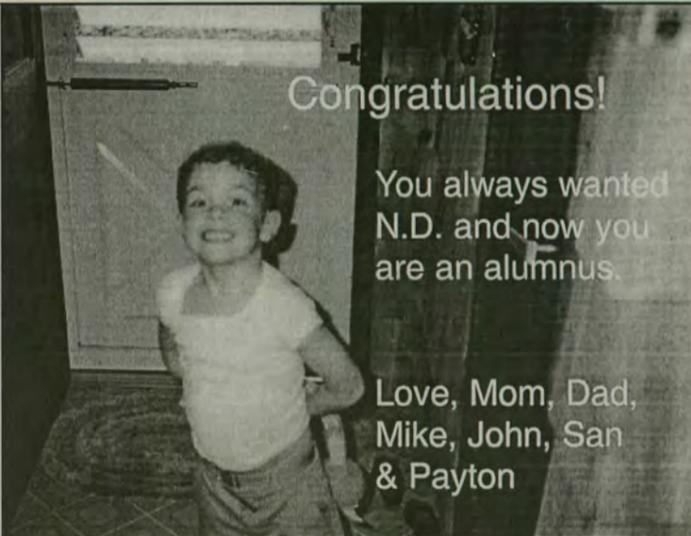
As always, we are so very proud of you and your accomplishments. We are in awe of your ability to love, live, and give so selflessly. Our love, hugs, and kisses to you - Mom, Dad, Dan, Mike and Joe.
Sláinte!

**Congratulations
Meagan!**



The world
awaits your
wisdom and
passion!

Congratulations!



You always wanted
N.D. and now you
are an alumnus.

Love, Mom, Dad,
Mike, John, San
& Payton

*From jelly beans to "Domer days" -
wonderful memories.*

Congratulations Megan and Katie!



*Love,
Your
families*

**Congratulations
Matt!**

Dreams do
come true!

Love, Mom, Dad
& Chad



**CONGRATULATIONS
JENNIFER!**

Today is your day.
You're off to great places!
You're off and away!

From Atlanta to Florida,
to Dallas, to Notre Dame...

Oh, the places you'll go!
There is fun to be done.
And will you succeed?
Yes! You will, indeed!
(99.9 percent guaranteed.)

Love, Mom, Dad, and J.D.



**Congratulations
Jessie!**

We ALWAYS
knew you
could do it.



Congratulations!

We are so proud of all you have
accomplished. Words can't express
the love and joy we are feeling.

May God
continue to
bless all
your
endeavors.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Emily and
Marissa



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



*Congratulations Lauren Beck!
Your Irish eyes have been smiling since day one!*



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

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



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



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

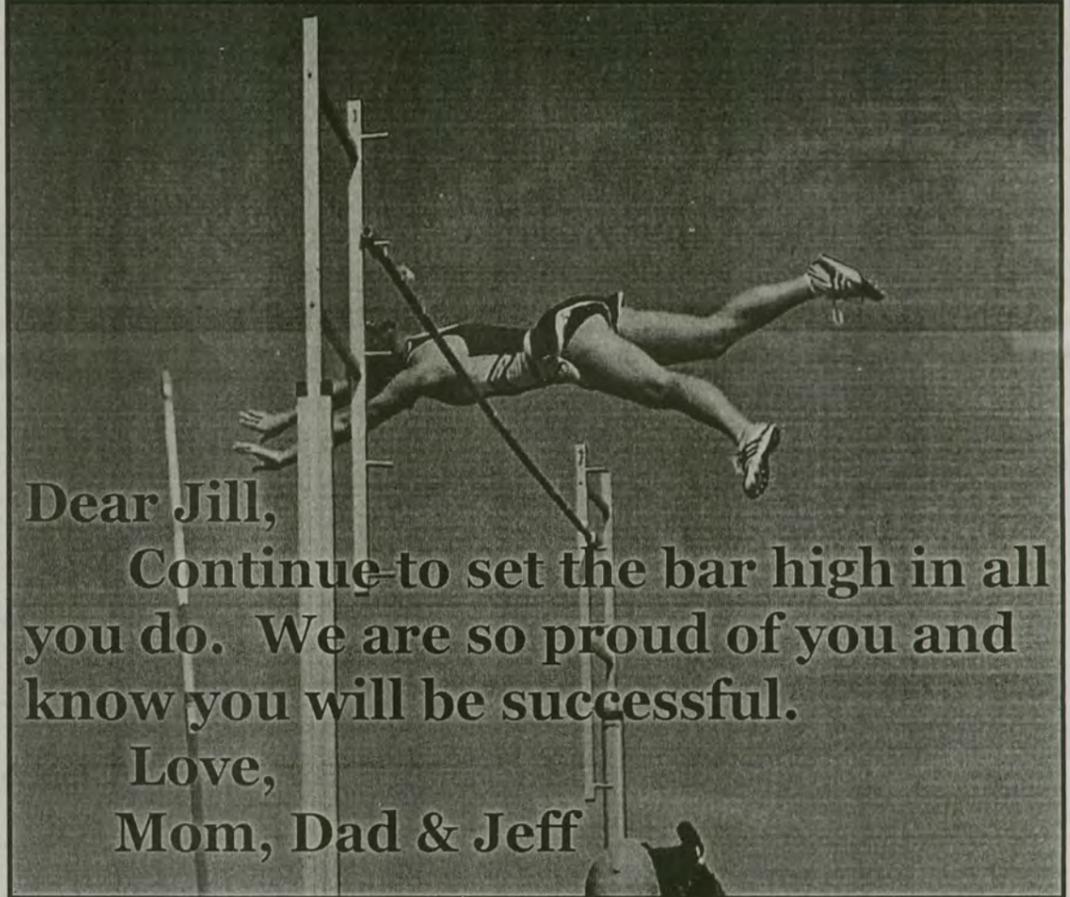
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Joey!



You have made us
prouder than we
could ever
express.

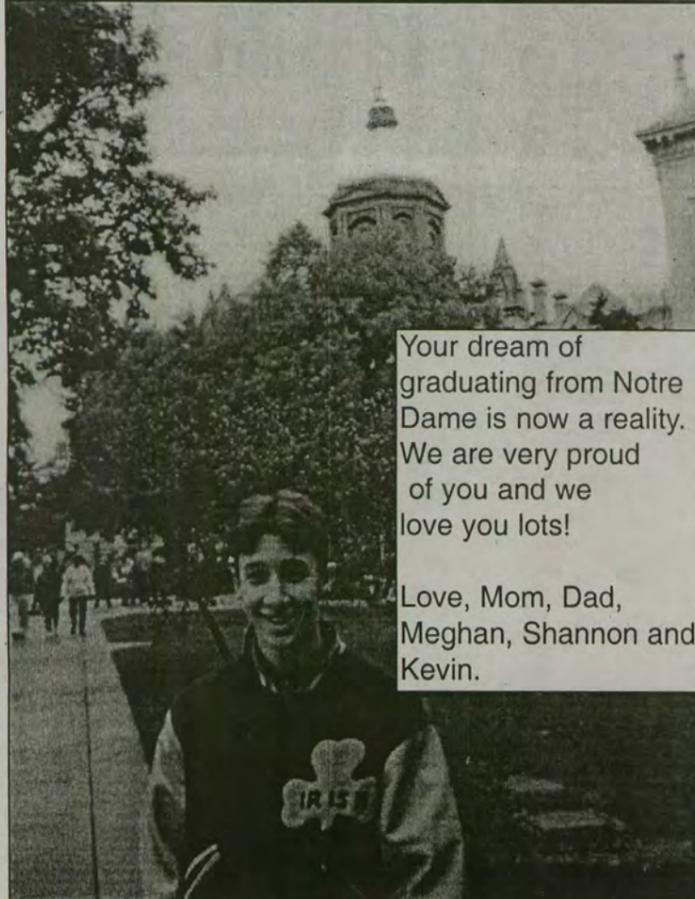
Love,
Mom, Pop, and the
next "DOMER"
Jack, 08



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

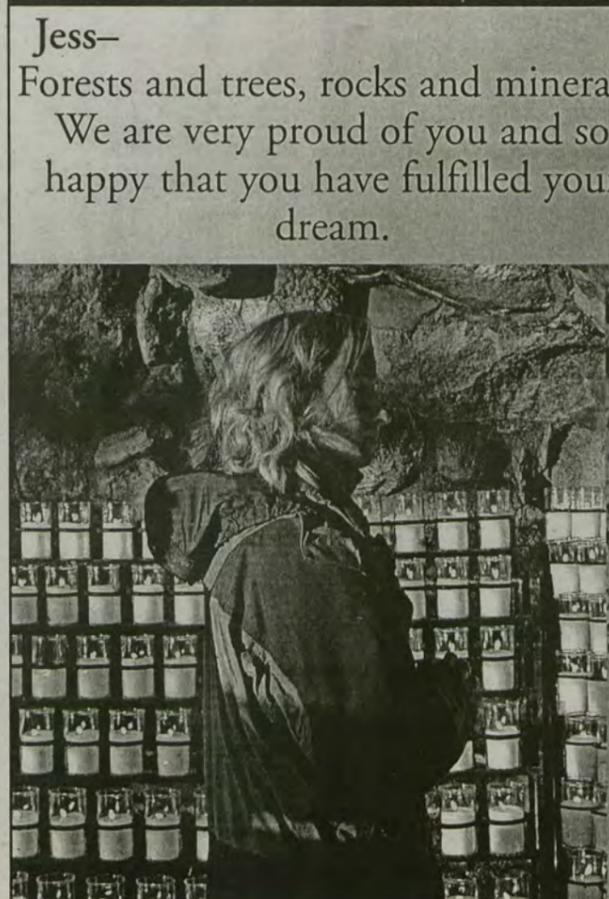
Love,
Mom, Dad & Jeff

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

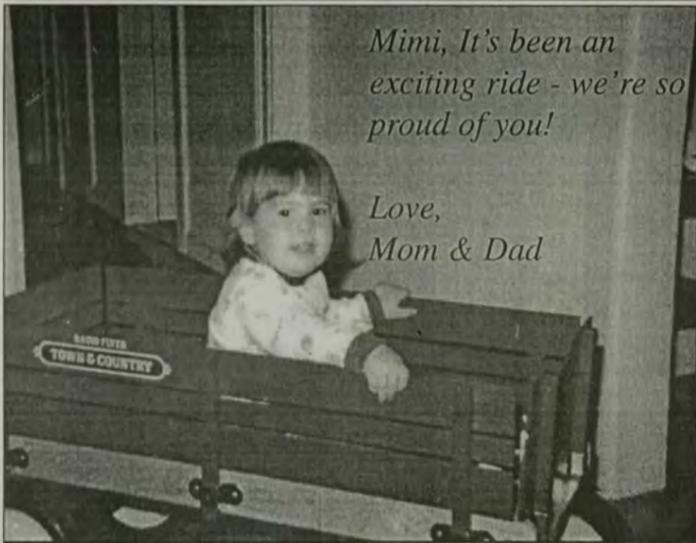


Your dream of
graduating from Notre
Dame is now a reality.
We are very proud
of you and we
love you lots!

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



Congratulations.
We love you.
-Mom and Dad



Mimi, It's been an exciting ride - we're so proud of you!

*Love,
Mom & Dad*

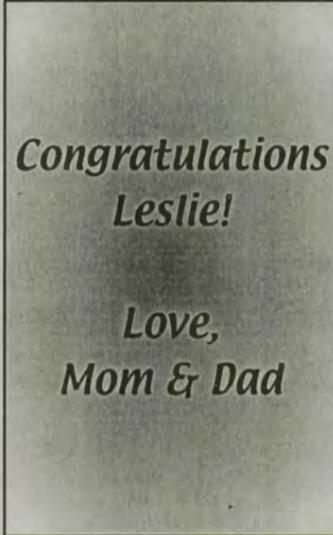


Oh, the things you've gained and lost in 4 years at N.D.

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



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



*Congratulations
Leslie!*

*Love,
Mom & Dad*



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



Congratulations
Johnny
and your Siegfried brothers
of the Class of 2004

*Love,
Mom, Dad & Charley*



Congratulations to our Oliver!

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



Congratulations! Julianne Plazas, we are proud of you and also your achievements.

Love, Mom, Dad and Alexandra

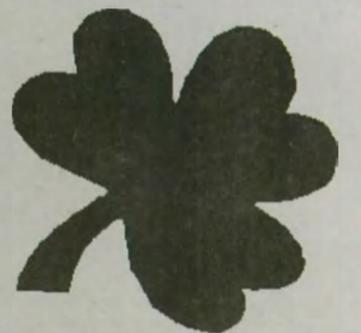


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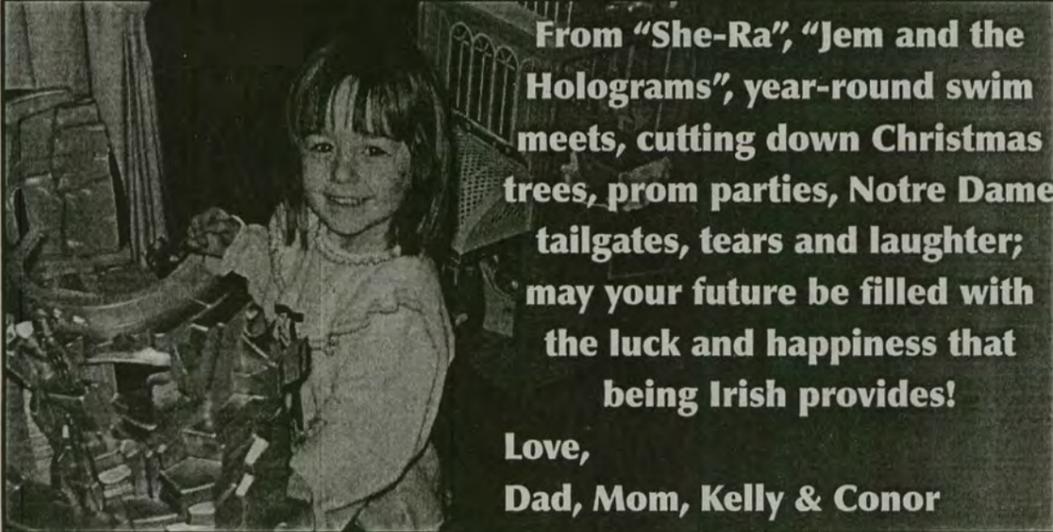
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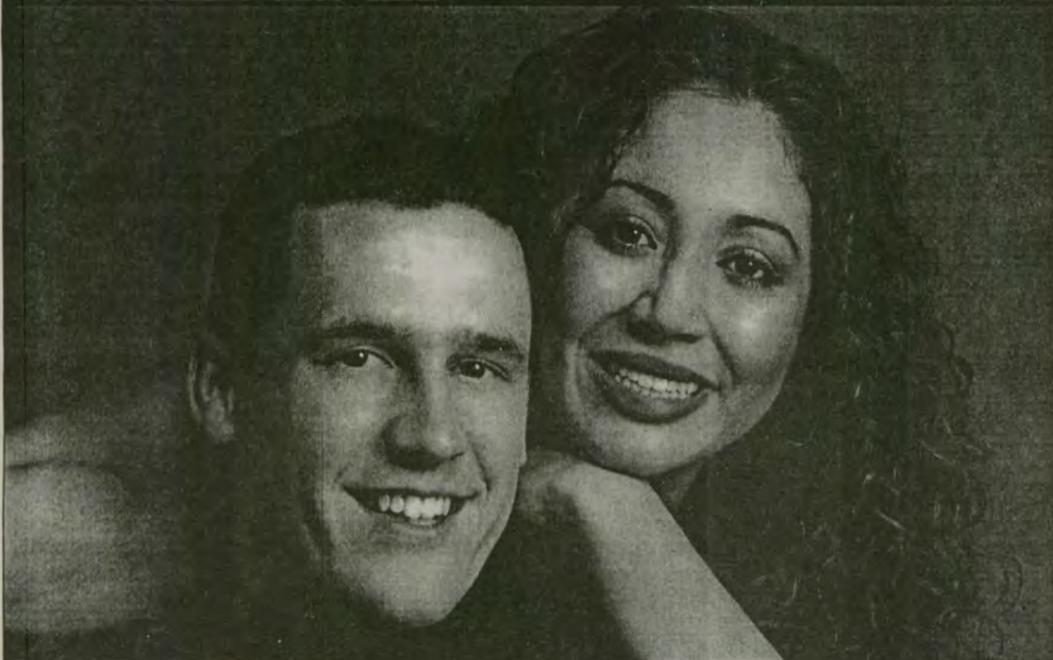


Congratulations Senior Trombones!
from the Schumachers



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

Love,
Dad, Mom, Kelly & Conor

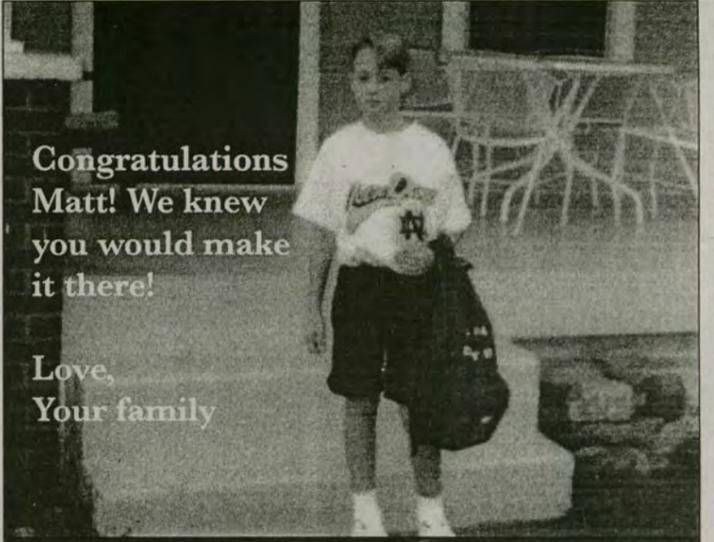


CONGRATULATIONS KARINA AND NICK!!!
YOUR ND EDUCATION HAS PREPARED YOU WELL!
MAY GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD! WE RESPECT AND LOVE YOU VERY MUCH,
YOUR FAMILIES



PJ -
Congratulations and Well Done! Thanks for all the great memories. There is finally a JBW Domer!

We love you
Mom and Dad
Shannon and Chris
and Grandma too!



Congratulations Matt! We knew you would make it there!

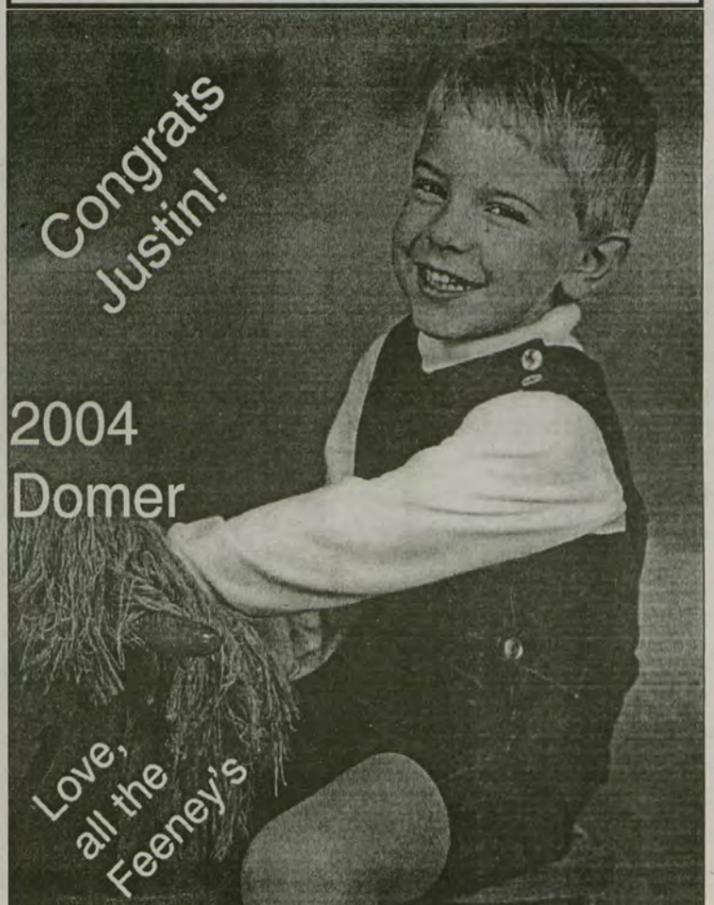
Love,
Your family



CONGRATULATIONS, Lawrence!
Love, Patrick



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



Congrats Justin!

2004 Domer

Love,
all the Feeney's



Congratulations Matt! We're so proud of you.

Love, Mom and Kelly

Congratulations Patrick!

Love, Mom, Dad, Michael and Grandmothers Edelen and Healy



Linz, oh the places you'll go! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad



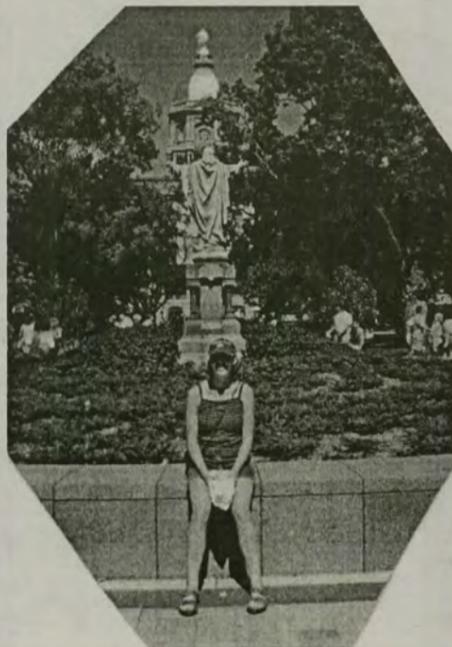
Congratulations Nini Sa Bini The Baby Tigress! You are our shining star and we all are so very proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Kenny, Russell, Aunt Sheila, Simone, Aunt Maureen, Rachelle, Stacey and Grandma

CONGRATULATIONS KATIE!

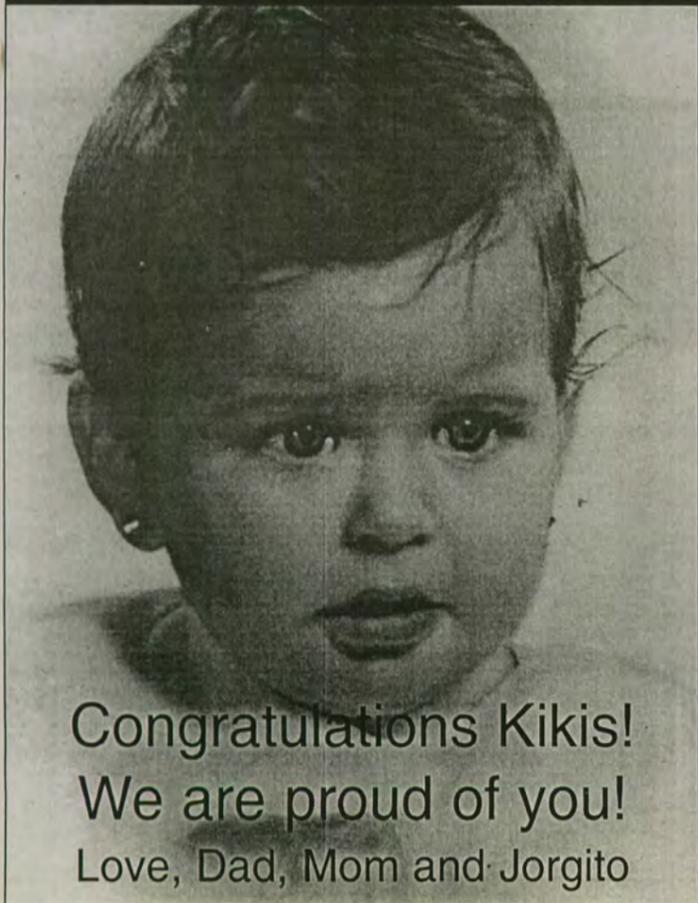


WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU. LOVE, MOM, DAD, MEGAN & MATT



Congratulations Katie Eileen!

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



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

She's hip.

She's smart



She's cool

She's fun

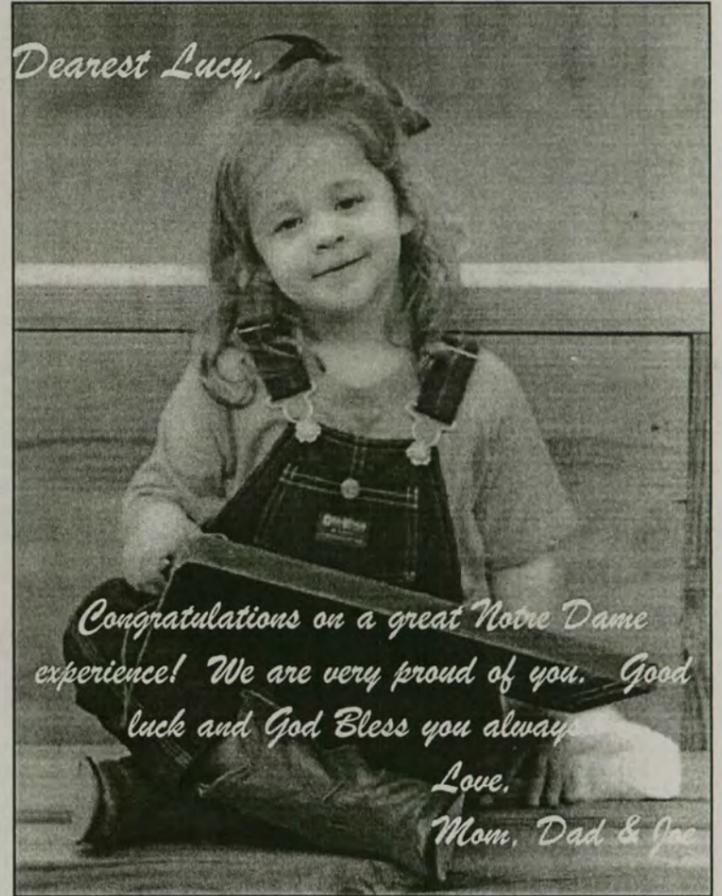
Look out, world... 'cause here Beeker comes!

Congratulations to the

M C T T C J A
WE LOVE YOU, KELLY
 A A M L L A S I
 G R E E E T S
 A E R Y I I
 N E E E

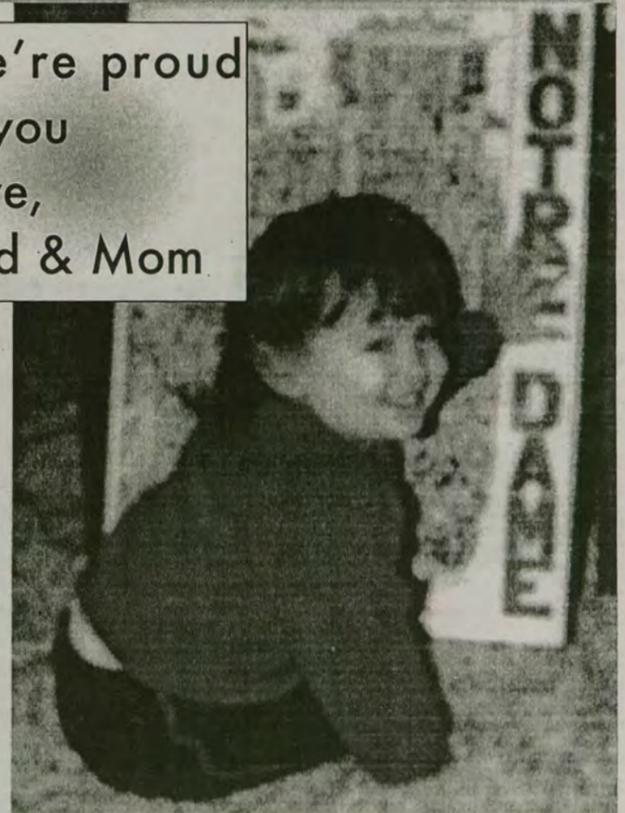
A J J C
NOTRE DAME
 N N A R O
 A D A M

S P C M
 T A B H A
 E T R E C R T
 O T P R A R A M I T
FIGHTING IRISH
 F M E O C D N M K E
 M N M K O N E E W
 Y N L



Congratulations Puppy

We're proud of you
Love,
Dad & Mom



*Congratulations
Katie - Always
an Irish girl!*

*Love,
Mom, Dad and
Trish*

*We're happy too!!
Congratulations
Kathleen.*



*Love,
Mom and Dad*

Congratulations Kevin!



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

Class of 2004



GO LESLIE! GO IRISH!

LOVE, DADDY, MOMMY, AND CAROLINE

Congratulations, Laura

What a wonderful journey it has been!



Our little girl...



...is a "Domer!"

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



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

We love you so much,
Mom, Dad and Amber

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



Congratulations
LUKE

Make GOD #1
In your
Climb to
Success

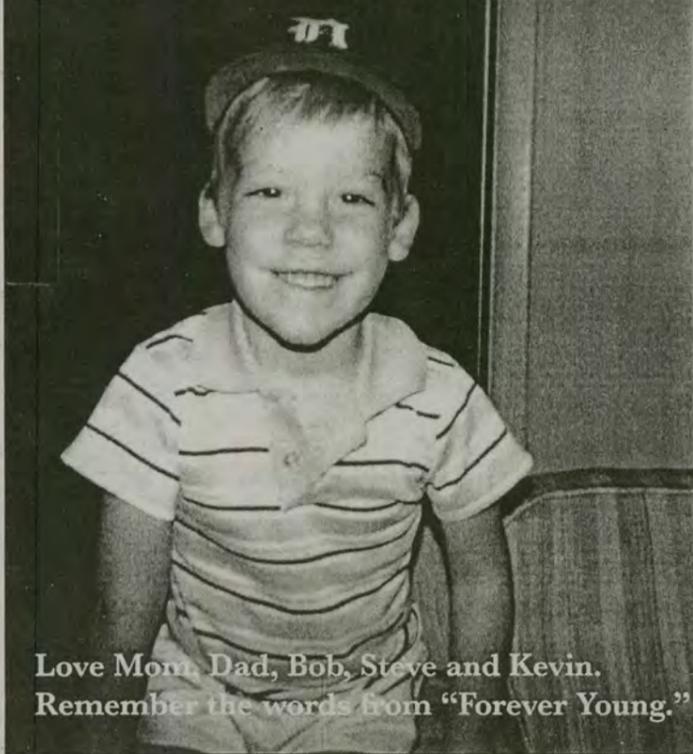
Love
Mom & Dad



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

Congratulations to the

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



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



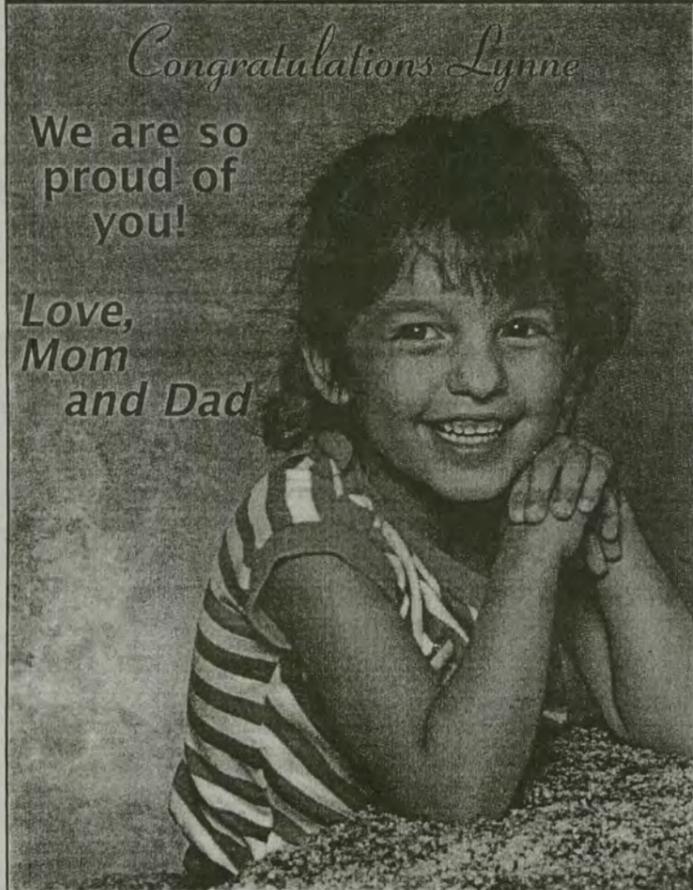
Mark,
We knew since you were a little boy that you were going to become the dignified and mature young man that you are today. Congratulations on your accomplishments through the years. We know that all of the values that you have acquired will guide you as you begin this new journey in life. Continue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

Love,
Mom, Dad and Melissa

Congratulations Lynne

We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom
and Dad



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



Love
Dad, Mom
and girls.



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



BRAVO ALDO TESI

You are on your way!
Love, Mom and Dad, Gina and Monica

Class of 2004



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



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Mom, Dad,
Scott & Todd

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



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

Congratulations Matt.




Love,
Mom and
Dad

Congratulations Mark.
We are so happy that you realized
your dream of being a Domer.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Missy



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



MARIA-
AN EXCELLENT
ADVENTURE
FROM DAY
ONE!

The
Chalk Garden
School



LOVE 'YA
MOM, DAD,
MICHELE +
CHRISTINA



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Congratulations Michael!
What an awesome four years.

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



Congratulations,
Megan!

May you continue to
grow in God's love!
Love and prayers
ALWAYS,
Mom, Dad, Tara and
Hunter



From salting a bird's
tail to a biology major

When she glued a nun
to a chair, we weren't
sure she'd ever reach
this point.

Love,
The Fam



Congratulations
Mary

We are proud
of you.
Mom and Dad



Congratulations!
Melis:
We love
you
baby.

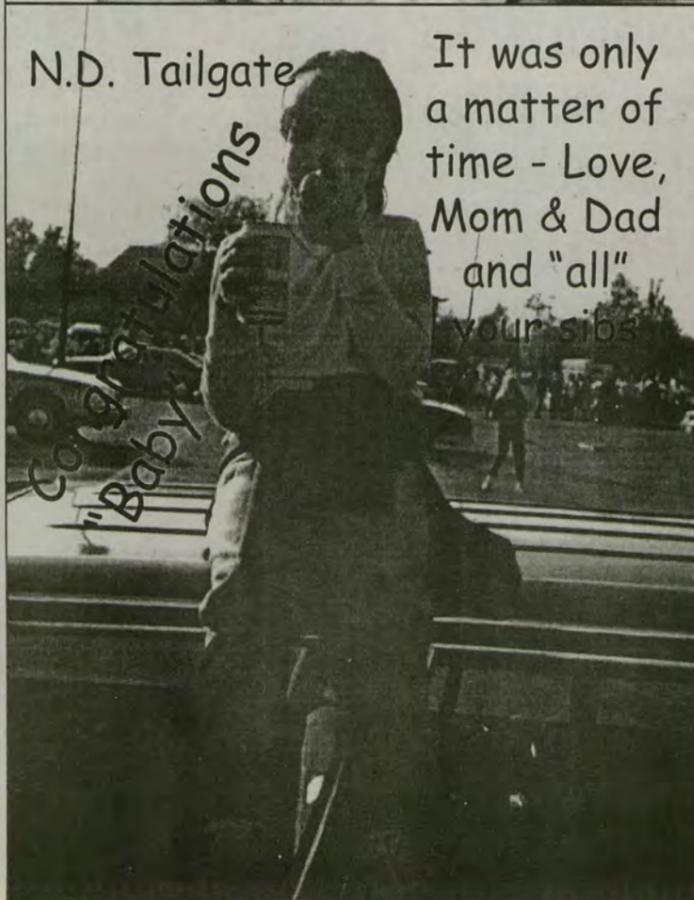
From Mom, Dad,
Eric, Michelle and
Stephy



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

N.D. Tailgate

It was only
a matter of
time - Love,
Mom & Dad
and "all"
your sibs



¡Felicitaciones hijo nuestro!
We are so very proud of you. God bless
you on your new journey in life.
Cariños y amor siempre,
Mom and Dad.





Congratulations Omar!

Love, Mom, Dad & Analisa

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

Love



Congratulations Michael Kwiatt!

We are happy for you too!

Love, Mom & Dad, Anne, Jim & Katie



Congratulations Monica!

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



Bien Joué Matthew Scott!

You continue to amaze and delight us.

Love, Mummy, Dad, Andy and Mindy, Allie and Geordie.



Congratulations to our favorite aero grad! We're proud of you Nick.
Love, Mom, Dad, Alex and Andrew

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



Congratulations,
Theresa! We've
been "touched by
an angel."
Love,
Mom & Dad



Congratulations
Seth!

You are a
fighting Irishman!



CONGRATULATIONS,
BRENDAN!
Right from the
start...proud to
be IRISH!
Love, Mom and
Dad

Congratulations, Richard, we are so very proud of your hard work and dedication to accomplish your goals!
You have the whole world in your hands-treat it gently and you'll keep winning.
Love, Mom & Dad and the entire family



Congratulations
Nick!

Your clothes are
still in style!
(Nice Pants)

Love, Mom, Dad,
Tom & Chris

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



...Now Irish forever!

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Elizabeth, Jonathan,
Andrea & Michael



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

We love you!
Dad, Mom, Leigh and Dottie

Congratulations, Sarah!
Love, Mom, Dad & Amanda



Congratulations,
Stephen!
We are so very
proud of you.

Love, Mom &
Dad, Sarah,
Melinda &
Jeremy

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*Jeresa,
We are
proud of you!*

*Love,
Dad, Mom, David
and Michelle*



*Congratulations
T.J. We are
extremely proud
of you. Always
follow your
dreams.
Love, Mom &
Dad*

Congratulations SHEILA

We are all so very
proud of you.

GO IRISH!

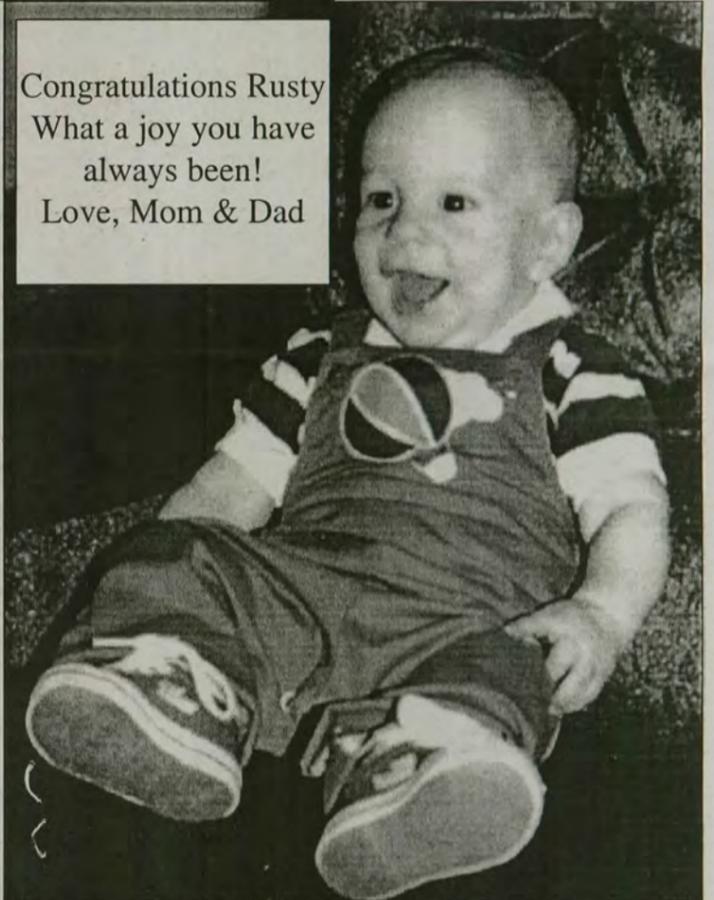
GO SHEILA!

Love ,

Mom, Dad, Aunt Sheila,
Aunt Rose Mary ,Uncle
Kevin, Matt, Pat, Aidan,
and Brendan



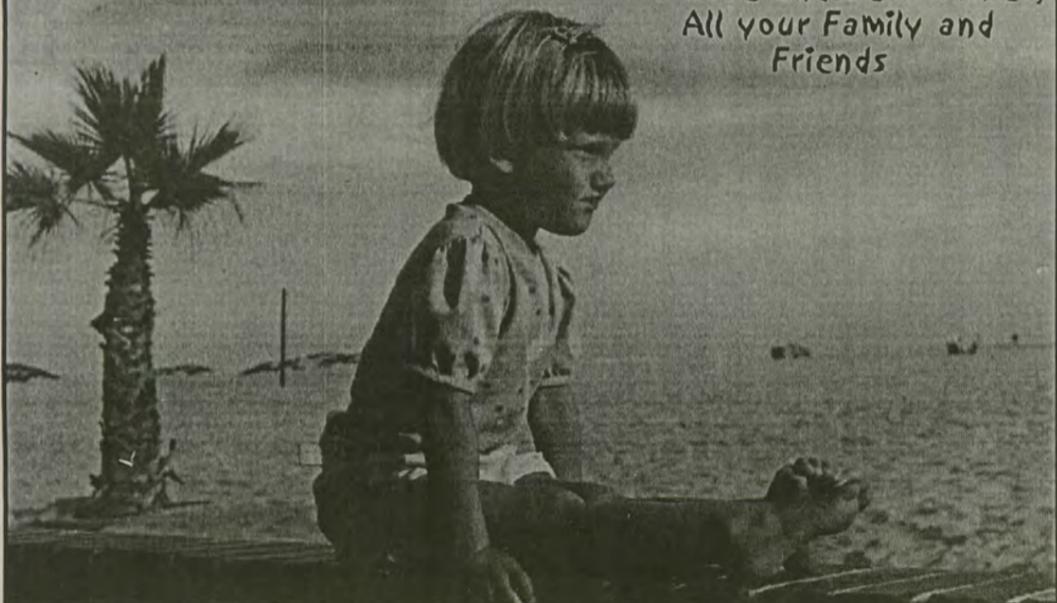
Congratulations Rusty
What a joy you have
always been!
Love, Mom & Dad



Congratulations to Sarah - The California Girl

*We are so proud of you and all that
you have accomplished at Notre Dame.*

*Love and Best Wishes,
All your Family and
Friends*



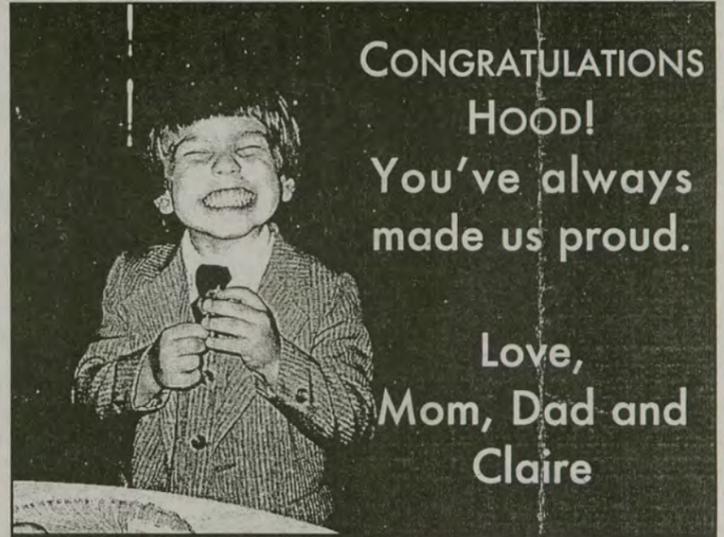
From "The Dooder" to "The Domer."
Congratulations Michael.

Love,
Mom and Dad

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



**CONGRATULATIONS
HOOD!**
You've always
made us proud.

Love,
Mom, Dad and
Claire



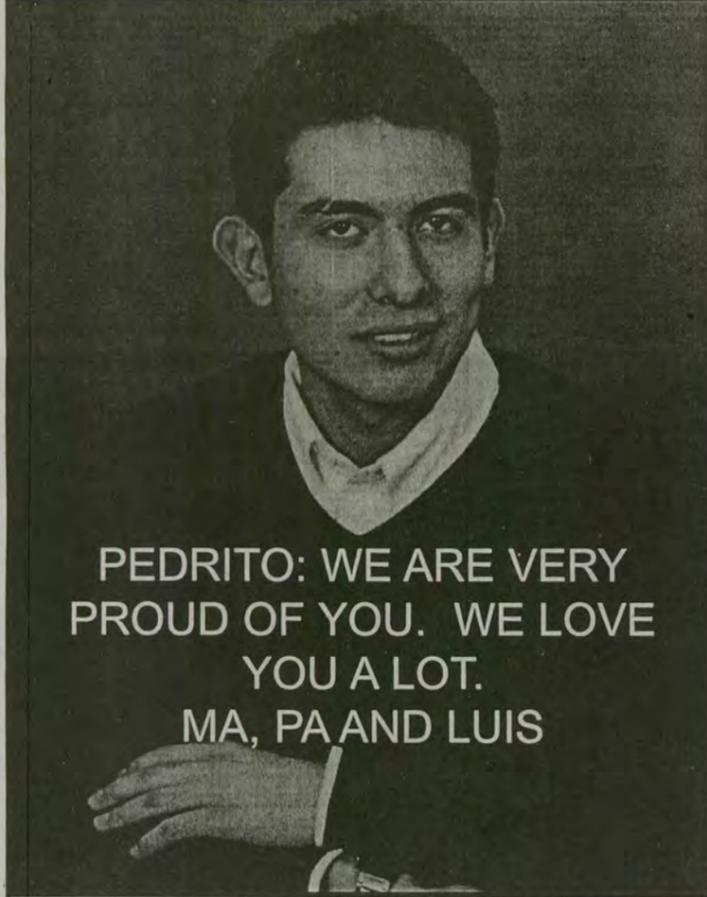
*Congratulations
Peems!*

Love,
Mom, Daddy &
Tara



We are proud
of you for
following your
dream and
accomplishing
your goals.

Love,
Mom & Dad



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



Congratulations, Thomas!

Notre Dame Class of 2004

With love from
Dad and Mom
John and Mary Catherine
Julie and Richard
and Babu

Magna est veritas et praevallebit

**Congratulations Scott!
We are so proud of you!**



Love,
Mom,
Dad, &
Kraig
(2003)



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

Congratulations, Sinead!!

Mom, Dad, Julie
(& Nikki Too)

Congratulations, Nick! You accept every challenge and have fun along the way! We are so proud.

Love, Dad, Mom and Tommy



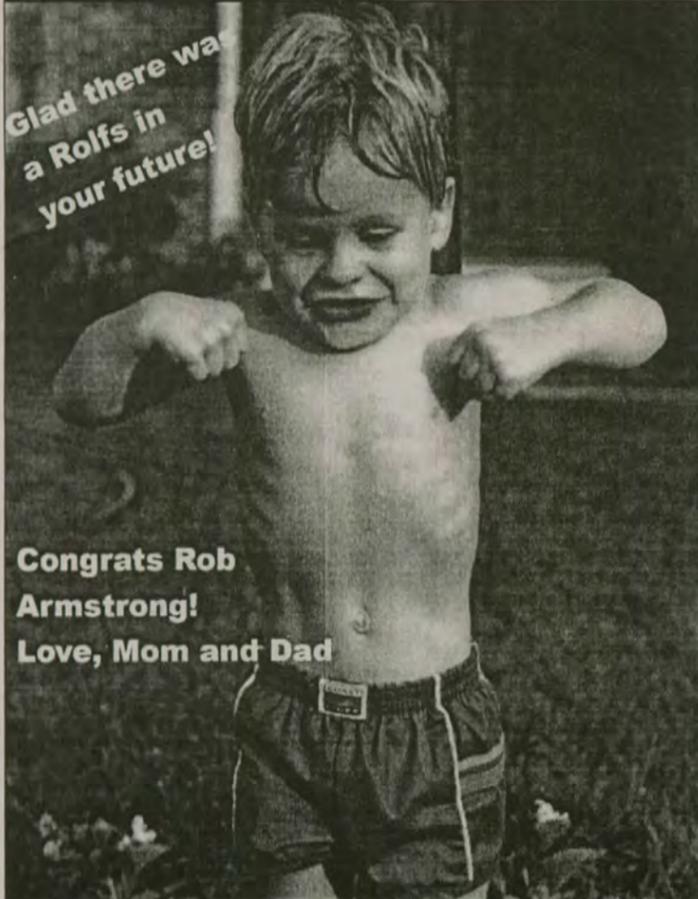
Meghan, Congratulations Notre Dame Graduate 2004. We are all so proud of you! Love, Mom, Greg, Michele, Manoucher, Matt, Jen, and Mary.



Congratulations Mike! Dreams do come true! We are very proud of you! Love, Dad, Mom and Lisa



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



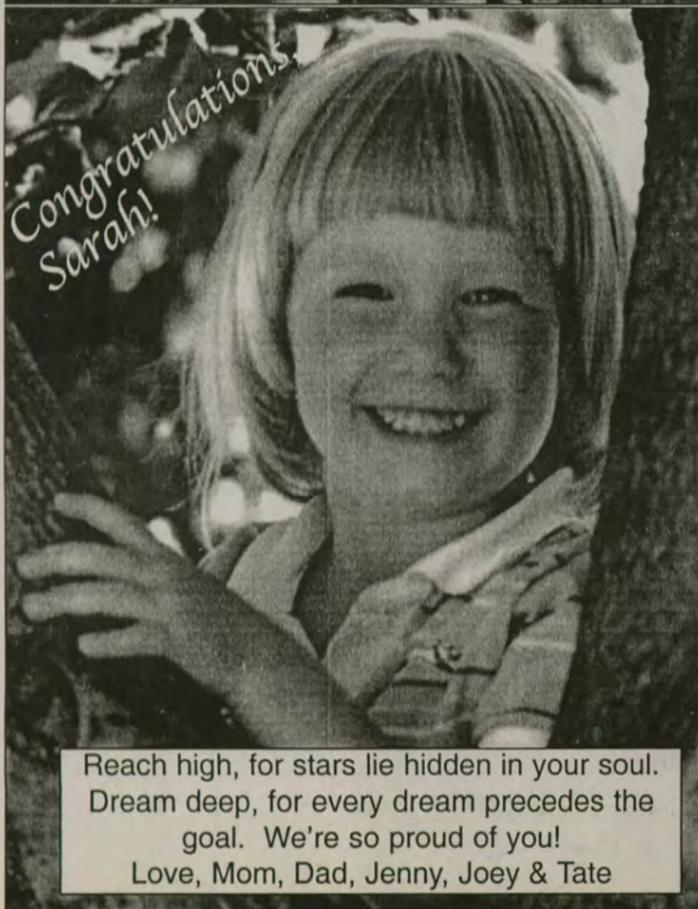
Glad there was a Rolfs in your future!

Congrats Rob Armstrong! Love, Mom and Dad



Destined for the Dome!

Congratulations Rebecca



Congratulations Sarah!

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



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



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Congratulations Sean!

You and ND were meant to be! We're all so proud of you!

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



Congratulations, Sonia!

We're so proud of you.

Love, DAD & MOM



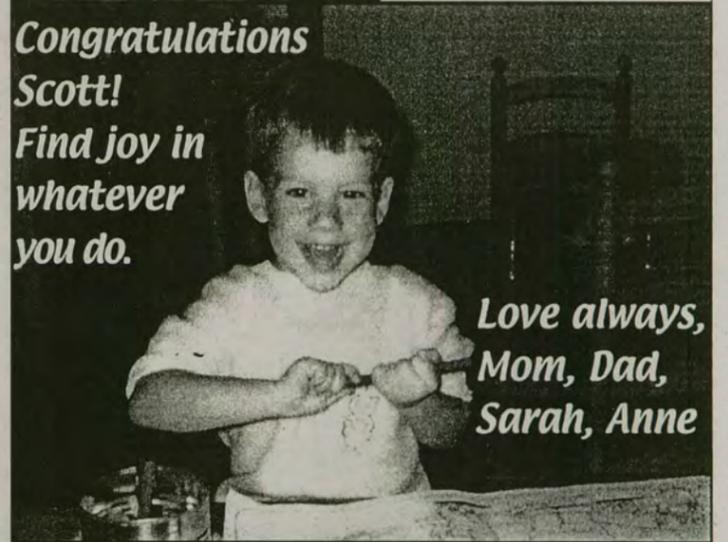
Congratulations, Sarah

Have fun in your next adventure!

Love, Mom, Dad, Quinn & Jared

Congratulations Scott!

Find joy in whatever you do.



Love always, Mom, Dad, Sarah, Anne



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

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

Love, Linds



Congratulations my little boy.

Love, Mom, Dad, Kellie and Katelyn



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

Love, Mom, Dad, Sean and Molly



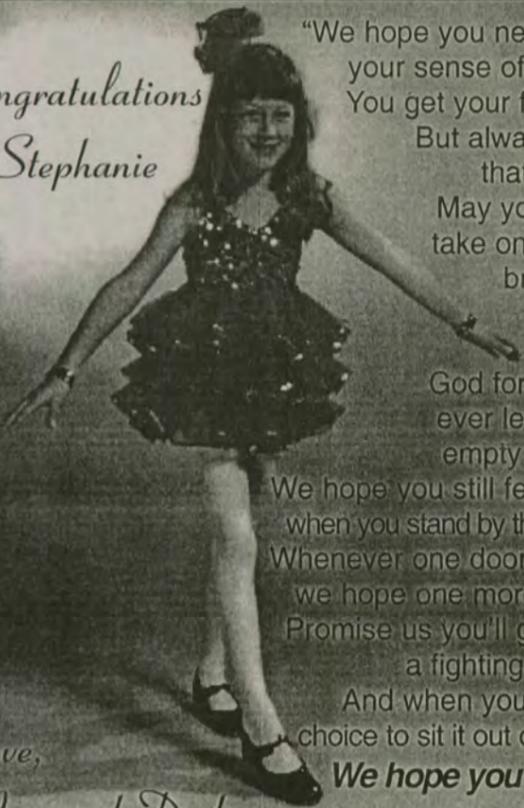
**Congratulations
Mike!**
Still a Cub Fan.
This is your year!
We are so
proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Nichole,
*We're proud of you and
all of your accomplishments.
Keep that smile and
continue to reach for
your dreams.*

*Love,
Mom & Dad*



*Congratulations
Stephanie*

"We hope you never lose
your sense of wonder
You get your fill to eat
But always keep
that hunger
May you never
take one single
breath for
granted
God forbid love
ever leave you
empty handed
We hope you still feel small
when you stand by the ocean
Whenever one door closes,
we hope one more opens
Promise us you'll give fate
a fighting chance
And when you get the
choice to sit it out or dance
We hope you dance."

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



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

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**Congratulations
Zakiya!**

*You're off to a new
beginning. We're all so
proud of you.*

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



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



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

Love,
Mom, Dad, Tim
and the entire
Toole Clan



**"ND LL"
"COOL CHRIS"**

**You are Notre Dame
through and through!**

Love,
Your whole family

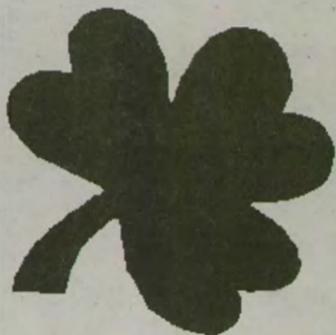


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GI Joe,
OompaLoompa,
Captain Jack and
more - Pete, you
and your ND
Spirit soar!
Go Irish!
Dad, Mom, Gina,
Maria & Brian



Congratulations Peanut!

Your "Irish" eyes are
always smiling!

Love, Mom and Dad



*Congratulations
Tony!!*

*Love Grandpa
& Lucille.*

*GOOD LUCK IN
THE FUTURE!*



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



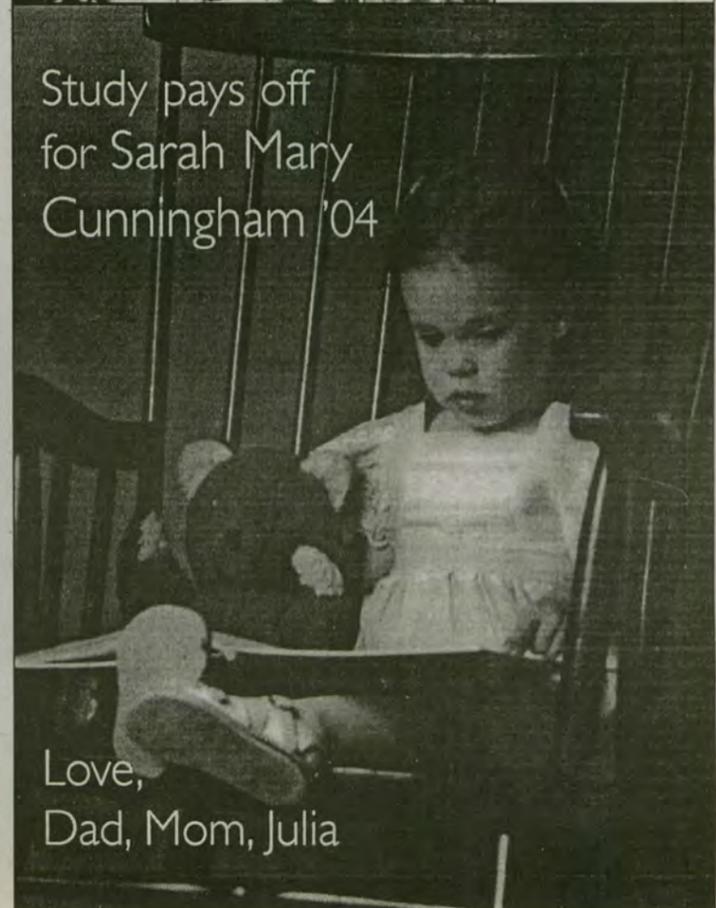
Hey Colin, What a run! I could use
a drink, or would you rather dig?
Love you,
Mom, Dad, Meghan, Alene and Rory

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



**Strummin', partying, & graduating!
Congrats - Love Mom, Dad & Tate**

Study pays off
for Sarah Mary
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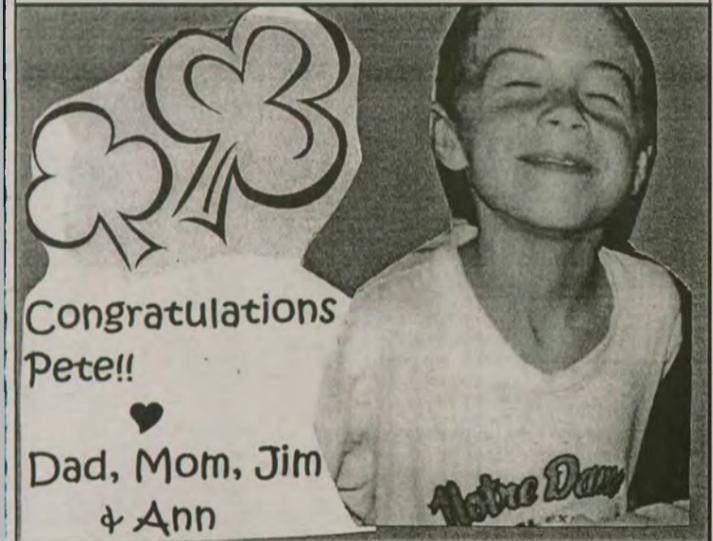
Love,
Dad, Mom, Julia



Congratulations. Your accomplishment is an honor for you and for our family!



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



Congratulations Pete!!
♥
Dad, Mom, Jim & Ann



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We love you - Mom, Dad, Kieran, Regis and Kathleen Siobhan

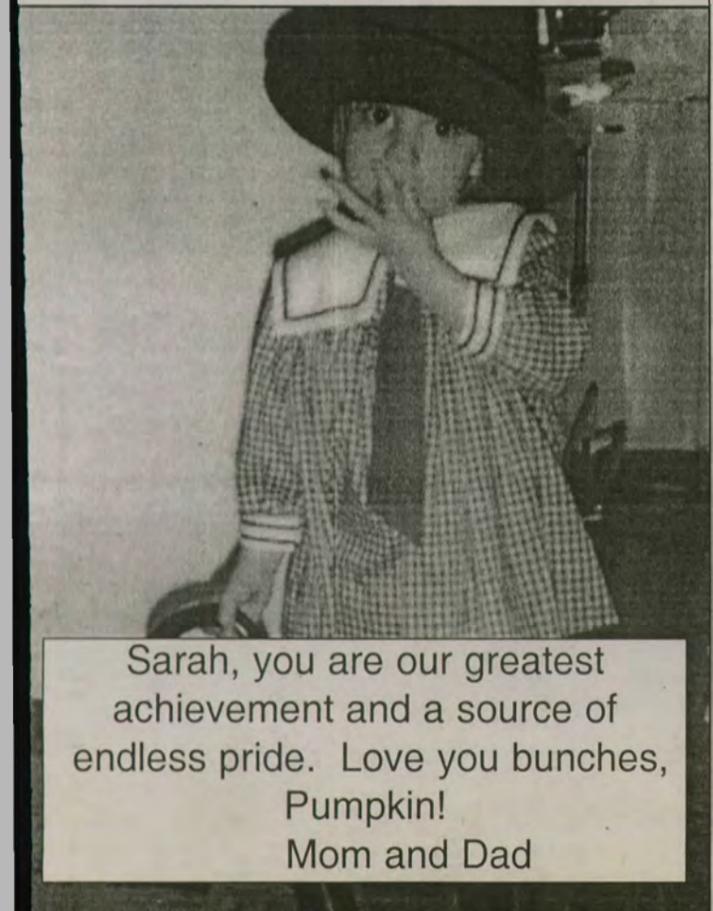


Congratulations Rebecca! We are so proud of our new Domer. Good luck on your next goal--law school.

Love,
Mom and Dad



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



Sarah, you are our greatest achievement and a source of endless pride. Love you bunches, Pumpkin!
Mom and Dad

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



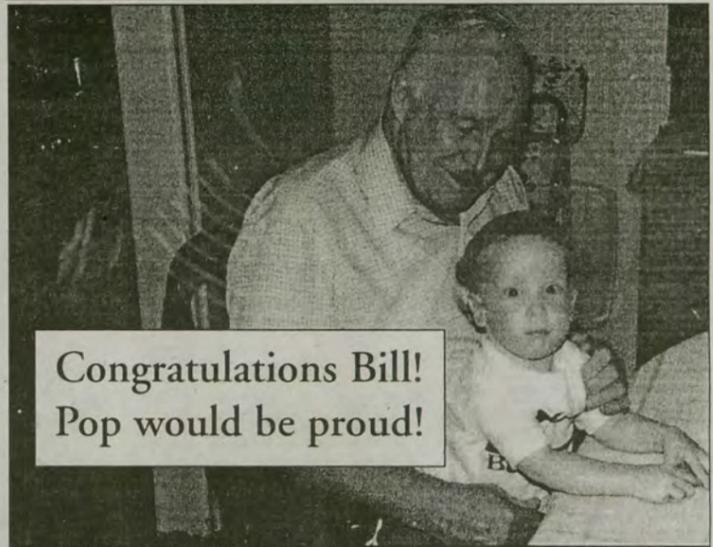
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Mama & Daddy,

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

Love,
Matt



Congratulations Bill!
Pop would be proud!



Love,
Mom & Dad



Congratulations
Tim!

You've made us all very proud!
God be with you always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jeff and Karen

Ruth Ann,

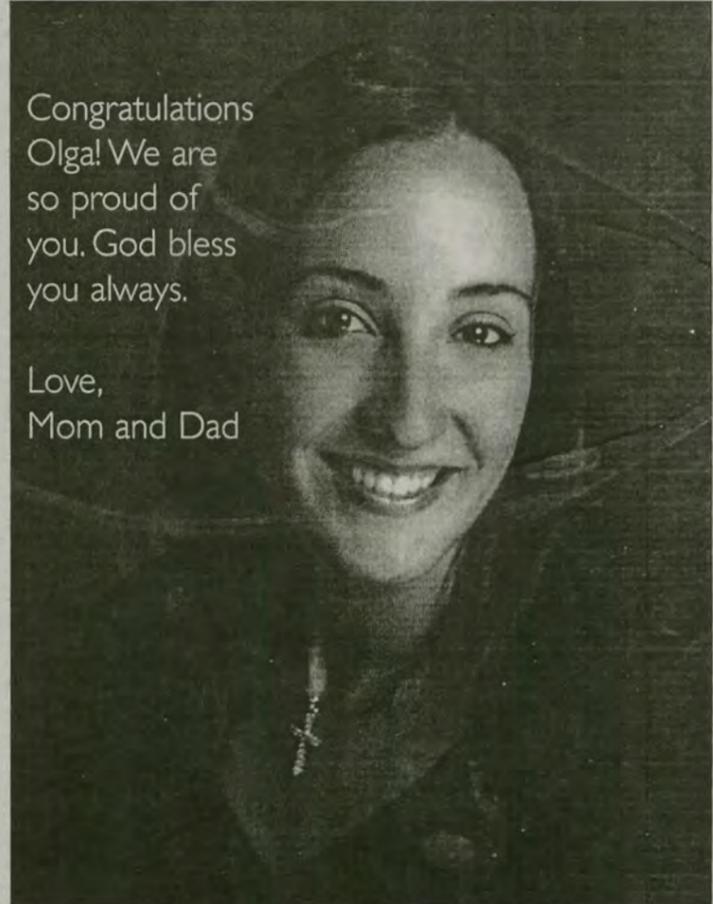


All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today.

Go flower!

From Superman to Super Irish Man

Son, we're so proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad



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

Love,
Mom and Dad



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