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# Administration plans ceremony

By LESLEY STEVENSON

News Editor

The University will hold 19 diploma ceremonies in addition to other special events for campus groups and parents on the weekend of its 169th Commencement, University registrar Chuck Hurley said.

"Undergraduates typically look forward most to their Sunday afternoon college or school diploma ceremony," Hurley said. "That is the opportunity students and families have been waiting for all week-end. It is the chance to walk across stage, have one's name read and actually receive their

diploma."

Hurley said Thursday's senior class prayer service and last visit to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and the Grotto, as well as the service send-off ceremony and the Commencement Mass on Saturday, stand out as popular events for the weekend.

"Personally, my favorite moment annually at Commencement is the Mass," he said. "It is an extraordinarily holy event.

"The Holy Cross clergy organize a wonderful celebration of the Eucharist for our students and families. Moreover, [director of bands] Dr. [Kenneth]

Dye, the student musicians and the choir provide us with arrangements that are second to none."

Hurley said the weekend demands a large amount of planning from The Office of the Registrar to coordinate every event and welcome about 25,000 guests of the 3,000 graduates to Notre Dame Stadium for the commencement ceremony.

"Planning for commencement typically begins in late summer," he said. "Due to the sheer size of our Commencement, planning is happening nearly year-round."

Hurley said The Office of the Registrar focuses on the logistics

of academic ceremonies.

"The Office of the Registrar coordinates the academic events of commencement weekend," he said. "We help students and faculty obtain their academic regalia. The office provides the diplomas to all graduates. We reserve and coordinate event locations and schedules."

A full list of events throughout Commencement Weekend can be found at <http://commencement.nd.edu/commencement-weekend/schedule-of-events/>

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## Notre Dame Commencement Ceremonies

### Schedule of Events:

#### Saturday, May 17, 2014

9:00 a.m.	ROTC Commissioning Ceremony
10:00 a.m.	Graduate School Commencement Ceremony
10:00 a.m.	MCOB Graduate Program Ceremony
12:30 p.m.	Law School Ceremony
1:00 p.m.	Service Send-Off Ceremony
5:00 p.m.	Commencement Mass at Purcell Pavilion
6:30 p.m.	Graduation Dinner

#### Sunday, May 18, 2014

7:30 a.m.	Notre Dame Stadium opens for guest seating
8:15 a.m.	Candidates Assemble for Academic Procession
9:00 a.m.	Commencement Ceremony at Stadium

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## Saint Mary's College Commencement Ceremonies

### Schedule of Events:

#### Friday, May 16, 2014

1:00 p.m.	Nursing Pinning Ceremony at Church of Our Lady of Loretto
4:00 p.m.	Baccalaureate Liturgy in the Angela Athletic Facility

#### Saturday, May 17, 2014

8:30 a.m.	Graduation Brunch at Noble Dining Hall
12:00 p.m.	Commencement Ceremony in Court of LeMans Hall
4:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass at Regina Chapel

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# Saint Mary's names valedictorian

By KELLY KONYA

Saint Mary's Editor

*Editor's Note: A version of this article appeared in the March 17 edition of The Observer.*

Senior Brianne Michaels, a computational mathematics major and economics minor, has been named Saint Mary's College valedictorian, making her the student with the highest cumulative grade point average in the class of 2014.

Michaels, a native of Valparaiso, Ind., said she has had a love of math for as long as she can remember.

"The power of mathematics is so intriguing, and a major in mathematics leads to an endless number of career opportunities," Michaels said.

Michaels said she has found her niche in the mathematics department at Saint Mary's, which has become her "home away from home."

As president of Indiana Epsilon, the College's chapter of the Pi Mu Epsilon (PME) Mathematical Honors Society, Michaels raised money to send nine members to the

Joint Mathematics Meeting in Baltimore.

"These sales were record-breaking, and more importantly, the number of members we were able to send to the conference was also a new record," Michaels said. "It was very exciting, [and] I have loved serving my term as president of PME."

Chair of the mathematics department Colleen Hoover said Michaels' dedication to raising money to send students to the conference was impressive.

"As a faculty advisor for Pi Mu Epsilon, I can say that I have never witnessed this kind of unfailing dedication to student travel, and we all owe Brianne a debt of gratitude," Hoover said.

Joanne Snow, professor of mathematics, said she got to know Michaels better through her work as president of PME and having Michaels in class.

"Brianne is an excellent student. She is also very conscientious and very thorough in her work," Snow said. "If she takes on a task, then you know it will be done and done well."

Snow said Michaels has distinguished herself at Land O'Lakes Inc., where she had

an internship last summer. Michaels was honored with the Intern Award for her outstanding performance and leadership, and she will continue there as an Information Technology Rotational Analyst after graduation.

Michaels said she is looking forward to her new career and plans to continue to challenge

**Brianne Michaels**  
Saint Mary's valedictorian



herself both in her career and academically.

"I wish to learn as much as possible throughout my life," Michaels said. "I have always viewed a college education as my ticket to a successful future as an independent woman, and this is proving to be true."

Friend and classmate Megan Golden said she had always told Michaels she would receive the valedictorian award because of her work ethic and the long

hours she puts into her school-work each day.

"[Brianne] is intrinsically motivated and extremely confident in her abilities, so I know she will be successful in achieving her goals in the future," Golden said. "She is the type of person who works very hard but always makes time for her friends."

Michaels said she owes much of her success at Saint Mary's to her supportive friends and family.

"I have gained life-long friends at Saint Mary's, which is just as valuable to me as the outstanding education I have received," Michaels said. "The campus is filled with intelligent, independent women, and I am honored to call myself a Saint Mary's student and soon-to-be graduate."

"I have made it a priority to perform to the best of my potential in school and to learn as much as I possibly can," she said. "I strive for excellence in academics, because it is what makes me happy. Being declared valedictorian is just a bonus."

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# Architecture student earns valedictorian honor

By LESLEY STEVENSON  
News Editor

Fifth-year architecture student Mark Santrach's first surprise came when he received an invitation to apply to give the valedictory address at Notre Dame's 169th Commencement.

"I actually didn't know that I was even eligible," Santrach said.

Months later, after he had just finished presenting his thesis project, a design proposal for Notre Dame's future Matt and Joyce Walsh Family Hall of Architecture, Santrach received a phone call encouraging him to check his email.

"I was in shock," he said. "I had to keep it confidential, and I still had to go to one more class."

Santrach, a member of the Tau Sigma Delta Architecture Honor Society, earned a 3.993 cumulative grade point average and "achieved Dean's List honors each semester while at Notre Dame," according to a May 1 University press release. He said he could be Notre Dame's first valedictorian to hail from the School of Architecture.

"I was told that it's a once-in-a-century kind of thing," he said. "Actually I asked ... [associate professor of film and television] Dr. [Susan] Ohmer ... I said, 'Has this ever happened before?' and she said, 'To our knowledge, there has never been an architecture valedictorian.'"

Santrach said as a high school student, he planned to study medicine until he shadowed an emergency-room doctor and fainted during an operation.

"My mom actually ended up suggesting that I pursue architecture and ... she was absolutely right," he said. "... I used to play Sims. My brother and I used to have these competitions of who could build the most elaborate house, and I think that kind of became addicting, so I started to pursue it."

Now, Santrach has completed theoretical design projects based on real problems that face areas as diverse as a Cuban harbor and a Tibetan refugee camp.

"[Architecture students] do hope that our ideas and proposals can actually promote ... some tangible change," he said. "So for example, I know that what I designed for my thesis isn't going to be built, but I hope it provides a different perspective for whoever may actually

get the commission."

Santrach said his experiences encouraged him to develop a passion for using architecture and urban design in ways that will benefit groups of people or entire cities.

"I do hope to design buildings but also be involved with urbanism, whether that's at a micro level or macro level," he said. "... Urbanism could mean anything from changing zoning codes, or it could mean developing undeveloped lands, or it could be redeveloping existing urban forms."

This summer, Santrach will move to London to work for Porphyrios Associates, which is "one of the most prominent classical architecture firms in the world," according to associate professor of architecture Lucien Steil. Santrach said he previously studied the theoretical writings of the firm's leader, Demetri Porphyrios, who in 2004 received Notre Dame's Richard H. Driehaus Prize for Classical Architecture, according to the School of Architecture's website.

Steil said he first came to know Santrach during their first and second years at Notre Dame, respectively. Steil said he had moved to Notre Dame from Europe and he "connected quickly with the whole class" of second-year architecture students through Santrach.

"I was immediately impressed by his charisma, his intellectual curiosity and his smile," Steil said. "I have never seen him gloomy, impatient or irritated."

Steil praised Santrach's attitude as a "very kind and altruistic student" of classical architecture.

"Mark is not waiting to be taught passively but engages proactively and positively with the University and with professors, believing that learning is not a one-way consuming and digesting but a creative dialogue, a dialectical process and a joint venture benefitting most to those who invest genuinely [and who] most generously participate and most seriously commit not only to their own career but to the pedagogical ideals of their discipline," he said.

Fifth-year architecture student Matt Cook said Santrach's intelligence and humility promoted a better collaborative atmosphere in the class of 2014's studio space.

"Being in class with Mark is,



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***Fifth-year architecture student Mark Santrach reviews reprints of watercolors he created for class projects while studying abroad in Rome. Santrach earned a 3.993 cumulative grade point average at Notre Dame.***

as you would imagine, both a little daunting and very inspiring," he said. "... He is humble to the core, and while he does only the finest design work, he is always reticent to accept any praise for his projects because he is sure he can do better.

"The effect that Mark's drive has on his peers is immediately perceptible in a studio environment; the quality of every student's work is elevated as Mark's positive attitude and desire to exceed expectations rub off on the group. Though he is an outstanding designer, Mark is always courteous of others' ideas and celebrates good design no matter where it comes from."

Santrach's brother Stephen, a 2011 Notre Dame alumnus, said Mark Santrach's work ethic and care for others sprung from their family upbringing in St. Paul, Minn.

"When we were kids, our parents made us do a lot of manual labor — mulching, tree trimming, weeding, cleaning, et cetera," Stephen Santrach said. "At the same time, they demanded academic excellence and this fostered both mental and physical stamina that persists to this day ... I think architecture for him is truly a calling."

Mark Santrach's sister Camille Santrach, a junior at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., said Mark Santrach "has always been an exceptionally hard worker" who sees projects

through to their end.

"He always goes above and beyond in completing any task he is given," she said. "He has the ability to deeply immerse himself in whatever project he is undertaking."

Stephen Santrach said his family was "thrilled and shocked at the same time" when they found out Mark Santrach would give the valedictory address, but he said he was more pleased that his brother had found a true vocation.

"I'm most proud of my brother for pursuing his passion and being independently-minded," Stephen Santrach said. "The valedictory is a great honor, but I am most proud of his artistic ability, work ethic and emotional stability. Mark is very comfortable in his own skin and has a very generous heart."

Camille Santrach said Mark Santrach lives with a passion not only for architecture but also for life as a whole. She said his "distinct" and "absolutely contagious laugh" demonstrates that "while he is very serious about his work, he definitely knows how to have fun."

"Mark does not simply go through the motions in life; he embraces it," she said. "He is thoughtful, articulate, and passionate, and he has taught me a great deal about the art of living."

Senior business major Sean Egan said he felt like "a proud

father" when he found that Santrach had been named valedictorian. He said Santrach, who took courses in the Mendoza College of Business to complete a concentration in architectural practice and enterprise, welcomed him into his group of "arkies," or architecture students.

"Mark is the most unassuming person you'll ever meet," Egan said. "He can talk with anybody about anything, and he's present for the entirety of the conversation."

Cook said Santrach is a "normal, down-to-earth and fun guy" whose capacity for "endless gratitude" endears him to friends, classmates and professors alike.

"He never forgets an expression of gratitude where one is needed," Cook said. "Mark may hold the record for most handwritten thank you notes — often decorated with pressed leaves, drawings, or watercolors."

"His very vocal appreciation of the actions of others is a reminder for me, and I think everyone else in his life, that we do not live in isolation and that we have so much to be thankful for. Mark is a rare combination of talent, gratitude and humility, and I think it is this mix of outstanding traits that makes him so well loved by all."

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# ND seniors react to change in commencement speaker

By LESLEY STEVENSON and ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI  
News Editor and Editor-in-Chief

In a change that pleased many Notre Dame seniors, Rev. Ray Hammond will deliver the 169th Commencement address instead of Lord Christopher Patten, the chancellor of the University of Oxford and chair of the BBC Trust, the University announced in a press release May 1.

Hammond, a Philadelphia native, founded Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston. He entered Harvard College at age 15, graduated with a bachelor's degree at 19 and earned his medical degree at 23, according to the press release.

Senior Lucy Smith said she thought Hammond would be a better speaker than Patten would have been.

"Originally the speaker, Christopher Patten, sounded cool but entirely not relatable to a good portion of our student body," Smith said. "He was a wealthy, Catholic, British man who had a sparkly resume of success and power, but was also very old and past his prime."

"When the news came out, no one really cared. However, when they announced the new speaker, Ray Hammond, there was a shift in campus-wide support."

Smith said Hammond's experience using his "brilliance" to graduate at a young age from Harvard and serving his community through hands-on work would allow

him to speak about issues relevant and significant to the graduating class. "He has done work with the people of Boston to end gang violence," she said. "That's pretty darn cool, and applicable to many people in our class."

"While Lord Patten is accomplished, Reverend Hammond is doing the work of God in the streets. He actively goes into the streets and tries to help people in need, people who are avoided by most."

"He recognizes the importance of the dignity of each human person, and I think our class could use and would love to hear and be inspired by that sort of spirit before we go out into the real world."

Senior Antoinette Pusateri, a biology and theology double major, said Hammond's experience between medicine and faith-based ministry particularly interested her.

"As a doctor-to-be myself, I am excited to hear Dr. Hammond speak of how his medical career, but moreover, his Christian faith, in-

forms the way he lives his life," she said. "But surely his advice will transcend all majors, and remind us of our mission as Notre Dame alumni to heal, unify, and enlighten the world around us according to our abilities."

The University announced in March that Hammond will receive an honorary degree in humane letters at this year's Commencement ceremony. Patten canceled his speech at Notre Dame, as well as several other engagements, for health reasons, vice president for public affairs and communications Paul Browne told The

Observer.

"We are disappointed that Lord Patten will be unable to join us and will keep him in our prayers," University President Fr. John Jenkins said in the press release. "At the same time, we are delighted and grateful that Rev. Ray Hammond has accepted our invitation to address the class of 2014."

"His life's story and work are an inspiration, and I know he will provide our graduates with a powerful address."

Browne said Jenkins' personal interactions with Hammond played a role in the decision.

"Fr. John had met [Hammond] personally and was impressed with his spiritual demeanor as well as his life's accomplishments and thought he would deliver a powerful message to the students," Browne said.

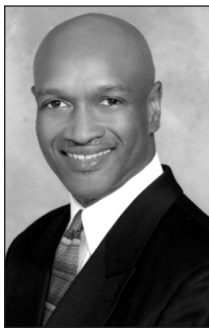
Hammond worked as a doctor before turning to ministry in 1976 and earned a Master of Arts degree in the Study of Religion (Christian and Medical Ethics) at Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in 1982, the release said.

Hammond served as the former chair of the Boston Foundation and founder and chairman of the Ten Point Coalition, which the release described as "an ecumenical group of Christian clergy and lay leaders behind Boston's successful efforts to quell gang violence in the 1990s."

He also has served as executive director of Bethel's Generation Excel program, executive committee member of the Black Ministerial Alliance, chair of the Boston Opportunity Agenda and a member of the Strategy Team for the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, the release said. Beyond that, he is a trustee of the Yawkey Foundation, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and the Math and Technology Charter High School.

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Ray Hammond  
Notre Dame commencement speaker



# Humanitarian to address Saint Mary's graduates

By EMILIE KEFALAS  
News Writer

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Judith Mayotte, a humanitarian, professor, author and Emmy Award-winning television producer, will deliver the 167th Commencement address at Saint Mary's College on May 17, according to a press release.

Mayotte and Helen Murray Free, a pioneering chemist, will receive honorary doctor of humanities degrees from the College at the ceremony.

"I am delighted to recognize two exceptional women this year with honorary degrees from Saint Mary's College," Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney said. "Their backgrounds and achievements fit perfectly with our dreams for our graduates."

"Judith Mayotte is an in-

***"Judith Ann Mayotte has demonstrated a life of unstinting excellence in service to the marginalized of the world."***

Jerome McElroy  
professor of economics

ternationally recognized humanitarian who has spent her life working to affect positive change for refugees and others. Helen Murray Free's discoveries in the field of chemistry improved health monitoring for people with diabetes and other conditions. I look forward to meeting them both and learning more about their extraordinary lives."

Jerome McElroy, Saint Mary's economics professor and close friend of Mayotte, praised Mayotte for exemplifying a life of dedicated service.

"From her Midwest roots in Wichita, Kan., through her remarkable career from convent, to TV journalism, academia and Cape Town, South Africa, Judith Ann Mayotte has demonstrated a life of unstinting excellence in service to the marginalized of the world," McElroy said.

In the 1960s, Mayotte taught in the inner cities of Los Angeles, Kansas City and Milwaukee as a Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, McElroy said.

In the next two decades, Mayotte worked as a television producer in Chicago and won an Emmy award for writing and producing the "Washington" segment of Turner Broadcasting's Emmy

and Peabody Award winning documentary series, "Portrait of America," McElroy said.

In 1989, through a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Mayotte began a three-year research journey that took her to the refugee camps in Cambodia, Thailand, Eritrea, Sudan and Pakistan, McElroy

said. This work documented the lives and constrained socioeconomic conditions of countless people displaced by ethnic conflict and war and culminated in the book "Displaced People? The Plight of Refugees," now considered the classic in its field.

Through the years, Mayotte has lectured and written extensively on refugee and development issues. She served as Special Advisor on refugee issues and policy at the Department of State in the first Clinton Administration and as Senior Fellow of the Refugee Policy Group in Washington, McElroy said.

Prior to working under the first Clinton Administration in 1994, Mayotte was Chairwoman of the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, and served on the board of Refugees International, McElroy said.

"Both are well-known advocacy organizations that took Mayotte to the field to assess refugee crisis and repatriation issues," McElroy said.

She has also held a number of academic posts including Women's Chair in Humanistic Studies at Marquette University, adjunct professor at John Hopkins Nitze School of Advanced International Studies and co-director of Seattle University's International Development Internship Program, McElroy said.

In 2010, she was named the first Desmond Tutu Distinguished Chair in Global Understanding for the University of Virginia's Semester at Sea, McElroy said.

"[She] is, indeed, a woman of the world whose faith, purpose and determination have made a great difference in the world," McElroy said.

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Judith Mayotte  
Saint Mary's commencement speaker





# COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND 2014

Dear Graduates,

Prayers and best wishes to members of the Class of 2014! On behalf of the University, thank you for the many and varied contributions you have made to this community. I hope that your time at Notre Dame has been fruitful and complete with opportunities to enrich not only your mind, but your heart. Today, we join in celebration of your accomplishments.

When you first arrived at Notre Dame, we welcomed you as a member of our community. Now, with a degree in her name, you will forever represent Notre Dame to the broader world. I hope that the education you have received here will be applied in a vocation that you pursue with wisdom, integrity, and purpose. May reflection and spirituality remain an integral part of your daily life and inspire you always to serve those in need. Wherever life's journey may lead, I hope that your path is surrounded by fellow Notre Dame friends, mentors, and faculty who encourage and support your endeavors.

May Our Lady be with you and watch over you always; and know you will forever have a home here on campus.

In Notre Dame,



Erin Hoffmann Harding  
Vice President for Student Affairs



# Notre Dame honors biologist with Laetare Medal

By JACK ROONEY  
Associate News Editor

Dr. Kenneth Miller, a professor of biology at Brown University, will join the prestigious lineage of Laetare Medal winners at Notre Dame's 169th Commencement ceremony Sunday.

Kenneth Miller  
Laetare Medal recipient



Miller, who works as a cell biologist with a research focus on "the structure and function of biological membranes and membrane proteins," said he was humbled to receive the award, which has honored American Catholics since 1883. He joins the company of past winners that include actor Martin Sheen, Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, founder of the Catholic Worker Movement Dorothy Day and President John F. Kennedy.

"When you look at the list of people who have received this award ... there are very few scientists on that list," Miller said. "Most of the people on that list are national political figures, individuals who have been involved in social action ...

***"To have someone step forward in his position in the scientific community and come out with this message and say that he is a devout Catholic is remarkable, and it seems fit that he is being honored with this prestigious award."***

Andrew Varone  
Brown Medical School student

and when I initially got a phone call from one of the deans at Notre Dame, I ... just couldn't believe it. I still pinch myself."

Miller said in thinking about what he will say in his acceptance speech at the commencement ceremony, he continuously returned to the idea of humility.

"The one line I keep coming to again and again is a line from the old Latin Mass: 'Domine non sum dignus,' ... 'Lord I am

not worthy,'" he said.

Though Miller's primary research concentration has led him to explore the structure of chloroplasts in plant cells and the connections between plant cells, he said he has also worked in evolutionary biology, specifically in defense of evolution from a religious perspective. He said this aspect of his career began in 1981, when he was challenged to debate against a "scientific creationist" in his first year as a professor at Brown.

"As I did research on [creationist] points of view, there are two things that motivated me," he said. "The first one was the number of distortions and outright falsehoods that these critics were saying about biology and about science in general, and as a scientist that really bothered me."

"And then the second thing that really bothered me was their contention that science itself ... [was] inherently anti-religious and that evolution was anti-Christian and that any person who wanted to remain true to the Christian faith had to reject evolution. I was raised a Catholic and I am a practicing Catholic, and I think Catholics are Christians, and I was very insulted by that, and that motivated me quite strongly."

Miller said his positions on evolution are evident in the textbook he and former student Joseph Levine wrote together, entitled "Biology." Originally published in 1990, the book and its subsequent editions have become "the most widely-used biology textbook in high schools all across the United States," Miller said.

"Our book has a very strong treatment of evolution," he said. "I would argue that it's the best one available at the high school level, and that has made our book the target of critics of evolution."

Miller's defense of evolution also drew him to testify in several federal court cases regarding the teaching of evolution and creationism in public schools, including the highly-publicized Kitzmiller v. Dover case that banned the teaching of intelligent design in public schools.

Miller said his attitude through the trials and his career has been that religion and science are not irreconcilable.

"Throughout this, what I have maintained is that evolution is not inherently anti-religious, that one can indeed be a person of faith and defend evolution, and I've tried to do this from a very general point of view, but of course I have also done it specifically

from a Catholic point of view, as well," he said.

Miller said he typically teaches two classes per year at Brown, an upper-level cell biology course in the fall and an introductory biology course of 300 to 400 students in the spring. After 34 years at Brown, Miller estimated

his religious beliefs into the classroom, but was always open to discuss his views outside of class.

"In the lecture hall, it is not his job to be commenting on religion or his own personal beliefs but rather teaching scientific facts supported by data," Varone said. "Outside

Varone said. "... To have someone step forward in his position in the scientific community and come out with this message and say that he is a devout Catholic is remarkable, and it seems fit that he is being honored with this prestigious award."

Miller said he ultimately hopes his work has led to a greater appreciation of science and a realization that science and faith can complement one other.

"What I hope I've done throughout my life, because I've been a researcher and a teacher and a writer, is to spread an appreciation and an affection and an embrace of science and for science among my students and among those that I worked with, and certainly among the people who've read my books," he said.

"To the extent possible, I think I've also worked to try to fit the scientific view of life into my faith in a way that makes it very clear that science and faith are not opposites ... that religious faith can inform and can validate the practice of science," he said. "If I've done that well, then I'm very grateful for all the people who have helped me to do it."

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Dr. Kenneth Miller  
Laetare Medal recipient

he has taught over 15,000 students, some of whom have continued to esteemed careers in science. In 2006, one of Miller's former students, Dr. Craig Mello, shared the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for the discovery of RNA interference.

Andrew Varone, a 2012 Brown graduate and current first-year medical student at Brown Medical School, took Miller's introductory class and worked as a teaching assistant for Miller. He said Miller did not bring

of class, he was very approachable and always willing to discuss and explain his own beliefs and exchange ideas."

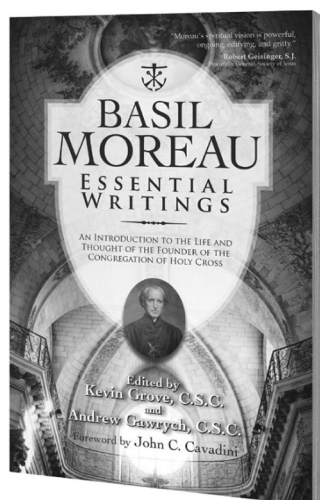
Varone said Miller's books on evolution, including "Finding Darwin's God" and "Only a Theory," carry a message of the compatibility of religion and science.

"In his books, the main message he is trying to convey is that evolution and the existence of a higher power are not mutually exclusive at this point in our existence,"

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# SMC, ND confer commencement awards

## College recognizes humanitarian, chemist, alumna

### Observer Staff Report

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Commencement Day at Saint Mary's celebrates more than just the graduating class of 2014 — this year, the College will honor several alumnae and other women who have made a difference around the world.

Judith Mayotte will deliver the Commencement address, according to a College press release. The humanitarian, professor, author and Emmy Award-winning producer will receive an honorary doctor of humanities degree at the ceremony.

"Judith Mayotte is an internationally recognized humanitarian who has spent her life working to affect positive change for refugees and others," College President Carol Ann Mooney said in a statement.

Mayotte has served on several human rights-activist boards, including Refugees International, the Women's Refugee Commission as chair, the Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation, the International Rescue Committee, Visionaries and the Global Ethics and Religion Forum, the press release stated.

The Clinton administration appointed Mayotte in 1994 to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration as a special adviser on refugee issues and policy. She has earned recognition from the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, which honored her with the Foundation's World Citizenship Award in 2009, according to the press release.

Chemist Helen Murray Free will also receive an honorary doctorate at Commencement. Free conducted research on diagnostic testing that resulted in improvements for products in laboratory and home settings, according to the press release.

"I am delighted to recognize two

exceptional women this year with honorary degrees from Saint Mary's College," Mooney said in the release. "Their backgrounds and achievements fit perfectly with our dreams for our graduates."

Free and her late husband, biochemist Alfred Free, worked in medical diagnostics. Together, they researched and developed the first dip-and-read diagnostic test strips that quantify glucose levels in urine, the press release stated.

Free has obtained seven patents and has received awards ranging from the 1980 American Chemical Society's Garvan Medal to the 2010 National Medal of Technology and Innovation and the American Chemical Society's 66th National Historic Chemical Landmark designation in 2010, according to the press release.

Sara Belanger, a 1971 alumna, will receive the President's Medal at Commencement, which "is presented rarely and exclusively to those who have offered exceptional contributions to the life of the College and the community," the release stated. Belanger served on the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees and the Alumnae Association Board of Directors.

"Sarah has demonstrated her devotion to and love for Saint Mary's College throughout the many years she has served the College as a valued member of the Board of Trustees and the Alumnae Association Board of Directors," Mooney said.

Earley is one of three chairs directing the College's \$80 million "Faith Always, Action Now" capital campaign. She and her husband, Notre Dame alumnus Tony Earley, agreed to match \$1 million in the fundraising to renovate and expand Angela Athletic Facility.

"The gift has been a catalyst for additional gifts toward what will be called the Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex, a facility that will be a central gathering spot that provides space for fitness and wellness, classes, varsity teams, intramurals and the Women's Health Center," the press release stated.

## University names six honorary degree recipients

By LESLEY STEVENSON  
News Editor

Notre Dame will honor six leaders in the fields of business, the Church, community outreach, education, engineering and the arts as recipients of honorary degrees from the University at its 169th Commencement ceremony May 18, according to a University press release.

Retired oil executive W. Douglas Ford and Harvard University professor Evelyn Hu will receive honorary doctor of engineering degrees, and biologist and higher education leader Sally Mason and Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley, archbishop of Boston, will receive doctor of laws degrees, the release stated.

Notre Dame will also honor choreographer Judith Jamison with an honorary doctorate of fine arts and surgeon and activist Ray Hammond with a degree in humane letters, according to the press release. Hammond will also deliver the Commencement address.

"Notre Dame seeks to honor people who have made significant contributions to society," University spokesman Dennis Brown told The Observer. "They are not selected on the basis of celebrity. Some are more well-known than others, but all of them are extraordinarily accomplished in their fields."

"We also try to honor individuals who come from a variety of fields — law, the arts, entertainment, literature, education, the Church, politics, business, the sciences, engineering, the media and other areas."

Ford, a retired executive in the oil industry and member of the Notre Dame class of 1966, worked as chief executive of refining and marketing for British Petroleum (BP) and provided the funds to establish the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity at Notre Dame, according to the press release. He currently serves on Notre Dame's Board of Trustees.

A professor of applied physics and electrical engineering at Harvard University, Hu researches nanoscale electronic and photonic devices, according to the press release. She has developed products from her research by co-directing the California Nanosystems Institute and co-founding Cambrios and Siluria, two startup companies that develop novel materials for electronic devices.

Mason, the 20th president of the University of Iowa, researches developmental biology, genetics and biochemistry of pigment cells. She has supported sustainability initiatives and fought to increase enrollment and retention at Iowa, the release stated.

Dedicating his pastoral outreach to Latino and Haitian immigrants, O'Malley, the archbishop of Boston, founded the Centro Catolico Hispano in Washington D.C. He currently serves on a council of eight cardinals appointed by Pope Francis to assist with Church governance and this year joins the inaugural Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, according to the press release.

Artistic director emerita of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Jamison led the company for 21 years, starred in a Broadway musical and founded her own dance company. She succeeded Ailey as the director of his company and established the group's permanent home and international tour circuit, the press release stated.

Hammond, "a Harvard-trained surgeon and urban community leader," founded Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, where he serves as pastor, the press release stated. Hammond has held leadership positions with outreach groups in Boston and written papers and articles focusing on social concerns, including academic achievement and violence prevention.

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# FOUR YEARS IN REVIEW

The top Observer news stories from 2010 to 2014

## University prioritizes sexual assault prevention



Continued reports of sexual assault on the Notre Dame campus prompted policy changes and discussion among the University administration, student government and the student body as a whole, reflecting increased national attention to sexual assault prevention.

Notre Dame student body president emeritus Alex Coccia said a “sense of urgency” seized both campuses at the beginning of the 2013 school year following two campus-wide emails in one weekend reporting a rape and an

attempted rape. After the third email of the semester, student government initiated prayer services at the Grotto following every campus-wide email. The Campus Life Council (CLC) formalized these prayer services with a unanimous resolution March 24, 2014.

Vice president of campus safety Mike Seamon said the amount of sexual assaults reported in early 2013 conformed to national trends.

“One is too many, no matter what. One reported sexual assault is too many,” Seamon said.

Notre Dame’s student government implemented a door-to-door awareness campaign called “One Is Too Many” in January 2014. Volunteers asked students in their residence halls to commit to sexual assault prevention by signing and hanging pledges outside their rooms.

The initiative began just before President Barack Obama’s announcement Jan. 22 of a newly-launched White House Task Force to develop sexual assault prevention and response suggestions for

colleges and strategies to increase public awareness.

The Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA) awarded the Saint Mary’s Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) and the Office of Student Involvement and Multicultural Services (SIMS) a \$10,000 grant. As one of the first recipients of the grant, BAVO and SIMS intend to use the money to continue to educate Saint Mary’s students on sexual violence prevention, director of media relations Gwen O’Brien, said.

## Nine ND, SMC students lost in four years

Two students died in unrelated cases in 2010. Elizabeth “Lizzy” Seeburg, committed suicide Sept. 10. Friends said Seeburg, a first year student at Saint Mary’s, always had a smile on her face.

Junior Declan Sullivan died Oct. 27 after the scissor lift from which he was filming football practice fell. Sullivan, a Fisher Hall resident, was a student videographer for the football

team.

Sophomore Sean Valero died in April 2011. Friends described Valero as easygoing and a dedicated student.

Fifth-year student and former Zahm House resident Xavier Murphy died after a short battle with leukemia in Oct. 2011. Zahm residents honored him with their “Raise an X for X” campaign.

Saint Mary’s sophomore Ziqi

Zhang died Oct. 18, 2012 from injuries sustained in a car-bicycle accident outside the College entrance at State Route 933. She was a dual-degree student majoring in mathematics at Saint Mary’s and taking engineering classes at Notre Dame.

First-year master’s degree student Michael Thigpen passed away at his off-campus residence Nov. 13, 2012. He was a professional musician and an

avid climber.

Connor Sorensen, a Notre Dame student who graduated early from the University, succumbed to lung disease Dec. 20, 2013. Friends said Sorensen, a biochemistry major, demonstrated selflessness despite the difficulty he faced in his illness.

Akash Sharma, a graduate student from India, died Jan. 1, 2014. He was a third-year Ph.D. student in chemical and

biomolecular engineering and served as co-president of the Indian Association of Notre Dame during the 2012-13 academic year.

Former Saint Mary’s first year Madelyn Stephenson died Jan. 3, 2014 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Her teachers from the College remember her as a quiet, friendly student with a passion for the sciences.

### IOSHA investigates, fines Notre Dame

March 15, 2011



The Indiana Occupational Health and Safety Administration (IOSHA) found Notre Dame guilty of six violations after an investigation into the October 2010 death of Declan Sullivan. The citations resulted in fines totaling \$77,500.

Notre Dame entered discussions with IOSHA to review the investigation’s results.

### Notre Dame initiates suit over HHS mandate

August 24, 2012



On May 21, 2012, Notre Dame filed a lawsuit to challenge the constitutionality of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate that requires employers to provide contraceptive services in their minimum health insurance plans.

Since then, Notre Dame’s two appeals for relief have been denied.

### University recognizes LGBTQ student group

December 6, 2012

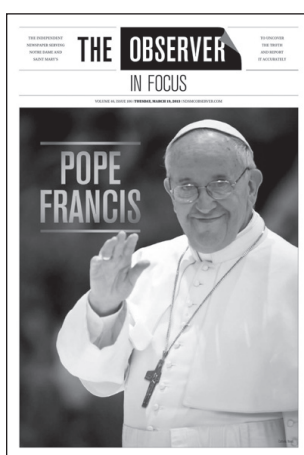


In a Dec. 2012 press release, Notre Dame announced the results of a “comprehensive review” of support services for LGBTQ students. University president Fr. John Jenkins accepted the suggestion by the Office of Student Affairs to form a University-recognized student organization.

In August 2013, the group voted to name itself “PrismND”

### Students abroad witness papal election

March 19, 2013



After Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI resigned Feb. 28, 2013, Pope Francis was elected as the 266th pontiff March 13. Notre Dame students abroad in Europe witnessed the historic turnover from St. Peter’s Square.

Pope Francis is notable as the first Latin American pope and the first Jesuit to hold the office.

### University unveils Campus Crossroads

January 29, 2014



The University revealed plans Jan. 29, 2014 for its largest construction project yet: a \$400 million expansion of Notre Dame Stadium. The 33-month project will add three eight-story buildings totaling 750,000 square feet on the east, west and south sides of the Stadium, University President Fr. John Jenkins said.

### Mendoza ranks No. 1 for fifth consecutive year

April 9, 2014



For the fifth year in a row, the Mendoza College of Business ranked No. 1 among undergraduate business schools by Bloomberg Businessweek.

Mendoza dean Roger Huang said the continued success speaks to the Mendoza’s commitment to equipping graduates to “view business as a force for good in society.”



# YEAR IN REVIEW

## MAY 21, 2012–PRESENT: HHS LAWSUIT

NOTRE DAME FILED a lawsuit May 21, 2012, challenging the constitutionality of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate that requires employers to provide contraceptive services in their minimum health insurance packages.

The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. U.S. District Court Judge Robert Miller Jr. ruled Dec. 31, 2012, that the lawsuit should be dismissed because, at the time, the University's claim was not yet "ripe," meaning that it was not ready to be litigated.

In the summer of 2013, the federal government announced revisions to the mandate that enable religious nonprofit organizations to shift the cost for contraceptives to the government or to a third-party health care administrator by submitting an opt-out form.

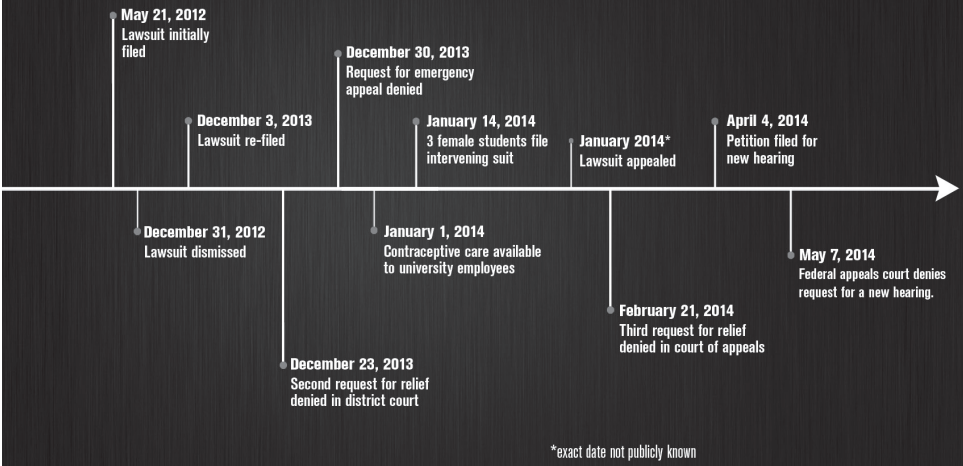
Notre Dame re-filed its lawsuit on Dec. 3, 2013, in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, arguing that the HHS mandate violates the First Amendment, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and other laws.

On the same day the lawsuit was filed, University President Fr. John Jenkins told The Observer that the issue at stake was "the fundamental right of religious organizations to be exempt from government interference in their religious practice."

"Really, for me, it's not about the contraceptive services or any particular thing," he said. "It's about that larger issue of the fundamental right of any religious organization, whatever the religion, to live out its mission without government interference."

On Dec. 23, 2013, this second request for relief was denied. The University filed a request for emergency appeal, but that was denied Dec. 30, 2013, by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit.

### HHS MANDATE OPPOSITION TIMELINE



IN COMPLIANCE with the mandate, Notre Dame began providing contraceptive coverage through Meritain Health, its third-party health care administrator, as of Jan. 1. Hours before the mandate was set to take effect, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor temporarily blocked enforcement of the mandate against an order of nuns, the Little Sisters of the Poor, and certain other Catholic nonprofit groups.

Because of this, the University filed a motion for appeal in January, stating that "there is no legitimate basis upon which an injunction could be granted to the Little Sisters of the Poor but denied to Notre Dame." On Jan. 14, three female students who want Notre Dame health care plans to cover birth control intervened in the lawsuit.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State is representing the students, and their director of communications Rob Boston said they believe that "if Notre Dame is allowed to deny contraceptives, it could negatively affect students, faculty and staff at the institution."

On Feb. 21, the Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit upheld the ruling that the University must comply with the mandate in a split 2-1 decision. On April 4, lawyers representing Notre Dame filed a petition in the same court seeking a rehearing in front of the whole court instead of a panel of three judges.

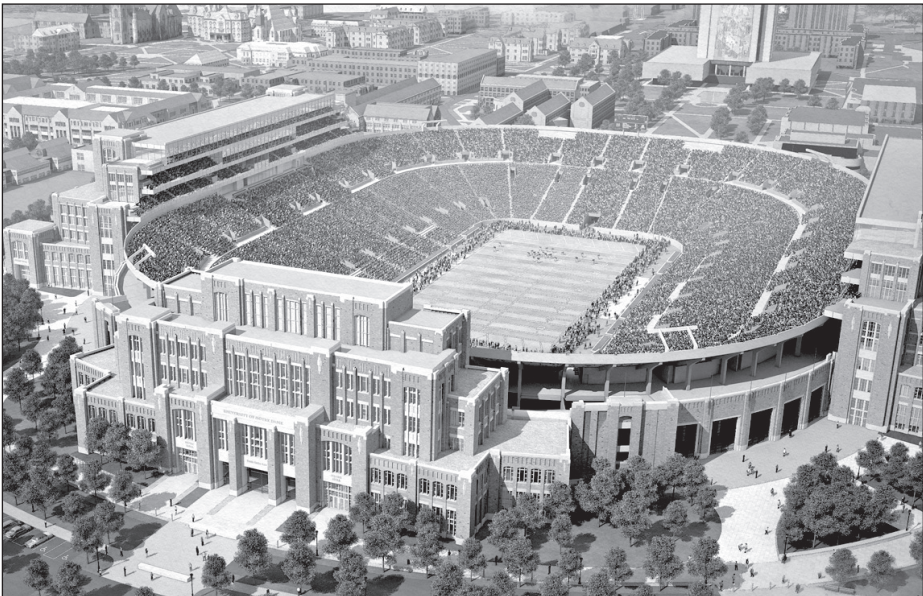
The petition, submitted by attorney Matthew Kairis, argues that the Feb. 21 opinion contradicts Supreme Court precedent and legal standards. Paul Browne, Notre Dame's vice president for public affairs and communications, told The Observer on April 7 that "at its core, this is a religious liberty issue."

On May 7, the panel judges in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit voted against a new hearing. None of the other active judges on the court requested a vote.

## OCT. 1, 2013: GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

WHEN THE CLOCK STRUCK MIDNIGHT on Oct. 1, 2013, and Congress had not yet passed a budget for the new fiscal year, the U.S. federal government shut down for the first time since 1995. For more than two full weeks, 800,000 federal employees were placed on furlough while legislators worked towards a new spending bill. Essential government agencies and services, including the military, Postal Service and Federal Reserve, remained open throughout the shutdown. The government officially reopened Oct. 16, 2013, after Congress came to a compromise on a new federal budget.

## JAN. 14, 2014: UNIVERSITY UNVEILS PLANS FOR \$400 MILLION STADIUM EXPANSION



THE UNIVERSITY REVEALED plans Jan. 14 for its largest construction project yet: a \$400 million expansion of Notre Dame Stadium, titled the Campus Crossroads Project.

The Notre Dame Board of Trustees endorsed the University moving forward with the project, Notre Dame spokesperson Dennis Brown said. The 33-month project will add three eight-story buildings, totaling 750,000 square feet on the east, west and south sides of the Stadium, University President Fr. John Jenkins said. The construction will also add more than 3,000 open-air club seats to the existing structure, he said.

Pending approval from the Facility Committee of the Board and sufficient funds, the project may commence as early as after the 2014 football season, Jenkins said.

"It's the most ambitious building project in the history of the University," Jenkins told The Observer.

The west side of the Stadium will feature a new student center, and the south will hold music department offices, library and practice spaces. The east side will include a digital media studio and the anthropology and psychology departments, Jenkins said. He said the administration logged 3,000 hours consulting faculty on their departments' needs.

## JAN. 21, 2014: NOTRE DAME OFFICIALLY PARTNERS WITH UNDER ARMOUR FOR ATHLETIC APPAREL

WITH ITS FOOTWEAR and apparel contract with adidas set to expire after the 2013-14 academic year, Notre Dame announced its decision to switch to Under Armour on Jan. 19.

Under Armour CEO Kevin Plank and Notre Dame Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick officially announced Under Armour as the future outfitter of Irish athletics at a press conference.

"We couldn't be more excited about this opportunity, and by any measure, it's the largest deal of its kind in the history of collegiate athletics," Swarbrick said.

The 10-year deal was the largest in collegiate athletics in terms of both cash and merchandise, Swarbrick said.

The deal will become effective July 1, Swarbrick said, with Under Armour replacing adidas as Notre Dame's apparel supplier for all 26 varsity sports.

Notre Dame's agreement with adidas expired at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. The Irish had been with adidas since 1997-98 and signed a 10-year agreement with the German company in 2005. Swarbrick said adidas was a great partner to the Irish.



# 2013 — 2014

## JAN. 23, 2014: SAINT MARY’S RECEIVES GRANT TO INITIATE GRADUATE PROGRAM

SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE PLANS to institute a new graduate degree program offering a Professional Science Master’s (PSM) beginning in the fall of 2015 or 2016 after receiving a \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

Saint Mary’s was one of 39 institutions that received a total of \$62.7 million dollars to enhance career opportunities for college graduates.

“For more than a decade ... the Endowment has awarded grants to Indiana colleges and universities to pursue activities that improve the job prospects of college graduates in the state,” Lilly Endowment’s Dec. 5 press release said.

Steven Broad, assistant professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, said local Indiana partnerships are a major component of Lilly Endowment’s goals for the grant.

“This is certainly a focus for our development of the program,” Broad said. “We are working to identify a range of Indiana business, non-profit and education partners.”

## JAN. 27, 2014: NOTRE DAME AND SAINT MARY’S SHUT DOWN DUE TO WINTER WEATHER

AS THE POLAR VORTEX SWEEPED through South Bend and temperatures plunged well below zero, Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s closed due to inclement weather Monday, Jan. 27 and reopened the next evening.

St. Joseph County authorities declared a weather emergency, which prompted the University’s closure. The weather emergency declaration included a driving ban after 7 p.m., which meant those on the road without an emergency reason would be ticketed and fined. Both the University and the College returned to a regular class schedule the next day.

## FEB. 7–23, 2014: WINTER OLYMPICS

FOR TWO WEEKS in February, the resort town of Sochi, Russia, played host to the 22nd Olympic Winter Games. Nearly 3,000 athletes from 88 countries came together to compete in 98 different winter sports events amidst international protests against Russia’s treatment of the LGBTQ community. The final medal count saw the host country leading the way with 33 medals, 13 of them gold, followed by the United States and Norway with 28 and 26 medals, respectively. More than 3.5 billion people tuned in to watch the Games on television while more than 1 million fans from 126 countries traveled to Russia for the competitions.

## MARCH 25-26, 2014: COLLEGE HOSTS DSLC WORKSHOP



THE NINTH ANNUAL Diverse Students’ Leadership Conference (DSLCL), “Rethinking Leadership and Diversity,” took place on the Saint Mary’s campus Mar. 25 and 26. The 16 workshops spread out over two days made it the largest event of the year hosted by the Student Diversity Board (SDB) and the largest student-led conference at Saint Mary’s.

“After months of planning, our hard work is finally on display, and our hope is that [students] find everything to be insightful, challenging but most of all enjoyable,” senior Lucy Macfarlane, DSLC chair and SDB vice president, said at the beginning of the conference. “We hope [students] are inspired to make change where [they] see change is necessary — even if that’s within [themselves].”

The two keynote speakers, activists Faisal Alam and Kevin Powell, were chosen to help students realize their own potential as leaders and rethink their previous understanding of what diversity means, Macfarlane said.

“I think the keynotes actually had a lot in common,” she said. “[The speakers’] breadth and variety of life experiences demonstrated to them the necessity of self-actualization. When you know yourself and accept all facets of your identity, you are more capable of accepting and including others in positive change.

“Leadership is not categorized into one thing — like a man in a dark suit — but rather the creation of a safe space that allows others to voice their opinions and experiences.”

## APRIL 10, 2014: ANN COULTER DELIVERS LINCOLN DAY ADDRESS AMIDST CAMPUS CONTROVERSY

CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL PUNDIT Ann Coulter addressed a standing-room-only crowd at the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library on April 10 as part of Notre Dame College Republicans’ Lincoln Day event in a speech centered on health care reform, gun control and immigration.

Coulter’s past comments on issues relating to abortion, illegal immigration, terrorism and Notre Dame’s decision to invite President Barack Obama to speak at the 2009 Commencement ceremony and give him an honorary degree sparked debate among several student groups.

Junior Mark Gianfalla, president of College Republicans, said he chose Coulter to speak at the group’s largest event of the year because her views on political and social issues closely align with the points College Republicans has advocated this year. (Editor’s Note: Gianfalla is a former columnist for The Observer).

“We’re a chapter at a Catholic university, and we think issues of abortion and gay marriage are just as important as a balanced budget, so we’ve really been focusing on drawing attention to those aspects of conservatism that also don’t get as much attention on campus or from campus groups that are here,” Gianfalla said. “... I think she brought the most attention to what our club is focusing on.”

Junior Tyler Bowen, vice president of Notre Dame College Democrats, said Coulter is “someone who makes a career of ... inciting controversy through inflammatory opinions.”

“It’s not that you don’t have the right to bring her here, but in bringing her here, we believe you’re bringing in someone that definitely does not represent what we view as Catholic values, particularly pertaining to social justice and poverty issues,” Bowen said.



## APRIL 15, 2014: SAINT MARY’S EMPLOYEE FIRED, ARRESTED FOR VOYEURISM ON CAMPUS

A SAINT MARY’S EMPLOYEE was arrested for voyeurism April 15 after he admitted to allegations of observing students in a restroom in Le Mans Hall, according to director of media relations Gwen O’Brien.

Seventy-three-year-old David Summerfield was terminated from his position after a co-worker reported suspicious behavior in a bathroom on the fourth floor of Le Mans Hall the previous afternoon, according to an email from College President Carol Ann Mooney.

“Home feels a little less like home today,” junior Tess Siver said Tuesday after the report of voyeuristic privacy violation on the Saint Mary’s campus.

According to an email to Saint Mary’s students April 17, the prosecutor’s office formally charged Summerfield with voyeurism and theft for stealing students’ clothing from a laundry room.



# FOUR YEARS in REVIEW

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## "TOY STORY 3" JUNE 18, 2010

There's no doubt the third and final installment of "Toy Story" was meant for the high school class of 2010 just as much as it was for children. Woody and friends get packed away as Andy gets ready to move on to college, making the film a perfect sendoff for graduating seniors getting ready to take on the world.

## ADELE RULES THE WORLD

FEBRUARY 12, 2012



Though Adele wasn't a new figure in music in 2012, the British singer became a household name after taking home six Grammy awards and breaking a slew of records in record sales for her album "21." She's also the artist responsible for the crying anthem of the decade, "Someone Like You."

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It's almost hard to think of a time before the photo-sharing app, but Instagram did indeed have a beginning. Launched in late 2010, the app took off in the following year, merged with Facebook in 2012 and changed the days of the week as we know them to "throwback Thursdays" and "selfie Saturdays."

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## INSTAGRAM LAUNCHES

OCTOBER 6, 2010

## THE ROYAL WEDDING

APRIL 29, 2011

The wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton occurred across the pond, but that didn't stop millions of Americans from tuning in to watch the royal event. The wedding brought Kate Middleton's sister, Pippa, into stardom, and royal baby Prince George in 2013.

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## "HARRY POTTER & THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PT. 2"

JULY 15, 2011



After growing up with the "Harry Potter" books and film franchise, fans said goodbye to Harry, Hermione and Ron in the dramatic finale, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Pt. 2." The eighth film of the series brought us a gut-wrenching battle between good and evil and, eventually, a glimpse into the future of The Boy Who Lived.

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## STEVE JOBS DIES

OCT. 5, 2011

Apple Inc. co-founder and tech pioneer Steve Jobs died at age 56 due to pancreatic cancer. Jobs is responsible in many ways for the digital age as we know it, bringing into the world the Macintosh computers, iPhones and iPads that have come to define technology today.

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## "GANGNAM STYLE"

JULY 15, 2012

Korean pop band Psy's infectious "Gangnam Style" became a global sensation of its outrageous accompanying dance, not only topped the charts but also became the first on YouTube to reach a billion views.



**IT'S HARD TO THINK** that just four years ago, the class of 2014 was starting to prepare for their first year as undergraduates. As they entered their freshmen year in August 2010, the world was talking about WikiLeaks, the World Cup and Lady Gaga's meat-dress. The leading literary lady on screen was Bella Swan instead of Katniss Everdeen. Justin Bieber was just an innocent young teenager with funny hair. "Jersey Shore" was relevant.

As freshmen, the class of 2014 couldn't Instagram the Dome, Snapchat their friends or find an SYR date on Tinder. Now, they can take a "selfie" and share it to 15 apps in about three seconds flat. Like the students who first arrived on campus in August 2010, pop culture has changed significantly in the last four years, but it's okay to turn on some Adele, shed a few tears and take a look back.







## Graduate every day



**Andrew Gastelum**  
Editor-in-Chief Emeritus

I feel like I've been here before. But at the same time, I really don't. I've worn a cap and gown before, but never like this. With this shake of the hand and a smile, my days as a graduate will end.

Just like that, 16 years of school will end. But the greatest thing I've learned during this time is that my education is not limited to school. I will continue to learn every day, every hour and every minute.

I will get the chance to learn new things about myself in ways that I have never experienced before. Every day will bring new experiences and different reactions, and I will use that to grow and make the next day better.

I will get the chance to learn new things about the world around me in ways that I have never experienced before. Until I walk off the edge of the map, there will always be something new to discover, a new place to see and a path to walk.

Graduation is every day. There will always be a new hand to shake, a new opportunity to smile and, most importantly, a new moment to learn. If I do one of these, usually the others will follow.

A C+ grade doesn't say that I didn't learn, maybe just that I didn't smile enough. An A- grade doesn't say that I didn't smile enough, maybe just that I didn't challenge myself to learn enough. And deleting my Facebook (which also happened to be one of the better college decisions for procrastination purposes) doesn't say that I didn't make enough new friends, just that I met the right ones who made me smile.

Graduation doesn't make me more happy than sad, or throw bittersweet feelings my way. If anything, it only makes me want to move on. Graduation is about progress, about growth. And that's exactly what I plan to do every day for the rest of my life. I will move on with these great memories and my education, and graduate every day.

And more than anything, I will go to bed every night asking myself what I learned today, how I grew and look forward to the next opportunity to do so. Personally, I feel like I have become the person I will be for the rest of my life, but that doesn't mean I cannot grow.

I am ready to move on. I am ready to grow. I am ready to learn.

Why let that stop at graduation?

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**Meghan Thomassen**  
Managing Editor Emeritus

I'm glad I can't capture what these past four years have meant to me in one column. But I can at least start to thank the people who have changed my life for the better. Here's to you and all those who looked outside themselves to help me grow at Notre Dame.

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## All I can do is say thank you

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## A new, welcome introduction



**Steph Wulz**  
Graphics Editor Emeritus

"Hi, my name is Steph Wulz and I am a senior Visual Communication Design BFA from Ramsey, New Jersey."

A Notre Dame introduction is one thing that every student quickly becomes well versed in within the first week of college. It's the line that identified who you were, where you were from and what your studies were along your unique college journey.

Every time I think about my introduction, it makes me think about the variations on my introduction that greatly shaped my four-year journey.

The word "transfer" used to dominate the sentence when I first arrived to campus as a sophomore. Having spent my first year at Villanova University, transferring played a large part in shaping my experience and identity at Notre Dame. I've had the opportunity to share in the cultures of two different schools and learn to appreciate all that my soon-to-be alma mater has done for my fellow students and myself. With that, I gained a network of friends who became an immediate family, all who carried out their dream to attend this University.

And since we had made it here, we

knew to make the most of it.

My college switch fell out of my introduction because I lost the feeling of having to include it. Notre Dame is a place that became home so quickly. I no longer felt like a new student, nor needed to share that I hadn't experienced Frosh-o and the Dome Dance like many students around me.

My past was what got me here and what allowed me to branch out and absorb all the opportunities that one could. Whether spending two years with the Band of the Fighting Irish or spending my nights working as the Graphics Editor of The Observer, I lived to make my mark on Notre Dame. And she gave me the opportunity to do so.

During my senior year, my introduction included that I was a resident assistant in Walsh Hall, a position that I would do again in a heartbeat. There are few positions where you are given the unique opportunity to be a foundation in people's lives and a resident's assistant was one such position. Having the chance to give my advice from my college path throughout the years allowed me to realize the choices I had made and how they brought me to this very moment.

Now that my time at Notre Dame has come to an end, my introduction changes into the past tense. Finally, it seems to

capture the entirety of my experience through college.

Saying I am a graduate of Notre Dame holds the understanding that I have experienced one of the most memorable and life changing events in one's young life in a setting that strives to make everyone live up to their full potential. I have studied, learned, traveled, prayed and laughed with thousands of people who have directly impacted my life. I have met others and learned their story while sharing mine along the way. And because of all of this, I am a better person.

I cannot help but smile endlessly when graduating with my friends and family beside me. I cannot help but be glad for the opportunity that God has given me to be accepted here after a lot of hard work. And I cannot help but be so happy to introduce myself as a graduate of Our Lady's University, in a few days and for the rest of my life.

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# We jump, we land



**Nicole Michels**

Assistant Managing Editor Emeritus

Graduation is upon us at last. Soon, we won't go to classes in DeBart Monday through Thursday and sometimes Friday. We won't reconvene after a night out in the dining hall, or at The Mark, or at the Pancake House. We won't sway in the student section at football games; we won't run around the lakes. The "we" that exists now, won't exist anymore — we're scattering across the country and across the world.

It's now goodbye, but it doesn't feel like farewell.

My time at Notre Dame has shown me all around the map of student life — I started as a member of the varsity rowing team and finished as a Writing Center Tutor as well as Assistant Managing Editor at The Observer.

What connects that freshman Nicole who was dropped off at Cavanaugh Hall four years ago and the senior Nicole who soon will be leaving my home of the past four years is simple: excitement.

I am excited for what lies ahead of me, even though I will miss what stays behind at Notre Dame. But really, I don't buy that college is the best four years of your life. If it is, I feel like that means I haven't been living life quite right.

Let's face it, we all made it to Notre Dame because we're smart and we work hard; we set goals and we reach

them. We will graduate from Notre Dame this weekend because we successfully navigated college: completing classes, working jobs and most importantly, nurturing friendships that shaped the people we are today.

Now we're ready for the "real" world, whatever that means. We're ready to pursue an advanced degree, to start a new job, to move to a new city, to meet new people and to know new places.

We're ready. Still, it's not going to be easy.

Seeing our friends maybe a few times a year instead of every day or a few times a week will be hard. Working throughout the year, with no month-long Christmas break, will be hard. Paying for everything by ourselves will be hard.

Figuring all of that out is important. But for me, for all of us, my only hope is that we find ways to be excited.

I want to engage with the world, to always be exploring. I want to work hard and do things that matter, to serve a purpose higher than myself. I want to spend my time with people I care about, loving and learning as we grow together.

Moving on from Notre Dame definitely will require a leap of faith — leaving behind the University and the people who have been our home for the past four years is scary, especially when it's not clear where and how we will land after we jump.

But I have to believe that when we do jump, we will land on our feet. And a big part of what will help us is

this community we built together here.

I've felt the Notre Dame spirit as it extends beyond the Notre Dame campus while interning in Washington for the past two summers and visiting friends who graduated before me. I've seen it in the offices of the six members of Congress who made time to speak with me last summer, a random student from their alma mater who wanted to write about them for the newspaper. I've seen it in the guy wearing a Bookstore Basketball shirt walking down Connecticut Avenue in D.C. who was (almost) as excited as I was to find another Notre Dame graduate halfway across the country. And I've seen it in the graduated friends who return for football games, who share stories about their new endeavors in various parts of the world.

The Notre Dame family stretches around the world, and no matter where we go or what we do after this, that will stay constant.

And our hearts forever, Love Thee Notre Dame.

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# It's about the people



**Grant Tobin**

Photo Editor Emeritus

I've had a bit of a difficult time writing this reflection. And that's not because I've wrecked three keyboards and two boxes of Kleenex getting to the point where I can see my screen clearly enough to type.

I jest. But think about any graduation speech you've ever attended. Can you distinctly perceive any single one? I remember Jobs' speech in 2005. But I wasn't there. I'd be surprised if you had an answer. Hell, many of you may have even orated an address and couldn't remember it.

But it's not about remembering everything. And that's the difficulty; the topics of classes you attend and the time you spent studying is soon forgotten. The time you spend dealing with the winters and sweating in the summers, again, is forgotten. It's about the people I've encountered in my time here, that's what you remember and that's this reflection.

To my teammates: from the first days on the ergs to our final races next week in Gainesville, Fla., we've been brothers. And there's nothing in the world that can pull people together than embracing that kind of suffering together. I can't wait to see what we've got left in the tank.

To my study abroad class: from not really understanding what we're ordering to teaching American partying norms to different cultures, I thank you. There's nowhere better to get out of your own environment than by actually physically removing yourself from your own environment. And then, of course, getting lost and sleeping only God-knows-where in Shanghai; that kinda helps too.

To my mentors Jim and Phil: your guidance has shaped my experience here and my maturation in both my vocational and extracurricular pursuits. For that, there are no words.

And to my deepest friends: my experience has been crafted entirely by you guys. And that's truly incredible to think about.

My difficulty in writing this reflection stems not from a lack of ideas or a lack of experiences, for those are multitudinous, but from an intense and scary realization that my time here has come to a close.

Would I kill for the chance to come back and do it all again?

Absolutely.

That's not my case though.

People always get caught up in the small stuff and ask questions like would I have changed anything or what mistakes I had made. The flipside of that coin is that there aren't any, and my experience wouldn't be the same if I had.

Cheers, ND. And thanks for the memories.

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# Finding my legacy



**Kevin Noonan**

Scene Editor Emeritus

Notre Dame loves to talk about legacy, and it's got me wondering what mine might be, if I were to have one here.

If left to my own choice, it would be obvious — one of the least successful student body president candidates in the history of Notre Dame, student government, democracy and perhaps human history. After four years, I still stand by the key planks of my platform: hangover hours in the dining hall, a student parking lot this side of the Mississippi River and, of course, a giant magical dome to protect us from the weather. I don't know why these didn't catch on.

Maybe it could be my work at The Observer, as a part of team of superbly talented journalists, photographers, graphic designers and generally intelligent people that did their jobs excellently while I fumbled around writing thousands of words on Paris Hilton's

newest single.

Hopefully it's not just my class work. My almost comical list of academic underachievements is epitomized in the first final I ever took at Notre Dame, for micro-economics with Professor David Ruccio. I got a solid 50 percent. F. Failure. If I took that test today I would probably still fail it, but the hour or so I spent chatting with Professor Ruccio on just about everything imaginable except for how poorly I'd done, was my first experience with just how amazing the people of Notre Dame can be when you take the time to pick their brains.

I guess Zahm would have to be in there. People that say the dorm pride here gets a little out of hand considering how it's a totally randomized system, and they probably have a point and I know that I've done some things I regret because of the idea of dorm loyalty, but I can also say that I've met some of the best friends I'll ever have in my life through that dorm system, and so I'm grateful for it, flaws and all.

I guess it could be a million things, hopefully some of them good, but the more important thing that I realize

is how lucky I am to have had the opportunity to take part in any of this. From high school teachers that wouldn't let me settle for a B- in English or a just-good-enough story in journalism, to advisors and professors at Notre Dame who helped me through frantic late night emails with whatever crisis of conscience I was having at that moment, to classmates who put up with me despite my tendency to land my foot in my mouth every once in a while, I've been extraordinarily privileged to get this far.

But most of all, I want to thank my parents and my family for supporting me at every turn, no matter how ridiculous and always having faith in me. No matter what legacy I create for myself as I go forward in the world, I only hope it makes you proud, because that's good enough for me.

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# VIEWPOINT

## Embracing the highs and the lows



**Dan Brombach**

Viewpoint Editor Emeritus

After taking the last final of my undergraduate career, I found myself sitting with my housemates on top of our garage. Between sips of Du Lac-approved beverages and silently praying the roof wouldn't collapse beneath me, I began to zone out. I began to commit the crime I had earlier promised myself I would avoid. I began to have a cliché, end of college, sappy, "Jesus Christ, I'm supposed to be a real human being soon," moment of reflection on my four years at Notre Dame.

My college career was a bipolar collection of the highest highs and the lowest lows. Like many kids that come to Notre Dame, I got a steady IV drip of humility my freshman year. I was just as pale and awkward as I was in high school, but after my first few chemistry exams took me out behind the shed, I felt like a tiny pale fish in a lake filled with fish that had already cured cancer and saved a small African nation from civil war. The bright side is that all this did was motivate me.

Getting academically bushwhacked my first semester pushed me to work harder, to not skip early morning lectures, to get involved outside the classroom and prove to myself that I belonged at a University filled with so many impressive kids. My failures early on helped pave the way for later success. And to be honest, that may be the overriding theme of my college career.

"Dan," you might say, "Your message sounds like a two-bit rip off of that one Darius Rucker song." Well, that's hurtful. You sound like my stepdad after a few Mike's Hard Lemonades.

The first semester of my sophomore year was hands down the lowest point of my life. I learned

how to make new friends but painfully experienced how easily existing friendships can be damaged.

I bounced back and forth between anger and sadness, burying myself in work because I didn't know what else to do. I'm not sure if I ever could have gone through with it, and I'm not sure if it's something I told anyone, but I even began having thoughts about transferring out of ND. Then one day, I got an email.

The email was from the Office of Housing, alerting students of the upcoming deadline for switching residence halls. More important than the email itself, I began receiving text messages from friends I had made in another dorm, including my closest friend from back home. "Did you see the email? What do you think?"

I ultimately did transfer out, but not out of Notre Dame. Instead, I was taken in by a community that definitively shaped the rest of my time in college.

The men of Zahm took me in when I was at my lowest point, and these men and their community became one of my greatest high points. I have trouble imagining what my time here would have looked like without the friends I made during my stay in Zahm. In fact, as I reflected on these things, five of them were sitting up on the roof with me as my housemates.

"Dear Mr. Brombach, We received a wide variety of talented applicants for the position this year, and after careful review, we have decided not to further pursue your candidacy."

I'm sure I don't need to tell anyone this twice, but receiving your first cookie-cutter, delightfully passive-aggressive internship rejection email stings like little else can.

It's a severe disappointment, like your stepdad Chaz forgetting to pick you up from soccer practice for the third time in a week. I entered my junior year with a grand vision. Despite being a history

major, I would be an investment-banking intern in Chicago or New York. It would be tough work and terrible hours. I would be the intern equivalent of a Malaysian sweat shop worker, if sweat shop workers spent their days proofreading pitch books and getting yelled at about hot keys. But even this didn't deter me.

What did deter me was a nice little string of rejection emails.

What this rejection did was deny me the non-critical route. It made me think hard about what I truly was interested in.

I didn't wind up at Goldman Sachs, but I did find myself studying and traveling in Jerusalem, meeting new friends while rediscovering my passion for history and foreign policy. If I hadn't failed, if I had worked 14-hour days behind a desk in Chicago, I would have missed out on one of the greatest experiences of my life. The interviewing practice it gave me also helped me lock down a job this year, which is nice, because I wasn't looking forward to living in a dumpster behind the Hilton DoubleTree after graduation.

My college career had more than its share of low points. But if it weren't for these low points, I don't know if I would have experienced the high ones. I'm sure I have a lot more failing to do in life, and that's exciting.

Not because I'm a masochist, but because I can't wait to see what comes of it.

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## My Notre Dame story



**Marisa Iati**

Assistant Managing Editor Emeritus

I've written a lot of words on these pages in the past four years. I've told many stories, most of which belonged to other people. I now have 800 words left, with which I'm going to tell you just one more story, because my Fundamentals of Journalism professor drilled into our heads that stories matter. And, besides, my time here has been nothing if not a good story.

For me, Notre Dame began as a story that other people told. It was a story of a football-crazed university in some state that I knew next to nothing about. A story of alumni who were in love with their alma mater. A story of autumns infused by school spirit, winters illuminated by Christmas lights and springs framed by tulips and long-anticipated sunshine.

When I arrived at Notre Dame as a student, I created my own story here.

It's a story of hugging my freshman-year roommate the day before move-in. Of walking to Domerfest with a guy who I never saw again. Of building an igloo in the Ryan Hall courtyard on our first snow day. Of tailgates and football games in sub-freezing temperatures. Of more trips to the Grotto than I could possibly count.

It's a story of a Center for Social Concerns seminar in New York City. Of shipping up to Boston. Of climbing sand dunes in Michigan. Of a trip to Chicago to run a race, but mostly to see an old friend. Of teaching at a summer program in Utah. Of camping in Yellowstone National Park and learning that the state of Wyoming does, in fact, exist. Of a pilgrimage to Montreal.

It's a story of moving 4,000 miles away to Toledo,

Spain, for four months and being pushed far out of my comfort zone. A story of cobblestone streets. Of bonding with my traveling companions over the ridiculousness of washing our hair in an airport sink. Of an almost daily journey to La Italiana for chocolate gelato with the girl who would later become my roommate and one of my closest friends.

It's a story of being rejected by an employer — three separate times. Of learning that I cannot accomplish everything at once. That sometimes, things fall apart. That the story doesn't always end how you want it to, and you have to keep going in spite of it.

It's a story of weekly lunches with Michelle, who always got me through it — whatever "it" was that particular week. Of camping out in Main Street Coffee House with Shannon and E. Of lingering in the chapel after dorm Mass with Marissa. Of meeting up with Kaitlyn in New York during breaks. Of people who somehow managed to love me anyway.

It's a story of 4 a.m. nights in the Observer office. Of almost burning down South Dining Hall while trying to make Easy Mac that one time (sorry, everyone). Of my coworker covering for me when that happened (thanks, Matt). Of coming to care about each one of the quirky people in that office far more than I could have predicted.

It's a story of building my own identity around telling other people's stories. Of meeting incredible human beings who, for some reason, let me help them to convey their experiences. Of trying to touch others through my words. Of coming to understand that the majority of the time, those words impact me most of all.

It's a story of almost running the Holy Half. Twice. Of not actually accomplishing it. Of coming to terms with the fact that there are many things that I'm good at, but running 13.1 miles at a time is not one

of them. Of eventually being able to laugh about it. Of learning that what matters is finding, in every experience, a way to grow, to improve and to change.

It's a story of sitting on Denise's couch on one of our last study days, watching "The Vow" when we were supposed to be preparing for finals. Of feeling absolutely no shame about it. Of lying on another friend's floor and giggling like a 13-year-old about some guy or another because some days, life just needs a little comic relief.

It's a story of learning that people will open their doors to you if and when you are willing to knock. Of realizing that people who help you to tear down your walls are worth keeping around. That the most unexpected people will worm their way into your heart and that you should let them. That all relationships are risks, but that those risks are worth taking.

It's a story of all the little moments that could not possibly fit into this column and of all the adventures that have yet to come, the ones that Notre Dame has made possible.

Most of all, though, it's a story of thankfulness for each decision, each familial sacrifice and each twist of fate that will enable me to walk across the stage Sunday as a more confident, compassionate and open-minded person than the one who first arrived on campus four years ago.

It's a story of gratitude, because I have been blessed. Over and over again.

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# Thank you for the tears



**Matthew DeFranks**

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What are tears?

Are they water? Are they salt? Are they salt water?

Are they from the eyes? Are they from the heart? Are they from the soul?

Are they emotions? Are they feelings? Are they memories?

They are all of the above. They are Notre Dame.

Tears are when I got accepted. They are when I hugged my sister, Amanda, and cried on her shoulder as I told her I could be going to South Bend. They are when I flipped a coin 100 times, and the Irish won. They are “Welcome Home.”

Tears are when I left my house in August 2010. They are the drive to the airport. They are the nights at the Marriott. They are the unknown. They are what I was afraid of, which turned out to be nothing. They are leaving home.

Tears are when my parents left Notre Dame the Sunday after Domerfest. They are trying to remember song lyrics during my 18th birthday. They are serenades. They are the long walk to D2, and they are kisses goodbye. They are moving home.

Tears are switching majors. They are what you feel, what you do. They are uncertainty.

Tears are the end of freshman year. They are saying goodbyes and packing for home. They are maxing out flex points and minimizing shipping costs. They are

saying hello to the Miami summer and saying good-bye to my best friends. They are leaving home.

Tears are “Welcome back,”s. They are the “How are you doing?”s, and they are orange sunsets at 9 p.m. They are the return to the dining hall, and they are the first class introductions. They are moving home.

Tears are the end of sophomore year. They are when I said bye to my best friends for 15 months. They are walks around the lakes. They are when we knew the best reunion would be under the Golden Dome. They are patience.

Tears are airport pickups from your own city. They are when your friends — wait, family — stay with you and love every minute of it. They are playing with the family dog (Hi, Bentley) and eating the family food (Sauce can never go wrong). They are moving home.

Tears are 12-1. They are the imperfect perfect season. They are Eddie Lacy, and they are a postgame beer at the house. They are picking up confetti from the field, and they are writing a game story. They are disappointment, and they are encouragement.

Tears are when I left Fremantle. They are when I left beaches and cliffs and adventures and people behind. They are when I ditched kangaroos and koalas and sunshine. They are leaving home.

Tears are when I left Australia. They are when I traded hostels for home. They are when time in eastern Australia and New Zealand ran short. They are when things were never the same again. They are coming home.

Tears are Notre Dame’s win over BYU in November.

They are my last game as an undergraduate. They are snow and wind and not being able to feel your fingers. They are my last alma mater. They are walking out through the tunnel. They are “Love Thee Notre Dame.”

Tears are meeting new friends too late. They are wondering why three years went by without saying a word. They are adjusting and adapting and loving.

Tears are in the future. They are when I cross the stage. They are when I hug my parents. They are when a degree is in hand. They are emotional.

But tears are also the terrible jokes I laughed too hard at. They are when I was too happy for my body to handle. They are when I smiled too much at my friends. They are when you know it is real.

Tears are writing this. They are the reminiscing and the remembering. They are the regretting and the forgetting. They are everything you wanted to say but could not.

Tears are what make everything worth it.

Thank you for the tears, Notre Dame.

You deserve it.

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## SENIOR GUEST COLUMN

# Let the light of Notre Dame lead you

**Alexander Coccia**

Notre Dame Student Body President Emeritus

Dr. Tom Dooley, a Notre Dame student in the 1940s who worked as a doctor in Southeast Asia, wrote a letter to Father Hesburgh, who had it engraved and placed by the Grotto. Dooley wrote, “Notre Dame is twice on my mind . . . and always in my heart. That Grotto is the rock to which my life is anchored. Do the students ever appreciate what they have, while they have it?”

Of course, it is nearly impossible to gauge the full impact of a Notre Dame education and the experience of the last four years. I imagine that it is an impact we may never truly appreciate until our final moments — recognizing the spark of a lifelong journey of formation. For all of the walks around the lakes, the moments spent with friends and the time engulfed in studies and extracurricular activity, it is hard to enumerate or even begin to outline the manifold experiences.

But perhaps this is best. Because the student experience at Notre Dame is sacred. The relationships we have formed over the last four years are sacred. And the mission and drive to be a powerful force for good in the world is sacred. Experiences, relationships and purpose are the flames of our existence at Notre Dame.

At its best, Notre Dame is a reflection of the other-oriented lens that fulfills a goal of the University’s mission statement: “The aim is to create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common

good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice.” It is ultimately an other-oriented lens through which we must address our actions in life, a lens to be enhanced by the sacred and profound, not blinded by their radiance. It is a vision of religion as a path to God and in service to God through service to other human beings, not in spite of other human beings. The necessary vision must be that “the least of these” refers to each of us at one time or another.

My four years have taught me that students will fight for their fellow students. I’ve learned here that change comes when students say enough. We don’t believe that Fr. Sorin’s pledge to be the greatest force for good was simply lofty language or mythical rhetoric. We believe that the Notre Dame experience should not be based on characteristics such as race, sexual orientation and gender identity, documentation or socioeconomic status. We believe in Notre Dame because Notre Dame houses a student body that cares and because its mission goes further than preparing individuals simply for modern conceptions of success beyond campus.

“No man is an island,” proclaimed John Donne. At least, none should be — not in our successes, our failures, our joys or our agonies. As human beings, we do have our moments of solitary experience. But the island paradise we seek is found in other human beings. And it can be found at Notre Dame.

The candle was lit at Notre Dame, but we should let it burn deeply and brightly throughout our lives. It is a light of purpose and sacredness, a light whose flicker only indicates the lingering desire to act and to put faith into action. The flames of these experiences

may continue on as we stay in touch and reminisce. But forever, we will have lit the candle at Notre Dame.

As Reinhold Neibuhr wrote, “Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore, we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore, we must be saved by love.” In the next chapter of our lives, we must continue to seek every opportunity to affirm our belief and faith in our fellow human beings, to hope and to love.

The last four years at Notre Dame won’t be the best of our lives. They will simply be. They are a set of experiences that deserve no qualifications. Any attempt to quantify or qualify the experiences of the past four years will diminish their significance. Some things are best left unsaid, because they were best lived. They’ll be memories that last as long as we can keep them. And as we move on to the next chapter, no experience in the last four years can be touched. The last four years were ours, class of 2014. Here’s to the next experience.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: FOUR YEARS IN REVIEW

## Warm pink lights: A call to remember

If you drive around my suburban, north Chicago neighborhood around Christmastime, you see a wonderful assortment of lights and decorations. You get the icicles, the beautiful wreaths, the big, bright colored bulbs, but then every few houses or so you see something different. Warm pink lights, wrapped around a bush or two, contrast the typical reds and greens of the seasons and piqued my curiosity back in 2010 when they first began to appear. I asked my Mom why all these houses had pink lights, to which she solemnly responded, “They’re for Lizzy.”

I write this article due to the recent statements by Prince Shembo, a former linebacker for Notre Dame, claiming himself innocent of the alleged sexual battery of a Saint Mary’s student named Lizzy Seeberg in fall of 2010. Ten days after the events, she committed suicide. Lizzy lived and grew up in my hometown of Northbrook, Ill., which is why I heard the story in the first place. I never knew Lizzy, but I did know some of her relatives through my school and my community.

The death of this young woman and following inquiry into the events left my community devastated and heartbroken. I’m sure some were wondering how this could’ve happened, why Notre Dame was being portrayed in such a bad light, what texts like, “Messing with Notre Dame football is a bad idea” mean in the context of a girl’s life.

And here’s the truth: I don’t know. I don’t know the details. I can’t and won’t pass judgment on Shembo, on how Notre Dame should have handled the issue, what the culture of football at this University means, who said what, what the big story is. All I really know is that Lizzy is gone, and this tragic fact is the only thing that matters in the end.

But the reason why I’m really concerned is this: I was talking with a few friends the other day, and someone in conversation said something along the lines of, “Oh, did you hear that they found out more about the football player involved in the sexual assault a few years ago?” I responded with an “Oh, really?” didn’t give it a second thought, and moved on with my day. Only later when I found out that this was Lizzy Seeberg in question did I care to give it a second glance.

Am I that quick to forget? I clearly remember the details as they occurred back in 2010, I remember how distraught the community was and I remember thinking about how close to home the whole situation felt, despite my obvious distance from the events. I heard what my friend said about a football player and threw it away like it was nothing. I strongly feel this is not something our community as a whole can simply forget, but I didn’t care until it directly related to me. But what about people who this didn’t relate to? Is our community as a whole so numb to alleged forms

of violence such as this?

I’m referring not just to athletes and the football program, but the campus as a whole after several sexual assault incidents this year. I would hope that for the amount we talk about the Notre Dame family we actually support this claim when people’s lives and dignity are at stake; this suicide is not something we should forget. The “One is Too Many” movement is an excellent start and is something that I fully put my weight behind. But it doesn’t change the fact that any kind of disregard for these events is a crime against the victim and her family, and is something of which I myself am guilty.

No, I never knew Lizzy Seeberg or Prince Shembo, and maybe this article is just a useless reminder of a terrible tragedy from which Notre Dame and the Seeberg family would like to move on. But right after reading Shembo’s statement, I remembered the pink lights that I saw this year and that I will see every time I return home during Christmas. I have a reminder of Lizzy. What will it take for Notre Dame to remember as well?

**Danny Martin**

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Feb. 26, 2014

## Thank you, Declan Sullivan

I have, from time to time, lost faith in my Notre Dame community. I have loved this school for my entire life, so take the former statement as all the more profound. I have felt that our campus is divided against itself in 80 different ways. I have felt that our campus is at war with itself. I have felt that the people on this campus care more about the lack of success that plagues our football team than they do about issues of humanity that affect the world every day. I feel that we are slowly slipping away from the ideals that Notre Dame was built upon, survived on and currently promotes as the true spirit of our student body.

Two hours ago, all of that changed. Two hours ago, the memorial service for Mr. Declan Sullivan commenced. As the entire campus knows, the student body flooded the Basilica, overflowed into the Lafun Ballroom and even had to listen outside. Others, like myself,

watched the memorial service from the live feed online. For an hour, the entire campus stood still as we all came together to celebrate the life of Declan Sullivan and to help his family and friends begin the mourning process.

I never had the privilege to meet Declan, but I have spent the last several hours thanking God for this soul that could be so inspiring. For though I never met this man, he restored my faith in this University. Though I never knew him, I found myself crying through his service as if I had known him my entire life. I found my heart was aching for his family, and as I scanned the faces in the crowd that filled the Basilica, I knew that the entire group felt the same way. I felt the power of the entire student body spreading their prayers over his family, his friends and his dorm mates.

For the first time in a long time, I felt this community united. On this day, we didn’t

belong to a race. We had no political standing. We were not gay or straight. We were not A-students or the “C’s get degrees” crowd. We weren’t pro-life or pro-choice. We weren’t pro-Brian Kelly or anti-Brian Kelly. We just were. For a brief moment, we were undivided. We were the Notre Dame community that I so long to be a part of. I challenge the student body to remain that way in honor of the man who had a soul so strong to call us back to who we are. Remember that we must support one another, not tear each other down as we are so often tempted to do. Remember that we are united through all, and that our minor disagreements should never be allowed to prevent us from standing together as one community. And when one of our community falls, remember that they are always one of our own. We feel the pain of a family’s loss because we have indeed lost a family member.

Remember Declan Sullivan, whose influence is so strong that an entire community of 8,000-plus people came together to celebrate his life. For this, he is truly the embodiment of the Notre Dame spirit.

To his family: thank you for sharing such an amazing person with the Notre Dame family. My prayers and the prayers of the entire community are with you.

To Declan: Thank you. Thank you for restoring my faith in my Notre Dame family. Thank you for reminding us of who we are.

For at the end of the day, we are but one simple thing: We are ND — united in the memory of one of our faithfully fallen.

**Jim Ropa**

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Oct. 29, 2010

## Let’s act on GLBTQ issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Chris Beesley**

alumnus

Class of 2008

Jan. 29, 2010

## No regrets, one request

We have no regrets. We booked our hotels after the Pittsburgh game. We booked our flights after USC. We prayed we would win tickets in the lottery. 99 percent of us didn’t. We appealed to our spouses and better sensibilities that this was a once in a lifetime event. They submitted. And then we paid way too much for tickets. We begged our parents to take the grandkids for a few days. They couldn’t say no. We had used up our fun tickets for the year by Jan. 7. We flew from places like R.I., S.D., Idaho and Texas. We arrived in South Florida to eternal sun and optimism. We may have had a cocktail (or two). We saw dear friends we haven’t seen in 10, 15 or 20 years. We felt an energy, a passion and a part of something that we haven’t felt in a long, long time. It felt like home. We tailgated like champions. The blues and greens outnumbered the reds at least three-to-one. Of the 55,000 Domers in the stadium, we were the 40,000 who stayed until the clock hit 0:00. We have no regrets. We would do it all over again, even if we already knew the ending. We thank you.

We have one request. At one of the greatest games in our history, we failed to acknowledge maybe our greatest tradition, and that is standing together as one family and singing our praise to our Beloved Lady of the Lake. Our feeling of emptiness in the stands grew ever deeper when we could not acknowledge the good fight and send off our team properly for having one of the greatest seasons we can remember, and for giving all of us alumni the opportunity to experience what we did. Maybe it was the overwhelming grief of the moment. Maybe it was the bureaucracy of the Orange Bowl Committee and their stages and ensuing presentations. But I ask you, next time, make it happen. Give us the opportunity to thank the team for a tremendous season, and show us a little love for the sacrifices we all made to be there in support. Misery loves company, and we all could have used a little family love around about 0:00. We are ND.

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Jan. 16, 2013



# Drum majors lead marching band to excellence

By LESLEY STEVENSON  
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After three short whistle blasts, six white-gloved hands flash through the air, transforming the organized chaos of a 380-member band practice into a harmonious swell of chromatic scales.

These are the same white gloves that twirl thick, elongated batons called maces and conduct the nation's oldest university marching band through daily practice, weekly marches and gameday performances. They belong to the drum majors, three seasoned band veterans who bridge the gap between its directors and members.

Senior Leo Mironovich, former head drum major of the Band of the Fighting Irish, and senior assistant drum majors Betsy FitzGerald and Nicole McMillan spoke to The Observer about their journeys through high school and college band and the responsibilities and challenges of serving a group under so much public scrutiny, especially at the BCS National Championship Game in January 2013.

"The National Championship experience was surreal," Mironovich said. "We were absolutely ready for it; we had some of the best rehearsals of the year. We had the best morning of rehearsal pretty much in [director Dr. Kenneth] Dye's history at Notre Dame. And we put on a fantastic halftime show.

"In terms of the professional product that we put out on the field, on this big stage, we nailed it. We did really, really well."

Talking about performing for 80,000 fans in Notre Dame Stadium left the band leaders at a loss for words.

"It is really indescribable," McMillan said. "It's exhilarating; it's a rush. ... I feel very lucky to get to experience that."

The drum majors reflected on their time at Notre Dame and their tenures leading the band through a season that included six weeks of performances in a row, as well as trips to the University of Michigan, AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas and Yankee Stadium for the Pinstripe Bowl. FitzGerald said proving that she and the band had enough stamina to perform stood out as a highlight of this season.

"We all had a really tough first seven weeks of school without a break," she said. "... I was so proud of the entire band having that much energy and excitement for six straight weeks, and being able to keep up that energy and focus myself," she said.

McMillan said the freshman band members particularly stood out in those first seven weeks of practices and six weeks of halftime performances.

"It was exciting to see the new members make the band and perform on the football field four days later," she said. "This is no small accomplishment and it



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**Senior drum major Nicole McMillan marches with the band during a halftime show. McMillan, along with drum majors Leo Mironovich and Betsy FitzGerald led the band throughout this past school year.**

made me so happy to see the new members transform and perform so well just one week after starting college."

The drum majors said their responsibilities demand much more than performing in the traditional spectacle at football games.

"A lot of times people only see the glamorous aspects of drum majors, especially on game day," Mironovich said. "It's such a humbling position and such a powerless position. You're completely reliant on the respect of the band members.

"If they don't view you as their leader, if they don't want to work for you, the band is going to crash

and burn."

The drum majors said their main role is to facilitate dialogue.

"We kind of serve as communicators between directors and the rest of the students," FitzGerald said. "We facilitate rehearsal. We don't run the rehearsal, we just kind of pull it all together."

Mironovich served as an assistant drum major in 2012-2013 but assumed the lead role for the 2013 football season. FitzGerald and McMillan joined him for their first time as assistant drum majors. All three endured a four-month audition process in 2012, which tested their marching, twirling and conducting skills.

"It's like waiting for your college acceptance letters," McMillan said of the process.

Mironovich said auditioning for a second time and for the lead role was a personal journey.

"The second time around, it was extra nerve-wracking because I felt a great deal more pressure," Mironovich said. "I felt I had to show how much I had grown. ... I had to prove I could take it to the next level, go to the next step to be the head drum major."

FitzGerald and McMillan said their motivation for auditioning sprung from a deep love for and commitment to the Band of the Fighting Irish.

"Being able to serve our 380 best friends is such a privilege," FitzGerald said. "Deciding to make that journey, deciding to say, 'Yes, I want to hold myself up to a higher standard because I love band, because I love all the people I get to meet. ... I want to be the one to put in all that extra time and show how much I really deeply care about these people.'"

Selfless leadership was a skill FitzGerald said she strengthened most through her work with the band.

"It was so rewarding to see how much my friends could accomplish when they were all working together," she said. "For every moment of the season that was hard, and for every moment when all I wanted to do was give up and complain, it was incredible to know that everything I was doing was for the band, not just

for myself.

"It was incredible to see how much I was able to accomplish when I was doing those things for the band. I love every single member so much, and I hope I was able to show them how much I loved them by giving them as much as I could."

Mironovich said the experience of leading several hundred students in front of crowds numbering over 80,000 and serving as a representative of the University helped him grow as a leader.

"Personally, I accomplished so much," he said. "I achieved a dream, and lived it. I faced many fears, and felt what it was like tackling them head-on. I've survived and learned from numerous failures and have experienced euphoric successes."

"I am most proud of representing the greatest student organization on the campus of Notre Dame," Mironovich said. "On many occasions, especially away games, I considered myself an ambassador of the University, and people looked to me as an example to how Notre Dame should act and/or react in certain situations. I was very proud of this, and always strove to represent Notre Dame to the best of my ability, in a way that would be pleasing to all of those who came before me."

The three seniors said they missed playing their instruments with the band, but Mironovich said he had found his niche with the drum majors. He said he learned to focus on the "mission" of the group, which included giving selfless attention to the band's newest members.

"I found the right spot for me within the band," he said. "... I've learned to be bold, be courageous and to be yourself.

"It is so difficult being in such a highly-exposed leadership position. Everyone looks to you for advice, for a role model, for someone to compare themselves to. ... All in all, I guess I've learned what to focus on and what to work for in a high leadership position, and I am so glad to have had that experience."

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# ND honors student leaders

By KAYLA MULLEN  
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Notre Dame's Division of Student Affairs presented awards to seven students at the annual Student Leadership Awards Banquet on April 1, according to a University press release.

Senior Jenna Ahn received the Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., Leadership Award for her work with Campus Ministry and the Center for Social Concerns (CSC). She has served as a leader in efforts to unite students working with both offices, the press release stated.

"I think it's essential that Campus Ministry work together with the CSC because the two, faith and justice, are deeply connected," Ahn said. "Collaborating between Campus Ministry and CSC reminds us to always be contemplatives in action where what we contemplate will be put into action and where our actions will become forms of contemplation."

Ahn said she became involved with the CSC's Summer Service Learning Program (SSLP) and the International Summer Service Learning Program (ISSLP), through which she traveled to Kolkata, India.

"I decided to get involved with the SSLP after my freshman year because I was interested in continuing to ask the difficult questions about structural sin, poverty and suffering," she said. "I left with more questions than answers."

"I participated in the ISSLP in Kolkata because I wanted to experience and walk in the footsteps of Mother Teresa. I wanted to learn to love more radically, not for my own benefits and sense of 'feel-good,' but to love the other as to will only their good."

Senior Elizabeth Tucker, a four-year member of the varsity women's soccer team and two-time captain, won the Ray Siegfried Award for Leadership Excellence, the press release stated. Tucker has combined community service with her athletics, having her team adopt a patient from the local hospital and organizing tutoring at a local elementary school, she said.

"My junior year ... I decided that it would be really cool to get involved with the Fighting Irish Fight for Life program, because it was a way [the soccer team] could adopt a little sister and bring someone in and bring so much happiness," Tucker said. "It's been really fun for me because I've gotten to know her very well."

Senior Julia Steiner, former editor-in-chief of the Scholastic magazine, won the Denny Moore Award for Excellence in Journalism. The magazine has devoted more attention to the topic of diversity under her leadership, the press release said.

"I think it's really interesting

to not only understand the differences that we all share on the outside, but to strike up these conversations and to begin to understand how we all think differently, how we see the world differently," Steiner said. "... We did not have an outward push for diversity; it was kind of a thread that seemed to weave in throughout the year."

Steiner said she also credits the magazine's success to its staff.

"I accepted [the award] individually, and I am proud of the work that I've done, but at the same time, it was really a group effort," she said. "That's probably what I'm most proud of; Scholastic won News Magazine of the Year for the second year in a row in the state of Indiana."

Senior Edithstein Cho received the inaugural Diversity and Inclusion Award for her role as co-founder and producer of "Show Some Skin," a student production that aims to shed light on students' stories about difference and identity, according to the press release.

"I saw minority students on our campus talked amongst themselves and did a lot of problem identification on race issues, which is articulating what is insensitive or racist," Cho said. "To go beyond problem identification and to engage and change how people engaged race, the three of us [Cho, senior Hien Luu and JeeSeun Choi, class of 2012] wanted to hear deeper narratives."

"The monologues [in 'Show Some Skin'] show that the writers are human beings who have flaws and prejudices of their own, alongside having their own baggage that determines how they orient themselves. We named our production, 'Show Some Skin,' in order to challenge our community to dig deeper into their identity and experiences to create a starting point for dialogue. 'Show Some Skin' is a form of art

for social justice."

Karen Antonio, a doctoral student in the department of biochemistry and chemistry, won the Sister Jean Lenz, O.S.F., Leadership Award for her contributions in promoting women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields through her organization of monthly lunch meetings for women to present and hear research presentations, the press release stated.

"You have this informal, comfort way of talking to faculty and staff," Antonio said. "You get a different side of professors; you're eating lunch, talking about what you do, your family, your pets, whatever you want, and it's not that constricting, professional box that you are usually in."

"As far as women in science go, you're able to unite people in a very comfortable way that probably would not have been available otherwise."

Senior Alex Coccia, student body president emeritus, won the Rev. A. Leonard Collins Award, which is given to a senior who has made large strides toward advancing the interests of Notre Dame students, according to the Student Affairs website.

Coccia worked to improve the campus climate for LGBTQ students, undocumented students and students affected by sexual violence, the press release said.

"I want to ensure that all students feel welcome at Notre Dame, and breaking the silence on issues that create oppressive environments is the first step towards that goal," Coccia said. "Ultimately, the student experience is sacred, and we must ensure that we as students do all we can to create a welcoming environment for all."

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# SMC Alumnae Association selects Outstanding Senior

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The Alumnae Association Board of Directors presented the Outstanding Senior Award to Malea Schulte, an art major and mathematics minor.

The award recognizes a member of the senior class who exemplifies the spirit and values of the College, president of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors Karen McNamara Weaver said.

"Tradition dictates that the recipient be someone who carries out the beliefs of her faith in daily living and is distinguished by scholarship, leadership and outstanding dedication to Saint Mary's — as demonstrated through participation in both curricular and extracurricular activities," Weaver said.

Schulte was nominated by Saint Mary's art professor Julie Tourtillotte. Tourtillotte said she nominated Schulte for her exceptional academic record and exemplary service and leadership.

"Whether working on an ambitious senior comprehensive project in painting, serving as the student representative on our Board of Trustees and an administrative resident advisor, earning a certificate in intercultural leadership or leading Bella Cappella, Malea Schulte embraces every opportunity, works tirelessly and does everything very well," Tourtillotte said.

Mollie Valencia, a senior member of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors,

said Schulte has earned a positive reputation around campus.

"She stands out as a leader through her various extracurricular activities," Valencia said. "In everything she does, she puts her whole heart into it."

"Whenever my committee needed any volunteers, she would be the first one to step. She is truly a person who embodies what it means to be a Saint Mary's Belle."

Senior Landess Kearns said she believes her classmate exemplifies the ideal qualities of a Saint Mary's student.

"Her intellect, passion and character are second to none," Kearns said. "This community means so much to her and she gives so much of herself to the College every single day."

Schulte will travel to Rwanda with a service organization this summer, Tourtillotte said.

"[Schulte] has been an impressive and generous leader on our campus and has also embraced community service opportunities in Kansas City and Indianapolis," she said. "In the fall she will begin an MFA program in community arts at The Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore."

Schulte received the award May 12 at the Alumnae Senior Brunch, Weaver said.

"As the valedictorian represents the mind and the Lumen Christi Award recipient reflects the soul, the Outstanding Senior embodies the heart of Saint Mary's," Weaver said.

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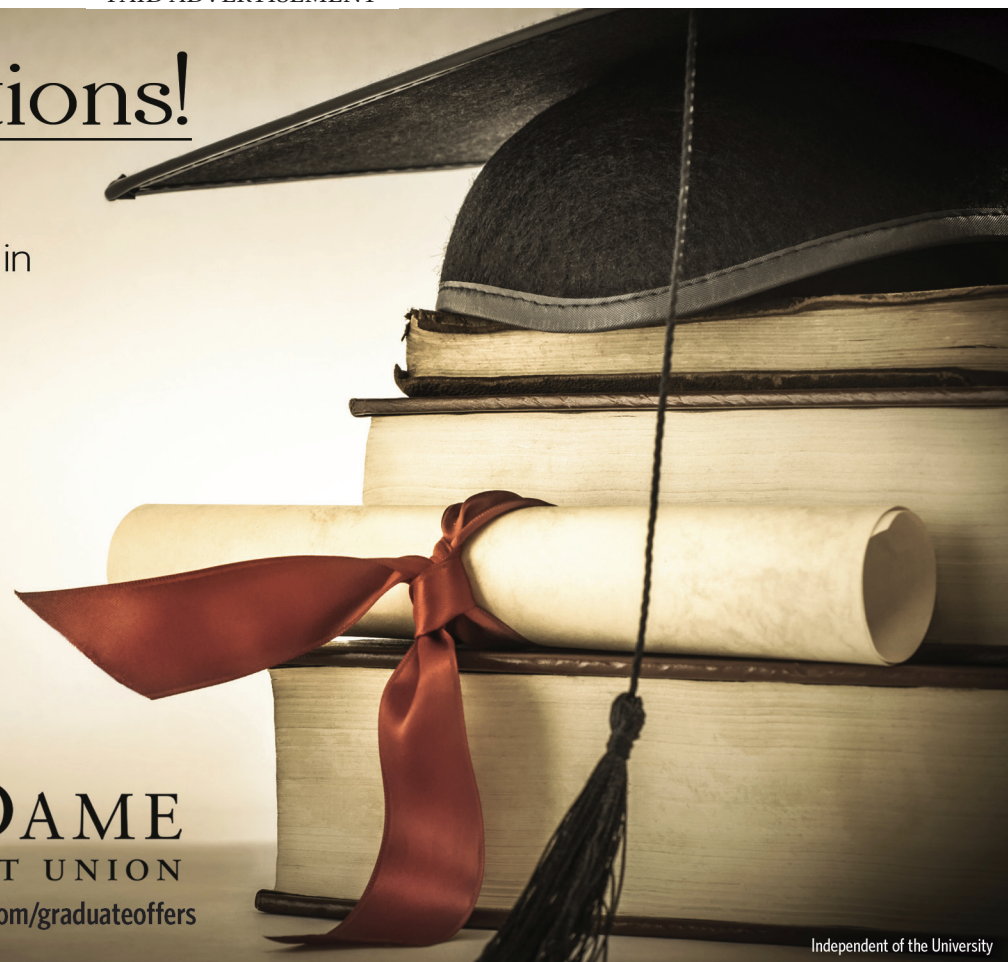
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# ROTC graduates commissioned as officers

By KATIE McCARTY  
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Notre Dame's three Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs will celebrate the commissioning of their graduates in a special Tri-Military Commissioning Ceremony on Saturday, Captain Mark Williams, assistant professor of aerospace studies and operations flight commander of the Air Force ROTC program, said.

Williams said he feels his program's nine graduating cadets are ready to take the next step in their lives within the Air Force.

"I feel that our cadets are ready to go on and do great things for our nation and the United States Air Force," he said. "They completed a tough program and have excelled while doing so. I'm extremely proud to have witnessed them

grow as individuals and as leaders."

Lieutenant Colonel and professor of military science John Polhamus said graduating members of the Army ROTC program will work in various roles after Commencement.

"Eight of the graduates will enter service on active duty, while five will serve in the National Guard, and two will serve in the Army Reserves," Polhamus said. "One graduate will go directly to medical school and will eventually serve as an army doctor.

"Our graduates will serve in a variety of different Army branches, including military intelligence, engineering, field artillery, infantry, aviation, ordnance, transportation corps and signal corps."

Polhamus called this year's graduating class "exceptional."

"I've had the honor to watch them grow and mature as a class

for the past three years," he said. "I have no doubt that they are prepared to enter the Army and serve with distinction as true leaders of character."

Senior and former tri-military commander Tyler Thomas said he will attend nuclear power school to begin his training to serve aboard submarines.

"All of the U.S. [Army] submarines are powered by nuclear reactors, so it is important officers are technically competent enough to ensure the safe operation and maintenance of nuclear reactors," Thomas said. "During my one and half years of additional school, I will study a variety of topics including calculus, thermodynamics and physics. After school, I will be stationed aboard a submarine for at least another three and a half years."

Thomas said Notre Dame's



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**Fr. Jenkins presents ROTC cadets with awards at the annual Pass in Review. Graduating ROTC students will now serve in the military.**

support of the campus Naval ROTC program was instrumental in his development.

"The University has shown the utmost support of its ROTC units, which has contributed greatly to my professional development,"

Thomas said. "The unit has done a great job providing opportunities for the Midshipmen to strive as leaders."

Senior Maggie Armstrong said she will serve as a personnelist in the United States Air Force.

"Personnelists perform a wide range of duties, included but not limited to performing and administering personnel programs, professional development classification, assignments, promotions, separations, personnel support for contingency operations and personal affairs," she said. "I'm excited to be moving to a new part of the country and start my life as an Air Force officer."

Armstrong said her experience in ROTC has been "top-notch."

"In ROTC, not only have I had the opportunity to come into my own and grow individually as a leader and follower, but I've also seen my fellow cadets grow into capable and confident leaders and students," she said. "Without a doubt, Air Force ROTC has been one of the defining pieces of my Notre Dame experience."

Senior Chris Lillie said he will stay on campus this summer to be the recruiter for Notre Dame's Army ROTC program.

"I will be coordinating with the incoming freshmen that have either earned scholarships or have expressed interest in the program," Lillie said. "After that, since I got the Corps of Engineering as my branch, I will be going down to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for Engineering Basic Officer Leaders Course for just under 20 weeks. I will learn everything there is to know about being an officer in general, and specifically how to be an engineering officer."

Lillie said his ROTC experience has been invaluable to his academic and professional experience at Notre Dame.

"We have an extremely good program here, and we all feel extremely prepared to enter the Army," Lillie said. "Not only have I learned so much here, but I also have developed great relationships with the people around me in the program."

Polhamus said he has the utmost confidence in the 2014 ROTC graduates.

"They will make themselves and Notre Dame very proud as they lead America's sons and daughters."

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# Coccia, Joyce reflect on time in office, bid farewell

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When their term in office came to an end April 1, student body president emeritus Alex Coccia and vice president emeritus Nancy Joyce said they only wish they had more time.

Although his term as president is over, Coccia said he believes current student body president Lauren Vidal and vice president Matthew Devine will pick up right where his administration left off.

"We just really wish he had more time to continue working on things, but Lauren and Matt have been very gracious in looking at some of the projects that we have still been developing and that they'll want to continue," Coccia said.

Joyce said she felt her and Coccia's administration started important initiatives that will continue after they leave office.

"I think the only regret would be that we really can't see some of [our projects] all the way through," she said. "I think we've laid the groundwork and have set it up for next year."

Coccia said one such issue he wanted to progress more is medical amnesty for students, particularly with regard to alcohol consumption.

"I think issue-wise ... I wish we could have pushed [the discussion on medical amnesty] a little bit further, but we are happy to see where the conversation has progressed," he said. "When we look at medical amnesty, I think in the past there has been a hesitancy to think about a specific policy because we don't want to make it seem as if we're condoning underage drinking, which is illegal."

"However, where we're coming from as representatives of the student body is that our first priority, regardless of what circumstances happen in a night, is student safety and students getting the medical attention that they need if they so need it. So I think what we've been able to do is refocus the conversation on that aspect, and to show the need for some sort of explicit policy."

Joyce said in a more general sense, she felt her and Coccia's administration made student government more accessible and pertinent to student life.

"I think generally speaking, I would say I'm really proud of the fact that this year's student government felt relevant," she said. "And maybe that's because we were in the office, but I think we did a lot this year where people who wouldn't normally interact with student government did, and I'm really proud of that."

This past year student government achieved smaller, more concrete goals, Coccia said, but they also confronted problems more directly concerning all students,

most notably the issue of sexual violence.

"There's obviously the tangible successes like the coffee cart in DeBartolo," he said. "We're proud of that one, but I think we also realize that student government could address larger student life issues than just something like the coffee cart."

"I think before that maybe it wasn't student government's role to take the lead on something like sexual violence, but ultimately students were the ones that pushed that and we developed the One is Too Many Campaign, which was a success in raising awareness about the issue, and framing things like the prayer services and bystander intervention training, which will be part of Frosh-O now."

Coccia said the One is Too Many campaign, a student

government initiative aimed at sexual assault prevention and healing, mobilized the student body and brought the issue to the forefront of student discussion.

"I think the One is Too Many Campaign was important because not only did it raise the level of awareness and dialogue, but it touched, very directly, at least over 3,000 people," he said. "We recognize that the pledge itself is not enough, but our hope was that it would raise the level of awareness and dialogue about the issue of sexual violence and about what our role in prevention is."

Overall, Joyce said she thought the administration treated the office with professionalism, with the end result being a productive and effective term.

"I think one thing we really hoped to do, and I think we were largely successful at, was

bringing a level of professionalism to the office," she said. "We approached it like a job and interacted with administrators on the same level."

Conversely, Joyce said the professionalism the office requires can separate the administration from the students, something she said she believed her and Coccia largely avoided.

"At the same time, you have to realize that it's a balancing act. If you allow yourself to get caught up in the full-time job aspect of it, that's where the distance between you and the students you're representing comes," she said. "I think we've done a pretty good job of walking that line, but it's a very fine line of having a respect for the office and the professionalism that's necessary, and then also recognizing the need to be normal college

students."

Both Coccia and Joyce said they will live and work in Washington following graduation, Coccia working with the Department of Health and Human Services through the Truman Scholarship program, and Joyce with defense consulting firm Avascent Group.

Joyce said she wanted to extend her personal thanks to the student body for their support, engagement and feedback throughout the past year.

"It's really been a pleasure," she said. "Personally, I have enjoyed this experience and the opportunity to represent some of the best and the brightest in the country. It has been pretty incredible to really see what Notre Dame students are all about."

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# Class of 2014 utilizes career planning resources

## *Saint Mary's Career Crossings Office aids seniors in their hunt for post-graduation employment*

By **HALEIGH EHMSSEN**  
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Director of the Career Crossings Office (CCO) Stacie Jeffirs said according to the Collegiate Employment Research Institute (CERI), hiring of bachelor's level college graduates is up seven percent this year over the last year.

"Although the increase is slight, the job outlook for college graduates has been making a steady and gradual comeback since the recession hit in 2008 and 2009," Jeffirs said.

Jeffirs said the College's graduate destination survey showed that approximately 73 percent of the class of 2014 intends to pursue employment opportunities while almost 40 percent intend to pursue graduate or professional school or other studies. A little more than 12 percent intend to pursue internships or externships and 6.8 percent intend to pursue post-graduate service or volunteer opportunities.

The survey results overlap in some categories, as some graduates intend to pursue graduate or professional school or other studies in addition to employment or other activities, Jeffirs said.

Senior Gianna Burkhardt will attend King's College in London after graduation to work towards a masters in English literature with a focus in literature from the 1850s-present.

After studying abroad in Rome during her sophomore year, Burkhardt said she knew she wanted to travel post-graduation.

"Prior to studying in Rome, I thought I was bound to the United States, but after, I have discovered a whole new world waiting for me to explore it," she said. "If it hadn't been for my education and experience at Saint Mary's, I'm not sure if I would have the courage to follow my passion."

Burkhardt said she hopes to develop her love for English literature in a place so rooted in its history while using the skills she developed during her time at Saint Mary's.

"I will be studying English literature, which I think will be a richer experience because I'll have many of the documents I will be studying right

at my disposal at the British Library," Burkhardt said. "King's also offers internships as a part of their grad studies at places like the Globe Theater and British Museum, so I will be looking to participate in a more well-rounded experience in that way."

"I also think living abroad teaches you a type of independence that can only come from being abroad."

Jeffirs said the liberal arts education Saint Mary's provides gives students the necessary tools to be competitive and relevant in today's economy.

"The College prepares students to be global citizens and to be able to respond to the ever-changing workforce not only through classroom experiences, but also experiential activities and campus leadership opportunities," she said.

Burkhardt said her Saint Mary's education has made all the difference in allowing her to craft and follow her dreams.

"I think my English professors as well as the Saint Mary's study abroad program have prepared me so well for the next part of my journey," she said. "My professors have given me the tools that are necessary to create thoughtful and scholarly insights on literature and how to stand on my own in class discussion."

Jeffirs said CCO has been a valuable resource for many seniors this year, providing students with education and resources to aid those looking for a job.

"We assist students in the entire job search process including networking strategies, connecting students to alumnae through our Alumnae Resource Network and LinkedIn, researching employers and options, writing resumes and cover letters and honing interviewing skills," Jeffirs said. "We teach students the job searching and decision making skills they can use throughout their entire life."

Jeffirs said CCO will be open all summer.

"Our office offers lifetime services to alumnae and is here to help graduates even after commencement," she said.

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## *Notre Dame Career Center reports increased hiring rate across all majors*

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Graduating seniors of all majors saw an increased hiring rate in multiple sectors, especially in entry-level positions, Hilary Flanagan, director of the Career Center, said.

"If entering the job market was something you wanted to do, there were employers from a wide variety of industries and of all sizes looking for students across all majors," Flanagan said. "On-campus recruiting numbers are still on the incline, and entry-level hiring across sectors was up from the previous five years."

The Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Research collects most of the quantitative data about the class of 2014, and a full report will not be available until next spring, Flanagan said. Still, she said the Career Center could predict certain trends in the class of 2014's future plans.

"Typically, we have about 60 percent of students who enter the world of work after graduation, with just under a third of the class headed off to graduate school," Flanagan said. "Notre Dame typically has nine to 10 percent of the student body commit to a year or more of service upon graduation."

Some of the most popular careers include financial analyst, account manager, marketing assistant, research assistant, teacher, field engineer, actuarial assistant, technical analyst and medical scribe, Flanagan said. Careers as consultants are increasing as a popular choice, she said.

"We do see more students from all majors heading into the consulting field," Flanagan said. "This trend appears to be gathering momentum, as our students are more highly sought after for consulting work across industry sectors."

The Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Research also gathers data on geographical spread and publishes its findings next spring, but Flanagan said Notre Dame graduates tend to distribute themselves very widely across the country and the globe. Many in the class of 2014 will also move into careers with companies that include other Notre Dame

alumni in their ranks, Flanagan said.

"We are extremely blessed to have the kind of dedicated alumni community that we do here at Notre Dame," she said. "The extended Notre Dame family goes out of its way to help students who are seeking information on various career paths, employers, graduate programs, geographic areas, et cetera."

"Many of those participating in on-campus recruiting at career fairs or through interviews, posting positions in Go Irish or sharing their experiences at information sessions throughout the year are ND alumni. Fortunately, our current ND students continue to meet and exceed their expectations."

The fact that so many graduates find great jobs immediately out of college

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Hilary Flanagan  
director  
Career Center

correlates directly to the quality of the students' Notre Dame educations, Flanagan said.

"Notre Dame students have an excellent track record of finding fantastic first destinations immediately after graduation," she said. "Even better, our graduates go on to have lifelong career success, truly making a positive impact while sharing their unique talents with the world."

"It is a pleasure for me to work with my team in the Career Center, as well as our campus partners and alumni, to foster the positive succession of each graduate's lifetime career transitions."

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# SMC switches to eco-friendly graduation gowns

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In 2010, a commencement speech by marine biologist Sylvia Earle inspired the use of environmentally-friendly graduation caps and gowns. More eco-friendly adjustments will be incorporated into this year's Saint Mary's class regalia, executive assistant to the president Susan Dampeer said.

"We are very pleased with the new robes and hoods — they are both environmentally friendly and beautiful," Dampeer said.

This will be the first time Balfour has provided caps and gowns for the College, although the two have had a partnership for 50 years, Balfour representative Edward O'Neil said. Balfour and partner Oak Hall Cap & Gown also supply gowns for Notre Dame and Holy Cross College, O'Neil said.

"Previous gowns were made from unfriendly acetate, which is not recycled nor recyclable," he said. "Even rentals have a large carbon footprint because of much higher transportation costs, plus the toxicity of dry

cleaning fluid."

According to the Oak Hall website, both carbon dioxide gas emissions and petroleum usage are reduced by more than 50 percent through the manufacturing process. The process begins when processed plastic bottles are broken into flakes and chips to be melted down and reformed into a filament yarn, which is then dyed and used to weave the GreenWeaver gowns, the website said.

The plastic bags and boxes which transport the gowns are also made from recycled cardboard, the website said.

Unwanted gowns can be turned in to be recycled after graduation, O'Neil said.

"GreenWeaver gowns are manufactured from recovered water bottles, approximately 23 per gown, and can be again recycled afterward," O'Neil said.

More than 41 million water bottles have been recycled as a result of the GreenWeaver gowns, O'Neil said. Using recycled water bottles provides not only a "green" gown alternative but also gives a gown a more luxurious feel and look than in the past, O'Neil said.

"Isn't it all of our responsibilities to keep the earth more as God created it and maintain a small carbon footprint, while at the same time recognizing and celebrating human achievement?" O'Neil said.

Dampeer said the College is committed indefinitely to using environmentally-friendly regalia for future commencements.

More information about the new gowns can be found at [www.oakhalli.com](http://www.oakhalli.com)

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# Graduates to serve in under-resourced schools

By **CAROLYN HUTYRA**  
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With senior year at a close, students are combining final celebrations with preparations for upcoming employment, graduate schools and volunteer positions. This year, 95 recent college graduates will venture to more than 35 cities across the nation to take on full-time teaching positions through the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE).

According to ACE co-founder Fr. Sean McGraw, 48 Notre Dame graduates will begin the ACE program, a two-year service assignment combined with a Masters in Education, aimed at assisting under-resourced Catholic schools across the nation.

"The mission of ACE is to strengthen and sustain Catholic schools and transform Catholic schools throughout the United States," he said.

McGraw said the program invites recent college graduates to explore teaching as a potential vocation and serve as teachers in areas in need of energetic, faith-filled educators ready to use their talents to help young children discover their own gifts.

"We want talented, smart, generous, adventuresome

students who are willing to do whatever it takes to help kids learn," he said. "I think there are a lot of unknowns in terms of you don't know where you're going to get sent, and you've never taught before."

The first year of teaching is one of the biggest challenges for an educator, and McGraw said it in some ways requires students to take a leap of faith in using their gifts to teach.

Senior Matt Jewell said he decided he wanted to pursue a teaching career at the end of his freshman year at Notre Dame. After his advisor suggested ACE as a potential graduate program, Jewell said the more he looked into it, the more interested he became.

"I remember how much of a difference having great teachers made to me, and I'm thankful for the opportunities that I've had to get to where I am in life now," he said. "I already knew I wanted to teach, so it's nice to be giving back while also doing what I love. It's a win-win."

Jewell said he was randomly assigned to a school in south-central Los Angeles and will teach every subject in his fourth grade classroom.

"I'm just excited to get into a classroom and get started with teaching," he said. "I also can't wait to get to know the other



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*A group of Notre Dame students who will travel to Tuscon, Ariz., to serve with the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) meet with administrators from the Diocese of Tucson to prepare for their future service.*

ACE members in Los Angeles."

Senior Kelsie Corrison will also serve in the Los Angeles area later this year teaching third graders at Our Lady of Victory elementary school in Compton, Calif. She said she applied to ACE because she has always had an interest in education.

"I'm an [Education, Schooling and Society] minor here and so I figured that I wanted to teach after college, but I also wanted to do service, and I also wanted to get my Masters, so the

program was a perfect fit," she said.

Corrison said she heard about ACE during the spring of her first year through her First Year of Studies adviser. After taking a one-credit course, "Giving Back through Education," she said she knew she wanted to both teach and serve.

"I've always felt like my best self and my most useful self when I've done service," she said. "I've done a lot through the [Center for Social Concerns] ... I did a [Summer Service Learning

Program] and an [International Summer Service Learning Program] this past summer.

"On a personal level I feel like our education and everything else that we get from Notre Dame and other places aren't really worth it until you take what you've learned and apply it to the world, and in my case that's been through service ... that's where I've felt the most joy in my life."

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# Seniors continue journey toward religious vows

By **MARGARET HYNDY**  
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After graduation, as many of their classmates start new careers, attend graduate school or begin post-graduate service, a handful of seniors will begin the process of entering religious life.

Joshua Bathon, Vincent Nguyen and Alfredo Guzman-Dominguez will all begin a year at their orders' respective novitiates in late summer.

Joshua Bathon and Vincent Nguyen, both graduates of the Old College undergraduate seminary program at Notre Dame, will spend the next year at the Congregation of Holy Cross's novitiate beginning in August. Bathon, a history and philosophy major from South Carolina, described the novitiate experience as "a long retreat, essentially," which includes "a lot of prayer and silence."

At the novitiate in Colorado, Bathon and Nguyen will receive their habits and take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. After that year, they will return to Notre Dame to receive their Masters of Divinity.

Guzman-Dominguez, who lived in Morrissey Manor, will enter the Dominican order after graduation and move to their novitiate in St. Louis.

"It's like boot camp for

religious life," he said.

A New York native, Guzman-Dominguez said he wanted to be a priest since his sophomore year of high school.

"I think my calling is in some way to be an intellectual," he said. "I was attracted to orders that had a strong intellectual element to their vocation, which means not only that they are academics, but that study informs the way they approach their faith and they way they approach their life. ... Caring about things like literature and art and beauty is almost a staple of the Dominicans."

While he does not know exactly what work he will do in the future, Guzman-Dominguez said he plans to keep his options open.

"I would probably choose to work in a university," he said. "I don't know if I would choose to go for further studies and to become a professor ... I think I would like that — I would love to teach Italian and Dante — but I would really like to work with students and their lives personally, so maybe something like campus ministry. That's a place where I think you can make Jesus present almost more directly."

Nguyen, an economics and philosophy major, said he could see himself becoming a pastor.

"That's just what I feel called

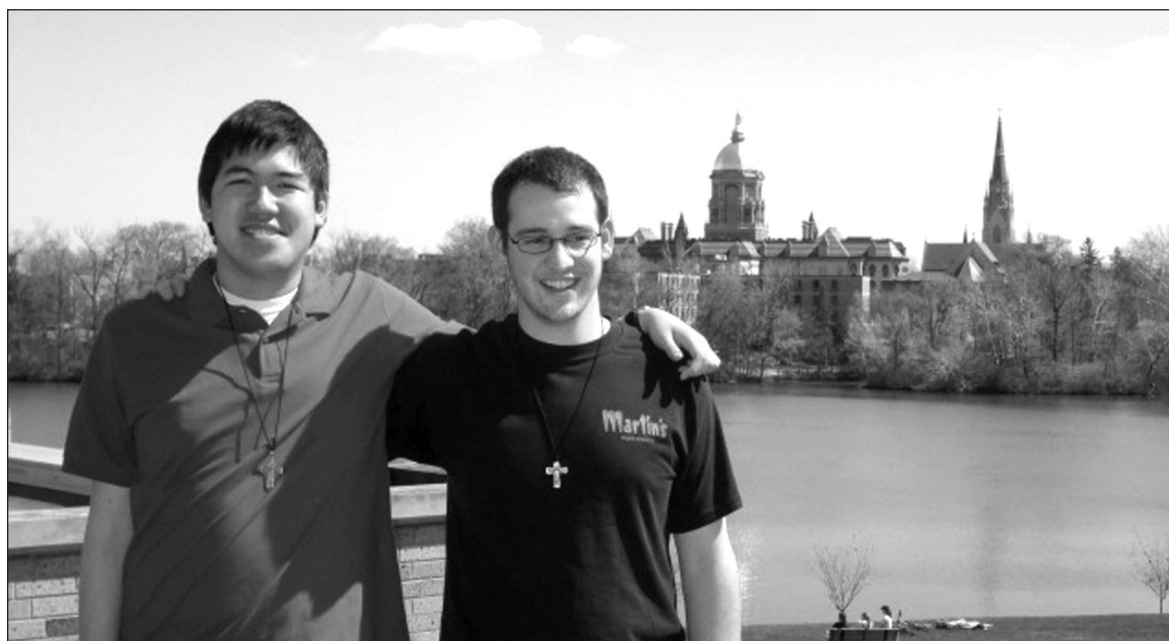


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*Old College undergraduate seminary graduates Vincent Nguyen (left) and Joshua Bathon pose for a picture near Saint Mary's Lake. Both Nguyen and Bathon will enter the Congregation of Holy Cross's novitiate.*

to do," he said. "... Of course, I'll go wherever I end up. I'd love to go to France and visit the priest in charge of creating the shrine of Basil Moreau."

When Bathon entered Old College, he said he still was not sure about whether or not he wanted to enter religious life. He said he had entertained the idea throughout high school, but he was unsure if entering seminary right away would be the right decision.

"But my senior year of high school I was dating a girl, and I was starting to think about a

future ... starting to think about making colleges work together," he said. "I went to a wedding and in the vows they said, 'I give myself to you unreservedly,' and I realized I couldn't say that because there was this question in my head. That's when I started reconsidering putting myself in the seminary, not because I knew I wanted to be a priest, but because I needed to figure it out."

Bathon said his experience in the undergraduate seminary has made him feel prepared for the vocation to the priesthood.

"I've learned all of those things people tend to worry about — not having money, not getting married — they're sacrifices made out of love. I'm giving myself up. My entire life will be focused on every single person, and giving my life to them."

"I've found a beauty in that in the last four years. I want [my friends] to know that yes, I am going to be alright; it's going to be a beautiful life, and I'm so excited to be a part of it."

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# ND advances to Final Four again

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At the start of the season in November, the question on everyone's mind was: How will Notre Dame transition to its new era in the ACC, especially without All-American guard Skylar Diggins?

The Irish seemed to have found their answer, running the table to win the ACC regular season and tournament championships and extending their undefeated streak to 37 games before falling to Connecticut in the national championship game.

As a result of the confidence Notre Dame (37-1, 16-0 ACC) displayed on the court and the dominant victories it picked up, winning all but two games by 10 points or more, even Irish coach Muffet McGraw said her team's results were better than she anticipated in November.

"This season way exceeded our expectations," she said. "We really overachieved, I thought, and exceeded all expectations.

To go undefeated, to go into the Final Four and ACC undefeated, to win the [ACC] tournament, I don't think we really expected that."

Much of that success resulted from the play of the so-called "Big Three" — senior guard Kayla McBride, senior forward Natalie Achonwa and sophomore guard Jewell Loyd — who combined to average 51.1 points, 19.5 rebounds and 8.3 assists per game for the Irish.

All three earned AP All-American accolades, with McBride on the first team, Loyd on the second and Achonwa on the third. McBride and Loyd were also chosen as members of the 10-player WBCA Coaches' All-American team, with McBride's selection the second of her college career.

"We definitely expected that those three were going to play a major role," McGraw said. "Kayla was All-American [in 2013], and we kind of knew coming in that

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## FOOTBALL

# Irish finish season 9-4

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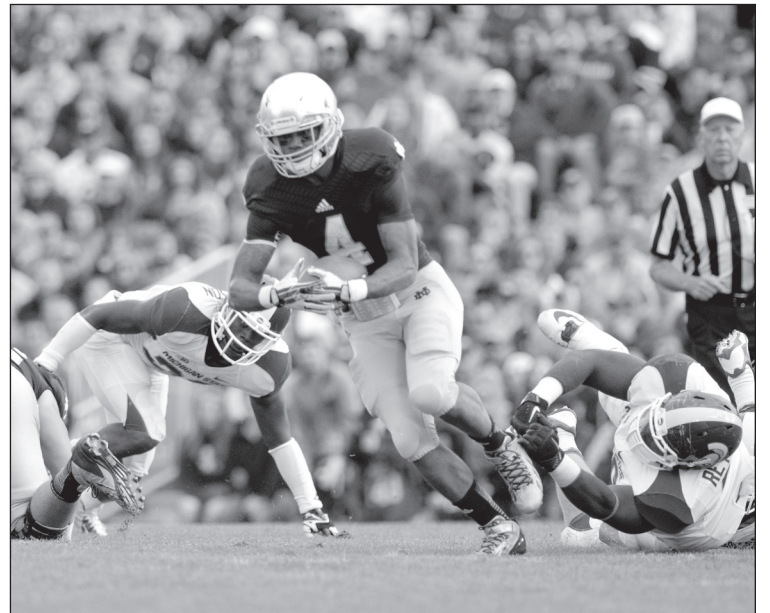
Standing in front of the media following his team's Pinstripe Bowl victory, Irish head coach Brian Kelly was asked how he would remember the 2013 season.

"A good year that could have been a great year," Kelly said.

Kelly pointed to strong wins, like a gritty victory over USC in mid-October, but, in the end, the Irish finished 9-4, suffering losses against Michigan, Oklahoma, Pittsburgh and Stanford.

"I would say a couple of missed opportunities in some games where we very easily could have been a team that's looking at double-digit wins," Kelly said. "And that's where we want to be every year."

Following an undefeated regular season and a trip to the BCS National Championship in 2012, expectations were high for the Irish in 2013. Notre Dame, however, was tasked with replacing a host of departed seniors, most notably linebacker and Heisman Trophy runner-up Manti Te'o. Before the Irish even



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**Irish junior running back George Atkinson cuts upfield during Notre Dame's 17-13 victory over Michigan State on Sept. 21.**

began summer workouts ahead of the 2013 campaign, they were without their other No. 5 junior quarterback Everett Golson, who was suspended for the fall semester for academic reasons.

Senior Tommy Rees took over as the starter, and the veteran quarterbacked the Irish offense to 27.2 points per game, slotting Notre Dame at 74th in the nation. The defense took a step

back from the unit that finished second in the nation in scoring defense in 2012, yet Notre Dame still ended the season ranked 27th, allowing 22.4 points per game.

The defense was stout in the season opener against Temple, as the Irish surrendered just one touchdown en route to a

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## OUTSTANDING SENIOR ATHLETES

# Once-quiet seniors become stars

By **ISAAC LORTON**  
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Three senior captains were chosen to lead the Irish in 2013; two were vocal defenders who, side by side, formed the heart of a staunch Irish defense, but the other captain was a silent forward who led the team by example.

Senior Harrison Shipp did not say much, but when he did his words did not go unnoticed.

"He's a phenomenal player; he's one of the best players I've ever had in the program," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "You know, being a captain is something new for him, but he [is] a very good captain. He's one of these quiet captains; he doesn't say much, but when he does speak, everybody listens.

That's who he is."

A man of few words, Shipp preferred to allow his play to lead the team, and it did, as he led the Irish to their first national championship. Shipp was named the 2013 College Cup co-Most Outstanding Player, alongside the nation's leading scorer, Maryland's senior forward Patrick Mullins.

"I think those two [defenders], Grant [Van De Castelee] and [Andrew]

O'Malley, are a little more vocal and outspoken as a leader than I am, but I think on the field, actions speak louder than words," Shipp said.

"I think where I did really well was in the last few minutes of the games to make key plays happen that would help us win games."

Shipp led the Irish with 12 goals, five of them game-winners, and 10 assists in 2013, which brought his career total to 23 goals and 24 assists.

"Harry was our 'wee wizard' as I like to call him," Clark said. "He was able to generate a piece of magic every time we needed a piece of magic."

Shipp was an integral part of the Irish offense in the 2012 season, playing alongside former Irish midfielder Dillon Powers and forward Ryan Finley. Both Powers and Finley were drafted

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Kayla McBride was not always an All-American.

The 5-foot-11 guard from Erie, Pa., came to Notre Dame as a four-star recruit and high school star but with little fanfare compared to the hoopla surrounding the arrival of superstar Skylar Diggins just a year earlier.

In her freshman season, McBride spent half the year riding the bench, slotted behind Diggins and veteran Natalie Novosel, and the other half attending to personal matters.

While McBride watched, Diggins led the Irish to their first Final Four since 2001. McBride did not play in the Final Four, and Notre Dame's bid for a national championship stopped short against Texas A&M in the title game.

A year later, McBride stepped up

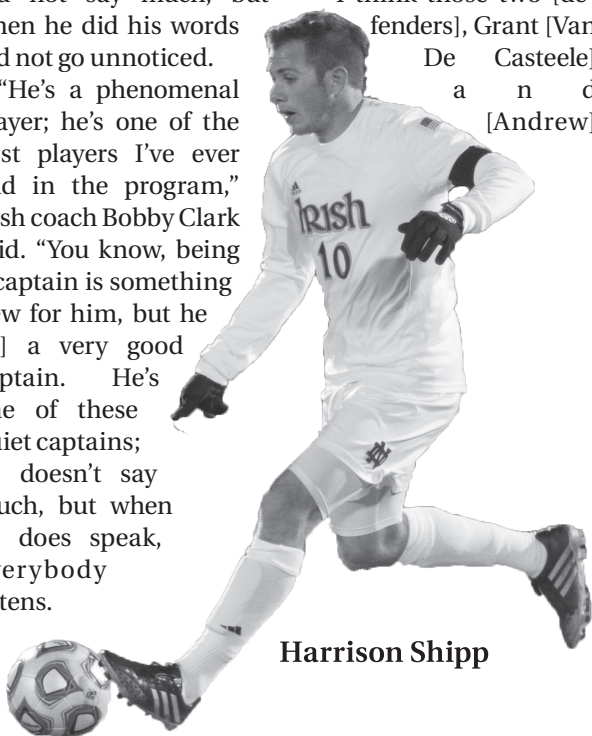
her game and worked her way into the starting rotation alongside Diggins and three seniors. She averaged 11.6 points per game and appeared in every game for the Irish. She recorded her first career double-double against archrival Connecticut, in addition to sinking the game-winning basket in overtime. In the national title game, which the Irish lost to Baylor, McBride was Notre Dame's second-leading scorer behind Diggins and tied for the team lead in assists.

"She probably made more of a transformation than anybody because she transformed her body," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "She really, really worked hard on her diet and in the weight room.

"She always worked hard on her game. I knew that was not going to be an issue. But she just got better every single year. Her confidence grew. She got a little bit of a swagger to her game. She worked so hard on both ends of the floor, and she always just wanted to get better. She loved a challenge she never wanted you to say, 'You're doing really good, so stay right there.'"

That swagger became even more apparent in McBride's junior season. She scored in double figures 32 times and became Notre Dame's go-to scorer as opponents swarmed Diggins with double teams. At the end of the regular

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Harrison Shipp

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## McBride

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season, McBride scored a then-career-high 26 points against Connecticut to help the Irish secure a triple-overtime victory.

In the postseason, she was more dominant than ever, averaging over 20 points in her last 11 games, and McBride was named the Big East tournament's Most Outstanding Player. At the end of the year, she was honored as an All-American by the AP and Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA).

Kayla McBride was not always a national player of the year candidate.

"She wanted to be the best, and she was just so fun to coach," McGraw said. "Her improvement from high school, where she wasn't ranked that high coming out, maybe somewhere in the high 20s or 30s, and then to be the national player of the year candidate, that was a pretty amazing story."

When Skylar Diggins graduated in 2013, most commentators did not think the Irish could return to the Final Four for a fourth straight season, a feat only five other schools had ever accomplished. Despite the return of McBride and three other starters, the Irish fell to No. 7 nationally in the pre-season polls.

At Notre Dame, however, both the players and the

coaches saw Diggins' absence as a chance to employ a more balanced attack. McBride was the team's highest returning scorer, but she said she felt no pressure to fill in completely for Diggins.

"I think [my goal this year] was just to do a little more," McBride said. "More rebounding, more scoring, just more. When we lost Sky, she did everything, so it was up to a couple of us to pick up the slack. It wasn't just going to come from one person, so I tried to do a little bit of everything, and then we had [senior forward Natalie Achonwa] doing more, [sophomore Jewell Loyd] doing more, so it wasn't just about me; it was about the team."

As one of Notre Dame's senior leaders alongside Achonwa and forward Ariel Braker, McBride set new career highs in points, rebounds and assists per game. In Notre Dame's first year in the ACC, McBride was voted ACC Player of the Year by the league's coaches and led the Irish to the conference title.

Throughout the season, McGraw consistently referred to McBride as one of the best players in the country. She was named to the Wooden Award midseason watch list, along with Loyd and Achonwa, and was one of four finalists for the AP Player of the Year award.

Although McBride lost out to Stanford forward Chiney Ogumike for the Wooden award and to Connecticut sophomore forward Breanna

Stewart for the AP honor, McBride said she was satisfied with how her season played out.

"Breanna Stewart is a great player," McBride said. "At the end of the day, she won the award and I didn't, so that's all I really have to say about it."

Kayla McBride was not always a leader.

"My thing was always that I didn't like to talk," McBride said. "I wasn't very vocal, and I think that with [Achonwa] and [Braker], they were more enforcers, and they were able to use their voice a lot more. So that's something that I had to grow in and be confident in the things I would say to my teammates on the court. So I think that was the biggest thing that I grew as a leader. I think I had great leaders around me too. Coach McGraw, [Achonwa], having those sorts of people around starts to rub off on you."

McBride's quiet leadership was put to the test this season, first filling in for Diggins and then again when Achonwa, the team's vocal leader, went down with a torn ACL in the Elite Eight. Without its leading rebounder and loudest presence on the court, Notre Dame faced a tough matchup in the Final Four against No. 4 Maryland and senior forward Alyssa Thomas, who ranked second in the nation with 28 double-doubles.

With one last chance for a national championship,

McBride took over against the Terrapins, taking 21 shots from the field and leading all scorers with 28 points to preserve Notre Dame's unbeaten run in an 87-61 win.

McBride did not let up in Notre Dame's 79-58 loss to Connecticut in the championship game, leading the Irish with 21 points. At the end of the year, she was named to the all-tournament team and recognized as a unanimous All-American selection.

Kayla McBride was not always a top-three draft pick.

After entering college ranked 20th in her class by ESPN, McBride left school by following in Skylar Diggins' footsteps. McBride was taken by the San Antonio Stars with the third pick in the WNBA draft April 14. She and Achonwa, who was selected ninth overall, are the fourth and fifth former Irish players to be chosen in the top 10.

"It's amazing," McGraw said. "I think it says so much for the recruiting that we're doing, the development of the players. It's really been amazing that we've been able to sustain our success, despite losing so many good players. It's an opportunity for kids to come in at a young age and contribute as freshmen and know that they're going to get better and that the WNBA is a reality for them."

On May 2, McBride made her preseason debut for the Stars and logged 18 minutes against

Diggins and the Tulsa Shock. The Shock blew out the Stars, 82-59, and McBride scored only three points. In a rematch four days later, however, McBride and Diggins led their respective teams in scoring.

When asked what she expects to see from McBride in her pro career, McGraw said she had high expectations.

"Great things, just great things," she said. "She has a really good pro body and pro game. I think she's going to be really successful at the next level."

As McBride begins her WNBA career, she leaves an impressive mark in Notre Dame's record book. She ranks first in career free-throw percentage, fifth in points and sixth in games played. McBride is also one of only five players to score 1,800 points and grab 600 rebounds. But her biggest legacy with the Irish will be in the people she leaves behind, she said.

"[I'll miss] just being with my teammates and my coaches," McBride said. "That's the main reason I came here, Coach McGraw and the assistant coaches and the teammates who I consider sisters. I think that's the thing that I'm going to miss the most. That's the thing that I'm most emotional about having to leave them because we're so close. We do everything together. I'm ready to see how they grow."

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## Shipp

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in the first round of the 2013 MLS SuperDraft, which left Shipp as the anchor of the team's new offensive attack in 2013.

"One thing we wanted to focus on [in 2013] was not replacing those two guys, because they were two great players who are doing well in the pros now," Shipp said. "So we implemented a new style where we're more fluid and everyone in the attack interchanges."

"I think it really helped playing the first few years with Dillon [Powers] and Ryan [Finley]; they showed me what it took to be really successful," Shipp said. "Our team chemistry [in 2013] really contributed to my success ... everyone understood where to get the ball and to find the right spots, everyone around me put me in a spot to succeed."

In four seasons, Shipp did not miss a game. He said his consistency, dedication and competitiveness did not go unnoticed by his teammates.

"I like to compete," Shipp said. "I've had a lot of small injuries. I've been fortunate enough to not have any significant injuries. We've had some guys tear their ACLs and stuff, which is always incredibly sad. I think just not ever wanting to miss a game, it shows teammates that

I do want to play every game, no matter how hurt or sore I am."

Shipp collected numerous accolades over his career, including third team All-Big East, second team All-Great Lakes Region, Academic All-American, and Scholar All-American honors in 2012. In 2013, Shipp was named a MAC Hermann Trophy finalist, co-Most Outstanding Player, first-team All-American honors, first-team All-ACC, ACC Offensive Player of the Year, Scholar All-American, ACC Scholar-Athlete of the Year, to name a few.

Shipp, a native of Lake Forest, Ill., was signed to the Chicago Fire as a homegrown player and has made an instant impact, notching four assists and three goals in eight games, including a hat trick against the New York Red Bulls on Saturday.

At the beginning of the season, Shipp said he wanted to see the Irish be the top team in the country, and since then, he helped them accomplished this goal.

"The legacy of the senior class will be the first class to lead Notre Dame to a national championship and look back and see that this class started the transition to become a winning national program and a threat for future national titles," he said.

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**Irish senior midfielder Harrison Shipp corrals the ball during Notre Dame's 2-0 victory over Pittsburgh on Nov. 8 at Arlotta Stadium. Shipp signed with the Chicago Fire after graduating from Notre Dame.**



# Football

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28-6 victory at home. The offense surged out of the gates too, scoring on its first two drives in just three plays each. Rees threw for 346 yards and three touchdowns.

"Obviously a lot of questions coming in is 'Could we push the ball down the field?'" Kelly said after the win. "I think we answered a lot of those questions right away."

The receiving corps set the tone, as senior receiver TJ Jones notched six receptions for 138 yards, junior receiver DaVaris Daniels tallied two touchdown receptions and junior tight end Troy Niklas posted one of his own.

But in Week 2 against Michigan (7-6, 3-5 Big Ten), it was the Wolverines' passing game that torched the Irish. Playing under the lights in Ann Arbor, Mich., before an NCAA-record crowd of 115,109, Michigan jumped out to a 27-13 halftime lead and held on down the stretch to earn the win in the rivalry game, 41-30.

Wolverines redshirt junior quarterback Devin Gardner threw for four touchdowns and added 82 yards and a score on the ground. Wolverines redshirt senior receiver Jeremy Gallon sliced through the Irish secondary to the tune of 184 yards and three touchdowns.

"This was one of those games that our offense needed to carry the day for us," Kelly said afterward. "And we just came up short on a couple of key plays for us."

"We were really, really close but not good enough, not good enough," Kelly mused.

The next week against Purdue, Notre Dame picked up a 31-24 win to move to 2-1 before heading home to host Michigan State.

The Irish eked out a 17-13 win over the Spartans (13-1, 8-0 Big Ten), who would not lose for the rest of the season, which culminated in a Rose Bowl win.

Michigan State committed 10 penalties for 115 yards against the Irish. A pair of defensive pass interference penalties on the Spartans extended two Notre Dame drives, both of which ended in touchdowns.

But Notre Dame couldn't carry the momentum from the tight win into the following week against Oklahoma (11-2, 7-2 Big XII). Rees threw interceptions on the first two Irish possessions, and Oklahoma led 14-0 just 2:45 into the game. The contest was essentially even from there, and the Sooners prevailed, 35-21.

"They were kind of freak interceptions, not normal interceptions," Jones said after the game. "I think it was Oklahoma just catching a little bit of luck and really capitalizing off our mistakes."

The Irish, though, then embarked on a four-game winning streak, beginning with a 37-34 victory over Arizona State in the Shamrock Series in Arlington, Texas. Two weeks later, Notre Dame rode a stifling defense and defeated USC (10-4, 6-3 Pac 12), 14-10, under the lights at Notre Dame Stadium.

The Irish didn't allow a point in the second half, and the Trojans



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**Irish junior defensive end Stephon Tuitt sacks Michigan State redshirt sophomore quarterback Connor Cook during Notre Dame's 17-13 win over the Spartans on Sept. 21 at Notre Dame Stadium.**

mustered only 32 total yards in the third quarter.

"USC is a great team, a great, powerful team," junior defensive end Stephon Tuitt said. "They're our rivals, so they're going to come and play hard. For us to stop them was awesome. It was a great team effort and a great defensive effort as a whole."

Tuitt, after a slow start to the season, looked like his 2012 self in the game. The defensive end racked up seven tackles and two sacks, including a momentous takedown on fourth down in the final minutes of the game.

After wins over Air Force and Navy, the Irish slipped up against Pittsburgh (7-6, 3-5 ACC) on Nov. 9, effectively ending any hope for a BCS bowl appearance. Tuitt was ejected in the first quarter for targeting, and the Panthers outscored Notre Dame, 28-14, the rest

of the way.

"I tried to get momentum from it, get guys going, but losing Tuitt to the defense is a big difference," Irish senior cornerback and tri-captain Bennett Jackson said. "It's a big hole to fill. And we just tried to come together as a defense and continue to pull it out."

Rees completed just 18 of 39 passes and tossed two interceptions, and Jones fumbled inside Pittsburgh's 10-yard line. The Irish committed five penalties and failed to scoop up a live ball — believing the play to be dead — fumbled by Panthers redshirt senior quarterback Tom Savage in the fourth quarter.

"The execution on offense was awful," Kelly said. "Defensively, we kept drives alive pass-interference penalties, personal fouls. We weren't alert enough to get on the ball for the fumble. ... It's on everybody. You can't single out one thing. To a large degree, though, the execution was very poor."

The loss dropped Notre Dame to 7-3, and, following a win over Brigham Young and a loss to No. 8 Stanford (11-3, 7-0 Pac 12) to finish the regular season, the Irish accepted an invitation to the Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium in New York. Notre Dame downed the Rutgers, 29-16, to finish 9-4.

Irish graduate student left tackle Zack Martin, who was named MVP of the Pinstripe Bowl, closed

his career by making his 52nd consecutive start, a school record. Martin is just one of 18 two-time captains in program history, and the 6-foot-4, 308-pounder was named Notre Dame's top lineman in each of his last four seasons.

Martin's fellow captain, Jones, led the squad with 70 receptions for 1,108 yards and 11 total touchdowns.

Defensively, Tuitt and senior Louis Nix manned the line, though both battled injuries at opposite ends of the season. Freshman linebacker Jaylon Smith emerged as a solid starter from day one, and the rookie finished third on the team with 67 tackles.

Notre Dame was hit with injuries throughout the season, especially on the offensive and defensive lines. With freshman safety Max Redfield earning his first career start in the Pinstripe Bowl, he became the 19th different player to start a game on defense during the season.

Still, injuries aside, Kelly said the season came down to missed opportunities for the Irish.

"A good year, but it's not enough for us," he said. "9-4 is a good year for Notre Dame. It's not what we sign up for every year."

"We wanted a little bit more out of this year."

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**Irish junior running back Cam McDaniel, pictured during the Pinstripe Bowl on Dec. 28, led the squad with 705 rushing yards in 2013.**



## W Basketball

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she was going to be a player-of-the-year candidate. Jewell had a phenomenal freshman year, so we expected she was going to have a pretty good year. Natalie was playing the best basketball of her career, too. So it was great to see the three of them continue to improve and to be talked about quite a lot on the national scene."

McBride, who started all 38 games and averaged 29.4 minutes of play in those contests, was named the ACC Player of the Year and a finalist for the Naismith Trophy and the Wade Trophy, which honor the top player in the country.

For her part in guiding Notre Dame to success that many pundits did not think the team would achieve, McGraw swept national coach-of-the-year honors for the third time in her career, earning the AP, USBWA, Naismith and Pat Summitt (formerly WBCA) awards.

"My staff does such a phenomenal job, and when you have a team play as well as we did, I think it's a reward for the staff, and it's a team award for us," McGraw said.

En route to collecting those accolades, the Irish battled through the nation's second-toughest schedule to pick up 14 wins against ranked opponents, eight of those against top-10 foes.

After breezing through non-conference play, Notre Dame faced its first real test of the season Jan. 12 in its third ACC game, during a visit to Charlottesville, Va., to take on Virginia.

Though the Irish led for

the majority of the game, the Cavaliers cut their deficit to two points with less than four minutes remaining. Backed by Achonwa's career-high 29 points and 16 rebounds, Notre Dame fought for its first of two single-digit wins, 79-72.

Eight days later, the squad began a difficult stretch of road games with a come-from-behind win over No. 12 Tennessee, 86-70. The Irish trailed by 12 points to the Lady Vols at one point in the first half and entered halftime down four, but they responded in the second half to claim the win, as five players scored in double figures, including McBride, junior guard Madison Cable and sophomore guard Michaela Mabrey, all of whom hit three 3-pointers.

McBride said the deep group of reserve players, including Mabrey, Cable and freshman forward Taya Reimer, was the key to battling through the challenging season.

"That was the reason we were so successful this year, because of our bench," McBride said. "I think Michaela Mabrey was the best sixth man on the year. Taya Reimer came off and did big things. It was a collaborative effort, and I think that's why we were so successful because even when we went to our bench, we didn't lose anything — we actually gained something."

A week later, Notre Dame snuck away from No. 6 Maryland with a close 87-83 victory in College Park, Md., on Jan. 27. Loyd posted a career-high 31 points in a game that saw her team squander a 22-point lead, only to scramble for the four-point win against a resilient Terrapins squad.

Six days after that, the Irish

completed their trio of road tests with a contest against then-No. 3 Duke, who was voted to finish first in the ACC in the preseason coaches' poll, in Durham, N.C.

While there was much pre-game hype about the matchup between two top-three teams, Notre Dame cruised to a blow-out 88-67 win, leading from start to finish against the Blue Devils.

Loyd said the mid-winter stretch of road games proved the Irish were a force to be reckoned with.

"It was very key," she said. "It tested how tough we were and how deep our bench was. Definitely in that game against Tennessee, our bench play was very clutch, so it just showed how tough we were."

After that span, Notre Dame closed out its unbeaten regular season with eight more wins over ACC foes, including a second victory over Duke, to earn the conference title.

The squad then headed to Greensboro, N.C., for its first ACC tournament, in which it beat Florida State, North Carolina State and Duke for the tournament crown, marking the second year in a row it picked up a conference tournament title. The Irish bested Connecticut in 2013 for the Big East championship.

"I think [the ACC is] probably the best league in women's basketball," McGraw said. "So to go through that and to do it in back-to-back years, in the Big East and into the ACC ... I think this team continues to step up to any challenge that's given to them."

With that championship, Notre Dame earned an outright berth and a No. 1 seed in its 19th-consecutive NCAA tournament, where it took on Robert Morris and Arizona State, respectively,



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**Irish senior guard Kayla McBride cuts down the net following Notre Dame's Elite Eight victory over Baylor on March 31 at Purcell Pavilion.**

in the first two rounds in Toledo, Ohio.

The Irish then headed home for two regional games at Purcell Pavilion against Oklahoma State and Baylor, who defeated Notre Dame in the 2012 national championship.

In the Elite Eight matchup against the Bears, Notre Dame faced its first challenge of the tournament when Achonwa tore her left ACL with less than five minutes remaining. Though she had to be helped off the floor, the senior captain delivered a fiery motivational pep talk to her team, who responded by collecting an 88-69 win to advance to its fourth-straight Final Four.

McGraw said the team continually counted on its three seniors — Achonwa, McBride and forward Ariel Braker — to carry it through challenges like Achonwa's injury.

"We had great leadership," she said. "Our senior class was phenomenal, and really everyone contributed."

In Nashville, Tenn., for the Final Four, the Irish faced Maryland again, but this time, they did not have trouble retaining their lead, running away from the Terrapins with an 87-61 victory to put them in the national championship game for the third time in four years.

Once again, contributions from the bench helped Notre Dame in the national semifinal, with junior forward Markisha Wright — who averaged nine minutes per game on the season — chipping in 12 points and nine rebounds in 23 minutes on the court to make up for Achonwa's absence in the paint.

"They're the reason that we got to the Final Four," Loyd said of the Irish reserves. "Our bench is very committed to coming in and doing what they need to do. They don't try to go outside their

roles, but they just have fun and do their game."

The win set up a highly-anticipated matchup with former Big East rival Connecticut on April 8, the first time in NCAA tournament history that two undefeated teams faced off for the championship. While the two teams had met at least once in the regular season every year since 1995, scheduling did not allow them to play until the NCAA tournament this season.

"It's just a good game for women's basketball in general," McBride said of the matchup with the Huskies. "It would have sucked if people didn't get to see that rivalry, because it's such an intense game and so competitive."

Though the Irish were able to keep the first half relatively close, entering halftime in a seven-point deficit after being down as many as 14, the Huskies came out on top in the end, 79-58.

The loss was the final game in the collegiate careers of Braker, McBride and Achonwa — the latter two of whom were selected April 14 in the first round of the WNBA Draft by the San Antonio Stars and Indiana Fever, respectively.

With the season's only defeat on their minds, the returning Irish have an opportunity to re-take the series momentum when the rivals renew their competition Dec. 6 at Purcell Pavilion in the Jimmy V Women's Classic.

"That was a really tough loss for us," McGraw said. "That definitely is going to take some time to get over. I don't think winning in the regular season is going to make us feel any better, so we just have to work our way back and hope we get the chance to get back to the Final Four again."

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**Irish head coach Muffet McGraw walks off the court following Notre Dame's 79-58 loss to Connecticut in the national championship game at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn.**



## MEN'S SOCCER

# ND claims first national title in program history



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*The No. 1 atop Grace Hall was lit up after Notre Dame defeated Maryland on Dec. 15 to win the national championship.*



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*The Irish celebrate following their victory in the national championship game against Maryland on Dec. 15. Notre Dame defeated the Terrapins, 2-1.*

By ISAAC LORTON

Assistant Managing Editor

With a new year and new conference came a brand new College Cup.

After being eliminated in the third round of the 2012 NCAA tournament by eventual champion Indiana, the Irish had an empty feeling. They had won the Big East tournament, they were ranked No. 1 overall going into the tournament and they had the talent to win, but things did not turn out that way.

"We got knocked out ... last year, and they thought they had underachieved," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "I thought we came back with a terrific thunder in 2013. We were ready, and it was our first year in the ACC, so a lot of things came together to make them a very hungry team."

The 2013 season was different. The Irish are national champions.

"I think the [2012] team was equally good [as the 2013 squad]," Clark said. "The team was capable of winning it both years. In the [NCAA]

tournament though, you always need that little bit of luck to take you through, and the nice thing was this year we got that."

The Irish (17-1-6, 7-1-3 ACC) defeated New Mexico in the NCAA semifinals, 2-0, and then went on to defeat Maryland, 2-1, in the na-

***"I thought we came back with a terrific thunder in 2013. We were ready, and it was our first year in the ACC, so a lot of things came together to make them a very hungry team."***

Bobby Clark

Irish head coach

tional championship game in Chester, Pa.

Sophomore midfielder Patrick Hodan shone in the semifinal game with a two-goal performance.

Hodan's first goal came in the seventh minute on an assist from senior forward and captain Harrison Shipp, and the second came in the 64th minute when Hodan headed a rebound in off of junior

forward Vince Ciccirelli's shot which hit the cross bar.

Seniors carried the team in the title match. Notre Dame went down early, 1-0, as Maryland's leading scorer, senior forward Patrick Mullins, hammered in a follow-up shot. The Irish came back to knot the game on a goal from

"It meant the world to me to score the [game-winning] goal," O'Malley said. "Winning the national championship was special not just for the program but this group of seniors."

Everything came together for the Irish in 2013.

"It was a good culmination of my time at Notre Dame," Shipp said. "When I first came to ND, Notre Dame had been consistently good but had never broken through to win a national title. To be part of the team that won was special, but the seasons leading up to it really laid the foundation."

Irish senior defender and captain Grant Van De Castele said the team grew immensely in 2013.

"You could see the team building and growing throughout the course of the season," Van De Castele said. "It was ... great to see the growth and maturity in tournament play, we really learned from our mistakes from the past."

The Irish did not win the ACC, like they had won the Big East in 2012, but were

knocked out in the semifinals by Virginia, who had handed them their only regular-season loss as well.

"The reaction when we lost in the ACC semis was a key moment because there were a few unlucky things that happened and that loss happened right before the NCAA tournament," Van De Castele said. "The ability to bounce back quickly from that was key."

The College Cup victory is Clark's first national title in his 27 years of coaching collegiate soccer, 13 of them at Notre Dame.

The squad graduated six seniors — Shipp, who was signed by the Chicago Fire as a homegrown player, Van De Castele, who was drafted No. 19 overall by the Colorado Rapids, goalkeeper Adam LaPlaca, defender Connor Miller, midfielder Kyle Craft and forward Alex Priede. O'Malley, Brown, defender Luke Mishu and goalkeeper Patrick Wall will return for fifth years.

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## IRISH SOCCER THROUGH THE YEARS

**SEPT. 16, 1977** — Tied Dayton 3-3 in first game as a varsity team.

**NOV. 13, 1988** — Made first NCAA tournament appearance, losing 2-0 to Southern Methodist.

**NOV. 24, 1996** — Won first NCAA tournament game with a 1-0 victory over No. 3 UNC-Greensboro.

**JAN. 19, 2001** — Hired Bobby Clark as head coach.

**NOV. 26, 2003** — Appeared in its first NCAA tournament game as a seeded team. The No. 5 Irish beat Wisconsin-Milwaukee 4-1.

**DEC. 14, 2004** — Goalkeeper Chris Sawyer became Notre Dame's first NSCAA first-team All-American. The Irish have had six since, including senior forward Harry Shipp.

**NOV. 18, 2006** — Advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals for the first time with a 1-0 win over No. 5 Maryland. The Irish lost to No. 4 Virginia in the next round, 3-2.

**DEC. 2, 2006** — Forward Joseph Lapira won the MAC Hermann Trophy, the most pres-

tigious award in college soccer. He remains the only Irish player to win the award.

**DEC. 8, 2007** — Lost to Wake Forest 1-0 in the NCAA quarterfinals. Prior to this season, it was the last time Notre Dame had advanced that far.

**NOV. 12, 2012** — Earned the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA tournament for the first time in program history. Notre Dame beat Michigan State 3-0 in the round of 32.

**SEPT. 8, 2013** — Tied No. 1 North Carolina 1-1 in its first ACC game ever. The Irish moved to the ACC from the Big East after

winning three conference tournament championships in the Big East.

**OCT. 8, 2013** — Tied No. 5 Maryland, 1-1, at Alumni Stadium. The meeting was the only one between the teams this year prior to the national title game.

**OCT. 26, 2013** — Lost to No. 19 Virginia, 2-0, at Alumni Stadium. The loss was Notre Dame's only defeat of the season.

**NOV. 8, 2013** — Defeated Pittsburgh 2-0 in the final game of the regular season. The Irish shared the regular-season ACC championship with Maryland.

**NOV. 15, 2013** — Knocked out of the ACC tournament by Virginia in penalty kicks after a 3-3 draw in regulation.

**DEC. 7, 2013** — Beat Michigan State in the NCAA quarterfinals 2-1 to advance to the program's first College Cup.

**DEC. 13, 2013** — Advanced to the national championship game with a 2-0 win over New Mexico. Sophomore midfielder Patrick Hodan scored two goals in the victory.

**DEC. 15, 2013** — Claimed the first national championship in school history with a 2-1 win over Maryland. Seniors Leon Brown and Andrew O'Malley scored to lift the Irish to the title.



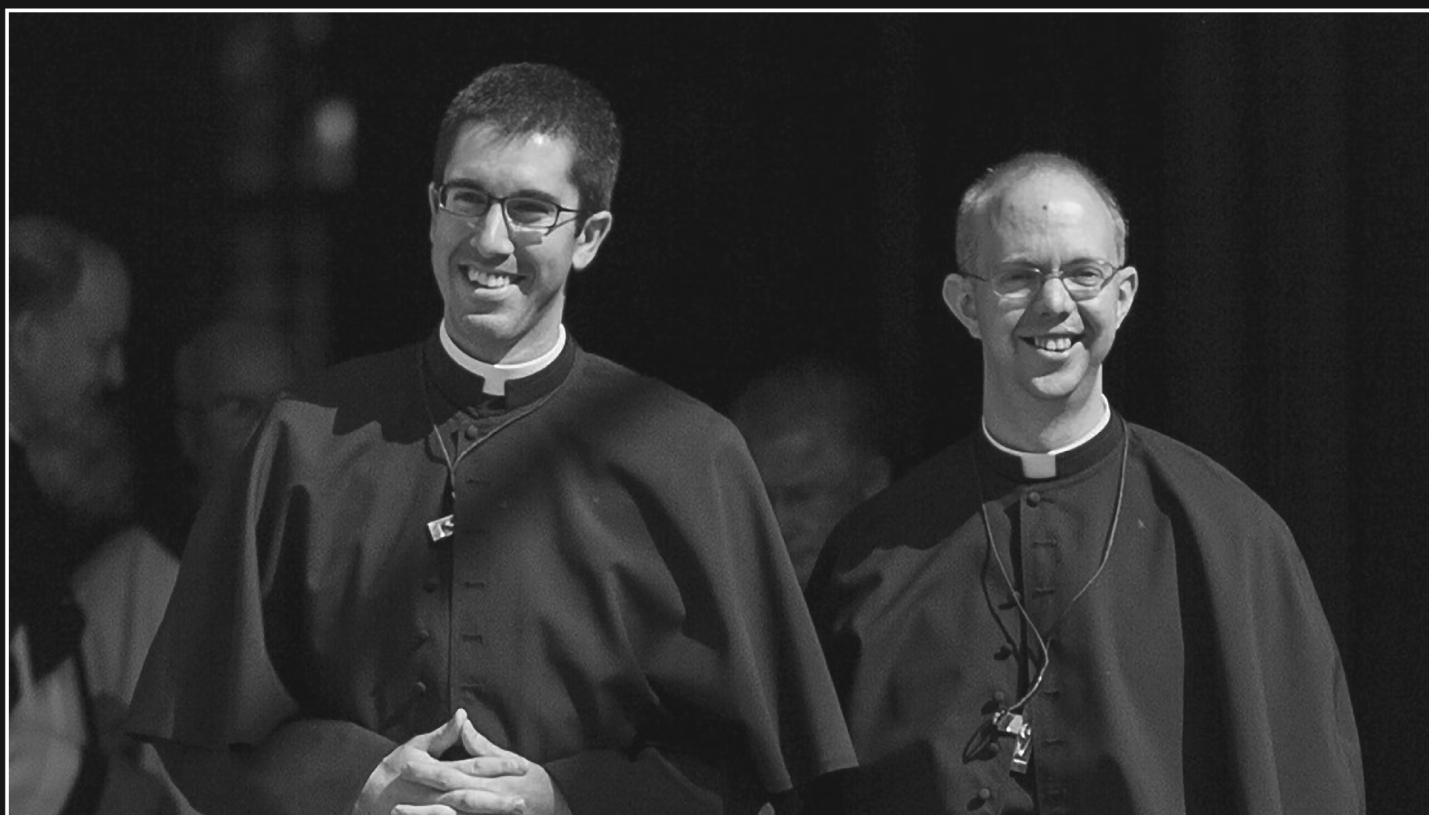
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## HOCKEY

# Seniors power Irish on late surge to NCAA berth

By **ALEX CARSON and CASEY KARNES**  
Sports Writers

After a rocky start to Notre Dame's inaugural season in the Hockey East, the 11-man senior class led the Irish on a late-season hot streak that landed them back in the NCAA tournament where they fell, 4-3, in overtime to St. Cloud State.

After experiencing the move to Compton Family Ice Arena, a conference switch and even a Frozen Four, Notre Dame's seniors utilized their final year in blue-and-gold uniforms to add even more accolades to their legacy.

On offense, senior center T.J. Tynan and right wing Bryan Rust spearheaded the Irish attack, leading the team with 30 assists and 17 goals, respectively. Chipping in with 13 goals and nine assists of his own, along with leadership on and off the ice, was senior captain and left wing Jeff Costello.

The Irish (23-15-2, 9-9-2 Hockey East) also relied on seniors on defense. Defensemen Stephen Johns, Shayne Taker and Kevin Lind provided Notre Dame with a big, bruising back line that held opponents to an average of just 2.22 goals per game.

The Notre Dame Monogram Club's Most Valuable Player award for the 2013-14 season went to the senior residing in the net. Goaltender Steven Summerhays stood out in his second full season as a starter, leading the NCAA with seven shutouts and finishing sixth

nationally with a goals-against-average of 2.04. Summerhays also set a new Irish career record with 13 shutouts and finished with 57 total victories, second-most in program history.

When the Irish struggled this season, Irish coach Jeff Jackson said the seniors stepped up and took responsibility for making sure they ended their Notre Dame careers on their own terms.

"When in the second half we had a little bit of a struggle in January, they were the guys to get us out of it, rescue the season and put us in position ... to get into the NCAA tournament," Jackson said. "It was primarily guys like Summerhays and three of our senior defensemen and ... our senior forwards. They were the guys who really made sure that they finished their careers on a more positive note."

A final trip to the NCAA tournament for the seniors seemed unlikely as late as Feb. 7, when a 2-1 loss to Maine dropped the Irish to 15-12-1 overall and just 4-9-1 in Hockey East play.

However, that would be the last loss for the Irish until the Hockey East tournament, as Notre Dame went on a 7-0-1 tear before finally losing, 4-2, at Boston College on March 15 in the Hockey East tournament quarterfinals, a series the Irish still won, 2-1. Notre Dame handed Boston College (28-8-4, 16-2-2) three of its eight total losses during the season.

Although the Irish lost in the Hockey East semifinals to UMass-Lowell, Jackson said his



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**Irish senior center T.J. Tynan, pictured Jan. 18 against Lake Superior State, finished first on the squad with 30 assists and 38 points. Tynan finished tied for ninth all-time in program history with 107 assists.**

team's performance toward the end of the season, particularly against Boston College, made him believe Notre Dame had championship-level talent.

"That was our best hockey of the year in February," Jackson said. "We had that ... unbeaten stretch and went against [Boston College] and beat them three out of four times ... at the time when they were the second-ranked team in the country. And doing that was special; it was probably the highlight of our season, unfortunately. I really felt like, after winning that [Hockey East playoffs] series against Boston College, that we may have had a chance to win a championship."

Neither a Hockey East nor an NCAA title was meant to be for Notre Dame. Consecutive defeats saw the Irish bow out of both tournaments right after the series win over the Eagles.

The Irish suffered a 4-0 defeat at the hands of UMass-Lowell in the Hockey East semifinal to eliminate any outside chance of earning one of four No. 1 seeds in the NCAA tournament. The team's ultimate No. 2 seed set up a rematch from the 2013 tournament against St. Cloud State (22-11-5, 15-6-3 NCHC).

Despite outshooting the Huskies in regulation, 36-12, Notre Dame never held a lead but sent the game to overtime.

In the overtime period, and after 17 minutes and 15 shots without a goal, the Huskies broke through. Huskies senior forward and Hobey Baker Award nominee Nic Dowd beat Summerhays top shelf to send Notre Dame home early for the second straight year.

Jackson said he hopes a new

crop of recruits will build on the team's progress this season despite the first-round loss.

"It was a positive year in many ways," Jackson said. "We just want to get over that hump and take that next step to win a championship. I think that's our focal point now. I think we had a good year getting back to the NCAA tournament ... and now we have a bunch of young kids coming in here, so we get to start all over again."

In a year full of changes for Irish athletic teams due to the move to the ACC, the hockey program had to adjust after its transition to Hockey East, regarded by many as one of the nation's top college hockey conferences.

The Irish received a blunt introduction from the Hockey East, as they did not sweep a series until a matchup against Boston University on the penultimate weekend of the season. After posting a 2-1-1 record in its first four conference games, Notre Dame went 2-8-0 in its next 10 Hockey East contests.

Sophomore left wing Mario Lucia said there was a lot to learn in the new conference, but he did not excuse the team's slow start.

"When you're playing new teams, learning their style makes a big difference," Lucia said. "Just getting acclimated to the new teams, the new environments and the travel was the big thing — but then again, hockey is hockey, and you've got to go out and play."

Responding to these challenges, frequent linemates Lucia and freshman center Vince Hinostroza provided a spark for the offense. Both players

finished second on the team in a scoring category — Lucia with 16 goals and Hinostroza with 24 assists — and Lucia said the pair was able to draw off each other's strengths.

"We really meshed together well," Lucia said. "He brings speed and the passing ability, and I bring the finishing and the ability to score. We had played together a couple of years ago [on the USA under-19 national team at the World Junior A Challenge in 2011] prior coming into Notre Dame, and we were able to get that chemistry back pretty quickly. I'm looking forward to playing with him for the next couple of years."

The Irish will lose a considerable amount of production from their graduating players, but Jackson said the sophomore class should help bridge the gap.

"The sophomore class had a huge year for us," Jackson said. "Many of them like Lucia and [center Steven] Fogarty really came on in the latter stages of the season and so did [center Thomas] DiPauli and [left wing Sam] Herr. The sophomore class is the class that I expect to step up in a big way next season."

With the record-setting Summerhays departing the program, Notre Dame must fill a hole at goaltender, with incoming freshman Cal Petersen and current freshman Chad Katunar competing for the role. Katunar started three games and appeared in five, posting a 2-1-0 record and a 2.36 goals against average.

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**Senior right wing Bryan Rust, pictured Oct. 6 in an exhibition against Guelph, finished second on the Irish with 33 points.**



## CAMPUS CROSSROADS

# University announces Stadium construction

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With the approval of a new construction project around Notre Dame Stadium, the Irish basketball teams will soon have a practice facility.

"The Rolfs Sports Recreation Center will become the practice home for the men's and women's varsity basketball teams," a release from the University said.

The Notre Dame Board of Trustees approved a \$400 million construction project that would add three buildings to the Stadium and 3,000 to 4,000 premium club seats to its current 80,795-seat capacity.

The plans for the "Campus Crossroads Project" also include adding a student center, which will include a student recreation center, on the west side of Notre Dame Stadium.

In a December interview with The Observer, Notre Dame Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick said if a student recreation center were added to Notre Dame Stadium, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center could be used as a basketball practice facility.

"As the idea of 'Does it make sense to move recreation into the CCPD' came along, then the question was raised, 'Well, if you do that, what do you do with Rolfs?' That's how we got there," Swarbrick said in December.

University President Fr. John Jenkins, in an interview with The Observer, said that was still the plan.

However, Jenkins said the construction surrounding the Stadium was contingent on raising the necessary funds.

## Video board and FieldTurf?

While the rest of the Stadium could be getting a facelift, Jenkins said no decisions have been made regarding the potential addition of a video board.

"I think we are always talking about the fan experience, and if [a Jumbotron] enhanced it, then that would be part of it, but I want to make it clear that I'm not saying it will be part of this," Jenkins said.

Initial and more recent renderings of the project depict Notre Dame Stadium without any visible video boards. A new scoreboard, however, will be added on the south side of the Stadium.

"Some of that will be addressed through enhanced broadband connectivity and some by the introduction of video, though the shape that will take has not yet been finalized," the release said. "However, to the extent the University provides video, whether in the concourse or in the stadium itself similar to the philosophy in Purcell Pavilion and the Compton Family Ice Arena, there will be no commercial signage or advertising."

At the Blue-Gold Game on

April 12, Swarbrick announced FieldTurf would be installed at Notre Dame Stadium following Commencement Weekend, to be completed by Aug. 15, in time for the start of the 2014 football season.

"We were spending a lot of time trying to find a grass answer," Swarbrick said after the game. "If we could — if we could have figured out a way where we knew with Commencement, with the construction that's going to go on here for three years, could we get ourselves to a position where we would have a high-quality grass field week in and week out, and we just couldn't get ourselves there."

## New improvements

The University will add 3,000 to 4,000 premium seats Jenkins described as club level outside

seating to Notre Dame Stadium's 80,795-seat current capacity. The club seating will be located on both the east and west sides of the Stadium, according to the University release.

The addition of new premium seating will not affect the basic seating configuration for both the lower and upper bowls. The gold seats on both sides of the field will remain the same.

Few changes would be made to Notre Dame's locker room, but some of the surrounding areas will be improved to better serve the football team on game day.

Notre Dame plans to upgrade both WiFi and cellular service as part of this project.

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Notre Dame announced the \$400 million Campus Crossroads Project in January. The project will add three buildings to Notre Dame Stadium.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Notre Dame 'saga' ends without tourney berth

By **MIKE MONACO**

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After bowing out in the first round of the ACC tournament with a 12-point loss to 12th-seeded Wake Forest, Irish head coach Mike Brey made things clear.

Rather than pursue a trip to the College Basketball Invitational (CBI), Brey and the Irish (15-17, 6-12 ACC) closed the books on the program's first losing season since 1998-99.

"It's probably good we end this saga," Brey told reporters in Greensboro, N.C.

In its first season in the ACC, Notre Dame battled injuries, inconsistency and personnel losses from start to finish.

Brey and sophomore forward Cam Biedscheid announced in early November that the former four-star recruit would redshirt. Two months later, news broke that Biedscheid would transfer to Missouri.

The Biedscheid announcement came on the heels of senior guard Jerian Grant's departure. The day after Notre Dame lost to then-No. 3 Ohio State, Grant released a statement that he was no longer a part of the basketball program

and would not be enrolled at the university for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year due to "an academic matter that I did not handle properly."

"I take full responsibility for my lack of good judgment and the poor decision that I made," Grant said in the statement. "I have no one to blame but myself for the situation. I know and understand the expectations that go with being a student at Notre Dame, and I did not live up to those standards."

In the 12 games before the announcement, Grant led the team with 19.0 points and 6.2 assists per game. Grant, who was one of just five players on the preseason all-ACC team, declared his intention to return to Notre Dame and the team as soon as possible following the spring semester.

The final game of Grant's shortened season was the loss to Ohio State (25-10, 10-8 Big Ten) on Dec. 22. The Irish led by eight points with a minute remaining in regulation, but they committed four turnovers in the final 58 seconds, and Ohio State ended the game on a 14-3 run.

"They really turned the heat up on us and flustered us," Brey told reporters afterward. "We had a

hard time doing anything right."

The loss dropped Notre Dame to 8-4. The Irish also lost non-conference games against Indiana State, Iowa and North Dakota State.

After the loss to the Buckeyes, Notre Dame returned home eight days later to host Canisius and close out their non-conference slate. Golden Griffins senior guard Billy Baron, an eventual AP All-American honorable mention, poured in 33 points — including a three-point play down the stretch — as Canisius (21-13, 14-6 MAAC) scored the final five points in regulation to force overtime.

But Irish senior guard Eric Atkins matched Baron with a career-high 30 points of his own to lift Notre Dame to the 87-81 win in its first game without Grant.

"I am not surprised because this kid can score," Brey said of Atkins. "He has had nights like this before when we needed it, and now we really need it. I think he was excited to go back into that [scoring] role."

The Irish then began their inaugural ACC campaign by welcoming conference powerhouse Duke to Purcell Pavilion on Jan. 4. Trailing 60-50 with 11:35 remaining in the second half, Notre Dame surged on a 20-4 run over the next seven minutes. The Blue Devils (26-9, 13-5 ACC) pulled within one on three separate occasions, but the Irish held on for their biggest victory of the year over the then-No. 7 team in the nation. Atkins paced the squad with 19 points and 11 assists.

"Our group, this team of guys, has been through some tough stuff since the Ohio State game, and for us to come together and win a game like this after being down 10, I am very proud of us," Brey said after the win. "I think it all starts with our senior captain who — Eric Atkins — never lets us think that it's going to be a tough night."

"It's a historic day for us. Our first ACC game — and to beat a program like Duke's will always be a great memory for us starting off in Atlantic Coast Conference play."

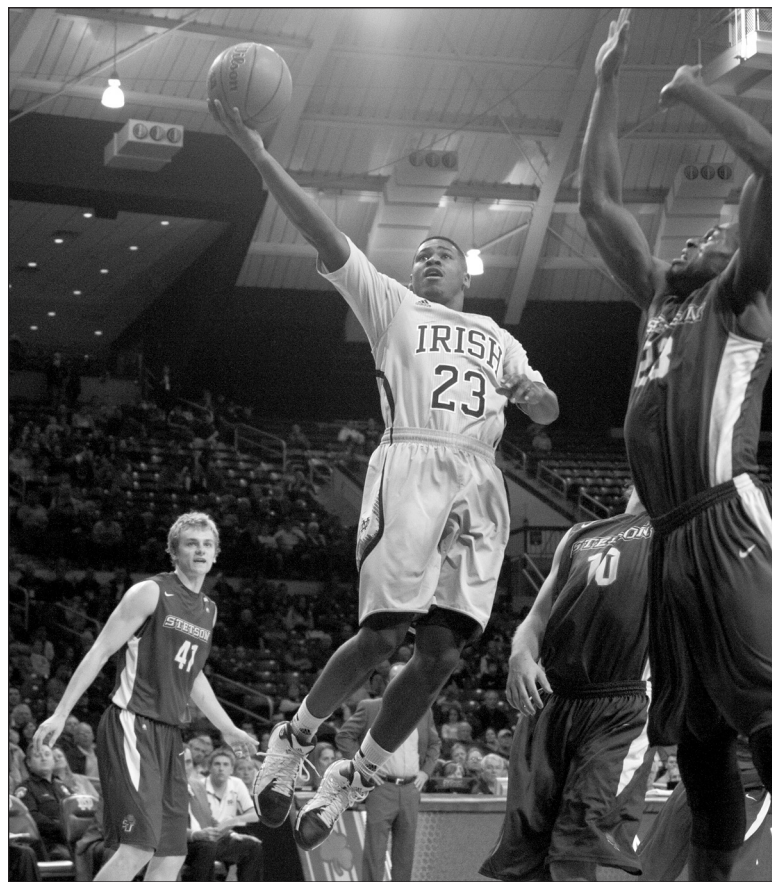
Whatever momentum the Irish built from the victory was soon sapped as they lost their next three games, the first being a seven-point loss at home to North Carolina State three days later.

Notre Dame never led in the second half against the Wolfpack (22-14, 9-9), and Brey said he recognized the difficulty in bouncing back from the Duke game.

"I was worried about it," Brey said. "We invested a lot. I'd be lying if I said there wasn't a little residual fighting through that. Even though I thought in the second half we started to find it a little bit when they started missing, we just couldn't get two or three offensive possessions in a row that looked like us."

"Then you get a little tight, and you feel the weight of the world, and you aren't as loose when you are lining up those shots."

Including the loss to North



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**Freshman guard Demetrius Jackson stretches for a layup in Notre Dame's 80-49 victory against Stetson on Nov. 10 at Purcell Pavilion.**

Carolina State, Notre Dame lost six of its next seven, culminating with a 68-53 defeat at the hands of Virginia on Jan. 28. The Cavaliers deployed their swarming defense and forced 20 Irish turnovers, 13 of which came in the first half. Virginia led by as many as 24.

"We just got to give it to them," Irish sophomore forward Zach Auguste said afterward. "They definitely gave us a beating."

The win improved then-unranked Virginia's ACC record to 7-1. The Cavaliers went on to win the ACC regular-season title and postseason tournament.

"Let's give them a lot of credit," Brey said following the loss. "I think that's the best team in the league [and the] most confident team in the league. They thoroughly beat us down tonight."

The Irish picked up four league wins over their final 10 games, but they won back-to-back conference games only once.

Notre Dame concluded the regular season with a 63-61 loss to No. 14 North Carolina but limited the Tar Heels to just 22 points in the second half.

The defeat was Notre Dame's seventh loss by five points or fewer. The squad's 12 ACC losses were by an average deficit of 7.9 points per game.

While the defense was stifling against North Carolina, Notre Dame's defense and rebounding were inconsistent all season long and were some of Brey's major emphases heading into the ACC tournament.

But the defense struggled mightily against the Demon Deacons, who shot 61 percent from the floor. Wake Forest out-rebounded Notre Dame, 33-23, en route to the 81-69 win.

In addition to the inconsistent play on the boards and the defensive end, Notre Dame dealt with injuries throughout the year.

Senior center Garrick Sherman

chipped his right pinkie finger Feb. 11 against Clemson and played through the pain during the final month. Sherman averaged 13.5 points and 7.3 rebounds per game, essentially doubling his per-game averages from the 2012-13 season.

Sophomore forward Austin Burgett (irregular heartbeat) and graduate student forward Tom Knight (ankle, illness) missed a combined eight games. In total, Notre Dame trotted out 12 different starting lineups.

"Never a dull moment," Brey joked about the injuries before the ACC tournament.

With all the injuries, Brey relied heavily on junior guard/forward Pat Connaughton, who averaged 37.2 minutes, 13.8 points and 7.1 rebounds per game for the Irish. Connaughton was an honorable mention all-ACC selection by the league's coaches.

Freshman guard Demetrius Jackson, a McDonald's All-American coming out of high school, started 15 games and averaged 22.2 minutes, 6.0 points and 1.8 assists per contest. Jackson missed two games in mid-February. Brey said the freshman needed to improve his "academic habits." Jackson returned after the two-game hiatus and scored a season-high 17 points against Miami, but he posted just 18 points in the final five games, indicative of the growing pains and up-and-down nature of the season for Notre Dame in the ACC.

"I think at times it was a year of adjustment for us on a lot of fronts, some personnel losses and kind of new preparation, new scouting, new venues, all of those things," Brey said after the postseason loss to Wake Forest. "I would hope we'll be better at it next year in year two."

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## — 2013-2014: A YEAR IN REVIEW —

**SEPT. 7** Football loses to No. 17 Michigan, 41-30, before an NCAA-record crowd of 115,109 at Michigan Stadium.

**SEPT. 8** Women's golf begins its season with the IU Fall Kickoff. The Irish play without Lindsey Weaver — who, in 2013, became just the second Irish golfer to be named an NGCA All-American — who transferred to Arizona.

**SEPT. 12** Women's soccer tops North Carolina State, 3-1, and becomes the first Irish squad to earn a victory in the ACC.

**SEPT. 13** With new coach Ryan Sachire at the helm, men's tennis begins season at the OFCC Invitational.

**OCT. 19** Football tops USC, 14-10, under the lights at Notre Dame Stadium, as the Irish don't allow a second-half point in their first home win over USC since 2001.

**NOV. 10** Football loses to Pittsburgh, 28-21, effectively ending any chance of a BCS bowl appearance.

**NOV. 11** Men's swimming and diving coach Tim Welsh announces he will retire following the season after 29 years with the Irish.

**NOV. 23** The men's and women's cross country teams finish 23rd and 29th, respectively, of 31 teams at the NCAA Championships. Senior Martin Grady earns All-American honors, becoming the first Irish All-American runner (either male or female) since 2008 to do so.

**NOV. 30** Volleyball loses to Syracuse, 3-1, and finishes the season 13-18 (7-13 ACC).

**DEC. 7** For the first time in program history, men's soccer advances to the College Cup with a 2-1 win over Michigan State in the NCAA quarterfinals.

**DEC. 12** Men's soccer senior forward Harry Shipp is named one of three finalists for the MAC Hermann Trophy, the top individual honor in college soccer.

**DEC. 15** Men's soccer wins the national championship with a 2-1 win over Maryland for the program's first national title.

**DEC. 17** Men's soccer head coach Bobby Clark is named the NSCAA Division I Coach of the Year.

**DEC. 20** Jack Swarbrick announces the 2014, 2015 and 2016 football schedules, highlighted by a Shamrock Series game in 2015 against Boston College at Fenway Park.

**DEC. 21** Men's basketball blows an eight-point lead in the final minute against No. 3 Ohio State and loses 64-61.

**DEC. 22** Men's basketball senior guard and leading scorer Jerian Grant announces he is no longer part of the basketball program and will not be enrolled at Notre Dame for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year.

**JAN. 3** Two-time women's soccer national coach of the year Randy Waldrum, who led the Irish to national championships in 2004 and 2010, resigns to pursue a head-coaching job with the Houston Dash of the National Women's Soccer League.

**JAN. 4** Men's basketball upsets No. 7 Duke, 79-77, at Purcell Pavilion in its ACC debut.

**JAN. 19** Former men's basketball coach Digger Phelps is inducted into the program's Ring of Honor on the 40th anniversary of Notre Dame's win over UCLA, which snapped the Bruins' record 88-game win streak.

**JAN. 21** Notre Dame and Under Armour announce their 10-year footwear, apparel and equipment partnership.

**JAN. 27** Women's basketball defeats No. 8 Maryland, 87-83 — Notre Dame's tightest win of the season — behind 31 points from sophomore guard Jewell Loyd.

**JAN. 29** Notre Dame announces the \$400 million Campus Crossroads Project, headlined by more than 750,000 square feet of construction in three new buildings attached to the sides of Notre Dame Stadium.

**FEB. 23** Senior guard Kayla McBride pours in a career-high 31 points as women's basketball defeats No. 7 Duke, 81-70, to clinch the ACC regular-season title.

**MARCH 1** Despite setting 15 program records, men's swimming finishes 6th out of 11 teams at the ACC championship.

**MARCH 3** Men's tennis senior Matt Dooley writes a story on Outsports.com describing his life as a gay student-athlete at Notre Dame.

**MARCH 4** Women's lacrosse upsets No. 4 Northwestern, 9-8, earning its first win over the powerhouse Wildcats since 2003.

**MARCH 12** Men's basketball loses in the first round of the ACC tournament, capping the program's first losing season since 1998-99.

**MARCH 18** Twelve track and field athletes earn All-American honors at the Indoor NCAA championship.

**MARCH 19** Theresa Romagnolo is named the new women's soccer coach, replacing Waldrum.

**MARCH 21-23** Fencers sophomore Lee Kiefer (women's foil) and senior Gerek Meinhardt (men's foil) and women's swimmer junior Emma Reaney (200-yard breaststroke) win NCAA individual championships.

**MARCH 30** Hockey loses to St. Cloud State, 4-3, in overtime of the NCAA West Regional. The Irish went unbeaten in their final six regular-season games and advanced to the Hockey East semifinals en route to their sixth NCAA appearance since 2007.

**MARCH 31** Women's basketball stars Kayla McBride and Jewell Loyd named USBWA All-Americans, marking the first time Notre Dame placed two players on the 10-player team.

**MARCH 31** Women's basketball senior forward Natalie Achonwa tears the ACL in her left knee during Notre Dame's Elite Eight win over Baylor. Achonwa would miss the remainder of the NCAA Tournament.

**APRIL 8** Women's basketball falls to Connecticut, 79-58, in the national championship game in Nashville, Tenn., after advancing to its fourth consecutive Final Four.

**APRIL 12** Notre Dame announces it will install synthetic FieldTurf at Notre Dame Stadium, anticipating completion in time for the 2014 football season opener.

**APRIL 13** Softball comes back to down No. 7 Florida State, 8-5, in its first home ACC series. The Irish defeat their highest-ranked opponent since 2002.

**APRIL 25** Men's lacrosse defeats No. 5 Maryland, 6-5, in the ACC semifinals on a game-winning goal by sophomore attack Matt Kavanagh with seven seconds remaining.

**APRIL 27** Men's golf finishes seventh in the ACC championship tournament. Men's lacrosse wins the ACC championship with a 15-14 win over No. 4 Syracuse.

**APRIL 29** Rowing's first varsity eight named the ACC Rowing Crew of the Week. No. 10 Notre Dame is participating in the ACC Rowing championship on Friday and Saturday.

**MAY 5** Men's golf senior tri-captain Niall Platt becomes the second golfer in program history to be selected as an individual competitor for an NCAA Regional. Platt is competing in the 54-hole regional tournament Thursday through Saturday.

**MAY 9** Baseball plays its first game on the new FieldTurf at Frank Eck Stadium after bad weather delayed the installation process, forcing the Irish to play "home" games around the Midwest.

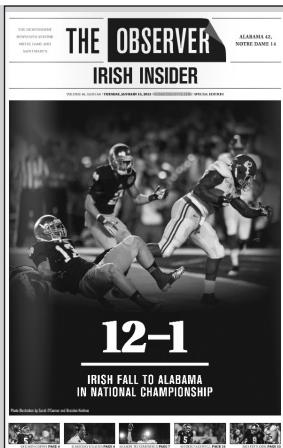
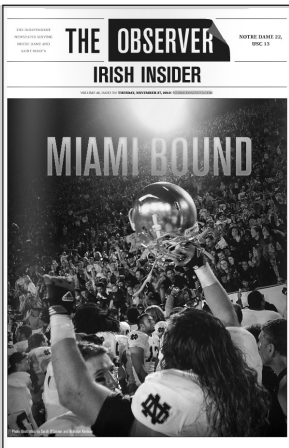
**MAY 10** Women's golf finishes 18th of 24 teams at the NCAA West Regional. After earning its 19th consecutive NCAA appearance, women's tennis upsets Northwestern to advance to the round of 16 for the first time since 2010.

**MAY 11** Women's lacrosse loses to Duke in the second round of the NCAA tournament. Softball receives at-large bid to NCAA tournament in the Los Angeles Regional. Men's Tennis beats Mississippi to advance to Sweet 16 in NCAA Tournament.



# FOUR YEARS IN REVIEW

## Football makes title game, loses to Crimson Tide



### *Irish undefeated in regular season; streak ends Jan. 7, 2013*

In Irish coach Brian Kelly's first two years, Notre Dame turned in a pair of 8-5 seasons.

Despite losing players to the NFL, the Irish were more successful in Kelly's third season, going undefeated against their regular season schedule.

Regular season highlights included a rout of Navy in Dublin, a 20-3 upset of Michigan State, an

emotional 13-6 victory over Michigan, an overtime goal-line stand against Stanford, a road victory over Oklahoma and a come-from-behind three-overtime win over Pittsburgh.

The Irish reached No. 1 in the polls after a Senior Day victory over Wake Forest and sealed a berth in the BCS National Championship game with a 22-13 vic-

tory over USC on Nov. 24.

Traveling to Miami to face off against Alabama in the national championship game, the Irish struggled to contain the Crimson Tide's offense, as Alabama rolled out to a 28-0 lead at halftime.

In the end, Notre Dame fell to the Crimson Tide, 42-14, ending the program's first national title run since 1988.

## Men's soccer earns first national title

Dec. 15, 2013

## Women's basketball makes four straight Final Fours

March 31, 2014

## Kelly begins tenure at Notre Dame

Sept. 4, 2010



Following a disappointing NCAA tournament in 2012, Notre Dame advanced to the College Cup the next season and bested Maryland in the final, 2-1, to win its first NCAA championship. The victory also marked the first national title for Irish coach Bobby Clark in his 27th season as a college coach.



After tournament runs that culminated with title game losses in 2011 and 2012 and a semi-final loss in 2013, the Irish made their fourth straight Final Four before losing to Connecticut.

The team's 37-game win streak was the longest of any Notre Dame sport since World War II.



After firing head coach Charlie Weis on Nov. 30, 2009, Notre Dame hired Brian Kelly on Dec. 11, 2009. Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick named Kelly as the 29th head coach of Notre Dame football.

Kelly brought in Bob Diaco as defensive coordinator and Charley Molnar as offensive coordinator.

## Irish leave Big East, join ACC

Sept. 12, 2012

## Campus Crossroads to restructure Stadium

Jan. 30, 2014

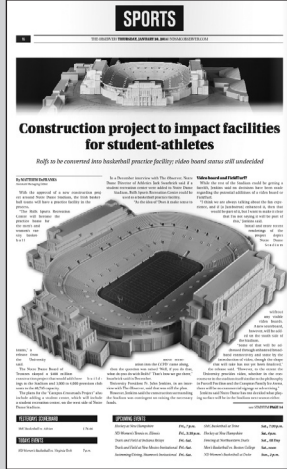
## Women's soccer wins NCAA championship

Dec. 5, 2010



Notre Dame accepted an invitation to join the the Atlantic Coast Conference in all sports except football, after being a member of the Big East since 1995.

Notre Dame agreed to play five games annually against ACC opponents in football starting in 2014.



As part of the largest building project in Notre Dame history, Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick announced Rolfs Sports Recreation Center would be converted into a practice facility for the basketball teams.

On April 12, Swarbrick announced Notre Dame Stadium would install FieldTurf for the 2014 football season.



After four consecutive trips to the College Cup without a title, the Irish finally broke through with a 1-0 victory over previously undefeated Stanford.

Notre Dame received strong efforts from its freshmen, who scored the last four goals of the season and helped shut down Hermann Trophy winner Christen Press.

## Te'o finishes second in Heisman voting

Dec. 8, 2012

## Hockey reaches Frozen Four

March 27, 2011

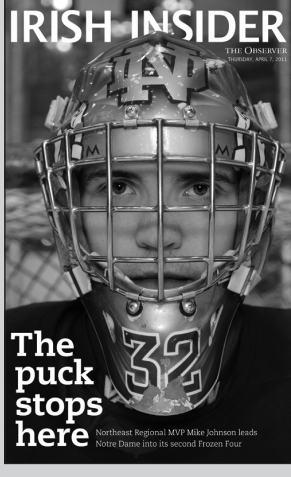
## Compton Family Ice Arena opens

Oct. 21, 2011

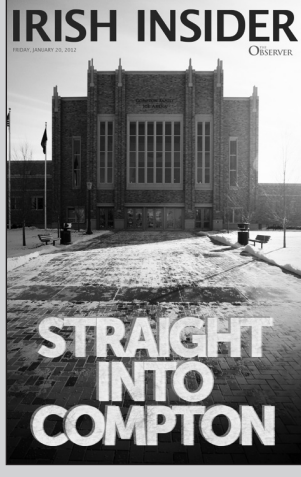


After a standout season, senior middle linebacker Manti Te'o finished second in the Heisman Trophy voting behind Texas A&M redshirt freshman QB Johnny Manziel.

Te'o ended with 321 first-place votes and Manziel received 474. Te'o tied for second-most interceptions in the NCAA with seven and tallied 113 tackles.



The Irish reached the first Frozen Four in program history in 2008. The freshmen on that squad were seniors on the team that reached the 2011 Frozen Four; the seniors shepherded an exceptionally young team (loaded with 12 freshmen) to another Frozen Four berth in St. Paul, Minn.



Thanks to a \$15 million donation from the Compton family, the Irish hockey program had a new place to call home — the Compton Family Ice Arena.

Notre Dame had played all of its hockey games in the Joyce Center before moving to the new facility. The Irish opened the building with a 5-2 win over RPI.



## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Notre Dame takes ACC crown in first year

By GREG HADLEY  
Associate Sports Editor

One game at a time.

It may be cliché, but it was a particularly apt philosophy for Irish coach Kevin Corrigan and No. 5 Notre Dame this season, as the Irish (10-5, 2-3 ACC) faced one of the toughest schedules in the nation and emerged on the other side with a berth into their ninth-straight NCAA tournament as the No. 6 seed in the country.

"I don't go into a season with expectations," Corrigan said. "I go into a season worried about the first game. And then after the first game, I worry about the second game."

In their first year in the ACC, the Irish claimed the conference tournament crown despite ending the regular season with a losing conference record. Overall, Notre Dame played 10 teams ranked in the top 20 this year, stumbling early against then-No. 2 Denver and then-No. 4 Syracuse on the road.

After an 18-9 win over then-No. 7 Virginia on March 16 and a 13-7 victory over rival Ohio State, the

Irish dropped a heartbreaker to Syracuse (11-5, 2-3 ACC), 11-10, and never led during a 15-7 loss to Duke on April 5, putting them at 4-4 on the year. With its streak of consecutive NCAA tournament appearances in jeopardy, Notre Dame began to pick up steam at the end of the season, winning five of its last six games. In the midst of those five wins, the Irish upset then-No. 6 Maryland, 6-5, and the Orange, 15-14, in the ACC tournament.

"If you have to point at one [particularly important game], you have to point at Maryland in the first round of the ACC tournament," Corrigan said. "I don't know if it was must-win, but it certainly was must-win if we wanted to go into the end of the year with the certainty that we were going to the NCAA tournament. If we don't win that game, it's going to get dicey from there."

The win against the Terrapins (12-3, 4-1 ACC) came less than a week after the Irish dropped a 12-8 decision to Maryland at home. Sophomore attack Matt Kavanagh scored the game-winning goal for the Irish in the ACC semifinals

and was named tournament MVP after scoring four more goals in the championship against Syracuse.

Kavanagh led the Irish in goals and assists this year and was the key to an Irish offense that averaged 11.86 goals per game, Notre Dame's best mark since 2008. The Irish also ranked 13th in the country in scoring offense and second in man-up offense.

"We have some terrific offensive guys," Corrigan said. "Our attack has been very strong, and we've got some midfielders who can play the middle of the field and create transition opportunities for us. ... Increasingly through the year, we've found our identity offensively to do what we need to do to be successful."

On defense, the Irish, traditionally recognized as one of the strongest programs in the country, surrendered 9.79 goals per game this season, their highest total since 1996. That mark puts them at 23rd in the country. With the loss of former All-American goalkeeper John Kemp, Corrigan alternated between junior Conor Kelly and freshman Shane Doss in the crease, with Kelly



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

*Junior goalkeeper Conor Kelly defends the goal during Notre Dame's 8-7 loss to Penn State on Feb. 22 at Arlotta Stadium.*

gaining the last five starts.

"I hope we're always recognized as a team that cares and works very hard at playing good defense because I think that defense is really important," Corrigan said. "But at the same time, you build your team around the team you have, not the team that you want to have. We've just tried to take advantage of the things this team does have. ... We knew we're losing a three-time All-American [in John Kemp], so we weren't sure if we were going to get the level of goalkeeping that we have had, but we had confidence in Conor, and right from the beginning, Shane showed us he was ready to compete at the highest level."

With the ACC tournament title, the Irish gained an automatic berth into their ninth-straight NCAA tournament, where they defeated then-No. 11 Harvard, 13-5, at Arlotta Stadium in the first round May 10. Notre Dame sprinted out to a 7-0 lead just over halfway through the second quarter and cruised to the win, outscoring the Crimson (10-7, 5-1 Ivy) 5-1 in the fourth quarter.

The Irish were led on offense by senior attack John Scioscia, who chipped in four goals, including the first two scores of the game. On man-up opportunities, Notre Dame converted three of eight chances, while holding Harvard to

one goal on seven man-up advantages.

Harvard outshot Notre Dame, both overall, 35-33, and in shots on goal, 22-18. Kelly, however, recorded a career-high 17 saves, including seven in the second quarter alone.

Notre Dame aims to continue its postseason run in its second-round matchup with No. 15 Albany on Saturday, with a berth in the Final Four on the line. The Irish have advanced to the Final Four three times in program history, most recently in 2012.

The Great Danes (12-5, 5-0 American East) advanced to the second round after upsetting No. 3-seed Loyola on the road, 13-6, part of a four-upset opening weekend that also saw Notre Dame's ACC rival Syracuse fall. Albany leads the nation in scoring offense but is 48th out of 67 programs in scoring defense.

The Great Danes are led by senior attack Miles Thompson, who averages 4.65 goals per game, nearly a goal and a half more than the next highest scorer in the country.

Albany and Notre Dame meet in Hempstead, N.Y., on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. to play for a Final Four berth. If the Irish advance, the semifinal round takes place in Baltimore, Md., on May 24.

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*Sophomore attack Matt Kavanagh attempts to break through two Duke defenders in the 15-7 Irish loss April 5. The game was one of only two this season in which Kavanagh did not score a point.*



## ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

## Talented underclassmen impact squad

By CASEY KARNES  
Sports Writer

Behind a young offensive core, No. 14 Notre Dame battled through a tough schedule and a rough start to its new ACC membership to earn its third straight NCAA tournament berth.

The Irish (10-9, 2-5 ACC) had their worst record since missing the NCAA tournament in 2011, the season before Christine Halfpenny took over as Notre Dame's coach. Despite that, the Irish were able to regain their top-10 ranking and secure the right to host the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament at Arlotta Stadium, mostly due to their strength of schedule, which was the second toughest in the nation. The Irish played 12 games against top-25 opponents in 2014, including matchups against No. 6 Boston College, No. 5 Northwestern, No. 3 North Carolina, No. 2 Maryland and two matchups against No. 1 Syracuse.

This constant stream of quality opponents may have damaged Notre Dame's record, but Halfpenny said it also made the Irish a better team in the long run.

"Playing one of the hardest schedules game-in and game-out really ... increased our IQ," Halfpenny said. "Our ability to grow quickly, mature quickly and to rise to the occasion were the main benefits of playing the best schedule in the country. We're really excited about how battle-tested we are and how we came out of that gauntlet."

The ACC gave the Irish a challenge in their inaugural season, as over half of Notre Dame's losses

came in conference play. The addition of Notre Dame and Syracuse from the Big East gave the ACC seven out of the top 15 teams in the country, including the Irish.

Going against top teams every week was an adjustment, Halfpenny said, but the transition was made easier thanks to Notre Dame's fast-paced style of play.

"It was a brand new year for us, a brand new conference" Halfpenny said. "I think that, fortunately, our style of play was very similar to most of the ACC teams already. Playing a fast, aggressive style of lacrosse was absolutely something that was very similar to the style in the ACC. We've been working that style of play since I got here, so ... that was already something we didn't have to worry about."

Notre Dame's aggression was apparent in its turnover statistics, as the team led the ACC in turnovers caused per game with 9.76, yet it also fared worst in the conference with 14.88 turnovers of its own per game.

This season, the Irish relied heavily on freshmen and sophomores to drive their offense. Four of their top five scorers were first or second-year players, including leading scorer freshman midfielder Cortney Fortunato. Fortunato, along with fellow freshman midfielders Casey Pearsall and Alex Dalton, started every game in her debut season for the Irish. Another freshman, goalkeeper Liz O'Sullivan, stepped up late in the season, taking over as starting goalkeeper after original starter junior Allie Murray struggled in an 18-10 loss to Syracuse on April 19.

Several sophomores also

improved upon their freshman campaigns. Attacks Rachel Sexton and Kiera McMullan contributed to the offensive attack with 33 and 26 goals, respectively, good for third- and fourth-most on the squad.

Halfpenny said the level of confidence her young players exhibited throughout the season showed they wanted to leave an instant mark on the program.

"Our sophomores were able to really take what they learned last year and put that into practice," Halfpenny said. "[The freshmen] brought a winning mentality and winning pedigree with them, and so their game plan was that we're not waiting until our senior year to realize our potential. I've been incredibly impressed with the freshmen's ability to step in, to shoulder a lot of the work during the game for 60 minutes and also how well they meshed with [the upperclassmen]."

Fortunato's impact was immediately tangible on the field, as she led the Irish in goals with 46, ahead of junior midfielder Caitlin Gargan's second-place total of 30. Gargan also paced the Irish in assists with 16, one fewer than Fortunato's 17, and gave the Irish some much-needed experience as a returning starter.

Halfpenny said the impact of Notre Dame's one-two punch went well beyond the numbers, because its greatest asset is its ability to improve and inspire the rest of the team.

[Fortunato] was massive [for our offense]," Halfpenny said. "The biggest thing is her field vision ... and her creativity. Obviously you can see what she's done in her



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**Sophomore attack Kiera McMullan tries to evade a Michigan defender during Notre Dame's 19-7 exhibition win Feb. 8.**

stats, but what you might not see is the nice competition she brought to the table. Her willingness to go for it, to try new things really pushed a lot of other players into a new level of their game. [Gargan] has had a breakout junior year for us. With a very young offense out there, Caitlin was able to ... establish herself as one of our veteran leaders of the offense and get the job done."

Although the season ended with a 10-8 loss to Duke in the second round of the NCAA tournament, the Irish will return their top-six scorers and both goalies next year and will add seven incoming freshmen. Halfpenny said the

team is unified in its drive to continue improving until it reaches the pinnacle of the sport.

"Our main goal is always going to be to compete for conference and national titles," Halfpenny said. "That's why our players choose to come to Notre Dame; it's why I chose to come to Notre Dame. The biggest expectation I have is that we have the ability to come out here and use our God-given gifts ... to establish ourselves as a premier lacrosse program that can compete for ACC and NCAA titles."

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## ND SOFTBALL

## Wester, Winter pace ND to ACC title game



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**Sophomore pitcher Allie Rhodes delivers a pitch during Notre Dame's fall exhibition game against Illinois State on Sept. 15.**

By CHRISTINA KOCHANSKI  
Sports Writer

In their first ACC season, the Irish finished second in the conference tournament and earned six conference player of the week awards.

The Irish (38-10, 16-5 ACC) kicked off the season with a 19-7 record on an extended, 26-game road swing before returning to Melissa Cook Stadium. In the home opener March 26, the Irish took down Eastern Michigan, 12-2.

The team participated in four tournaments early in the season, earning perfect records in the Jacksonville University Tournament and Diamond 9 Citrus Classic.

The season wrapped up with 10 consecutive home games, including a win over ACC rival Maryland to clinch the conference tournament's No. 2 seed.

Headed into the ACC tournament riding a seven-game win streak, the Irish bested Boston College in the opening round, 3-0. In the semifinals, Notre Dame bounced back from a five-run deficit to pick up a come-from-behind, 9-6 victory over Virginia Tech, but in the championship matchup, No. 1-seeded Florida State defeated the Irish, 3-1.

Reflecting on the transition from the Big East to the ACC, Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said the ACC has more hitting power.

"There's a lot of good teams on top [of the conference], and the ACC can really hit," Gumpf said. "That's a strength of the conference, and I think it's a great

strength to have."

The Irish ranked among the conference's best in hitting statistics. Freshman outfielder Karley Wester led the ACC with a .461 batting average. Wester stepped up to the plate 154 times for the Irish, and she said focus was the key to her success.

"I just take a deep breath, try to clear my head, put the ball on the ground and get on base," Wester said.

With this technique, Wester became Notre Dame's first-ever ACC Player of the Week in February. Wester was also named ACC Freshman of the Year on May 8.

Four other members of the Irish earned all-ACC recognitions. Senior pitcher Laura Winter and sophomore infielder Micaela Arizmendi were named to the all-ACC first team. Junior outfielder Emilee Koerner and junior catcher Cassidy Whidden made second and third team, respectively.

These all-conference players set new program records during the season. Koerner broke the team record for single-season doubles

with 22, and Winter became the program's all-time leader in wins and strikeouts. She was also selected seventh overall in the 2014 National Pro Fastpitch Draft by the Akron Racers.

Wester said the Irish looked to Winter for leadership and reliability.

"Laura has been a solid force on the mound for us," Wester said. "Basically every time she's out there, we have full trust in her, and ... we know good things are going to happen."

Winter is one of four seniors on the team. Gumpf said the seniors, including captain and infielder Chloe Saganowich and outfielders Lauren Stuhr and Monica Torres, were crucial to the team's quick adjustment to the ACC.

"I feel like the group of them, as a four, really complete everything you want in a senior class," Gumpf said. "I'm really proud of them, and I think that they're everything to the program."

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## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Irish return top talent after up-and-down season



EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

Senior midfielder Mandy Laddish traps the ball in Notre Dame's 3-0 win against Pittsburgh on Sept. 29 at Alumni Stadium. Laddish scored a goal and tallied five shots in the match, which brought Notre Dame's record to 9-1. Laddish, a third-team all-ACC selection, was chosen by FC Kansas City in the NWSL Draft on Jan. 17.

By **BRIAN HARTNETT**  
Managing Editor

It was a year of transitions for Notre Dame.

On the field, the Irish (13-8-1, 7-5-1 ACC) faced many ups and downs in their inaugural season in a conference that sent eight of its 14 teams to the NCAA tournament, concluding their season with a loss in the third round of the tournament.

Off the field, Notre Dame faced its first coaching change in 15 years, as former coach Randy Waldrum resigned in January to helm the Houston Dash of the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL). The Irish named his replacement on March 19, as former Dartmouth coach Theresa Romagnolo was selected to be the fourth coach in the history of the Notre Dame program.

"[Notre Dame] is an incredible program with a lot of tradition that has attracted a lot of talent," Romagnolo said. "I think there's really exciting players to work with on this team, and there's a great buy-in in terms of everyone coming here because they want to be the best in the country."

Romagnolo will inherit a team that is projected to return seven starters and 22 players from a squad that got off to a 9-1 start last season.

Notre Dame only fell to eventual national champion UCLA in its nonconference schedule. The Irish won their first five ACC games, which included a 1-0 victory over then-No. 1 North Carolina on Sept. 15.

"I would say one of their strengths is that they had a very strong defensive unit, especially their back four and goalkeeper," Romagnolo said of last year's Irish

squad. "I think, being the first year that the team was in the ACC, there was obviously some adjustment to that ... I think they did solid, and it gave them some perspective on what it's going to take to win the ACC next year."

After a strong start, Notre Dame faced some growing pains in its new conference, losing five of its final eight conference games, three of them in double overtime. The team's struggles in extra time carried over to the ACC championships, where it fell to Virginia Tech, 2-1, in double overtime.

Romagnolo said a change in mentality is necessary to ensure that the Irish find success in overtime in the future.

"It's just making sure that we're staying focused in critical parts of the game, that we're taking risks when we need to take risks, so having an understanding of the game management side a little bit and then bringing a mentality of, 'We're going to find a way to get it done,'" she said. "Being fit [is also important], because a lot of times when you go into extra time, that team that's more fit is mentally and physically stronger."

Despite its late season slide, Notre Dame earned a bid to the NCAA championships and won its first two matches, beating Iowa, 4-1, in the first round and Western Michigan, 1-0, in the second round. The team's season came to an end with a 1-0 loss to Michigan in the tournament's third round.

Despite losing all-ACC third team selection Mandy Laddish and tri-captain Elizabeth Tucker to graduation, Notre Dame will return two of its top contributors from last season: ACC

Freshman of the Year midfielder Morgan Andrews and all-ACC first team selection sophomore forward Cari Roccaro. Andrews tied for first on the team with seven goals, while Roccaro added five goals on the season.

"It's exciting [to have Andrews and Roccaro], as they're very talented, and I'm excited to see them step into leadership roles as they get older," Romagnolo said.

The Irish also return sophomore defender Katie Naughton, who served as one of the team's tri-captains last season.

"Katie's definitely a natural leader, and she demonstrates the work ethic, motivation and a very positive attitude when she's on the field," Romagnolo said. "She's definitely going to be someone who remains a strong presence and leader within our program."

The Irish won four of their six matches in the spring season, earning victories over the Haitian national team and Mexican under-20 national team. Romagnolo said she has seen her team make great strides since she was hired in mid-March.

"I think from where we started, to where we finished, we started to get a good idea of what we were trying to accomplish on the field," she said. "I really love the attacking mentality we're starting to have on the field. I feel like we're recognizing times to play simple, times when we need to be more creative ... I feel like we've really started to come together and play the type of system that I want us to be playing."

Romagnolo admitted that following Waldrum, who won two national championships and led Notre Dame to eight NCAA Women's College

Cup appearances, would be a difficult task, but she said the expectations for the program remain the same.

"I think the expectation for the program is always to compete for the national championship, so that's not

going to change," she said. "We're going to try to find the best players out there and produce national championship-caliber teams."

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Entire team contributes to Notre Dame success



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*Senior Billy Pecor returns a hit during Notre Dame's match against Florida State on April 13 at Eck Tennis Pavilion. The Irish beat the Seminoles, 6-1, and Pecor won his doubles match, 8-5.*

By **RENEE GRIFFIN**  
Sports Writer

The Irish finished the regular season at No. 14 in NCAA rankings and fourth in the ACC standings, boasting an overall record of 21-9 (7-4 ACC).

Irish coach Ryan Sachire said he was pleased with the season overall, especially considering the potential growing pains from transferring into the ACC and having few seniors on the team.

"We had a good year," Sachire said. "It was certainly a transition year, being the first year in the ACC for us, and there was a lot that we learned. We had a lot of younger guys, so it was also kind of a transition from a veteran team we had last year to a younger team this year."

The team faced a challenging schedule in which it played 12 teams currently ranked in the nation's top 30.

"The schedule this year was really tough; obviously it prepares a team in that every day is important, and every match is a big match," Sachire said. "The motivation that you get from always having a big match around the corner makes you practice really hard."

Notre Dame got its first taste of upsetting a highly-ranked opponent against Kentucky in January, when it took down the then-No. 8 Wildcats, 4-3.

"The first time we beat Kentucky at their place was huge," Sachire said. "That was our first win over a top-10 opponent, and it let us in to the [ITA National Indoor Championships]. It gave our guys the idea that they can win against teams like that on a regular basis and that really spring-boarded us into having the season that we had."

Sophomore Quentin Monaghan said he attributes many of the victories the Irish had this season to the mindset the team was able to establish.

"I think the team just realized what it took to be successful," Monaghan said. "Every practice, you could see people working hard and committing to the process. Sticking to what it takes to be good, regardless of the failures or obstacles, shows a lot of character, which is something we have had all year as a group."

Sachire highlighted several players who he believed stepped up this season, pointing specifically to freshmen Eddy Covalschi and Josh Hagar and senior Ryan Bandy.

"You never know how freshmen are going to respond to a college environment, and both of our two freshmen did an amazing job stepping up and acclimating to the level of college play and succeeding," Sachire said. "Then as a senior, [Bandy] elevated

himself from playing [as a No. 6] last year to now playing as a No. 2 in the NCAA tournament. It really shows how hard he's worked and how dedicated he's been."

Senior Greg Andrews achieved a ranking of No. 24 nationally in singles, and the pair of Andrews and sophomore Alex Lawson reached a ranking of No. 18 nationally in doubles.

Andrews served as team captain and was vital to the team dynamic, Monaghan said.

"I really think our captain, Greg Andrews, has done a phenomenal job as a leader," Monaghan said. "He leads by example better than anyone I know, and he continued to become more vocal when we needed him to be."

Despite the graduation of Andrews and Notre Dame's other seniors, Sachire said he looks forward to next season and the continuation of the team's improvement process.

"Graduation happens every year, and the cool thing about college is that there's always someone to fill the roles," Sachire said. "We're confident in the players we have and the freshmen we've got coming in, and even though the makeup of the team will be different next year, I'm sure we'll be successful again."

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Irish rebound to turn around season

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The transition from one conference to another can cause a team to sink into a slide.

However, that did not happen to No. 28 Notre Dame, who qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the 19th season in a row after making the jump from the Big East to the ACC.

According to Irish coach Jay Louderback, his team was more than ready to meet the challenges of the transition.

"The thing that's been good with our kids all year is that they've all come out and played hard in every match," Louderback said. "So I feel good about the end of the year."

As a testament to Notre Dame's confidence, the Irish (16-9, 8-6 ACC) ripped off a seven-match winning streak to close out the regular season, including six straight victories against ACC teams.

This streak was a far cry from the beginning of the conference season for the Irish, when they dropped four straight matches to ranked ACC rivals No. 19 Georgia Tech, No. 12 Miami, No. 5 Duke and No. 14 Clemson.

Louderback said he was pleased with how well the team handled a difficult conference schedule.

"I feel like we were put into a tough situation right off because we played so many of the top ACC teams," Louderback said. "We played the top six ACC teams in our first seven conference matches. For us, it was very hard to play those teams, and [half] of the matches were on the road, so it was a tough start."

"I thought we handled it well, and by the middle of the year and towards the end of the season, the matches we should've and needed to win in the ACC we did. And that's always tough, knowing that you need to win those matches. But we did."

Louderback said the team's win against Oklahoma State on Jan. 26 stood out as particularly impressive, as the Irish knocked off the then-No. 29 Cowgirls (16-9, 7-2 Big XII) by a score of 4-0. In particular, Louderback noted the way the team bounced back from a recent loss to secure the win.

Louderback also said he was pleased with the number of players who stepped up this season, in particular the freshman trio of Mary Closs, Jane Fennelly and Monica Robinson.

"We've had a lot of them," Louderback said. "Our three freshmen I think have done a good job. College tennis is so different from juniors, and by the end of the year and even halfway through the season, you could tell that they weren't freshmen anymore. You knew that they'd been around, and they were great with travel."

In addition, Louderback praised the play of the seniors and the veteran leadership they provided.

"I feel like our seniors have really done a good job taking on a leadership role this year," Louderback said. "We got a lot out of them this year. [On] our top two doubles teams this year, three of [the players] are seniors, and I feel that this group's done a really good job."

Senior Britney Sanders anchored the veteran corps for Notre Dame, playing 23 matches in the No. 1 spot and earning third team all-conference honors.

Louderback said he views the season as a success overall as he looks to the future.

"I think the biggest thing is our kids getting the feel of the ACC," Louderback said. "We were thrown in with a tough first-year schedule where we'd play at home one on Friday and one away on Sunday, just crazy travel. I think next year our schedule is much better on terms of travel. And I think that's going to make things easier."

The Irish have maintained their momentum from the end of the season into the NCAA tournament.

Despite entering the tournament unseeded, Notre Dame advanced to the round of 16 after beating DePaul in the first round and then upsetting No. 16 Northwestern on its home court, 4-3. Sophomore Julie Vrabel clinched the win against Northwestern (20-7, 10-1 Big Ten) at the No. 6 singles spot.

With the win over the Wildcats, Notre Dame advances to the Sweet 16 in Athens, Ga., where they will play Alabama on May 15.

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## BASEBALL

# Irish struggle in inaugural ACC campaign



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*Junior first baseman Blaise Lezynski takes a pitch during the 2-1 Irish victory against Clemson on May 9 at Frank Eck Stadium.*

By **MARY GREEN**  
Sports Writer

It was a year of many changes for the Irish in 2014: a new powerhouse conference, a new identity as a team and several new stadiums to call home throughout the season.

Although Notre Dame (19-31, 6-21 ACC) finished as runner-up

in last year's Big East tournament and barely missed out on a trip to the NCAA tournament, the transition to the ACC did not guarantee the team would have the same kind of conference success this year.

"We knew certainly that we were going to go into a conference that, up and down, is extremely competitive and filled with great

teams," Irish coach Mik Aoki said.

Additionally, the Irish lost two of their top offensive powers from the previous season — third baseman Eric Jagielo, now with the Yankees organization, and first baseman Trey Mancini, now with the Orioles organization — and their closer, Dan Slania, currently with the Giants organization, while ace right-hander Adam Norton also graduated.

To fill the holes left by those departures, Aoki said several players have stepped up, such as junior first baseman Blaise Lezynski, who leads the team with his .299 average and 29 RBIs and is the only player to start every game this season.

Junior outfielder Mac Hudgins, a key reserve the past two years, noticeably improved as well, earning 26 starts and batting .288, as did senior right-hander Sean Fitzgerald, who leads the rotation with a 2.29 ERA and 48 strikeouts.

"I've been very gratified to see kids like Blaise Lezynski and Mac Hudgins and Sean Fitzgerald, having gone through everything, and the number of kids having good seasons, having seasons where they've shown a great deal of improvement and development, so from an individual standpoint, I'd point to things like that," Aoki said.

However, the Irish struggled in their new conference, not picking up an ACC win until March

21 against Virginia Tech and not winning a series until mid-April against Boston College.

Aoki said he saw Notre Dame's 7-4 victory at then-No. 11 Miami (Fla.) on April 20 and the team's 13-10 nonconference record as highlights of the season.

Additionally, the Irish were not able to take their home field at Frank Eck Stadium until May 9 because of cold-weather issues that delayed the installment of new FieldTurf. As a result, they were forced to play their home games in various stadiums throughout the area, including Four Winds Field in downtown South Bend, U.S. Steel Yard in Gary, Ind., and CSU Baseball Stadium in Chicago.

"As a coach and for me as an individual, you hate to sit there and make excuses at things like that, but it certainly didn't make a year that was so full of transitions, both from losing some of those players to joining a new conference to having a lot of new guys in different roles, and then to add the fact that old man winter didn't cooperate with us very much in terms of allowing our field to get done," Aoki said. "It was difficult."

Despite these struggles on the diamond, Aoki said his players impressed him with their non-baseball work, noting their "head-shaving escapade," benefiting the Bald and the Beautiful at the meet-the-team dinner Feb.

25 and their active participation with Daniel Alexander, a 12-year-old pediatric brain tumor patient whom the team adopted as its No. 1 fan through the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation.

"You look at some of the stuff off the field — the visit to Walter Reed Hospital [on May 2] was great," Aoki said. "The involvement with Daniel Alexander, who's suffering from a brain tumor, that we've adopted — the relationship he has with our team and in particular a handful of guys like [sophomore outfielder] Kyle Richardson, [sophomore outfielder] Zak Kutsulis and [junior infielder] Phil Mosey, who have really done a really good of leading that. So those are the things that I think sort of stand out."

The team will only lose three players to graduation after this season — Fitzgerald, catcher Forrest Johnson and right-hander Donnie Hissa — and Aoki said he is excited the trio will be able to celebrate its senior day at Frank Eck Stadium.

"I'm thrilled for our program, but in particular, for those three kids," he said of the seniors. "They've been the backbone for our program for a couple of years now, just great kids, so I'm thrilled as can be for those three guys in particular."

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## MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

## Welsh retires after 29th season as coach

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Notre Dame's 2013-2014 campaign was defined by transition and adjustment, as the Irish entered the ACC and longtime head coach Tim Welsh announced his retirement after 29 years at the helm.

"I think this season was an emotional roller coaster ride from November through March," Welsh said. "We were very successful, both on an individual level in terms of [senior] Frank Dyer becoming our first swimmer to earn All-American status, and on a team level, in terms of this group always remaining focused and swimming well all year long."

Dyer, who holds the program record in all freestyle events, finished fifth in the 200-yard freestyle at the NCAA championships and was named an All-American. As a team, the Irish took 30th place at the national championships, in addition to a sixth place finish at the ACC championships and a 5-4 record in dual meets.

Overall, only one of the program's records went unbroken this season.

"Just based off the numbers,

this is the fastest team to date, but what really distinguished this team was the our strength from top to bottom in terms of stellar senior leadership joined with energetic freshmen who were able to contribute right away," Welsh said.

Freshman Joe Cuomos also enjoyed a breakout season, becoming the first Notre Dame diver to qualify for the national championships in all three diving events.

"We were very proud about what Joe was able to do for us in his first season," Welsh said. "It is remarkable to have a freshman be able to come in and compete at such a high level."

As new members of the ACC, the Irish faced tough competition at the conference championships. Although they broke 15 program records over the course of the four-day meet and were in third place after the first day of competition, the Irish faded to sixth place in their conference debut.

"This year was absolutely a giant step forward for us in terms of redefining our position on the national level and through our new conference competition," Welsh said. "Swimming in the

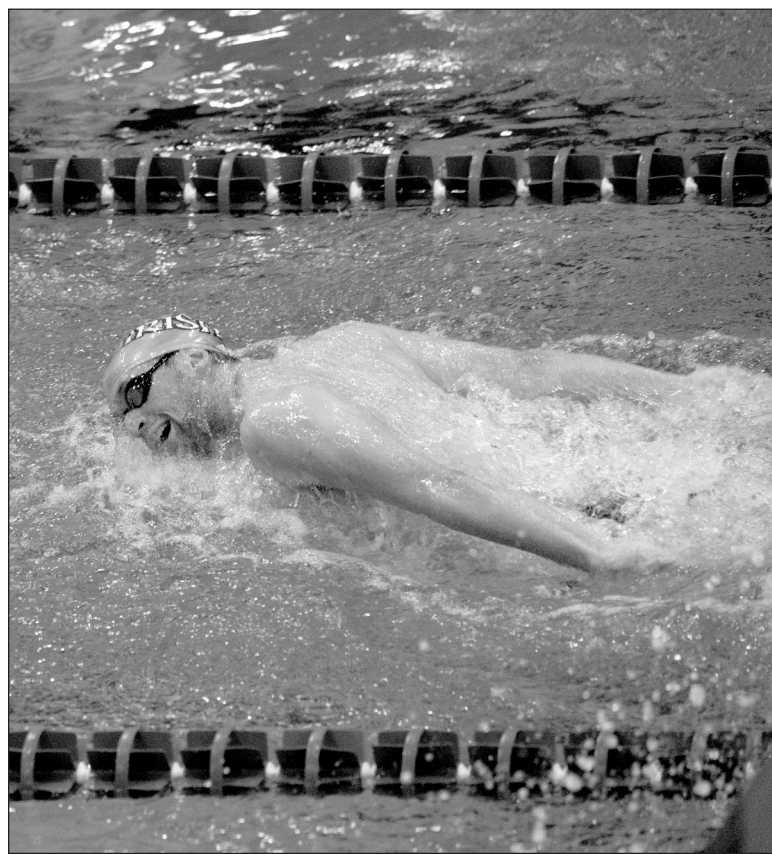
ACC is a giant step. The conference is simply faster, deeper, and more intense than anything we had seen before."

Three weeks later at the NCAA championships in Austin, Texas, Notre Dame earned 14 team points, the second-best finish in the program's history.

Welsh, in his final season, continued to increase the number of Irish swimmers competing in the national championships. 20 of the 23 national-qualifying swimmers during Welsh's tenure have qualified in the past four years.

"This season in particular has been about clarity," Welsh said. "On a practical level we need to train faster and race faster going forward. But as far as identity goes, this season taught us what advancing on the national level means from top to bottom."

His career as head coach completed, Welsh is slated to receive the National Collegiate and Scholastic Swimming Trophy, the highest honor the College Swimming Coaches Association of America can bestow, at the association's banquet on May 22. Welsh retires from Notre Dame with 22 conference titles and a record of 326-179-1 in dual meets over 29 seasons. Matt Tallman,



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*Junior John Williamson competes in the 200-yard butterfly at Notre Dame's dual meet against Michigan State on Nov. 15.*

Welsh's longtime assistant, will succeed the storied coach.

"Stepping aside is what is best for this team at this time," Welsh said. "I plan to remain active in the program and I know that

Matt embodies the vision for what we want this program to achieve going forward."

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## WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

# Reaney sets American record, wins title for ND

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A tie for 16th place at the NCAA championships and the program's first individual national championship highlighted Notre Dame's inaugural season in the ACC.

"[The season] went very well," Irish coach Brian Barnes said. "It was a good year, and I had a lot of fun coaching these girls. We had an incredibly successful year, and it was fun to coach. I definitely grew as a coach, and my swimmers grew as well. I learned a lot about them, and they certainly learned a lot about me. You can look up the stats and the records, but out of the

pool, it was great to watch the team come together. We finished this year with the same result as last year, but the team dynamic was very different."

The biggest storyline concluded on the final day of the season when junior Emma Reaney won Notre Dame's first-ever individual national championship, setting an American record in the process of securing the 200-yard breaststroke title. In winning the national championship, Reaney broke her own record, set just a few weeks earlier at the ACC championships.

"No one's ever done that at Notre Dame, so it's very special," Barnes said. "Men

or women, we've never had an individual national champion. It's great for the University; it's great for Emma; it's great for the whole sport of women's swimming. Now when Emma steps onto the platform, everyone knows who she is."

The Lawrenceville, Kan., native was named ACC Swimmer of the Week five times, won three ACC titles on her way to being named ACC Women's Most Valuable Swimmer, was named ACC Women's Swimmer of the Year and earned three more All-American honors, bringing her career total to 10.

"It was special to get to coach her all year and watch her dominate every step

of the way," Barnes said. "Obviously, she's a fantastic swimmer, but I really saw her grow in terms of confidence and attitude. As a coach, I always say consistency is your best friend, and with Emma, I felt like I knew before every race what I was going to get out of her."

The successful season initially did not appear to be so promising. The Irish struggled out of the gate, dropping their first three dual meets. Despite the poor start, Barnes said he was never worried about the direction of the season.

"A lot of people focus on the record and the win-loss, and that's fine, but that's not how I look at it," Barnes

said. "Our focus is not at the beginning of the year; it's at the end. I love winning dual meets, and I was upset with the way we lost a couple of those races. We could've been 2-1. But was I worried? No. In the beginning, we lost to teams we finished ahead of at [the NCAA championships]."

After losing the first three, the Irish went on a five-meet winning streak to close the fall season, capped off by a first-place finish at the Hawkeye Invitational in December.

Notre Dame then used that momentum as a springboard into its first ACC championship, where the Irish finished sixth.

"We finished sixth at the ACC championships, and sixth is nothing to pat yourself on the back for, but I still liked what I saw from the girls," Barnes said. "The poise they carried themselves with, the confidence they had being the new kids on the block, I was very impressed with that."

After the conference championships, Notre Dame qualified eight swimmers for the NCAA championships. The team of Reaney, seniors Kelly Ryan and Christen McDonough, juniors Bridget Casey, Courtney Whyte and Suzanne Bessire and freshmen Katie Miller and Catherine Mulquin took 16th place in Minnesota.

Despite tying last year's team with the program's highest finish ever at the NCAA championships, Barnes said he believes his team still can do better.

"As a coach, 16th is not something I strive for," Barnes said. "I'm not going to pat myself on the back for a 16th-place finish. I'd like to see us be a little higher, and I think the potential is there for us to improve."

Notre Dame will say goodbye to five seniors: Ryan, McDonough, Sarah Dotzel, Mikelle Masciantonio and Lauren Stauder. Barnes praised the group for the leadership and continued improvement the class showed since first stepping on campus in 2010.

"They are a very good class," Barnes said. "Each year is really defined by the senior class. In terms of leadership, you really go as far as your senior class takes you. Each senior finished their career with their best times, and as a coach, I'm really proud of that. These girls grew so much and went out at the top."

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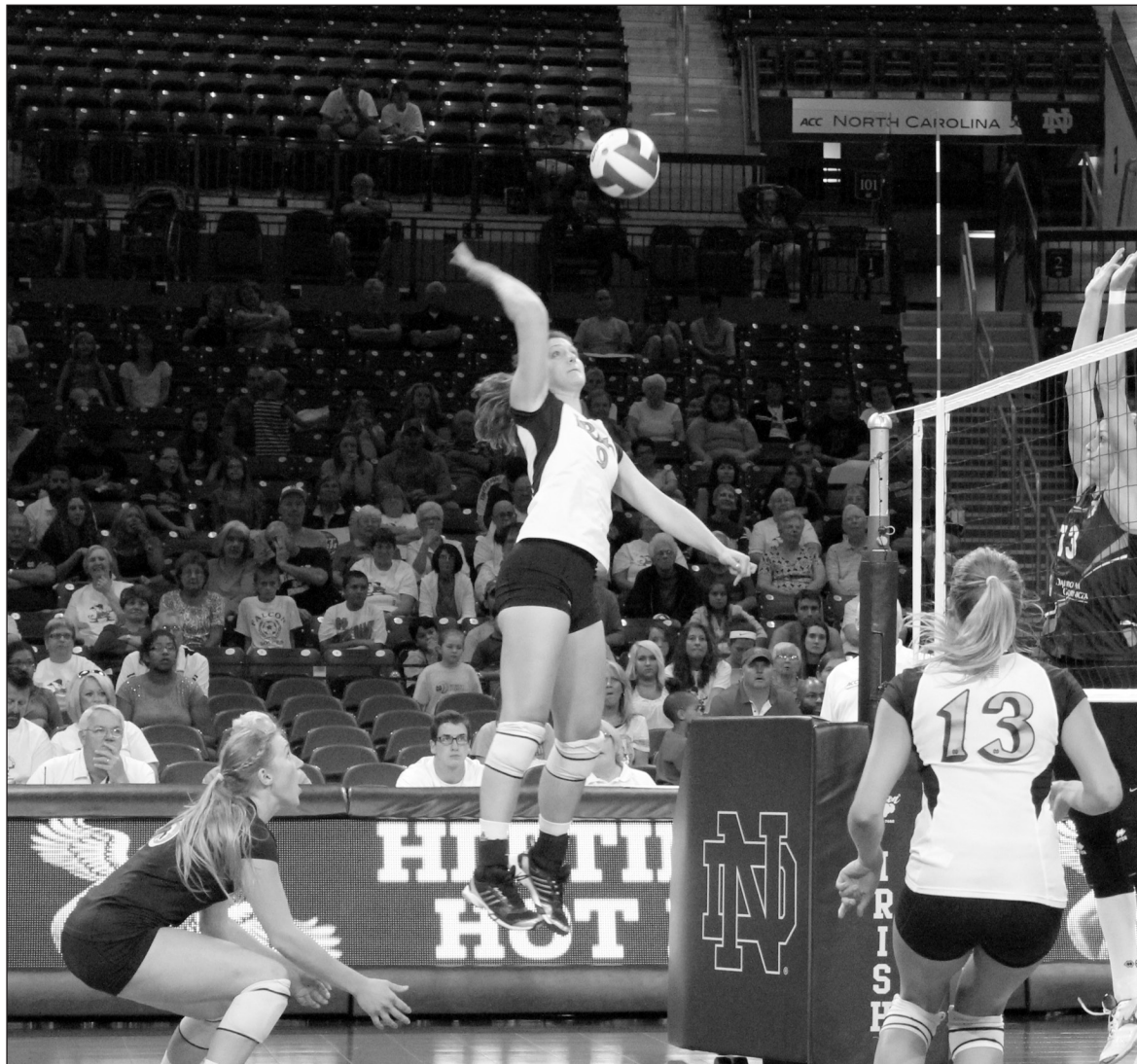
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## ND VOLLEYBALL

# Notre Dame falters in stronger new conference



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**Irish graduate student outside hitter Nicole Smith goes up for a hit during an exhibition match against Polish club team Dabrowa on Sept. 8. Notre Dame lost, 3-0.**

**By SAMANTHA ZUBA**  
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Notre Dame's biggest victory came relatively early in its challenging inaugural ACC schedule when the Irish upset Miami on Oct. 18 at Purcell Pavilion.

The first season in the ACC was a rough one for the Irish (13-18, 7-13 ACC), but they seem ready to use this past year as the foundation for more matches like the Miami win.

Irish coach Debbie Brown expressed this hope.

"Absolutely, we have to build off this season," Brown said. "We want to turn it around completely. We want to have a much more successful season in terms of wins, and we really believe that we'll be able to do that."

The home win against the Hurricanes was the second straight for Notre Dame after an 0-5 start to ACC play.

"It was a good win against Miami at home," Brown said. "It was an upset. The team played well; we were really focused, so that was probably our strongest match of the ACC schedule."

After the upset, the wins came sporadically, as the move to a new conference challenged the Irish to prepare for matches against unfamiliar teams.

"I think it was more just

a matter of getting to know the teams and the coaches and the systems that they run, so I don't think it's really us adjusting as much as knowing what to expect from them," Brown said.

The Irish also had to adjust to the talent level of the ACC, which is stronger overall than the Big East, Brown said.

"It's definitely stronger top to bottom," Brown said. "So I think the top teams are really comparable with the top teams in the Big East, but the bottom teams were much stronger than the bottom teams in the Big East, so I think it was much more challenging night-in and night-out."

Notre Dame claimed another back-to-back set of victories Nov. 1 and 3 against Maryland and Pittsburgh, respectively, and then defeated Boston College twice and Virginia Tech spread out over the course of the season.

Although the Irish bested their opponents in total solo blocks over the course of the season, their opponents held the edge in kills, assists, service aces and digs.

"I think [one of the biggest takeaways was] probably just that it was a growing and learning year," Brown said. "It wasn't one that we achieved well, but I think

that we learned a lot from it, and I think that the team returning is very hungry and focused and ready for the challenge for the next season."

The Irish ended their season with a loss but won two of their final four games, and set themselves up to have a better edge for next season, Brown said. Notre Dame will welcome a large class of six freshmen but now has one season in the ACC under its belt.

"I think it'll help a lot, certainly seeing each of the teams at least once, and some of them we saw twice," Brown said. "Additionally, I hired Craig Bere as our assistant, and he's been at Georgia Tech for the past five years, so he has five years of experience ... in the ACC, which will be a huge help to us as well, so definitely the familiarity is an important aspect of the preparation."

Four seniors will leave the Irish: setter Maggie Brindock, right side/defensive specialist Sammie Brown, libero/outside hitter Andrea McHugh and middle blocker Andie Olsen. Outside hitter Nicole Smith will stay on as a graduate student.

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## FENCING

# Irish collect two individual titles

## Observer Staff Report

After falling just short of an NCAA championship last year, finishing as runner-up to Princeton, the Irish ended their 2014 season with two national champions and a sixth-place finish at the NCAA championships.

Notre Dame started the year with dominating performances at NYU and St. John's at the two-day New York Duals on Jan. 25-26. At NYU, the Irish won nine of 12 matches, and the next day at St. John's, the men captured second, while the women took third.

The Irish then travelled to Evanston, Ill., to take on some of the top schools in the country at the Northwestern Duals on Feb. 1. There, the men went 5-2, even without top senior foilist Gereek Meinhardt. The women posted a 4-3 team record behind strong performances in epee and foil.

The foil squad, consisting of sophomores Nicole McKee and Sarah Followill and senior Adriana Camacho, posted a perfect 9-0 record against Stanford in a 20-7 Irish victory at the dual meet. The epee squad  $\frac{3}{4}$  sophomore Catherine Lee and juniors Nicole Ameli and Ashley Severson  $\frac{3}{4}$  also recorded an undefeated 9-0 mark, theirs coming in a 22-5 win over UC San Diego.

Next on the docket for the Irish was the DeCicco Duals, a home meet for the Irish at the Castellan Family Fencing Center on Feb. 8-9. There, the Irish set a home attendance record of 698 for their bout with Penn State, which came down to the wire, with the women pulling out a 14-13 win. The

Irish won 15 of 16 matches over the weekend, including an undefeated 8-0 mark from the women.

After a three-week break, the Irish returned to the Castellan Family Fencing Center for the Midwestern Fencing Conference Championships on March 1-2. On the first day of action, senior Ariel DeSmet and sophomore Lee Kiefer took individual titles in men's and women's foil, respectively.

The Irish and Ohio State hovered near the top of the standings throughout the two-day meet for, and the conference title came down to the final match between the women's epee squads. With the score tied, freshman Eva Niklinska took on Buckeyes sophomore Becca Rutan in a winner-take-all match. Rutan controlled the match and clinched the title for the Buckeyes, 1,590-1,550.

After qualifying 10 of the maximum 12 fencers for the NCAA championships on March 20-23, the Irish travelled to Columbus, Ohio, in hopes of raising their fifth NCAA championship banner since the NCAA combined men's and women's championships in 1990. However, the Irish struggled as a team, falling to fifth after the first two days of competition and sliding to sixth by the end of the four-day meet.

The meet was not without its positives, though, as Kiefer became a repeat NCAA champion in women's foil, facing Irish junior Madison Zeiss for the title. Meinhardt, too, became a two-time NCAA champion, capping his Notre Dame career with the men's foil crown, in addition to being named the No. 1 foilist in the world.



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**Irish sophomore foilist Lee Kiefer lunges for a point during the DeCicco duals at the JACC on Feb. 8.**



## TRACK AND FIELD

# Irish women place second, men third, in ACC

By **MATT GARCIA**  
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While the school year may be over for some, Notre Dame's season will not conclude until late July. With twelve top-five finishes in meets between the men and women, the team's success in the 2013-2014 season has already been secured. Among these finishes, the Irish placed in second for the women and third for the men at the ACC outdoor championships, while both the men and women finished in third at the indoor conference championship.

Two of Notre Dame's top sprinters, senior Pat Feeney and junior Chris Giesting, were key to the men's high finish, combining to score 28 points in two individual events and two relays. Both have already qualified for the NCAA regional meet in Jacksonville, Fla., with the chance to repeat as All-Americans in the 400-meter dash.

"Pat and Chris have a shot at once again placing at nationals, which would be huge for the team," freshman sprinter Harvey Smith said.

In addition to Feeney and Giesting, Smith was quick to note the impact that graduate student distance runner Nick Happe has made on the team this year. Happe has run the fastest 5000-meter race on the team this season and dipped below the four-minute barrier in the mile during the indoor season.

"Coming over from [Arizona State], Nick was able to get a lot of points for us this year," Smith said. "Hopefully, he makes it to nationals and does well there like he has all season."

When Happe ran below four minutes in the Meyo Mile at the Meyo Invitational on Feb. 8, he finished in third, just behind the winner, law student Jeremy Rae, who has been in the spotlight for most of the season. Rae's time of 3:57.25 set a school record and was the fastest mile in the country at the time.

"Jeremy has been a huge part of the team, both in competition and at practice," Smith said.

Notre Dame has had an equally successful season on the women's side as well. Competing in the ACC outdoor championships for the first time, the women placed second overall, led by junior Jade Barber's season-best time in the 100-meter hurdles.

The performance of both Barber and senior Michelle Brown throughout the indoor and outdoor seasons were a key component of the team. Barber was named an All-American after finishing in seventh in the 60-meter hurdles at the indoor championships. Brown cut her personal best in the 200-meter dash by over a quarter of a second, a significant improvement.

"Michelle was another one who had a breakout-type year, for her it was in the 200-meter race," Smith said. "And Jade was clearly one of the biggest stars of the team."

The Irish will continue their outdoor season with the NCAA regional meet in Jacksonville, Fla., on May 29-31, followed by the NCAA outdoor championships in Eugene, Ore., from June 11-14.

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*Irish graduate student Nick Happe leads the field during the Notre Dame Invitational on Jan. 25. Happe ran the Meyo Mile in under four minutes at the Meyo Invitational on Feb. 8.*

## ND WOMEN'S GOLF

## Notre Dame plagued by inconsistency

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The Irish capped an up-and-down season that included handful of strong individual performances with a successful showing in their inaugural ACC championship.

Notre Dame struggled with consistency, especially during the fall, when it earned just two top-10 finishes in five tournaments. The team's best performance during the season was third place at the Mary Fossum Invitational in East Lansing, Mich., in September. In that tournament, junior Ashley

Armstrong closed with a final-round score of 69 to put her at a total of four-over, which put her in a tie for second in the individual competition. Armstrong's success in the tournament was aided by the support of her teammates, one of the defining characteristics of this year's team, Irish coach Susan Holt said. "We really haven't had that one player this year that has really stood out," Holt said. "It really has brought [the team members] a lot closer, and they have made a strong support system among themselves."

The depth on the Irish was

key during the season, Holt said. When it came to scoring averages, the team had four players within a stroke of each other — Armstrong, senior Kristina Nhim, freshman Jordan Ferreira and sophomore Talia Campbell.

"It's been good from a standpoint that they all realize that they have to contribute," Holt said. "[They realize] that they're critical pieces to the puzzle for us to play well. There's a lot of mutual respect that I think has been great to watch develop the whole season."

Notre Dame had its most complete performance of the year in March, when it

took second at the Clover Cup, an event the team hosted during spring break. Nhim won the individual competition tournament, held in Mesa, Ariz., for her first collegiate victory. Her final score was a three-under-par 213 (68-72-73). "[Nhim] has had a nice career here and that was really nice for her to pick up a victory in her senior year," Holt said. "For the five players we have [entering next season], three of them have won collegiate events. Not many teams can say that. We have a lot of depth and a really good chance of showing that [moving forward]."

The Irish, however, struggled in their next two tournaments, the LSU Golf Classic and the Rebel Intercollegiate, where they finished 11th and tied for 13th, respectively. They began postseason play with a tie for 5th at their first ACC championship, beating three top-25 teams and tying another.

The Irish closed their season with an 18th-place finish at the NCAA Regionals on May 10 at the Tumble Creek Club at Suncadia Resort in Cle Elum, Wash.

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## ND CROSS COUNTRY

# ND places in top 30 at NCAAs



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*Irish senior Martin Grady races down the fairway of Notre Dame Golf Course during the Notre Dame Invitational on Oct. 4.*

## Observer Staff Report

Four top-five finishes for both the men and women and an All-American individual performance for the first time since 2008 highlighted Notre Dame's season, which culminated in both teams qualifying for the NCAA championship in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Irish started their season at the Crusader Open, as they have every year since 2003. Running without most of their regular varsity squads, both the men's and women's teams finished in the top two, with the women winning the meet for the first time since 2010.

Individually, sophomore Sydni Meunier and senior Patrick Lesiewicz led the Irish, crossing the finish line first in the women's and men's races, respectively. It was the first varsity win in each runner's collegiate career. Notre Dame placed at least three runners in the top five of both races.

The varsity squad made its unofficial debut two weeks later at the National Catholic Championships at Notre Dame Golf Course. Facing top Catholic schools such as Marquette and Xavier, the Irish rolled to a sweep of the men's and women's team titles, including a 1-2-3 finish in the women's race from seniors Kelly Curran and Alexa Aragon and junior Emily Frydrych.

On the men's side, Notre Dame lost the individual crown to Loyola junior Sam Penzenstadler but swept in after him, claiming the next six spots for a decisive team victory.

Two weeks later, the Irish returned to the Notre Dame Golf Course for the Notre Dame Invitational. However, they were unable to repeat their previous domination, with the men finishing in sixth and the women placing seventh.

At their next meet, the Wisconsin adidas Invitational, both the men's and women's teams managed to place in the

top fifteen against an elite field, despite battling injuries and illnesses.

Graduate student Jeremy Rae, returning from an injury which derailed his previous season, led the Irish in both races, placing fifth and 45th, respectively.

In the postseason, the Irish men placed third and the women fourth in both the ACC championships and the NCAA Great Lakes regional. Rae, Curran, junior Hannah Eckstein and senior Martin Grady each earned all-ACC honors, while Rae, Grady and Curran all finished in the top 10 at the regional meet.

At the national championship, the women performed below expectations, finishing 29th in a field of 31 teams, while the men placed 23rd. Grady led the Irish, claiming 35th place and All-American accolades, while the women's squad was led once again by Curran, who placed 94th.

## MEN'S GOLF

# Platt leads Irish to sixth at ACCs, qualifies for regionals

By KIT LOUGHRAN  
Sports Writer

Like a golfer hitting a strong drive down the fairway to open a round, Notre Dame kicked off a solid 2014 campaign in its debut season as the newest members of the ACC.

The Irish found themselves not only in a new conference, but also with only one senior in their regular starting lineup. For a younger team in a new field of competition, Notre Dame's seventh-place finish in the ACC speaks volumes for the team's performance this season, Irish coach James Kubinski said.

Despite not making the cut for the NCAA championship, Kubinski said he was pleased the team stayed competitive.

"While we'll miss NCAAs by 20 spots or so in the rankings, our spring play was in line with NCAA teams," Kubinski said. "I think that fact can be attributed to both our senior leadership and the growth our younger players experienced. We showed we can play with top teams."

Senior co-captain Niall Platt placed in the top five consistently for the Irish and anchored the team's veteran leadership. Platt became Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer after he posted a second-place finish at the Irish Creek Collegiate on April 6.

After Notre Dame's season ended, Platt earned an individual bid to the 2014 NCAA championship and will make his third career NCAA regional start. Platt is slated to compete at the NCAA Sugar Grove

regional at Rich Harvest Farms in Sugar Grove, Ill., on May 15-17.

With his 71.85 scoring average, Platt is only the second golfer in program history to be chosen as an individual competitor for an NCAA regional, joining 2010 graduate Josh Sandman.

"Niall has been the most consistent player I've ever been around, in score, approach and technique," Kubinski said. "He finished second in his very first tournament at [Notre Dame] and has never let up. Niall played every single tournament for us over his four years, which is a rarity in itself."

"He's also the first player I know of who counted in the team score 100 percent of the rounds played [33 of 33 this year]. It's a testament to not only his ability, but also his emotional maturity, focus and competitiveness."

For Platt, being able to take on the responsibility of a team captain while continuing to perform at an elite level stemmed from his ability to control his mentality on the course, he said.

"This year I was better prepared mentally to lead the team," Platt said. "Last year, I put too much pressure on myself thinking I had to be the guy to carry the team, but this year, I took away that pressure and was able to perform to the best of my ability. Personally, I'm most proud of the way I grew mentally this year, which was something I really needed to improve moving forward."

In addition to Platt, junior Patrick Grahek provided consistency on the course throughout

the spring. Grahek improved as the season went on, lowering his scoring average to 74, second best on the team.

"Patrick has come as far these last 12 months as any player we've had in that type of time period," Kubinski said. "He has made enormous gains in both his physical skills and mental toughness. The exciting thing is that he can still grow some more. His confidence is as high as it has ever been, which is so important."

Grahek peaked at Notre Dame's inaugural ACC championships with a top-ten finish. Following a career-low score of 67 in the final round, Grahek tied for ninth place with a combined score of seven-under-par.

"It was very exciting to finish my season off the way I did," Grahek said. "I had been waiting for that breakout performance all year. My final round [of] 67 at the ACC Championship was one of the most fun rounds of golf I have ever played. To embrace the circumstances and the environment and play some incredible golf was a really fun experience."

Kubinski, Platt and Grahek all agreed that the combined talent in the rising upperclassmen and the team's increasing familiarity with the new conference indicate the Irish can build off this past season.

"I think we all saw it in ourselves and as a team that we have the potential to be a contender for the national title every year if we put our best effort into our golf," Grahek said.

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## ROWING

# ND enters ACC championship with first win of year

By **JOSH DULANY**  
Sports Writer

After its first victory of the season at the Dale England Cup, No. 10 Notre Dame heads to the ACC championships on May 16-17, in order to potentially qualify for the NCAA championships in Indianapolis, from May 30 - June 1. The Irish enter the season's final stretch riding the momentum of the victory at the Cup, which was hosted by No. 13 Indiana.

"The win really helped us gain some confidence," Irish coach Martin Stone said. "We were coming off a tough couple of weeks where we had faced something like five top-ten teams and Indiana was No. 13, so getting the win just kind of told us, 'Hey, we're doing what we're doing and we just got to keep doing it.'"

Notre Dame's season has featured competition with six top-ten squads. At the Lake Natoma Invitational in Folsom, Calif., on April 12-13, the Irish finished fifth behind No. 2 California, No.

1 Brown, No. 4 Stanford and No. 8 USC. Following that showing, Notre Dame failed to win a race in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge in Belleville, Mich., against No. 3 Ohio State and No. 9 Michigan.

Despite these struggles, the Irish not only took the win in the Dale England Cup, but they head to the ACC championship with the conference's fastest varsity eight lineup. The crew of senior coxswain Christina Dines, senior Teresa Rubinger, freshman Hilary Shinnick, junior Anna Kottkamp, junior Erin Boxberger, freshman Molly Bruggeman, senior Courtney Gaberino and sophomore Joanna Mulvey posted the time of 6:17.90 at the Dale England Cup in a race against the Hoosiers.

That varsity eight squad will be one of Notre Dame's three varsity eight entries at the ACC championships, along with its one varsity four entry. Stone said the Irish will need a strong effort from the entire team to reach their full potential.



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*Senior Molly Bruggeman and junior Erin Boxberger stroke down the river as senior coxswain Christina Dines leads the crew in practice on April 25, 2012.*

"It's hard to pinpoint one or two team members that stand out because each person brings something different," Stone said. "Everyone brings something unique on and off the water and we need everyone if we are going to reach the level we want to be at and get the wins we are capable of."

The Irish are the second-highest ranked team in the ACC, behind No. 5 Virginia,

who is also the defending conference champions. Stone said the team's goals going into the tournament are very clear.

"We want to win," Stone said. "Obviously that's what the expectations are. We want to compete hard at the ACCs and qualify for NAAs. I think we are more than capable. We've taken some time to recover, we've finalized the teams and now

we've got to ramp things up and compete."

The ACC championships get underway at Lake Hartwell in Clemson, S.C., on May 16-17 and will consist of 17 events.. If the Irish qualify for the 22-team NCAA field, they will compete in Indianapolis, Ind., from May 30 to June 1.

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## SMC: Year in Review

*Cross Country records highest conference finish in program history; Soccer wins 10 games for third season in a row*

### Basketball

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Saint Mary's had its highs and lows throughout the season, but as Belles coach Jenn Henley will be sure to tell you, her team never gave up.

"That is what I will remember this team for the most," she said. "They never quit."

The Belles (7-18, 5-11 MIAA) opened their season in mid-November with tournaments at St. Norbert in Green Bay, Wis., and Wheaton in Wheaton, Ill. Although they went 1-3 at the tournaments, the Belles blew past Northland, 83-33, for their first win of the season.

Despite three three-game losing streaks of three games during the season, Henley said she remained confident in her team, even after a 90-89 loss on Dec. 7 to North Central on a buzzer-beater.

"The game against North Central was a good one for us," she said. "Even though we lost, we maintained such an intense pace of play against a team who runs the [fast-paced] Grinnell system."

The Belles carried that intensity into their next game, against Trine. Saint Mary's secured a 60-42 victory for Saint Mary's, its first conference win of the year.

Henley also highlighted conference wins over Alma and Albion in January as high points in the season.

Against Alma (0-25, 0-16), the Belles trailed by 10 with 8:51 to play, but a 13-0 run gave them a 70-67 win over the Scots. Senior guard Shanlynn Bias, who led the team this season with 14.7 points per game and 2.68 assists per game, had a game-high 20 points.

After a stretch of three tough losses, a back-and-forth game against Albion (9-16, 5-11) ended knotted at 55-55. Henley said the Belles once again demonstrated their resiliency, which she saw in her team, missing just one shot in overtime to secure a 67-64 win.

Although the Belles struggled towards the end of the year, dropping five of their last six, they defeated Alma 72-61 on Senior Day and finished with a 7-18 record overall, an improvement over their 5-20 record in 2012-13.

Henley said she is looking forward to seeing how her young team will continue to progress next season without two important leaders, graduating seniors Bias and forward Katherine Wabler.

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### Cross Country

By **KIT LOUGHRAN**  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's hit the ground running from the start and never looked back over the course of the 2013 campaign. The Belles

matched their highest conference finish to date, won the Manchester Invitational and finished in 14th place at their NCAA regional, the best finish in program history.

"In my mind, this past season was one of our best seasons to date," Belles coach Jacqueline Bauters said. "Entering the season, I was both anxious and nervous about the season due to such a large number of first-years, as well as new upperclass-women. I was very proud of how they came together as a group."

With five first-years and eight underclassmen running for the Belles, senior captain Jessica Biek set the tone throughout the season, leading the young team in every race for the second consecutive year.

At the MIAA championships, Biek finished in ninth place in a personal-best time of 22:46, which earned her All-MIAA honors. Two weeks later, she reset her personal record at the Great Lakes Regional and was named to the All-Region squad. Biek as the sixth runner in program history to earn All-MIAA honors and only the third Belle to receive all-conference and all-region accolades in the same season.

"Individually, I'm proud that I pushed myself faster every single race to eventually get down to a 22:35 time for the 3.7-mile race, [but] the biggest takeaway from this season [for me] has been the importance of having a group of supportive people around while trying

to accomplish a goal," Biek said. "I don't think our team would have been as motivated and successful without our positive team culture."

As a team, Saint Mary's enjoyed one of its most successful seasons in program history. The Belles posted their best finish in a conference event since 2010 with a fourth-place showing at the MIAA Jamboree on Sept. 23. On Nov. 2, the Belles beat out Alma by two points to claim third place at the MIAA Championship, which earned them third place overall in the league, matching the team's best-ever finish.

"Our conference championship stands out as one of the most memorable days," Bauters said. "While we had a decent amount of consistency in our top five to seven, the places were interchanging frequently, and everyone did their job that day to ensure a third-place finish."

Moving forward, The Belles will enter their 2014 campaign with five of their top seven runners back to lead the way once again.

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### Lacrosse

By **REBECCA ROGALSKI**  
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After three long months of close games and near-victories, Saint Mary's ended its inaugural varsity season with an overall record of 2-13

and a 1-7 mark in the MIAA.

The Belles kicked off their first season by travelling to Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., to take on Hendrix, Millsaps, Defiance and Rhodes over four days. Although Saint Mary's lost all four games, it progressively narrowed the scoring margin in each contest.

The Belles' first win in program history came in their first home game on April 5 against Illinois Tech. The Belles jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, taking the victory, 16-4. The Belles' lone conference victory of the season came against Trine on April 18. First-year midfielder Aubrey Golembieski, who led the team with 39 goals, scored the game-winning goal in overtime to propel Saint Mary's to a 9-8 win.

The Belles closed out their season with a 24-6 loss to Alma at home on April 26. Despite concluding the season with a losing record overall and in MIAA play, Belles coach Amy Long said her players kept their heads up and focused on strengthening the team's foundation.

"I am so incredibly proud that our players kept a positive attitude in our final games of the season and continued to play with pride," Long said. "I'm sure it is frustrating

for the girls to lose so many games in a season, so to see them still give their all and play in high spirits is just wonderful."

As the program looks ahead to



# SMC Year

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next season, Long said she believes the team's positive camaraderie will help the Belles progress.

"I am looking forward to having a larger team next season," Long said. "We will have eight to 10 incoming freshman on the team, and I know that our players are looking forward to the growth of our program. It will be great to have [substitutes] for our games and have our players push each other even more next season. Overall, I am incredibly optimistic that we will be able to have a winning season next year."

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## Softball

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After four years as Saint Mary's go-to starting pitcher, senior Callie Selner's career came to an end, as she split her last two starts against Alma.

The Belles (16-16, 6-10 MIAA) did not qualify for the NCAA championships, but three juniors, eight sophomores and three freshmen return for next season.

Selner, the squad's lone senior, was second on the team in batting average with .333, tied for second in RBIs with 14 and second in home runs with four.

Pitching, Selner also finished third in the MIAA with 97 strikeouts, and led the team with a 3.19 ERA.

Selner ranks third in program history for career doubles with 31 and for career RBIs with 101. She has been one of the best pitchers in Saint Mary's history, setting school records for most wins in a single season with 17, most career wins with 46 and most career strikeouts with 373.

"Those records mean that all my hard work and dedication over the years have really paid off," Selner said. "I think my main goal was to go out with a bang my senior year, and that helped drive my work ethic this winter. I give credit to all my coaches for pushing me and helping me get to where I am today."

Selner is not the only current Belles player in the record books. Sophomore catcher and first baseman Jillian Busfield established herself this season as one of the best hitters in Belles' history. Busfield already had broken the program's single-season record for home runs, with 11, and credits Selner for pushing her to become a better player.

"She is very similar to me in

personality, so when I'm down, it's very easy for her to pick me up or vice versa," Busfield said. "It's a quality I have always looked up to in her. ... She is a great hitter. I feed off of her strong energy and use her image on the field as a reminder that I too can do as she does."

For the first time since 2009, the Belles failed to finish among the top four in the MIAA, but Selner said she remains optimistic about the future.

"The future of Saint Mary's softball is in good hands, and I think Coach Zache will start to leave a legacy in years to come" Selner said.

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## Golf

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Saint Mary's enjoyed an impressive fall season in coach Kim Moore's inaugural year, followed by a frustrating spring campaign, as the Belles fell just short of qualifying for the NCAA Div. III championship.

The team started off the fall strong, with a fifth-place finish in its own O'Brien National Invitational, then went through three weeks of near-misses, finishing in second place in the next four MIAA meets.

One of the brightest spots in this stretch for the Belles was the performance of freshman Ali Mahoney and senior Paige Pollak at Trine on Oct. 5. Mahoney and Pollack both scored in the 70s, the first time Saint Mary's has had two golfers shoot under 80 in the same round in four years.

However, the Belles' best individual performance of the fall came in the last match of the season at the MIAA End-of-Season Jamboree at Olivet, Mich., where junior Janice Heffernan shot a 75, the fifth-lowest score in a conference competition in program history.

In the spring season, Saint Mary's started off slow, failing to crack the top-five in its first two invitationals. However, the Belles bounced back with a solid fourth-place finish at the Ohio Wesleyan Laura Bump Invite in Ostrander, Ohio. Heffernan once again led the Belles, shooting a 78 on the second day to finish ninth overall, while sophomore Sammie Averill finished 11th.

With this momentum, the Belles entered the three MIAA NCAA qualifiers. The Belles finished second in each meet, but failed to qualify for the tournament, finishing 50 strokes behind Olivet.

Despite this disappointment, Moore was pleased with her team's season.

"Obviously our goal every year is to play our way into NCAA national championship, so I guess we fell short in that sense," Moore said. "However, with such a young team comprised of just three underclassmen, I felt we more than held our own in the conference"

Looking ahead, Moore said she is incredibly excited about next year's prospects, thanks to the strong performances of the team's younger players.

"I saw an immense amount of improvement amongst the team throughout the year," Moore said.

As the Belles move forward, they will do so without seniors Alexi Brown and Paige Pollak, both of whom have had a massive impact on the team, Moore said.

"Both girls were incredibly consistent for us this year, both in the spring and the fall season," Moore said. "Their leadership will be very difficult to replace, but I am proud to have had them as members of this team"

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## Volleyball

By ZACH KLONSINSKI  
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Led by three all-conference players, the Belles had one of their best seasons ever.

The team's main goal for the year was to qualify for the MIAA tournament at the end of the season by finishing in the conference's top four, Belles coach Toni Elyea said. Saint Mary's (12-15, 8-8 MIAA) accomplished this goal with a regular season-finale win over rival Adrian in five sets, 3-2. The match also helped the Belles avenge an earlier loss in the season to Adrian on Oct. 1.

Even though Saint Mary's was knocked out in the first match of MIAA tournament by eventual national champion Calvin, Elyea said she was pleased by her team's season.

"To have a fourth place finish in one of the top D-III conferences in the country, where the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the conference are also the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the nation, is not an easy task," Elyea said. "I could not be more proud of their accomplishments this year."

Statistically, Saint Mary's improved in many different categories from the 2012 season. With all-MIAA selections juniors Kati Schneider and Melanie Kuczek and sophomore Katie Hecklinski leading the charge, Saint Mary's

combined for more than 1,200 kills as a team, something it had not accomplished since 2008. Freshman Claire McMillan's 922 assists were a team high, and junior Meredith Mersits led the team with 436 digs.

Elyea added that the Belles also performed well in the classroom, as the team combined for a GPA of 3.5 during the season.

"I felt like we had so much success on and off the court this year," Elyea said.

Elyea said that that the strength in the classroom is something Saint Mary's has always prided itself on, as the program has won a combined 11 MIAA Team GPA awards in its history.

Without a senior on the roster, the full Belles' squad will return next year. Although the team qualified for the season-ending tournament, Elyea said Saint Mary's still has room to improve. "We were not at all satisfied with how many close matches we lost last year," Elyea said. "Next fall, we will have a very talented group of young ladies that are determined to finish out their four years at the top of the MIAA conference."

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## Soccer

Observer Staff Report

The combination of a prolific freshman goal-scorer and a strong finish pushed the Belles to a third consecutive season with at least 10 wins.

Saint Mary's (10-7-3, 8-5-3 MIAA) started the season with losses in four of its first six matches and dropped its first two conference matches. Then, after three straight ties, the Belles rebounded to post an 8-3-3 record down the stretch and secure a 10-win season.

The Belles finished fifth in the MIAA and had three players named to the all-conference first team.

Goalkeeper Chanler Rosenbaum and defenders Kerry Green and Mary Kate Hussey, all juniors, were honored. The Belles recorded seven shutouts on the season and conceded 23 scores in 20 matches.

Freshman forward Rosie Biehl led the Saint Mary's offense with eight total goals, and 11 other players scored at least once. No other player besides Biehl tallied more than three goals.

After their slow start, the Belles put together a seven-match unbeaten streak in September and October, grabbing four wins and three draws.

The streak started off with three consecutive draws in conference

play — 0-0 against Calvin, 1-1 against Hope, and 2-2 against Albion — before the squad reeled off four straight wins.

Saint Mary's defeated Trine and Kalamazoo with overtime goals in back-to-back matches during the winning streak.

The Belles then dropped three straight matches before closing the season strong by recording another four-match win streak.

Saint Mary's defeated Adrian, 3-2, in double overtime in its penultimate match before dispatching Trine, 5-0, in the season finale.

## Tennis

Observer Staff Report

After missing out on the MIAA's four-team conference tournament via a tiebreaker in 2013, the Belles focused on staking their claim to a top-four spot in 2014. Saint Mary's succeeded in snagging the fourth seed in the tournament and ended the year with a 5-3 conference record.

Led at No. 1 singles by senior co-captain Mary Catherine Faller, the Belles (11-8, 5-3 MIAA) posted a record of 11-8 and improved their finish in the conference standings for the third consecutive season.

Saint Mary's finished sixth in 2012 and fifth after the tiebreaker was applied last season. This year, the Belles finally broke into the league's top four.

After starting the year slowly at 1-2, the Belles quickly righted the ship, rattling off five wins in their next six games to establish a winning record that they would not relinquish for the rest of the season.

Sophomore Andrea Feters made an immediate impact in her first season with the team, moving her way up from No. 6 to No. 4 singles en route to a 12-3 record in singles matches during the spring season.

Feters was key to the Belles' victory over Calvin on April 23. She won her singles match at the No. 5 spot and her doubles match with sophomore Margaret Faller. With the victory over the Knights (6-11, 4-4), the Belles clinched a playoff berth and secured a ninth consecutive season of 10 or more victories.

In the MIAA tournament, the Belles lost to top-seeded Kalamazoo, who went on to lose to Hope in the conference title match, 5-1.

The Belles picked up a victory at No. 1 doubles, and when the No. 2 doubles match went to a tiebreaker, Saint Mary's had an opportunity to grab its first lead of the match. But Kalamazoo took the win and then won three singles matches in a row to secure the team victory.

## SAINT MARY'S YEAR in REVIEW

**AUG. 31** Under new golf coach Kim Moore, the Belles begin their season at the Olivet Labor Day Tee-Off.

**OCT. 6** Soccer wins 1-0 against Trine on a penalty kick by senior midfielder Mollie Valencia in the 103rd minute. The match was the fifth overtime affair for the Belles, a program high.

**OCT. 7** Freshman forward Rosie Biehl and junior defender Kerry Green are named the MIAA Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week, respectively, in soccer.

**NOV. 1** Volleyball tops Adrian, 3-2, to clinch a spot in the four-team MIAA tournament for the first time since 2008.

**NOV. 2** Cross country finishes third at the MIAA

championships with a team score of 102.

**NOV. 9** Junior outside hitter Kati Schneider (first team) and sophomore outside hitter Katie Hecklinski (second) both receive All-MIAA honors in volleyball.

**NOV. 12** Three soccer players — juniors goalkeeper Chanler Rosenbaum and defenders Mary Kate Hussey and Green — are named to the All-MIAA first team, marking the first time in program history Saint Mary's has landed three players on the squad.

**NOV. 16** Cross country senior Jessica Biek earns All-Region honors as the Belles finish 14th at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional.

**DEC. 4** Green earns a spot on the NCAA Divi-

sion III All-Central Region team for soccer.

**FEB. 22** Basketball loses its season finale 77-65 to Albion and finishes the season 7-18 (5-11 in MIAA play).

**MARCH 4** Senior basketball guard Shanlynn Bias earns a spot on the All-MIAA second team. Bias finished fourth in the conference in scoring with an average of 15.8 points per game.

**MARCH 9** Lacrosse makes its varsity program debut with a loss to Hendrix.

**APRIL 5** Lacrosse earns the program's first win, a 16-4 domination of Illinois Tech

**APRIL 25** Sophomore first baseman Jillian Busfield and senior pitcher Callie Selner

smashed back-to-back home runs on three separate occasions during softball's doubleheader sweep of Manchester.

**APRIL 26** Softball splits with Alma and finishes the season 16-16 (6-10 in the MIAA).

**APRIL 28** Golf concludes its season with a second-place finish in the third MIAA NCAA qualifying round.

**MAY 1** Tennis loses to top-seeded Kalamazoo in the MIAA semifinals.

**MAY 2** Tennis senior Mary Catherine Faller wins the MIAA Sportsmanship Award and is named to the All-MIAA second team. May 8 Busfield is named to the All-MIAA first team for the second consecutive season.



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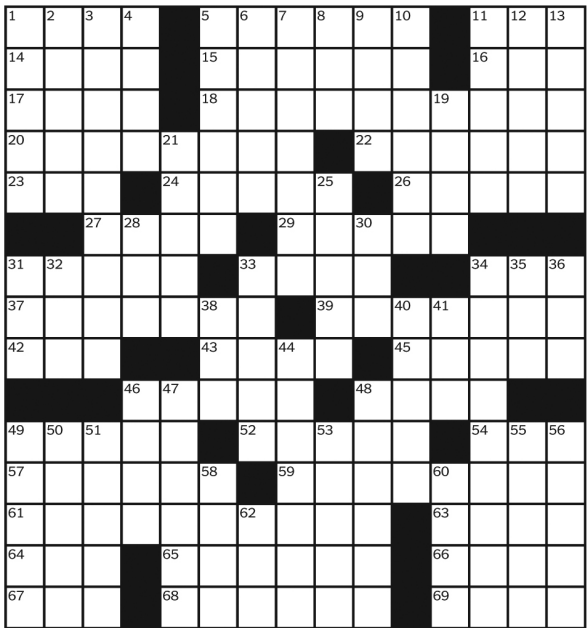
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16 Oven cleaner component  
17 Not yet out of the running  
18 With 61-Across, some beachwear . . . which literally can be found five times in this puzzle  
20 Passing remarks?  
22 Long-lasting living room illuminator  
23 Squealer's place  
24 Judge's repeated cry  
26 Hue  
27 Vote  
29 Mrs. Gorbachev

31 Went off one's rocker?  
33 Greek consonants  
34 Alternative to an ellipsis, maybe  
37 Lose heart  
39 "War and Peace" heroine  
42 Opposite of 31-Across  
43 Digging too deep  
45 A lot  
46 Archie Bunker, e.g.  
48 Self-referential, in modern lingo  
49 James Woods's voice role in "Hercules"  
52 Like South Korea vis-à-vis North Korea  
54 College degs.  
57 Compacts produced until 2004  
59 City with the slogan "Step Into the Real Texas"

**DOWN**  
1 Neighbor of Perseus, in the night sky  
2 Coffee go-with  
3 Adviser on dos and don'ts  
4 1974 Peace Nobel  
5 Spiraling  
6 Spent  
7 Quick promos  
8 Dada pioneer  
9 Climber's handhold  
10 Hound  
11 Gene Vincent's "Be-Bop-\_\_\_\_"  
12 Council of clergy  
13 Privacy provider, of a sort  
19 Dept. of Labor division  
21 "A Woman, Called \_\_\_\_" (Ingrid Bergman's final film)  
25 Wet  
28 Alley \_\_\_\_  
30 "When good time?"  
31 Radical '60s org.  
32 Subject of a 1773 Act of Parliament

61 See 18-Across  
63 Way of thinking  
64 "I really didn't need to hear all that," in texts  
65 Pump option  
66 Villa d' \_\_\_\_  
67 Suffix with govern  
68 Queen of mystery  
69 Sprat relative

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**  
LANCE AMPUP AFI  
ACORN TEARS EAR  
HERES JOHNNY STA  
PUENTE COAT  
ISEEDEADPEOPLE  
PDA OIL  
AIMAT IRREG AAR  
YOUHADMEATHELLO  
STELLAHEYSTELLA  
ASLEVOKEHEMEN  
ANI ALS  
IWANTTOBEALONE  
DAFT NACHOS  
ELF ETPHONEHOME  
ALI SHOAL WEWON



PUZZLE BY JIM HILGER

- 33 Trial print

34 Form

35 & 36 Jail, slangily

38 Suffix with govern

40 "\_\_\_\_" is human ...

41 Away from the bow

44 Thüringen thoroughfare

46 It may come off the shelf

47 Wagner opera heroine

48 Insubstantial

49 Something you might make if you're behind schedule?

50 Some reuners

51 Patron saint of France

53 Arab sovereign: Var.

55 Prince Valiant's love

56 Scattered

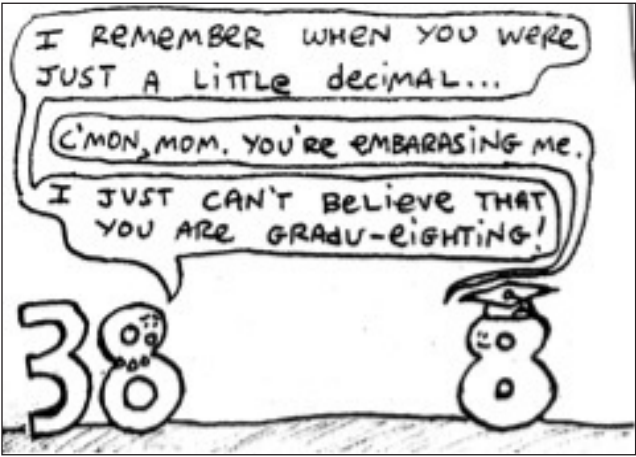
58 Windmill arm

60 Saint of a children's rhyme

62 Soissons seasoning

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2	7	3		5			4	
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			6					4
				1				
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	5	9		3		4	8	

SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

5/15/13

7	3	4	8	5	2	6	9	1
9	2	8	6	1	3	7	5	4
6	1	5	7	9	4	2	8	3
3	5	9	1	4	7	8	6	2
8	7	2	9	3	6	1	4	5
1	4	6	2	8	5	3	7	9
2	6	1	5	7	9	4	3	8
4	9	7	3	2	8	5	1	6
5	8	3	4	6	1	9	2	7

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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**Happy Birthday:** Being secretive will add to your charm and protect you from nosy individuals eager to use personal information against you. Sticking to a structured routine and refraining from any sort of indulgence will ensure that you bypass adversity, leaving more time to focus on your goals and your future. Take your time and choose your battles wisely. Your numbers are 4, 9, 18, 23, 34, 41, 45.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Moderation will be required to avoid mishaps. You can say "no" once in a while and still maintain your status quo. Don't let an argument drive a wedge between you and someone you love. Compromise more and criticize less. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Show everyone what you have to offer. Dependability and determination are your strengths and can carry you to and beyond your destination. Explore new possibilities and stabilize important partnerships. Deal with red tape concisely and avoid being red-flagged. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Assisting people is fine, but do so for the right reason. Having motives behind your do-good attitude will backfire if you aren't honest and upfront about what you are hoping to get in return. Love is in the stars. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Live a little. Participate in networking events or social activities. You'll discover someone you have a lot in common with and share some interesting ideas and plans that will help you reach your personal or professional objectives. Strive for equality. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Engage in conversations that will bring you knowledge or information that can help you make a good decision and an appropriate move. Don't let hype or trends cost you or lead you into an excessive situation. Channel your energy into romance. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Short trips, attending an exhibit or networking with colleagues will all lead to valuable information and the courage to make some positive changes to the way you live. Someone respected in your community will offer expert advice. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Don't succumb to demands or forceful action at home or at work. Stand up for your beliefs, but be prepared to make changes as a result of your actions. Weed out what isn't working in your life and make your move.★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Check out different lifestyles, beliefs and organizations. Expanding your interests will bring you in touch with someone you click with creatively. Do something unusual to your home that will add to your pleasure and attract unusual visitors. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You'll have to dig deep if you want to get all the information you need to make a good decision. Take the initiative and make domestic changes that will improve your life and your relationships, but don't overspend. ★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Offer a helping hand or well-thought-out suggestion, but step back if someone wants you to pay for or do the work on his or her behalf. Strive for equality in all your dealings. Don't take on a losing battle. ★★★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Listen carefully and make decisions based on the information you discover. A money deal looks good and a gift, loan or offering is heading in your direction. Love is highlighted and a promise can be made, along with a positive domestic change. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Look over documents and important personal papers. Present your plans to someone who is in a position to help you. A new venture looks promising and can open the door to some fascinating connections. Expand your outlook and your interests. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are unpredictable, interesting and adventuresome. You are excessive and generous.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

EXPOY

DENEY

RAXMIT

CIYDIO

Print your answer here: ○○○○ - ○○○○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GIANT ARRAY FORMAL MARSHY  
Answer: The "garden" was always in "danger" because it was — AN ANAGRAM

WORK AREA

Oh, no! I should have called a professional. My car!

EVERYTHING WAS GOING FINE AS HE CHOPPED DOWN THE TREE UNTIL THE ----

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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