

ND, SMC classes of 2019 arrive on campus

Notre Dame chooses from largest ever applicant pool

By RACHEL O'GRADY
News Writer

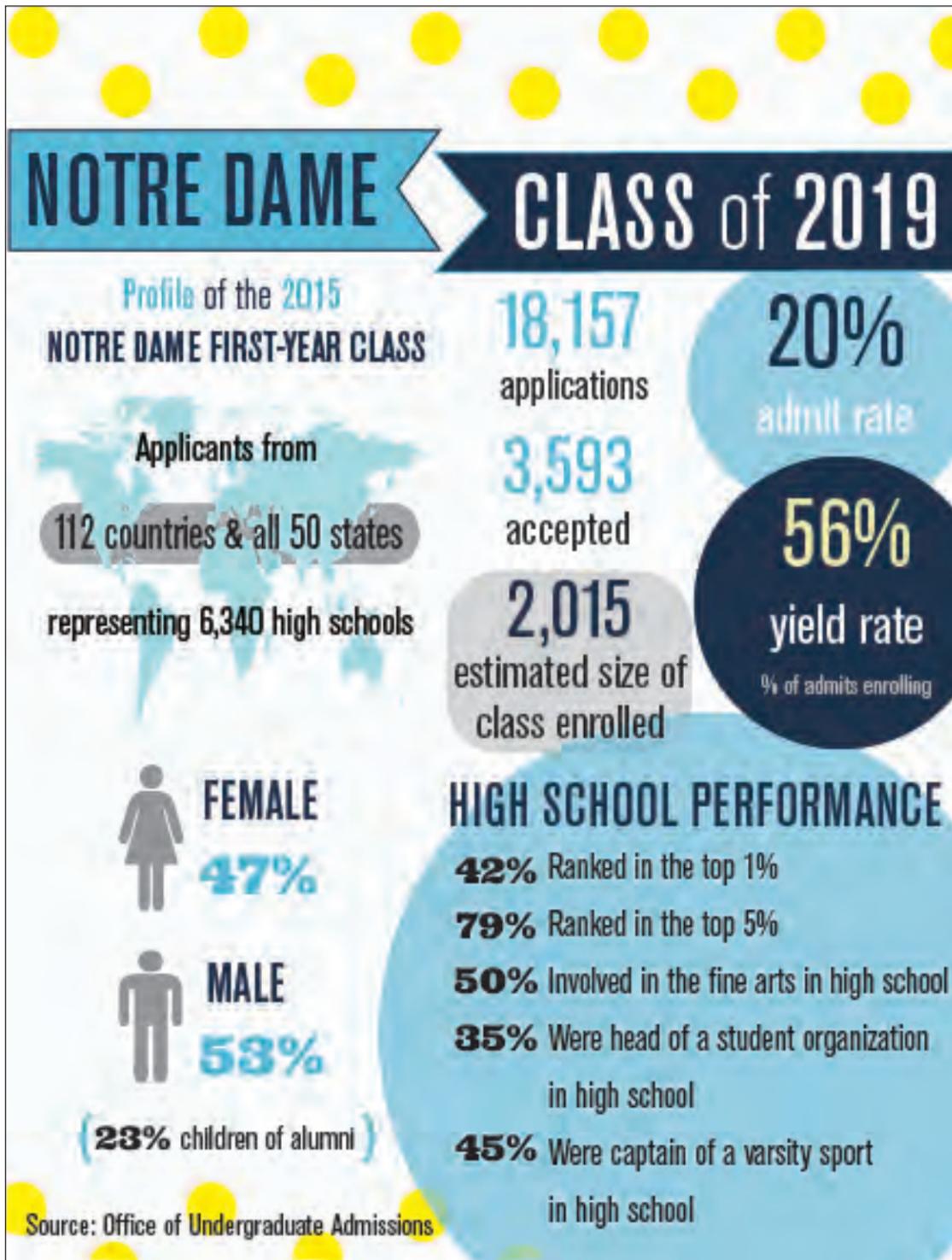
Representing 112 countries and 6,340 different high schools, the Notre Dame class of 2019 applicant pool set the record for most applications ever received for one class.

"This incoming class continues the trend of being more global and diverse than any previous year," Don Bishop, associate vice president of undergraduate enrollment, said. "Thirty-two percent of the new class will be U.S. students of color or international citizens and over eight percent will be the first in their family to attend college. Notre Dame is arguably the most nationally representative university in the United States."

Bishop said the approximately 2,015 freshmen arriving on campus are some of the most accomplished to ever come to Notre Dame. During their time in high school, 35 percent of the incoming class were heads of a student organization, while 45 percent were captains of a varsity sport and 50 percent were involved in fine arts, drama, music or dance.

"The admitted students surpassed the previous exceptional academic records with even higher levels of achievement in leadership and service. We are inspired and impressed with

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Saint Mary's introduces diverse first-year class

By NICOLE CARATAS
News Writer

Thursday, about 420 new Belles strolled down the Avenue as the class of 2019 moved in.

According to the Admissions Office, the number of women in the first-year class has 40 more students than last year's incoming class, and the number of transfer students has doubled.

This year more students than ever applied to the College, director of admissions Sarah Dvorak said. More than 1,700 applications went through the office, of which 1,382 were accepted. Sixty of those students applied early decision, and about 55 of them were accepted, Dvorak said. Nearly 13 percent of the women in the class are legacies, with either a mother or sister alumna connection.

"As an all-women's, Catholic, liberal arts college, we have a reputation as an academically challenging institution, and we work hard to set the expectation for what we expect our applicants," Dvorak said. "We find that our students self-select at the point of application and therefore, we don't receive too many applications from unqualified students."

Diversity has increased in the College as well. Incoming students come from five different countries, meaning Saint Mary's students now come from

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Irish freshmen remember incoming classmate

By J.P. GSCHWIND
News Writer

The Notre Dame class of 2019 had not officially set foot on campus or even received their dorm assignments when one of their own, Rebecca Draper Townsend, died in a car accident July 2 in

Danbury, Connecticut.

A resident of Brookfield, Connecticut, Townsend was a graduate of Immaculate High School and was going to start her freshman year this fall.

In response to her death, the class of 2019 began an ongoing commitment to honor her memory.

Incoming freshman Taja Reynolds said she and many of her classmates had gotten to know Townsend and were talking to her online.

"We got pretty close to her so when we heard that she passed, we all immediately

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University welcomes transfer students

By ANDREA VALE
News Writer

Transferring to Notre Dame was something of a no-brainer for incoming sophomore Marissa Koscielski, who had grown up Granger, Indiana, only 20 minutes away from campus.

"For as long as I can remember,

I have gotten butterflies in my stomach when I stepped onto campus," Koscielski said.

When Koscielski wasn't offered admission to Notre Dame her senior year of high school, she knew her attempts to become part of the University family were far

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"I didn't NOVO that was a thing."



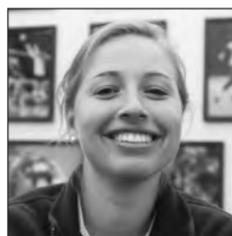
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"NOVO-ing doesn't sound as good as DART-ing."



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"I'm still waiting for them to tell me what it means."



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"What is this?"



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Thursday morning, the Notre Dame, South Bend and Clay Fire Departments respond to a fire in the Reckers chimney. University spokesperson Dennis Brown said there was a lot of smoke, but no damage to the building, which was evacuated for about an hour.

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Friday

Halls Open for Freshmen

Campus-wide
9 a.m.
Welcome Weekend kickoff.

Women's Soccer vs. Valparaiso

Alumni Stadium
7:30 p.m.
The Irish take on Valparaiso.

Saturday

DomerFest

Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center
10:30 p.m.-1 a.m.
Annual party for freshmen.

"The Winter's Tale"

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
2 p.m.-4 p.m.
Part of the Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival.

Sunday

Halls Open for Undergraduates

Campus-wide
9 a.m.
Move-in for all students.

Women's Soccer vs. Toledo

Alumni Stadium
3 p.m.
The Irish take on Toledo.

Monday

Men's Soccer vs. Saint Louis

Alumni Stadium
7 p.m.
The Irish take on Saint Louis.

"Love's Labor Lost"

Main Building
7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
Part of the Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival.

Tuesday

First Day of Classes for Undergraduates

Campus-wide
All day
Classes start for all students.

Opening Mass and Picnic

Joyce Center
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Annual kickoff activities for the year.

ND rolls out changes to Welcome Weekend

By CLARE KOSSLER
Associate News Editor

This time each year, campus receives about 2,000 recent high school graduates from across the United States and the world, eager to begin their new lives as college students at the University of Notre Dame.

As in years past, Notre Dame will host a variety of activities and programming throughout the weekend to help students acclimate to their new environment. But new this year, the Division of Student Affairs and First Year of Studies (FYS) has rechristened the weekend formerly known as “Frosh-O” to “Welcome Weekend.”

“This weekend is about welcoming students to campus, making them feel at home, making them know where they’re going to get their food, who their roommate is, that they’ll have friends, that life will be o.k. and to welcome them to the Notre Dame family – spiritually, physically, academically,” Elly Brenner, assistant dean of FYS, said.

Brenner, who sat on the oversight committee responsible for redesigning freshman orientation weekend, said the weekend’s new format will streamline the process of introducing students to the Notre Dame community without overwhelming them with unnecessary information.

Many of the weekend’s activities are the same as or similar to previous years because the committee wanted to preserve meaningful campus traditions, Brenner said. However, she said students will spend less time than before sitting and listening to long speeches from a “talking head.”

“We’re doing a trip to the grotto, we have Mass ... but we’re not getting down into the really deep weeds of if you want to go study abroad, do you need your immunizations?” Brenner said. “The parents need that information, the students don’t.”

In addition to the first year mass and grotto trip, other Welcome Weekend activities include a campus-wide welcome from University President Fr. John Jenkins followed by a cook out, the launch of the Moreau First Year Experience Course, a dance party/festival known as “DomerFest” and a variety of optional events occurring all weekend, according to information provided on the new Welcome Weekend mobile app.

Brenner said the timing of Fr. Jenkins’s welcome address to freshmen is a significant change to Welcome Weekend programming.

“Fr. Jenkins will be welcoming everyone to the university on Friday night, whereas it used to be Saturday around lunchtime,” Brenner said. “Somewhat like [how] Commencement is the

FIRST YEAR WELCOME WEEKEND SCHEDULE: NOTRE DAME

FRIDAY, AUG. 21 MOVE-IN 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. UNDERGRADUATE RESIDENCE HALLS WELCOME HOME EVENT WITH RECTORS AND HALL STAFF 8:30 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. UNDERGRADUATE RESIDENCE HALLS	SUNDAY, AUG. 23 FIRST YEAR MASS 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. PURCELL PAVILION FARMERS' MARKET AND ACOUSTICAFE LIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES 1:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. NORTH QUAD/FIELDHOUSE MALL HALL PROGRAMMING 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. UNDERGRADUATE RESIDENCE HALLS FIRST CLASS TRIP TO THE GROTTTO 10:30 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. GROTTTO
SATURDAY, AUG. 22 MOREAU FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE COURSE SESSION #1 AND LUNCH 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. CAMPUS CLASSROOMS FIRST YEAR ADVISOR SESSIONS 4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. TBA DOMERFEST 10:30 P.M. - 1:00 A.M. ROLFS SPORTS AND RECREATION CENTER	MONDAY, AUG. 24 BUILDING COMMUNITY THE NOTRE DAME WAY SESSIONS 10:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M., 3:30 P.M. DEBARTALO HALL

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last thing that students do here on campus, this will be the first thing that they do here, before anything else.”

Paul Manrique, program director of New Student Engagement in the Division of Student Affairs, said the agenda for the weekend was designed to incorporate the best elements from previous years while also introducing new programming intended to ensure “that every student is feeling the same sort of welcome when they get to campus.”

Beyond standardizing the experience of first years upon arriving to campus, the restructured weekend will also highlight the fundamental characteristics of a Notre Dame education, Manrique said.

“One of the big things that we’re trying to push this year is that when you have a student leave Notre Dame, [we] want them to be able to articulate, ‘these are the talking points for what I experienced from a Holy Cross education,’” Manrique said.

He said one of the weekend’s particular points of emphasis is Notre Dame’s strong academic tradition.

Saturday morning, freshmen will meet with their instructors for the first class of the Moreau First Year Experience Course, and according to Manrique, the course, which is new for the 2015-16 academic year, will continue the orientation process after Welcome Weekend.

“It’s tough to say that a student who’s 17 or 18 coming from high school to campus can be oriented to college life over the course of four days,” he said. “But what we hope to do with that Moreau First Year Experience Course is give them the opportunity to extend that orientation throughout the entirety of one year.”

residence halls.

“The format that we’re going for within the hall is pretty much the same, there’s just a few small changes, but overall it’s going to be the same look and feel as Frosh-O used to be, only now it’s the new name — or the new brand if you will — of Welcome Weekend,” Ned Vogel, Welcome Weekend captain for St. Edward’s Hall, said.

Melaina LaSalle, captain for Breen-Phillips Hall, said each hall has a strong sense of spirit and dorm pride, which helps incoming students feel at home within a few days of arriving to campus.

“We have all these events with other dorms that the Welcome Weekend captains are in charge of planning, and that covers building relationships among upcoming student body,” she said. “I think that’s the best way to really welcome someone is the community, is making sure that they really feel comfortable and that they have friends and that they see that they’re going to build some really strong relationships in the four years that they’re there.”

LaSalle said that more important than the weekend’s line-up of events to making new students feel welcome in their new environment is the tight-knit community within the residence halls and across campus.

“Notre Dame kids are all so great and all so welcoming,” she said. “Honestly, just reach out to anyone and most likely they will be willing to help. And I think that’s something that is really comforting.”

“That’s something I figured out my first week at Notre Dame was that the people take away any nervousness you might have right away because they are all so helpful. And it’s also good to be helpful back because it just really builds the community factor.”

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SMC first-years participate in Belles Beginnings

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE CLASS OF 2019 ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUG. 20 CHECK-IN AND MOVE-IN 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. RICE COMMONS, STUDENT CENTER	SATURDAY, CONT. BELLES 101 1:45 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. STUDENT LAST NAME A-L: LITTLE THEATRE, MOREAU CENTER STUDENT LAST NAME M-Z: CARROLL AUDITORIUM, MADELEVA HALL MASS (CLOSING THE CIRCLE TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW IN LEMANS COURTYARD) 4:45 P.M. O'LAUGHLIN AUDITORIUM PLAYFAIR AND PRE-FEST WITH SGA 8:00 P.M. - 10:30 P.M. LIBRARY GREEN TENT DOMERFEST 11:00 P.M. NOTRE DAME FIFTH QUARTER 11:00 P.M. RICE COMMONS, STUDENT CENTER
FRIDAY, AUG. 21 WELCOME AND ACADEMIC MATRICULATION CEREMONY 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. O'LAUGHLIN AUDITORIUM, MOREAU CENTER SEX SIGNALS 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 A.M. O'LAUGHLIN AUDITORIUM, MOREAU CENTER ACADEMIC ADVISING 3:15 P.M. - 4:45 P.M. SEE PEER MENTOR FOR LOCATION MOVIE NIGHT WITH SDB 8:30 P.M. - 10:30 P.M. CARROLL AUDITORIUM, MADELEVA HALL	SATURDAY, AUG. 22 STUDENT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, HEALTH AND SAFETY 8:30 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. STUDENT LAST NAME A-L: LITTLE THEATRE, MOREAU CENTER STUDENT LAST NAME M-Z: CARROLL AUDITORIUM, MADELEVA HALL
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By ALEX WINEGAR
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Belles Beginnings, Saint Mary’s traditional first-year orientation weekend, began Friday morning when new students moved into their residence halls.

Activities for the weekend include various discussion groups with peer mentors, icebreakers with resident assistants (RAs) and other activities to help first-years get acclimated to living on campus.

Student Government Association (SGA) president Kaitlyn Baker said orientation week encourages every new student break out of her shell while helping her to fit in and feel at home at Saint Mary’s.

“Orientation is a great way to help transition a high school student into a college woman,” Baker said. “It gives her confidence to be on her own and promotes independence by providing her with the tools and resources she needs for a successful four years.”

Baker said the events and activities are similar to those of years past with traditional events such as Belles Bash and Domerfest, as well as a “playfair,” coordinated by a professional team-building company bearing the same name.

“We will also be having pre-fest, an event to gather the new students together before heading to Domerfest,” she said.

“It will be filled with music, food and pointers to get them through the night, and the rest of college, from the people who

have been there before.”

Morgan Dahnke, an RA in McCandless Hall, stressed the importance of having hall staff available to freshmen throughout orientation weekend.

“[First-years] will have a lot of questions about the sessions they will be attending, and we want to be around to talk with them about it,” Dahnke said.

According to Baker, the Closing of the Circle ceremony, a College tradition that gathers the newest Belles to begin their college experience and life together, will take place Saturday evening.

“We express the value and importance of our core values — faith, justice, learning, and community — and how they will impact a Belle’s life at Saint Mary’s and beyond,” Baker said. “The closing of the circle symbolizes the connection of the new students to one another.”

“It shows that we are one community, all sisters, and we have one another’s backs and will support them and cheer for them throughout our four years. The circle remains closed until the final days of their senior year when they participate in the Opening the Circle ceremony.”

Dahnke said her best advice for new freshman is to take advantage of events happening on campus.

“You can make your college experience whatever you want it to be,” she said. “Have fun, get involved and make new friends.”

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DIFFERENCE

SGA focuses on enhancing campus community

By **KATHRYN MARSHALL**
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Members of the Saint Mary's College Student Government Association (SGA) spent their summers working on ways to incorporate the College's theme of "community" into the group's programming for the upcoming school year.

"We have a ton of goals for this year," SGA vice president Madeline Kohler said. "Our committee members have worked very hard this summer to get a jump start on planning and organizing different events and big weeks to make this happen."

The first campus-wide event is an American-themed Belles Bash and will take place Sunday, August 23, featuring food, games, music and giveaways throughout the night, Kohler said. The event is open to Holy Cross and Notre Dame students as well, she said.

"In addition to bringing the SMC campus together, we really want to unite the tri-campus community," Kohler said.

Keeping with the theme of community, Kohler said SGA is making a strong effort to

get more diverse representation within the association. By creating the Community Justice Committee to replace the International Committee, SGA will bring together underrepresented groups on campus, she said.

"The international committee only spoke to our international students on campus," Kohler said. "And while they are very important to us, we want to focus on all diverse members of Saint Mary's — therefore renaming it the Community Justice Committee, where we will bring underrepresented groups on campus together

"In addition to bringing the SMC campus together, we really want to unite the tri-campus community."

Maddie Kohler
SGA vice president

such as students with disabilities, transfer students, international students, LGBTQ and minority groups."

Kohler encouraged



Photo courtesy of Kaitlyn Baker

Saint Mary's SGA Executive Board (from left, Lauren Lindbloom, Emily James, Kaitlyn Baker, Maddie Kohler, Shannon Golden) arrived early on campus to prepare for Belles Beginnings.

students to participate in upcoming campus events that SGA has planned

"Students can get involved in SGA by being on a committee within our organization such as First Year Concerns, Social Concerns, Food, Community Justice, Sustainability, Mission, Community, Technology and Market and Media. Students can learn more about these committees and get involved at Student Involvement Fair on August 25 at 5 p.m.," she said.

Kohler said SGA hopes to involve more students in the association by being more transparent to the SMC community.

"We want to be open and honest with the students of Saint Mary's and inform them of important events going on around campus," she said. "We also want to address the problems and concerns that the SMC Community has by encouraging students to come to our Senate meetings, which will be town hall style, so all students can express

and discuss their ideas, problems, and concerns.

"We really want to unite the campus together, from freshman to seniors and really focus on the Saint Mary's community. We want to get as many Belles involved as possible and it would be awesome to see students support SGA by showing up to these events that we work so hard to plan for the students and community."

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Reckers fire causes dining hall evacuation

By **JACK ROONEY**
Managing Editor

At about 10:30 a.m. Thursday, a small fire in the chimney of Reckers Cafe caused an approximately hour-long evacuation of South Dining Hall.

At the scene, University

spokesperson Dennis Brown said there were no injuries and no damage to the dining hall building, though there may be some damage to the restaurant's pizza oven.

"There was a fire in the chimney shaft above the Reckers restaurant," Brown said. "There's a pizza oven in

there. The fire was contained. [There was] a lot of smoke, but no damage in the building itself."

The Notre Dame Fire Department (NDFD) also called in the South Bend and Clay fire departments for support.

"They assisted with a large

ladder that allowed us to get up above the shaft to find out what was going on," Brown said

The cause of the fire could not be determined immediately, Brown said, but the incident is under investigation. Reckers remained closed after the fire for the day, while

the rest of the dining hall reopened.

About 65 dining hall employees were held outside the building until shortly before 11:30 a.m., when NDFD allowed them to re-enter.

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SMC President Mooney announces retirement

By **HALEIGH EHMCSEN**
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's president Carol Ann Mooney will take part in her final first-year orientation this week after an announcement in June that she will retire as the College's 11th president when her contract ends May 31, 2016.

Reflecting on her time at the College, Mooney said she will miss the students most.

"One of the great joys of being president at a small college is to be able to interact with the students," she said. "You are fascinating young women who really are preparing to make a difference in the world. You care

deeply about the good of this community, and I trust that will expand to the various communities you will inhabit as you move through your lives.

"You thrive on the chal-

Carol Ann Mooney
President
Saint Mary's College



lenges posed to you by your professors and leave here prepared to meet the challenges that await you. You are smart, thoughtful, ambitious, funny, faith-filled and joyous people. You are the

evidence that the work being done here is important work."

Mooney said as an alumna and an administrator, Saint Mary's has become a huge part of her identity.

"It will be important, however, especially in the first year of my retirement to distance myself from the College and allow the next president room to establish her, or his, priorities," she said. "Having a fresh set of eyes assess the needs of the College can only improve Saint Mary's."

Mooney said she hopes students remember her as one person in a long line of dedicated individuals who work to spread and live the

mission of the College.

"So many people carry the responsibility to keep the special mission of the Sisters of the Holy Cross central to the College and [work] to ensure that Saint Mary's continues to thrive because of the excellence of the experience that it offers to our students.

"I hope you will look back on your time here and believe that Saint Mary's has helped you to become the best possible version of yourself."

One moment Mooney will always remember was after a theatre production of "Macbeth." She said she waited after the show to greet the actors, and one

student saw her and ran back into the dressing room, returning with a library book.

Mooney said the student opened the back of the book to show her the card, which listed the due dates.

"She took out the card and showed me my signature, indicating that I had checked out the book. She also showed me the month and day that I was required to return the book and said she was due to return the book on the same date.

"Then she looked at me and said, 'Maybe someday I will be President of Saint Mary's, too.'"

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ND reserves spots in grad program for SMC students

By **MARTHA REILLY**
News Writer

Saint Mary's students hoping to improve their teamwork and business skills can now look no further than across the street, as Notre Dame announced this summer that it will guarantee four seats in its Master of Science in Management (MSM) program for graduates of the College.

Tori Wilbraham, a 2015 Saint Mary's graduate who earned acceptance to this year's MSM program, said she enjoys collaborating with her 48 classmates.

"One of the best parts of the program is the cohort atmosphere," Wilbraham said. "Just like the business world, teamwork is essential for being successful. Working with a team and learning from one another has been one of the most exciting and rewarding parts."

According to Wilbraham, this particular 10-month program offers a unique educational experience because it teaches technical skills that will make students more marketable.

"Getting to be a part of the Notre Dame family while pursuing a graduate degree is something that makes Notre Dame's MSM program so special and really so valuable," Wilbraham said. "The reputation of the Mendoza College of Business and alumni network at the University of Notre Dame made my decision a no-brainer.

"I knew that if I wanted to enter the business world, going to Notre Dame would give me a great network of supporters."

Saint Mary's provost and senior vice president of Academic Affairs, Dr. Patricia Fleming, said this program distinguishes

itself from others like it because it does not require an undergraduate business degree.

"Knowing that this program exists for a Saint Mary's student four years down the road can make Saint Mary's very attractive, especially to those parents who worry a bit about their daughter following her passion in a non-business major," Fleming said. "We are very confident that the combination of studies proposed by this partnership will be ideal for some of our students."

Fleming said both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will benefit from this new policy.

"Saint Mary's students are already familiar with Notre Dame because of the co-exchange program. There would be an easy transition for our students who wish to stay in the area for their graduate education," Dr. Fleming said. "Notre Dame's MSM program will be blessed with smart, articulate, confident graduate students with an eagerness to learn a very new field."

Wilbraham also said students who receive undergraduate degrees from Saint Mary's are prepared to take on the challenge of the MSM program.

"Having a liberal arts background is such a valuable thing, and with my new business acumen, I will be more marketable," Wilbraham said. "Programs like the MSM are so valuable because they are full of students who have studied what they loved and want to enhance their education by spending a year doing something completely different."

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Ricketts, Ruelas prepare for upcoming year

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Student body president Bryan Ricketts and vice president Nidia Ruelas said Aug. 11 the student government team has been working on several events and initiatives that will affect the incoming freshmen class, from individual events to year-long programs.

Ricketts said one of the first events will be a Quad Market during Welcome Weekend, a program that began in the spring.

"We're bringing in a ton of off-campus vendors, and all the parents will still be here, the students will be here," he said. "It'll be set up on North Quad, and it'll be a great opportunity to introduce freshmen to the community, right off the bat, all the great resources we have to offer."

He said a "Celebrity Scoop" event will introduce freshmen to campus celebrities, including faculty from athletics and campus ministry.

Ruelas said student government will also be sponsoring coffee hours for students to get to know faculty on a more personal level.

"We'll give them a \$10 gift card to go get coffee with professors," she said. "It's really great to get to know your professors and that's something we want all students to do."

Student government will also be sponsoring a dorm week, which will begin the week of Sept. 13, to encourage

new students to make friends outside of their own residence halls, Ricketts said.

"Our team has been working really hard to make this happen," Ruelas said. "Sometimes it's difficult to get to know people in different dorms because in the first week you're mostly in your dorm. ... This will be a great way to get to know other people in other dorms and upperclassmen."

Ruelas said a RecSports opening night is also in the works to introduce students to health and wellness resources on campus, and that student government will also host a reception with information about the First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership (FUEL).

"This reception is specifically geared towards freshmen, it's to make sure they know the different options there are for them to get involved," Ruelas said. "It's a little more focused than for example, activities, where you have lots of clubs and activities. This is specifically about getting involved in leadership on campus, like freshmen class council and the student union board. It's geared toward guiding students to find out what their interests are and figure out what they want to do."

Ricketts said FUEL, which will be led by student directors Madi Purrenhage and Michael Finan, can be a helpful way for freshmen to share their individual talents and

interests; increasing awareness of students' identities was one of the platforms in the Ricketts-Ruelas campaign.

"While FUEL isn't explicitly about diversity or identity, when you really get down to it, the way Madi and Michael are approaching this is trying to take the strengths every student has and build upon them," he said. "Whether that comes from your background or your interests or your involvement back in high school, it's really about celebrating who you are now and where you're going to go from here."

Ricketts said he wants to make sure they feel welcome to be leaders on campus.

"When we're here working on issues for Notre Dame, it's not good if a quarter of students are not talking to us. Our door is always open up here in LaFun."

Ruelas also encouraged students to bring questions and concerns to student government.

"We'll have office hours that we'll send out to the entire student body, so that they can come in and talk to us, once a week," she said. "Even if a freshman just wants to get know us, that's perfectly fine. We have a Keurig, and they can come get a cup of coffee with us and have a conversation with us — we're always open to that."

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Badin, Carroll Halls welcome new rectors

By **KATIE GALIOTO**
News Writer

As Notre Dame welcomes the start of another school year, two residence halls welcome new rectors. Sr. Susan Sisko of Badin Hall and Fr. Matt Kuczora of Carroll Hall will take on new roles in the community as leaders and mentors of students in the dorms.

Margaret Morgan, director of Residential Life Recruiting, said that when hiring new rectors, she looks for people who will provide care and support to students throughout all of life's situations.

"We search for people who will see their work as a ministry," Morgan said. "I think that new rectors impact the Notre Dame community with a fresh energy and zeal for their work in the halls."

According to a press release from the Office of Student Affairs, Sr. Sisko is a Connecticut native who earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Duquesne and a master's degree in theology from Notre Dame in 1991. She has worked as a teacher and administrator in various Catholic schools and institutions for over 25 years.

Sisko said she worked with young adults for number of years in previous jobs and is excited for the chance to return to the University and work with its students.

"I'm most looking forward to meeting the young women of Badin Hall and walking with them day by day," Sisko said. "I hope to share

life with these young women and help them be the people God is intending them to be, whether they are beginning or completing their journeys at Notre Dame. To see these students grow and mature, and to be even a small part of that experience, will be so rewarding to me."

She said hopes to continue to foster the healthy community in Badin built up by her predecessors.

"I know that Badin has traditionally been a hall that takes pride in its warm, loving community," Sisko said. "My goal is simply to build upon the foundation that was placed here before me. I hope use my energy, my enthusiasm and all of my gifts to continue and add to Badin's great history and traditions."

Fr. Matt Kuczora graduated from Notre Dame in 2005 with a degree in accounting and again in 2011 with a Master of Divinity, according to a press release from the Office of Student Affairs. He was ordained a priest in the Congregation of Holy Cross in 2011.

Kuczora said that Holy Cross priests and brothers have been serving as rectors at the University since its beginnings.

"As a Holy Cross priest, I can live out my religious order's mission to be an 'educator in the faith' in a 24/7 role that impacts the lives of the future leaders of our society," Kuczora said. "When I had a chance to apply for a position like that, I didn't think twice about it."

Kuczora said he

remembered feeling incredibly welcomed since his first day as a freshman at the University and served as a resident assistant during his senior year.

"The dorm experience created a powerful network of brothers that remain some of my best friends to this day," Kuczora said. "As the new rector of Carroll Hall, I'm most looking forward to passing on that great experience to future generations of Notre Dame students."

He said he hopes to continue to promote the environment of welcome and respect he experienced during his time as an undergraduate student.

"My favorite part of the Notre Dame dorm system is the way we welcome all people and invite them to create lasting bonds of friendship and even of family," Kuczora said. "I hope that residents find their dorm to be a place where they don't have to perform or be perfect, where they can be themselves and be accepted just as they are."

Morgan said she believes the new rectors will have a positive impact on the University community.

"Fr. Matt and Sr. Susan bring a wealth of rich ministry experience with them," Morgan said. "I think their time in both Badin and Carroll will be filled with laughter as they work towards our Holy Cross Mission of cultivating hearts and minds."

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Indiana Attorney General sides with ESPN in appeal

Observer Staff Report

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller is on ESPN's side.

In a 26-page amicus brief filed last Thursday, the state's chief legal officer came out in support of ESPN in its appeal of an April St. Joseph Superior Court ruling that Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is not subject to Indiana's public records access law.

"A police officer is perhaps the quintessential public employee, cloaked in the authority of the State to investigate, detain, arrest, incarcerate, carry and discharge a firearm, and generally maintain the safety of the citizenry," the brief

stated. "The notion that a police department exercising these core state powers can be shielded from public scrutiny by dint of its affiliation with a private university is antithetical to the important policy interests underlying the Access to Public Records Act."

In a press release, Zoeller said his office supports the opinions handed down by Indiana Public Access Counselor Luke Britt, whose non-binding opinions said NDSP ought to release its records to the public.

"The State takes the legal position that transparency is needed in the exercise of police power in order to maintain the public's trust," Zoeller said in the release.

"Disclosing that a possible crime occurred and conveying basic pertinent information helps inform and protect the public and creates more transparency and accountability within the criminal justice system."

In October, ESPN reporter Paula Lavigne requested NDSP records, but was denied. In January, ESPN filed its initial lawsuit in St. Joseph Superior Court to obtain the records, and on April 20, a judge ruled in favor of Notre Dame. The Court of Appeals will rule on the case at a later date, according to the Attorney General's press release.

University spokesperson Dennis Brown declined to comment Tuesday.

Library receives record donation

Observer Staff Report

The Hesburgh Libraries received the largest donation in its history, a \$10 million gift from the Marilyn & Rudolph M. Navari Charitable Foundation that will be used to further develop the Libraries' digital services, the University announced in a press release Friday.

The donation will fund the renovation of what will be the Navari Family Center for Digital Scholarship at the Hesburgh Library, part of ongoing renovations. Part of the gift will also be used to "establish an endowment

to support digital library services and research projects related to the center," the press release stated.

"I am deeply grateful to Rudy and Jane Navari and their family's foundation for this generous gift," University president Fr. John Jenkins said in the release. "It recognizes the importance of a library for any university community and the centrality of the Hesburgh Libraries for Notre Dame. This gift will allow us to expand and enhance our library services through digital technology to support the critical work of scholars now and in the future."

Sotomayor to speak on campus

Observer Staff Report

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor will speak on Notre Dame's campus on Sept. 2, University President Fr. John Jenkins announced Wednesday.

NBC News correspondent and University trustee Anne Thompson will join Sotomayor in a discussion of "a wide range of issues" moderated by fellow trustee and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Ann Claire Williams, according to the University press release.

According to the release, the event, which is sponsored by the Office of the President,

Notre Dame Law School and the Institute for Latino Studies, will be free and open to the public. The doors to Leighton Concert Hall at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will open at 6 p.m. and the event will run from 7 to 8:15.

Sotomayor will also speak with smaller groups of faculty and students while on campus, the press release stated.

A Bronx, New York native, Sotomayor received degrees from Princeton and Yale universities, and has served on the Supreme Court since 2009 after her nomination for the position by President Obama.

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Classmate

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wanted to do something for her, let people know how great she was," she said.

According to Reynolds, a group of freshmen wanted to do something tangible to celebrate their friend. Freshman Nick Bufalino suggested creating and selling a bracelet in Rebecca's memory to benefit She's The First, a charity granting scholarships to impoverished girls in developing countries. Townsend worked closely with She's The First, and started a chapter of the organization at her high school.

"As soon as we heard about the loss of Rebecca, our classmate, the class of 2019 knew that we wanted to do something to honor and celebrate the selfless love that Rebecca embodied," Bufalino said.

Bufalino said they raised money for the bracelets through the website GoFundMe. Classmates raised more than \$4,600, Bufalino said, and they plan to sell the wristbands for \$3 each at the start of the school year.

"The positive reception and support from the Notre Dame family has truly been overwhelming," he said. "As a first generation student at Notre Dame, I am so thankful to be part of a community that goes beyond the call of duty to show genuine support in a time of need."

Another member of the

class of 2019 and friend of Townsend, Pamela Udoe said the actual fundraising was only part of their goal to spread Rebecca's legacy.

"We shared her story with as many friends and family as possible because Rebecca was such a special and amazing person," Udoe said.

Sophomore Travis Gayle also helped spread the word about the bracelet fundraiser on social media and said the experience demonstrated the power of the Notre Dame community to come together for a common cause.

"As a freshman, coming in was intimidating whether anyone admits it or not," Gayle said. "This was one of the silver linings in a cloud that gave me a chance to show the freshman that what we exemplify is family and togetherness at Notre Dame."

In addition to the bracelet campaign, the class of 2019 will make a quilt with messages of support for the Townsend family in memory of Townsend as part of official Welcome Weekend programming. On Sunday from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., the quilt will be assembled in a tent on North Quad and all members of the class of 2019 community are welcomed to participate. Townsend will also be commemorated at the first year mass welcoming new students on Aug. 23.

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Transfer

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from finished. She, like many other students, decided to apply to transfer in the fall semester of her sophomore year.

According to Erin Camilleri, associate director of Undergraduate Admissions, 25 percent of the 640 students who applied to transfer to Notre Dame this past year were admitted. One hundred and twenty-nine have enrolled, resulting in a 79 percent yield rate, with students from across the country and around the world.

Fifty-six percent of incoming transfers are male and 44 percent are female, and most transfer students ranked within the top 10 percent of their high school class, Camilleri said.

"I'm always impressed with the students who choose to transfer to Notre Dame," Camilleri said. "So many bring a passion and enthusiasm for all that Notre Dame offers, and they take full advantage of their time here, including study abroad, research, internships, as well as countless clubs and organizations. Their paths may vary, but they all lead to the same place, home to ND."

Koscielski transferred into the University through the Gateway Program, a program in which students enroll at Holy Cross College for their freshman year and are guaranteed admission into Notre

Dame for their sophomore year as long as they maintain a 3.5 grade point average. While at Holy Cross, Gateway students take some classes at Notre Dame as well as participate in clubs, research and various activities, easing their transition to full-time Notre Dame students.

"The Gateway program is a really exciting program because all of the students have all the benefits of a four-year Notre Dame experience," Koscielski said.

Nicholas Pittman took part in the Gateway Program alongside Koscielski.

"I transferred because that was the plan from the beginning," Pittman said. "I had wanted to attend Notre Dame for quite some time, and after not being pulled off of the wait list my senior year, I knew this program would be the best way to do so. Spending a great deal of time on campus and across the street freshman year only solidified that desire."

Gateway students were chosen from his or her undergraduate applications to the University, eliminating any need for additional applications their freshman year at Holy Cross.

"I cannot find words to accurately articulate my excitement for this coming year," Koscielski said. "I am very grateful for all of the connections, experiences and opportunities I have gained over this past year, and I am excited for all of the ones that are to come."

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16 different countries including Vietnam, Japan and Zambia, Dvorak said.

The class also represents a number of racial and ethnic minority groups including Latina, African American, Asian, American Indian or Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Dvorak said.

"The diversity represented in this class will undoubtedly impact the Saint Mary's community in a variety of ways," Dvorak said. "They represent a large spectrum of socioeconomic, geographic, racial and ethnic categories, but they also bring a wide array of diverse backgrounds, perspectives, experiences and academic and co-curricular interests."

Accepted students display a variety of talents, both academic and extracurricular. The incoming class includes women who have founded philanthropic organizations, entrepreneurs, musicians, artists and athletes, Dvorak said.

"We look for academically talented students who have challenged themselves in the classroom, achieved academically and who strive for social justice, equality and human dignity," Dvorak said. "We want students who will flourish at Saint Mary's—who will appreciate the benefits of an all-women's college and who will value the opportunity to explore and discover their passions and potential in the world."

"I have no doubt that the Saint Mary's community can only benefit from the opportunity to learn from this incredible class."

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the students who aspire to join the Notre Dame family," Bishop said.

According to the admissions office, Notre Dame uses a holistic admission process that considers students for their exceptional academic and intellectual promise and creativity, as well as their leadership and entrepreneurial records and sense of service to others.

"This is another great class entering Notre Dame, selected from a record-breaking applicant pool," Bob Mundy, director of admissions, said. "As in the past they are academically gifted, ready to engage our faculty in all areas. What is also important to us is the character and spirit that they bring to campus."

"This class is full of students with many great gifts. I always like to remind them that Notre Dame is a place which will encourage them to develop and grow those gifts, but that the value of those gifts is not fully realized until they are shared with others—and they do that in so many ways."

"We are enrolling people who want to come to ND and develop a sense of purpose and have an impact during their life," Bishop said.

The Class of 2019 produced a yield rate of 56 percent, which measures how many students actually enrolled in the University after acceptance.

"All by itself, that is a very high number, and among the best in the nation, but it also up from 53% last year," Mundy said. "This reflects my staff's great attention to identifying students who are good 'fits' for Notre Dame."

"I chose Notre Dame after a revelation," Kevin Dingens, an incoming freshman, said. The fact that Notre Dame touched me so deeply ... is a testament to the extent of the University's reach into the facets of your life past graduation. The first class athletic, social, and overall academic Notre Dame experience lasts beyond graduation to form an alumni community that is as strong as the student body itself. I want to be a part of that community."

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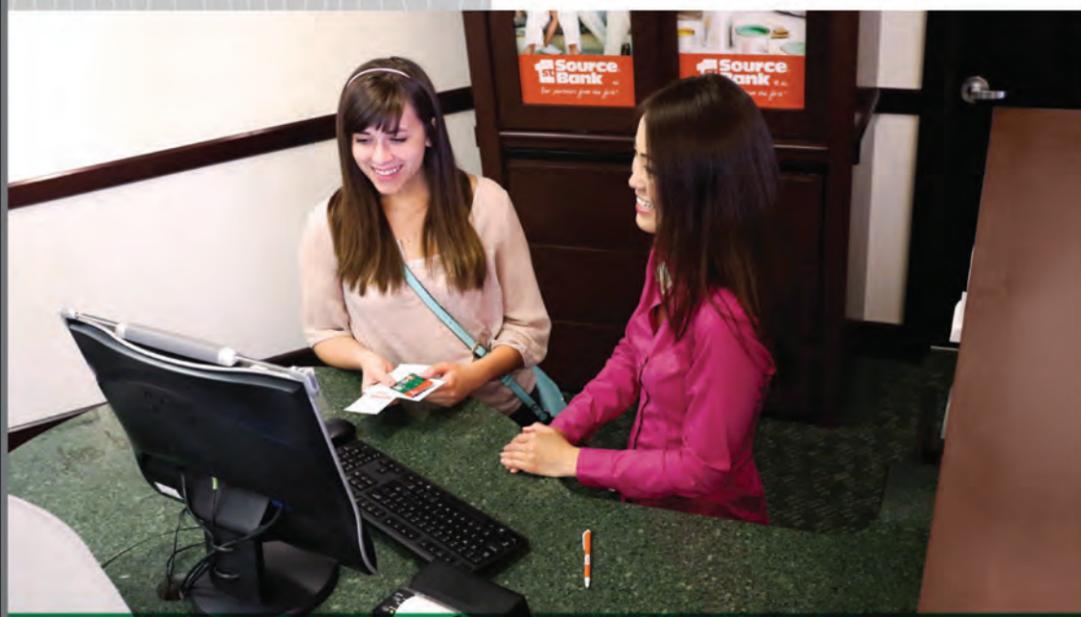
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Push for more



Greg Hadley
Editor-in-Chief

Love thee Notre Dame. Members of the class of 2019, you will hear those words countless times over the next four years, everywhere from The Alma Mater to Instagram posts.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are places worthy and deserving of our love. The professors, administrators, staff and students that make up these institutions will have a profound impact on you that will last far beyond your time on campus. For that, they should be loved.

But how should we show our affection for this place, our home?

We can cheer on our sports teams. We can perform well in the classroom. We can form lasting friendships in our dorms. All of these are wonderful examples of ways to give back to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Yet sometimes, showing our love will require a little more effort and discomfort. Sometimes, we need to acknowledge failures, both personal and institutional.

The beginning of each school year brings promise of fresh beginnings and new resolutions. And for these promises to come to fruition, we need someone to call us out on our mistakes.

Here at Welcome Weekend, mistakes and failures may seem like unnecessarily gloomy talk when you are embarking on a new exciting stage of your life. But as any graduate or rising senior will tell you, time flies here. Welcome Weekend will become Senior Week faster than you could possibly imagine.

Don't let that happen without making your mark. Challenge yourself, challenge your friends, challenge your professors and challenge this University and this College to become better. We can always be better.

If you truly love Notre Dame, you should not be afraid to occasionally criticize when it deserves to be criticized, just as you should be quick to praise when it merits praise. Anyone who equates suggestions for improvement with disloyalty does not understand that Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are not infallible.

Here at The Observer, we hope to provide you with a forum for making these suggestions. These pages are yours to fill. Whether you write a letter to the editor (something I encourage everyone to do) or join a club or organization devoted to better serving our local community and beyond, you will find your way into the pages of our paper, because we are dedicated to covering the people who make a difference.

And when we inevitably fall short of our own high standards, let us know how we can do better. We exist only to serve you.

So welcome, class of 2019. I sincerely hope you learn to love thee, Notre Dame. Love thee for what it is, and for what it can be.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'You are Notre Dame'

I extend a warm welcome to all new and returning Notre Dame students. Whether you are arriving on campus for the first time or returning after a summer away, we are very glad you are here.

As we celebrate the new academic year, I invite you to attend the campus-wide Opening Mass on Tuesday, August 25, at 5:30 p.m. in Purcell Pavilion. Please join me on this important occasion, as we gather as a community, welcome new members and ask God's blessing on our endeavors this year. Following Mass, there will be a picnic on North Quad, where music and entertainment are planned. All are welcome.

The University of Notre Dame's mission is distinctive. We strive to offer an undergraduate education of the whole person — mind, body and spirit — that is second to none. We cultivate scholarly excellence, and we advance human understanding through top-tier research and post-baccalaureate programs. In all that we do,

we ensure the Catholic identity of Notre Dame informs our efforts.

As you know, the University has a rich history. Generations of Notre Dame graduates have been shaped by their experiences here, and they, in turn, have left their mark on the University. We invite you to do the same, to be part of Notre Dame's present as well as its future. Individually and collectively, you have tremendous talents and gifts to share. I hope you will take every day, every place on this campus and every conversation with professors or classmates as an opportunity to engage, learn and grow. You are Notre Dame.

Once again, welcome. I wish you every grace and blessing.

Fr. John Jenkins
president
University of Notre Dame
Aug. 20

An Irish greeting

Welcome, class of 2019.

On behalf of the student body, we're excited to see you all on campus. Amidst all of this construction, I'd invite you to take some time to think about something else being built here on campus — your selves.

It's important to remember what you've already brought with you — supportive parents and mentors, top-notch education and a commitment to serving others. You've also got a strong community. Even before you had met one another, your compassionate response to the death of Rebecca Townsend showed your care and your strength.

Now that you're here, you have the opportunity to build on all of this. Attending this university is a unique time to discover the things that are important to you — those that spark your imagination and those that challenge your ways of thinking. Don't shy away from this challenge. Your peers will support you in this journey, in classrooms and in residence halls, but you'll also find support from the many committed faculty and staff across this

campus.

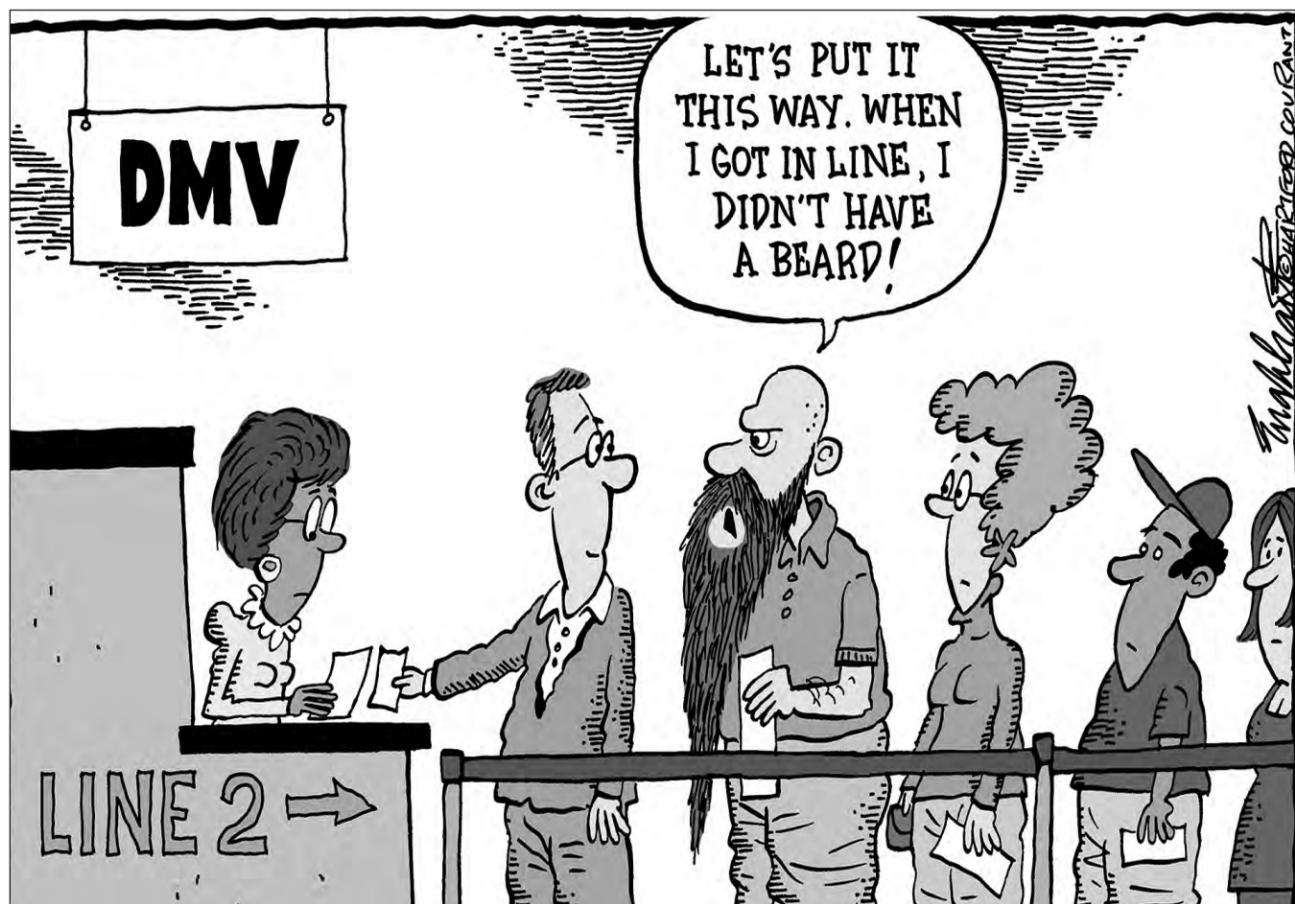
I encourage you to get involved, try new things and to take time to reflect as you begin this experience. Whether your interests lie with Student Government where you can join FUEL, Freshman Class Council or the Student Union board, or if you would like to join a choir or book club on campus, take the time to explore and make the most out of this opportunity to learn and grow.

Student Government staff will be around campus in the coming days welcoming you all and working in the office. Feel free to drop by 203 LaFortune to visit me, Nidia Ruelas (the vice president) and the rest of the staff. If you've got ideas about how to make Notre Dame better, we'd love to talk with you.

Best wishes for your time here, and once again, welcome.

Bryan Ricketts
student body president
University of Notre Dame
Aug. 20

EDITORIAL CARTOON



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Experience the real Saint Mary's

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Saint Mary's College, I extend a warm welcome to the class of 2019, our transfer students and the first graduate students to attend Saint Mary's since the 1960s. As an alumna of Saint Mary's and its 11th president, I understand how powerful this experience will be for you. Your time here will be spent in a rigorous academic environment that will both challenge and support you. Our faculty, staff and administration are accessible and eager to help make your transition to college life successful.

As a Holy Cross institution, we emphasize the

education of the whole person. Your collegiate experience includes both the time you spend in the classroom and the many hours that you are not in class. Every co-curricular activity will enhance your experience here, and I encourage you to participate in as many activities as time and your academic schedule permit.

One of my aspirations for you is that you will develop a sense of obligation to the common good and that your entire life and work will reflect that understanding. If this happens for you, then you, too, will have experienced the real Saint Mary's, the Saint Mary's that I and

over 18,000 alumnae around the world experienced during our time here.

Our proud 170-year tradition of educating students to make a difference in the world now includes you. It is your turn to make history at Saint Mary's College, and I know that you will change us for the better. I look forward to accompanying you on this exciting journey.

Carol Ann Mooney
president
Saint Mary's College
Aug. 20

Leading Notre Dame in new directions

Dear new students,

Like generations who came before, you are embarking on a journey at the University of Notre Dame where you will have an opportunity to advance your knowledge, develop your leadership skills, deepen your faith, learn from others and form lifelong friendships. Whether you are a first-year undergraduate, transfer, professional or graduate student, we are delighted that you have chosen to join our community, and I extend a warm welcome to you as you begin this formative time in your life.

I hope Notre Dame challenges you in many ways. Your professors, your rector, your advisors and your classmates will encourage you to stretch yourself intellectually and develop on a spiritual and personal level. Take these opportunities to find a passion that matches your talents and allows you to lead a purposeful life. Dare to be different, yet be respectful and welcoming to all. Have a wonderful time, without engaging in behavior that would place you or others at risk. Expect much of yourself, care

for those in the community around you and reach out for support when needed. Explore new things, while cherishing the people and traditions that matter. Embrace Notre Dame's distinctive Catholic mission, and enrich your understanding of it through study and reflection. Contribute your own talents to improve the lives of others.

Much of your development at the University can and should occur on your own. At the same time, know that the Division of Student Affairs is available to support you through our residential communities and a variety of student service departments. Rectors and members of our hall staffs across 29 undergraduate halls and two graduate and family residences are dedicated to building Christian communities that are rooted in the Holy Cross tradition. The professionals who serve in Campus Ministry, the Career Center, the McDonald Center for Student Well-Being, the Office of Community Standards, the Office of Disability Services, the Gender Relations Center, Graduate Career

Services, Graduate Student Life, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, RecSports, the Student Activities Office, the Office of Housing, the University Counseling Center, University Health Services and beyond, are trained to provide specialized services and programming that will complement your development. All of us are eager to smooth and enhance the road that you will travel during your time at Notre Dame, and I encourage you to seek our help along the way.

I look forward to watching how your presence, energy, and ideas renew and enhance our University. You will lead Notre Dame in new directions based on the paths that you pursue. May we all form a strong community and write the next chapter of this beloved institution together.

Erin Hoffman-Harding
vice president
Office of Student Affairs
Aug. 20

A Belle Welcome

Welcome new Belles!

I am excited to finally have you all on campus. I hope you all had safe travels and a pleasant arrival. I imagine you are in a total frenzy. Probably still trying to get organized, find your way around and meet new people all at the same time. It is an overwhelming and exciting time but try to remember to pause every once in a while and really take it all in. You will never have these moments again. Trust me, as a senior, I can honestly say it is important to slow down, don't rush anything and enjoy all of it.

I hope you find that Saint Mary's is going to be a great home for you. Even if it doesn't feel like home right away — which it won't — give it time and

before you know it you will be calling your mom and referring to school as home.

But in order for Saint Mary's to become your home, you must really invest yourselves here. Remember to put yourself out there this year. Join clubs you have always wanted to be a part of, try out for the musical even if you've never been on stage, and introduce yourself to that girl whose planner you think is really cute (future best friends? I think yes!).

College is a time to discover who you are, and Saint Mary's is the perfect community to do just that. One thing I love about my fellow Belles is how different and unique we all are and yet how united we are in our sisterhood here at Saint Mary's. In

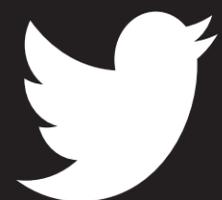
our community we support each other, have fun together and are truly bonded as Belles forever.

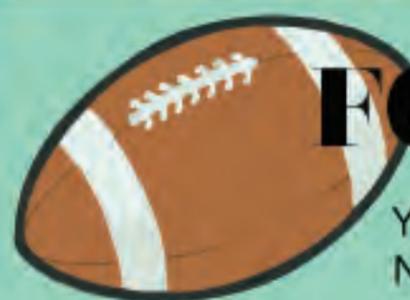
I promise you Saint Mary's will not disappoint you. Here you will thrive, whether it is academically, socially, athletically or artistically. You will learn so much about yourself, your desires and your capabilities. I am so excited to be part of your first year of self-discovery, and I wish you all the best in the years to follow.

The Avenue will always lead you home.

Kaitlyn Baker
student body president
Saint Mary's College
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FOOTBALL STYLE GUIDE

You've been waiting for it since you opened that acceptance letter — Notre Dame football. As you prepare for the first few games of the season (the ones where you won't have to bundle up in anonymity), you're probably wondering what clothing choices will suit your day of sportz and tailgatez. We're here to help you.

Golden dome helmet

Yeah, I know it's hot out ... but these are iconic. Literally. Who wouldn't want to rep Mary on their head? Bonus: protection from punts gone awry or from stumbles up all those stadium steps to the top rows when you were the last to leave the tailgate.

Bro tank

You're probably unwittingly in some Facebook group for Notre Dame bro tanks already. Support a cause, support the bros, and support girls doing touchdown push-ups while showing off your guns. Do you even lift, bro?

Socks

Forgo the Nike Elites for Under Armour (this is a sponsored message), but make sure you are sporting these sport socks for great tan lines. If you don't have an awkward mid-calf tan to pale cutoff on Sunday, did you even tailgate on Saturday?

Shoes

Please, no boat shoes. You will not be getting on a boat. You are in South Bend, Indiana — your feet will only be seeing parking lots and bleachers on game day.

Sunglasses

"10-bands, 100-bands, Ray-Bans." Take a cue from Drake and protect your eyes from the South Bend sun (yes, there is a sun here sometimes). Bonus points for Croakies: Channel Steve Irwin and make sure your shades don't get left behind at the tailgate.

The Shirt

We may not correct it to "The" University of Notre Dame ("cough, cough" Ohio State pretentiousness), but if there is ever a time for the addition of that three-letter word, it is in reference to "The Shirt." Almost everyone will be wearing it, in various ways: DIY crop-top, fringe cut into the bottom, sleeveless (see bro tank) and whatever else is trending on Pinterest, but it's an annual classic.

Beads

Our version of "game-day pearls," head over to the bookstore or an alumni tailgate for a surplus of Irish-themed bling. These things multiply and are great dorm room décor in-between game-days. G'Irish! (PSA for any one familiar with NOLA traditions: game-day beads will be gifted to you by alumni tailgaters for a quick "What dorm were you in?" convo — don't do anything crazy.)

Cargo shorts

No, really. They have so many pockets, a.k.a. so much room for activities. The classic army green will even coordinate with your school spirit.

Heels

JK nope. Something sensible but not obnoxious: Think Chacos or Birkenstocks, not try-hard, shamrock-painted TOMS or bedazzled ND sneakers.

Go for Gold

You will be one of 8,000 in the green sea of the student section, so give your parents a chance to spot you when they are constantly pausing the TV in search. Seek out a gold skirt, shorts or leggings to pair with The Shirt — there is a Salvation Army in walking distance of campus.



Check out the playlist on The Observer's Spotify: [observerscene](#)

PLAYLIST

Curated by Miko Malabute, Scene editor

ANOTHER SUMMER GONE BY, ANOTHER JAM-FILLED SEASON GONE, JUST LIKE THE DAYS OF SUNSHINE, SOON ENOUGH WITH FALL QUICKLY APPROACHING. THANKFULLY, JUST BECAUSE SUMMER'S RETIRED DOESN'T MEAN YOU NEED TO RETIRE THESE SUMMER HITS. PLAY THIS TO GET TO YOUR HAPPY PLACE, AND ABSOLUTELY PLAY THEM AT YOUR NEXT DORM PARTY.

1

Cool for the Summer
Demi Lovato

An absolute must to start things off. You can still cling to the bit of summer and sing along with Demi from the top of your lungs. Win-win.

2

Express Yourself
N.W.A.

With the N.W.A biopic "Straight Outta Compton" released in mid-August, people can get funky enough and rep their favorite Compton-based rap group with one of their most iconic singles. I personally endorse one of their few PG-rated songs for the dorm party scene, but if you choose to delve further into the catalogue, I won't hate it.

3

Hot Line Bling
Drake

In case you were living under a rock or actually doing something important with your summer and missed one of the hottest rap beefs of the century, Drake dropped back-to-back diss tracks that essentially ended Meek Mills' career. This song is not one of them, but it is extremely catchy.

4

679 (feat. Remy Boyz)
Fetty Wap

The summer of 2015 will go down as the summer of Fetty Wap. Everywhere you turned, every radio station you turned, every concert you attended (still really jealous that people got to see a Taylor Swift and Fetty Wap two-for-one special), Fetty Wap was right there in your face delivering non-stop jams.

5

Planes (feat. J. Cole)
Jeremih

Thought we would slow things down, but still keep things light. This lofty single can just ease all the vibes in the room, and make it that much easier to talk to that special someone across the room. Only "if you 'bout that life right now."

6

Marvin Gaye (feat. Meghan Trainor)
Charlie Puth

I'll admit, I'm a huge Meghan Trainor fan. I don't know too many of her songs, but the ones I do know are always sure-fire hits. Mix in Marvin Gaye's name and one of his most irresistible singles, "Let's Get It On," and it's a can't-miss formula for success.

7

White Iverson
Post Malone

Things already slowed down, so let's keep it mellow with "White Iverson." This song is as chill and catchy as anything you've listened to in about two years. Don't believe me? Give it a listen, and if you're not bellowing out how you started ballin' when you were young, then I don't know what to tell you.

8

Cheerleader (Felix Jaehn Remix)
Omi

Listen to it, bob your head uncontrollably. Rinse, repeat. Mix in some singing. The horns are infectious, and the chorus comes spilling out of your mouth whether you want it to or not. Enough said.

9

Watch Me (Whip/Nae Nae)
Silentó

Okay, I don't actually like this song, but I'd be remiss if I didn't include this. You know that song in middle school we all danced to that taught us the moves? "Right foot, let's stomp / left foot, let's stomp / CRISS CROSS!" Well this is the 2015 version of it. People don't actually like it, but I dare you to not (try to) dance when this comes on.

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Bad Blood (feat. Kendrick Lamar)
Taylor Swift

Taylor owns the summer. It's really that simple. To end this playlist on anything other than a T. Swift banger is absolutely disrespectful and flat-out wrong. Sub this one out for "Shake It Off" if you want, but either way everyone will be so glad you ended the party on a high note.



Greg Hadley
Editor-in-Chief

Notre Dame has lots of traditions. Duh. And perhaps some of you freshmen think of yourselves as contrarians who won't give into the peer pressure to follow them all. But come on. This is Notre Dame. You have to do some. So let's compromise. Here are some of the more off-beat bucket list items everyone at ND should cross off before they graduate.

1. Chapel crawl

There are 57 chapels on Notre Dame's campus. It's hard enough to know where they all are, but making it out to each one is an

impressive feat.

2. Holy Half

Put down the fro-yo and join the legions of runners making endless circuits around the lakes. Who cares if the course is poorly marked and the weather makes you want to cry, sweat and shiver all at the same time?

3. Go to at least one game of every sport

Everyone loves football, and last year all eyes were on the men's basketball team as it made it to the Elite Eight. But Notre Dame athletics go far beyond that. In pretty much every sport, the Irish field a competitive squad with NCAA aspirations. They deserve your support, even if it

means walking across campus.

4. Go to The Pool

How this gem has remained hidden in South Bend for so long is beyond us. Kick back and relax with great music and even better atmosphere.

5. Eat lunch with Muffet

Muffet McGraw is the most successful coach at Notre Dame right now. Her teams have made it to five straight Final Fours. Sometimes, she likes to pop into South Dining Hall for lunch with some of her players and sit with other students. Learn everything from the finer points of the Princeton offense to Louboutins.

6. Go to Fr. Jenkins's office

hours

Our president is a busy man, understandably. So if you can grab a half-hour of his time to offer your ideas, pick his brain or just get to know him and shake his hand, you should jump at it.

7. Smoke a cigar at Fr. Hesburgh's grave

Meeting Fr. Hesburgh used to be at the top of everyone's bucket lists. Now, pay your respects while enjoying one of his signature pastimes.

8. Capture a squirrel

Anyone can feed a squirrel. If you're patient, you can even get one to eat out of your hand. But just imagine how thrilled your roommates will be when you

bring back a furry little friend. Rabies? What's rabies?

9. Polar plunge

This one's for every painfully awkward joke someone makes about the cold when you say you go to Notre Dame.

10. Get asked the Question of the Day for The Observer

O.K., so this is a little self-serving. But seriously, it's a ticket to instant campus fame and a great way to show your friends how naturally hilarious you are.

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Upcoming Events

<p>Tuesday October 27 David Sedaris Author, Humorist NPR Contributor</p> <p>Friday October 30 South Bend Symphony KeyBank Pops Concert "Dancing Queen-Music of Abba"</p> <p>Thursday November 5 The Avett Brothers Folk/Country/Rock Concert</p>	<p>Wednesday November 18 Festival of Praise Israel Houghton, Fred Hammond, Kim Burrell, Donnie McClurkin</p> <p>Thursday December 3 Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Christmas</p> <p>Saturday-Sun Dec. 19-20 South Bend Symphony "Home for the Holidays"</p>
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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's hires head coach with local ties

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary's announced South Bend native Denise Van De Walle as its new volleyball head coach August 7, effective for the 2015 season.

"Growing up in South Bend, I've been familiar with Saint Mary's since high school," Van De Walle said in a Saint Mary's press release. "It has a wonderful reputation of excellence. I'm excited to be a part of it and very excited to be the Belles' new head volleyball coach."

Van De Walle, who most recently comes from a three-year stint as a Notre Dame volunteer assistant coach, was a head coach at Bowling Green from 1983 through 2011, where in her 29 years at the helm, the Falcons won three Mid-American Conference championships, posting a 30-win campaign in 1992. She was named MAC Coach of the Year on four separate occasions, and her teams at Bowling Green won 527 matches.

As a player, Van De Walle was a four-year letter-winner at Ball

State, where she was part of a team that set the Cardinals program record for wins in a season. She stayed in Muncie, Indiana, to start her coaching career, winning the 1977 state championship with Northside High School, before returning to Ball State as an assistant coach. A stint as an assistant at Cal Poly preceded her move to Bowling Green as head coach.

Also, Van De Walle was on the USA Volleyball Board of Directors from 1998 to 2003 and served as the American Volleyball Coaches Association president in 2001 during a seven-year stint on that organization's Board of Directors.

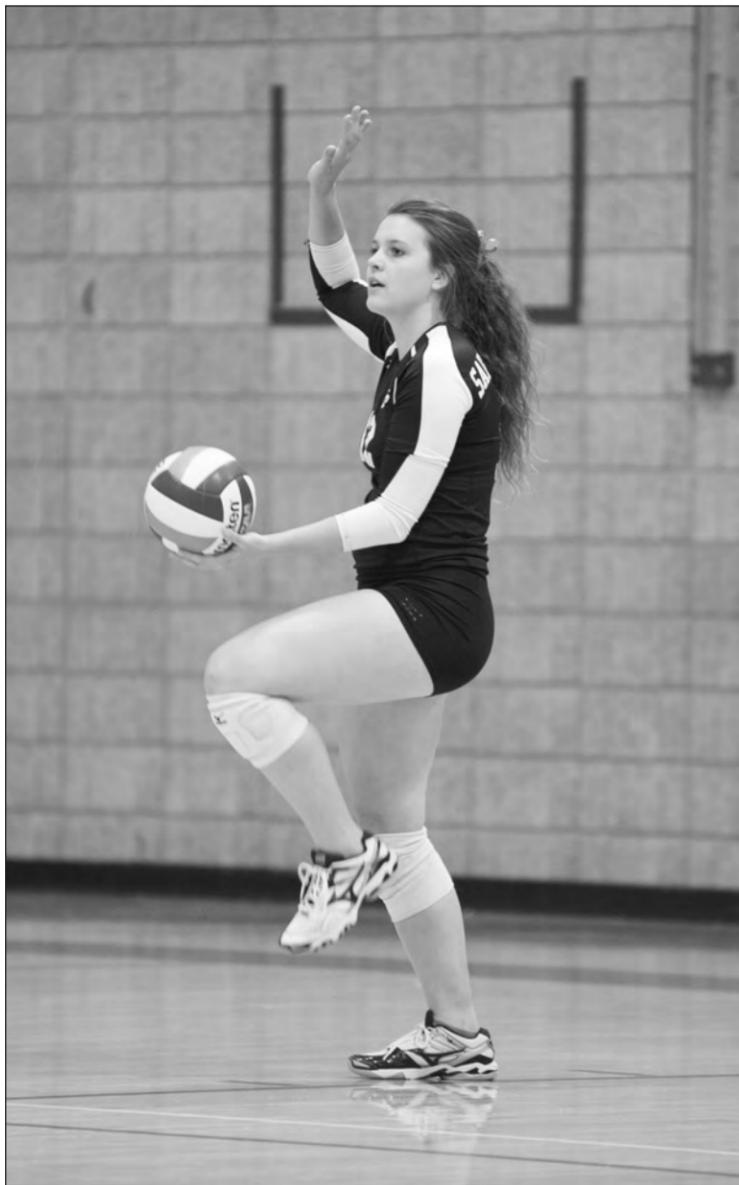
In addition to her work in collegiate volleyball, Van De Walle was an assistant coach on the 2004 and 2008 U.S. women's paralympic sitting volleyball teams, winning bronze in Athens and silver in Beijing.

Van De Walle takes over a Belles squad that finished 15-13 last season under Toni Elyea, narrowly missing out on a spot in the MIAA tournament through

a tiebreaker after posting an 8-8 record in the conference. On the heels of the team's winningest year during her six-year stint as Belles head coach, Elyea left Saint Mary's in July to take the same position at Belmont Abbey, a Division II college in Belmont, North Carolina.

In her first year at the helm, Van De Walle will have to cope with the loss of six seniors from last year's squad, including All-MIAA second team outside hitter Kati Schneider. Senior outside hitter Katie Hecklinski, who was third on the team with 256 kills last year, returns, as well as junior Clare McMillan, who was the Belles' assist leader last season with 7.72 per game.

Saint Mary's will open up its 2015-16 slate with a home contest against Manchester on Sept. 1 before traveling to Elmhurst, Illinois, for the Elmhurst Tournament on Sept. 4 and 5. The conference slate will begin for the Belles on Sept. 9, when they host Calvin in the first of 16 conference matchups during the two-month regular season.



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Former Saint Mary's outside hitter Brooke Fowler serves the ball during the Belles' 3-0 loss to Hope on Oct. 31.

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Recapping this summer's lessons



Zach Klonsinski
Sports Editor

As a general rule, I always want to be listening, to be learning. It's why I'm a history major; it's why I probably always hang around too long at interviews; it's why I always prefer to be quiet and around the background of different situations.

Yet this is also a trait that seems to be contradictory to the role of a reporter. Everyone has a stereotypical reporter cast in mind: the annoying, pushy, cold and unfeeling person always shoving people out of the way to get the inside scoop or the breaking story, no matter the cost. This is far from the truth, of course — in my year and a half as a member of this demographic, I have met a lot of great people who I have a ton of respect for.

Sometimes, though, the media earns every bit of that bad reputation.

This summer provided a couple of great examples of places we need to keep improving upon. One event occurred on social media, the other at a live awards show broadcast for the entire country to see. In both cases, we were reminded just how many people our work reaches — and just how careful we need to be with it.

As baseball's trade deadline approached, rumors flew about a trade involving Mets infielder Wilmer Flores being sent to the Brewers. In just minutes, everyone knew Flores was almost certainly going to Milwaukee — except Wilmer Flores himself. The aftermath of fans yelling to him he'd been traded was well documented: The tears, the fans giving him a standing ovation for grounding out in what seemed to be his final at bat. Then, the next night — still in a Mets uniform — hitting a walk-off home run, and later working with ownership to stay a Met for life. Someone will have the movie rights soon enough, I'm sure.

Still, despite the Hollywood-esque ending and the reality the reporters who broke the trade rumors were

literally doing their jobs, in all of it we were reminded of the dehumanization our work can easily slip into. We cover real people, and very quickly our work has real consequences. We cannot forget the influence our work can have on a person's life, and nothing should be written, filmed or tweeted lightly.

With that in mind, we also must be wary about how that influence is used — and who or what decides how to use it. Sensationalism is hardly journalism, to me. In the era of page clicks, I worry sometimes incredible and important stories may be lost to the pursuit of numbers above all else.

The Arthur Ashe Courage Award at this year's ESPY awards was one such example. I'm not saying Caitlyn Jenner didn't do something incredibly courageous. I'm not saying transgender rights and respect are not important. It's a national conversation we need to continue. And I'm not saying a televised awards show should not try for high ratings.

I am saying, however, Lauren Hill, a basketball player at Mount St. Joseph's diagnosed with brain cancer, knew she was going to die. She had an expiration date on her life, yet she became an inspiration for millions. I only hope to have a tenth of the courage and zeal Hill and those around her showed in her fight if I ever find myself in that situation. And I'll say Hill directly used sports as her basis of getting her message to the world; she wasn't an Olympian from almost 20 years before I was born.

I also hope ESPN didn't make the decision on the award this year solely or even largely on who would provide the best ratings. I really want to hope this. I get it: ratings bring cash and the like.

Is that all that makes our jobs worth doing, though? It's a discussion we need to have.

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Observer File Photo

Former Irish guard Jerian Grant defends a shot by Syracuse freshman guard Kaleb Joseph during Notre Dame's 65-60 loss at Purcell Pavilion on Feb. 24. Grant was selected 19th in the NBA Draft on June 25.

M Basketball

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open things up for me," Grant said.

Grant mentioned that before the draft, he and Porzingas talked about potential landing spots and discussed Porzingas's desire to play for the Knicks. Grant said he had no idea that he would eventually be playing with Porzingas this year for the Knicks.

Last season, the Knicks finished 17-65, the second worst record in the league. Their regular point guard, Jose Calderon dished out 4.7 assists per game.

When asked what he can contribute to the Knicks, Grant said he could come in and immediately create plays.

"I make the guys around me a lot better," Grant said. "I can give them the open looks."

Despite being the highest drafted Irish player since Ryan Humphrey was drafted 19th by the Jazz in 2002, Grant said his father, Harvey Grant, and uncle, Horace Grant, who both played in the NBA, told him it is one thing to make it to the NBA and another to stay there.

Twenty-two picks later, it looked as though Grant and Pat Connaughton would both be playing in the Big Apple, but another trade just minutes later broke up that outcome.

Connaughton was picked by the Brooklyn Nets with the 41st pick, making it the first time Notre Dame has

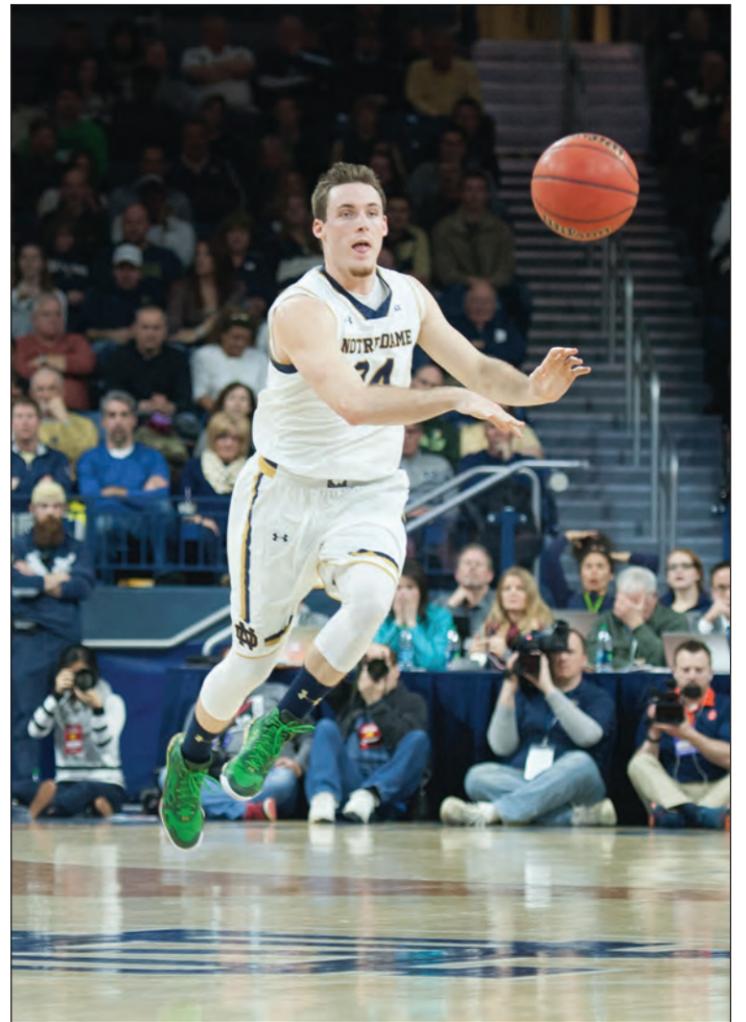
had two players drafted since LaPhonso Ellis and Elmer Bennett in 1992. Like Grant, Connaughton was traded after being picked, this time to the Portland Trailblazers along with Mason Plumlee for Rondae Hollis-Jefferson, who was the 23rd pick in the draft, and veteran Steve Blake.

The combo guard/forward posted 12.5 points, 7.4 rebounds and just under a block per game last season, along with a 42.3 percentage

mark from beyond the arc.

Before this past season, many thought Connaughton would stick to baseball after being drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in the fourth round. However, Connaughton has made clear that basketball is priority after returning to Notre Dame last season to play during his last season of eligibility.

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Former Irish guard/forward Pat Connaughton passes the ball upcourt during Notre Dame's 65-60 loss to Syracuse on Feb. 24.

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Seidel

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19th.

"Going in, I knew that Bates and Scott were the two heaviest favorites by far," Seidel said. "I definitely knew that I wanted to try and stay up with them as long as possible. But I think, initially, it wasn't even in [my] mind going in to win."

However, for the first five miles, the pace was well within Seidel's comfort zone as no runner made a decisive move to the front. She stayed near the front of the pack and maintained a tactical position to cover any moves her opponents might make.

Then, with four laps to go, Bates dropped the field with a 66-second lap that gave her a 50-meter edge over second. Seidel led the chase pack, and as quickly as Bates built a lead, she started to fall apart in the third-to-last circuit. As she entered the homestretch, Seidel caught and passed her aggressively, starting a surge of her own.

It was only at this point when Seidel took the lead did she start to think she could hold on and win.

"I was kind of just running scared at that point," Seidel said. "But it started going

through my mind at that point, 'Just keep pushing, keep pushing. You need to stay ahead, and if you do that you might be able to do it.'

"I think that entire time I just knew the girls were behind me and I knew that Dominique Scott is one of the fastest kickers in the NCAA, so I was really just giving everything I had at that point. I didn't want to let up too soon."

But Scott was roughly 50 meters behind with 800 to go and had not started her kick. As Seidel posted a 75-second penultimate lap, her next closest competitor was 20 meters behind and not gaining any ground.

The gap between Seidel and the field only grew as she pushed the pace even further in the final lap, taking 70 seconds to go the remaining 50 meters. As she crossed the line, the only runner nearby was Hillary Montgomery of Texas A&M, whom she had just lapped.

Seidel credited her strong kick at the end to her training and her experience earlier in the season running shorter distances, which forced her to develop quicker turnover, she said.

"[Irish distance coach Matt] Sparks had the good presence of mind to put me

in a 1,500 earlier in the season and do a lot of workouts where I would do a long tempo and then fast repeats at the end, something like 400 meters," Seidel said. "That was really getting that raw speed to get ready for that mad dash at the end."

With another year left in her collegiate career and a heralded recruiting class coming in, Seidel's expectations for herself and her team next season are now sky-high, she said. The Irish will also have the benefit of a full season under Sparks, who took over the distance runners two weeks before cross country season this year.

"I think [the win] really has a lot of potential for the growth of the program as a whole ... and helping to raise that bar and show that national championships are something that we can do here at ND," Seidel said.

Senior Jade Barber finished fourth in the 100-meter hurdles and junior Margaret Bamgbose placed sixth in the 400-meter dash to secure the first-ever top-15 performance for the Irish program, finishing tied for 13th place with Stanford.

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Molly Seidel, right, leads the pack during the National Catholic Invitational at Notre Dame Golf Course on Sept. 19.

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FOOTBALL

Bryant leaves Notre Dame

Observer Staff Report

Irish junior running back Greg Bryant will not appear on Notre Dame's roster in 2015, according to a statement released by head coach Brian Kelly on Aug. 4.

"There are certain expectations within our program that must be met on a daily basis," Kelly said in the statement. "Quite simply, Greg did not meet those expectations."

Kelly also said that day Bryant remains on scholarship and will be eligible to practice with the Irish this season. However, Roger Mitchell, a tight ends coach at junior college ASA College Miami, tweeted Aug. 12 that Bryant will play for the SilverStorm in their inaugural season this year. ASA's head coach, Ernest T. Jones, served as Notre Dame's director of player development from 2012 to 2014 and helped recruit Bryant to play for the Fighting Irish.

Pete Sampson of Irish Illustrated reported Bryant's father, Greg Bryant Sr., did not know of his son's transfer until news broke.

Bryant was originally reported on June 29 to be suspended for the first four games of the season due to a "violation of team rules."

When the first fall practices



Observer File Photo

Irish running back Greg Bryant maneuvers upfield during the 49-14 loss to USC on Nov. 29 in Los Angeles, California.

kicked off, Notre Dame was down to two veteran options at running back in junior Tarean Folston and senior C.J. Prosise, who played a larger role in the Irish backfield in the spring after spending the previous two years as a receiver. The Irish also brought in two freshmen running backs, Dexter Williams and Josh Adams.

Bryant redshirted his freshman season due to knee tendinitis, but the Delray Beach, Florida, native carried the ball 54 times last year for 289 yards and three touchdowns. He was Notre Dame's

second-leading rusher behind Folston, leaving the Irish without three of their top four ground threats from last year with the transfer of quarterback Everett Golson to Florida State and the graduation of running back Cam McDaniel.

Kelly also announced in the statement that junior linebacker Michael Deeb and junior tight end Mike Heurman will miss the season after taking medical redshirts. Both will remain on scholarship but do not count towards the 85-player total.

Injured Jones out for full season

By GREG HADLEY
Editor-in-Chief

Starting senior defensive lineman Jarron Jones will miss the entire 2015 season after suffering an MCL injury in his right knee during Notre Dame's training camp, head coach Brian Kelly announced Saturday.

The injury occurred early during a practice, Kelly said, when a player rolled on Jones's knee. He called the incident "kind of a freak deal," and said Jones will undergo surgery next week.

After being battered by injuries late last season, the Irish defense was just getting back to full strength. Jones was coming back from a Lisfranc injury that forced him to miss the last two games of the season, while senior Sheldon Day and graduate students Jarrett Grace and Joe Schmidt were reaching full speed after missing time.

The absence of Jones leaves a hole in the middle of the line, as he started the first 11 games of 2014 and recorded 40 tackles, 7.5 for a loss, along with 1.5 sacks

and two blocked kicks. Kelly said Saturday his spot will likely be filled by freshman Jerry Tillery and sophomore Daniel Cage.

Jones was not the only Irish player absent from practice Saturday. Senior running back C.J. Prosise, who is challenging junior Tarean Folston for time at running back, has a hip flexor that will keep him from going full-speed for at least another week, Kelly said. But he is not worried about Prosise losing ground in the battle for playing time.

"He knows the offense so well. We felt really good about his run tracks and his ability to know the offense," Kelly said. "I think how it affects us more than anything else is that we don't want to wear out Folston."

To combat that possibility, Kelly said he has given senior Josh Anderson, the oldest running back on the squad, more carries during practice as the younger backs develop.

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Hegarty to play for Oregon

By BRIAN PLAMONDON
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After announcing his intent to use his final year of eligibility elsewhere March 4, former Notre Dame offensive lineman Matt Hegarty has decided to play for Oregon for the 2015 season.

As a result of graduating in May, Hegarty is eligible immediately.

Oregon announced the transfer via its football staff's Twitter account.

In 2014, the Aztec, New Mexico, native started 11 of 13 games for the Irish. After appearing in 12 games in 2013, Hegarty was part of an offensive line shakeup for Notre Dame early in the 2014 season, moving from guard to center for his last nine starts.

In a statement to ESPN on March 4, Hegarty cited a stroke earlier in his career and his wish to contribute as much as possible as reasons for leaving Notre Dame. Graduate student center Nick Martin and junior right guard Steve Elmer are entrenched in their respective positions on the line for the Irish, while sophomores Quenton Nelson and Alex Bars had been pushing for playing time and battled throughout the spring at left guard.

At Oregon, Hegarty will have the opportunity to compete at center, where the departed Hroniss Grasu was a four-year starter.

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Observer File Photo

Former Notre Dame offensive lineman Matt Hegarty prepares to snap the ball during a 23-13 win over BYU in 2013.

Golson transfers to FSU

By MARY GREEN
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Just as Florida State lost its No. 5 under center, it will gain Notre Dame's No. 5 next season.

Former Irish quarterback Everett Golson transferred to Florida State, Golson told Fox Sports on Tuesday.

The quarterback announced May 7 that he would leave the University and play his final season of eligibility elsewhere. Golson started all 12 regular season games in 2014 for Notre Dame but came in off the bench in the Irish bowl victory over LSU on Dec. 30, when sophomore Malik Zaire earned the starting nod.

Florida State recently lost its starter, Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston, to the NFL draft, where he was selected first overall by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"After much thought and careful consideration, I will utilize my fifth year of eligibility to join the Florida State University Seminoles," Golson said in a statement to Fox Sports' Bruce Feldman. "To coach Jimbo Fisher, the Florida State football team, staff, alumni and fans, thank you for allowing me to become part of the Seminoles family. I can't wait to get started."

Golson officially wrapped up his time at Notre Dame in May, when he received his bachelor's degree at the University's commencement ceremony. He called the weekend "a defining moment in my life."



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Former Irish quarterback Everett Golson readies for the snap during Notre Dame's 31-27 loss to his new team, Florida State, on Oct. 18.

"The support I've received there over the past four years has helped strengthen my integrity, wisdom and character," Golson said in the statement. "I would like to thank all of the coaches who spent time speaking with me these past few weeks and considered adding me to their football programs. Their interest and sincerity was truly humbling."

Florida State currently has five quarterbacks on its roster, including Golson, but just one, redshirt junior Sean Maguire, who took any snaps in the 2014 season. Maguire backed up Winston and appeared in four games, making

one start, and threw for 339 total yards and completed 25 of his 49 pass attempts.

In Notre Dame's 31-27 road loss to the Seminoles on Oct. 18, Golson completed 31 of his 52 pass attempts for 313 yards and three touchdowns. However, one of his two interceptions on the night came in the final seconds of the game to seal Florida State's victory after a controversial pass interference call against the Irish prevented them from taking a late lead.

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final result, he said it still “feels amazing” and took a huge weight off his shoulders.

“Before, I knew I was going to be part of it, but there’s still hesitation, like, what if they came back and just out of nowhere like I got the worst case scenario and they said I wasn’t playing?” he said. “That’d kill me, so it’s one of those things that since it’s behind me, it’s a really exciting feel, and now I can just do what I want to do, do what I need to do to help this team win and put 100 percent in 100 percent of the time.”

Kelly said the cornerback is shaking off the rust and getting back to his old form a few weeks into practice, commenting on one of Russell’s more popular Instagram posts, “When you’re out of pads for a year, you can’t duplicate that by jumping on boxes.”

“He still needs that work,” Kelly said. “So the first couple of weeks, it wasn’t much. We were running past him, and he was holding us and grabbing us. Now you can start to see him, his technique is coming back, his discipline is coming back, and it’s nice to see.”

While Russell stayed in shape during his suspension by training at home in Washington, he said there was still an adjustment period to get caught up to the speed of practice — and the teammates he was going up against.

“A lot of it was just working on fundamentals and techniques, so it’s different when you come and you go against a guy like [Will] Fuller or Chris Brown or Corey Robinson that first day and they’re coming full speed at you, and you’ve got a guy like Malik Zaire throwing the ball as well,” he said. “So it’s just that adjusting factor, and I feel like I’ve adjusted extremely well in a week.”

Russell said he is academically considered a senior and will meet with his advisor next week to sort through where he stands in school.

With his return to the field finalized, defensive lineman Ishaq Williams remains the only player from last year’s suspended group whose future is still up in the air. Kelly did not have an update Tuesday besides to say Williams had just submitted his personal appeal to the NCAA.

“His part had an appeal that he had to personally put together as well,” Kelly said. “That’s been completed. That has been sent off to the NCAA, so now that goes through the process of them now looking at his appeal.”

Russell said he hadn’t talked with Williams since camp started, and even before then, he said their conversations weren’t centered around Williams’ unknown future or their suspensions.

“When we talk, it’s more like teammates,” Russell said. “I still feel like he’s on our team, to me, so I talk to him like I talk to Chris Brown. I talk to him like I talk to Sheldon Day. ... If he mentions it, then we’ll talk about it, but I don’t really bring it up much just because I know how it feels.”

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football team for our opener, so we’re trying to create as many situations out there for our team. ... We’ve got talented players, but, it’s about how they respond to situations in the game that determine how the outcome is ultimately going to be a win or a loss.”

Zaire in command

As junior quarterback Malik Zaire and junior linebacker Jaylon Smith emerged from the hallway at media day, a crowd gathered around Zaire’s designated table, microphones, recorders, cameras and reporters all vying for space. While Smith, featured on four preseason awards watch lists and a recent Sports Illustrated cover, attracted a sizable crowd of his own, the majority of heads turned towards the quarterback who nabbed the starting spot.

“I have 100 percent confidence in myself to be able to handle this job,” Zaire said. “That’s why I was able to be granted the ability to start and the support from my teammates and coaches to help this program win football games.”

“It’s important that as the high-profile position that the quarterback is, not only for Notre Dame but also this offense, we have the command and the presence of running the show.”

Fall camp has been a little different than spring ball, when Zaire and Florida State transfer Everett Golson were still in a battle to lead the offense. Zaire is now the clear starter, which he said has allowed him to focus on things other than beating the player next to him.

“Camp has been great. It’s been a lot of learning,” Zaire said. “I think some of the situations we’ve been put in as an offense have been more than we’ve experienced the past couple of camps, which is good, not only for me, but also for the group to be able to become adjusted to some of the situations that will be in real live-game experiences.”

Stanley returns a leader in his final season

After the last campaign drew to end with the Music City Bowl win over LSU, Kelly and his staff had an important recruiting pitch to make — to one of their own. Offensive tackle Ronnie Stanley was debating forgoing his senior season and declaring for the NFL Draft but ultimately decided to return to school for one last go-around.

“I think primarily [it was], You’re this close,” Kelly said of his pitch to Stanley. “You haven’t had a winter workout yet. You’ve had two injuries that have really not allowed you to get as strong as you can be physically. You’re close to finishing off your degree. Let’s get your degree. Then finally, let’s put you in a leadership position.”

“I think all those three things were certainly in front of him, and we simply went there to reinforce that we’d provide those opportunities for him.”

Stanley described the choice to return to school as “a very difficult decision,” but ultimately it was his teammates he didn’t want to leave.

“One of things that got me to stay was my teammates, all those guys coming back that I built bonds with and I am really close with,” Stanley said. “It wouldn’t feel right leaving all those guys that I know.”

Stanley said he has put an emphasis on being a strong team leader, something that didn’t always come easy to him.

“I was always able to give my teammates good feedback and be able to influence them in some ways, but I was never too firm in my leadership role,” Stanley said. “Now I have taken hold of it and embraced it more than I ever have.”

Graduate student center Nick Martin said he was excited when Stanley finally made the decision to return to campus.

“I talked to him a lot about it,” Martin said. “We’re very close, and I told him, ‘Hey, I want to finish out my time here with you.’”

With the return of Stanley, the only piece missing from last season’s offensive line is the graduated Christian Lombard, a fact Stanley said has had the line “locked-in” since practices began.

“When we are in there, we are live. We are a very serious group out there,” he said.

Receiving corps ready for more breakthroughs

Despite a new face behind center, Zaire’s targets downfield have remained relatively stable, his largest departure being the graduated tight end Ben Koyack. While junior receiver Will Fuller was the breakout star of the 2014 campaign, Kelly was asked about the possibility of such breakthroughs from other receivers, like juniors Corey Robinson and Torii Hunter Jr.

“You’re going to see a lot of [Hunter] this year,” Kelly said. “He’ll play a lot. If he had to, he could play all the positions. ... He’s probably our most versatile receiver in that he has the size and the speed and the ability to work inside out of the slot position because of his elusiveness. We probably don’t have another player that has that ability on the roster.”

Kelly said teams aren’t going to put a lot of one-on-one coverage on Robinson, but the lanky 6-foot-5 receiver has made strides in his ability to adjust to zone matchups, especially in the red zone.

“He’s going to get a lot of bracket coverage, a lot of seven, eight across, zone coverage, and he’s going to have to work the back end line,” Kelly said. “That’s where he’s going to have to live this year.”

“He’s getting accustomed to understanding zone coverages, though he’s still developing his craft and learning more about the game every day.”

Fuller, for his part, said he knows he will be keyed on by every defense on the Irish schedule.

“I know that defensive backs want to go against me,” Fuller said. “I’m not a surprise this year. They’re going to be aware of what I did last year on screens.”

“When the spotlight is on me, I think I do a great job handling all the pressures. I love big moments and being under the lights. If my number is called, I get excited.”

Sanford hits the ground running

First year offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Mike Sanford was everything Kelly thought he’d be, Kelly said, praising the former Boise State offensive coordinator’s ability to clearly communicate the team’s progression-read offense.

“At times last year we were not clear sometimes on our movement key and our progression reads,” Kelly said. “We are 100 percent on our movement key progressions. Mike is a stickler for that, and I’ve always been a stickler for that. That’s one of the things that we have connected on and one of the things that we connected on in the interviewing process.”

Zaire also described Sanford’s attention to detail has enabled both himself and the offense as a whole to grow.

“Coach Sanford is a guy that’s been more specific than other coaches,” Zaire said. “We’ve been more keen on finding out how we are going to get better every day and the steps we’re going to take every day to get better. It’s helpful because the day-to-day work isn’t so broad. It’s much more specific and set out each day.”

However, Kelly said he and his coaches are still determining whether Sanford, associate head coach Mike Denbrock or Kelly himself will call the plays in the upcoming season.

Quote of the day

Brian Kelly, in response to a question asking if he feels more comfortable in his sixth year:

“I don’t know if you ever get comfortable in the seat at Notre Dame. Comfortable wouldn’t be a word that I would use.”

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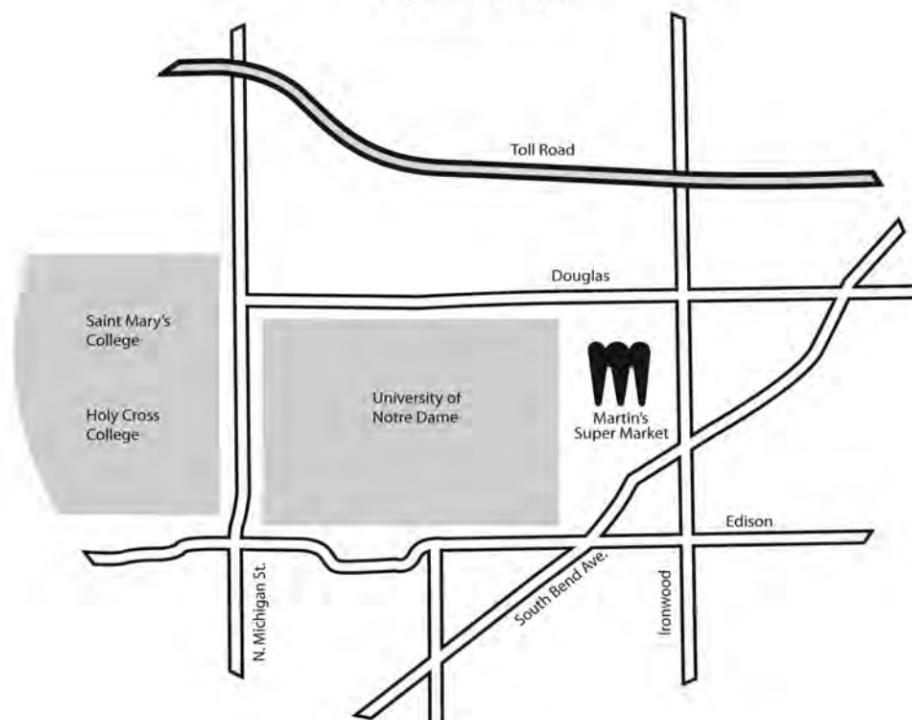
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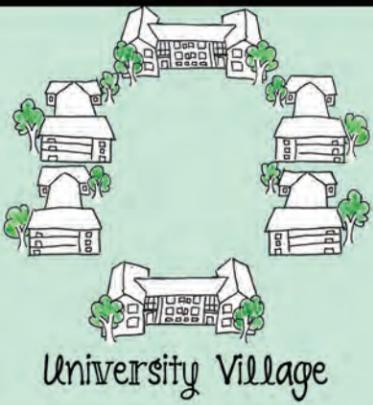
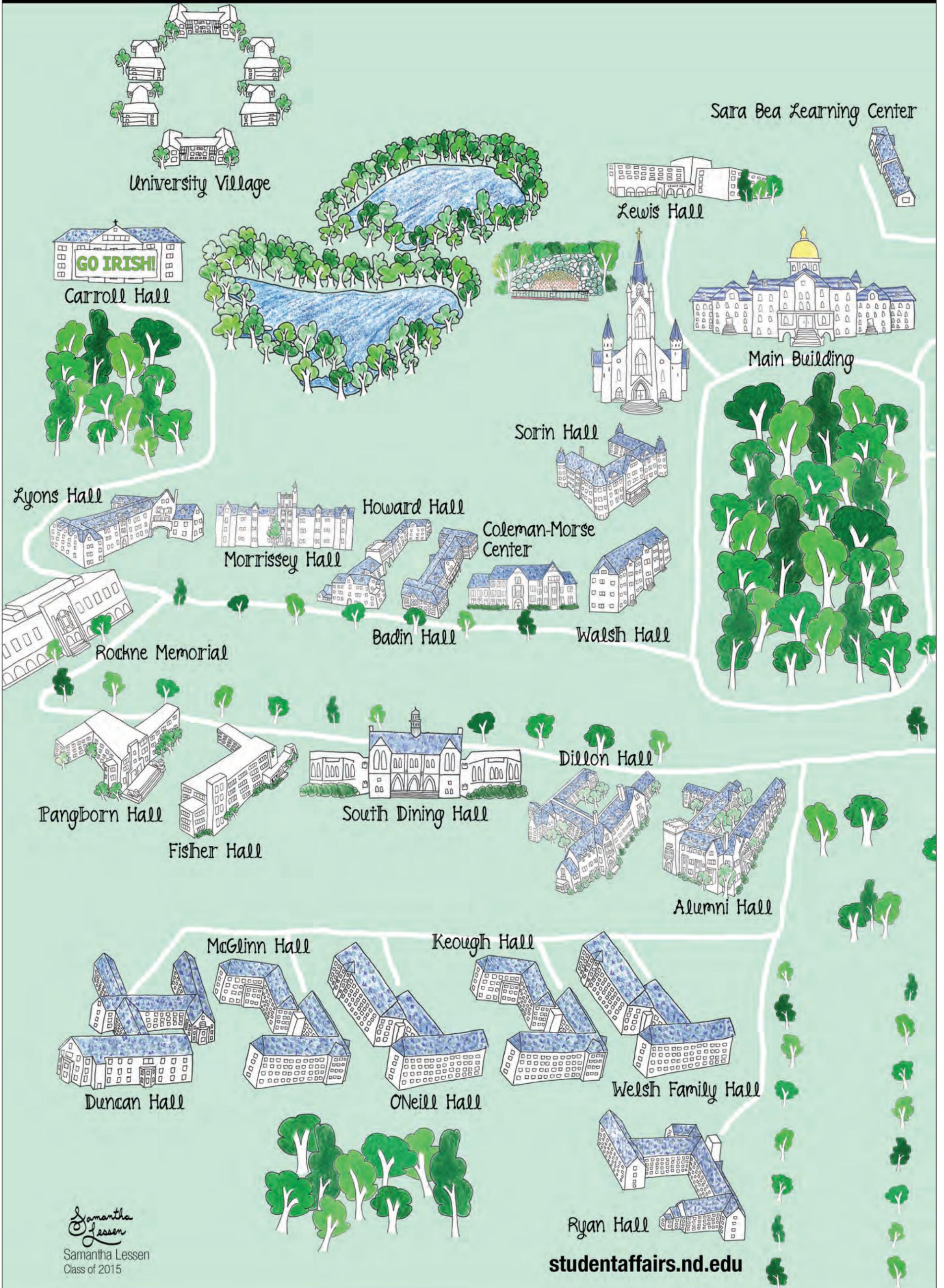
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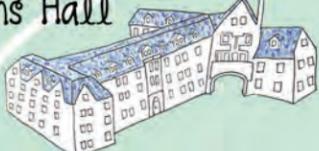


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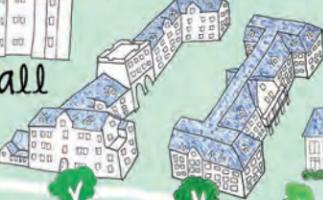
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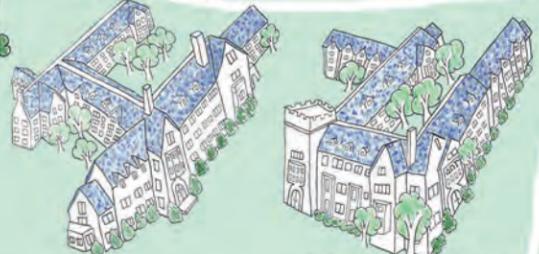
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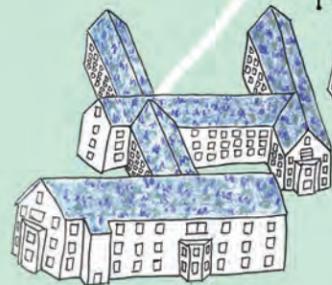
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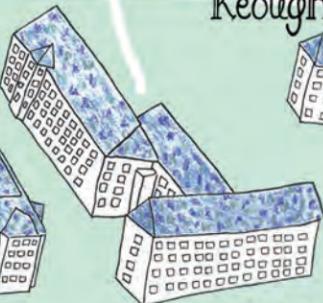
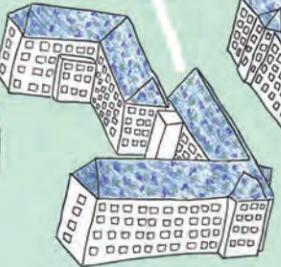


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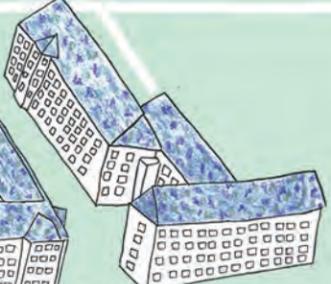
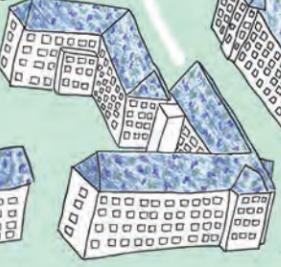


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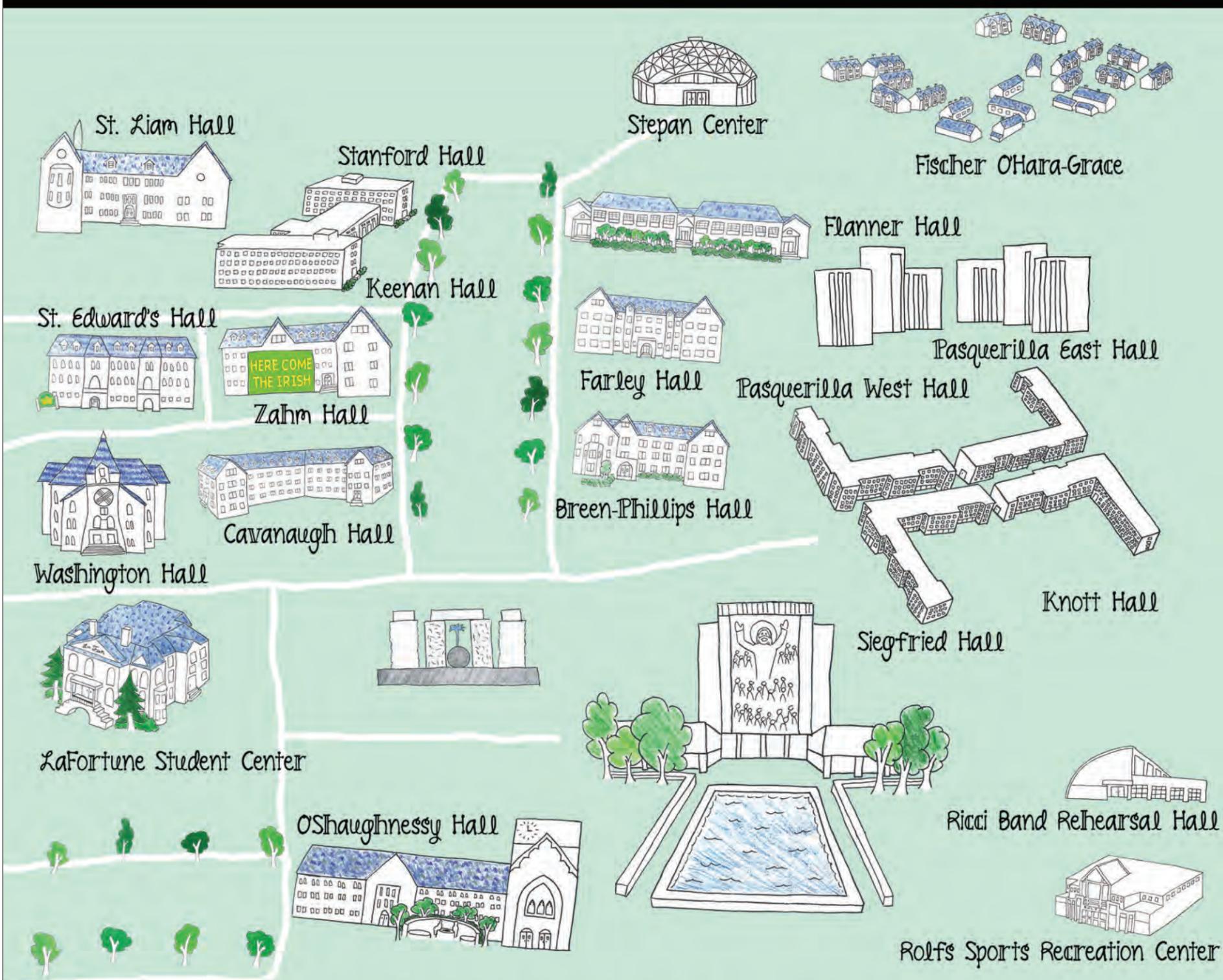
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MEN'S SOCCER

New Irish leadership in place as season kicks off

By **ZACH KLONSINSKI**
Sports Editor

Patrick Hodan buried a low, curling shot off a pass from Connor Klekota to lift Notre Dame to a 1-0 victory over Butler on Wednesday night, solidifying what has been a wholesale make-over for the Irish since last season.

Hodan and Klekota, both senior midfielders, were selected

as two of the team's tri-captains back in the spring, along with graduate student defender Max Lachowecki. The three are tasked with the difficult role of replacing nine players from last year's squad, including midfielder Nick Besler, the fifth-overall pick in last year's MLS Draft, but Irish head coach Bobby Clark said he likes what he's seen from the trio so far. "The players pick the captains,"

Clark said. "We never pick them right away ... Because nobody really knows and I just tell the senior class, 'You take over. You lead us through the early part of the spring.'

"I think if the staff had been choosing we would have chosen the same people. That's the amazing part about it: Nearly every time the players pick who we would pick. ... They know who's got respect in the locker room."

Clark also credited Notre Dame with doing a great job of preparing juniors for leadership roles through courses offered by the athletic department.

It was not just the incoming seniors who were working hard and getting ready for the season either, Clark said, calling this year's squad one of the fittest he's ever had coming into a fall camp.

"They've worked very hard at it," Clark said. "They really want to be good. I think they were a little disappointed the way the season finished last year, but at the same time they know it's such a difficult league we play in that I think they're aware of the task ahead of them as well."

With so many departures there are a number of positions up in the air, but the most intriguing may be who will replace the graduated Patrick Wall in goal for the

Irish. Wall, who compiled a career record of 38-7-10, played every minute for Notre Dame the last two years.

The Irish have three goalkeepers on their roster this year: senior Brian Talcott, junior Chris Hubbard and freshman Ryan Krutz. Hubbard has played in both exhibition games so far this season after Talcott suffered a concussion playing a pick-up game with some of the other players on the team just before fall camp began, although the two split time in the spring season.

"We thought it was going to be a battle," Clark said. "We'll need two goalies, and we'd like three goalies, but we certainly need a starter and someone who can back up."

Clark praised his team's work ethic and desire, but said there is still much to be done as the Irish tune up for a difficult regular season schedule, particularly in limiting turnovers in their own half of the field.

After exhibition matches at Ohio State and Butler, the Irish will take to the Alumni Stadium pitch for the first time Monday night against Saint Louis in the team's annual Grassroots Soccer Game, which will collect proceeds for a charity very special to Clark. His son, Tommy, founded Grassroots

Soccer to help fight the spread of HIV in Africa by educating teenage boys about how to prevent themselves from contracting the disease, as well as how to treat it if they do test positive.

"We coached in Africa back in 1983, and the whole family was out there," Clark said. "[Tommy] went back there after he graduated from Dartmouth, and he went back there for a year to teach. He realized a lot of people he knew, especially younger people, had died or were ill from HIV."

Clark said he wanted to encourage the student body to come out to the game and give a small donation to the foundation — and to check out the home team in action.

"Even the students, I'm asking them just for a dollar," Clark said. "Nobody's going to stop them if they don't, of course, but I've always matched whatever they can put in. So the more money they put in, the more it'll cost me."

"I just hope there aren't any millionaires that come walking in. I could be in serious trouble."

Notre Dame and Saint Louis kick off in the Annual Grassroots Game at Alumni Stadium on Monday at 7 p.m.

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Irish senior midfielder Patrick Hodan fights through the rain during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Ohio State on Nov. 23 at Alumni Stadium.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

ND ranks ninth despite offensive departures

By **RENEE GRIFFIN**
Sports Writer

Though Notre Dame's top two scorers from 2014 are gone — star midfielder Morgan Andrews transferred to USC and veteran forward Lauren Bohaboy graduated after last season — expectations, both internal and external, remain high, with the team ranked No. 9 in the nation heading into the Friday opener against Valparaiso.

Irish head coach Theresa Romagnolo said she has faith the offense wouldn't diminish this season.

"What's exciting is we've had a couple different additions to the midfield. We have an attacking style," she said. "If you looked at our spring games, the mobility and creativity that we had in the midfield was exciting."

"The players got great experience there and created a lot of offense, which carried over into the exhibition games and should continue through the season."

The five-player freshman class includes three midfielders: Ann Marie Niro, Natalie Ward and Shannon Hendricks. Senior captain Glory Williams will anchor the midfield as well.

This time last year, Romagnolo had only recently been named head coach. In her inaugural season, the Irish went 14-6-2 and

reached the NCAA tournament's third round, where they lost a heartbreaker to Texas A&M.

"I think anytime you become more familiar with your team, it's always going to be an advantage," Romagnolo said. "This is a great squad, they're really receptive to learning and getting better. I'm very fortunate to be here."

Among Notre Dame's top players are preseason all-conference selections Cari Roccaro, a senior midfielder, and Katie Naughton, a senior defender.

Romagnolo expressed confidence in the mentality of the team and the abilities of the Irish leaders.

"What motivates this group is they want to be the best," Romagnolo said. "We have six seniors on the squad who bring a lot of leadership, and I think they're excited to make their mark and make this season special."

However, Romagnolo acknowledged a dominant season won't be easy with some of the country's top teams on the schedule, such as No. 1 Florida State and No. 2 Virginia.

"We try to have a very competitive schedule," Romagnolo said. "We have to be prepared for a battle whatever game we're going into. The ACC is one of the toughest conferences in the nation."

The Irish's first foe, Valparaiso,



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Irish senior defender Katie Naughton clears the ball from her end just in front of a forward from Mexico's U-20 National Team during Notre Dame's 4-1 win at Alumni Stadium on April 14.

last visited Alumni Stadium in November. Notre Dame defeated the Crusaders, 1-0, with a last-minute goal by junior forward Kaleigh Olmsted in the first round of the NCAA tourney.

"Early on, every team is

forming their identity. It'll be interesting to see how [Valparaiso has] developed," Romagnolo said. "Based on the tournament, they're a very blue-collar team, and they're hard to break down."

The Irish again take on the

Crusaders on Friday at Alumni Stadium at 7:30 p.m., followed by a matchup against Toledo at 3 p.m. Sunday.

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FOOTBALL

Irish enter season with experienced squad

Russell fully cleared by NCAA after suspension

By MARY GREEN
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More than halfway through his 40-minute press conference at Tuesday's media day, Brian Kelly had some news to break.

"By the way, KeiVarae [Russell] was fully cleared by the NCAA and reinstated, so he is back with us," the Irish head coach said. "Like how I dropped that one in there? Pretty cool, huh?"

The development in Russell's return to Notre Dame didn't come as a surprise, but it nonetheless provides a big lift for the Irish secondary. A day after Kelly announced Russell's clearance, the team said freshman cornerback Shaun Crawford, who had garnered praise from his coaches and teammates throughout preseason camp and was expected to compete for playing time in his first season, tore his ACL in Wednesday morning's practice and will now miss the entire 2015 campaign.

Though Russell expected the

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Senior cornerback KeiVarae Russell, left, prepares to make a tackle during Notre Dame's 23-13 win over BYU at Notre Dame Stadium on Nov. 23, 2013. Russell returns after serving a one-year suspension in 2014.

Zaire, Stanley set to lead developing offense

By ZACH KLONSINSKI
Sports Editor

At Notre Dame's media day last year, head coach Brian Kelly walked into the auditorium clad in a typical blue blazer. This year he went for something a little less traditional.

Dressed in a snazzy, plaid green sport coat, Kelly said his reasoning for donning the jacket was simple: "Well, I thought that I went blue last year, I thought I'd go green this year. Blue worked out pretty good. Hopefully green will have the same kind of effect. So just going to try to keep everybody guessing."

It symbolized the day's theme perfectly; last year's team was full of talent, but now the Irish are brazen with experience, too — not that it's made fall practices any less hectic for Notre Dame as it prepares to host Texas in its season opener Sept. 5.

"We've got a lot going on," Kelly said. "We're trying to prepare our

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TRACK & FIELD | NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Seidel wins ND women's first track title

By GREG HADLEY
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With a strong burst of speed and a well-executed race, Molly Seidel made Notre Dame history Thursday when she crossed the finish line of the NCAA 10,000-meter championship first in Eugene, Oregon.

Seidel's national championship run is the first women's track title in program history, and her time of 33:18.37 also puts her second in Notre Dame's record books, behind only American 5,000 meter record holder Molly Huddle.

Seidel was hardly the favorite entering the race, despite having the fastest qualifying time in the nation. Boise State senior Emma Bates was the defending champion, and Arkansas junior Dominique Scott has won three national titles to go along with one of the fastest kicks in the NCAA. Bates and Scott both placed in the top 10 at the cross country national championships, while Seidel was back in

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Molly Seidel runs toward the finish line during her win in the National Catholic Invitational on Sept. 19.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish duo selected in NBA Draft

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After leading Notre Dame to a 32-6 record, its first ever ACC championship and a run to the Elite Eight, Jerian Grant can now add being a first-round pick in the NBA Draft to his list of accomplishments.

After waiting a little more than 30 minutes, Grant shook NBA Commissioner Adam Silver's hand as the Washington Wizards selected the guard 19th overall June 25 at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. But while it was technically the Wizards, as owners of the 19th pick, who selected Grant, a flurry of trades meant the New York Knicks have the rights to Grant.

"It's really truly a blessing," Grant said after being drafted. "I just want to come out here and prove that I belong and make a name for myself. I'm a winner."

As part of a three-team trade, the Wizards sent Grant to the Knicks, who sent Tim Hardaway Jr. to the Atlanta Hawks, who sent Kelly Oubre, of Kansas, to the Wizards.

Grant, who averaged 16.5 points, 6.7 assists and 1.7 steals per game in his senior season, was the eighth guard selected in the draft. Before the draft, he was projected by most experts to go somewhere in the range of the 18th to 22nd picks.

Now, with the Knicks, Grant will be asked to take a step back from the spotlight, playing alongside Carmelo Anthony and No. 4 overall pick Kristaps Porzingis. Grant's passing skills are expected to mesh well with the triangle offense practiced by head coach Derek Fisher and team president Phil Jackson.

"[The triangle offense] requires someone with high basketball IQ" Grant said. "I think im one of those guys. I'll pick up the offense quickly and help the guys around me."

Grant is confident in the potential offensive production the Knicks can create with Anthony and Porzingis with that offensive scheme.

"[Carmelo] and Kris, two great players, will definitely

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