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*Founded in 1842,
Notre Dame is ranked
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top 25 institutions of
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Report, Princeton
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Notre Dame's founding can perhaps best be characterized as an outburst of missionary zeal. How else can one describe the action of Father Edward Sorin, the 28-year-old French priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross who — with \$310 cash and three log buildings in various stages of disrepair in the middle of the northern Indiana frontier — had the temerity to christen his enterprise the University of Notre Dame du Lac?

Notre Dame at its founding was a name in search of, or perhaps in anticipation of, a university. The wonder is not so much what the University has become more than a century and a half later, but that it survived at all in those early years of beginning almost literally from nothing.

In his book, *The University of Notre Dame: A Portrait of Its History and Campus*, historian Thomas Schlereth of the American studies department has described the odds the University was up against: "Only nine other Catholic colleges existed when Notre Dame was founded, but that number had grown to 51 by 1861. Presently only seven of these antebellum institutions still exist. One historian estimates a mortality rate of approximately 80 percent among Notre Dame's contemporary secular institutions. Yet Notre Dame survived ..."

The University's survival of those early years is a tribute not only to the faith of Father Sorin, but also to his pragmatism and wit. In the beginning, his institution's only admissions requirement was the ability to pay — some payment, at least, and not necessarily in currency or coin; livestock or the services of a tradesman or some other "in-kind" payment also were cheerfully accepted. Nor were admissions limited by religious preference. Father Sorin's mission and inspiration were thoroughly and indisputably Catholic, but from the beginning he made it clear that would-be students of any religious persuasion were welcome; indeed, the fact that Notre Dame's student body eventually would become overwhelmingly Catholic was more a reflection of American culture than of parochialism on the University's part.

Sorin was equally flexible when it came to his University's academic offerings. While a classical collegiate curriculum was established early on, so too were elementary and preparatory programs as well as a manual-labor school, and for several decades the collegiate program never attracted more than a dozen students in any year. As Notre Dame's chronicler, Father Arthur Hope, C.S.C., has written, "If (Sorin) was to begin at all, the head of this new college had to be mightily concerned about frostbite and

empty stomachs. The more elusive problems of intellectual development would have to wait."

If Notre Dame in its infancy was the child of Sorin's vision and will, its subsequent growth and development were the products of large and powerful social and historical forces. Just as the University was being established, the first waves of European immigrants, overwhelmingly Catholic, were reaching America's shores, and Notre Dame's location — though seemingly remote — in fact put it within easy reach of cities like Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis, all of which soon would have large immigrant Catholic populations. The immigrant experience and the growth of the University of Notre Dame would be inextricably linked.

A number of forces were at work in this relationship. The "American Dream" was coming into being, and with it the hope and expectation that, through hard work and education, children would enjoy greater opportunities than their parents. At the same time, anti-immigrant and anti-Catholic sentiments were open and pervasive in American society, creating barriers to immigrant Catholic students. Equally strong sentiments among many Catholics regarded public schools at any level as dangerous places where young people might lose their faith. For all these reasons, education — primary, secondary and higher education — became a centerpiece of American Catholicism.

Though it may not have seemed so at the time, this great historical movement of peoples and the creation of the American melting pot dramatically enhanced the odds of Notre Dame's survival. What still had to be decided, however, was precisely the type of institution Notre Dame would become. How could this small Midwestern school without endowment and without ranks of well-to-do alumni hope to compete with firmly-established private universities and public-supported state institutions? As in Sorin's day, the fact that the University pursued this lofty and ambitious vision of its future was testimony to the faith of its leaders — men such as Father John Zahm, C.S.C.



As Schlereth describes it: "Zahm ... envisioned Notre Dame as potentially 'the intellectual center of the American West,' an institution with large undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools equipped with laboratories, libraries, and research facilities. Notre Dame should strive to become the University that its charter claimed it was."

Zahm was not without evidence to support his faith in Notre Dame's potential. On this campus in 1899, a young Notre Dame scientist by the name of Jerome Green became the first American to transmit a wireless message. At about the same time, Albert Zahm, Father John's younger brother, was designing the first successful helicopter and first wind tunnel while also launching the first man-carrying glider from the roof of a campus building. The University also had established the nation's first architecture, law and engineering schools under Catholic auspices.

The debate over Notre Dame's future effectively was ended in the two decades following the First World War. In 1919, the University installed its first president to have earned a Ph.D., Father James Burns, C.S.C., and the changes he initiated were as dra-

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matic as they were far-reaching. The elementary, preparatory and manual-labor programs were scrapped; the University's first board of lay advisors was established with the goal of creating a \$1-million endowment, with a national campaign conducted to achieve that goal; and the first annual giving program for alumni was launched. With this impetus established, the period between 1919 and 1933 would see the University of Notre Dame erect 15 new buildings and triple the numbers of both its students and its faculty.

A new and utterly unanticipated element was added to the ethos of Notre Dame during this period, and the University forever after would be a national institution. That new element was, of course, the game of football. But for Notre Dame and for its legions of ethnic American loyalists — most, but not all, Catholic — the cliché was true: football was more than a game. Through its academic program, Notre Dame already was part of the striving of ethnic Americans to earn a place in the American mainstream. But in this golden era, even for those who had never and would never attend Notre Dame, the University became a symbol, so much so that its attraction persists literally to this day.

The national recognition that football brought to Notre Dame was a mixed blessing at those times when it tended to overshadow the University's growing academic distinction, but overall it has been an almost incalculable boon to public awareness of, interest in, and support of Notre Dame. It may be amusing to speculate how the University's history might have been different without the phenomenon of football, but the University is happy to accept this legacy as is.

If the post-World War I era saw Notre Dame's first flowering as a true University, the six decades since the Second World War have seen the vision of John Zahm reach full fruition. Father John Cavanaugh, C.S.C., began the process after the war by toughening Notre Dame's entrance requirements, increasing faculty hiring, and establishing the Notre Dame Foundation to expand the University's development capabilities.

Then, during the 35-year tenure of Father Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame's enrollment, faculty and degrees awarded all doubled; library volumes increased five-fold; the endowment catapulted from less than \$10 million to more than \$400 million; campus physical facilities grew from 48 to 88 buildings; faculty compensation increased ten-fold; and research funding grew more than twenty-fold. In addition, two defining moments occurred during this period: the transference of University governance in 1967 from the Congregation of Holy Cross to a predominantly lay board of trustees and

the admission of women to undergraduate studies in 1972.

During the 18-year presidency of Father Edward Malloy, C.S.C., the University continued to grow in stature. Endowed faculty positions rose to more than 190, the student body became — and remains — one of the most selective in the nation (with one-third of entering freshmen ranking among the top five students in their high school graduating classes), and the graduation rate annually in the top five in the nation. The University is endowment of some \$5 billion is among the top 20 in American higher education, and campus additions during the Malloy years included new research laboratories, a graduate student housing complex, residence halls for undergraduate women (who now compose 47 percent of the student body), the 84-classroom DeBartolo Hall, the Mendoza College of Business, the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, and the Jordan Hall of Science.

Father John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., who became Notre Dame's 17th president in July of 2005, has challenged his administration and the faculty, students, alumni and friends of the University to, in words from his inaugural speech, "build a Notre Dame that is bigger and better than ever — a great Catholic university for the 21st century, one of the pre-eminent research institutions in the world, a center for learning whose intellectual and religious traditions converge to make it a healing, unifying, enlightening force for a world deeply in need. This is our goal. Let no one ever again say that we dreamed too small."

Some goals are self-evident. The University must strive at all times to bring new vigor to its teaching and to enhance both the breadth and the depth of the education it offers students. At the same time, it must strengthen significantly its graduate programs and faculty research to make ever-greater contributions in the quest for new knowledge.

But the institutional mission of Notre Dame reaches beyond these goals.

The higher aspiration of the University of Notre Dame is to seek out and assume leadership roles through which students and alumni, faculty, interdisciplinary institutes, and professional programs can bring their accomplishments to bear on the most basic and pressing needs of humanity — for peace and social justice, for human rights and dignity, for ethical conduct in business, science and the professions, for a renewal of values in interpersonal and societal relationships, and for a more-enlightened stewardship of the environment, to name but a few of the challenges.

This aspiration is incumbent upon Notre Dame as a Catholic university. Today, as throughout its history, Notre Dame's posi-

tion in American culture mirrors that of the Catholic Church. The world is very different from the one encountered by Father Sorin on his arrival in this country. The tangible barriers faced then by Catholic students and scholars have largely been removed, and today one may find such students and scholars at Harvard, Stanford and Duke, as well as at Notre Dame. American Catholics are firmly implanted in the American mainstream.

At the same time, the secularization of contemporary American society is an undisputed fact, and with that transformation has come a weakening of common values, an antipathy to belief, and a resistance to the very notion of underlying truths. One expression of this viewpoint is the contention that a Catholic university is a contradiction in terms, that reason and belief are somehow mutually exclusive. The Catholic intellectual tradition and the Western university tradition itself stand in opposition to this contention, as does Notre Dame.

It is a telling act that throughout Notre Dame's history, and increasingly in recent years, many eminent scholars of various faith traditions have made the University their home simply because they have preferred to work in a community of learning where belief is not merely tolerated, but in fact is celebrated.

Father Sorin's dream was predicated on his conviction that a university would be a powerful force for good in this land that he embraced as his own. For the University of Notre Dame, Sorin's conviction remains the inspiration, the mission and the driving force.

U.S. News & World Report 2007 Top 20 Rankings of National Universities

1. Princeton
2. Harvard
3. Yale
4. Cal Tech
- Stanford
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
7. Pennsylvania
8. Duke
9. Dartmouth
- Columbia
- Chicago
12. Cornell
- Washington University (St. Louis)
14. Northwestern
15. Brown
16. Johns Hopkins
17. Rice
18. Vanderbilt
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21. Carnegie Mellon
- California (Berkeley)
23. Georgetown
24. Virginia
25. UCLA

Kevin White, one of the most progressive and talented administrators in the intercollegiate athletics ranks, quickly attached his signature as director of athletics at the University of Notre Dame. His initial seven years in that position qualify as the most successful across-the-board years in the history of athletics at Notre Dame.

In addition, he has been cast in a handful of prominent national roles within collegiate athletics – including his ongoing representation with the Bowl Championship Series, his service in 2006-07 as president of NACDA (the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics) and in 2005-06 as president of the Division I-A Athletic Directors Association. He also is part of the steering committee for Chicago's bid for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games.

White and his Notre Dame athletics program are coming off a 2006-07 season that included three national players of the year (Kerri Hanks and Joe Lapira as Hermann Trophy winners in women's and men's soccer – and Brady Quinn as Maxwell Award winner in football), a national coach of the year in Jeff Jackson (hockey), plus three NCAA post-graduate scholarship winners (most since 1975) in Ted Brown (swimming), Stephanie Brown (softball) and Maryann Erigha (track and field).

A record-setting '06-'07 hockey season that included 32 wins, seven weeks ranked number one, a first-ever Central Collegiate Hockey Association regular-season title and a first-ever CCHA Tournament title headlined an athletic year that also featured an NCAA runner-up finish (and number-one ranking most of the year) in women's soccer, 15 teams ranked in the final top 25 (nine in the top 10), 32 All-Americans, 10 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans and nine conference coach-of-the-year selections.

Sports Illustrated On Campus (the online subset of *Sports Illustrated's* SI.com) ranked Notre Dame's overall athletic program seventh best in the country for 2006-07 – with extra credit for success in football and basketball.

White was named the 2006 GeneralSports TURF Systems Division I-A Central Region Athletic Director of the Year – thanks to Notre Dame's best-ever sixth-place finish in the NACDA Cup competition, its 44 All-Americans, 14 Academic All-Americans, five combination All-American/Academic All-Americans and 13 BIG EAST Conference titles, all Irish records.

Twenty-four (of 26) Notre Dame programs qualified teams or individuals for postseason play in 2005-06, 16 teams finished in national top-25 rankings, nine finished in the top 10, six ended up in the top 10 in NCAA competition and four achieved top-four NCAA finishes (men's and women's fencing, women's lacrosse and men's cross country). Three Notre Dame head coaches received national coach-of-the-year recognition in 2005-06 – Charlie Weis in football, Jay Louderback in women's tennis and Tracy Coyne in women's lacrosse.

A career educator and one of the most respected athletic administrators in the nation, White previously had been athletics director at Arizona State University, Tulane University, the University of Maine, and Loras College. He brought a combined 18 years (1982-83 to 1999-2000) of experience in those positions with him to his assignment at Notre Dame.

Appointed on March 13, 2000, White became the first Notre Dame athletic director to report directly to the University's president. After agreeing to an original five-year contract as well as a five-year extension, White in December 2002 saw his commitment extended an additional two years to 2012.

White's first seven years at Notre Dame from 2000-01 through 2006-07 saw unprecedented achievement on Irish fields of play:

- Notre Dame finished 11th, 13th, 13th, 19th, 16th, a program-best sixth, then 22nd, respectively, in the NACDA Directors' Cup (formerly sponsored by Sears) all-sports ratings in those seven years, accounting for its best-ever seven-year run in that competition.
- Irish teams have achieved number-one national rankings 13 times during his years at Notre Dame – women's basketball in 2000-01; baseball in '01; men's fencing in '00, '02 and '03; women's fencing in '04, '05 and '06; women's soccer in '00, '04, '05 and '06, and hockey in 2007.
- The Irish claimed the '01 national championship in women's basketball; the '03 and '05 NCAA titles in fencing (a men's and women's combined championship); the '04 crown in women's soccer; a runner-up finish in '06 in women's soccer, third-place finishes in fencing in '01, '02 and '04, in women's cross country in '03, and in men's cross country in '05; national semifinal appearances in women's soccer in '00 and men's lacrosse in '01, and a College World Series appearance in baseball in 2002.
- Notre Dame has seen its number of athletes earning All-America honors improve regularly – to a record 44 in 2005-06.
- Notre Dame's record-setting 2005-06 season saw 24 of 26 programs send teams or individuals to postseason play. Sixteen of a possible 22 teams earned national rankings in 2000-01, including 10 that achieved the highest rating in the history of the program. In 2001-02, 20 of 26 teams qualified for NCAA competition. In 2002-03, 13 sports managed top 25 national finishes – and 17 advanced to postseason competition. In 2003-04 an unprecedented 22 teams qualified for NCAA competition, including two (hockey and women's golf) that accomplished that for the first time and a third (men's golf) that made the field for the first time in 38 years. Twenty Irish squads in 2004-05 advanced teams or individuals to NCAA play.
- Notre Dame in 2002 was the only school in the country to qualify all six of its teams – men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country, volleyball and football – for fall NCAA tournament competition (or, in the case of football, a bowl game). Notre Dame and Texas were the only schools in 2002-03 to play in football bowl games and have both their men's and women's basketball squads advance to the NCAA Sweet 16 round. In 2005, Notre Dame was the only school to win at least twice in both NCAA soccer tournaments and in the NCAA volleyball championship (men's soccer and volleyball won twice, women's soccer had three NCAA wins). Notre Dame, Penn State and California were the only schools to win at least once in those three 2005 NCAA tournaments and also play in a Division I football bowl game.



- Notre Dame won the BIG EAST Conference Commissioner's Trophy for overall athletic success in league play in 2001, '02 and '03 for both men and women (the trophy was no longer awarded after 2003) – and the Irish annually lead the league in conference titles, including a record 13 in 2005-06.

His initial seven years on the job at Notre Dame featured a handful of other noteworthy accomplishments:

- He helped the Irish athletics program toward its goal of becoming a top five program in the NACDA Directors' Cup competition by championing the University's plan to add 64 grants-in-aid over a four-year span (that goal was announced in December 2000), in order to give all 26 varsity sports the full NCAA complement of scholarships.
- He emphasized the need to remain competitive on the facilities front by commissioning a facilities master plan that now provides a long-term plan for upgrading Notre Dame's athletic physical plant. The first facility from that plan opened in 2005, with the addition of the Guglielmino Athletics Complex that provides a day-to-day home for the Irish football program as well as enhanced space for training, sports medicine, equipment, and strength and conditioning for all Notre Dame student-athletes. Opened in fall 2006 was the 10,500-square foot Robert and Marilyn Rolfs Family All-Season Varsity Golf Facility that serves as the home of the Notre Dame men's and women's golf teams. Plans have been announced for a refurbished Joyce Center arena, ground has been broken for a new softball stadium and a major gift has been received for a new lacrosse stadium.
- On the academic front, Irish student-athletes enjoyed their most productive year ever in the classroom in 2005-06 – as for the first time in the 2005 fall semester and the 2006 spring semester, every Notre Dame program achieved at least a 3.0 grade-point average. A Notre Dame record 14 individuals claimed Academic All-America notice in 2005-06 – followed by 10 in 2006-07.

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- The American Football Coaches Association awarded its Academic Achievement Award for 2001 to Notre Dame based on its 100 percent graduation for entering freshmen from 1995 – then again for 2007 based on a 95 percent rate from the class that entered in 2001. The University received a 2002 *USA Today*/NCAA Academic Achievement Award for graduating 90 percent of its student-athletes who enrolled in 1995 – and it also received the 2003 award for highest overall student-athlete graduation rate (92 percent of those who enrolled in 1996).
 - When the NCAA first issued its Academic Performance Rate graduation numbers in 2005, Irish teams excelled, with 13 of them earning a perfect 1,000 score. In the three-year combined numbers issued in 2007, Notre Dame's nine perfect scores ranked second (to Boston College's 10) in the I-A football-playing subset. Notre Dame in '07 had 11 programs honored for multi-year APR achievement.
 - Seventeen of 22 athletics programs at Notre Dame compiled graduation rates of 100 percent, according to the Graduation Success Rate figures announced in 2006-07 by the NCAA (no other Division I-A football school had as many as 17). Among 119 I-A football schools, Notre Dame's GSR numbers ranked second (98 percent) for all student-athletes, second (97) for male student-athletes, tied for fourth (99) for female student-athletes, fourth (91) for black student-athletes and third (95) for football student-athletes. When the final 2005 *USA Today* football poll of coaches was re-ranked by football GSR score, Notre Dame (11th in the actual poll) finished first in that tabulation at 96, just ahead of Clemson at 94 (21st in actual poll).
 - The NCAA Division I-A Athletic Directors' Association gave one of its four 2000 awards of excellence to Notre Dame's CHAMPS/Life Skills Program
 - He assured long-term consistency in the Irish coaching ranks by signing Notre Dame head coaches to multi-year contracts – with all assistant coaches and administrators signing contracts for the first time starting in 2001-02.
 - He renewed in 2003 Notre Dame's NBC Sports contract for televising of home football games for five more years (2006-10 for that renewal, extending the relationship to 20 years) and its Westwood One contract for football radio broadcasts for five more years (2003-07). He also created the new football radio network relationship with ISP Sports that begins in 2008 and extends to 2017.
 - He oversaw the University's NCAA re-certification process in 2004 as Notre Dame went through that self-study and peer review process for the first time since 1997. The University's athletics program was recertified without conditions, with the committee noting that Notre Dame is "committed to academic success of its student-athletes and demonstrates this by requiring three more core courses than what is required by the NCAA," that Notre Dame "student-athletes are quite satisfied with quantity and quality of academic support and attribute much of the success around graduation rates to this service," and that Notre Dame has "affirmed and demonstrated its commitment to fair and equitable treatment" of male, female and minority student-athletes.
- In addition to the varsity athletic component, White's assignment at Notre Dame also includes administration of a comprehensive intramural, club sport and campus recreation program, with 95 percent of the student body participating. *Sports Illustrated On Campus* rated the Irish intramural program tops in the nation in 2004.

With a Ph.D. in education, White has taught graduate-level classes beginning in 1982-83 with his tenure at Loras, including currently as a concurrent associate professor in the management department of the Mendoza College of Business as part of Notre Dame's MBA program during spring semesters (he teaches a sports business course).

White has served on numerous NCAA committees, including the NCAA Council, formerly the association's highest governing body. In addition to his current role with the BCS, he previously was a member of the Rose Bowl Management Committee while at Arizona State, was an ex-officio member of the Sugar Bowl Committee during his tenure at Tulane and also worked closely with the Fiesta Bowl during his stay in Tempe.

In August 2003, SI.com (the *Sports Illustrated* web site) listed White third in its rankings of the most powerful people in college football. In its Jan. 12, 2004, issue, *Sporting News* listed him in its Power 100 as third among five names in the "front office" category (and the lone college athletics director among the 100). In December 2004, White was named the 15th most influential individual in collegiate sports by *Street & Smith's SportsBusiness Journal*. He has been a member of the NCAA Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) that deals with academics, fiscal reform and student-athlete well-being. He also was an ex-officio member of the NCAA Committee on Academic Performance and a member of its Penalty and Rewards subcommittee.

White has served as mentor for an impressive list of senior level athletics administrators who have worked for him, then gone on to become directors of athletics – including Jim Sterk of Washington State, Tom Boeh of Ohio University and currently Fresno State, Ian McCaw of Northeastern, Massachusetts and currently Baylor, Bruce Van De Velde previously of Iowa State, Herman Frazier of Hawaii, Rudy Keeling formerly of Emerson and now ECAC commissioner, Scott Devine of St. Mary's College (Md.), Tim Van Alstine of Western Illinois, Mark Wilson of Tennessee Tech, Bubba Cunningham of Ball State and currently Tulsa, Sandy Barbour (who followed him at Tulane) of California-Berkeley, Jim Phillips of Northern Illinois, Bernard Muir of Georgetown, Sandy Hatfield Clubb of Drake, Vic Cegles of Long Beach State and Norwood Teague of Virginia Commonwealth.

White has his own weekly, hour-long radio show on WLS-AM 890 in Chicago – and he has a pre-game segment on Westwood One's radio broadcasts of Notre Dame football games.

During his coaching career, White served as head track and field coach at Southeast Missouri State (1981-82) and assistant cross country and track and field coach at Central Michigan (1976-80). He began his coaching career at Gulf High School in New Port Richey, Fla., coaching cross country and track and assisting in football and wrestling. White also spent a year (1980-81) as district administrator for athletics and special projects for the Mt. Morris Consolidated School District in Mt. Morris, Mich. During his tenure at Loras, he originated the National Catholic Basketball Tournament.

Born Sept. 25, 1950, in Amityville, N.Y., White earned his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University in 1983 with an emphasis on higher education administration (his dissertation title was *An Appraisal of the Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Programs, and the Relationship to Men's Athletics at the Big Ten Conference Institutions Before and After Title IX Implementation*). In 1985 he completed postdoctoral work at Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management. He earned his master's degree in athletics administration from Central Michigan University in 1976 and his bachelor's degree in business administration in 1972 from St. Joseph's

THE KEVIN WHITE ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Year	School	Assignment
1982-83	Loras College	Director of Athletics
1983-84	Loras College	Director of Athletics
1984-85	Loras College	Director of Athletics
1985-86	Loras College	V.P. for Student Development, Dean of Students
1986-87	Loras College	V.P. for College Advancement
1987-88	University of Maine	Director of Athletics
1988-89	University of Maine	Director of Athletics
1989-90	University of Maine	Director of Athletics
1990-91	University of Maine	Director of Athletics
1991-92	Tulane University	Director of Athletics
1992-93	Tulane University	Director of Athletics
1993-94	Tulane University	Director of Athletics
1994-95	Tulane University	Director of Athletics
1995-96	Tulane University	Director of Athletics
1996-97	Arizona State University	Director of Athletics
1997-98	Arizona State University	Director of Athletics
1998-99	Arizona State University	Director of Athletics
1999-00	Arizona State University	Director of Athletics
2000-01	University of Notre Dame	Director of Athletics
2001-02	University of Notre Dame	Director of Athletics
2002-03	University of Notre Dame	Director of Athletics
2003-04	University of Notre Dame	Director of Athletics
2004-05	University of Notre Dame	Director of Athletics
2005-06	University of Notre Dame	Director of Athletics
2006-07	University of Notre Dame	Director of Athletics
2007-08	University of Notre Dame	Director of Athletics

College in Rensselaer, Ind., where he also competed as a sprinter in track and field. He was awarded St. Joseph's Alumni Achievement Award in 1997, and he's currently a member of the Loras College Board of Regents. He was a 2006 inductee into the Suffolk County (Long Island, N.Y.) Sports Hall of Fame

White also attended the University of South Florida and St. Leo College in Tampa, Fla., between 1972 and '76 – and he took 60 hours of advanced graduate courses in higher education administration at Michigan State University between 1977 and '80. He received an honorary doctorate in 2007 from the United States Sports Academy.

White's wife, Jane, earned a bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's in 1973 and a master's in physical education from Central Michigan in 1977. She also served as head track and field coach at Central Michigan and currently is an instructor with Notre Dame's physical education department. White and his wife both received honorary degrees from St. Joseph's in 2001.

The couple have five children – Maureen, who completed a master of fine arts degree at Arizona State in 2000 and currently teaches at Notre Dame Prep School in Scottsdale, Ariz.; Michael, a University of Mississippi graduate and four-year starter at point guard for the Ole Miss basketball team and now an assistant basketball coach at his alma mater (after a stint at Jacksonville State University in Alabama); Daniel, a University of Notre Dame graduate and member of the 2000-01 Irish basketball squad, who was an assistant basketball coach at Ohio University while earning his MBA in sports administration there, and now is associate athletics director for development at Fresno State University; Brian, a 2006 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and now an MBA student in the Ohio University sports administration program (he served as an intern in the Arizona State athletics department in 2006-07); and Mariah, a high school junior who is a standout in swimming.



Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
University President

Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., took office as the 17th president of the University of Notre Dame on July 1, 2005. He was elected by the University's Board of Trustees to a five-year term April 30, 2004.

An associate professor of philosophy and member of Notre Dame's faculty since 1990, Father Jenkins had served from 2000-2005 as a vice president and associate provost at the University.

Prior to his service in the provost's office, Father Jenkins had been religious superior of the Holy Cross priests and brothers at Notre Dame for three years. As religious superior, he was a Fellow and Trustee of the University, but he relinquished those posts to assume his duties in the provost's office.

Father Jenkins specializes in the areas of ancient philosophy, medieval philosophy and the philosophy of religion. He is the author of *Knowledge and Faith in Thomas Aquinas*, published by Cambridge University Press in 1997.

Father Jenkins earned degrees in philosophy from Oxford University in 1987 and 1989. He earned his master of divinity degree and licentiate in sacred theology from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif., in 1988.

Prior to entering the Congregation of Holy Cross, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy from Notre Dame in 1976 and 1978, respectively. Father Jenkins was ordained a priest in Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart in 1983. He served as director of the Old College program for Notre Dame undergraduate candidates for the Congregation of Holy Cross from 1991 to 1993.

A native of Omaha, Neb., Father Jenkins was born Dec. 17, 1953.

Thomas G. Burish, formerly president at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., and a 1972 Notre Dame alumnus, was elected provost on July 21, 2005. As provost and second-ranking officer of the University, he exercises responsibility for all academic matters. He is the fourth person to hold the office since it was established in 1970. Burish succeeded Nathan O. Hatch, who became president of Wake Forest University. In addition, Burish serves as a professor of psychology at Notre Dame.



Thomas G. Burish
Provost

Burish had been president of one of the nation's top liberal-arts colleges since July 2002. Prior to joining Washington and Lee and prior to being named president, he was the longest-serving provost in the history of Vanderbilt University. He served as provost at the nationally-renowned research university from 1993 to 2002.

Known as a ground-breaking researcher, award-winning teacher and gifted leader, Burish exemplifies the excellence and humanity to which Notre Dame is dedicated. Through his work, he has helped "tens of thousands of cancer patients better cope with the emotional and physical pain of this disease," according to John R. Seffrin, chief executive officer of the American Cancer Society. Burish currently serves as chair of the American Cancer Society's national board of directors.

A native of Peshtigo, Wis., Burish was graduated from Notre Dame, summa cum laude, with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1972. He earned his master's degree in psychology from the University of Kansas in 1975 and a doctorate in clinical psychology from Kansas a year later.

While at Kansas, Burish received the David Shulman Memorial Award of Excellence in Clinical Psychology. He moved in 1976 to Vanderbilt, becoming a full professor in 1986. He won Vanderbilt's prestigious Madison Sarratt Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in 1980 and served as chair of the department of psychology from 1984 to 1986. Burish became Vanderbilt's provost in 1993. He is the co-author or co-editor of four books, and has contributed to more than 16 other books while writing more than 60 journal articles.



Dr. John Affleck-Graves
Executive Vice President

John Affleck-Graves was elected the first lay executive vice president of Notre Dame in April 2004. A vice president and associate provost the previous three years, he also holds the Notre Dame Chair in Finance in the Mendoza College of Business.

Dr. Affleck-Graves, the fifth person to serve as executive vice president, administers Notre Dame's annual operating budget of more than \$700 million and an endowment of approximately \$4 billion. He oversees human resource activities for a work force of more than 4,000 employees – the largest in St. Joseph County – and directs the University's construction program.

A native of South Africa and a naturalized U.S. citizen, Dr. Affleck-Graves specializes in the study of initial public offerings, valuation and asset pricing models, and shareholder value-added methodology. He is the author of more than 50 refereed publications and the recipient of numerous teaching awards.

Dr. Affleck-Graves joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1986 after teaching and conducting research for 11 years at the University of Cape Town, where he earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

Richard C. Notebaert, chairman and chief executive officer of Qwest Communications International, was elected the sixth chair of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees in February 2007 and began service July 1.

A member of the Notre Dame Board since 1997, Notebaert has served as chair of its University Relations and Public Affairs and Communication Committee. He also has served as a Fellow of the University, and continues to serve in that capacity.

Notebaert has directed Qwest since 2002. A renowned leader in broadband, data, voice and image communications, the company is based in Denver. Notebaert previously served as chief executive officer of Tellabs Inc., and as chairman and chief executive officer of Ameritech Communications.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Notebaert is a member of the board of directors of Aon Corp., Cardinal Health Inc., the Denver Center for the Performing Arts and the Denver Art Museum. His professional activities include memberships in the Business Council and the International Advisory Council of the Executives' Club of Chicago. In April 2003 he was appointed by President Bush to the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.



Richard Notebaert
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Don Pope-Davis, dean of Notre Dame's Graduate School and professor of psychology at the University of Notre Dame, was elected vice president and associate provost by the University's Board of Trustees, on July 19, 2007.

In his new position, Pope-Davis will be responsible for leading and managing the Provost's Office's involvement in the faculty recruitment and hiring process, tenure and promotions procedures, mentoring programs for faculty, and the creation and administration of new programs to help prepare faculty leaders to carry out administrative tasks.

In 2006, Pope-Davis was appointed chair of Notre Dame's Faculty Board on Athletics and its NCAA faculty athletics representative. He is a member of the NCAA Committee on Athletic Certification and was chair of Notre Dame's NCAA certification subcommittee for equity, gender and sportsmanship. He also serves on campus on the Provost's Advisory Committee and the Diversity Committee.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2000, Pope-Davis studies in the areas of multicultural psychology, counseling and education. He is the co-author of three books, "Multicultural Counseling Competencies: Assessment, Education, and Supervision," "The Intersections of Race, Class, and Gender in Multicultural Counseling," and, most recently, "Handbook of Multicultural Competencies in Counseling and Psychology." Pope-Davis has published more than 50 journal articles and book chapters in his fields of study and currently is a research fellow of the American Psychological Association.

Pope-Davis earned his doctorate in counseling psychology from Stanford and his bachelor's degree in psychology and theology from Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill.



Don Pope-Davis
NCAA Faculty Representative

Academic Services

The Academic Services for Student-Athletes Office is designed to help Notre Dame fulfill its commitment to all student-athletes in their pursuit of a college degree and academic excellence. In order to achieve these goals, Academic Services has several major aims:

- To maintain the academic integrity of the University
- To help student-athletes maximize their academic potential
- To comply with University and NCAA rules and regulations
- And to assist all student-athletes as they work towards graduation in four years

These objectives work together and are aimed at teaching student-athletes to be responsible for their academic careers.

To this end, Academic Services provides student-athletes many services that begin when First Year students arrive on campus and continue through graduation. The office provides consistent counseling and appropriate interventions regarding academic matters, in addition to referring student-athletes to campus offices where they can meet regularly with their professors and engage in services provided by the various colleges and departments.

As soon as student-athletes begin classes, Academic Services monitors their progress through regular communication with professors that includes feedback regarding each student's level of work, attendance and any need for additional support. If professors or student-athletes feel there is need for additional help, Academic Services can provide tutorial assistance.

In addition to this interaction with the faculty, the counselors in Academic Services meet regularly with student-athletes. During these meetings, counselors assist the students as they develop both semester-long and career academic goals. Discussions also may include topics such as time management, decision-making and appropriate interactions with faculty.

The Academic Services department received a new home in 2001, through a generous donation by football alumnus Jim Morse ('57) and his wife, Leah Rae, when the Coleman-Morse Center was completed. A \$14 million building, the James and Leah Rae Morse Center for Academic Services



The Morse Center – which houses the Academic Services for Student-Athletes – opened in 2001 through a generous gift by Notre Dame football alumnus Jim Morse and his wife Leah Rae.

houses Notre Dame's First Year of Studies program and Academic Services for Student Athletes. It also contains the University Writing Center and a satellite office for the Center for Social Concerns, plus classrooms, staff offices, a tutoring center, computer cluster, work rooms and a lounge.

Working in conjunction with several other offices on the Notre Dame campus, Academic Services assists student-athletes with postgraduate planning and transition into professional careers. Although the primary focus of Academic Services is to support and challenge student-athletes during their time at Notre Dame, assisting them as they prepare for life after college remains part of their mission.

Most Academic All-Americans

Rk.	University/College	No.
1.	Nebraska	252
2.	NOTRE DAME	193
3.	Penn State	138
4.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	134
5.	Augustana	122
6.	Stanford	121
7.	Bucknell	114
8.	UCLA	108
9.	Illinois Wesleyan	106
10.	Emory	105

* Through the 2006-07 school year.

2006-07 Academic All-Americans

First Team	Sport (major)	Year	Hometown
John Carlson 3.59 cumulative GPA	Football (history)	Sr.	Litchfield, Minn.
Ashley Jones 3.96 cumulative GPA	Women's Soccer (accounting)	Jr.	Westlake Village, Calif.
Brett Lilley 3.78 cumulative GPA	Baseball (accounting)	Jr.	North Canton, Ohio
Thomas Chamney 3.56 cumulative GPA	Men's Track & Field (history/film-television-and-theater)	Sr.	Tipperary, Ireland
Second Team	Sport (major)	Year	Hometown
Stephanie Brown 3.44 cumulative GPA	Softball (marketing)	Sr.	Chandler, Ariz.
Maryann Erigha 3.83 cumulative GPA	Women's Track and Field (sociology/computer applications)	Sr.	Stone Mountain, Ga.
Todd Ptacek 3.80 cumulative GPA	Men's Cross Country/Track & Field (mechanical engineering)	Sr.	Benton Harbor, Mich.
Sunni Olding 3.98 cumulative GPA	Women's Cross Country/Track and Field (science pre-professional studies)	Jr.	Minster, Ohio
Third Team	Sport (major)	Year	Hometown
Ted Brown 3.72 cumulative GPA	Men's Swimming and Diving (anthropology/pre-professional studies)	Sr.	Kokomo, Ind.
Mary Carpenter 3.97 cumulative GPA	Women's Lacrosse (psychology/pre-professional studies)	Jr.	Rochester, N.Y.



Adam Sargent (right) – a former Notre Dame lacrosse player – is one of several academic counselors who each provide regular guidance to Notre Dame teams.

Thank you for your tremendous support of our entire athletics program. Our student-athletes, coaches and administrative staff are very appreciative of your spirit and affinity for Notre Dame, in particular its intercollegiate athletics.

Your adherence to all applicable NCAA rules and regulations is essential as we strive to maintain and enhance our national athletic prominence while protecting the University's tradition of integrity and values.

Our Compliance Office staff stands prepared to assist you with your questions and concerns regarding NCAA regulations. Please contact us immediately should you have concern regarding any situation. Your attention to these matters will ensure that the eligibility of both prospective student-athletes ("recruits") and enrolled student-athletes is protected and maintained. Again, many thanks for your cooperation in this matter and your ongoing support.

Go Fighting Irish!
The Compliance Staff
(574) 631-8090

Who is a Representative of Notre Dame's Athletics Interests?

(The following lists of examples are not all-inclusive. As always, **ask before you act!**)

You are if:

- you are an enrolled student or graduate of the University.
- you ever have participated in or are a member of any organization promoting Notre Dame's athletics program (the former Quarterback Club, the 3-Point Club, the Fast-Break Club, etc.).
- you ever have made financial contributions to the University of Notre Dame athletics department.
- you ever have helped to arrange employment of or provided any benefits to prospective or enrolled student-athletes.
- you ever have been a season ticket holder in any sport.
- you ever have promoted the athletics programs at the University of Notre Dame.

According to NCAA rules, once an individual has been identified as an institutional "representative of athletics interests" the individual retains that title for life. The University of Notre Dame ultimately is responsible for the behavior of all its athletics representatives in relation to NCAA rules and regulations. Violations of NCAA regulations by an athletics representative could result in the loss of eligibility for involved student-athletes (e.g. no participation in competitions) and/or severe sanctions against the University (e.g. loss of scholarships, television and post-season bans).

Current Student-Athlete

A student-athlete is any Notre Dame student who is a member of a varsity athletics team.

NCAA regulations apply to all student-athletes, not just those student-athletes who were recruited or who receive an athletics scholarship.

*Note: NCAA regulations concerning enrolled student-athletes remain in effect throughout the entire year (including summer break). If a student-athlete has completed his/her final season of eligibility, all NCAA regulations must be adhered to until he/she graduates or leaves school.

Do's and Don'ts for representatives in regards to a current student-athlete:

(The following lists of examples are not all-inclusive. As always, **ask before you act!**)

Do's

You may:

- contact a current student-athlete regarding employment opportunities. However, no contact may be made without approval from the Compliance Office.
- provide a student-athlete, not his/her family and friends, an occasional (once a semester) meal at your home.

Don'ts

You may not:

- provide a currently-enrolled student-athlete, his/her parents or friends any benefit or special arrangement without prior approval from the Compliance Office.
- pay for or arrange for payment of room, board or any type of transportation for a student-athlete or his/her family or friends.
- entertain student-athletes or their family and friends. (Exception: NCAA rules do permit institutional staff members and athletics representatives to provide student-athletes [not including their family and friends] with an occasional meal [defined as once a semester] provided the meal is at the staff member's or athletic representative's home and not at a restaurant.)
- use the name, picture or appearance of an enrolled student-athlete to advertise, recommend or promote sales or use of a commercial product or service of any kind; any use of a student-athlete's name, picture or appearance must receive authorization from the Compliance Office.
- provide any payment of expense or loan of an automobile for a student-athlete to return home or to travel to any other location.
- provide awards or gifts to a student-athlete for any reason; all awards provided to student-athletes must first be approved by the Compliance Office and meet all NCAA regulations.
- provide an honorarium to a student-athlete for a speaking engagement; all speaking engagements must be approved in advance by the Compliance Office.
- allow a student-athlete or his/her relatives or friends to use your telephone to make free calls.
- provide free or reduced-cost lodging in your home to a student-athlete or a student-athlete's family or friends.

Prospective Student-Athlete

A prospective student-athlete is any student who has started classes for ninth grade. Any student younger who receives any benefits from an institution or athletics representative would become a prospect. In addition, student-athletes enrolled in preparatory school or two-year colleges are considered prospective student-athletes.

* Note: An individual is considered a prospect (whether or not they have signed a National Letter of Intent) until the first day of initial collegiate enrollment or the first day they report for practice, whichever is earliest. Therefore, all NCAA regulations concerning contact with a prospective student-athlete are applicable until that time.

Do's and Don'ts for representatives in regards to a prospective student-athlete:

(The following lists of examples are not all-inclusive. As always, **ask before you act!**)

Do's

You may:

- forward information about prospective student-athletes to the appropriate coaching staff.
- have telephone contact with a prospect regarding permissible pre-enrollment activities such as summer employment, provided the prospect has graduated from high school and signed a National Letter of Intent; you must contact the Compliance Office to make them aware that you are making these employment arrangements.
- have a telephone conversation with a prospect only if the prospect initiates the call; such a call may not be prearranged by an institutional staff member, and you are not permitted to have a recruiting conversation, but may exhibit normal civility; you must refer any questions about our athletics programs to an athletics-department staff member/coach.
- view a prospect's athletic contest at your own initiative provided you do not contact the prospect or his/her parents; you may not contact a coach, principal, or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect.
- continue established family relationships with friends and neighbors; contact with sons and daughters of these families is permitted so long as it is not made for recruiting purposes or encouraged by Notre Dame coaches.

Don'ts

You may not:

- write, e-mail or telephone a prospective student-athlete or his/her parents in an effort to recruit them to Notre Dame.
- become involved in making arrangements to provide money, financial aid or a benefit of any kind to a prospect or the prospect's family and friends.
- make contact with a prospective student-athlete or his/her parents when the prospect is on-campus for an official or unofficial recruiting visit.
- contact a prospect to congratulate him/her on signing a National Letter of Intent to attend the University.
- transport, pay or arrange for payment of transportation costs for a prospect or his/her relatives or friends to visit campus (or elsewhere).
- pay or arrange for payment of summer-camp registration fees for a prospect.
- provide ANYTHING to a prospect, the prospect's family or friends without prior approval from the Compliance Office.

Support of alumni and friends is welcomed and appreciated. We ask, however, that you help to keep Notre Dame's tradition of athletics integrity intact by following NCAA regulations. Your assistance will help ensure that the eligibility of prospective and currently-enrolled student-athletes is protected and preserved. Your efforts to know and follow the NCAA legislation are greatly appreciated because violations could affect the eligibility of involved prospects or student-athletes and/or result in NCAA penalties being imposed on the University.

To that end, it should be our goal, as the best alumni and fans in the country, to preserve and protect each and every student-athlete's eligibility. All NCAA legislation cannot be covered in a limited space such as this page. Therefore, any additional questions should be forwarded to the Compliance Office in the department of athletics. Please remember to **ask before you act!**

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IRISH SWIMMING

Student Development

Notre Dame's Student Welfare and Development Program is committed to the total development of student-athletes, by fostering the cultivation of skills that encourage student-athletes to reach their full potential. Designed to work in conjunction with existing on-campus student services, the program acknowledges the unique needs and demands of student-athletes. The program continues to receive national recognition for its student-athlete participation and has been named to the NCAS Outreach and Community Service Honor Roll four times in the past five years.

The Student Welfare and Development Program implements events and activities that are designed to facilitate learning within five key areas: academic excellence, athletic success, career preparation, community involvement and personal development.

The program has three components: elective services (community service, leadership, social events); complementary services (encourages administrators and coaches to request coordination of workshops, events and activities); and essential services (student-athletes participate in required skill-building and developmental workshops).

The many services offered by the Student Development Program include the following:

- Academic support by working in coordination with the Office of Academic Services for Student-Athletes.
- Athletic success support with discussion topics on performance enhancement, leadership, nutrition, agents and amateurism, and sports conduct.
- Preparing for postgraduate life by offering monthly career development workshops that educate student-athletes on resume composition, interviewing, business etiquette, and networking. Student Welfare and Development also works closely with the Notre Dame Career Center to ensure that student-athletes are prepared for life after college.
- Bringing Notre Dame and the community together through specific relationships with local area hospitals, community centers and outreach agencies to provide ongoing and reliable volunteer opportunities.
- An orientation program for freshman student-athletes to familiarize and identify the challenges and opportunities that are unique to them as both

students and athletes. These seminars also educate student-athletes on contemporary issues affecting college students.

For the second straight year, 92 percent of Notre Dame's student-athletes (from all 26 varsity teams) participated in community service activities during the 2006-07 academic year, with the student-athletes completing more than 4,000 hours of community service (nearly doubling the hours from 2005-06) while assisting more than 50 non-profit organizations and schools.

Student Development also is responsible for: managing the scholarship textbook process; designing and producing the annual Student-Athlete Handbook/Planner; facilitating "An Evening at Shamrock Hills" team dinners; serving as the primary advisors to the Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC); coordinating the Student-Athlete Leadership Institute; and facilitating the athletic department's annual year-end celebration, the O.S.C.A.R.S. – Outstanding Students Celebrating Achievements & Recognition Showcase.

The Positive Transition Seminar (PTS) remains the cornerstone of the Student Welfare and Development Personal Development component. Issues that headline the annual half-day symposium include dining etiquette, public speaking/media relations, healthy nutrition, financial and career planning, life after sports, as well as a panel discussion on transition and leadership, led by Notre Dame faculty, staff and administrators. In addition to attending the PTS, all juniors were required to meet with a career counselor to learn how to access career planning resources, schedule interviews, update resumes, and apply for internships and jobs. All told, Student Welfare and Development provided student-athletes with more than 50 educational seminars and programs throughout the 2006-07 academic year.

Professors at Practice continues to be an excellent opportunity for professors and their families to interact with student-athletes on the playing field during practice, in addition to engaging in intellectual conversation at a dinner provided after practice. In the fall of 2005, more than 500 professors and their family members enjoyed an afternoon with the Irish football and baseball teams.

The Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC), which helped bring about noteworthy enhancements within the athletics department in 2006-07, including:

- The establishment of a program that involved all student-athletes in a pledge for Sportsmanship Across All Circumstances; the program involved producing a sportsmanship commercial and community outreach that promoted sportsmanship, with the student-athletes pledging to build character and respect for self/others while upholding the values embodied by the Notre Dame spirit (in addition staying focused on leading, inspiring and making moral, sound decisions).

- Continued assisting with Freshman and Parent Orientation.

- Organization of a five-day community service trip to New Orleans during fall break to assist in the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts (work consisted of "mudding" and gutting homes that were damaged in the hurricane).

- Discussion of challenging topics pertaining to the student-athlete experience, such as: off-campus housing, career development, hazing, leadership development, venue and facility concerns, the need for an athletics department massage therapist and alcohol abuse.

- Participation as guest speakers at various Joyce Grants-in-Aid events during the fall.

SAAC's monthly meetings also include discussions on important issues such as NCAA legislation, career opportunities, eating disorders, alcohol and supplement use, and technological issues involving websites such as Facebook and Myspace.

The annual Student-Athlete Leadership Institute in 2007 was attended by a record total of nearly 100 student-athletes (97). This full-day leadership program challenges student-athletes to critically examine their role as leaders. Participants engage in intense team activities that require focus, teamwork, communication and determination for a successful outcome.

The Student Welfare and Development Program, in existence since 1996, continuously seeks to develop programs that educate student-athletes on current issues – so as to ensure that when they graduate from the University, they are prepared to successfully meet the challenges of life.



A group of 23 Notre Dame student-athletes and five administrators (including athletics director Kevin White) donated their time during the 2006 fall break to assist with relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The group joined the School of Urban Mission in one of their primary projects: gutting and "mudding out" New Orleans homes that were damaged in the hurricane.



The Notre Dame hockey team annually holds a special skate day with children from the South Bend community.

Statement of Principles

Throughout its long and proud history, the University of Notre Dame has embraced the philosophy that a well-rounded athletics program — including club, intramural and intercollegiate competition — comprises an integral part of Notre Dame's educational mission.

This philosophy reflects the importance of operating an intercollegiate athletics program that fully comports with the University's aspirations as a Catholic institution. Notre Dame therefore dedicates itself to the pursuit of excellence in intercollegiate athletics within the framework of an academic community committed to the University's educational and religious objectives.

Notre Dame also commits itself to the unquestioned integrity of its athletics programs. All individuals involved, directly or indirectly, in the athletics enterprise must maintain and foster the values and goals associated with the University's mission as a Catholic institution of higher education.

As a Catholic university, Notre Dame espouses Christian values and principles. These include the development of the human person — spirit as well as body — in addition to the pursuit of excellence in all endeavors, the nurturing of Christian character, and the call to personal integrity and responsibility. By providing a general description of the structures that support these endeavors, this document articulates the central values and expectations that guide the University of Notre Dame's participation in intercollegiate athletics.

PRESIDENTIAL CONTROL

Notre Dame adheres to the principle of presidential control over intercollegiate athletics. The director of athletics reports to the president, who exercises ultimate responsibility for the conduct of the University's intercollegiate athletics program. The Faculty Board on Athletics serves as the principal advisory group to the president on educational issues related to intercollegiate athletics. The chair of the Faculty Board on Athletics also serves as the NCAA-mandated faculty athletics representative.

Basic Principles

1. The Faculty Board on Athletics nurtures Notre Dame's commitment to academic integrity within the athletics program, strives to ensure that the University's athletics program operates in consonance with Notre Dame's educational mission, and actively promotes the welfare and educational success of the University's student-athletes. The Board also functions as a formal liaison between the faculty and the athletics department.

In carrying out its charge, the Board reviews policies, procedures and practices that affect the educational experience of student-athletes and advises the president of its findings and deliberations. The Board systematically ascertains the views and concerns of student-athletes. The Board reviews data on admissions of student-athletes and on their academic performance, progress towards degrees, and graduation rates. The Board assesses the effectiveness of institutional support for student-athletes. In addition, the Board sets guidelines for the approval of all student petitions for a fifth year of eligibility

for athletics and votes on each such petition. The Board establishes guidelines for all intercollegiate athletics schedules and qualifications for captaincy of all University teams, and it votes on all proposed schedules and captaincy nominations. The Board also assesses and revises procedures for resolving prospective conflicts between final examinations and post-season championship events.

In its role as a liaison to the broader faculty, the Faculty Board disseminates appropriate, non-confidential information and initiates discussions on educational issues regarding intercollegiate athletics and the related concerns of the faculty and administration.

2. The faculty athletics representative champions academic integrity, promotes the welfare of student-athletes, and helps ensure institutional control of intercollegiate athletics. More specifically, the faculty athletics representative works with the president and the director of athletics to maintain appropriate University oversight of intercollegiate athletics; assists the president and director of athletics in determining institutional positions on proposed NCAA and conference legislation; serves on search committees for senior athletics administrators and head coaches; oversees decisions regarding eligibility of student-athletes; remains visible and available to student-athletes; and actively participates in all investigations and reports of possible NCAA violations.

ACADEMICS

Notre Dame dedicates itself to providing to all of its students an outstanding education. The University commits itself to developing in its students those disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit that characterize educated, skilled and free human beings. Notre Dame calls its students to pursue the wisdom of our culture and religious heritage and to experience the human family's diversity and interdependence. To accomplish these objectives, the University provides to its students, on an equitable basis, ongoing opportunities to cultivate their moral, intellectual and physical well-being.

Basic Principles

1. Any student hoping to succeed at the University needs a significant level of ability and preparation. Therefore, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions will accept into the University only those student-athletes who demonstrate, on the basis of the best available academic and character-based information, the capacity to complete a degree at Notre Dame.

2. Even for individuals manifestly well suited for Notre Dame, the adjustments to the rigors of



academic and athletic life in a highly-competitive university present difficulties. The University recognizes its responsibility to provide appropriate assistance to enable student-athletes to meet the demands of both academic and athletic competition. To this end, the University affords its student-athletes suitable academic counsel and support, primarily under the auspices of the provost's office. Other sources of support, both academic and personal, include the faculty, academic advisors, the residence-hall staff, coaches, athletics administrators and the Student Development Program.

3. The University strives to schedule practices and competitions so as to minimize conflicts with class periods and other academic assignments of student-athletes. In this regard, the rhythm of the academic year and the particular importance of final examinations warrant special attention. All playing schedules remain subject to the approval of the Faculty Board on Athletics.

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Chronology of Varsity Sports at Notre Dame

1880s
1887 — Football becomes first men's sport, awards 14 monograms
1889 — Track and field becomes men's sport
1890s
1891 — Baseball becomes men's sport
1897 — Basketball becomes men's sport
1920s
1923 — Cross country becomes men's sport, with Knute Rockne as coach
1923 — Tennis becomes men's sport
1930s
1930 — Golf becomes men's sport
1934 — Fencing becomes men's sport
1950s
1955 — Wrestling becomes men's sport
1958 — Swimming & diving becomes men's sport
1960s
1968 — Ice hockey becomes men's sport
1970s
1976 — Tennis and fencing become Notre Dame's first women's sports
1977 — Basketball becomes women's sport
1977 — Soccer becomes men's sport
1978 — Field hockey becomes women's sport
1980s
1980 — Volleyball becomes women's sport
1981 — Lacrosse becomes men's sport
1981 — Swimming becomes women's sport
1986 — Cross country becomes women's sport
1986 — Field hockey discontinued as women's sport
1988 — Soccer and golf become women's sports
1989 — Softball becomes women's sport
1990s
1991 — Track & field becomes women's sport
1992 — Wrestling discontinued as men's sport
1996 — Lacrosse becomes women's sport
1998 — Rowing becomes women's sport

4. Notre Dame expects its student-athletes to maintain the appropriate sequence and number of courses and the grade-point-average necessary to complete a degree within the usual time (normally four years), including summer classes when appropriate. Any exception to this policy remains subject to the approval of the Faculty Board on Athletics.

STUDENT LIFE

Like other students, student-athletes should have the opportunity to pursue fully the University's academic, cultural and spiritual resources. The University holds student-athletes not only to the same standard of conduct that applies to other students, but also to that higher level of behavior appropriate to their visibility.

Basic Principles

1. Student-athletes must comply with all University rules and guidelines, including those set out in both the student handbook, du Lac, and in the Student-Athlete Handbook. The Office of Residence Life and Housing enforces the University-wide rules according to procedures applicable to all student disciplinary matters.

2. The University strives to integrate student-athletes into the student body so that all students may take full advantage of the educational and other opportunities afforded by campus and hall life. Given the centrality of residential life to the University's mission, student-athletes normally live in residence halls; exceptions to this policy remain subject to the approval of the Faculty Board on Athletics. Moreover, Notre Dame provides no separate residence halls or sections of residence halls for student-athletes.

3. The University lists among its primary concerns the physical and mental health of all members of the Notre Dame community. Because of the dangers inherent in athletic competition, the prevention of injuries and the provision of medical care for student-athletes demand particular concern and deserve constant attention. The appropriate sports-medicine and athletics-training personnel alone determine whether injury or illness precludes a student-athlete from practicing or competing.

4. Because of the harm that illicit drug use causes and the pressure on student-athletes to use performance-enhancing drugs, drug-related education and counseling require particular emphasis. As a preventive measure, all student-athletes remain subject to regular, random, and unannounced drug testing according to the University's established drug-testing protocol. University Health Services decides the timing of drug tests, determines whom to test and administers the tests. The drug-testing protocol prescribes the treatment of test results and the consequences of a positive test.

5. Notre Dame regularly provides chaplains for athletics teams. Chaplains' duties include pastoral care and liturgical services for student-athletes, coaches and staff.

COACHING STAFFS

The University strives to maintain a staff of coaches who represent the best in athletic instruction, who possess the ability to motivate and inspire, and who take responsibility for the full development of the student-athletes within their charge as students, athletes and persons. Coaches, who after all are primarily teachers, share with members of the faculty and other University

personnel the obligation to educate, train and otherwise assist in the formation of students entrusted to them. Furthermore, Notre Dame recognizes the important role each coach plays in the University's overall educational mission and makes this aspect an important part of both the coach's position description and periodic evaluation. Because of the public nature of their work, coaches represent Notre Dame in a highly-visible manner. Their words and actions should therefore reflect the University's values and principles.

Basic Principles

1. Notre Dame expects the personal and professional lives of its coaches to reflect highest standards of behavior. Coaches' actions must demonstrate that athletic success may not jeopardize institutional or personal integrity or student-athlete welfare.

2. Notre Dame expects its coaches to appreciate the primacy of academic life at Notre Dame and to emphasize that primacy during the recruitment and education of student-athletes and their participation in intercollegiate athletics.

3. Notre Dame requires its coaches to adhere to the policies and procedures of the University, its conferences and the NCAA. To that end, Notre Dame provides a comprehensive orientation to new coaches and suitable continuing education to other coaches. The University treats seriously all violations of University, conference or NCAA standards and reports such violations according to the applicable conference or NCAA procedures.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

The Director of Athletics and the other administrators in the department of athletics supervise all activities of the athletics program at the University. All aspects of the program must accord with the principles of justice and fairness. In addition, Notre Dame expects the personal and professional lives of its athletics administrators to reflect the highest standards of behavior. Athletics administrators also must adhere to the policies and procedures of the University, its conferences and the NCAA. The University treats all violations of such policies and procedures seriously.

Basic Principles

1. The University maintains full and direct control of the financial operations of the athletics department, including all revenues. The operating budget and the ongoing financial activities of the athletics department remain subject to the same approval process as all other units of the University.

2. Historically, Notre Dame's athletics program has generated funds sufficient to cover its expenses, as well as to provide funds for the University's general operating budget. The generation of revenue must always take into consideration Notre Dame's integrity and priorities.

3. The University commits itself to the principle of racial, ethnic and gender diversity in the composition of its coaching and administrative staffs. Notre Dame will make every reasonable effort to promote this commitment as positions are created or vacated.

4. Consistent with its overall academic mission and program, its financial resources and the athletic interests of its student body, the University will provide a full and stable athletics program for both sexes. Notre Dame embraces the principle of gender equity and will continue to monitor its

intercollegiate programs in accord with this principle.

5. In considering conference affiliations, the University will assess the extent to which the other institutions involved share Notre Dame's educational philosophies and goals, as well as its commitment to integrity in intercollegiate athletics.

CONCLUSION

Notre Dame endeavors to maintain a highly-competitive athletics program consistent with its tradition, heritage and overall mission as a Catholic university. It will attempt to excel in intercollegiate athletics, but always in conformity with its primary role as an educator and moral guide. Notre Dame will conduct its intercollegiate athletics program so as to support the University's commitment to education, as well as the letter and spirit of the policies and procedures of the University, its conferences and the NCAA.

Many observers often are surprised to discover that Notre Dame's total enrollment encompasses fewer than 12,000 students per year (roughly 8,300 of them undergrads). That surprise is due in part to the University's national appeal, but it also is due to the many noteworthy Notre Dame alumni who have gone on to distinguish themselves in a wide variety of fields.

Listings on this page are simply a sampling of the many noteworthy individuals who have spent their formative years in academia at Notre Dame. A more detailed list can be found at www.nd.edu (follow the alumni link), and some additional noteworthy alums are included on the athletic heritage page later in this section.

Current University Presidents

Warren Baker ('60, '62) – Cal Poly
Rev. E. William Beauchamp ('75, '81) – Portland
John Cavanaugh ('77, '78) – West Florida
Thomas Chema ('68, '71) – Hiram (Ohio) College
Steven Cramer ('85) – Bethel College (Ind.)
Thomas Dillon ('72, '77) – Thomas Aquinas
Charles Dougherty ('73, '75) – Duquesne
Phillip Glotzbach ('72) – Skidmore
Robert Helmer ('82) – Lourdes College
Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. ('76, '78) – Notre Dame
Stephen Kopp ('73) – Marshall
Arthur Lendo ('68) – Peirce College (Pa.)
Stanley Liberty ('65, '68, '71) – Kettering
Brother Michael McGinniss, F.S.C. ('78, '81) – La Salle
Joseph McGowan ('66, '68) – Bellarmine
Carol Ann Mooney ('77) – Saint Mary's College (Ind.)
Rev. Thomas O'Hara ('77) – King's College (Pa.)
Lisa Porsche-Burke ('81, '83) – Phillips Grad. Institute (Calif.)
Kevin Reilly ('71) – University of Wisconsin system
Judson Shaver ('79, '84) – Marymont Manhattan
Sister Diane Steele ('93, '01) – University of Saint Mary (Kan.)
Eugene Trani ('61) – Virginia Commonwealth
Stephen Weber ('69) – San Diego State

U.S. Congressmen

Michael Ferguson ('92) – congressman (R; N.J.)
Peter King ('68) – congressman (R; N.Y.)
Daniel Lungren ('68) – congressman (R; Calif.)
Ron Mazzoli ('54) – former congressman (D; Ky.)
Joe McDade ('53) – former congressman (R; Pa.)
***Ron Mottl** ('56) – former congressman (D; Ohio)
Tim Roemer ('81, '85) – former congressman (D; Ind.)
Mark Souder ('74) – congressman (R; Ind.)
Peter Visclosky ('73) – congressman (D; Ind.)

White House Cabinet Members

Richard Allen ('57, '58) – former national security advisor
Bruce Babbitt ('60) – former secretary of the interior; former governor of Arizona
Condoleezza Rice ('75) – secretary of state

Foreign Ambassadors

Gary Cooper ('58) – former U.S. ambassador to Jamaica
James Creagan ('62) – former U.S. ambassador to Honduras
***Michael Wadsworth** ('66) – former Canadian ambassador to Ireland (deceased)

World Leaders

Ernestos Perez Balladares ('67, '69) – former president of Panama
Jose Napoleon Duarte ('48) – former president of El Salvador (deceased)
***Pedro Rosselló** ('66) – former governor of Puerto Rico

Other Government Notables

David Hoppe ('73) – former chief of staff to Sen. Trent Lott
John Keane ('55) – former director of U.S. Census Bureau
***Joe Kernan** ('68) – former governor of Indiana
John Sears ('61) – Pres. Ronald Reagan campaign manager
Frank Walker ('07) – postmaster general and advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt (deceased)



Condoleezza Rice



Robert Galvin



Edmond Haggar



Nicholas Sparks



Mark Shields



Regis Philbin

Corporation Presidents, Chairs and CEOs

Kathleen Andrews ('62) – CEO, Andrews McMeel Publishing
James Berges ('69) – retired president, Emerson Electric
Paul Charron ('64) – retired chair/CEO, Liz Claiborne
Al DeCrane ('53) – retired CEO, Texaco
Cyrus Freidheim, Jr. ('57) – president/CEO, *Sun-Times* Media Group; former chair/CEO, Chiquita International
Robert Galvin ('44) – retired chair/CEO, Motorola
David Goebel ('44) – president/COO, Applebee's
Edmond Haggar ('38), deceased and **Joe Haggar** ('45) – former chairs of Haggar Company
Joe Haggar, III ('73) – former chair/CEO, Haggar Co.
Bernard Hank, Jr. ('51) – former CEO of Montgomery Elevator
John Kinsella ('50) – former chair, Leo Burnett Advertising
Andrew McKenna ('51) – chair, president and CEO of Schwarz (paper company); chair of McDonald's Corp.
John McMeel ('57) – co-founder and president of Universal Press Syndicate; chair/pres. of Andrews McMeel Universal
Tom Mendoza ('73) – president, Network Appliance
Lucio Noto ('59) – retired president/CEO, Mobil Corp.
Stephen Odland ('80) – chairman/CEO, Office Depot
Michael Pasquale ('69) – former exec.VP/CEO, Hershey Foods
***Karl Peterson** ('92) – former owner/CEO, Hotwire.com
Philip Purcell ('64) – former chair/CEO, Morgan Stanley
William Shaw ('67) – president/COO, Marriott International
John Shiely ('74) – president, chair and CEO, Briggs & Stratton
Robert Welsh ('56) – chair/CEO, Welsh, Inc.

Authors

Robert Sam Anson ('67) – journalist and author
Michael Collins ('87, '91) – author of *The Keepers of Truth, The Resurrectionists* and *Exodus*
Daniel Coyle ('87) – author of *Hardball: Season in the Projects*
Barry Lopez ('66, '68) – award-winning author, including *Arctic Dreams* and *Of Wolves and Men*
***Nicholas Sparks** ('88) – novelist of bestsellers *The Notebook*, *Message in a Bottle* and *A Walk to Remember*
Anthony Walton ('82) – author of *Mississippi: American Journey*

Television and Film Producers

Tom Bettag ('66, '67) – executive producer, Discovery Channel; former executive producer of "Nightline"
Tony Bill ('62) – film producer, including Frank Sinatra's debut "Come Blow Your Horn" and movies such as "The Sting" and "My Bodyguard"
Sandra Hodge ('84) – filmmaker with directing credits including the award-winning documentary "The Truth, The Pain, The Sacrifice: An Actor's Reality"
James Walker ('64) – producer, Pixar Animation Studio

News Correspondents

Dr. Bob Arnot ('70) – NBC medical correspondent
Judge Andrew Napolitano ('75) – analyst, "Fox News"
William Pfaff ('49) – political commentator, Paris
Mark Shields ('59) – political analyst with "The Capital Gang," "Evans, Novak, Hunt & Shields" and "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer"
Anne Thompson ('79) – correspondent, "NBC Nightly News"
Ken Woodward ('57) – contributing editor, *Newsweek*

Television Personalities

Jimmy Brogan ('70) – former writer for "The Tonight Show"
Phil Donahue ('57) – former television talk show host
Regis Philbin ('53) – television talk show host

Legal Careers

Joseph Albright ('60) – justice, W.Va. Supreme Court
Kathleen Blatz ('76) – former chief justice, Minnesota Supreme Court
Quin Denvir ('62) – public defender, Sacramento, Calif.
Emilio Garza ('69, '70) – judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
John Graves ('57) – judge, Kentucky Supreme Court
Paul Kelly, Jr. ('63) – judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit
Diana Lewis ('74, '82) – circuit judge, 15th Judicial Circuit, West Palm Beach (Calif.)
Patrick McCartan ('56) – senior partner, Jones Day
***Kevin O'Connor** ('89) – chief of staff for U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales; former U.S. attorney (Conn.)
***Alan Page** ('67) – judge, Minnesota Supreme Court
***Bob Thomas** ('74) – chief justice, Illinois Supreme Court
Martha Vazquez ('75, '79) – chief U.S. District judge, N.M.
Ann Williams ('75) – judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit
***Bill Zloch** ('66) – U.S. district judge (South Florida)

Clergy

Archbishop William Borders ('47) – of Baltimore (retired)
Rev. William Corby, C.S.C. (1854) – Civil War chaplain with the Irish Brigade (deceased)
Rev. William Dorwart, C.S.C. ('76) – former provincial superior, Indiana Province of Holy Cross
Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen ('53) – of Seattle (retired)
Archbishop Alfredo Mendez-Gonzalez ('33) – of Puerto Rico (deceased)
Archbishop John Cardinal O'Hara ('11) – of Philadelphia (deceased)
Bishop Daniel Jenky ('70, '73) – of Peoria, Ill.
Rev. David Tyson, C.S.C. ('70, '74) – provincial superior, Indiana Province of Holy Cross

Medicine

James Curran ('66) – AIDS researcher; dean of public health school, Emory University
Dr. Tom Dooley ('48) – noted humanitarian in Southeast Asia (deceased)
***Dr. Carol Lally Shields** ('79) – nationally-renowned oncologist and ophthalmologist
***Dr. Bill Hurd** ('69) – eye surgeon; jazz saxophonist
Dr. James Muller ('65) – co-founder of Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (1985 Nobel Peace Prize)
***Dr. Dennis Nigro** ('69) – reconstructive surgeon

Inventors

Rev. Julius Nieuwland, C.S.C. (1899) – scientist and inventor of synthetic rubber (deceased)
Hubert Schlafly ('41) – patented the TelePromTer
Albert Zahn (1885) – prominent in early flight (deceased)

Others of Note

General Patrick Brady ('72) – U.S. Army (retired)
John Burgee ('56) – renowned architect
Michael Hawes ('78) – NASA deputy associate administrator for international space station
***Michael Oriard** ('70) – author; professor of English, Oregon State University
James Wetherbee ('74) – (retired) space-shuttle astronaut
Eric Wieschaus ('69) – Nobel laureate, Princeton

* Note: Several of the above were student-athletes at Notre Dame (noted by asterisks): baseball's Joe Kernan and Ron Mottl, tennis players Pedro Rosselló and Dennis Nigro, Kevin O'Connor (lacrosse), basketball's Carol Lally, track and field's Nicholas Sparks and Bill Hurd, swimmer Karl Peterson and football players Michael Wadsworth, Alan Page, Bill Zloch and Mike Oriard.



Alan Page



Jose Napoleon Duarte



James Wetherbee

Alumni Organizations

The Notre Dame Alumni Association was established in 1868, some 26 years after the University's founding. Father Neal Gillespie, C.S.C., was elected the first president of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, then comprised of just a few hundred graduates — while the current membership reaches nearly 110,000.

Leadership — Several Alumni Association staff are former Notre Dame student-athletes, led by executive director Chuck Lennon (a catcher with the Irish baseball team in the early 1960s) and another former Irish baseball player, Scott Siler ('82), who serves as the Association's director of information technology.

Membership — Any person who holds a Notre Dame undergraduate or graduate degree and any who

has matriculated at the University and is approved for membership by the Alumni Board shall be a regular member of the Alumni Association.

Alumni Clubs — An alumni club is one of the most viable channels through which the University is perceived by local communities. The Alumni Association helps coordinate activities of 217 domestic alumni clubs and 63 international chapters.

Reunion Weekend — Traditionally held the first weekend in June, the Alumni Reunion is the largest campus program sponsored by the Alumni Association. Each five-year class is invited to participate. The program offers exciting and rewarding events for some 3,000 alumni and their spouses.

Notre Dame Magazine — This quarterly publication is sent to all alumni as well as to parents of current Notre Dame students. News items that are contributed by class officers are featured in the section entitled, "The Classes."

The Alumni Newsletter — This publication is distributed three times a year and highlights people, programs and events that are related to the Alumni Association, including local alumni activities.

Visitors Center — The Eck Visitors Center, located on the south end of campus (next to the Hammes Bookstore), offers a meeting and resting place for visitors to Notre Dame, in addition to providing a summary of the University's history. Display cases line the walls, featuring University information and artifacts. A lighted aerial map gives a visual overview of campus and interactive kiosks allow visitors to take a virtual tour of the campus.

A number of sculptures are on display at the Visitors Center, including the work of the late world-renowned artist and Notre Dame professor Ivan Mestrovic. An auditorium offers a DVD movie that chronicles Notre Dame's tradition and excellence in academics and athletics and its commitment to spirituality.

Notre Dame Monogram Club: "Bridging the Gap Between Legend and Legacy"

The Notre Dame Monogram Club is comprised of nearly 7,000 individuals who have earned the University's varsity athletic insignia for their athletic or team-support endeavors or who have been honorary-monogram recipients. The club supports the primary goal of the University: the spiritual, intellectual and physical development of its students and alumni. By providing its members the opportunity to foster and maintain relationships across different sports, generations and geographical locations, the Monogram Club aspires to contribute — through the common bond of sport — to the social and professional enrichment of its members while providing a means for ongoing association with the University. As an integral part of the Notre Dame family, the Monogram Club endeavors to uphold and enrich the great tradition of Notre Dame athletics.

One of the organization's primary functions continues to be providing need-based aid to children of Monogram Club members to attend Notre Dame, through the Brennan-Boland-Riehle ("BBR") Scholarship Fund. The fund is named in honor of Joe Boland, Rev. Thomas Brennan, C.S.C., and Rev. James Riehle, C.S.C. Monogram Club members donate to the fund, and the University handles the principal funds, with interest providing scholarship money. The fund has grown to approximately \$5.8 million, making it one of Notre Dame's largest endowments.

Since the fund's inception in 1980, there have been 209 BBR Scholarship recipients — including 63 sons and daughters of Monogram Club members who attended Notre Dame in 2006-07 — whose combined scholarship allocations are more than \$2 million (\$215,000 in '06-'07 alone).

In 1976, at a meeting called by 1949 Heisman Trophy winner Leon Hart, the Monogram Club developed its bylaws, recommending that its purpose was to foster all the principles of the University in its academic, athletic, religious and social endeavors along with promoting camaraderie between former athletes and alumni.

During the Monogram Club presidency of Harvey Foster in 1981, he recommended that an endowment fund be started for the express purpose of aiding the University in continuing non-revenue sports. During the next 15 months, nearly \$8 million was pledged and paid into the endowment fund. Endowment contributions still are accepted but more recently the Monogram Club's efforts have been directed to increasing the Brennan-Boland-Riehle Fund.

In 1984, during the presidency of Jim Lynch, the club received permission to construct a Sports Heritage Hall in the concourse of the Joyce Center. The first phase was to provide a ring of gold which names each monogram winner, alphabetically by decade, with those plans reaching fruition in 1987 when some 4,300 names were placed in gold letters on the oak panels. Nearly 1,700 names later were added in 2001, honoring monogram winners from the 1990s.

The second phase of the Heritage Hall involved building display cases showing various pieces of memorabilia, pictures of individuals and teams, trophies of various awards and other interesting objects detailing the history of Notre Dame athletics.

The Monogram Club's ever-growing list of events and projects included the following activities during 2006-07:

- A second \$1 million allocation that will help support the *Spirit of Notre Dame* capital campaign (the Monogram Club donation will be used to support the athletics priorities of the campaign); a previous \$1 million donation has been used towards the ongoing Notre Dame Stadium enhancement project — which features an elaborate series of banners and displays that commemorate Notre Dame's rich tradition in college football

- Continuation of the Catastrophic Relief Fund to help former Notre Dame monogram winners faced with catastrophic problems of health and/or financial hardship; as part of the Monogram Club's "Athletes Helping Athletes" pledge, nearly \$575,000 had been raised for this special fund

- Pledged support and spearheaded the organizational efforts for the 35th anniversary of women's athletics at Notre Dame, which was celebrated throughout 2006-07 and included a weekend celebration attended by more than 100 former Notre Dame female student-athletes

- Continued sponsorship of student-athletes who participate in various domestic and international summer-service projects, as coordinated by Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns; former Irish hockey player and recent Monogram Club board member Dave Bossy has made a 10-year commitment (\$10,000 per year) to help fund sponsorship of student-athletes who participate in the Summer Service Program

- Funding aid for the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team's foreign playing tour of England and Ireland

- Continuing financial assistance (\$110,000 in '06-'07) to programs benefiting current student-athletes, via the student welfare initiative (in conjunction with the athletic department's student welfare/life skills programs)

- An ever-expanding student-athlete outreach and education program that includes continued sponsorship of the "OSCARS" all-sports banquet (with specific funding for the popular all-sports highlight video), an informative brochure targeted to student-athletes and continued sponsorship of the varsity monogram awards program (letter jackets, blazers, blankets, rings, and watches)

- The continuing program of providing laptop computers to the Academic Services for Student-Athletes, with student-athletes able to check out these computers during official team travel.

- Ongoing funding and presentation of BIG EAST-championship rings and NCAA-participation awards for Notre Dame teams and individuals

- The second year of the Sports Liaison Program, which pairs board members with current Irish teams to foster a beneficial two-way relationship

Other recent Monogram Club projects have included:

- A joint effort with the network of local Notre Dame alumni clubs, providing various team hosting events (such as receptions and cultural events) for Notre Dame teams as they travel throughout the country

- A series of football-weekend receptions for Monogram Club members and their guests, typically held in the Joyce Center prior to each home football game (the final home game also traditionally includes a unique thrill for all former mono-



Monogram Club dues-paying members annually greet the Notre Dame football team as it takes the field prior to the final home game.

gram winners in attendance, who form the pregame tunnel as the Irish team takes the field)

- Continuing an expanded sponsorship of the annual Blue-Gold Football Alumni Weekend that includes the alumni flag-football game and an interactive Friday-night dinner (attended by nearly 750) with the program's current players and coaches

- The organization of several popular events, including the fifth annual Football Fantasy Camp (which has raised a five-year total of more than \$200,000 for the BBR Scholarship Fund), the annual Monogram Club golf outing (held during reunion weekend) and V.I.P. football weekend auctions

- Expanded offerings and unique website content at www.ndmonogramclub.com (also linked via und.com), as part of an ever-increasing list of member benefits

- And the traditional awarding of honorary monograms — presented to those who have demonstrated exceptional service to Notre Dame — in conjunction with the announcement of the Moose Krause Distinguished Service Award

The Monogram Club of today is comprised of some 4,300 dues-paying members who are awarded the block ND. Yearly dues entitle members to a variety of benefits: annual golf outing and dinner; membership card; the Inside Irish publication, with first-class mailing (plus e-mail and web options); members' children eligible for Brennan-Boland-Riehle scholarship at Notre Dame; and ticket applications for home football games. The Club's annual golf outing, mass for deceased members, dinner and meeting is held in early June prior to the Notre Dame Alumni Reunion Weekend.

Assistant athletics director Jim Fraleigh has served as the Monogram Club's executive director since the fall of 2004 while the current president is former basketball player Marc Kelly. The first vice-president is former Academic All-America football player Joe Restic, with former baseball player Dick Nussbaum recently joining the officer rotation as second vice-president. Former volleyball player Julie Pierson Doyle served as the Monogram Club's first female president from 2005-07.



The Notre Dame athletic training staff has access to two whirlpool rehabilitation stations in the Guglielmino Athletics Complex.

From the days of Knute Rockne, when Eugene “Scrap Iron” Young first began providing care to student-athletes, the Notre Dame athletic training department has evolved into a fully-staffed sports medicine team with three state-of-the-art facilities. The 2006-07 academic year was a time of key growth and expansion for Notre Dame’s athletic training operation, in keeping up with the changing demands of college athletics. The sports medicine department added two new full-time staff positions while moving into its new primary locale at the Guglielmino Sports Complex.

Head athletic trainer and physical therapist Jim Russ now oversees a staff of three associate and eight assistant athletic trainers, plus two physical therapist/athletic trainers. The staff of 14 is responsible for the care and treatment of more than 750 Notre Dame student-athletes. The entire sports medicine staff is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association and boasts nearly 200 years of collective experience.

Each staff member is responsible for the health care of at least two of Notre Dame’s varsity athletic teams. Duties in that role include evaluating and assessing athletic injuries, administering first-aid, making medical referrals, establishing treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries and educating student-athletes on nutrition and injury prevention.

The foundation of the Notre Dame Sports Medicine Department falls under the direct supervision of several sports medicine physicians. This group now includes three university primary-care doctors – Notre Dame directors of sports medicine Dr. Jim Moriarity, Dr. Rich Jacobs and Dr. Becky Moskwinski – along with six orthopaedic surgeons: Dr. Willard Yergler, Dr. David Bankoff, Dr. Fred Ferlic, Dr. Robert Clemency, Dr. Michael Yergler and Dr. Chris Balint. A variety of medical consultants are available for specific needs, ranging from cardiology to dermatology, while the sports medicine department also is supplemented by 17 undergraduate student athletic trainers.

Notre Dame student-athletes have access to three state-of-the-art sports medicine facilities, in addition to the 24-hour University Health Center. The original athletic training room is located in the Joyce Center and Notre Dame Stadium is home to the 3,300 square-foot athletic training room – while the newest sports area is located in the new Guglielmino Athletics Center. This sports medicine area opened in the fall of 2005 and encompasses more than 8,500 square-feet of cutting-edge sports medicine technology.

Through these facilities, all student-athletes have access to the most modern sports medicine, providing the latest in diagnostic procedures, treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries. The various athletic training facilities include the latest in physical therapy modalities and rehabilitation equipment, with two 3,500-gallon therapy pools, a full x-ray unit and an MRI machine making up the majority of the department’s diagnostic equipment.

The sports medicine team of athletic trainers and team physicians is committed to providing the most comprehensive and safest health care possible. Evaluations, treatments and rehabilitation are established for each individual, with the goal of returning the student-athletes to competitive status in the safest and quickest manner possible.

The Notre Dame strength and conditioning program is designed to provide each student-athlete with the most productive, effective and efficient means of sport-specific physical training. Led by director of strength and conditioning Ruben Mendoza, the Irish strength and conditioning staff has a simple philosophy that combines a “no nonsense” approach with an “old school” attitude.

The staff offers a well-balanced, well-rounded program by incorporating a variety of training methods from conjugate training to Olympic style movements. Everything the staff does is geared toward developing speed, power and strength.

The staff wants to teach Notre Dame student-athletes work ethic, discipline and pride with a relentless attitude to strive for, and win, championships.

When entering the 25,000-square foot Haggar Fitness Complex (shared by the Loftus Sports Center and the Guglielmino Athletics Complex), student-athletes are quickly reminded of the “roll up your sleeves” and “get to work” mentality that Mendoza and his staff inspires.

The Haggar Fitness Complex features 25,000 square feet of workout space with a three-lane speed development track (40 yards in length), a state-of-the-art sound system with 28 speakers and four sub woofers, six giant plasma screen televisions, a 45 x 18 yard Prestige Turf plyometric agility area and a Gatorade hydration station.

The Notre Dame strength and conditioning staff – eight full-time coaches and an intern coach – includes: director of strength and conditioning Ruben Mendoza, associate director Tony Rolinski, assistants Mike Joseph, Rick Perry, Elise Angeles and James Seacord, speed/skill development coach Shaun Gaunt, and a nutritionist. The staff provides a large enough group to meet the student-athlete needs while developing an environment where student-athletes want to come in order to get better and achieve athletic success.



One of the eye-catching features of the Haggar Fitness Complex, a 25,000 square-foot facility shared by the Guglielmino Athletics Complex and the Loftus Center, is the inclusion of two variable weight sleds that were installed in the summer of 2005.

NACDA Directors' Cup

DIRECTORS' CUP STANDINGS

For the ninth straight year in 2006-07, Notre Dame posted a top-25 finish (22nd) in the 2005-06 United States Sports Academy Division I Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (formerly known as Sears Directors' Cup).

Notre Dame is among 16 schools to earn a top-25 finish in each of the past nine years (1999-2007), as Irish programs finished 25th in '99, 21st in 2000, 11th in '01, 13th in '02 and '03, 19th in '04, 16th in '05 and 6th in '06. The other schools with that distinction include six from the Pacific-10 Conference (Stanford, UCLA, California, Arizona State, Arizona and USC), four from the Big Ten (Ohio State, Michigan, Minnesota and Penn State) and three from the Southeastern Conference (Florida, Georgia and LSU), plus Texas (Big-12) and North Carolina (Atlantic Coast Conference).

FALL

The 2006 fall NCAA Competition earned the Irish 279 points in the 2006-07 Directors' Cup standings, based on an NCAA runner-up finish in women's soccer (90 points), a best-ever quarter-finalist appearances in men's soccer (73), a 19th-place finish in men's cross country (36), a first-round appearance in volleyball (25) and a final ranking of 19th in the *USA Today* football poll (55). Notre Dame finished the fall season in 10th place of the Directors' Cup standings.

WINTER

In winter sports, Notre Dame netted 267 points – more than doubling its points total from the 2005-06 winter season (125.5), led by a fourth-place finish in the NCAA men's and women's combined fencing championship (80 points). Six other Notre Dame winter sports teams scored points in the 2006-07 Directors' Cup standings, including 60 for Notre Dame's

appearance as an NCAA regional finalist (final eight) in men's ice hockey, 50 for a second-round appearance in women's basketball (final 32) and 47 for a 27th-place finish in women's swimming and diving, plus 25 for a first-round appearance in men's basketball, and five for a 65th-place finish in men's indoor track and field.

SPRING

The 2007 spring sports season saw Notre Dame earn 243.5 points, led by a second straight NCAA quarterfinalist finish in women's tennis (73 points) and a trip to the round-of-16 in men's tennis (64), with other points coming a 41st-place finish in women's outdoor track and field (31), a first-round appearance/final-16 in men's lacrosse (25), a regional appearance in softball (final-48; 25 pts), 55th place in men's outdoor track and field (15.5) and a 12th-place finish in women's rowing (10).

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in '95, 12th in '96, 14th in '97, 31st in '98, 25th in '99, 21st in 2000, 11th in '01, 13th in '02 and again in '03, 19th in '04, 16th in '05 and most recently sixth for 2005-06.

All but one of Notre Dame's 26 varsity sports have scored points for the Irish in the NACDA Cup. Teams leading the way have included the men's and women's fencing programs, which have used 13 consecutive top-four finishes at the NAAs to contribute 886 points since fencing was added to the NACDA Cup in 1995-96. Women's soccer has contributed 914.5 points, highlighted by eight national semifinal appearances and a pair of titles ('95, '04). It also stands as one of two teams – along with women's volleyball – to have scored points in the NACDA Cup all 14 years. Eleven of Notre Dame's sports have contributed points on 10 or more occasions while 16 have scored in at least half (7) of the NACDA Cup competitions.

The Directors' Cup competition honors institutions for maintaining athletic programs that seek to achieve success in many sports, both men's and women's. Begun in 1993-94 for Division I by NACDA and *USA Today*, the program was expanded in 1995-96 to include Divisions II, III, and the NAIA. The scoring format – which has undergone yearly minor adjustments – awards the overall champion to institutions that records the highest number of points in their division's Directors' Cup standings.



Notre Dame placed 22nd in the 2006-07 NACDA Directors' Cup competition, marking its ninth straight top-25 finish in the annual all-sports rankings.

2006-07 Final NACDA Directors' Cup Standings

1.	Stanford	1,429
2.	UCLA	1,232
3.	North Carolina	1,161.33
4.	Michigan	1,135.25
5.	USC	1,103.50
6.	Florida	1,064.25
7.	Tennessee	1,045.75
8.	Texas	1,037.25
9.	California	1,030
10.	Arizona State	1,005
11.	Duke	988.25
12.	Georgia	971
13.	Virginia	945
14.	Ohio State	927.50
15.	Florida State	924.25
16.	Wisconsin	913.25
17.	LSU	888
18.	Texas A&M	881
19.	Auburn	866.25
20.	Minnesota	862.75
21.	Penn State	848.83
22.	Notre Dame	789.50
23.	Wake Forest	708.50
24.	Arizona	703.33
25.	Oklahoma	702.75



The Notre Dame hockey team won its first-ever CCHA regular-season and postseason tournament titles during 2006-07. The Irish (32-7-3) were ranked number one in the country for seven straight weeks from Feb. 5 through March 23.

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS – The Notre Dame athletics department continues to emerge as one of the highest-rated in the nation ... a 2006 report by the National Collegiate Scouting Association listed Notre Dame third (behind Duke and Stanford) in Division I-A rankings for schools with the top combination of academics and athletics, based on student-athlete graduation rates, the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings (academic) and the annual Directors' Cup all-sports standings.

A SPORT-MINDED CAMPUS – A *Sports Illustrated* feature on "America's Top Jock Schools" crowned UCLA No. 1, with Notre Dame a close runner-up ... the profile cited the Bengal Bouts campus-wide boxing tournament that benefits the Holy Cross Mission, Bookstore Basketball (the world's largest five-on-five basketball tournament) and intramural football in full pads (with the title game in Notre Dame Stadium) – plus the fact that 75 percent of Notre Dame undergrads lettered in high-school sports.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE – The success of Notre Dame athletics extends to the classroom:

- All 26 athletics programs at Notre Dame in 2004-05, '05-'06 and '06-'07 exceeded the NCAA's academic performance standard that was introduced in 2005, with nine Irish teams in 2006-07 scoring a perfect 1,000 (second-most from any Division I-A school) ... the Academic Progress Rate (APR) uses a series of formulas related to student-athlete retention and eligibility.

- In the traditional federal-mandated format of the NCAA graduation-rate report, Notre Dame ranked second nationally in the survey covering student-athletes who enrolled between '96-'99, based on the raw percentage of those who entered and graduated within six years (those who left or transferred were considered non-graduates) ... similarly, Notre Dame's 89% graduation rate in that study ranked second among all of Division I-A schools (also first with 87% graduation rate for male student-athletes and second with 94% for female student-athletes).

- Among student-athletes who completed all four years of athletic eligibility at Notre Dame from among those entering over a 10-year period from 1989-90 through 1999-2000, virtually 100 percent (623 of 627; 99.4%) earned their degrees.

- Another new graduation-rate survey – the GSR (Graduation Success Rate) – ranks Notre Dame second among Division I-A schools with a 98% GSR score (Navy is first on that list). The GSR was created to more accurately reflect graduation rates by factoring in transfer data. Notre Dame also was second in the latest male GSR rankings (97%, behind Navy) and fourth for female student-athletes (99%, behind Vanderbilt, Northwestern and Navy).

- Notre Dame student-athletes combined to post a 4.0 semester GPA 23 times in the 2006 spring and fall semesters ... those of note who posted 4.0s in 2006 included: baseball shortstop Brett Lilley, high jumper Stacey Cowan, soccer player Ashley Jones, sprinter Maryann Erigha, lacrosse players Mary Carpenter (both semesters) and Meghan Murphy, distance runner Sunni Olding (both terms), softball outfielder Beth Northway, rower Shannon Cassel and football receiver Rob Woods.

SPANNING THE GLOBE – Similar to the composition of the Notre Dame student body, the 26 current varsity teams include student-athletes from nearly every state ... a recent sampling of Notre Dame's 2004-05 varsity rosters included some 700 student-athletes who hailed from 44 states (all but Hawaii, Maine, Mississippi, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming), plus six Canadian provinces and 19 other foreign countries: Austria, Cayman Islands, Colombia, Czech Republic, El Salvador, England, Finland, Germany, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Jamaica, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, Poland, Singapore and South Africa.

A TRADITION OF SUCCESS

- Notre Dame has claimed 25 NCAA team titles: 11 in football ('24, '29, '30, '43, '46, '47, '49, '66, '73, '77, '88), seven in fencing (men in '77, '78 and '86, women in '87, combined

Professional Sports Administrators

Greg Aiello ('74) – NFL V.P. of public relations
Tom Ambrose ('70) – senior V.P. of community relations for NBA's Phoenix Suns
 ***Austin Carr** ('71) – director of business and community development for NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers; TV analyst
Beth Colleton ('91) – NFL director of community affairs
Mike Crowley ('85) – president of MLB's Oakland Athletics
Eddie DeBartolo ('32) and **Eddie DeBartolo, Jr.** ('68) – former professional sports owners
Larry Dolan ('54) – owner/CEO of MLB's Cleveland Indians
Paul Dolan ('83) – president of MLB's Cleveland Indians
James Fitzgerald ('47) – former owner of NBA's Milwaukee Bucks and Golden State Warriors
 ***Tim Frank** ('93) – NBA V.P. of basketball communications
Joe Garagiola, Jr. ('72) – Major League Baseball sr. VP of baseball operations; former Arizona Diamondbacks GM
Jim Gates ('81) – library director, Baseball Hall of Fame
 ***Tommy Hawkins** ('59) – vice president of external affairs for MLB's Los Angeles Dodgers (retired)
 ***John McHale, Jr.** ('71) – Major League Baseball executive vice president of administration
Vince Naimoli ('59) – chairman, MLB's Tampa Bay Devil Rays
Brian O'Gara ('89) – Major League Baseball senior director of special events
 ***John Paxson** ('83) – GM of NBA's Chicago Bulls
Ted Phillips ('79) – president/CEO of NFL's Chicago Bears
John York ('71) – director and owners representative of NFL's San Francisco 49ers

Division I Athletic Directors/Commissioners

***Mike Bobinski** ('79) – Xavier (Ohio) A.D.
Tom Bowen ('83) – San Jose State A.D.
Dan Coonan ('84) – Santa Clara A.D.
Bubba Cunningham ('84) – Tulsa A.D.
 ***Rick Chryst** ('83) – Mid-American Conf. commissioner
Forrest Karr ('99) – Alaska Fairbanks A.D.
Ken Kavanagh ('87) – Bradley A.D.
Joel Maturi ('67) – Minnesota A.D.
 ***Steve Orsini** ('78) – SMU A.D.
 ***Gene Smith** ('77) – Ohio State A.D.
 ***Larry Williams** ('85) – Portland A.D.



Steve Orsini

Television Executives and Sportscasters

George Blaha ('66) – longtime radio play-by-play voice of NBA's Detroit Pistons
Don Criqui ('62) – ND football radio play-by-play; longtime national radio and TV sportscaster
Bob Fitzgerald ('88) – radio play-by-play voice of NBA's Golden State Warriors
 ***Mike Golic** ('85) – co-host of ESPN Radio's "Mike and Mike in the Morning" show
Don Ohlmeyer ('66) – Emmy-winning TV producer ("Monday Night Football," NBC's coverage of 1980 Moscow Olympics, among others)
Terry O'Neil ('71) – Emmy-winning TV producer ("Monday Night Football," CBS special events, ESPN's "Sports Reporters," among others)
Ted Robinson ('78) – former New York Mets, San Francisco Giants and Minnesota Twins radio play-by-play; TV sportscaster for worldwide events, including tennis
Tim Ryan ('60) – Emmy-nominated sportscaster for variety of worldwide sporting events
Hannah Storm ('83) – former NBC sportscaster and studio host; co-host of "The Early Show" (CBS)
 ***Joe Theismann** ('71) – NFL analyst (ESPN)

in '94, '03, '05), two in women's soccer ('95, '04) and men's tennis ('44, '59), and one each in men's golf ('44), men's cross country ('57) and women's basketball ('01) ... the 2004-05 academic year saw Notre Dame win two NCAA titles (women's soccer and combined fencing) for the third time in the athletics department's history (also men's golf and men's tennis in 1943-44, plus football and men's fencing in 1977-78).

- Notre Dame's 12-year domination as a member of the BIG EAST Conference includes winning an unprecedented 13 official BIG EAST championships (based on tournament finish or regular-season standings) in 2005-06, besting the 10 titles won by the Irish in 2004-05 as the most ever by one school in a single academic year ... Notre Dame's BIG EAST titles in '05-'06 included five men's sports (cross country, swimming and diving, golf, outdoor track and field, and baseball) plus women's soccer, vol-

Sportswriters

Larry Burke ('87) – senior editor, *Sports Illustrated*
Marty Burns ('88) – senior writer, *Sports Illustrated*
George Dohrmann ('95) – writer, *Sports Illustrated*
Bill Dwyre ('66) – retired sports editor, *Los Angeles Times*
Red Smith ('27) – Pulitzer Prize author and sports columnist for *New York Herald Tribune* and *New York Times* (deceased)
John Walters ('88) – columnist, NBCSports.com
Arch Ward ('25) – former *Chicago Tribune* sports editor; introduced all-star games; helped develop Golden Gloves boxing (deceased)



Red Smith

*Hall-of-Fame Coaches (beyond ND)

Mike DeCicco ('49) – Hall-of-Fame fencing coach (retired)
Ray Meyer ('38) – Hall-of-Fame basketball coach at DePaul (deceased)

*Current Pro and Division I College Head Coaches

Marcie Bomback ('02) – Loyola Chicago volleyball
Sandy Botham ('88) – Wis.-Milwaukee women's basketball
Kristin Knapp-Cole ('94) – New Hampshire w. basketball
Tim Connelly ('83) – Notre Dame women's cross country
Michelle Dasso ('01) – Illinois women's tennis
Brian Kalbas ('89) – North Carolina women's tennis
Bill Laimbeer ('79) – Detroit Shock (WNBA)
Kelly Lindsey ('01) – St. Mary's (CA) women's soccer
Don Lucia ('81) – Minnesota men's ice hockey
Cory Mee ('92) – Toledo baseball
Beth Morgan-Cunningham ('97) – VCU women's basketball
Carrie Nixon ('02) – Notre Dame women's swimming
Billy Taylor ('95) – Lehigh men's basketball
Coquese Washington ('92) – Penn State women's basketball

*Olympic Games Medalists

Shannon Boxx ('99) – gold, soccer ('04, Athens)
Adrian Dantley ('78) – gold, basketball ('76, Montreal)
Jim Delaney ('43) – silver, shot put ('48, London)
August "Gus" Desch ('23) – bronze, 400-meter hurdles ('20, Antwerp; deceased)
Tom Lieb ('23) – bronze, discus ('24, Paris; dec.)
Ruth Riley ('02) – gold, basketball ('04, Athens)
Kate Sobrero Markgraf ('98) – silver, soccer ('00, Sydney); gold, ('04 Athens)
Alex Wilson ('32) – bronze, 1,600-meter relay ('28, Amsterdam); silver in 800 meters and bronze in 400 ('32, Los Angeles) with native Canada (deceased)
Rick Wohlhuter ('71) – bronze, 800 meters ('76, Montreal)
Mariel Zagunis ('08) – gold, sabre, fencing ('04, Athens)
 ***Other Notable Professional Athletes**
Tim Brown ('88) – nine-time all-pro (Oakland Raiders), among NFL all-time receiving leaders
Dave Casper ('74) – NFL Hall-of-Fame, Academic All-America Hall-of-Fame, NCAA Silver Anniversary Award
Craig Counsell ('92) – World Series champ with the Florida Marlins and Arizona Diamondbacks
Joe Montana ('79) – NFL Hall-of-Famer, four-time Super Bowl champ (San Francisco 49ers)
Todd Rassas ('98) – USA National Lacrosse Team captain



Kate Sobrero Markgraf

* Individuals noted by asterisks were Notre Dame student-athletes, primarily in the same sport with which they now are affiliated (Hawkins played basketball; Golic, Smith, Orsini and Williams were football players; Karr played hockey; Bobinski and Chryst were baseball players).

leyball, cross country, swimming and diving, indoor track and field, softball, rowing and tennis. A total of 16 Notre Dame teams (out of 21) finished first or second in 2004-05 BIG EAST play – with men's tennis, women's lacrosse and women's outdoor track and field nearly winning BIG EAST titles before finishing in second place.

- Notre Dame's total of nearly 1,000 All-Americans includes 26 who have been four-year All-Americans and 50 who have coupled All-America and Academic All-America honors in the same season. The 2005-06 year saw an all-time high of five different Notre Dame student-athletes earn both All-America and Academic All-America honors while three Notre Dame student-athletes received prestigious NCAA postgraduate scholarships in 2006-07. It was just the third time – and first since the mid-1970s – that Notre Dame has produced three NCAA postgraduate scholarship recipients in the same academic year.

BIG EAST Conference

The BIG EAST Conference in 2006-07 enters its third academic year as a 16-member conference. While many outside the league were curious and sometimes skeptical of the long-term prospects of the largest Division I-A conference, the student-athletes concentrated on their tasks at hand and continued the league's proud tradition of success.

BIG EAST teams earned plenty of recognition at the highest levels in 2006-07. In basketball, the Georgetown men's team and the Rutgers women's team each advanced to their respective Final Fours, with Rutgers playing in the national championship game.

The 2006 football season was the best in BIG EAST history. Louisville, West Virginia and Rutgers all finished in the top 12 in the final national polls. The BIG EAST posted a 5-0 bowl record and won the ESPN Bowl Challenge Cup.

On the diamond, the Louisville baseball team played its way to the College World Series while the DePaul softball team also participated in the College World Series. The Notre Dame women's soccer team advanced to the NCAA title game and the Connecticut field hockey team made it to the NCAA semifinals.

The BIG EAST swept the men's and women's M.A.C. Hermann Trophy, the top individual award in soccer. The winners were Joseph Lapira and Kerri Hanks, both of Notre Dame (the first school ever to receive both Hermann awards in the same season).

The goals of the BIG EAST have never changed – as the league aims and expects to compete at the highest level and does so with integrity and sportsmanship.

The BIG EAST became the nation's largest Division I-A group in 2005-06, when five new members began competing. The new schools were Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville, Marquette and South Florida.

BIG EAST institutions reside in nine of the nation's top 35 largest media markets, including New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Tampa, Pittsburgh, Hartford, Milwaukee and Cincinnati. With its newest members, BIG EAST markets contain almost one-fourth of all television households in the United States.

Since opening its doors in 1979, the league's teams have won 25 national championships in six different sports and 124 BIG EAST student-athletes have won individual national titles.

The BIG EAST always has been able to boast that some of its best students are also some of its best athletes. More than 350 BIG EAST student-athletes have

earned Academic All-America honors. Rutgers football player Brian Leonard received the 2006 Draddy Award, known as the academic Heisman, while Rhema Fuller of Connecticut and Jay Henry of West Virginia were named national scholar-athlete award winners by the National Football Foundation.

Louisville field hockey standout Jessica Javelet, the 2006 BIG EAST offensive player of the year, was named first team Academic All-America. The Louisville team, which earned a berth in the NCAA Championship, was recognized by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association for owning the highest team GPA in the nation for a second straight year.

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

The BIG EAST has continued its basketball success in the 21st century. In 2003-04, Connecticut became the first school in NCAA history to win the men's and women's NCAA titles in the same season. In 2002-03, the BIG EAST became the first conference in NCAA history to win the men's and women's titles in the same year when the Syracuse men and the Connecticut women took home the NCAA crowns. In men's basketball, BIG EAST squads have won three of the past nine NCAA championships. BIG EAST women's teams have taken five of the past eight NCAA titles.

Proactive movement has been a signature strategy for the conference that was born in 1979. The BIG EAST continually turns challenges into opportunities to become stronger.

In the spring of 2001, the BIG EAST added women's lacrosse and rowing to its growing list of sports. The first women's golf championship was held in the spring of 2003.

The BIG EAST became a reality on May 31, 1979, following a meeting of athletics directors from Providence, St. John's, Georgetown and Syracuse. Seton Hall, Connecticut and Boston College completed the original seven-school alliance.

While the membership has both increased and changed, the focus of the BIG EAST has not wavered. The conference reflects a tradition of broad-based programs, led by administrators and coaches who place a constant emphasis on academic integrity. Its student-athletes own significantly high graduation rates and their record of scholastic achievement notably shows a balance between intercollegiate athletics and academics.

Any successful organization needs outstanding leadership. Michael Tranghese – the league's first full-time employe and for 11 years the associate to Dave Gavitt – became commissioner in 1990. In his first year, he administered the formation of the BIG EAST Football Conference.

The league has long been considered a leader in innovative concepts in promotion and publicity, particularly regarding television. Those efforts have resulted in unparalleled visibility for BIG EAST student-athletes. The conference has enjoyed longstanding relationships with CBS, ESPN, Inc., and ABC.

While BIG EAST basketball games are regular sellouts at campus and major public arenas (including the annual men's BIG EAST Championship in Madison Square Garden), attendance figures also are significant in soccer, women's basketball and baseball games.

More than 550 BIG EAST student-athletes have earned All-America recognition and dozens have won NCAA individual national championships. The BIG EAST has been well represented on U.S. and foreign national/Olympic teams. Several athletes with BIG EAST ties earned gold medals in each of the past five summer Olympiads.

The BIG EAST has its headquarters in Providence, where the conference administers to more than 5,500 athletes in 23 sports.

Notre Dame BIG EAST Titles

Since joining the BIG EAST in 1995-96, Notre Dame has won the most conference championships (86) of any school:

Baseball (5)

2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

Women's Cross Country (3)

2002, 2003, 2005

Men's Cross Country (5)

1997, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2005

Women's Golf (2)

2003, 2004

Men's Golf (6)

1995, 1996, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2006

Rowing (4)

2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

Women's Soccer (9)

1995-2001, 2005-06

Men's Soccer (2)

1996, 2003

Softball (5)

1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2006

Women's Swimming & Diving (11)

1997-2007

Men's Swimming & Diving (2)

2005, 2006

Women's Tennis (7)

1996, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006

Men's Tennis (6)

1996, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2007

Women's Indoor Track & Field (2)

2002, 2006

Men's Indoor Track & Field (3)

2003, 2005, 2007

Women's Outdoor Track & Field (1)

2007

Men's Outdoor Track & Field (4)

2000, 2003, 2004, 2006

Volleyball (9)

1995-1998, 2000-02, 2004, 2005



Notre Dame's 86 all-time BIG EAST Conference championships include six in 2006-07: women's soccer, women's swimming and diving, men's indoor track and field, men's tennis, women's rowing and women's outdoor track and field.



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