

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.

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) – Lourdes College
Robert Helmer ('82) – Skidmore
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 chairman, 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 Oldland ('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 Zahm (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



Alan Page



Jose Napoleon Duarte



James Wetherbee

* 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.

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 Bombhack ('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.



One great program deserves another.

