



ND Irish

Coaching Staff

Under head coach Muffet McGraw, Notre Dame has averaged 25 wins per year since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96.

"If we searched for an entire year, I don't think we would find anyone better suited for our program."

With those words, former Notre Dame athletics director Gene Corrigan announced the hiring of Muffet McGraw as the third head coach of the Irish women's basketball program on May 18, 1987. Corrigan may not have realized it at the time, but he also ushered in an era of unparalleled success in women's basketball at Notre Dame, brought to life on the shoulders of a 5-foot-6 dynamo who accepts nothing less than the very best from herself, her players and her program.

Ask anyone familiar with women's basketball about McGraw and her Notre Dame program and inevitably, you'll hear the same two words — consistency and excellence. And it's no wonder, when you consider what McGraw and the Irish have achieved in the past 18 years:

- The 2001 NCAA championship, defeating Purdue in the title game, 68-66. McGraw is one of only seven active Division I coaches to guide her team to a national title.
- Two trips to the NCAA Final Four (1997 and 2001). McGraw is one of just 11 active Division I coaches to lead her team to multiple Final Four appearances.
- Six NCAA Sweet Sixteen trips, all in the past nine seasons. The Irish are one of only nine programs in the nation that can make that claim.
- 16 seasons with 20-or-more victories, including an active streak of 12 consecutive 20-win seasons. In fact, the Irish are one of just six teams in the country with an ongoing streak of that length.
- 12 NCAA Tournament appearances, including a current string of 10 consecutive NCAA Tournament berths. During the present 10-year streak, Notre Dame has won at least one NCAA postseason game every season.
- McGraw is one of only four coaches in America who has taken her team to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen at least six times since 1997, while also maintaining an active streak of at least 12 consecutive 20-win seasons.
- 47 wins over ranked opponents, including 37 in the past seven seasons alone (an average of better than five per year during that span). In addition, 18 of the past 37 wins vs. ranked teams have come against top-10 opponents.
- 128 appearances in the Associated Press Top 25 poll, putting McGraw 18th among active Division I coaches on that list. Notre Dame also has spent 72 weeks ranked among the top 10 teams in the nation, all in the past nine years.
- Nine top-three finishes in the BIG EAST Conference during Notre Dame's 10 years in that league. The Irish also won a share of the 2001 BIG EAST regular-season title.
- Nine consecutive top-20 recruiting classes, dating back to the incoming class of 1997 (according to Blue Star Index). Notre Dame is one of just three programs in the nation that currently owns a streak of that length.

Another watershed moment in McGraw's coaching career is just around the corner. With



Muffet McGraw

Head Coach

19th Season at Notre Dame
411-155 (.726)

24th Season Overall
499-196 (.718)

Saint Joseph's (Pa.) '77

Notre Dame's first victory in 2005-06, McGraw will become the 27th NCAA Division I coach to record 500 career wins. What's more — if the Irish pick up that milestone win before Dec. 5, McGraw will be just the 10th Division I coach to reach the 500-victory mark before the age of 50.

Still, with all of those accomplishments in hand, McGraw has shown no signs of slowing down any time soon. In July 2004, the veteran head coach signed a contract extension that will keep her patrolling the Irish sidelines through the 2010-11 campaign.

"Coaching at Notre Dame has been a dream come true for me," McGraw says. "There's no better place in the country to experience the perfect blend of both athletics and academics. We have built something very special here and I'm thrilled to continue working to achieve the highest degree of success that we have come to expect from Notre Dame women's basketball."

"Quite simply, we believe we have the best coach in women's college basketball right here at Notre Dame in Muffet McGraw," adds Irish athletics director Kevin White.

"She is a great fit for Notre Dame, and she continues to take us where we want to go in the women's basketball world. The NCAA title in '01, the ongoing successes we've had in the postseason and her recruiting efforts overall have cemented Notre Dame's position as one of the elite programs in the country. There are many more great days ahead for our women's basketball program, and I'm very pleased to know that Muffet will continue to lead us in the right direction."

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McGraw's latest assault on college basketball's summit began the moment she and her team returned from St. Louis after winning the 2001 national championship.

In the four seasons since the Irish won the NCAA title, Notre Dame has posted an 89-38 (.701) record and reached the NCAA Tournament all four years, advancing to the Sweet Sixteen twice. Last year, the Irish posted a 27-6 record, matching the third-highest win total in school history and were ranked as high as third in the nation, winning the Preseason WNIT along the way and placing among the top three in the BIG EAST Conference for the ninth time in the program's 10-year membership with the league.



Throughout her tenure at Notre Dame, McGraw has emphasized defense and the 2004-05 season was no exception, as the Irish ranked among the national leaders in field goal percentage defense (14th, .355), blocked shots (21st, 5.1 bpg.), scoring defense (39th, 58.5) and scoring defense (40th, 56.8 ppg.), with the latter figure ranking as the third-lowest opponent scoring average in school history.

The success McGraw's teams have shown on defense has not been lost on other coaches around the country. Prior to his team's NCAA first-round game against the Irish last season, UC Santa Barbara coach Mark French said, "When you think of great zones in the men's game, you think of Syracuse. When you think of great zones in the women's game, you think of Notre Dame."

"I'm pleased, but not at all satisfied with our performance during the past four seasons," McGraw commented. "At Notre Dame, it's always our goal to play for the national cham-



ptionship and we have the capability to make that goal a reality every year.”

To be sure, the night of April 1, 2001 is one McGraw and the Irish faithful will never forget. On that memorable Sunday evening in St. Louis, Notre Dame defeated Purdue 68-66 as McGraw's 14th Irish team won the school's first NCAA women's basketball championship. It was the second Final Four appearance in five years for McGraw's troops, who became the only NCAA champion to erase double-figure deficits in both of its Final Four contests. Having coached the Irish to their best ever regular-season record at 26-1 and a school-record 34 wins (the second 30-win campaign in school history), and having guided Notre Dame to its best record (34-2) and season winning percentage (.944), McGraw earned numerous national awards for her efforts. For the first time in her career, she won national coach-of-the-year honors from the WBCA, Sports Illustrated for Women and Associated Press, as well as the Atlanta Tipoff Club, which named her the Naismith Women's College Coach of the Year. Ruth Riley joined McGraw for the latter two honors, earning AP and Naismith player-of-the-year laurels. Riley also was recognized as the nation's top student-athlete when she was named the CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year.

In addition, the New York Athletic Club honored McGraw with the 2001 Winged Foot Award, which is presented annually to the coach of the NCAA champion. She also was selected as the WBCA District I Coach of the Year and was voted the BIG EAST Coach of the Year for the first time. The latter award gave McGraw a unique distinction — she has earned coach-of-the-year honors in all four conferences with which she has been associated during her head



coaching tenure (the East Coast Conference, North Star Conference, Midwestern Collegiate Conference and BIG EAST).

McGraw has led the Irish to all 12 of their NCAA Tournament appearances, the first coming in 1992 and the second in 1994. Yet, Notre Dame's first NCAA Tournament win didn't come

Head Coach

until after it joined the BIG EAST Conference in 1996 when, as the 12th seed in the Midwest region, the Irish stunned fifth-seeded and 15th-ranked Purdue, 73-60, in Lubbock, Texas. The success of that 1995-96 campaign and a 23-8 record earned McGraw national recognition as well, as she was named the WBCA District II Coach of the Year.

One season later, McGraw and the Irish made an even bigger national statement, going all the way to the Final Four. Notre Dame compiled a gaudy 31-7 record (at the time the most wins in school history) and the first 30-win season in the program's history. Also, for the first time ever, the Irish were ranked in both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls from the preseason until the end of the year. Notre Dame earned its first-ever top 10 ranking at the end of November and achieved all-time high finishes in both final polls, finishing fifth in the ESPN/USA Today rankings and 15th in the AP poll.

McGraw and the Irish got to the 1997 NCAA Final Four the hard way, beating three consecutive ranked opponents on the road. In its NCAA first-round game in Austin, Texas, Notre Dame cruised to a 93-62 victory over Memphis. Its second round contest matched the Irish up with Texas. Undaunted by the hostile Longhorn crowd, Notre Dame pulled off an 86-83 upset of its 14th-ranked hosts.

Making their first-ever Sweet Sixteen appearance, the Irish erased a nine-point halftime deficit and went on to defeat eighth-ranked Alabama, 87-71 in Columbia, S.C. Notre Dame then claimed the East Regional championship and booked its first trip to the Final Four with a

Muffet McGraw's Coaching History

Year	School	Record	Pct.	Honors
1982-83	Lehigh	14-9	.609	East Coast Conference Coach of the Year
1983-84	Lehigh	13-9	.591	
1984-85	Lehigh	20-8	.714	
1985-86	Lehigh	24-4	.857	East Coast Conference Champion
1986-87	Lehigh	17-11	.607	
5-year Lehigh total		88-41	.683	
1987-88	Notre Dame	20-8	.714	North Star Conference Coach of the Year
1988-89	Notre Dame	21-11	.656	MCC Regular Season/Tournament Champion, NWIT Tournament
1989-90	Notre Dame	23-6	.793	MCC Regular Season/Tournament Champion
1990-91	Notre Dame	23-9	.719	MCC Regular Season/Tournament Champion, NWIT Tournament, MCC Coach of the Year
1991-92	Notre Dame	14-17	.451	MCC Tournament Champion, NCAA First Round
1992-93	Notre Dame	15-12	.556	
1993-94	Notre Dame	22-7	.786	MCC Regular Season/Tournament Champion, NCAA First Round
1994-95	Notre Dame	21-10	.677	MCC Regular Season Champion, NWIT Tournament
1995-96	Notre Dame	23-8	.742	NCAA Second Round , WBCA District II Coach of the Year
1996-97	Notre Dame	31-7	.816	NCAA Final Four , East Regional Champion
1997-98	Notre Dame	22-10	.688	NCAA Sweet Sixteen
1998-99	Notre Dame	26-5	.839	NCAA Second Round
1999-2000	Notre Dame	27-5	.844	NCAA Sweet Sixteen
2000-01	Notre Dame	34-2	.945	NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPION , BIG EAST Regular-Season Co-Champion, Naismith Coach of the Year, Associated Press Coach of the Year, WBCA National Coach of the Year, WBCA District I Coach of the Year, BIG EAST Coach of the Year
2001-02	Notre Dame	20-10	.667	NCAA Second Round
2002-03	Notre Dame	21-11	.656	NCAA Sweet Sixteen
2003-04	Notre Dame	21-11	.656	NCAA Sweet Sixteen
2004-05	Notre Dame	27-6	.818	NCAA Second Round
18-year Notre Dame total		411-155	.726	12 NCAA Tournaments, 15 Postseason Appearances
23-year career total		499-196	.718	



The McGraw File

PERSONAL

BirthdayDecember 5, 1955
 BirthplacePottsville, Pa.
 FamilyHusband, Matt
 Son, Murphy (15)

EDUCATION

High SchoolBishop Shanahan High School
 CollegeSaint Joseph's University (Pa.)
 B.S. in sociology, 1977

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Saint Joseph's University (Pa.)1973-77
 California Dreams (WBL)1979

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Head Coach1977-79
 Archbishop Carroll High School (Radnor, Pa.)
 Assistant Coach1980-82
 Saint Joseph's University (Pa.)
 Head Coach1982-87
 Lehigh University
 Head Coach1987-present
 University of Notre Dame

COACHING HONORS

National Coach of the Year2001
 Naismith, Associated Press, WBCA,
 Sports Illustrated for Women
 WBCA District Coach of the Year
 District II1996
 District I2001
 Conference Coach of the Year
 East Coast Conference1983
 North Star Conference1988
 Midwestern Collegiate Conference1991
 BIG EAST Conference2001
 N.Y. Athletic Club Winged Foot Award2001
 Gold Medalist, U.S. Olympic Festival1993
 (*Assistant Coach, South Team*)
 Philadelphia Big Five Hall of Fame1990
 Saint Joseph's Athletics Hall of Fame2002
 Saint Joseph's WBB Hall of Fame1986
 Notre Dame Honorary Alumna1997
 (*presented by ND Monogram Club*)

COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

NCAA National Championships1 (2001)
 NCAA Final Four berths2 (1997, 2001)
 NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearances6
 (1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004)
 NCAA Tournament bids ..12 (1992, 1994, 1996-2005)
 NIT Tournament bids3 (1989, 1991, 1995)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Women's Basketball Coaches Association
 WBCA Board of Directors
 U.S. Commission for Opportunity in Athletics

62-52 win over No. 22 George Washington. An 80-66 loss to eventual national champion Tennessee couldn't dampen what remains a defining season in the program's history.

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The 1997-98 campaign was expected to be a transition year as the Irish lost four starters from that first Final Four team. However, it turned out to be perhaps the best coaching effort of McGraw's career, punctuated by one of the most stunning upsets of the 1998 NCAA Tournament when Notre Dame beat sixth-ranked and top-seeded Texas Tech in the second round of the Midwest Regional before a stunned Lady Raider crowd at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. That win propelled McGraw's team into the Sweet Sixteen for the second year in a row, resulted in a final ranking of 17th in the ESPN/USA Today poll and made McGraw a finalist for the Naismith Coach of the Year award.

During the 1998-99 season, McGraw's charges posted an impressive 26-5 mark and spent a school-record 16 consecutive weeks ranked in the top 10. Notre Dame was undefeated (8-0) against non-conference opponents, registering wins at home against UCLA (99-82) and eventual NCAA runner-up Duke (84-57), both of whom were ranked sixth at tipoff.

The accomplishments of the Notre Dame program in '98-'99 made McGraw a finalist for the Naismith Award for the second consecutive season. In addition, Riley became the first player to earn first-team AP All-America honors. Riley also was a first team CoSIDA Academic All-America® honoree, the fourth player in the history of the program to earn Academic All-America® accolades.

The 1999-2000 campaign continued Notre Dame's rise up the national ladder, as the Irish duplicated their record-setting accomplishment of the 1998-99 campaign, finishing with, at the time, the best winning percentage in school history (.844) en route to a 27-5 campaign and return to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen. Notre Dame spent all but two weeks in the top 10 of the AP poll and held down the No. 5 ranking (then an all-time high) for seven of the 18 weeks.

That would all set the stage for the memorable events of 2000-01 and Notre Dame's ascension into the ranks of college basketball's elite programs.

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To understand the competitive fire that has fueled much of McGraw's success, you have to go back to her playing days. A four-year starter at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pa., she captained the 1976-77 Hawk team that finished 23-5 and was ranked third nationally. In four seasons at SJU, McGraw helped her team compile a 59-12 mark, while participating in the regional Eastern Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (EAIAW) tournament once and the national AIAW tourney once.

She received her bachelor's degree in sociology from SJU in 1977. Following graduation, she coached for two seasons at Philadelphia's Archbishop Carroll High School where she guided her teams to a 50-3 record, including a 28-0 mark during her second year. In that '78-79 season, she led her squad to the Catholic League title and was named coach of the year for the Philadelphia Catholic League.

McGraw then played point guard for one year with the California Dreams, a team in the



since-folded Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL). She returned to her alma mater in 1980, serving as an assistant coach for two seasons under Jim Foster.

In 1982, McGraw was named head coach at Lehigh University, leading that school to unprecedented success. Her teams were 88-41 (.683) during her five-year tenure. She was named East Coast Conference Coach of the Year following her first season with the Engineers in 1982-83. Her '84-85 and '85-86 teams posted back-to-back 20-win seasons, finishing 20-8 and 24-4, respectively. The latter squad won the most games in women's basketball history at the school, while claiming both the ECC regular-season and tournament titles.

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In her first season at Notre Dame (1987-88), McGraw took a team which finished 12-15 the previous year and guided that squad to a 20-8 mark, including the program's first-ever win over a ranked opponent (78-66 at No. 17 Duke) as she was named North Star Conference Coach of the Year.

The following year, McGraw and the Irish moved into the Midwestern Collegiate Conference (MCC) — now known as the Horizon League — and set about establishing a standard of excellence in that conference that has never been duplicated.

In seven years as a member of the MCC, Notre Dame won five regular season and tournament championships, including four consecutive tournament crowns from 1989-92. McGraw's teams never finished lower than second in the regular season standings and advanced to the semifinals of the conference tournament all but once. Notre Dame wound up compiling an 87-15 (.853) record in MCC regular-season games and was 13-2 (.867) in tournament play.



While her teams' successes in the MCC were impressive, McGraw and the Irish had their sights set on bigger goals. The first of those aims was achieved on Dec. 28, 1990, when Notre Dame announced its presence on the national basketball scene with a historic 71-66 win over No. 11 Louisiana Tech in the first round of the Hawk Classic in McGraw's hometown of Philadelphia. The next evening, the Irish upended McGraw's alma mater, Saint Joseph's (Pa.), 72-53, in the championship game, causing Hall of Fame sportswriter Mel Greenberg to note in the Philadelphia Inquirer the following day, "They were the kind of wins that get a team noticed on the national level."

Those words proved prophetic only days later when, on Dec. 31, 1990, the Irish women's basketball program earned the school's first national ranking. Notre Dame entered the Associated Press poll at No. 25 and remained in both the AP and USA Today polls for the next nine weeks, climbing as high as 19th in the AP and 18th in the USA Today poll.

The next important step in the growth of Notre Dame women's basketball under McGraw's tutelage came in 1992, when the Irish, despite a 14-17 mark (the only losing season McGraw has experienced during her head coaching tenure), rallied to win the MCC Tournament with a 59-54 upset of top-seeded Xavier in the championship finale. The win earned Notre Dame its first-ever berth in the coveted NCAA Tournament field via the league's automatic bid.

Two years later, the Irish was back in the NCAA Tournament, once again earning the MCC's automatic bid. This time, Notre Dame garnered additional respect from the NCAA Selection Committee, picking up a home game in the first round against Minnesota. However, the plucky Gophers pulled out a tough 81-76 decision at the Joyce Center, abruptly ending the season for the Irish. Still, the lessons McGraw and her charges learned in those first two NCAA Tournament appearances would prove invaluable — since that time, Notre Dame has won at

least once in every NCAA Tournament it has played in (1996-2005), posting a 22-9 (.710) record in NCAA postseason play.

Throughout her storied coaching career, success for McGraw has meant developing great players. Ruth Riley, the 2001 BIG EAST Player of the Year, became the third Notre Dame player to earn AP All-America honors when she was named in '99 to the third team. Riley, who was a unanimous first-team all-BIG EAST selection in 2000 and was the '99 BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year, also earned Kodak honorable mention All-America honors. She also was a member of the '99 U.S. World University Games team and proudly represented her country as a member of the gold medal-winning 2004 U.S. Olympic Team.

Besides Riley, two players whose names are forever linked to elevating the Notre Dame program to national prominence are '97 graduates Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither. The two-time Kodak and AP honorable mention All-Americans both scored more than 2,000 points during their careers, becoming the first two players from the same team in NCAA history (male or female) to reach that milestone. They rank one-two, respectively, on the Irish career scoring list, while Gaither also stands as the school's second all-time leading rebounder behind Riley. Both players went on to careers at the professional level with the now-defunct American Basketball League (ABL) and the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA).

The trio of Riley, Morgan and Gaither highlight an impressive list of 18 Irish players who have garnered all-conference honors during McGraw's career. In addition, the Notre Dame mentor has coached three conference players-of-the-year, three league rookies-of-the-year, and 12 conference all-rookie team selections since arriving in South Bend.

Another sign of McGraw's success has been her ability to prepare her players for the next level. No less than 12 Notre Dame cagers have gone on to play professionally, including seven who either have been drafted or signed as free agents with WNBA teams.

The past five years have seen the greatest influx of Irish talent into the WNBA, with five Notre Dame players having been selected in the league's annual draft since 2001. Four of those players were starters on the '01 Irish NCAA championship squad, and three of the recent WNBA draftees earned All-America status during their careers at Notre Dame.

Perhaps no former Irish player has achieved greater success at the professional level than Ruth Riley. Less than a month after being named the 2001 NCAA Final Four Most Outstanding Player, Riley was taken with the fifth overall pick in the WNBA Draft by the Miami Sol, where she spent her first two pro seasons. When the Sol folded in 2003, she was the No. 1 overall pick in the WNBA dispersal draft by the Detroit Shock, quickly becoming a crowd favorite in the Motor City. With Riley in the starting lineup, Detroit rolled to the league title with a storybook "worst-to-first" finish in '03. Riley herself was named the WNBA Finals MVP, becoming the only player in women's basketball history to earn Finals MVP honors at both the NCAA and WNBA levels.

Niele Ivey was another important cog in the 2001 national championship machine for Notre Dame, and she has translated that into a extensive playing career on the professional circuit.



RECORD BREAKDOWN

Overall	499-196 (.718)
Record at Notre Dame	411-155 (.726)
Conference	231-49 (.825)
North Star	7-3 (.700)
Midwestern Collegiate.....	87-15 (.853)
BIG EAST	137-31 (.815)
Non-Conference	180-106 (.629)
Home	200-38 (.840)
Road.....	159-88 (.644)
Neutral	50-27 (.649)

MOST CAREER WINS AT NOTRE DAME (MEN'S/WOMEN'S BASKETBALL)

Muffet McGraw (1987-present)	411
Digger Phelps (1971-91).....	393
George Keogan (1923-43)	327
John Jordan (1951-64)	199
John F. Dee, Jr. (1964-71)	116

BEST WINNING PERCENTAGE AT NOTRE DAME (MEN'S/WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - min. 5 yrs.)

Bertram G. Maris (1907-12)	794 (78-20)
George Keogan (1923-43)	771 (327-97-1)
Muffet McGraw (1987-present)	726 (411-155)
Jesse C. Harper (1913-18)	686 (44-20)
Edward Krause (1944, 1946-51)	671 (98-48)

McGRAW'S MILESTONE WINS AT NOTRE DAME

No. 1	Nov. 28, 1987 (67-61 at Loyola (Ill.))
No. 50	Jan. 18, 1990 (81-64 vs. Marquette)
No. 100	March 13, 1992 (85-44 vs. Detroit)
*No. 116	March 6, 1993 (74-62 vs. Evansville)
No. 200	Jan. 29, 1997 (72-71 at Miami (Fla.))
No. 300	Dec. 31, 2000 (80-40 vs. Rice)
No. 350	Dec. 31, 2002 (75-68 at Marquette)
No. 400	Jan. 23, 2005 (63-47 vs. Rutgers)

* surpassed Mary DiStanislaio for career wins record at Notre Dame

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- One U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist
- Four USA Basketball National Team players (eight medals)
- Eight All-Americans
- One CoSIDA Academic All-America® selection
- One National Player of the Year
- One National Freshman of the Year
- Three Conference Players of the Year
- 18 All-Conference selections, including 14 first-team honorees
- Three Conference Rookies of the Year
- 12 Conference All-Rookie Team choices
- 18 Conference Player of the Week winners
- Nine BIG EAST Rookie of the Week picks
- Developed 12 players who have been taken in WNBA Draft, or who have signed professional contracts as free agents
- Trained 14 former players/assistants who are currently coaching at the college or high school level



A second-round pick of the Indiana Fever in the '01 WNBA Draft, Ivey spent her four seasons with the club, teaming with current Irish associate head coach (and retired seven-year WNBA veteran) Coquese Washington to pilot the Fever to their first-ever playoff berth in 2002. This past season, she signed on with the Phoenix Mercury as a free agent.

Most recently, All-America forward and 2005 graduate Jacqueline Batteast became the fifth McGraw protegee in as many years to be taken in the WNBA Draft, when she was selected in the second round (17th overall pick) by the Minnesota Lynx.

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McGraw's knack for developing talent also extends to the coaching ranks. No less than 14 of her former players and/or assistant coaches currently are serving as coaches at either the high school or college level. In addition, six of her former pupils are presently collegiate head coaches (five at the Division I level): Sandy Botham, a 1988 Notre Dame graduate who is at Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Beth (Morgan) Cunningham, the leading scorer in Irish history from 1993-97 and now the skipper at Virginia Commonwealth; Liz Feeley, a former Irish assistant now at Smith College; Bill Fennelly, another former aide who is piloting Iowa State; Kevin McGuff, a Notre Dame assistant for six seasons who now is the head coach at Xavier, and Carol Owens, who spent a decade working with McGraw before departing in March 2005 to assume the head coaching position at her alma mater, Northern Illinois.

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On a national level, McGraw has been widely regarded as a champion for student-athletes. In June 2002, she accepted an invitation from U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige to join the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics. Created 30 years after the passage of the Title IX anti-discrimination law, the 15-member panel examined ways to strengthen enforcement and expand opportunities to ensure fairness for all college athletes. McGraw was the only women's basketball coach on the Commission, which also included WNBA great Cynthia Cooper, U.S. National Soccer Team captain Julie Foudy and two-time Olympic gold medalist Donna DeVarona.

In the summer of 2004, McGraw served with the WBCA's Special Committee on Recruiting and Access, which helped create numerous proposals to the NCAA that clarified and strengthened national recruiting guidelines. McGraw's work on that committee led to her selection in



Head coach Muffet McGraw, her husband Matt, and son Murphy at their home in Granger.

2005 as a member of the WBCA's Board of Directors, serving as the Division I Legislative Chair for that body.

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On top of her tireless work at Notre Dame, McGraw often is in demand as a featured speaker at various camps, luncheons and other fundraisers around the country. For several years, she has been a co-chair for the annual "Run, Jame, Run" golf tournament in South Bend, which benefits local chapters of the YWCA. McGraw also has teamed up with Irish baseball coach Paul Mainieri and Sally Derengoski, the director of RecSports & Fitness at Notre Dame, to

coordinate the annual Coaches' Car Wash, with proceeds going to the University's fundraising efforts for United Way.

In addition, McGraw had her first book published in 2003, teaming with Bradley University professor Paul Gullifor to pen "Coaching Success: Muffet McGraw's Formula for Winning — In Sports and In Life."

Besides basketball, she has cultivated a passion for golf, sporting a 16-handicap. In fact, one of her favorite moments off the hardwood came just two months after winning the 2001 national championship, when she stepped to the fourth tee at Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course and promptly drained her first hole-in-one.

Born Dec. 5, 1955 in Pottsville, Pa., McGraw remains one of the predominant women's basketball figures ever to come from the Philadelphia metro area. In 1986, she was inducted into the Saint Joseph's University Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, followed by her enshrinement into the Philadelphia Big Five Women's Hall of Fame in 1989. In November 2002, McGraw's alma mater came calling once again, inducting her into the SJU Athletics Hall of Fame.

McGraw's accomplishments also have not been overlooked by her current employer. In 1997, she was named an honorary alumna by the Notre Dame Alumni Association and received an honorary monogram from the Notre Dame Monogram Club.

McGraw is devoted to maintaining a strong family as well. She and her husband, Matt, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in 2002, and they have a 15-year-old son, Murphy, who is a sophomore and member of the cross country team at St. Joseph's High School in South Bend. The McGraws live in Granger.

Muffet McGraw's Coaching Tree

Former players/assistants and their current roles in basketball

Sandy Botham	Head Coach, Wisconsin-Milwaukee <i>First-team all-North Star pick for McGraw (1987-88); Assistant Coach at ND (1991-95)</i>
Kristin (Knapp) Cole	Assistant Coach, Xavier <i>Member of Notre Dame's first two NCAA tournament teams (1991-92, 1993-94)</i>
Beth (Morgan) Cunningham	Head Coach, Virginia Commonwealth <i>Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer and a two-time All-American (1996-97)</i>
Kelley (Siemon) Deyo	Assistant Coach, Liberty <i>2001 BIG EAST Most Improved Player; member of Notre Dame's 2001 NCAA championship team</i>
Liz Feeley	Head Coach, Smith College (Mass.) <i>Played for McGraw at Lehigh (1982-86); Assistant at Lehigh (1986-87) & Notre Dame (1987-88)</i>
Bill Fennelly	Head Coach, Iowa State <i>Assistant Coach at Notre Dame (1987-88)</i>
Ericka Haney	Assistant Coach, Chicago State <i>Starter in 2001 NCAA Championship team; 2002 team captain</i>
Monique Hernandez	Head Coach, Mishawaka (Ind.) Marian High School <i>Member of 2001 NCAA Championship team and two NCAA Sweet Sixteen units ('00, '04)</i>
Colleen Matsuhara	Head Coach, West Los Angeles (Calif.) Community College <i>Assistant Coach at Notre Dame (1989-90)</i>
Kevin McGuff	Head Coach, Xavier <i>Assistant Coach at Notre Dame (1996-2002)</i>
Carol Owens	Head Coach, Northern Illinois <i>Assistant Coach at Notre Dame (1995-2005)</i>
John Sutherland	Assistant Coach, Marshall <i>Assistant Coach at Notre Dame (1993-96)</i>
Coquese Washington	Associate Head Coach, Notre Dame <i>Co-captain on two of McGraw's teams (1991-93); Assistant Coach at Notre Dame (1999-present)</i>
Anne Weese	Graduate Assistant, Oklahoma State <i>Member of two NCAA Sweet Sixteen teams (2003, 2004)</i>



On the upcoming season ...

"Whenever you have a player like Megan Duffy, you're going to be in a great position to achieve some success. I think that her attitude, her willpower, and her determination will be the guiding force for this team. This is the first year in a long time that we are going to have to count on the freshmen to come in and play significant minutes. Megan will be able to help them along in that respect. Then, when you look at a player like Courtney LaVere, you see a potential All-American and a lot of our success will be based on the kind of year she has. She is capable of having a great year on the block, which is a presence we will really need."

On the lessons her team learned after last season ...

"When you rely on a team rather than an individual, you have a better chance of success. That's the main lesson we're taking into this season. Everyone's role is vital. Last year, we relied on Jackie (Batteast) so much that a lot of the other players didn't really have a chance to show what they can do. They let their talent take a back seat to hers. This year, I don't think we're going to have anybody who will absolutely be "the one" every game. Instead, it will be an array of choices each night and different people will step up in different games. But, it's critical that everybody contributes in some way and that they do it consistently. That consistency will probably be our biggest question mark going into this season."

On Notre Dame's trademark defensive success through the years ...

"I think it's an attitude. It's an attitude that you're not going to let anyone score on you. It's pride and it's all about intangible things. It's a matter of perseverance and determination. You're going to dig in and you're going to work as hard as you can every single possession, because every single possession is critical. This year's team has that kind of attitude that they don't want people to score on them and that's something you can't teach. Defense is how you identify your team. Are they a blue-collar team? Are they willing to get down and work, or are they just going to try and outscore the other team? Sometimes it may make for an ugly game, and it's not always fun for the fans when you're only scoring 50 points, but for us to win, we have got to be able to hold teams to 50."

On the new-look BIG EAST Conference ...

"It's getting tougher every single year. The teams coming in this season (Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville, Marquette and South Florida) have easily replaced

the teams we have lost in terms of the caliber of play and (NCAA) tournament appearances. DePaul and Marquette have been there and know what it takes to compete nationally. And we have Louisville, which is a great, young program just coming up. Both Cincinnati and South Florida also are on the rise, with USF taking UConn to overtime at their place last year and then beating Florida in the WNIT. We have a lot of postseason experience coming in with those coaches and those teams. That's on top of the talent we've already got in the league, with UConn, Rutgers and Villanova, as well as the up-and-comers like West Virginia and St. John's. It's going to be a very challenging season for us in the BIG EAST."

On what makes the Joyce Center so tough for visiting teams ...

"Other than one year where we struggled a bit, we've been pretty successful at home, and that's because our crowd has been so important to us. We have a great following, and they are just ardent fans. It's a great comfort to us to come out and see that kind of support. There's no question that it helps us, and that's a big reason why we have played so well at home for so long."

On how Notre Dame prepares her players for life after college ...

"Being here gives you a chance to experience the best of everything college has to offer. From a basketball perspective, you're always competing at the highest level on national television and you have a chance to make a name for yourself in the future, first as an All-American, then as a player in the WNBA, and later on in the coaching ranks. When it comes to academics, a Notre Dame education opens more doors in more places, not only around the country, but around the world. Employers know when a Notre Dame graduate walks into their office for a job interview, they're going to see someone who's not only a hard worker, but a good citizen and someone determined to make a difference in the world. That's what they mean when they say, "Nowhere but Notre Dame." It's an experience that doesn't last just four years — it lasts a lifetime."

On what it means to be the head women's basketball coach at Notre Dame ...

"Notre Dame is a dream come true for me. When I walk across campus and see the Golden Dome, and I know what Notre Dame stands for, I just feel like I'm lucky to be here. I don't think I've ever even considered that there could be a better job or a better place to be than right here at Notre Dame."

What Others Are Saying About Muffet McGraw ...

"Muffet McGraw has a great winning attitude and has a complete understanding of how to communicate her concepts to her players. She is absolutely a brilliant tactician and does everything with class. She represents the Fighting Irish and the Golden Dome in a very special way."

-- Dick Vitale
ESPN College Basketball Analyst

"I have been fortunate enough to watch Muffet work up close for the past five years and have been simply amazed. She is an educator and the kind of person you would want your daughter to play for."

-- Mike Brey
Notre Dame men's basketball head coach

"My four years at Notre Dame were indeed life-shaping. From heartbreaking losses to the ultimate level of success, I learned how to handle pressure, what it takes to be a leader and how to balance my faith, family, academics and basketball. I will forever be grateful to Coach McGraw for giving me the opportunity to attend Notre Dame; for instructing me, guiding me and pushing me to achieve my academic and athletic goals; and most of all, for the continual support she shows in my life outside of Notre Dame."

-- Ruth Riley
Three-time All-American at Notre Dame
2001 National Player of the Year
2003 WNBA Finals MVP
2004 Olympic Gold Medalist - Team USA

"Year in and year out, Muffet has her team in contention for a national championship. That consistency is what every coach strives for."

-- Jim Foster
Ohio State University head coach

"Muffet McGraw has made Notre Dame a regular player on the national scene with one NCAA title and another Final Four appearance already in the books. Her players, in a reflection of herself, have been class acts on the sidelines as well as in the game. Muffet is another of a number of successful women who have demonstrated it is possible to have a solid family life at home as a mom, while also devoting the hours it takes to maintain a high profile entity on the hardwood."

-- Mel Greenberg
Sportswriter, Philadelphia Inquirer
USBWA Hall of Famer, Founder of Associated Press Top 25 Poll

"There is a lasting bond between a coach and her players. Muffet was a dedicated player with a tremendous work ethic; there was always a smile on her face and a will to win. It is a thrill to see her nurture that same relationship with her players today. With her success in winning a national championship, Coach McGraw knows what elements it takes to keep Notre Dame a powerhouse in women's basketball."

-- Theresa Grentz
University of Illinois head coach
Member, Basketball Hall of Fame



Coquese Washington is in her seventh season as a member of the Notre Dame coaching staff and her first as associate head coach. She was promoted to her current position on Aug. 23, 2005 by Irish head coach Muffet McGraw.

Washington (*first name pronounced ko-KWEES*) has been a fixture with the Notre Dame women's basketball program for the majority of the 18-year McGraw era, having spent 10 seasons working with the veteran Irish mentor as either a player (1989-93) or coach (1999-present). In fact, during Washington's first six seasons on the Notre Dame staff, the Irish have posted a sharp 150-45 (.769) record, including six NCAA Tournament berths, four Sweet Sixteen appearances, and the 2001 national championship.

As associate head coach, Washington is responsible for coordinating Notre Dame's nationally-ranked recruiting efforts. Beginning with the incoming class of 1997, the Irish have attracted nine consecutive top-20 recruiting classes (according to Blue Star Index), a feat that currently is matched by only two other women's basketball programs in the country. Washington also works closely with Notre Dame's guards, as well as developing the team's game schedules and assisting with scouting reports and practice planning.



Coquese Washington

Associate Head Coach

Seventh Season

Notre Dame '92



added level of trust and respect with our players. I have complete confidence in what she has to say and what she brings to the table."

"It has been a joy for me to a part of the Notre Dame women's basketball program, going all the way back to my playing days here," Washington said. "It has been wonderful to see the growth of our program into a national power. We have a bright future ahead of us here at Notre Dame and I'm excited to be working so closely with our players and coaches, as we compete for many more national championships."

Since joining the Notre Dame coaching staff in time for the 1999-2000 season, Washington has been instrumental in the growth of the Irish backcourt. She has coached three All-Americans (Niele Ivey, Alicia Ratay and current senior Megan Duffy), with those three players also earning all-BIG EAST Conference honors a total of eight times. Ivey, her first protege, received the 2001 Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award (nation's top senior under 5-foot-8) and went on to

be a second-round WNBA Draft pick by the Indiana Fever, before moving on to her current team, the Phoenix Mercury.

Meanwhile, Ratay graduated in 2003 as the NCAA's career leader in three-point percentage (.476), not to mention the NCAA record holder for three-point percentage by a sophomore (.547 in 2000-01). Ratay also ranks sixth in NCAA history with an .872 free throw percentage, mak-

"Coquese has a great sense of the game as both a player and a coach," McGraw said. "She makes great suggestions during the game and has a terrific understanding of what things are working and what needs to be changed. I trust her decisions, and because she played for me, she knows what I'm looking for and I know where she's coming from. Plus, she has played in the WNBA, which builds an

The Washington File

- **Birthdate:** January 17, 1971
- **Hometown:** Flint, Mich.
- **Education:** 1997 – Juris Doctorate from Notre Dame; 1992 – B.A. in history from Notre Dame

Coaching Experience

1999-present
University of Notre Dame
Associate Head Coach (First Season)
Assistant Coach (Six Seasons)

Pro Experience

- 2002-03 - Indiana Fever (WNBA)
- 2000-02 - Houston Comets (WNBA)
(2000 WNBA Champion)
- 1998-99 - New York Liberty (WNBA)
(1999 WNBA Runner-Up)
- 1997-98 - Portland Power (ABL)



ing her the only player to appear in the top 10 on the all-time three-point and free throw charts.

Duffy is the latest Washington pupil to achieve All-America status, garnering honorable mention laurels from the Associated Press last year after averaging 12.3 points and 5.4 assists per game, ranking second in the BIG EAST in the latter category. She also led the conference in steals (2.73 spg.) and free throw percentage (a school-record .895; fourth in the nation) and was a first-team all-league selection. Duffy recently concluded a successful stint as co-captain of the USA World University Games Team, starting all seven games and averaging 6.1 ppg. as the U.S. won the gold medal. Already a preseason candidate for the 2005-06 State Farm Wade Trophy and John R. Wooden Women's Award, Duffy is expected to be a prime contender for the same Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award that Ivey earned five seasons ago.

Beyond her polished reputation for player development, Washington remains a student of the game through her scouting and game preparation abilities. During the past two seasons, Notre Dame has won 20 of the 23 games she has scouted, with six victories over nationally-ranked opponents, including Ohio State (2004 Preseason WNIT championship game), Purdue (2005), Boston College (twice in 2005), Miami (Fla.) (twice in 2004) and Virginia Tech (2004). In addition, she was responsible for a successful scouting report in the 2001 NCAA championship game against Purdue, a game the Irish ultimately won, 68-66.

Washington was a four-year monogram winner at Notre Dame, leading the team in steals in each of her four seasons and setting the pace in assists three times. She was a two-time all-Midwestern Collegiate Conference selection and helped lead the Irish to three MCC Tournament titles and the program's first-ever NCAA

Tournament berth in 1992. Washington averaged 8.4 points and 4.9 assists per game during her career, and she ranks among the top 10 on Notre Dame's all-time charts for steals (second - 307), steals per game (first - 2.7 spg.), assists (fifth - 554), assists per game (fourth - 4.9 spg.), three-point field goals made (10th - 82) and minutes per game (10th - 27.6 mpg.).

In addition to her on-court prowess, Washington was a standout in the classroom as well. She graduated from the College of Arts and Letters in 1992, a full year ahead of schedule, with a bachelor's degree in history. She went on to attain "dou-

ble Domer" status in 1997, earning her Juris Doctorate from the Notre Dame Law School.

After completing her athletic eligibility with the Irish in 1993, Washington went on to enjoy a stellar seven-year professional basketball career in the WNBA and the now-defunct American Basketball League (ABL). She began her pro career in 1997-98 as the starting point guard with the ABL's Portland Power, before departing the next season to begin a two-year stint with the WNBA's New York Liberty. Washington capped off her tenure with the Liberty by helping her team reach the '99 WNBA Finals. A year later, she joined the Houston Comets and aided that squad to the 2000 WNBA Championship. That title, coupled with Notre Dame's NCAA crown eight months later, made Washington the first person ever to be a member of both championship teams simultaneously. She followed the Comets' championship season with another strong campaign in 2001, ranking among the top 10 in the WNBA in assists (ninth) and steals (fourth) as the Comets made their fifth consecutive playoff appearance. Midway through the 2002 season, she was traded to the Indiana Fever, where she guided that club to its first-ever playoff berth and became the first player in WNBA history to lead three different squads to the postseason.

Washington also was particularly active with the WNBA Players Association (WNBPA) during her playing career. She was a central figure in helping WNBA players unionize initially, and she subsequently served as the first-ever president of the WNBA Players Association, leading the negotiations for the association's first collective bargaining agreement. Later on, as the group's executive vice president, she helped spearhead negotiations for the league's current collective bargaining agreement, a pact that ushered in the first free agency system in women's professional sports.

Born January 17, 1971 in Flint, Mich., Washington now resides in South Bend with her husband, Raynell Brown, and their infant son, Quenton.



Assistant

Coach

Jonathan Tsipis is now in his third year as an assistant coach at Notre Dame. Since joining Muffet McGraw's staff in May 2003, Tsipis (*pronounced SIP-iss*) has worked primarily with the Irish wings, while also aiding with Notre Dame's nationally-ranked recruiting efforts, scouting and practice planning. In addition, he oversees all equipment and apparel needs for the Irish.

"Jonathan really understands the game from all angles and does a tremendous job of passing that knowledge on to our team," McGraw said. "He's a great teacher who stresses the fundamentals above everything else. His scouting reports and game preparation skills are also excellent, and he's very poised and confident under pressure, which are all qualities that our players respond well to."

In his first two seasons with the Irish, Tsipis had a hand in guiding forward Jacqueline Batteast to the most productive years of her career, averaging 16.5 points and 7.6 rebounds per game while twice earning All-America honors, including a spot on the prestigious 10-player Kodak/WBCA All-America Team and third-team laurels from the Associated Press in 2004-05. Batteast also



Jonathan Tsipis

Assistant Coach

Third Season

North Carolina '96

was the '04-05 BIG EAST Conference Player of the Year and a two-time first-team all-conference pick. Following her brilliant college career, Batteast was chosen by the Minnesota Lynx in the second round of the '05 WNBA Draft.

Tsipis also has quickly developed a reputation as one of the bright young strategical minds in the game. He has been responsible for building the game plans in seven of Notre Dame's wins over nationally-ranked opponents during the past two seasons, including last year's victories at Connecticut (breaking the Huskies' 112-game home win streak in regular-season league games), vs. Duke (in the semifinals of the Preseason WNIT) and vs. Rutgers (one of the Scarlet Knights' two conference losses).

Tsipis came to Notre Dame following one season as the director of men's basketball operations at UNC Greensboro, working for former Irish assistant men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery.

Prior to arriving at UNC Greensboro, Tsipis spent two seasons as an assistant men's coach at Elon (N.C.) University. While there, he worked primarily with the Phoenix's perimeter players and also helped coordinate the team's scouting and recruiting efforts. In addition, he was responsible for organizing the team's travel plans and off-season workout programs.

Tsipis came to Elon after one year as the top men's assistant coach at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. He also spent three seasons on the men's basketball staff at Cornell University (one as a full-time assistant, two as a volunteer aide), and one year on the men's basketball staff at Duke. In the latter role, he served under legendary Blue Devils head coach Mike Krzyzewski and worked alongside current University of Michigan head men's basketball coach Tommy Amaker.

In addition to his coaching duties, Tsipis also serves as the president of the Future Hoopsters Basketball Camp which he founded in 1991. The camp is divided into two one-week sessions and focuses on specialized individual instruction. He also worked at



the Basketball Camp USA in Letahoria, Greece, in July of 2001. There, Tsipis worked clinics for top-ranked junior players from Greece and Macedonia, focusing on perimeter and ball handling skills.

Tsipis comes from a family with a deep basketball background. His father, Lou, played for the Greek National Team at age 15, had a standout career at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, and later played professionally in Greece. A member of both the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame (1987; lifetime member as an official) and Hellenic Sports Hall of Fame (1997), Lou also coached at the high school and collegiate levels for more than 20 years. Tsipis' brother, Dean, played at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and his sister, LuAnn Damiris, was a three-sport letterwinner at Baldwin-Wallace.

Born Nov. 7, 1972 in Cleveland, Tsipis graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1996 with a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy. He and his wife, Leigh, are the proud parents of a daughter, Emily, who was born Sept. 18, 2004. The Tsipis family resides in South Bend.

The Tsipis File

- **Birthdate:** Nov. 7, 1972
- **Hometown:** Cleveland, Ohio
- **Education:** 1996 – B.S., RPh, in pharmacy from North Carolina

Coaching Experience

2003-present

University of Notre Dame
Assistant Women's Basketball Coach
(Third Season)

2002-03

UNC-Greensboro
Director of Men's Basketball Operations
(One Season)

2000-02

Elon (N.C.) University
Assistant Men's Basketball Coach
(Two Seasons)

1999-2000

LeMoyne College
Assistant Men's Basketball Coach
(One Season)

1996-99

Cornell University
Assistant Men's Basketball Coach
(Three Seasons)





Angie Potthoff

Assistant Coach

First Season

Penn State '97

Angie Potthoff, a former All-America forward at Penn State University and three-year pro basketball veteran, is the newest assistant coach on the Irish staff, having arrived at Notre Dame on May 12, 2005.

With the Irish, Potthoff focuses her attention on the post game, while also contributing to Notre Dame's nationally-ranked recruiting efforts and assisting with scouting and practice planning.

"Angie spent her entire playing career at the highest level, both in college and the pros," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "Having a former post player with that kind of experience will only make us better. She's a hard-nosed, driven competitor who has a great desire to be successful, and that's what makes a great coach. I'm thrilled to have her joining our staff because she can help us across the board in so many ways."

"I'm very excited to work, not only with a tremendous coach in Muffet McGraw, but also in an outstanding program and University," Potthoff said. "I look forward to the challenge of working with such a successful program and helping take us to another level in that success."

Prior to joining the Irish, Potthoff spent six years in the high school and college coaching ranks (1999-2005). Most recently, she concluded a three-year stint at Beaver (Pa.) Area High School, the first two as an assistant girls' basketball coach before elevating to the head coaching post for the 2004-05 season. In her three years at the school, the Bobcats logged a 38-36 record and twice advanced to the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Class 3A playoffs, finishing as one of the top 32 teams in the state.

Prior to arriving at BAHS, Potthoff spent two seasons (2000-02) as an assistant coach at Robert Morris University in Moon Township, Pa. While there, she worked primarily with the Colonials' post players, and also helped coordinate the team's recruiting, scouting and game scheduling efforts. Potthoff began her coaching career as a graduate assistant at Indiana (Pa.) University in 1999-2000, aiding the Indians to a 24-5 record (the second-highest win total in school history), a school-record No. 4 national ranking during the season, and a trip to the NCAA Division II playoffs, where only a double-overtime loss kept IUP from advancing to the NCAA Elite Eight. That season, Potthoff worked closely with the Indians' 6-foot-5 center, Melissa McGill, who led the team in scoring (13.6 ppg.), rebounding (8.2 rpg.) and blocked



shots (a school-record 69) en route to earning WBCA all-district honors.

Potthoff is perhaps best known as a standout post player at Penn State, where she led the Nittany Lions to three NCAA Tournament appearances, including two Sweet Sixteen trips and a berth in the 1994 regional final. While at PSU, Potthoff was a two-time Kodak/WBCA honorable mention All-American (1996, 1997), while also garnering three All-America nods from the Associated Press (third team in 1996; honorable mention in 1995 & 1997). She was a three-time first-team all-Big Ten Conference selection (1995-97) and was named to the Big Ten All-Tournament Team in 1995 and 1996, picking up Most Valuable Player honors in the latter season after sparking Penn State to its second consecutive Big Ten Tournament title.

In each of her final three seasons at Penn State, Potthoff led the Nittany Lions in scoring, rebounding and field goal percentage, winning a share of the Big Ten scoring title and finishing second in rebounding in 1997. To this day, she

still remains among the top six on PSU's career lists for scoring (sixth - 1,725 points/15.5 ppg.), rebounding (fifth - 918/8.3 rpg.), field goal percentage (first - .574/709-1,235) and double-doubles (second - 47). Potthoff graduated from Penn State in 1997 with a bachelor of science degree in Exercise and Sport Science.

Following her stellar college career, Potthoff spent three seasons playing professionally in the United States. In 1997, she was a second-round draft pick (No. 12 overall) by the Columbus Quest of the now-defunct American Basketball League (ABL). There, she averaged 6.9 points and 3.5 rebounds per game as the Quest won their second consecutive ABL championship in 1998 before the league folded midway through the 1998-99 campaign. The following summer, Potthoff was selected in the fourth round (49th overall) of the WNBA Draft by the expansion Minnesota Lynx. She cracked the starting lineup for the first game in franchise history, going on to average 4.0 points and 2.7 rebounds per game that season before electing to retire as an active player and begin her coaching career.

In addition to her college and professional experience, Potthoff also has competed on an international level. In 1997, she was named to the U.S. World University Games, where she averaged 6.3 points and 5.3 rebounds per game and helped Team USA win the gold medal with a perfect 6-0 record. Ironically, one of her teammates on the squad was former Notre Dame All-America standout and the school's all-time leading scorer, Beth Morgan (now the head coach at Virginia Commonwealth).

Born June 12, 1974 in Erie, Pa., Potthoff currently resides in South Bend.

The Potthoff File

- **Birthdate:** June 12, 1974
- **Hometown:** Erie, Pa.
- **Education:** 1997 - B.S. in Exercise and Sports Science from Penn State

Coaching Experience

- 2005-present**
University of Notre Dame
Assistant Coach
(First Season)
- 2002-05**
Beaver (Pa.) Area High School
Assistant/Head Coach
(Three Seasons)
- 2000-02**
Robert Morris University
Assistant Coach
(Two Seasons)



Stephanie Menio (*pronounced Many-o*) is one of two additions to the Notre Dame women's basketball staff for 2005-06, spending her first year as coordinator of basketball operations for the Irish.

Menio oversees all aspects of marketing and promotions for the Notre Dame women's basketball program, as well as serve as director of the Irish women's basketball camps and assist in both film exchange and administrative duties related to Notre Dame's nationally-ranked recruiting efforts. She replaces Heather Maxwell, who spent five years with the Irish before departing to pursue doctoral work at the University of Minnesota.

Menio joins a Notre Dame program that has been ranked among the top 20 in the nation in attendance in each of the past five years, including a No. 16 ranking in 2004-05 (5,830 fans per game). The Irish also have attracted 19 of 20 largest women's basketball crowds in school history since 2000-01, highlighted by the program's first two sell-outs, 12 audiences at least of 8,000 fans, and attendance figures of 5,000 or better at 65 of the past 67 home games.

"Stephanie has a wonderful amount of energy and enthusiasm, which I believe our fans, players and staff are really going to enjoy," Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw said. "I'm confident Stephanie will pick up right where Heather has left



Stephanie Menio

Coordinator of Basketball Operations

First Season

Pittsburgh '04



off and continue to help make this program one of the country's top attractions on and off the court."

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with Coach McGraw, the staff, players and especially the outstanding and loyal fans of Notre Dame women's basketball," Menio said. "From the minute I stepped on campus, I felt the passion and excitement surrounding the Irish women's basketball program. Heather (Maxwell) has done a tremendous job marketing the Irish for the past five seasons and I plan on building on her success by consistently ranking in the top 10 in national attendance."

Menio spent the 2004-05 year as a marketing associate in the athletics department at the University of Missouri, where she focused on marketing and promotions for the Tiger women's basketball, volleyball, softball and gymnastics programs, as well assisting with group ticket sales and game management for football and men's basketball. Thanks to her efforts in '04-05, the Missouri volleyball team was ranked

19th in the nation in attendance, the gymnastics team wound up 15th in the country in attendance (a 30-percent increase), the Tiger women's basketball program saw a 20-percent increase in season ticket sales and a 21-percent increase in attendance, and the Missouri softball team recorded the seven largest crowds in the program's history, increasing attendance by 30 percent.

Prior to arriving at Missouri, Menio spent two years as a marketing assistant with the women's basketball program at the University of Pittsburgh. In conjunction with the debut of the new Petersen Events Center, Menio aided in the Panthers' 114-percent rise in attendance from 2002-04, including the first women's basketball sellout in school history (12,632 vs. Connecticut on Jan. 25, 2003).

Menio graduated from Pittsburgh in 2004 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She was born May 29, 1982 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and now makes her home in Mishawaka.

The Menio File

- **Birthdate:** May 29, 1982
- **Hometown:** Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
- **Education:** 2004 - B.S. in business administration from Pittsburgh

Coaching Experience

2005-present
University of Notre Dame
Coordinator of Basketball Operations
(First Season)

2004-05
University of Missouri
Marketing Associate
(One Season)





**Peter
D'Alonzo**

**Academic
Counselor**

Peter D'Alonzo is in his ninth year as an academic counselor for student-athletes at Notre Dame. Before coming to Notre Dame in 1997, he earned a Master of Education degree with a major in guidance and counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va.

Upon arriving in South Bend, D'Alonzo was assigned to work with the Irish baseball, men's tennis, women's swimming, women's golf, volleyball, and women's lacrosse programs. During his tenure with these teams, he worked to create an "academic transition" program for first year student-athletes and an "academic intervention" program for upperclassmen and women who were deemed at-risk.

Following the spring semester of 2000, D'Alonzo was reassigned to work with the Notre Dame women's basketball and football teams. In the last eight semesters, the women's basketball team has achieved grade point averages of 3.1 or better, with every player maintaining academic "good standing" status.

Before coming to Notre Dame, D'Alonzo was a public school teacher in Spotsylvania County, Va. While teaching English, and social studies, he coached football, basketball, and track. He also was a student-athlete at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

D'Alonzo is the son of the late Peter D'Alonzo, Sr., a former pro football standout with the Detroit Lions and a member of the Villanova University Hall of Fame.



**Mike
Karwoski**

**Associate
Athletics Director**

Mike Karwoski is in his 14th year as part of the University of Notre Dame athletics administration. He was promoted to associate athletics director in February 2005, following five years as an assistant athletics director, five years as director of compliance, one year as assistant director of compliance and two years as an intern in the department.

In his current role as associate athletics director, Karwoski oversees the areas of NCAA compliance and student-athlete development/welfare. In addition, he is involved with off-campus issues and student-athlete conduct. He also serves as the sport administrator for men's golf, women's lacrosse, men's and women's cross country, indoor and outdoor track, cheerleading and assists Athletics Director Kevin White with administration responsibilities for women's basketball.

Karwoski has served on various BIG EAST sports committees, including the men's and women's soccer committees, and for the past three years the men's and women's golf. He also served as tournament director for the 2005 NCAA Men's Golf Central Regional, hosted by Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course.

Following his graduation from Central Connecticut State University in 1990 with a degree in political science, Karwoski served as a committee clerk and legislative aide in the Connecticut General Assembly. During his undergraduate years at CCSU, he was a member of both the baseball and soccer teams. During the 1991-92 academic year, Karwoski served as an athletics administrative assistant and graduate assistant soccer coach at Springfield (Mass.) College as he earned a master's of education degree with a concentration in sports management.

A native of Farmington, Conn., Karwoski is married to the former Ann Niemier of South Bend, a senior staff assistant in the Notre Dame football office. They reside in Granger.



**Jeri
Lucas**

**Administrative
Assistant**

An invaluable member of the Notre Dame women's basketball staff is administrative assistant Jeri Lucas. Lucas joined the women's basketball program in February of 1994. She handles many of the day-to-day operations of the office for head coach Muffet McGraw and her staff.

Lucas has worked on the Notre Dame campus since October of 1981. Prior to taking the position with the women's basketball program, she worked four years in the Cashier's Office. After that, Lucas contributed on campus as the Summer Housing Coordinator in the office of Student Residences.

Before coming to Notre Dame, she owned and successfully managed her own gift shop that was located on Diamond Lake in Michigan. She and her husband, Dell, who is remembered as the Notre Dame career counselor, relocated to South Bend, from Riverside, Calif., about 25 years ago and now reside in Granger. They are parents of two children, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



**Chris
Masters**

**Assistant Sports
Information Director**

Chris Masters is in fifth year as an assistant sports information director at Notre Dame. He is the primary media contact for the Irish women's basketball and men's golf teams, and also is one of the football contacts. In addition, he has contributed to Internet radio broadcasts of several Notre Dame sporting events, and he has worked on the media relations staff at four of the last six NCAA Women's Final Fours.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Masters spent three years as assistant sports information director at Western Kentucky University from 1998-2001, serving as the contact for the Lady Topper women's basketball and volleyball teams. He also spent time as the department's publications coordinator, assisted in the development of WKU's athletic web site, served as media relations coordinator for the 2000 Sun Belt Conference women's basketball tournament and filled in as color analyst for radio broadcasts of Western Kentucky women's basketball road games on the road.

Masters is a 1996 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University with a bachelors degree in journalism and politics & government. In 1998, he earned his master's degree in mass communications from Kansas State.

An active member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) since 1996, Masters is now in his seventh year as a district coordinator on that organization's prestigious Academic All-America[®] Committee. He was born on May 2, 1974 in San Francisco, Calif., and now resides in Mishawaka.



**Michael Miller****Associate Athletic Trainer**

Michael Miller, a 1995 graduate of Ball State with a degree in athletic training, is in his eighth year on the Notre Dame training staff, his third as an associate athletic trainer and sixth as the primary athletic trainer for the Notre Dame women's basketball team. He also works with the men's and women's cross country and track and field programs.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Miller was a graduate assistant trainer at Eastern Michigan, where he worked with the football team and coordinated athletic rehabilitation, while completing his master's degree in exercise physiology.

At Ball State, he worked with the men's volleyball, women's track and field, football and baseball teams. In 1995, Miller helped the home event coverage for the Richmond (Ind.) Roosters minor league baseball team. Her served an internship in 1994 with the NFL's New England Patriots, and later did a clinical rotation with Muncie Central High School and Central Indiana Sports Medicine.

A native of LaGrange, Ind., Miller was born Jan. 23, 1973. He and wife, Michelle, reside in South Bend and are the parents of a three-year-old son, Spencer.

**Tony Rolinski****Assistant Director Strength & Conditioning**

Tony Rolinski is in his fifth season as the assistant director of strength and conditioning at Notre Dame after three years as an assistant strength coach. He is responsible for developing and supervising the strength and conditioning programs for both Irish basketball teams, as well as the Notre Dame hockey team.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Rolinski joined the Notre Dame staff in 1998 after spending one year (1997-98) at Duquesne University, where he implemented the strength and conditioning programs for 20 varsity sports.

The 36-year-old Rolinski is a 1991 graduate of Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in health education and a minor in exercise science.

From 1994-96, while earning his Master's degree in exercise physiology at the University of Pittsburgh, he served as an intern on the Panther football program staff, where he assisted with all aspects of the strength and conditioning program.

Following his stint in Pittsburgh, Rolinski served as the head strength and conditioning coach at North Hills High School in Pittsburgh (1996-97).

He also has earned certifications from the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (SCCC) and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (CSCSC).

Born December 10, 1968, Rolinski and his wife, Julie, have two daughters, Alexis and Jaclyn, and two sons, Jake and Jared.

**Meghan Callahan****Senior Manager**

Meghan Callahan is the senior personnel manager for the Notre Dame women's basketball team. Her responsibilities include making the travel arrangements for road trips, managing team finances, and other duties associated with daily practices and games.

Callahan is originally from Farmington Hills, Mich., and is a 2002 graduate of North Farmington High School. She is currently enrolled in the College of Arts and Letters, pursuing a bachelor's degree in history and Irish Studies.

In addition to her managerial responsibilities, Callahan has been very involved with interhall athletics, as well as hall government, and also is a member of the history club. Upon graduation from Notre Dame in May 2006, she hopes to continue her studies in an undecided law school.

**Luke Hoover****Senior Manager**

Luke Hoover is the senior equipment manager for the Notre Dame women's basketball team. His responsibilities include issuing team gear to players and coaches, setting up video equipment for practices and games, handling laundry and equipment at home and on road trips, keeping the players hydrated, and recording statistics for games and practices.

Hoover is originally from Mahwah, N.J., and is a 2002 graduate of Don Bosco Prep, where he played three years of basketball and was a member of the 2002 Bergen County champions. Hoover is a third-generation Domer, following in the footsteps of his grandfather ('49), uncle ('74), and father ('76). In May 2006, he will graduate from Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in English.

