



# UNITED AS ONE

*The Notre Dame community stands strong as it ventures into a new era.*

*By John Kyler, Baritone  
Evergreen Park, Illinois  
Class of 2010*



Tossed like a wave in a blue and gold sea of confusion, I try to snatch the plaid hanging from the shoulder in front of me. Almost instantaneously, hundreds of other hands do the same. As I struggle to claim my position in one of the vertical lines, my mind races in anticipation of what is about to happen. Amid screams of excitement—cries of encouragement and tradition—I listen for the drum major’s whistle. I hear more than just the screaming fans and the yells of the other people in the tunnel—I hear the voices of Rockne and Holtz, (Joseph) Casasanta (former band director and composer of number Notre Dame school songs) and (H. Lee) Hope (former band director and creator of the Irish Guard)—echoes of deep tradition. And then, almost instinctively, my feet begin to move and my body rhythmically bounces up and down. Within seconds, I, along with more than three hundred of my closest friends, explode out of the tunnel and take the field to set the stage for the upcoming game.

I often find it very easy to both think and act selfishly. Even though we all constantly strive to put others before ourselves, there are still so many times where we see ourselves as the stars of the show—the focus of our family and friends. I understand of course that this is not necessarily a bad thing, but I still think that it is important to look beyond ourselves.

One of the reasons I feel so fortunate to be in The Band of the Fighting Irish is the experience of participating in something that is bigger than just me as an individual—and bigger than any single individual. When we trot out of the tunnel, we hold on to each other’s plaids. Not only does this help us keep our place, but it binds us as one as we support each other in ways that go beyond playing an instrument and moving around a football field. When 80,000 people sing America the Beautiful together, we unite as members of a nation

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to form something larger than ourselves, as individuals from all over the country. At the conclusion of the game when the team, the band, the student section, and the alumni stand and sing our alma mater, Notre Dame, Our Mother, we form a community that is stronger and more significant than any one of its single members.

This year as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Notre Dame Victory March, we unite to commemorate a century of Notre Dame tradition. We remember the past with great pride and admiration. We celebrate the present and our daily opportunities and experiences. We look forward to the future with great enthusiasm as we, the Notre Dame community, united in so many different and extraordinary ways, begin our journey into an exciting new era.

Cheer, Cheer for old Notre Dame!

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## Welcome Football Fans!

The Notre Dame Alumni Association welcomes you to our campus! Are you a Notre Dame graduate or friend? Stay connected with Domers—and the University—through your local ND club. And remember: ND club membership isn't just for alumni. Parents of current students and friends of the University also can participate in ND club activities. Find your local club at [alumni.nd.edu/clublocator](http://alumni.nd.edu/clublocator).

## Lend a Hand to Haiti

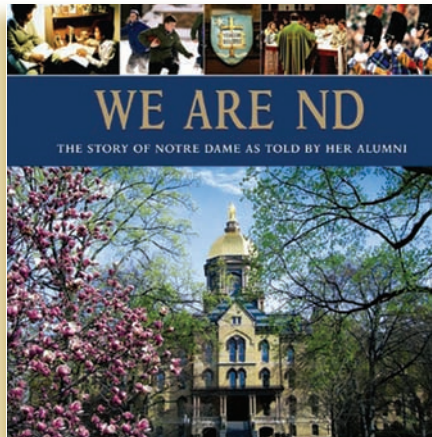
The Hands & Hope for Haiti clothing drive will take place on campus from Oct. 4 until the ND-Pittsburgh football game (Nov. 1). From campus, donated clothing will be transported

to Ohio where it will be loaded onto a C130 cargo jet for delivery by the U.S. Air Force.

The type of clothing that is needed is good quality spring and summer clothing, as well as very gently used footwear.

**(Please note: winter clothing, as well as clothing in extra large sizes, will not be usable to the people of Haiti; therefore we ask that these be excluded from your contributions.)**

From Oct. 4 to Nov. 1, there will be drop-off locations at the Eck Visitors Center and the NDAA hospitality booth in the Joyce Center Arena on home football Saturdays. For more details, or if you have specific questions, contact Katie Zakas, NDAA director of service, at 574-631-6723, or by e-mail at [zkakas@nd.edu](mailto:zkakas@nd.edu).



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No one can tell the stories of Notre Dame better than those who lived, prayed, and learned here.

*We Are ND: The Story of Notre Dame as Told By Her Alumni* lets you experience Notre Dame through the memories and personal photos of the people who know the University best—its alumni. Have you reserved your copy online ([weareNDBook.com](http://weareNDBook.com))? If not, pick one up today at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

## Sharing the History of Our Lady's University

The Alumni Association launched the ND Oral History Project last fall with the goal of recording and sharing the stories of our alumni—stories of their time at Notre Dame and their experiences and accomplishments since graduating.

Now, the NDAA has launched the ND Oral History website, complete with edited stories and photos. Each story, which is available for download at [alumni.nd.edu/oralhistory](http://alumni.nd.edu/oralhistory), averages three to four minutes in length. Go online today to experience Notre Dame history for yourself!



## Explore Antarctica

From February 8-21, 2009, join ND Alumni Travel and experience the White Continent's majestic coastal scenery and abundant wildlife. Spend two nights in the cosmopolitan Argentinean capital of Buenos Aires before boarding the chartered, deluxe M.S. Le Diamant in Ushuaia, and embarking on a journey to discover the Earth's most pristine wilderness. From spectacular volcanic topography and majestic glaciers to wildlife and the outposts of some of history's great explorers, this itinerary has been carefully designed to provide you with the optimal Antarctica experience. For more details and to register, visit [alumni.nd.edu/travel](http://alumni.nd.edu/travel).



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# IRISH TRAILBLAZERS

Black student-athletes make an impact on the field and in the classroom.

By Pete LaFleur

The 2008 football season will kick off Notre Dame's year-long program entitled—"Celebrating Over 60 Years of Success by Black Student-Athletes at Notre Dame"—that will recognize the historical contributions of black student-athletes at the University.

The Athletic Department, in conjunction with the Monogram Club, will sponsor a series of events throughout 2008-09 athletic calendar, culminating with a weekend celebration that coincides with the April 18, 2009, Blue-Gold spring football game at Notre Dame. The more than 400 black Notre Dame monogram winners all will be invited back for the events that weekend.

A commemorative logo has been created to recognize the celebration, a commemorative video is in production, signage will be visible around Notre Dame athletics facilities—and there will be various interviews and feature stories throughout the year in Notre Dame athletics publications and on [www.und.com](http://www.und.com).

This article is part three of a six-part series.

Notre Dame's athletic tradition has included countless feats of excellence on the fields of play—but what sets that success apart from any other university is Notre Dame's impressive collection of academic achievements by its student-athletes.

Several African-Americans over the past 40 years have graduated from Notre Dame with lists of accomplishments that touch both the athletic and academic realm. In particular, football players Tom Gatewood (a 1972 graduate) and Reggie Barnett ('75) and track stars Errol Williams ('98) and Maryann Erigha ('07) have been recognized with Academic All-America honors. Williams and Erigha also received Notre Dame's prestigious Byron V. Kanaley Award, which annually honors a handful of student-athletes who are exemplary as students and leaders. Mid-'90s football player Marcus Thorne also was a Kanaley Award recipient, as was late-'60s track standout Bill Hurd (both to be featured in an upcoming football game program).

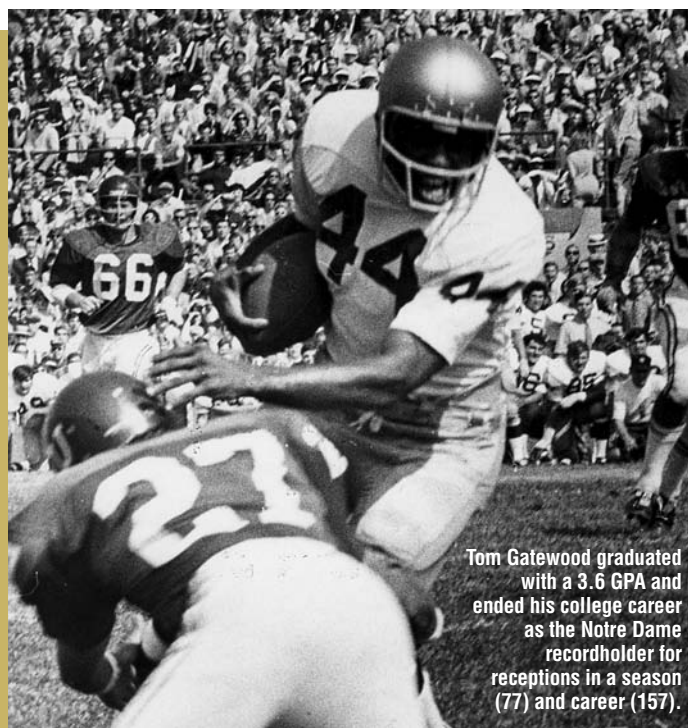
**GATEWOOD** is one of 20 Notre Dame student-athletes ever to receive All-America, Academic All-America and NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship honors. The Baltimore native concluded his college career as the Notre Dame recordholder for receptions in a season (77) and career (157), after combining with quarterback Joe Theismann to form a potent passing combination. A clever tactician when running his routes, Gatewood collected first team All-America and Academic All-America honors in each of his final two seasons. After graduating with a 3.6 GPA (as a sociology major), he played three NFL seasons with the New York Giants before spending the past 30-plus years working primarily with various media organizations.

Despite coming from a poor economic background, Gatewood was inspired by his parents (Thomas, Sr., and Wilhelmina) to become the first college graduate in his family.

"My mother would drill me with flashcards, spelling, handwriting, homework checks, study sessions and library trips," recalls Gatewood. "She took me as far as her limited education could, and then encouraged me to seek extra credit. That was my first lesson in 'stretching myself' and would prove invaluable later in life. Mom understood how to praise, but she balanced it with presenting new challenges.

"My academic success would depend on a more diverse background, because my mom saw the world changing and wanted me ready. Teachings in the Bible came first in our home, and the spirit of someone or something greater than us always was present. Those teachings made me fearless and that has stayed with me."

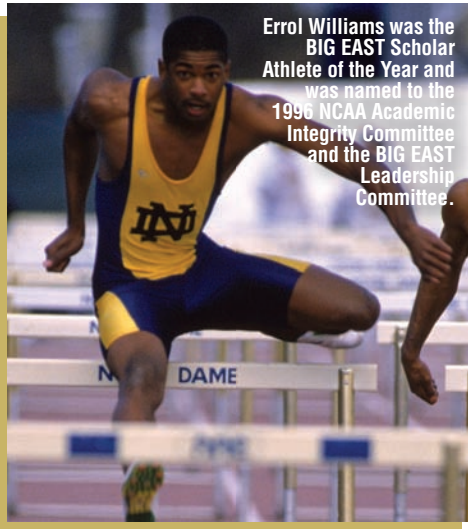
Gatewood is quick to point out that his parents were together in his youth—"not the norm in my community"—and remained a couple until his mother's death. Thomas, Sr., was a construction worker with a sixth-grade education, but he nonetheless made a deep impact on his namesake.



Tom Gatewood graduated with a 3.6 GPA and ended his college career as the Notre Dame recordholder for receptions in a season (77) and career (157).

"My father showed me the importance of a strong work ethic," says the appreciative son. "He ultimately formed his own company, which was his dream. He recognized his shortcomings, but he was careful to let me see his gifts and his strengths, such as determination, drive, creativity, persistence, devotion to family, kindness, dependability, and acceptance of responsibility. I carried this model with me to Notre Dame and beyond."

Gatewood similarly benefited from attending Calverton Junior High School—an experimental, college-prep school with an integrated faculty and student body that allowed him "to see the world through the eyes of people of other races and backgrounds." He graduated from Calverton with honors and headed off to the college-prep Baltimore College High School, where he was urged by three friends (Terry, Jake and Gregory) to join them and 600 other boys at football tryouts. Despite no previous football experience, Gatewood made the team and ultimately earned prep All-America honors.



Errol Williams was the BIG EAST Scholar Athlete of the Year and was named to the 1996 NCAA Academic Integrity Committee and the BIG EAST Leadership Committee.

He also graduated from BCHS with high honors and gravitated towards Notre Dame, through the guidance of high school coaches George Young (later the general manager of the New York Giants) and Mel Filler. Gatewood was attracted to many factors at Notre Dame—“high academic standing, strong graduation rate for athletes, top-10 football team ranking, national TV and radio exposure, national net-

Athlete of the Year (which included a postgraduate scholarship). An active participant in various service activities, Williams was named to the 1996 NCAA Academic Integrity Committee and the BIG EAST Leadership Committee, in addition to receiving Notre Dame’s Dean’s Award for Leadership. He is one of four Notre Dame student-athletes ever to receive both the Byron V. Kanaley Award (for exemplary students and leaders) and the Chris Zorich Award, which recognizes excellence in community service involvement. He served on Notre Dame’s Monogram Club board of directors from 2000-03.

Williams credits his parents, Errol and Pamela, with creating an environment of “very supportive discipline” that laid the foundation for his overall work ethic and academic focus. “My parents made it clear that no one would hand me success and—if I wanted it—I’d better work for it,” says the two-time All-American.

While at Boyd Anderson, Williams trained under track coach David Bowden, who quickly laid down the law while sending a valuable lesson. “I missed practice once in my freshman year and coach Bowden made such a big deal of it that I never missed a day again,” recalls Williams. “He taught me how important it was to show up everyday.” A few years later, Williams was blown away by his freshman-year roommate, Ryan Soose.

“Ryan was the hardest-working guy I’d ever been around and showed me that making it at ND would take a lot of work,” says the thankful former roommate. “He woke me up to how intense it would be there.”

With his work ethic firmly established, Williams went on to excel in the classroom at Notre Dame—clearing academic hurdles as adeptly as he did the obstacles on the track. Williams cites his first-year theology class (with Jerome Neyrey) as his favorite class at Notre Dame, while the toughest course was Father George Wiskirchen’s introduction to jazz.

“I loved learning about Biblical history from such a strong intellectual point of view,” says Williams. “With a course-load of calculus, accounting, etc, one of my toughest classes was the jazz class. I had no musical background and was working a very different part of my brain. Ten years later, I still love jazz and appreciate the music so much because of that course.”

Williams spent his first postgraduate year working as an auditor for Pricewaterhouse Coopers, followed by two-plus years as a senior accountant with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He then received his MBA from the Harvard Business School (in ‘05), where he benefited from a HBS scholarship for Notre Dame graduates that was established by the Carey family. Williams has spent the past three years working in Atlanta, as an engagement manager for McKinsey & Company, and he hopes to make a return to coaching high school track and field (as he did for a couple years after graduating from Notre Dame). He and his wife are the parents of three boys, each of whom recently visited Notre Dame for their father’s 10-year reunion.

When he looks back at the lessons he learned at Notre Dame, Williams stressed three words: “discipline, discipline, discipline.”

“It’s impossible to be a student-athlete at Notre Dame without serious time management,” he says. “I’ve learned how to handle several real priorities at the same time, without having to sacrifice too much in one area. That has helped me keep family and faith as big parts of my life, despite a busy worklife. Sometimes it’s a real challenge,



A 15-time all-BIG EAST honoree, Maryann Erigha earned the Kanaley Award and was presented with an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

work of alums and subway alums, and a student population that was diverse and challenging”—and he eagerly headed off to northern Indiana in the fall of 1968.

Gatewood was influenced by numerous people at Notre Dame, among them head coach Ara Parseghian. The legendary Irish coach shifted Gatewood (#44) from running back to receiver, ultimately helping to rewrite the program’s record books.

“Over those four years, Ara’s teachings sunk in for me,” says Gatewood. “I watched him in that platform above practice and that bird’s-eye view would teach me about perspective. He taught me how to see the whole field and stressed how important it was to learn every position, to know how the team functioned. I was not the fastest or strongest, but coach always said I was the smartest—and he made me that way.”

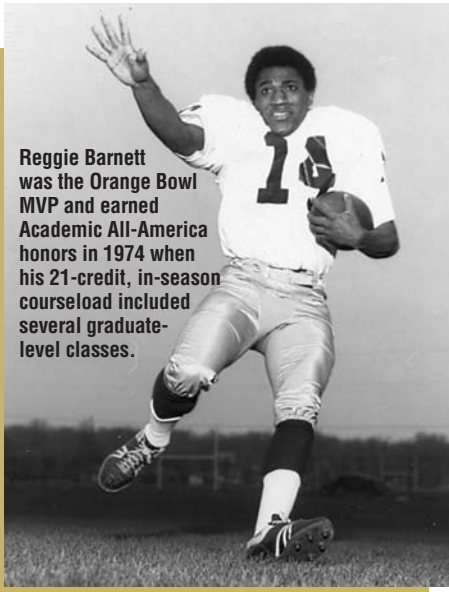
Off the field, Gatewood’s favorite class was Donald Barrett’s sociology course that helped him learn “the power of observation and how to analyze human behavior.” He also was able to overcome shyness through classes in the communication arts department, which exposed him “to the true power of the spoken word and gave me a new confidence.” Former sports information director Roger Valdiserri’s media-education workshops likewise helped Gatewood develop composure during interviews and laid a path for a postgraduate career that has included sales executive positions at Continental Can, Reader’s Digest, Mutual Broadcasting, RKO Radio Network and Satellite Music Network, plus media positions with ABC Sports & ABC News (as a college football announcer and associate director). He currently is owner of Blue Atlas Productions, a promotional products distributor in New York.

Gatewood has fond memories of dorm life “amongst regular students” at Notre Dame. “That is where the idea and cultural exchange occurs,” he says. “You meet classmate’s parents and siblings, and learn about life after college. The real lesson in diversity is learning about customs, language, heritage and other dreams. It was an exchange, a major part of my education, and I treasure those moments.”

A current resident of Nutley, N.J., Gatewood and his wife Susan have a daughter Jessyca (a school teacher in Connecticut) and a grandson Algiers. Gatewood’s spare time includes providing youth tennis lessons and working with the Healthy Directions organization that aims to increase awareness about the dangers of childhood obesity.

**WILLIAMS** was born in Kingston, Jamaica, before moving with his family to Lauderhill, Fla., as an eight-year-old. He went on to set records at Boyd Anderson High School in the 55- (7.26) and 100-meter hurdles (13.65) while helping win the first track-and-field state title in the program’s history. That success continued at Notre Dame, where Williams set team records in both hurdle events (7.26 in 55-meter indoor; 13.53 in 100 outdoor), won BIG EAST titles at both distances, broke the tape first at the prestigious Drake Relays (in the 110), and posted All-America NCAA hurdle finishes of eighth in the 55 (‘97) and third in the 110 (‘98).

The two-year team captain—nicknamed “Errol-stotle” by admiring teammates—was a hardworking leader and eight-time Dean’s List student who graduated with a 3.71 cumulative GPA as an accounting major. His numerous honors included first team Academic All-America and the BIG EAST Conference Scholar



**Reggie Barnett was the Orange Bowl MVP and earned Academic All-America honors in 1974 when his 21-credit, in-season course load included several graduate-level classes.**

but one I'm capable of meeting thanks to my experiences at Notre Dame."

**ERIGHA** earned all-BIG EAST honors 15 times in her career—the most ever by a Notre Dame track-and-field competitor—highlighted by BIG EAST titles in the outdoor 100-meter dash ('05) and the indoor 60-meters ('06). She was a four-year NCAA Midwest Regional entry in the 200 meters and ran the 100 at that event three times. As a sophomore in 2005, Erigha qualified for the NCAA finals in the 100 and 200 but was unable to compete due to injury. Her

name is listed throughout the Notre Dame sprint record books, most notably a personal-best time of 7.38 seconds in the 60-meters (tops in the program's history).

A double major in sociology and computer applications, Erigha graduated with a 3.83 GPA and was named a second team Academic All-American. She also received Notre Dame's highest student-athlete honor (the Kanaley Award) and was presented with an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, joining four previous Notre Dame track-and-field performers (three men, one woman) in that high distinction.

Erigha's parents, John and Esther, created a home environment in Stone Mountain, Ga., that encouraged their daughter's academic vigor. "There were always things to read around the house—newspapers, magazines, fiction novels," she says. "When I was bored, I would pick up something to read."

"I guess my curiosity in school and learning new things stems from always having something new to discover in childhood. My coaches always said that if you didn't do well enough in class, you wouldn't be eligible to compete and then all anybody would expect you to do was study. So that logic also motivated me."

The spring semester typically poses the greatest challenge for track athletes, as they try to balance their academic load with the meet schedule. Despite that challenge, Erigha posted a 4.0 GPA in both the 2006 and '07 spring terms.

"During the outdoor season, we would travel frequently, sometimes back-to-back weekends," says Erigha. "I tried to get most of my work done beforehand, since it was hard to focus on running a race if I had the daunting task of completing a paper in the back of my mind."

"It's even more challenging to balance athletics and academics during finals. One year, we returned from the BIG EAST conference meet after 2:00 a.m., only to have a final exam at 8:00 a.m. After the exam, I caught up on some much needed sleep."

Erigha is in the midst of her second year at the University of Pennsylvania, enrolled in the sociology doctoral program. She also is serving as a teaching assistant and a graduate advisor in the residence halls at Penn.

"Being a Notre Dame student-athlete, I realized that it was possible for me to do more than one thing at a time and still succeed," says Erigha. "I learned to balance multiple responsibilities and that carries over to graduate school, where I have to simultaneously take classes, conduct research, and assist in teaching. In addition to being fun and challenging, running track at ND also was a needed break from the academic pressures of college."

**BARNETT** was an All-America football player at Flint (Mich.) High School, where he also finished second in the state 100- and 220-yard sprints. A three-year starting cornerback at Notre Dame, Barnett was known for his deep-coverage ability and played on the 1973 national championship team as a junior. He capped that season by turning in an MVP performance at the 1974 Orange Bowl, with his late interception helping seal that 13-11 win over Alabama.

After nearly graduating from Notre Dame in three years, Barnett collected 1974 Academic All-America honors as a senior—when his 21-credit, in-season course-

load included several graduate-level classes. He completed his undergraduate economics degree with a 3.64 cumulative GPA and went on to receive his MBA and law degree ('79) from Duke University.

Barnett's mother Dora was a teacher and naturally had a "huge influence" on his academic growth, as did a Walker Elementary teacher by the name of Miss Hamilton. "She was ex-military and was tough on me in class," says Barnett. "She demanded a lot and helped get me focused."

While cycling through the classrooms at Notre Dame, Barnett had the pleasure to take Bill Leahy's economics class in addition to enjoying the statistics class taught by a "very intelligent fellow," Gregory Kurme. He also struck up a quality friendship with academic advisor (and legendary fencing coach) Mike DeCicco, with the two having a regular Friday chat at DeCicco's office (at that time, located in the Golden Dome administration building).

"No school offered as good of an opportunity for me as Notre Dame," says Barnett, who worked for the department of the interior during the summer before his senior year, analyzing computer sheets of economic problems in the shadow of Capitol Hill. "It was a great situation to receive a quality education while playing for a top football team. I was blessed to spend four years there."

Barnett went on to work 27 years for IBM before recently becoming a regional manager for Surfray, a technology search engine that is a competitor of Google. He also is co-owner of Wireless Resource Corporation (Madison Hts, Mich.), which provides wireless infrastructure to a variety of clients (including hospitals and public buses).

Despite holding great memories from his days at Notre Dame, Barnett regrets falling out of touch with classmates and teammates, saying, "I got to be an old man quicker than I thought I would." He also recently endured the pain of seeing fellow Academic All-American Pete Demmerle succumb to Lou Gehrig's Disease (a.k.a. ALS). Demmerle—a double major in English and Spanish—had combined with Barnett to make Notre Dame the only football team with multiple first team Academic All-Americans for the 1974 season.

"I lived in Sorin Hall with Pete and got to know him real well," recalls Barnett. "He did a great thing later in life, helping me get a promotion with IBM. The man who interviewed me had played high school football with Pete, who put in a good word for me. It was just a tragic thing for us to lose Pete like that, sometimes bad things happen to good people."

Barnett and his wife Bernadell have two daughters, Melissa (a junior at Hampton University) and Meredith, a high school sophomore. He hopes that his children benefit as much from their educational experiences as their father did.

"When you look back at Notre Dame, you think of the relationships and friends—there were a lot of good people there," says Barnett, whose diverse hobbies include world travel, golf and art collecting.

"Notre Dame gave me a good base to move forward, ranging from analytical skills to writing and speaking ability. Those are things that can't be taken away from you, and in tough times you often have to fall back on your skills. So I'm very grateful to Notre Dame and what it has meant to me in my life."

**CORRECTION**

*The Sept. 13 football game-program story on Notre Dame's noteworthy African-American student-athletes inadvertently failed to include former basketball standout **Jacqueline Baateast** among the All-America list. The South Bend native ended her career in 2005 with All-America honors and ranks fourth in Irish women's basketball career scoring, with 1,874 points. She was named the BIG EAST Conference player of the year for 2004-05, after averaging 16.9 points and 6.6 rebounds per game.*





# 2008-2009

# OLYMPIC SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Men's Soccer

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME/RESULT
8/20	Wed.	at New Mexico (exh.)	Albuquerque, NM	W, 2-1 (20T)
8/25	Mon.	Illinois-Chicago (exh.)	Notre Dame, IN	T, 0-0

### Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic

8/29	Fri.	vs. Akron	Bloomington, IN	L, 3-0
8/31	Sun.	vs. Duke	Bloomington, IN	W, 4-1

### Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament

9/5	Fri.	Dartmouth	Notre Dame, IN	W, 2-1
9/7	Sun.	USF	Notre Dame, IN	W, 5-0
9/11	Thu.	Marquette*	Notre Dame, IN	W, 4-1
9/19	Fri.	St. John's	Notre Dame, IN	T, 0-0 (20T)
9/21	Sun.	Syracuse*	Notre Dame, IN	W, 3-0
9/26	Fri.	at Cincinnati*	Cincinnati, Ohio	7:00 p.m.
9/28	Sun.	at Louisville*	Louisville, KY	1:00 p.m.
10/1	Wed.	at Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI	7:00 p.m.
10/5	Sun.	Georgetown	Notre Dame, IN	1:00 p.m.
10/8	Wed.	Michigan State	Notre Dame, IN	7:00 p.m.
10/11	Sat.	Pittsburgh*	Notre Dame, IN	7:00 p.m.
10/16	Thu.	at Indiana	Bloomington, IN	7:30 p.m.
10/19	Sun.	Providence*	Notre Dame, IN	1:00 p.m.
10/22	Wed.	at Seton Hall*	South Orange, NJ	7:00 p.m.
10/25	Sat.	at Connecticut*	Storrs, CT	7:00 p.m.
11/01	Sat.	at West Va.*	Morgantown, WV	7:00 p.m.

### BIG EAST Championship

11/5	Wed.	BIG EAST First Round	Campus Site	TBA
11/8	Sat.	BIG EAST Quarterfinals	Campus Site	TBA
11/14	Fri.	BIG EAST Semifinals	Tampa, FL	TBA
11/16	Sun.	BIG EAST Championship	Tampa, FL	TBA

### NCAA Championship

11/21	Fri.	NCAA First Round	Campus Sites	TBA
11/22	Sat.	NCAA First Round	Campus Sites	TBA
11/26	Wed.	NCAA Second Round	Campus Sites	TBA
11/29	Sat.	NCAA Third Round	Campus Sites	TBA
11/30	Sun.	NCAA Third Round	Campus Sites	TBA
12/5	Fri.	NCAA Quarterfinals	Campus Sites	TBA
12/6	Sat.	NCAA Quarterfinals	Campus Sites	TBA
12/7	Sun.	NCAA Quarterfinals	Campus Sites	TBA
12/12	Fri.	NCAA Semifinals	Frisco, TX	TBA
12/14	Sun.	NCAA Championship	Frisco, TX	TBA

## Women's Soccer

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME/RESULT
8/12	Tues.	Memphis	Notre Dame, IN (exh.)	W, 3-1
8/16	Sat.	vs. Virginia	Traverse City, MI (exh.)	L, 2-1
8/22	Fri.	Michigan	Notre Dame, IN	W, 7-0

### Adidas Classic

8/29	Fri.	Loyola Marymount	Notre Dame, IN	W, 4-0
8/31	Sun.	Santa Clara	Notre Dame, IN	W, 2-0

### Carolina Classic

9/5	Fri.	at N. Carolina	Chapel Hill, NC	W, 1-0
9/7	Sun.	vs. Duke	Chapel Hill, NC	W, 3-1
9/12	Fri.	SMU	Notre Dame, IN	W, 5-0
9/19	Fri.	at DePaul*	Chicago, IL	W, 1-0
9/21	Sun.	at Penn State	University Park, PA	W, 3-1
9/26	Fri.	Louisville*	Notre Dame, IN	7:30 p.m.
10/3	Fri.	South Florida*	Notre Dame, IN	7:30 p.m.
10/5	Sun.	Marquette*	Notre Dame, IN	3:30 p.m.
10/10	Fri.	at Georgetown*	Washington, D.C.	3:00 p.m.
10/12	Sun.	at Villanova*	Villanova, PA	1:00 p.m.
10/17	Fri.	at Providence*	Providence RI	3:00 p.m.

10/19	Sun.	at Connecticut*	Storrs, CT	1:00 p.m.
10/24	Fri.	Rutgers*	Notre Dame, IN	7:30 p.m.
10/26	Sun.	Seton Hall*	Notre Dame, IN	1:00 p.m.

### BIG EAST Championship

10/30	Thurs.	BIG EAST First Round	Campus Sites	TBA
11/2	Sun.	BIG EAST Quarterfinals	Campus Sites	TBA
11/7	Fri.	BIG EAST Semifinals	Notre Dame, IN	TBA
11/9	Sun.	BIG EAST Final	Notre Dame, IN	TBA

### NCAA Championship

11/14	Fri.	NCAA First Round	Campus Sites	TBA
11/16	Sun.	NCAA Second Round	Campus Sites	TBA
11/21	Fri.	NCAA Third Round	Campus Sites	TBA
11/28	Fri.	NCAA Quarterfinals	Campus Sites	TBA
12/5	Fri.	NCAA Semifinals	Cary, NC	TBA
12/7	Sun.	NCAA Finals	Cary, NC	TBA

## Volleyball

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME/RESULT
8/29	Fri.	IPFW	Notre Dame, IN	W, 3-0
8/30	Sat.	Nevada	Notre Dame, IN	W, 3-1
8/31	Sun.	Valparaiso	Notre Dame, IN	L, 1-3

### Idaho Volleyball Classic

9/5	Fri.	vs. E. Wash.	Moscow, ID	L, 1-3
9/6	Sat.	at Idaho	Moscow, ID	W, 3-0
		vs. Washington State	Moscow, ID	L, 0-3

### Diet Coke Classic

9/12	Fri.	vs. Cal Poly	Minneapolis, MN	L, 1-3
9/13	Sat.	vs. California	Minneapolis, MN	L, 2-3
9/14	Sun.	at Minnesota	Minneapolis, MN	L, 0-3

### Golden Dome Invitational

9/19	Fri.	Liberty	Notre Dame, IN	W, 3-0
9/20	Sat.	UC Irvine	Notre Dame, IN	W, 3-0
9/21	Sun.	W. Michigan	Notre Dame, IN	L, 2-3
9/26	Fri.	at USF*	Tampa, FL	7:00 p.m.
9/28	Sun.	at Georgetown*	Washington, D.C.	2:00 p.m.
10/4	Sat.	at Louisville*	Louisville, KY	2:00 p.m.
10/5	Sun.	at Cincinnati*	Cincinnati, Ohio	2:00 p.m.
10/11	Sat.	West Virginia*	Notre Dame, IN	2:00 p.m.
10/12	Sun.	Pittsburgh*	Notre Dame, IN	2:00 p.m.
10/17	Fri.	at DePaul*	Chicago, IL	6:30 p.m.
10/21	Tues.	at Long Bch. St.	Long Beach, CA	4:00 p.m.
10/25	Sat.	at Villanova*	Villanova, PA	2:00 p.m.
10/26	Sun.	at Seton Hall*	South Orange, NJ	2:00 p.m.
11/1	Sat.	Syracuse*	Notre Dame, IN	10:00 a.m.
11/2	Sun.	Marquette*	Notre Dame, IN	2:00 p.m.
11/9	Sun.	at Rutgers*	Piscataway, NJ	2:00 p.m.
11/14	Fri.	St. John's*	Notre Dame, IN	7:00 p.m.
11/16	Sun.	Connecticut*	Notre Dame, IN	2:00 p.m.

### BIG EAST Championship

11/21	Fri.	BIG EAST First Round	Pittsburgh, PA	TBA
11/22	Sat.	BIG EAST Semifinal	Pittsburgh, PA	TBA
11/23	Sun.	BIG EAST Final	Pittsburgh, PA	TBA
11/28	Fri.	Xavier	Notre Dame, IN	7:00 p.m.

### NCAA Championship

12/4	Thurs.	NCAA First Round	Campus Sites	TBA
12/5	Fri.	NCAA First/Second Rounds	Campus Sites	TBA
12/6	Sat.	NCAA Second Round	Campus Sites	TBA
12/11	Thurs.	NCAA Regionals	Campus Sites	TBA
12/12	Fri.	NCAA Regionals	Campus Sites	TBA
12/13	Sat.	NCAA Regionals	Campus Sites	TBA
12/18	Thurs.	NCAA Semifinal	Omaha, NE	TBA
12/19	Fri.	NCAA Semifinal	Omaha, NE	TBA
12/20	Sat.	NCAA Final	Omaha, NE	TBA

## Cross Country

DATE	DAY	MEET	SITE	TIME/RESULT
9/5	Fri.	Crusader Open	Valparaiso, IN	Men (2 of 5) Women (1 of 6)
9/19	Fri.	Nat. Cath. Invit.	Notre Dame, IN	Men (2 of 33) Women (1 of 35)
10/3	Fri.	Notre Dame Invit.	Notre Dame, IN	2:00 p.m.
10/18	Sat.	Pre-NCAA Meet	Terre Haute, IN	TBA
10/31	Fri.	BIG EAST Champ.	New York, NY	TBA
11/15	Sat.	NCAA Reg. Champ.	West Lafayette, IN	TBA
11/24	Mon.	NCAA Champ.	Terre Haute, IN	TBA

## Men's Golf

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME/RESULT
9/8-9	Mon.-Tues.		USF Olympic Club Intercollegiate Daly City, CA	10 of 15
9/12-13	Fri.-Sat.		Rutgers Invitational Piscataway, NJ	All Day
9/21-22	Sun.-Mon.		John Dallio Memorial Chicago, IL	All Day
9/28-30	Sun.-Tues.		Saint Mary's (Calif.) Invitational Pebble Beach, CA	All Day
10/5-7	Sun.-Tues.		Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic Notre Dame, IN	All Day
10/12-14	Sun.-Tues.		Prestige at PGA West La Quinta, CA	All Day
10/27-28	Mon.-Tues.		UNCG Bridgestone Collegiate Greensboro, NC	All Day

## Women's Golf

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME/RESULT
9/14-16	Sun.-Tues.		Cougar Classic Charleston, SC	3 of 12
9/20-21	Sat.-Sun.		Mary Fossom Invitational East Lansing, MI	All Day
9/29-30	Mon.-Tues.		Heather Farr/ U of C Memorial Boulder, CO	All Day
10/18-19	Sat.-Sun.		Lady Northern West Lafayette, IN	All Day
10/24-25	Fri.-Sat.		The Landfall Tradition Wilmington, NC	All Day

## Hockey

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME/RESULT
10/11	Sat.	Denver	Denver, CO	TBA
10/17	Fri.	Sacred Heart	Notre Dame, IN	7:35 p.m.
10/18	Sat.	Sacred Heart	Notre Dame, IN	7:05 p.m.
10/24	Fri.	Miami	Notre Dame, IN	7:35 p.m.
10/25	Sat.	Miami	Notre Dame, IN	7:05 p.m.
10/31	Fri.	N. Michigan	Marquette, MI	7:35 p.m.
11/1	Sat.	N. Michigan	Marquette, MI	7:35 p.m.
11/7	Fri.	Boston College	Boston, MA	TBA
11/8	Sat.	Providence	Providence, RI	TBA
11/14	Fri.	Lake Superior St.	Notre Dame, IN	7:35 p.m.
11/15	Sat.	Lake Superior St.	Notre Dame, IN	7:05 p.m.
11/21	Fri.	Bowling Green St.	Notre Dame, IN	7:35 p.m.
11/22	Sat.	Bowling Green St.	Bowling Green, OH	7:05 p.m.
11/28	Fri.	W. Michigan	Notre Dame, IN	7:35 p.m.
11/29	Sat.	W. Michigan	Notre Dame, IN	7:05 p.m.
12/5	Fri.	Ferris State	Big Rapids, MI	7:05 p.m.
12/6	Sat.	Ferris State	Big Rapids, MI	7:05 p.m.
12/12	Fri.	Bowling Green St.	Bowling Green, OH	7:05 p.m.
12/13	Sat.	Bowling Green St.	Notre Dame, IN	7:05 p.m.



# MAKING WAVES

*Former Irish rower Amanda Polk grabs the gold in Germany.*

By Laura McCrystal

**A**manda Polk helped lead the United States' Under-23 women's eight rowing team to a gold medal at the 2008 FISA World Rowing Championships in Brandenburg, Germany in July.

For Polk, an '08 Notre Dame graduate, this achievement was the culmination of years of hard work and determination. It also marked the beginning of her career as a rower in the national program.

Polk, who grew up in Pittsburgh and began rowing in 2002, loves rowing because of "its pure competitiveness."

She brought her competitive spirit to Notre Dame, where she became the most decorated rower in program history. In '08, she garnered first team All-America honors by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) for the third consecutive year and concluded her career as a four-time honoree after earning second-team accolades as a freshman. Polk, a four-time CRCA all-Central Region first-team selection, rowed in the varsity eight boat throughout her career.

A four-time monogram winner and tri-captain during the 2007-08 campaign, she led the varsity eight boat to a final ranking of 18th in CRCA/US Rowing poll and helped her crew to a third consecutive gold medal at the BIG EAST Championships as Notre Dame won the team title for the fifth consecutive year.

During Polk's career, Notre Dame achieved unmatched success earning back-to-back berths in the NCAA Championships. In '08, in the program's first-ever appearance in the team competition, the Irish earned a ninth-place finish, and followed that up with a 12th-place finish in 2007. Her '06 varsity eight crew won the Petite Final at the NCAA Championships after winning the gold medal at the Central/South Region Championships and finished fifth in the final CRCA/US Rowing ranking. In '07, Notre Dame finished in the top-10 of the national rankings with a sixth-place finish and placed third at the Central/South regionals.

"Amanda is an incredibly hard worker. She is very competitive, but as a person is very compassionate with her teammates," Irish head coach Martin Stone says.

Polk's national rowing aspirations began in the summer of '06, when she first applied for a seat on the national Under-23 women's eight boat. The application process for the national squad includes a recommendation letter from a coach and times taken on an indoor rowing machine. In both '06 and '07, Polk advanced to the summer tryouts, but did not make the national boat.

Polk said that her past tryout experiences made her hesitant to apply for the '08 squad. She said her coaches at Notre Dame encouraged her to try again. Her hard work paid off after four weeks of tryouts in Charlottesville, Va. Her selection to the team made her the first Irish women's rower to compete on a national team.



**Polk and the Under-23 women's eight crew celebrate after winning the gold medal at the 2008 FISA World Rowing Championships in Brandenburg, Germany**



**Polk became the first women's rower from Notre Dame to compete on a national team.**

**Amanda Polk became Notre Dame's first-ever four-time All-American in women's rowing in 2008.**



Polk proceeded to train with the Under-23 women's eight in Princeton, N. J., alongside the Olympic women's eight and the junior national eight to prepare for the Under-23 World Championship Regatta in Germany.

During training, Polk said that she and the other seven women in the boat quickly learned to work well together. "We really just meshed well, pulled it together, and had a lot of fun doing it," she says.

At the world championships in Brandenburg, the Under-23 team only competed in two races. On Friday, July 18, the crew raced to determine which lane they would compete in during the finals. After finishing first in Friday's race, the American team was able to race in the best lane for the finals.

In the final race for the world championship, the American Under-23 boat was second to Poland at the 500-meter mark, but was able to pull ahead during the second half of the race. Polk's team finished first, with a 3.7 second margin over Poland, and captured the gold medal.

After her return from Germany, Amanda went home to Pittsburgh before moving to Princeton to begin practices at the training center with the U.S. senior national women's crew on Sept. 9.

While in Princeton, Polk said she hopes to use her Notre Dame degree in biochemistry to find a part-time job either with a pharmaceutical company or as a lab technician.

Polk will train five to six hours per day with the senior national team. She has hopes of rowing in the world championships in the summer of 2009, and ultimately, the 2012 Olympics.

Polk's attitude about her success serves as an example of hard work and determination. Remarks Stone, "Amanda's special because she's the first rower from our program to reach this level; she shows the other rowers what they can achieve if they train hard."



# THE LAST WORD

by John Heisler

And so, the growing and maturity process that comprises Notre Dame football for 2008 continues apace today.

Truth be told, there's no telling what the final template will look like. There are way too many brushstrokes yet to be applied.

It remains to be seen what the Irish make of it, but the home-heavy first half of the season appeared to be a potential complement to a relatively youthful Notre Dame roster anxious to erect some building blocks.

Charlie Weis' crew plays four of its first five '08 games in Notre Dame Stadium—and the Irish haven't done that since 1990 when Lou Holtz's charges played five of their first six at home, helping them to a 8-1 start (and a final 9-3 mark).

Too often lately, the Irish have spent way too much time in buses and planes in Septembers and early Octobers—including four of the first six on the road in '97, then two of the first three in '99, '01 and '04, three of the first five in '03 and four of the first five in '05. Those 17 games turned into 10 defeats (interestingly, Weis' '05 team won all four away from home).

Future schedules, for the most part, will fix that trend.

So, what to make of the 2-1 Irish start? Well, it's nothing new. In fact, it's the fourth time in the last five years Notre Dame stood at 2-1 three games into the campaign.

This time, it took two weeks for the Irish to post two wins. A year ago, it took 11.

It had been eight years since the Irish even played their first two games of the season on home turf, much less won them. The last time Notre Dame started 2-0 with consecutive Notre Dame Stadium wins came in 1982 (the first of those was the first night game in Notre Dame Stadium against Michigan).

How much progress have the Irish made?

The accounting process continues Saturday to Saturday—but consider the Michigan series. Notre Dame's year-to-year point improvement in that series of plus-56 (0-38 in '07 to 35-17 in '08) ranked as the second biggest in Notre Dame history. The only larger one-year-to-the-next offensive upside came via a plus-61 switch in '63 and '64 against Navy. After losing to Roger Staubach and the Middies 35-14 in '63, Ara Parseghian's first team in '64 turned that around to a 40-0 count in favor of the Irish.

Given the youth of the '08 squad, there's huge upside on the roster, with loads of underclassmen playing prominent roles:

- With the Irish trailing and the running game struggling, sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen in the second half alone at Michigan State was 17 of 27 throwing for 163 yards and a touchdown.

- Through three games, Notre Dame's top two rushers are sophomores (Robert Hughes and Armando Allen).

- Its top three receivers are freshmen or sophomores (sophomore Golden Tate, freshman Michael Floyd and Allen).

- Eight of nine offensive TDs have come from freshmen or sophomores.

- Among the top eight tacklers are sophomores Brian Smith, Harrison Smith, Ian Williams, and Kerry Neal.

- Floyd became the first Irish rookie to catch a TD pass in his opening game.

- Tight end Kyle Rudolph became the first freshman ever to start at tight end in an Irish season opener.

- All five Irish TDs against Michigan came from sophomores.

- Of the 22 players who started against Michigan State, the only ones who exhaust their eligibility in '08 are fifth-year seniors Justin Brown, Maurice Crum Jr. and Terrail Lambert on defense, plus offensive tackle Mike Turkovich, defensive end Pat Kuntz and safety David Bruton.

And, by the way, it's worth noting that Notre Dame's current freshman class, judged the consensus second-best group in the nation (behind Alabama) back in February, recently moved to number one based on Tide signees that never made it to the '08 roster.

And, given all those talented youngsters (at this point, only eight members of that Notre Dame rookie class have played in '08), Weis expects his Irish to throw, run, block, protect, tackle, pursue and defend better on a week-by-week basis.

Where the Irish go from here is up to them. Of nine remaining opponents, only top-rated USC remains unbeaten after four weeks of play. And the Trojans are the only ranked team among that group.

But expect more of what you've seen to date—in terms of turnovers playing crucial roles, positively or negatively, in the end result.

A goal-line fumble by San Diego State completely turned that game around. Early mistakes—and six overall turnovers—by Michigan jump-started the Irish in week number two. Notre Dame's three turnovers in East Lansing all proved costly and came at particularly inopportune occasions.

To borrow a basketball term, survive and advance becomes one of the weekly goals.



# ON THE CUTTING EDGE

*In nearly a decade, the South Bend Sports Medicine Fellowship has become one of the nation's leading sports medicine programs.*

By Stephanie Fischer

Some of the most talented student-athletes in the country come to Notre Dame to continue their athletic careers. Thanks to the South Bend Sports Medicine Fellowship, these student-athletes can be cared for by some of the most-talented young doctors in the country.

Funded by St. Joseph Medical Center and Memorial Hospital, the South Bend Sports Medicine Fellowship was started in 1999 and has become one of the top-ranked and most sought-after programs in the nation.

With just 70 or 80 fellowships in the United States, only an elite group of post-residency candidates are chosen to participate in the programs. Fellows have completed medical school and residency and have elected to take an additional specialized year in sports medicine. To be certified in sports medicine, doctors must complete a fellowship.

At Notre Dame, fellows are fully immersed in the athletic department and athletic training rooms, while working with the athletic training staff and team physicians. The fellows have individual sports for which they are responsible.

"We would have a hard time fulfilling all of our obligations to our athletes without our sports medicine fellows," Notre Dame fellowship coordinator Dr. Jim Moriarity says. "They lend so much help to our program."

The fellows also work with sports-related injuries at Memorial and St. Joe clinics. They are also responsible for all athletic training at Washington and Mishawaka high schools.

"They have total and sole responsibility for the care of those athletes and that's been a wonderful thing for the city," Moriarity remarks. "I can't say it often enough, having individuals of their caliber taking care of high schools in the city is a real luxury."

The sports medicine fellows also care for student-athletes at St. Mary's, Bethel College and Indiana University at South Bend. They cover local events, including wrestling meets or soccer tournaments, and have worked at the national and international level, especially with USA Weightlifting.

"Our two fellows this year, Sam Bugbee and Tracy Casault, are going to Greece, and next year, the fellows will go to Australia," Moriarity notes. "Each fellow also spends two weeks at Big Sky, Mont., doing mountain and ski medicine."

When not working directly with athletes, fellows are immersed in the academic side of sports medicine. Lectures are provided every week by physicians from the South Bend area, and fellows are responsible for presenting the latest material on sports medicine once a month.

Fellows in Notre Dame's program also have the chance to participate in a unique roundtable that isn't found just anywhere.

Every Friday morning members of Notre Dame's sports medicine staff meet with a group of surgeons, physical therapists, sports medicine physicians and MRI experts at Greenfield's Café on campus. There, problem cases or interesting medical situations are presented in a roundtable format and discussed in hopes of solving the predicaments.

"It's really an outgrowth of a conference that started probably 40 years ago by one of the pioneers of sports medicine in the country, Les Bodnar, the

founder South Bend Orthopedics," Moriarity says. "If one of our physicians is stumped about a problem, they can bring it in and get input immediately from all kinds of other people. There have been a large

number of difficult cases solved at that table on Friday mornings. I think that's been one of the best teaching experiences for the fellows to see that kind of collegiality," Moriarity says.

That kind of learning experience has allowed Notre Dame's fellows to move to the forefront of the sports medicine community. Former Notre Dame fellows have gone on to be team physicians with athletic departments, such as Florida, Illinois, Minnesota, Northwestern, California-Irvine, Utah State, Oregon and Butler. Fellows have also been associated with USA Gymnastics, the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Marquette, Mich., USA Weightlifting and Major League Baseball.

"I'm very proud of the people who have graduated from this program," Moriarity says. "They have all worked extremely hard. It's hard to get these people off the field. They work very long hours. They're at multitudes of sporting events and they all love it."

The success of the Notre Dame program and its graduates can be attributed to the cooperation and effort of everyone involved. Along with Moriarity, Dr. Mark Lavallee, of Memorial Hospital, and Dr. Stephen Simons, of St. Joseph's, serve as program directors.

"We could not do this without the cooperation of the hospitals in town," Moriarity remarks. "We're just so grateful that they've seen a way to support this."

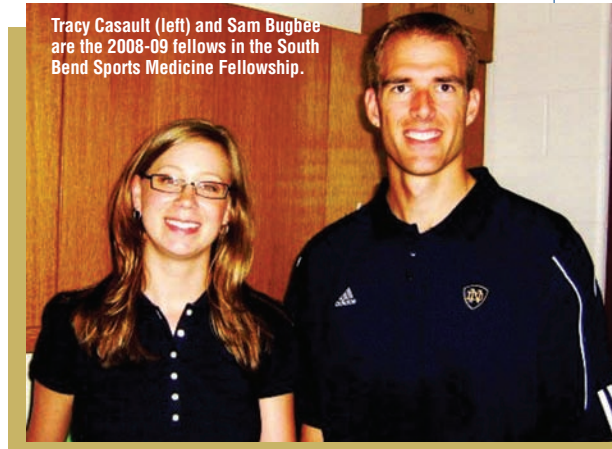
"This fellowship would not be possible without our athletic training staff, specifically Jim Russ and our athletic directors over the years, as well as the enthusiastic participation by our coaching staffs, who never tire of having passionate people around their programs," Moriarity says."

Notre Dame student-athletes can rest easy knowing they are receiving the best care possible.

"South Bend and Notre Dame are very blessed to have a group of physicians, athletic trainers and physical therapists in the community that are very much ahead of the curve and on the cutting edge of a lot of things," Moriarity says.

Notre Dame can be proud of how its program has grown and progressed into one of the nation's leading sports medicine fellowships in just 10 years.

"We're very happy with the way the program is going," Moriarity says, "but we can always do better."



Tracy Casault (left) and Sam Bugbee are the 2008-09 fellows in the South Bend Sports Medicine Fellowship.



# IRISH ACE

*Five-time All-American David DiLucia named to Intercollegiate Tennis Association Hall of Fame.*

By Amy Dixon

David DiLucia has become accustomed to setting high standards for the Notre Dame men's tennis program. As the nation's premier recruit, DiLucia took the Irish program to a higher level even before he stepped on campus as a freshman in 1988.

Recently DiLucia added to his already well-respected tennis legacy when he was inducted into the ITA Tennis Hall of Fame in May 2008. With this honor, he has cemented his place not only in Notre Dame tennis lore, but nationally as well, joining the likes of tennis legends Arthur Ashe, Jimmy Connors, and John McEnroe. DiLucia became the first Notre Dame player to be inducted. Former Irish coach Tom Fallon is the only other member with Notre Dame ties. Numerous awards, recognitions and honors have characterized DiLucia's career, however, his induction is a testament to what is widely considered the most storied career in Notre Dame men's tennis history.

"He always has been an outstanding player and leader," says longtime men's tennis coach Bob Bayliss. "He deserves all the recognition that he has received." Bayliss considers DiLucia to be his marquee recruit in establishing Irish tennis as one of the top programs in the nation. Bayliss was on hand to present DiLucia as one of the nine recipients at the May induction ceremony.

DiLucia remains extremely modest, and attributes much of his success to his former coach. "Coach Bayliss played a key role in cultivating my talent and remains a key mentor in my life to this day," DiLucia says.

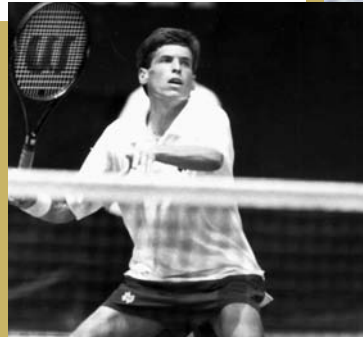
Over the course of his Notre Dame career from 1988-1992, DiLucia was a five-time All-American. He received this distinction three times for singles play, and twice in doubles. DiLucia was the first, and remains the only player in Notre Dame men's tennis history, to ever accomplish this feat. During his career, DiLucia was ranked number-one nationally in both singles and doubles play and is the only Notre Dame player to ever be ranked number-one by the ITA. He received All-American honors for his singles play during the 1990 season and followed up his success when was named an All-American for his performance in both singles and doubles play during the 1991 and 1992 seasons.

DiLucia's mastery on the tennis court was especially evident during his senior campaign when he finished the season with a record of 22-1. During his final season, DiLucia carried the Irish to the finals of the NCAA team competition. He finished his collegiate career atop the Notre Dame men's tennis record books in several categories. Currently, DiLucia holds the record for the total number of singles victories, with a career record of 146 wins and just 33 losses. He also holds the men's tennis records for combined wins in singles and doubles play (219-63), wins in No. 1 singles play (90-11) and wins in No. 1 doubles (45-19).

Despite all of his success, DiLucia noted that he never anticipated his latest recognition. DiLucia still has mentality of a team captain, granting credit to the team, and resisting praise of himself. "It's not something that I had ever thought of, but it certainly gave me the opportunity to reflect upon the help that I received in order to obtain my success," DiLucia remarks.



DiLucia is the only Irish player to have won more than 37 singles matches in a season.



**ITA Executive Director David A. Benjamin presents David DiLucia with a plaque honoring his induction into the ITA Hall of Fame**

**A five-time All-American, DiLucia is the only Notre Dame player ever to be ranked number-one by the ITA in singles.**

Prior to enrolling at Notre Dame, DiLucia was considered to be the top tennis recruit in the nation. The decision for such a high profile player to attend the University came as a surprise to many. However, his commitment to the Irish program attracted other highly-regarded recruits. The recruiting class that followed DiLucia's was the number-one recruiting class in the nation.

DiLucia's influence had a tremendous impact on establishing the Notre Dame program nationally and his impact is still felt today. Bayliss acknowledged that it typically takes four to five years to build a solid program, but with DiLucia's visibility, the process was sped up considerably.

Following his collegiate career with the Irish, DiLucia competed professionally in singles play in several grand slam events. During his professional career, he posted wins over well-known stars such as Mark Philippoussis, as well as former top-ranked players Gustavo Kuerten and Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

DiLucia also served as Lindsay Davenport's coach during her reign as the number-one women's player.

A highly-regarded national United States Tennis Association (USTA) high performance coach in Boca Raton, Fla., his latest venture allows him to share his talent with youth tennis players who aspire to reach the highest level of competition, much like he has done. With his recognition as the first Notre Dame player to be inducted into the ITA Hall of Fame, DiLucia has joined elite company as one of the nation's tennis greats.

"It was a definitely a humbling honor, especially considering the company being inducted in this year's hall of fame," DiLucia says.

David DiLucia will forever be an Irish tennis icon and his latest recognition secures his place on the national stage.