



# The Coaches

**Bailey Weathers, who has helped coach nearly 30 Olympians, boasts a head-coaching résumé that has seen all 14 of his teams qualify for and score points in the NCAA Championships, with 10 finishing in the top 25.**

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One needs only to glance at the accomplishments of the teams and student-athletes he has worked with to see how successful Bailey Weathers has been over his 26-year career as a swimming and diving coach. After working with over 20 Olympians and two NCAA national championship teams as an assistant, he has seen all 14 teams of which he has been the head coach qualify for and score points in the NCAA Championships. Those squads have claimed 12 conference titles and finished in the top 25 at the NCAAs on nine occasions, including a fifth-place result in 1986 and five others in the top 20.

In his years as a head collegiate coach, Weathers, a nine-time conference coach of the year and the 1986 NCAA National Coach of the Year, has turned out 23 All-Americans, while 20 more student-athletes have been honorable mention All-America. In all, 43 of his 49 NCAA qualifiers have gone on to score points in the meet, with Weathers' protégés having scored in every event but one at the NCAAs.

The Weathers era at Notre Dame has seen 16 different athletes combine for 56 All-America citations – an average of more than six per year – and 22 earn a total of 41 invitations to the NCAA Championships (an average of over four per year). He has had swimmers and divers qualify for the NCAAs in every event but one (800 free relay) while leading the Irish. In 2002, a record nine Irish athletes were invited.

Perhaps the most impressive facet of Notre Dame's success over the past nine years has been its utter dominance of the BIG EAST Championships. Following a third-place finish in 1996, the Irish have been perfect, winning eight consecutive titles, each by more than 110 points. That streak is tied for the fourth-longest ever by any BIG EAST school in any sport, and Weathers stands as one of only five coaches – in any sport – to have led his team to eight or more BIG EAST titles in a row, a group that includes such names as Connecticut women's basketball coaching legend Geno Auriemma. Since 1995-96 (when Notre Dame became a league member), Notre Dame's women's swimming and diving team shares the distinction of the most BIG EAST titles by any squad in any sport with the



## Bailey Weathers

Head Coach

10th Season

Indiana '82

Pittsburgh men's swimming and diving team.

In all, Irish student-athletes have claimed 70 first-place finishes in the BIG EAST Championships, an average of nearly eight per year. After winning "only" three events in 1996, Notre Dame has claimed at least six titles – including at least one relay – in each subsequent season. The highlight was the 2000 meet, when the Irish won 14 of 20 events and set five meet records en route to a total of 829.5 points, which was nearly 400 ahead of the runner-up. Notre Dame also has broken BIG EAST Championships records on 23 occasions – at least once every year – and has three times featured the meet's Most Outstanding Swimmer: Linda Gallo in 1998, Carrie Nixon in 2000, and Katie Carroll in '04. In addition, Meghan Perry-Eaton was tabbed the event's Most Outstanding Diver in 2003 and '04. A total of 30 different Irish student-athletes have become BIG EAST champions under Weathers, while 45 have earned all-conference accolades.

His accomplishments have not gone unnoticed by his peers, as Weathers has five times been tabbed the BIG EAST Coach of the Year to bring his career total of such league honors to nine.

Weathers took over a program that had seen just two swimmers qualify for the NCAA Division I Championships and had never finished higher than 30th at the NCAAs. He has made it a perennial participant and factor in



the national championships, scoring points every year and posting five top-25 results. In 2000, the Irish turned in their best-ever performance in the meet, scoring 74.5 points to take 18th, while the '02 squad finished 19th with 52 points.

The Irish record book is hardly recognizable from before his reign, as only four total times from prior to his arrival on campus remain in the list of the top 10 swims in Notre Dame history. Every school record has been broken on numerous occasions.

A major contribution of Weathers to the program has been raising the level of talent of Notre Dame women's swimming and diving. Among the top standouts he has groomed are Nixon (who returned to her alma mater in 2004 to become an assistant under her former coach), backstroker Kelly Hecking, breaststroker Shannon Suddarth, and divers Heather Mattingly and Meghan Perry-Eaton.

Among Nixon's accomplishments during her time as a swimmer (1997-2002) were setting the NCAA Championships record in

### The Weathers File

**Career Record:** 99-33-1 (.748)

**Record at Notre Dame:** 80-17-1 (.821)

**Coaching Experience:**

Indiana (assistant-men & women), 1979-82

Texas (assistant), 1982-85

Southern Illinois (head), 1985-87

South Carolina (head), 1988-90

Mission Aurora Colorado

Swimming Club (head), 1990-95

Notre Dame (head), 1995-present



The Weathers family: (from left) Elizabeth, Sue, Timothy, Bailey, and Christina.



### What his teams have done ...

- All 14 have scored points in NCAA Championships
- 12 conference championships (8 BIG EAST, 3 Metro, 1 Gateway)
- Eight consecutive BIG EAST championships by more than 100 points
- Two undefeated seasons (1999-2000, 2001-02)
- Fifth-place finish in 1986 NCAA Championships
- Two top-10 finishes in NCAA Championships
- Six top-20 finishes in NCAA Championships
- 10 top-25 finishes in NCAA Championships
- Seven seasons with two or fewer dual-meet losses
- Four National Independent Conference championships
- Two NCAA national championship teams as an assistant (1984, '85)

### What awards/distinctions he owns ...

- 1986 NCAA Division I Coach of the Year
- Nine-time conference coach of the year (5 BIG EAST, 3 Metro, 1 Gateway)
- Two-time U.S. National Team head coach (1991)
- U.S.A. Swimming Olympic Development Camp head coach (1995)

### What his student-athletes have done ...

- 29 have competed in the Olympics
- 23 different student-athletes have been All-Americans; 20 more have been honorable mention All-America
- ND student-athletes have combined for 65 All-America citations (more than seven per year)
- Finished first in the BIG EAST Championships 70 times (nearly eight per year)
- 43 of 49 NCAA qualifiers have scored points in the meet
- Broke 23 BIG EAST Championships records (at least one every year at ND)
- Set NCAA Championships record in 50-meter freestyle
- Named BIG EAST Championships Most Outstanding Swimmer three times
- Named BIG EAST Championships Most Outstanding Diver twice
- Scored at the NCAA Championships in every event but one
- Broke every Notre Dame record multiple times
- Posted at least all of the seven fastest times in Irish history in every event
- Gained CSCAA Academic All-America honors 32 times
- Earned over 30 invitations to U.S. Olympic Trials
- Reached two finals in Olympics

the 50-meter freestyle in 2000 (24.99), earning All-America accolades 12 times (in six different events), and delivering a perfect meet at the 2000 BIG EAST Championships, when she won all seven of her races. She still stands as easily the most-prolific sprinter in Notre Dame history, boasting all of the top 10 times ever in the 50 free and each of the top nine in the 100 free. Nixon also was an 18-time BIG EAST champion and a 24-time all-BIG EAST honoree.

Hecking, also a 2002 graduate, holds the distinction of being the most decorated Notre Dame athlete ever in BIG EAST competition in any sport. She finished her career with a record 19 conference championship, with seven coming in individual action (including the 100 backstroke in all four of her collegiate seasons). She was 23 times tabbed all-league, and Hecking also was eight times named honorable mention All-America.

Suddarth was nine times cited with All-America accolades, and she stands as easily the top breaststroker in Notre Dame history, still boasting all of the top nine times in the 200-yard race, as well as seven of the top 10 in the 100 despite graduating in 2000. She won eight BIG EAST titles and was named all-BIG EAST 10 times in 12 career individual races, an Irish record.

Mattingly and Perry-Eaton combine to hold

nearly every spot on the list of top Notre Dame diving performances, having combined for seven All-America honors. The former, a 2002 graduate, garnered an invitation to the NCAA Championships during each of her four seasons, while the latter – a current fifth-year senior – turned in the best-ever finish by a Notre Dame athlete in the meet in 2004, taking third in one-meter action and ending just 3.30 points behind the national champ. In '03, Perry-Eaton became the first non-University of Miami diver since 1995 to claim a BIG EAST title (one-meter) before sweeping both boards by more than 40 points the following year.

Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable in dual-meet action under Weathers, as the Irish have posted two undefeated campaigns (10-0 in 1999-2000, 10-0 in 2001-02) and lost just once in three

other seasons. Overall, Notre Dame holds an 80-17-1 (.821) record, including a 47-4 (.922) mark since 1999-2000.

The Irish have been well-represented in the College Swim Coaches Association (CSCAA) National Dual-Meet Poll since its recent inception, peaking at 10th in 1999-2000 and cracking the top 15 in 2001-02 (season-high 13th) and 2002-03 (14th).

Weathers' athletes also have excelled in the classroom as he boasts seven CSCAA Academic All-Americans, as well as 11 more honorable mention Academic All-America accolades. In 2002, current seniors Kelli Barton and Kristen Peterson gained the distinction after Barton ranked ninth in the nation with a 3.91 grade-point average and Peterson was 16th with a 3.87 GPA.

Weathers' impressive coaching tenure has spanned more than 25 seasons. The 1986 NCAA Division I Coach of the Year while at Southern Illinois, Weathers has coached 29 Olympians and was an assistant coach for a pair of NCAA championship teams at Texas (1984 and '85).

In 1995-96, Weathers returned to college coaching after a five-year stint as the head coach of the highly successful Mission Aurora (Colorado) Swimming Club. During his tenure as head coach, the Mission Aurora club produced more senior and jun-

ior national qualifiers than at any other time in its history.

Weathers' first collegiate stint as a head coach came with Southern Illinois from 1985-87. With the Salukis, his teams finished fifth at the NCAA Championships in 1986 and 18th in '87. During Weathers' two seasons, Southern Illinois produced nine All-Americans.

Following his time at SIU, Weathers became the head coach at South Carolina, a position he would hold for three seasons, earning Metro Conference coach-of-the-year honors each year. Under his direction, the Gamecocks posted 10th-, 12th-, and 21st-place finishes at the NCAA Championships, and nine swimmers were All-Americans.

Prior to his head coaching days, Weathers served as the women's assistant at national power Texas from 1982-85 and assisted with the swimming program at his alma mater, Indiana University, from 1979-82.

Born April 29, 1958, Weathers graduated *magna cum laude* from Indiana in 1982 with a bachelor's of science degree in physical education before earning a master's degree from Texas in 1984.

He and his wife, Susan, are the parents of two daughters — Christina (18) and Elizabeth (15) — and a son, Timothy (11).



### Coaches With Most Consecutive BIG EAST Championships (Any Sport)

1.	David Belowich, Pittsburgh women's swimming & diving	9 (1983-91)
2.	Geno Auriemma, Connecticut women's basketball	9 (1994-2002)
3.	<b>Bailey Weathers, Notre Dame women's swimming &amp; diving</b>	<b>8 (1997-2004)</b>
3.	Mike MacDonald, Boston College men's tennis	8 (1981-88)
3.	Chuck Knoles, Pittsburgh men's swimming & diving	8 (1997-2004)



In his 27-year career as a diving coach, Caiming Xie has helped his protégés win BIG EAST titles, All-America honors, and gold medals. A proven winner, Caiming's experience reaches the world over, and he is in his 10th season as head women's and men's diving coach at Notre Dame.

During his tenure, he has molded the top two divers ever to compete for the Irish - Heather Mattingly and Meghan Perry-Eaton - who have combined for three BIG EAST titles, six appearances in the NCAA Championships, and seven All-America citations. The duo also holds all six of the Notre Dame diving records, as well as four Rolfs Aquatic Center records. He also has coached the top two men's divers in school history.

For his efforts, Caiming, the first full-time diving coach in Notre Dame history, has been named his conference's top diving coach on three occasions, including in the BIG EAST in both 1999 and 2004.

The last three seasons have been the most successful in Irish women's diving history, featuring three BIG EAST titles, four All-America honors, and a pair of BIG EAST Championships Most-Outstanding-Diver awards. In 2003-04, Perry-Eaton turned in the most impressive campaign ever by an Irish diver, as she was beaten just one time during the regular season before sweeping the springboard events at the BIG EAST Championships by more than 40 points en route to being tabbed the meet's top diver. Perry-Eaton then became the first Notre Dame diver ever to win a title at the NCAA Zone C Championships, taking first off the one-meter board. At the NCAA Championships, she delivered the highest-ever finish for a Notre Dame swimmer or diver, taking third in that event, ending up just 3.30 points behind the national champion to become an All-American.

In 2002-03, Perry-Eaton became the first Notre Dame diver - and first non-University of Miami diver since 1996 - to win a BIG EAST championship, placing first in the one-meter competition. She also was second on the three-meter board and was named the BIG EAST's top diver. Perry-Eaton then qualified for the NCAA Championships, where she placed ninth in the one-meter event and 20th on the three-meter board to earn honorable mention All-America honors.

The current fifth-year senior, who has her sights set on a national championship in 2005, already holds four of the six Notre Dame diving records: six-dive one-meter in both dual (322.64) and championship (331.58) action, as well as 11-dive, three-meter championship

### The Caiming File

- **1977-90**  
Diving Coach, Chinese Olympic and National Team  
\* Two-time Chinese National Diving Coach of the Year (1986, 1987)
- **1991-92**  
Assistant Diving Coach, University of Pittsburgh
- **1992-95**  
Head Diving Coach, University of Toledo  
\* Two-time Mid-American Conference Diving Coach of the Year
- **1995 - current**  
Head Diving Coach, University of Notre Dame  
\* 1999 & 2004 BIG EAST Diving Coach of the Year



## Caiming Xie

Diving Coach

10th Season

Beijing Institute of Physical Education '85

competition (586.43) and 10-meter platform championship action (336.60). Additionally, the two-time (2003 and '04) BIG EAST Championships Most Outstanding Diver boasts Rolfs Aquatic Center records in both six-dive one-meter formats (322.64 dual, 315.25 championship), as well as for dual-meet three-meter action (333.82). Her score of 309.20 in one-meter diving in 2003 en route to winning her first BIG EAST title stands as the highest since the switch to a six-dive format in championship meets in 2000-01.

Heather Mattingly was the first Irish diver to earn All-America honors, as she was a four-time honorable mention selection before being named an All-American in three-meter action in 2002 with an eighth-place finish. Mattingly was the first Notre Dame diver to qualify for the NCAA Division I Championships, and she earned bids to the meet in each of her four collegiate campaigns.

Mattingly also had a great deal of success in the NCAA zone meet, taking second in one-meter action in 1999, in addition to third-place results in three-meter competition in both '99 and 2002.

She still maintains two Notre Dame records: for 10 dives in a championship meet off the one-meter board (425.40) and for six-dive, three-meter action (351.15). Her score of 550.55 in winning the three-meter competition in the 2000 Notre Dame Invitational also is the best in the history of Notre Dame's home facility.

On the men's side, Caiming recruited and devel-



oped three divers in the class of 2003. The group was a key to Notre Dame's dual-meet fortunes over a four-year span - going undefeated in 2001-02 - and all three left among the best eight divers in school history on the one-meter board.

Andy Maggio is the most accomplished Irish diver ever, holding three of the five University diving records. In 2002, he finished fourth at the NCAA Zone Diving Championships, missing by just six points Notre Dame's first berth to the NCAA Men's Championships in 27 years.

Joe Miller and Tong Xie, Caiming's son, each delivered career-best performances in their final seasons, a sign of Caiming's ability to help divers improve dramatically during their time with him.

Caiming also tutored 2001 graduate Herb Huesman

throughout his career, which ended with him as the holder of three varsity records.

Before coming to Notre Dame, Caiming was the head diving coach for three years at Toledo, earning Mid-American Conference diving-coach-of-the-year laurels in each of his last two seasons. Prior to his stint with the Rockets, Caiming was an assistant coach for the 1991-92 season at Pittsburgh.

Boasting a wealth of international experience on his résumé, Caiming served as the 1980 Chinese Olympic diving coach. He also was a technical consultant for United States Diving since 1994 and has held clinics and presentations for the United States Diving national team.

The Chinese national team coach from 1977-90, Caiming coached Sun Shu-Wei, a gold medalist in the men's platform competition at the '92 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, and Zhu Jin-Hong, who finished fourth in the women's platform in Barcelona.

Caiming's divers also have earned medals at the Asian Games, World Cup, World University Games, and World Championships.

A competitive diver in his own right, Caiming won the springboard competition at the Asian Games in 1974 and earned first place in the platform and second in the springboard competition at the National Games of China in 1975.

A 1985 graduate of the Beijing Institute of Physical Education, he also won numerous Chinese diving championships.

Caiming and his wife, Ping Tong, have one son, Tong, who graduated from Notre Dame in 2003 after a successful career as an Irish diver.



Caiming Xie with his wife Ping Tong and son Tong, a 2003 graduate and diver at Notre Dame.





# Carrie Nixon

Assistant Coach

First Season

Notre Dame '02

One of the most decorated student-athletes in any sport in Notre Dame history, Carrie Nixon returned to her alma mater in June 2004 to become an assistant coach for its women's swimming and diving team. Nixon, a 2002 graduate and former NCAA record-holder in the 50-meter freestyle who won 18 BIG EAST titles and earned All-America honors on 12 occasions, replaced the departed Anne Marie Stricklin.

Nixon was an assistant coach for the Clemson University men's and women's teams in 2003-04, serving as coordinator of recruiting, while working primarily with the sprinters, butterflyers, and IMers in the pool.

She helped the Tigers to an outstanding season, as both squads finished among the top 40 at the NCAA Championships (men-tied for 35th, women-39th). The Clemson men, who scored points in the NCAAs for the first time since 1989, were 13-2-1 (4-1-1 ACC) in dual-meet action, registering their highest victory total in the 52-year history of the program before winning two titles and taking fourth place at the Atlantic Coast Conference Championships. The women's team was 10-5 (1-4 ACC) - its highest win total since 1988 - and finished fifth in the ACC meet. Three swimmers earned invitations to the NCAA meet, with a pair of them being named honorable mention All-America. The Tigers also had one CoSIDA Academic All-American. A total of nine Clemson records fell during the '03-04 campaign, seven on the men's side, as well as two women's marks.

Among her other duties at Clemson, Nixon was the webmaster for its swimming and diving alumni internet site and the organizer of the Tigers' first annual alumni meet.

Two years after graduating, Nixon remains one of the most accomplished Notre Dame student-athletes in any sport. During her time at Notre Dame, she was twice tabbed an All-American and on 10 other occasions named honorable mention All-America, with that total of 12 All-America citations standing as the highest in program history. She won 18 BIG EAST titles - six individual and 12 relays - which stands one shy of the Irish record for any sport. In 2000, Nixon set the NCAA record in the 50-meter free (24.99), became the first Irish swimmer to win a preliminary race at the NCAA Championships,



and finished fourth at the NCAAs in the 50, a result that still stands as the best-ever by a Notre Dame swimmer. She also was tabbed the BIG EAST Championships Most Outstanding Swimmer that year after finishing first in all seven of her events (50 free, 100 free, 100 fly, 200 and 800 free relay, 200 and 400 medley relay).

Nixon, who missed the 2000-01 season with a shoulder injury, remains the Notre Dame record-holder in the 50 (22.39) and 100 free (49.18), as well as the 100 butterfly (54.07). She continues to hold all of the 10 best times in program history in the 50 free, as well as each of the top nine in the 100 free. Nixon also swam on four relay teams that still hold Irish records: the 200 free (1:32.01), 400 free (3:21.25), 200 medley (1:41.93), and 400 medley (3:40.98). The BIG EAST Championships records still feature Nixon in three events - 50 free (22.58), 200 free relay, and 400 medley relay - and her time of 22.94 in the 50 in the 1998 Notre Dame Invitational is the quickest in Rolfs Aquatic

Center history, as is the 3:45.77 mark by the 400 medley relay team she anchored in the 2001 Shamrock Invitational.

Nixon, three times voted Notre Dame's MVP, also participated in the U.S. Olympic trials in 2000, taking 21st in the 50-meter freestyle and finishing in the top 40 in both the 100 free and 100 fly.

She graduated in May of 2002 from the College of Arts & Letters as a preprofessional studies/anthropology and computer applications double major. As a senior, Nixon was honored with the Francis Patrick O'Connor Award, which each year recognizes one female and one male Notre Dame student-athlete who best exemplify the spirit and leadership the University embodies in their actions and inspirations to their respective teams.

Nixon graduated from Ouray High School in Ouray, Colo., as its valedictorian in 1997. She was a five-time Colorado state champion for the Montrose High School swim team, on which she competed because Ouray did not have one. She won three state championships in the 50 free and a pair in the 100. Nixon was named the 1996 Colorado Sportsman of the Year and the state's high school swimmer of the year in '97. Upon enrolling at Notre Dame, she held 10 state summer club records and a pair of Colorado prep records. She also set every Montrose school record except two. Nixon was recruited by a number of top collegiate swim teams, as well as various top Division I volleyball programs.

Additionally, Nixon placed 25th in the 50 free at the senior national meet in Fort Lauderdale in 1996 and was second in both the 50 and 100 in the 1997 NISCA National High School Championships.

Nixon was active in club swimming first for the Ouray Swimming Team and then for the Montrose Marlins club, coached by Silas Almgren.

Upon graduation from Notre Dame, Nixon returned to her native area and served as an assistant coach for the Ouray High School volleyball team and the Ouray club swimming team, instructing children from six to 17 years of age in the latter pursuit. She also has served as a counselor and coach at the Notre Dame summer swimming camp on four occasions (1999-2001, '03).

### Head Coach Bailey Weathers on Carrie Nixon ...

"I'm really looking forward to working with Carrie. She did a great job as an athlete here, and she excelled in coaching at Clemson. I think her future in coaching is extremely bright. She adds a huge dimension to our program, understanding the University and what it takes to be a great athlete here at Notre Dame, and the sacrifices that go with that. She also has a wonderful personality, one that will really complement where we are going as a program."





**Casey Pepak**  
Student Assistant Coach  
Notre Dame '06

After suffering a career-ending injury, Casey Pepak will serve as a student volunteer assistant coach in 2004-05, helping Caiming Xie with the Notre Dame divers. Pepak, a junior at the University, was on the Irish roster in 2003-04, but saw limited action due to an injury.



Pepak, a native of Westfield, Mass., was a four-year letterwinner in diving at Westfield High School, earning all-conference honors four times and all-city accolades as a senior. Named the team's MVP in her first and final campaign, Pepak placed third at the 2000 Massachusetts state meet on the three-meter board and fourth in one-meter competition. She also was eighth in the 2002 New England Championships on the one-meter board. Pepak also was a standout for the Westfield tennis team, placing third in the state doubles tournament in 2001 after claiming the regional title. She was a four-time all-conference selection, as well as the team's captain in her final two seasons.

Born Oct. 20, 1982, in Holyoke, Mass., and the daughter of Mike and Sharon Pepak, she is enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business as an accounting major. Pepak comes from a family with strong Notre Dame ties, as her father is a 1969 graduate of the University, while her grandfather and brother Wil also went to Notre Dame.

**Matthew Warchol**  
Senior Manager  
Notre Dame '05

Matthew Warchol is in his second year with the women's swimming and diving program, serving as the team's senior manager in 2004-05. A native of Fairview Heights, Ill., and graduate of Althoff Catholic High School, Warchol handles daily administrative duties concerning team travel, equipment, meet management, and recruiting, as well as other assignments.



Prior to his involvement with the women's swimming and diving program, Warchol worked with the Irish football team, in 2003.

Born Feb. 23, 1983, and the son of Jerry and JoAnn Warchol, he is enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business and will graduate in May '05 with a degree in finance.

**Mike Danch**  
Assistant Athletics Director  
Notre Dame '67

A longtime member of the Notre Dame staff, Mike Danch was promoted to assistant athletics director for facilities and game manager for football in 2000 after serving as the director of athletic facilities since 1995. In this role, Danch is in charge of overseeing several varsity athletics facilities. He also served on the Athletic Department Master Plan Committee and is the sport administrator for the women's swimming and diving program.



A 1967 Notre Dame graduate, Danch took over as general manager of the Joyce Center in 1982 (holding that assignment until 1998) after serving 10 years as events manager.

In June of 1997, Danch was awarded an honorary monogram by the Notre Dame National Monogram Club and received the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley's 2002 Award of the Year.

Danch currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the South Bend YMCA, the South Bend Alumni Association, and the South Bend Hall of Fame selection committee. He also was a past president of the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley.

He is married to the former Conie Bass Frank of South Bend, and they are parents to five children — Laura, Lisa, Elizabeth, Michael and Brian.

**Bernard Muir**  
Deputy Director of Athletics  
Brown '90

Bernard Muir, formerly an eight-year staff member at the NCAA and the director of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship, is in his second year as a senior associate athletics director at Notre Dame after serving three years as the associate athletic director for student-athlete welfare and development at the school.



Muir oversees the Student Development Program, as well as the Student-Athlete Advisory Council. He also is the liaison with First Year of Studies, student affairs, admissions and special/talented students. In addition, Muir is involved with off-campus issues, as well as student-athlete conduct. He also assumes supervisory duties for the campus recreation, strength and conditioning, and athletic training programs at Notre Dame and continues in his role as sport administrator for four teams.

Before joining the NCAA, he gained administrative experience at Auburn, Brown, Butler and Ohio Universities, and with the Atlanta Falcons.

A 1990 graduate of Brown University with a bachelor's degree in organizational behavior and management, the Gainesville, Fla., native was a four-year letterwinner and co-captain of the Bears' basketball team. Muir then attended Ohio University and earned a master's in sports administration and facility management in 1992.

Born July 22, 1968, he and his wife, Liz, Notre Dame's assistant athletics director for rules education, have two daughters - Libby and Millie.

**Adam Sargent**  
Academic Advisor  
Notre Dame '99

Former Notre Dame lacrosse player Adam Sargent is in his fifth year as an academic advisor to the women's swimming and diving program. In addition to those responsibilities, Sargent oversees all academic-counseling duties for the baseball and men's and women's lacrosse programs. He is also currently pursuing a master's degree in mental health counseling.



Sargent, a '99 graduate of Notre Dame with a double major in both history and anthropology, was a member of the men's lacrosse team from 1994-97. While playing, the Irish won the Great Western Lacrosse League and advanced to the NCAA Tournament three times. During the 1997 season, Sargent started all 12 games, helping the Irish to a 9-3 record.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Sargent is single and lives in South Bend.

**Professor William Leahy**  
Academic Mentor  
Notre Dame '56, '60, '66

Professor William Leahy serves as an academic mentor for the Notre Dame athletic department. His duties include informing prospective student-athletes about academic options and opportunities at Notre Dame.



Professor Leahy has been at Notre Dame since 1952. He graduated in 1956 with a degree in the program of liberal studies. In 1960, he received his master's in economics, which he followed up in 1966 with a doctorate in economics.

A past chair of the economics department, Professor Leahy began teaching at Notre Dame in 1963. He currently serves as the Director of Undergraduate Advising for the economics department. In his time at the University, Professor Leahy has won the Caneb Teaching Award for Outstanding Teachers and has written over 200 articles and eight books over the course of his career.

He served on the Faculty Board under Rev. Edmund Joyce, C.S.C., and Rev. William Beauchamp, C.S.C. in two consecutive three-year terms between 1985 and 1991.

Leahy's wife, Sharon, is a teacher in Notre Dame's second-year Core program and five of his six children have graduated from Notre Dame.



**Sal Vallejo**  
**Assistant Athletic Trainer**  
**San Diego State '99**

Sal Vallejo is in his third season as an assistant athletic trainer at Notre Dame and his first working with the women's swimming and diving program. A 1999 graduate of San Diego State, Vallejo came to Notre Dame from Purdue University, where he was a Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer.



Vallejo began his career as the head student athletic trainer at Marion Catholic High School in Chula Vista, Calif., in 1999. He moved on to serve as an intern/student athletic trainer with the San Diego Chargers in 1999 - helping with the rehabilitation of various injuries with the team and organizing equipment and team supplies for road games. He made the trip to the American Bowl in Sydney, Australia, with the Chargers in '99.

Also a student athletic trainer at San Diego State from 1997-2000, Vallejo moved to Purdue in 2000 and eventually earned a master's degree in pedagogy and administration.

Vallejo was born July 7, 1975, in Hollister, Calif., and currently resides in South Bend.

**Lisa Shall**  
**Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach**  
**Slippery Rock '00**

Lisa Shall is in her second season as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Notre Dame and second working with the women's swimming and diving program.



Prior to her hiring at Notre Dame, Shall served as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Princeton for one year. While a member of the Tigers' staff, she organized and administered all aspects of strength and conditioning for a wide variety of Princeton's varsity sports. In addition to those duties, Shall worked specifically with the baseball, hockey, lacrosse, softball, and soccer programs.

In August of 2000, Shall began a two-year stint as graduate assistant for strength and conditioning at Columbia. Her duties with the Lions included design and implementation of strength training programs for the crew, lacrosse, cross country, softball, soccer, track and field, and volleyball teams. She also instructed the school's student athletes in proper exercise technique.

Shall spent the early part of '00 as a strength and conditioning intern at Pittsburgh, where she assisted in the development of strength training programs for a multitude of varsity sports.

Shall earned a bachelor's degree in exercise science from Slippery Rock University in May of 2000. While at the school, she served as a volunteer strength coach and personal trainer for student-athletes. She also has a master's degree in physical education from Columbia. She has received Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) status from the National Strength and Conditioning Association, and is certified in First Aid and CPR by the American Red Cross.

**Mandy Clark**  
**Sports Nutritionist**  
**Penn State '99**

Mandy Clark, a 1999 graduate of Penn State with a bachelor's degree in nutrition and a 2001 graduate of Texas A&M with a master's of science in nutrition, is in her second year as the first full-time sport nutritionist for intercollegiate athletics at Notre Dame. She works with all 26 varsity teams helping to enhance the athletic performance and general wellness of student-athletes through optimal food choices and eating behaviors.



Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Clark was the full-time registered dietitian at HealthTrack Sports Wellness Center in Glen Ellyn, Ill., where she worked with clients in the areas of weight management, sport nutrition, and general wellness. Clark was also an instructor of nutrition at Waubensee Community College in Sugar Grove, Ill.

While completing the Combined Master of Science/Dietetic Internship Program at Texas A&M, she created the opportunity to work with student-athletes on various varsity teams. While at A&M, Clark conducted a scientific investigation examining the dietary intake, body composition and performance of women soccer players.

During her senior year at Penn State, Clark was a student intern in the Center for Sport Nutrition where she first gained practical experience working with student-athletes on both varsity and club sports. Clark was also the nutrition assistant for housing and food services where she provided nutrition education for the athletes' training table.

A native of Chicago Heights, Ill., Clark was born Sept. 7, 1976. She currently resides in Granger, Ind.

**John Saylor**  
**Aquatics Facilities Manager**

After serving as the head pool operator for 17 years, John Saylor is in his third year as the Director of Aquatics at Notre Dame. Saylor is responsible for the water quality and upkeep of both the Rolfs Aquatic Center and the Rockne Memorial Pool, along with the 3,200-gallon whirlpool in the training room of Notre Dame Stadium. He also ensures that all users of the facilities are well served and satisfied with their experience and equipment.



Certified as a pool and aquatic facility operator, Saylor started working at Notre Dame in November of 1985, but was involved long before that in the building of the Rolfs Aquatic Center, working as part of the crew that constructed the facility. In 2000, Saylor was honored with the Presidents Award, given by Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., in recognition of outstanding contributions to the University of Notre Dame. Saylor also was honored with a service award by the local YMCA for helping with its pool problems.

Saylor and his wife Lynn have one son Josh, who swam for Notre Dame and was a monogram winner in 1996. They live in South Bend.

**Jeannie Schultheis**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
**Lake Michigan College '89**

Jeannie Schultheis is in her second year as the men's and women's swimming program's administrative assistant. She previously worked in the Notre Dame Ticket Office for nine years, seven of which were as a book-keeper and two of which were as a customer service representative.



Schultheis also works with the men's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, track and field, and the cheerleading programs at Notre Dame.

Born June 6, 1968, Schultheis is single and lives in South Bend.

**Bo Rottenborn**  
**Assistant Sports Information Director**  
**Notre Dame '03**

Bo Rottenborn is in his sixth year in the Notre Dame Sports Information Office but first working with the Irish women's swimming and diving team. He is in his first year as an assistant sports information director after serving previously as the sports information assistant for one year following four years as a student assistant. He serves as the primary contact for six sports, in addition to helping with the day-to-day operation of the office.



As a student assistant, Rottenborn became just the second undergraduate ever to work at events for all 26 Notre Dame varsity sports. In addition, he served summer internships for the Indianapolis Colts (2001) and the Akron Aeros, an Eastern League Double A baseball team (2000).

A native of Salem, Ohio, Rottenborn graduated *summa cum laude* from Notre Dame in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in history and political science. An active member of the South Bend Kiwanis Club, he was formerly the president of Notre Dame's Circle K, a Kiwanis-sponsored service organization.

Born July 6, 1980, Rottenborn was a National Merit Scholar at Salem High School, where he earned six varsity letters, and graduated as a valedictorian in 1999. He is single and lives in Mishawaka.



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