

# NOTRE DAME COACHING STAFF



*Head Coach Carrie Nixon and her assistant Joel White are starting their second season as the leaders of the Notre Dame women's swimming & diving team. Nixon carried on the great Irish tradition last season, as she led Notre Dame to its 10th consecutive BIG EAST swimming & diving title and seventh finish in the top-25 in the last nine years.*





**Carrie Nixon**

**Head Coach  
Second Season  
Notre Dame '02**

Carrie Nixon, one of the most decorated student-athletes in any sport in University of Notre Dame athletics history and an Irish assistant women's swimming coach in 2004-05, was named the fourth head women's swimming and diving coach in Irish history on May 13, 2005.

A 2002 Notre Dame graduate and former NCAA 50-meter freestyle record-holder who won 18 BIG EAST Conference titles and earned All-America honors on 12 occasions, Nixon is the first female student-athlete from Notre Dame ever to be hired at her alma mater as a head coach.

In her seven-year affiliation with the program - as a swimmer from 1997-98 to 2001-02, an assistant coach in 2004-05 and the head coach from 2005-06 - Nixon has helped Notre Dame win the BIG EAST championship each season. Additionally, the Irish have been in the top 30 at the NCAA Championships in all but one of those seven years - and they have been a regular presence in the national rankings, including the program's first-ever top-10 ranking in 1999-2000. Individually, the Nixon years have seen the Irish post 60 first-place finishes at the BIG EAST meet, earn 43 invitations to the NCAA Championships, and cop seven All-America accolades and 31 more honorable-mention All-America citations. Seventeen of the 19 current Notre Dame swimming records were set during Nixon's affiliation with the Irish.

"Carrie has a tremendous understanding of and appreciation for Notre Dame and specifically for Notre Dame swimming," says Notre Dame athletics director Kevin White.

"She has been a huge part of the success of our program, both in and out of the pool, and



*Carrie Nixon becomes the 28th former Notre Dame student-athlete to be hired as a head coach at their alma mater.*

she knows what is required when it comes to competing at the elite level of women's collegiate swimming. Carrie's vision for our program and where it's headed dovetails perfectly with our expectations for the future of women's swimming at Notre Dame."

Nixon was named head coach of the program in May of 2005 and continued the programs unparalleled success in her first season leading the Irish. Her team led by an honorable mention All-American Katie Carroll won its record tying 10th consecutive BIG EAST title in an exciting 18 point victory over Rutgers (705.5-687.5). Her first year saw the Irish set two school records (200 freestyle and 200 medley relay), while bringing home two individual titles at the BIG EAST Championships (400 IM and 200 breast-stroke) and 37 all-BIG EAST selections. Her team due to a poorly timed illness at NCAA Championships scored four points to placed 41st at the NCAA meet. The Irish finished the season ranked 24th nationally and was 6-2 in dual meets last season, with both losses coming to teams that were ranked.

Nixon returned to her alma mater in June 2004 to become an assistant coach. In her first year back at Notre Dame, Nixon helped the Irish to various heights, including winning 11 of 20 events - the second-most ever by Notre Dame in the meet - in cruising to a ninth consecutive BIG EAST championship with 804 points, the second-highest total in program history. Notre Dame then scored 32 points at the NCAA meet - its third-highest total ever - en route to a 24th-place tie in the team standings. The Irish were ranked as high as 21st in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) national dual-meet poll. Notre Dame went 6-3 in dual meets, with all three defeats coming against nationally-ranked squads.

semester (3.22) and were one of just five schools to rank in the top 30 in both fall GPA and at the NCAA Championships. The Irish also saw senior Kelli Barton selected as one of the University's three nominees for the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America women's at-large program. Formerly tabbed an Academic All-American by the CSCAA after reaching the NCAA Championships in 2002, she compiled a 3.934 GPA, having been named to the Dean's List in all seven of her semesters.

Individually, the 2004-05 campaign saw some of the top performances in program history, as well as marked improvement for Notre Dame's top student-athletes. Carroll turned in the second-highest finish ever by an Irish swimmer at the NCAA meet - behind only Nixon's 50-free swim in 2000 - in taking sixth in the 400 individual medley. She also broke her own Irish records in both the 200-yard individual medley and the 400-yard IM, while posting a lifetime best in the 200 butterfly at the NCAA meet, as well. Carroll was the BIG EAST Championships high-point scorer, and she nearly joined Nixon in the elite club of Notre Dame swimmers to have won seven titles in seven swims at the BIG EAST meet, ending up with six race victories.

Perry-Eaton turned in the second-best result ever by an Notre Dame diver in the national championships (fifth in one-meter action) and tied conference records by both winning her fifth career BIG EAST diving title and being named the league meet's Most Outstanding Diver for the third consecutive year. In her final meet, Perry-Eaton broke the Rolfs Aquatic Center championship-meet records off both springboards. She also broke her own one-meter dual-meet school record and claimed the BIG EAST Championships record in three-meter action.

The 2004-05 squad was just the second in Notre Dame history to feature an All-American in both swimming (sophomore Katie Carroll) and diving (fifth-year senior Meghan-Perry Eaton). The only other squad to have achieved that was the 2001-02 team, for which Nixon was the swimming All-American.

The Irish also excelled academically in Nixon's first year on staff, as they ranked 29th in Division I in team grade-point average in the fall

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*"Notre Dame is about a lot of things - tradition, community, service, family, commitment, hard work, loyalty, passion, strength - but it's also so much more. Each person who passes through this place feels some incredible sense of ownership as they leave their mark - touched in some way by the magic that surrounds campus. Notre Dame is about PRIDE. Pride in our country, pride in our families, pride in our body of work. It's about feeling great when you're here and longing for it when you're away."*

*"You see, to me, bleeding blue and gold means giving back. It means returning the favor to all those who made your experience what it was, and gifting your good fortune to the next generation. That's why I became a coach in the first place - to help new athletes feel the same pride and strength from their hard work - and it's why, when given the chance to return, I didn't flinch. Having the honor now to lead this Irish team, to take everything I have learned and give it back to the team that I love - simply amazing. Simply perfect."*

**- Carrie Nixon**

The 2004-05 squad also reasserted Notre Dame as the dominant relay force in the BIG EAST, as the Irish won four of the five relays after taking first in just three total relays since Nixon's graduation. The highlight was the 800 free relay, which broke the Notre Dame record with a time of 7:16.95 and just missed a trip to the NCAA meet, ending up as the 16th-fastest in Division I (the top 13 make the national championships).

Nixon was previously 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 NCAA meet for the first time since 1989, were 13-2-1 (4-1-1 in Atlantic Coast Conference competition) 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 ACC Championships. The women's team was 10-5 (1-4 in the ACC) - its highest win total since 1988 - and finished fifth in the ACC meet.

Three Clemson swimmers earned invitations to the NCAA meet, with a pair of them 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 plus 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.

Four 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 tabbed an All-American twice and on 10 other occasions named honorable mention All-America, with that total of 12 All-America citations standing as the most in program history. She won 18 BIG EAST titles - six individual and 12 relays - standing 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 be the top qualifier in any event at the NCAA Championships, and finished fourth at the NCAA meet in the 50 free, 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), an accomplishment still unequaled in Irish history.

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 the 10 best times in program history in the 50 free, as well as the top nine in the 100 free. Nixon also swam on three relay teams that still hold Irish records: the 200 free (1:32.01), 400 free (3:21.25) and the 400 medley (3:40.98). The BIG EAST



*Carrie Nixon ended her career in 2001-02 as one of the most accomplished and decorated student-athletes in Notre Dame history. She was a two-time All-American, 10-time honorable mention All-America and won 18 BIG EAST championship titles.*

Championships records still feature her 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 women's swimming MVP, also participated in the United States 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 and Letters as a pre-professional 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.

Born Sept. 20, 1978, in Montrose, Colo., 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 free. Nixon was named the 1996 Colorado Sportswoman of the Year and the Colorado 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).

Nixon will lead a program that has scored points in the NCAA meet in each of the last 11 years (and 15 of the last 17), finishing in the top 25 seven times in the last 10 years. Notre Dame has won 10 consecutive BIG EAST titles, which is tied for the longest string in conference history in any sport. The Irish this season return their top competitor in all 14 individual swimming events.



**Caiming Xie**

**Diving Coach  
12th Season  
Beijing Institute of  
Physical Education '85**

Now in 29th year of his 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 12th 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 combined for five BIG EAST titles, seven appearances in the NCAA Championships, and eight 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 four occasions, including

in the BIG EAST in 1999, 2004, 2005, 2006. The last four seasons have been the most successful in Irish women's diving history, featuring five BIG EAST titles, five All-America honors, and three BIG EAST Championships Most-Outstanding-Diver awards.

In 2006, Caiming molded two women's diver into all-BIG EAST performers in the three-meter dive as freshman Lucy Hirt was the runner up while her sophomore teammate Tara Hyer placed third in the same event at the BIG EAST Championships. For his efforts, Caiming captured his fourth BIG EAST Coach of the Year Award.

From 2003-05, Perry-Eaton turned in the most impressive two-year stretch ever by an Irish diver, as she was beaten just one time during the regular season before sweeping the springboard events at the 2004 and 2005 BIG EAST Championships en route to being tabbed the meet's top diver. Perry-Eaton was the first Notre Dame diver ever to win a title at the NCAA Zone C Championships in 2004, 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. She followed up with a fifth-place finish in one-meter diving at the '05 NCAA meet.

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 - her first of three consecutive diver-of-the-year awards. 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.

Perry-Eaton finished her career holding 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 competition (586.43) and 10-meter platform championship action (336.60). Additionally she 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 developed 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.

## 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, 2005 and 2006 BIG EAST Diving Coach of the Year



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

## Assistant Coach



**Assistant Coach  
Second Season  
Wisconsin-Milwaukee '02**

Joel White is in his second season as an assistant coach with the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team. A 2002 graduate of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, White spent his first season as an assistant at Notre Dame last year.

Last year with the Irish, White aided Notre Dame win its 10 consecutive BIG EAST Championship. He helped coached two BIG EAST Champions (Katie Carroll-400 IM and Julia Quinn-200 breaststroke) and twelve Irish swimmers and divers that were all-BIG EAST in 37 events in his first year with the team.

Previous to the working with Notre Dame, White worked as an assistant at Utah.

The women's team enjoyed a banner year at Utah in 2004-05, finishing the dual meet season 9-0 and 7-0 in Mountain West Conference competition. The team also claimed its first MWC regular-season title and finished third at the conference championship meet, setting nine school records at the conference competition. Combined, the Utah men's and women's team earned 39 all-conference individual honors and six relays also earned all-conference accolades from the Mountain West. Utah also was solid outside of the pool, earning 26 academic all-conference certificates in 2004-05.

A native of Austin, Texas, White has been highly active in the University of Texas swimming program, working the program's summer camp from 2000-2005. White also was the head swimming coach at Homestead High School in Mequon, Wis., from 2001-03, leading the team to nine All-America honors, five individual state championships and two relay state titles.

White graduated from Wisconsin-Milwaukee in December of 2002 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He swam all four years at UWM and was a nine-time conference finalist and team co-captain in 1999-200 and 2000-01. He specialized in the 400 individual medley, 500 freestyle and 200 backstroke during his collegiate career. White finished eighth at the 2001 Horizon League Championship in the 200 backstroke and ninth in both the 500 freestyle and 400 individual medley.

In 1998-99, White finished fifth in the 400 IM at the Horizon League (then called the MCC) and also competed in the 500 freestyle (ninth) and 1,650 freestyle (12th). He earned the team's Captain's Award at the conclusion of both his freshman and sophomore seasons.

White also added a master's degree from the University of Utah in exercise and sport science with an emphasis in psychosocial aspects of sport in May of 2005.



### 2006-07 Women's Swimming & Diving Team

Bottom Row (Left to Right): Rebecca Grove, Katie Carroll, Jessica Stephens, Ashlee Edgell, Katie Guida, Claire Riggins, Morgan Bullock, Claire Johnson, Maggie Behrens

Second Row: Ann Barton, Megan Farrell, Zeina Shanata, Casey Wagner, Tiffany Robak, Stacey Nedrud, Julia Quinn, Megan Linnelli, Tara Hyer

Third Row: Gina Mancini, Natalie Burke, Chrissy Gonzalez, Meghan Casey, Natalie Stitt, Katie Hopkins, Claire Hutchinson, Annie Sweeney, Abby Strang

Top Row: Mike Laubacher, Kevin Osborne, Carrie Nixon, Mary Grace Godfrey, Colleen Bauza, Raine Paulson-Andrew, Keri Masterson, Ellen Johnson, Lexie Shue, Lucy Hirt, Georgia Steenberge, Patricia Duret, Vivian Healey, Laura Kerls, Joel White, Caiming Xie

Not Picture: Kelly Battle

**Kevin Osborne  
Senior Manager  
Notre Dame '07**

Kevin Osborne will serve as Notre Dame's senior manager for the 2006-07 season – his second with the program. He is responsible for the team travel arrangements, equipment distribution and day-to-day administrative duties in unison with the Irish coaching staff. Osborne spend the first semester of his junior year working with the 2005 football team.



An environmental science major in the College of Sciences, Osborne is a 2003 graduate of the Oak Park High School in Illinois and swam competitively during his prep career, where he served as team captain each of his final two seasons. Osborne also played three years of soccer and ran track for four years.

A native of Oak Forest, Ill., and the son of John and Mare Osborne, he was born Aug. 8, 1984.

**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.

**Laura Kerls  
Academic Advisor  
Notre Dame '04**

Laura Kerls is in her second year as an academic counselor and first year as an academic counselor to the women's swimming and diving program. In addition to those responsibilities, Kerls oversees all academic-counseling duties for men's swimming, baseball, men's and women's fencing and men's and women's golf programs.



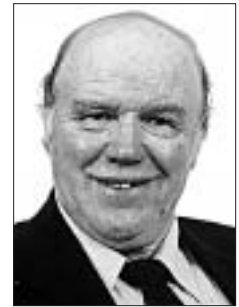
Kerls, formerly Laura Metzger, is a 2004 graduate of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. While a student at Notre Dame, Laura worked as a student manager to the football team her junior fall semester and senior year. Additionally she was the head personnel manager for the Notre Dame Men's Basketball team.

Following graduation, Kerls committed a year to volunteer service in Chicago working at a food pantry and visiting the homebound elderly.

A native of Bemus Point, N.Y., Laura recently married Matt Kerls, also a 2004 graduate of Notre Dame, and the couple resides in Mishawaka.

**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.



*The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving program, under the direction of strength and conditioning coach Elisa Angeles, takes advantage of the brand new Haggar Fitness Center in the Guglielmino Athletics Complex. Both facilities were dedicated in the fall of 2005.*

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



Sal Vallejo is in his fifth season as an assistant athletic trainer at Notre Dame and his third 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.

**Elisa Angeles**  
**Asst. Strength &**  
**Conditioning Coach**  
**Ball State '03**



Elisa Angeles is in her first season as the assistant strength and conditioning coach at Notre Dame and her first working with the women's swimming and diving program. She also works with women's soccer team, women's lacrosse team, women's cross country team as well as the men's swimming and diving team.

Prior to her hiring at Notre Dame, Angeles served as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Iowa State for two years. At ISU she assisted with the design and implementation of programs for 18 BIG IX Conference varsity team's. She also designed and coordinated seven programs (soccer, softball, diving, women's track, women's cross country, men's & women's golf).

In August of 2003, Angeles began a two-year stint as a graduate assistant for strength and conditioning at Iowa State University. Her duties with the Cyclones include assisting in program design and implementation for 18 BIG IX Conference varsity teams. She also assisted Human Health Performance Department with presentation and scheduled team usage of Glen Brand Strength & Conditioning Facility.

Angeles earned a bachelor's degree in exercise science with a minor in sports medicine from Ball State University in May of 2003. While at school, she served as a student volunteer in the training room and the the Human Performance Lab. She also has a master's degree in higher education from Iowa State. She has received Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) status from the National Strength and Conditioning.

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



After serving as the head pool operator for 17 years, John Saylor is in his fifth 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.

**Sue Halasz**  
**Administrative**  
**Assistant**  
**Michiana College of**  
**Commerce '90**



Sue Halasz is in her first year as the men's and women's swimming program's administrative assistant. She also works with the men's hockey team as a senior staff assistant. She previously held positions in the following offices around the campus: Athletics Business Office, Human Resources and the Controllers's Office

The South Bend native has an associates degree in secretarial science from Michiana College of Commerce and an associates degree in Business Administration from Indiana University of South Bend. She and her husband Jim have two children, Hope & Glenn.

**Joe Prisco**  
**Sports Information**  
**Assistant**  
**Eastern Illinois '00**



Joe Prisco is in his first year as Notre Dame's sports information assistant and serves as the primary contact for volleyball, women's swimming & diving, and softball.

Prisco joined the staff after two years as an intern in the media relations office of Coastal Carolina University, where he worked as a contact for CCU's nationally-ranked men's soccer program, as well as volleyball, cross country, indoor and outdoor track & field, men's tennis and softball.

Prior to Coastal, he worked as a volunteer in Saint Xavier (Ill.) University's sports information department and as an assistant general manager for the Thomasville Hi-Toms, a college development baseball team in North Carolina, for a summer.

The Evergreen Park, Ill., native earned his bachelor's degree in speech communication in 1999 and a master's degree in sports administration in 2000 from Eastern Illinois University, where he was a student assistant in the sports information office.

Born June 15, 1977, Prisco is single and resides in Mishawaka.



*The Rolfs Aquatic Center falls under the direction of Aquatics Facilities Manager John Saylor. Notre Dame boasts one of the finest swimming facilities in the Midwest.*

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