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Today@ND launches Wednesday, June 1

News of interest to faculty and staff now available online

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY, NDWORKS

The Office of Public Affairs and Communications (OPAC) is pleased to announce the Wednesday, June 1, launch of **Today@ND** (today.nd.edu) the University's new internal communications daily news and events website.

Today@ND joins a suite of internal communications tools including **NDWorks**, **TheWeek@ND**, and **calendar.nd.edu**.

"Our job in internal communications is to try, as best we can, to keep people updated on what is happening on campus," says Todd Woodward, OPAC assistant vice president for marketing communications.

"The truth is that proliferation of communications tools has increased expectations. The expectation of the campus consumer is like the rest of

the world: I want the information I care about now, and in the ways I want to receive it. Our focus over the last year—and moving forward—is to provide relevant information to campus in a timely manner across many different platforms," he says. "OIT has been critical in helping us develop new and more advanced platforms to deliver this information."

Today@ND offers an easy-to-navigate, focused site for internal communications—providing timely and relevant information on events around campus, as well as news, features, staff recognition and University-wide communications. The site is optimized for mobile devices, allowing easy access via smartphone.

Today@ND also includes continually updated stories from Notre Dame News, a link to the University's online calendar and the InsideND login page, archives of NDWorks and TheWeek, campus deals and discounts, health and

fitness information and activities of interest to families.

Other communications tools are undergoing some changes as well:

Beginning Tuesday, May 31 (after the Memorial Day Holiday), watch for the re-designed **TheWeek@ND** in your email inbox every Monday morning. The new, more readable design features a single column of text rather than two columns.

InsideND (inside.nd.edu) will soon debut a new login page designed to integrate with **Today@ND** and **TheWeek@ND**.

NDWorks will continue publishing a monthly print edition 10 times per year, making campus news available to those employees who lack regular computer access at work.

We'd like your input: After you visit **Today@ND**, please send comments and suggestions to Carol C. Bradley, managing editor, at bradley.7@nd.edu.

Paperless expense reporting promises smoother process

University to adopt online process by July 1 via travelND

The University is phasing out the expense reimbursement paper form by July 1, in favor of the online expense reporting system found at travel.nd.edu. John Affleck-Graves, executive vice president, announced the change in a letter to the campus community in early March.

A robust training and support system is in place to help manage the transition, and a new certification program is helping place Super Users throughout the campus to mentor faculty and staff as they learn the system. More than 400 faculty and staff already have been trained to use

travelND. New users can be trained by going to endeavor.nd.edu and searching "travel" or "expense."

The electronic expense reporting process manages all expenses—travel, entertainment and other business expenses—and is a feature of the new **travelND** program introduced last fall. A cutting-edge tool, Concur, allows travelers to book their plans and file expense information online in a way that streamlines the approval process and merges travel and expense data. The Concur tool provides the same streamlined input and approval process for non-travel expenses.

Early adopters of **travelND**, such as Sarah Greene, associate director of the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), have embraced the experience with enthusiasm.

"The efficiency impressed my department immediately," said Greene, whose colleagues travel the country to visit schools where ACE teachers are assigned.

ACE travelers soon discovered such advantages as being able to capture and file receipts by using a smartphone application. "We complete expense reports in the airport while we're waiting for connecting flights," she said. "When we've returned, we find the reimbursement in the bank."

In Accounts Payable, where reimbursement forms are processed, most phone calls are inquiries from staff or faculty concerning the status of their reimbursements. Under the online system, users can track the reimbursement process from approval



through payment, Paul VanDieren, assistant controller of Payment and Procurement Services, said.

Each year, the University manages 22,000 reimbursement requests through a paper process that included multiple steps in photocopying, document delivery, clerical filing and, ultimately, approval. With each report requiring numerous attachments and multiple copies, the electronic system is expected to save nearly 400,000 sheets of paper, the equivalent of 800 reams or 100 trees, according to Erin Hafner, Office of Sustainability program manager.

The online system is more adept at providing prompts that will ensure the reimbursement request is compliant. "In the past, the report might make it all the way to Accounts Payable office before someone discovered a missing element," VanDieren said. "Both the approval and the check and balance process are speeding reimbursements to faculty and staff."

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The University's new internal communications news and events site, Today@ND (today.nd.edu) goes live Wednesday, June 1.



Faculty milestones



Old2Gold



Relay for Life



Change of command

NEWS BRIEFS

ARTS AND LETTERS 'MAJORS CARDS' WIN NATIONAL DESIGN AWARD

A new suite of promotional cards showcasing academic majors in the **College of Arts and Letters** has won a certificate of excellence in the 2011 American Inhouse Design Awards (AIDA). The competition attracted more than 4,000 entries from



our work recognized by our peers," says Marie Blakey, director of communications for the College. "But even more gratifying has been the feedback we have gotten directly from students who tell us how much more engaging and accessible these materials are."

In addition to Blakey, the editorial and design team included Chantelle Snyder, the College's graphic designer; Joanna Basile, communications

specialist; and Jeff Ganger, an independent freelance designer.

The AIDA prizes awarded annually by Graphic Design USA showcase the work of

professionals in design, marketing and communications. Participants include organizations ranging from publishing houses to corporations to universities.

across the country; only 15 percent were recognized with an award.

The card deck introduces students to the many topics, issues and questions each major explores. Cards include information about courses of study in the College as well as special opportunities for its undergraduate students to do independent research, study abroad, acquire advanced language skills and plan for life after graduation.

The innovative cards replaced a series of traditional-format brochures and were designed in both content and format to ignite students' imaginations and drive them online to find more information.

"We are very pleased to have

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2011 PRESIDENTIAL TEAM IRISH AWARDS

The **Presidential Team Irish Award** program provides a special and unique opportunity to publicly recognize staff teams that exemplify the University's Core Values on behalf of their department and the University. The recognition of a significant accomplishment, collaboration or initiative where the core values were demonstrated will occur during each of the home football games.

Presidential Team Irish Award winners collaborate on a project, process or initiative that significantly advances the University's mission, organizational goals and/or departmental goals while exemplifying the University's core values of integrity, accountability, teamwork, leadership in mission and leadership in excellence. Nomination forms are available at hr.nd.edu/awards-recognition.

'NOTRE DAME INTERNATIONAL' NOW HOUSED IN THE MAIN BUILDING

Several offices on campus are coming together under a new title—**Notre Dame International**—and have moved into new quarters in 105 Main Building.

International Student Services & Activities (ISSA), ISSA programs and the Immigration Services Office will share a location with the Office of International Studies and the offices of Nicholas Entrikin, vice president and associate provost for internationalization.

THEOLOGIAN LAWRENCE CUNNINGHAM RECEIVES THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND'S HIGHEST HONOR

Lawrence S. Cunningham, John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology, received the University of Portland's highest honor, the **Christus Magister Medal**, at the university's 2011 commencement exercises on May 8.

Cunningham, a scholar of systematic theology and culture, Christian spirituality and the history of Christian spirituality, joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1987, having taught at Florida State University for the previous 21 years.

An award-winning teacher who chaired Notre Dame's Department of Theology from 1992 to 1997, he also has written for a wide variety of scholarly and popular journals, contributed numerous articles to encyclopedias and dictionaries of religion, and is the author or editor of some 25 books, including, most recently, "Things Seen and Unseen: A Catholic Theologian's Notebook."

The recipient of numerous honors for his writing from the Catholic Press Association, Cunningham also has received honorary degrees from Bellarmine University, Neumann College, and Saint Anselm's College.

IN MEMORIAM: MARY HAMANN

Mary K. Hamann, director of communications for the Mendoza College of Business, died of natural causes on April 22 while on a visit to Paraguay for her daughter Kate's wedding. She was 50 years old.

Hamann began working at Notre Dame in June 2000 as Mendoza's manager of administration and operations. She subsequently served as the director of Web content and publications beginning in 2003 before taking the position of director of communications in 2004. She also was the editor of Notre Dame Business, alumni magazine of the Mendoza College, and produced a range of print and online articles and publications.



Hamann

"The death of Mary Hamann is a tremendously sad event for the University of Notre Dame, the Mendoza College and for myself personally," said Carolyn Y. Woo, Martin J. Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College. "She was a faithful colleague and a very good friend whose judgment was always balanced and considerate of all parties involved. Through her writing and editorial judgment, she was the voice for our College in so many ways.

"Her love for her family and Notre Dame, her strong faith and her kind-hearted generosity were evident in all that she did. She was the calm shelter in every storm. We grieve her as a friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband, Mike, her children and her extended family."

Advancing Our Vision

May 19, 2011

Dear Colleagues:

About three months ago, I formed a committee to undertake a thorough review of our budget and identify \$20 million to \$40 million in recurring expenses or potential revenue that can be redirected to fund new initiatives. The goal is to continue the University's forward momentum in a challenging economic climate that has forced some of our peers to take a step away from their goals with major budget cuts.

Primary among our priorities are resources for financial aid to meet the needs of undergraduate students and improve their experience, for new faculty positions to further strengthen teaching and research, for graduate student support to make our packages more competitive with our peers, and for enhanced staff support and infrastructure to accomplish our educational mission.

I am pleased to report that since my announcement in mid-February, the Strategic Funding Committee has met regularly and considered a wide range of ideas. Co-chaired by Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves and Provost Tom Burish, the committee forwarded an initial set of recommendations for my review after its last meeting on May 17.

I am grateful to the entire University community for engaging with the goal of the Advancing Our Vision initiative by contributing suggestions to the website. There were more than 200 recommendations; some were considered by the Strategic Funding Committee, while others will require more research and analysis over the summer.

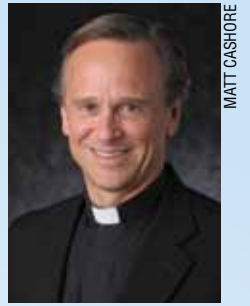
To analyze their options, the Strategic Funding Committee formed a working group that has been meeting weekly to conduct extensive research on the viability and possible implementation of the ideas under discussion. The working group gathered and analyzed data, benchmarked potential ideas against AAU institutions and sent recommendations to the Strategic Funding Committee. Some ideas were recommended and accepted; others were referred for further study; some were rejected. I am especially grateful to these two groups for the many hours of work they have put into this effort.

The working group will continue to analyze additional ideas over the summer, and these topics will be presented to the Strategic Funding Committee when it reconvenes in early fall. These discussions could result in more proposals being forwarded to me for review as the committee reaches toward the higher ranges of its initial target.

We are planning a Town Hall meeting for early in the fall semester to review the recommendations that I have approved. This will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the initiative and to learn about other ideas that are still under consideration. The Strategic Funding Committee is expected to wrap up its work in September, but I hope that the spirit of finding resources within our budget to invest in our top priorities will continue to advance our vision in some form. When I started this initiative, I said that the campus community must make sacrifices in order to sustain our momentum and shape a prosperous future for Notre Dame. Those sacrifices will be felt in a more personal way as we begin to implement the reallocations required to fund our priorities. I ask you all to remember the purpose of this initiative. I believe that the work done so far, and the work that is ongoing, will allow us to build on our successes and make the next five years even more exciting for Notre Dame.

In Notre Dame,

Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
President



Father Jenkins

HOLY CROSS ORDINATION



Rev. Paul M. Ybarra, C.S.C., (left) and Rev. John Britto Antony, C.S.C., were ordained as priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross on April 30 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.



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Submit story ideas, questions and comments to ndworks@nd.edu or contact Carol C. Bradley, 631-0445 or bradley.7@nd.edu.

Your internal communications toolbox

TODAY@ND

... updated daily, is your online campus information resource. Visit today.nd.edu beginning June 1.

Resources include events, news and features, feeds from Notre Dame News and the University calendar, announcements of service anniversaries and new employees, and campus-wide announcements.



Click **Today@ND** to return to the home page at any time.

In the event of a **campus emergency**, a notice box will appear at the top of the page.

Find out what's happening on campus with a guide to **daily events and activities**.



THE CALENDAR

Visit calendar.nd.edu for a list of all campus events by day, week or month, as well as by category (arts and entertainment, athletics). Download categories or individual events directly into your Outlook or Google calendar.

THE WEEK AT ND

... a weekly summary of upcoming events and opportunities for faculty and staff, arrives in your inbox Tuesday, May 31, with an updated look and more readable one-column format.



NDWORKS

... the faculty/staff newspaper, will continue to publish 10 times per year. To download a pdf of the most recent issue, or to access back issues from 2004 to the present, visit Today@ND and click the "NDWorks Archive" tab.



Delivery of NDWorks more art than science



Mail clerk Cindy Rice.

CAROL C. BRADLEY

Issues are distributed individually only once per year

BY CAROL BRADLEY, NDWORKS

Some offices get too many copies ... some get too few. What's up with NDWorks delivery?

Issues of NDWorks are delivered to the mailroom in individual buildings. A number of copies are then delivered to each office, but not one for every person in the department.

"We mean for people to share them, or pass them on," says **Carol Denney**, manager of mail distribution services for campus. Some offices want a few copies for all to share, while others request a copy for every staffer in the department. Other offices like to have 10 or 15 extra copies in the reception area for visitors to pick up.

Delivering a specific number of issues

to every office on campus would take far too much sorting and delivery time to be practical, says Denney. "It would be old news by the time you got it," she says.

Is NDWorks sustainable? The paper is printed on recyclable newsprint, and any unused or returned issues are recycled promptly. Running notices in NDWorks also saves University resources by reducing the number of fliers, postcards and other mailers sent out by departments.

Once a year, NDWorks is sent out addressed to individuals—that's to accommodate federally mandated notices that the Office of Human Resources must send to every employee annually (summary annual reports for retirement plans, for example). Each of those notices printed in NDWorks saves the University the expense of more than 6,000 pieces of mail.

The print issue of the paper is also accessible to the 20 percent of staff who

lack computer access at work—and those who prefer to read in print rather than online. By way of comparison, NDWorks prints a little more than 58,000 copies per year—the Observer prints 1.3 million copies per year.

If your office is receiving too many copies of NDWorks (or isn't receiving enough), please contact the person in charge of mail distribution in your building for assistance. If the number of copies per building needs to be adjusted, please contact Denney at 631-6274.

Extra copies of NDWorks can be returned to the mail distribution center in a campus mail envelope. For any other questions regarding NDWorks printing and delivery, please feel free to contact Carol C. Bradley, managing editor, at 631-0445 or bradley.7@nd.edu.

Thesis project proposes expansion of Robinson Center

Architecture student's concept is to mark RCLC as the heart of the neighborhood

BY KEVIN CALDWELL, SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Since Eddy Street Commons opened last year, shops, restaurants, condominiums and offices have sprouted just south of campus.

New housing options and a commercial district now connect campus and the South Bend community—new development that could eventually stretch as far south as Notre Dame's Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC) at 921 N. Eddy St.

Against this backdrop, fifth-year architecture student Tiffany Tran developed a thesis project to expand the footprint of the Center from 7,500 square feet to 55,000 to include meeting rooms, art and dance studios, and technology classrooms.

The focal point of the proposed building, says Tran, is a tower to orient people to the site that would be visible from the University and nearby Perley Primary Fine Arts Academy. Tran says the idea behind the tower was "to mark the Center as the heart of the neighborhood."

Tran's thesis project was praised by Robinson Center officials as a model of new urbanism. A tenet of the School of Architecture, new urbanism is a movement that promotes the creation and restoration of diverse, walkable, compact, vibrant, mixed-use communities.

New urbanist communities incorporate housing, offices, shops, entertainment, schools, parks and civic facilities essential to the daily lives of the residents, all within walking distance of each other. Tran's plan calls for open plazas, market-rate apartments over storefronts and pedestrian-only avenues.

"New urbanism brings community back in its truest sense," says Tran.

"My goal was to physically connect the Center with the University, Perley and the surrounding neighborhood."

Having served as a receptionist at the Center the past two academic years, and working under Jay Caponigro, Notre Dame's director of community engagement and the Center's former director, Tran developed an understanding of its diverse work—from tutoring neighborhood students, to GED and English-as-a-second-language courses, to yoga classes. "She really did her research," said Jennifer Knapp Beudert, manager of the Robinson Center.

Tran, a native of Southern California, flew back to Notre Dame in July before her fifth year to begin talking with staff, board members and participants at the Center.

She got to know South Bend outside of a university classroom, which resident and Robinson board co-chair Jasmine Brown appreciated. "[Tran's plan] connected and united the University and the [Robinson Community] center," Brown says, "That's what the residents want."

The board's other co-chair, Mike Ball, thinks Tran's vision could restore the vibrancy the Northeast Neighborhood had in the 1970s.

"There was constant walking traffic," Ball remembers.

Where the Center now sits used to be a social beacon, with bars and cafes and other businesses on every corner, Brown says. "Since it was walked constantly," he adds, "it made a connection between the University and town."

As her presentation drew to a close, the board members were delighted to see a former student worker still committed to the center's progress. "She really should show this to the city," Ball said. "I'd welcome that unequivocally."

KARA KELLY



Fifth-year architecture student Tiffany Tran presents her thesis project to the Robinson Community Learning Center board of directors.

Easter Baskets for the Homeless Center



The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College, spearheaded by Heidi Lamm, storeroom coordinator in the physics department, honored Father Ted's 94th birthday by putting together 58 Easter baskets for children under the age of 18 at the Center for the Homeless.

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Take Ten



Students (above) enjoyed activities including facepainting, as well as refreshments, games and a performance by the First Class Steppers. Every participant received a Take Ten T-shirt. At right, a student salutes South Bend Police Chief Darryl Boykins.

PHOTOS: MATT CASHORE



Students from local schools, Boys and Girls Clubs and community centers visited the University Thursday, May 5, to celebrate the Robinson Community Learning Center's Take Ten violence prevention initiative. The event, held at Stepan Center, included visits by Chief Darryl Boykins of the South Bend Police Department and Superintendent James Kapsa of the South Bend Community School Corporation. Take Ten encourages young people to "Talk it out, walk it out and wait it out as a means to resolve conflict peacefully." The program reaches 8,000 children at 12 local schools. For more information on the program, visit rclc.nd.edu/programs/take-ten/.

Presidential Awards honor staff

Seven honored at recognition dinner

FROM THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Velshonna Luckey, Lawrence Robinson, Tony Yelovich and **Nancy O'Connor** were honored with the **Presidential Values Award** at the 2011 Service Recognition Dinner Monday, May 23. The award recognizes employees whose performance reflects the University's core values of integrity, accountability, teamwork, leadership in mission and leadership in excellence.

Luckey, youth development director for the Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC), oversees the center's afterschool program. The RCLC's slogan is "Changing lives, one relationship at a time," something Luckey sees as a call to action. She helped develop the award-winning Lego Robotics Club, the award-winning Robinson Shakespeare Company and the Biology Club. She also leads the Talk With Your Baby program and the College Prep Freeway program, as well as the Youth Development and Leadership Training program and Healthy Families program. "A true leader, Luckey is truly changing lives, as well as helping strengthen the relationship between South Bend and Notre Dame."

Robinson, custodian at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, is dedicated to the center's care and maintenance. He never shirks his responsibilities, even when they're not pleasant. When there have been accidents on stage, he notes, he just goes up and does his job. "While the band keeps playing, he keeps mopping!" Robinson, who sees

his job as a blessing, has been with the University more than 35 years, during which time he's missed only one day of work.

Yelovich, assistant athletics director, has received many compliments ("Truly goes above and beyond." "Amazing work, effort and preparation.") from teams the University has hosted. Yelovich consistently ensures that the nearly 200 teams visiting campus each year enjoy a positive experience that reflects the University's core values. He arrived on campus with Lou Holtz in 1986, coaching in a variety of positions for eight seasons, and worked three years as the team's recruiting coordinator, moving into an administrative position in 1994. Since then he has helped visiting Division 1 and Olympic athletes find places to stay, eat, see and worship.

O'Connor, supervisor of administration in the College of Engineering's Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering, provides administrative support to the department chairperson but also functions as a consultant and adviser to the chair on administrative matters. "She consistently displays a willingness to work to the best of her ability... faced with the unfortunate illness and passing of her supervisor, Dr. John Renaud, Nancy took on additional responsibilities, taking her commitment to the University's mission—and her colleague and friend—to an extraordinary professional and personal level."

The **Presidential Achievement Award**, presented in recognition of breakthrough initiatives, extraordinary innovations and significant contributions to the University's long-term success, was awarded to **Maureen Collins, Sue Walczewski** and **Dave Ludwig**.

Collins, data and reporting manager in the Dean's Office, Graduate School, began her career at the University in 2001 as a receptionist, but due to her exceptional computer skills and dedication to teamwork, she has been given increasing levels of responsibility, "rising to meet the challenges and exceed the expectations of each new role." She created a program to monitor students' progress toward a degree, and convened and oversaw a committee to oversee the recently established Graduate School Commencement ceremony.

Walczewski, supervisor of payroll operations, helped the University take advantage of tax incentives for hiring unemployed workers under the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act. She worked with HR to document eligibility, directed payroll system programming changes and trained users in payroll setup, and worked with OIT to create audit reports and prepare and file the relevant tax forms. The change lasted nine months, but Walczewski's work saved the University nearly \$220,000.

Ludwig, director of IT and analytics in the Investment Office, earned both his undergraduate degree and MBA from the University. After a stint in audit and advisory services, he joined the investment office in 1988, where he's played an integral leadership role in advancing the technological and data warehousing capabilities of the investment office. Today he is in charge of all internal reporting and investment analytics as well as all IT-related initiatives for the Investment Office.



Luckey



Robinson



Yelovich



O'Connor



Collins



Walczewski



Ludwig

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PHOTOS: CAROL C. BRADLEY

Ceremony honors 36 staffers who earned associate degrees

In early May, the University celebrated the first Ivy Tech Community College/Learning at Work graduating class. Thirty-six staffers were awarded an associate degree of applied science in business administration. Another 14 staffers received technical certificates. At right, graduates and their families listen to speakers including Bob McQuade (lower left), the University's vice president for human resources, and Thomas Snyder, president of Ivy Tech.



Office of the Provost announces

The University congratulates faculty members whose new appointments and emerita/emeritus designations were announced.

TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL SPECIALIST



Tara A. MacLeod
Irish Language and Literature



Tadeusz R. Mazurek
Classics



Ivis M. Menes
Romance Languages and Literatures



Joseph B. Stanfiel
College of Arts and Letters



Andrea L. Topash-Ríos
Romance Languages and Literatures



Vicki M. Toumayan
College of Arts and Letters

TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND TENURE



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Computer Science and Engineering



Steven A. Corcelli
Chemistry and Biochemistry



Kathleen S. Cummings
American Studies



J. Christopher Howk
Physics



Daniel M. Hungerman
Economics



Kenneth Kelley
Management

TO RESEARCH ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR



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Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering



Neil F. Lobo
Biological Sciences

TO TENURE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR



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Psychology



Vincent P. Muñoz
Political Science

TO PROFESSOR



Jean A. Dibble
Art, Art History, and Design



Paul A. Down
Art, Art History, and Design

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Theology



Liviu Nicolaescu
Mathematics



Jeffrey S. Schorey
Biological Sciences



Peter H. Smith
Music



Robert E. Sullivan
History



Zoltán Toroczka
Physics

TO ENDOWED PROFESSOR



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Frank M. Freimann Professor of Physics



Gary H. Bernstein
Frank M. Freimann Professor of Engineering



Malcolm J. Fraser, Jr.
Rev. Julius A. Nieuwland, C.S.C., Professor of Biological Sciences



David M. Lodge
Ludmilla F. and Stephen J. Galla Professor of Biological Sciences



Gerald P. McKenny
Walter Professor of Theology



Bríona M. Nic Dhiarmada
Thomas J. and Kathleen M. O'Donnell Professor of Irish Studies

Announces faculty milestones

These promotions, appointments as endowed professors were announced at the President's Dinner Tuesday, May 24.



TO PROFESSIONAL SPECIALIST



Carl B. Ackermann
Finance



Allert Brown-Gort
Institute for Latino Studies



Michelle A. Whaley
Biological Sciences



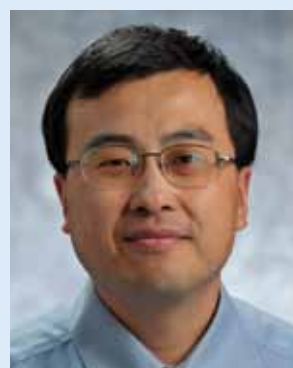
Sarah E. McKibben
Irish Language and Literature



David Nickerson
Political Science



Erika M. Summers-Effler
Sociology



Yongtao Zhang
Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics

Not Pictured:

Anja Jauernig
Philosophy



Crislyn D'Souza-Schorey
Biological Sciences



Martin Haeggi
Electrical Engineering



Colin P. Jessop
Physics



Christopher F. Kolda
Physics



Yahya C. Kurama
Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences



Mark P. McKenna
Law

TO PROFESSOR AND TENURE



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Film, Television, and Theatre



Lloyd H. Mayer
Law



O. Carter Snead
Law

TO ASSOCIATE LIBRARIAN



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Law Library

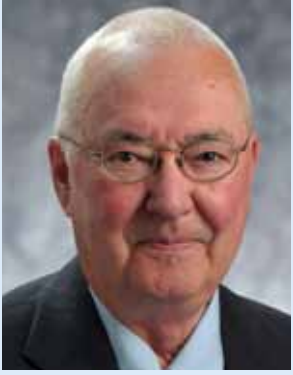


Jennifer N. Parker
Hesburgh Libraries

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Lawrence S. Cunningham
Theology



Fernand N. Dutile
Law



Dan Meisel
Chemistry and Biochemistry



Kevin M. Misiewicz
Accountancy



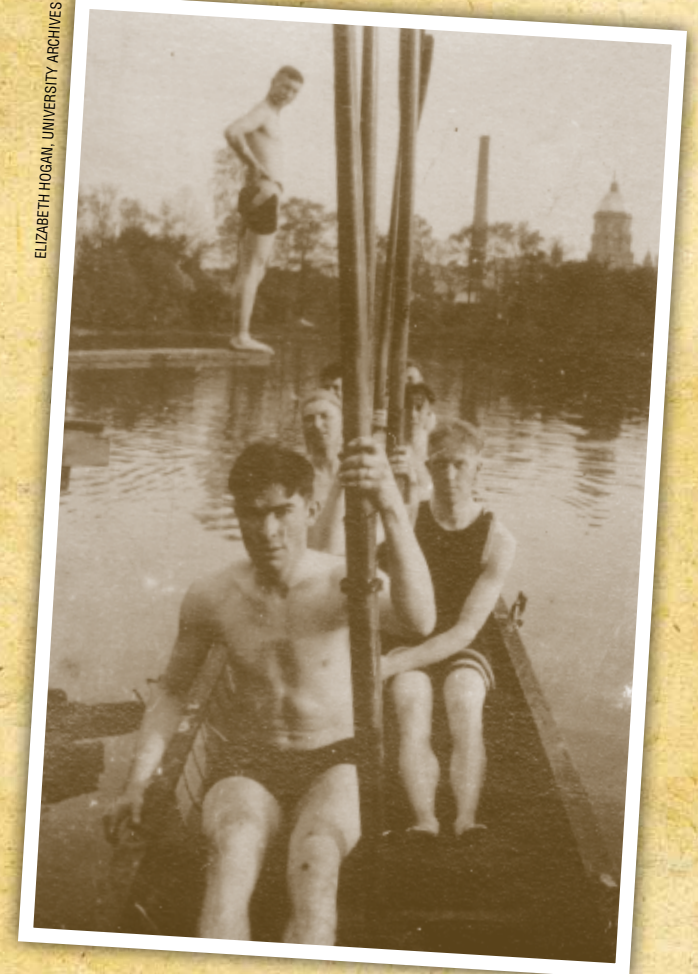
Jaime B. Ros
Economics



Barbara M. Turpin
Graduate School

Not Pictured: **Jill Godmilow** *Film, Television, and Theatre*
Ethan T. Haimo *Music*
Thomas L. Nowak *Chemistry and Biochemistry*

FROM THE ARCHIVES



The crew of the Golden Jubilee on St. Joseph Lake in 1914. The University's boating club was founded in April, 1867, with two boats, the Maria and the Pinta joining the staff boat, the Nina. In the 1890s, the Ferdinand and the Columbus were added, and—in honor of the University's 1895 Golden Jubilee, the Silver Jubilee and the Golden Jubilee.

Faculty awards honor achievements

Recognizing achievements in volunteerism, service, teaching and research

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY, NDWORKS

Jennifer L. Warlick, associate professor of public policy and economics and director of the Poverty Studies Interdisciplinary Minor, has been awarded the **Grenville Clark Award**, honoring an individual whose volunteer activities advance the cause of peace and human rights. Warlick has used her expertise in economics to help the poor in the South Bend community. She helped create an interdisciplinary minor in poverty studies, which facilitates student service-learning at organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Joseph County, the Center for the Homeless, Dismas House and the Family Justice Center. *"Contributing generously and creatively to the community, she enables the next generation to draw upon both their minds and hearts to do the same."*

Stephen M. Batill, professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering, is the recipient of the **Faculty Award**. With a distinguished record of teaching across a breadth of areas for the past three decades, Batill has influenced countless students in more than two dozen different courses. In addition to mentoring undergraduate and graduate students, he has served the University in many other capacities, including associate dean, department chair, director of international study programs and faculty fellow of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. A Fulbright Foundation scholar, he has contributed significantly to research

advancements and educational initiatives in his field. He is *"a consummate Notre Dame man and Triple Domer who puts service to the University above all else, except his family."*

Margaret "Peggy" Hnatuko is the recipient of the **Rev. John "Pop" Farley, C.S.C., Award**, annually given to honor distinguished service to student life at the University. Hnatuko, director of student activities for programming, has been an asset to student life since joining the University in 1997. She has been a tireless supporter of rectors in their ministry, an outstanding mentor for student leaders, and a resource for students and staff working to create a vibrant Christian community in each residence hall. *"Known for her loyalty, dedication and selfless commitment to her ministry, she is an amazing gift to the University, her colleagues and especially to student life."*

Cheryl S. Smith, associate librarian, has been awarded the **Rev. Paul J. Foik, C.S.C., Award** for significant contributions by library faculty. Smith has a distinguished record of service to the community and to the library profession. An important and supportive advocate for the needs of students and faculty of the Department of Psychology, she *"embodies the University of accountability, teamwork, integrity, leadership in excellence and leadership in vision."*

Recipients of the **Thomas P. Madden Award**, given annually to members of the faculty for outstanding teaching of first-year students are **Paul J. Weithman**, professor of philosophy, and **Louis A. MacKenzie**, chair of the Department of Music and associate professor of

Romance languages and literatures.

Weithman, an eminent political philosopher, trained at Notre Dame and Harvard, has devoted almost half his recent pedagogy to first-year classes, largely in the Honors Program. He combines his teaching with an outstanding research career featuring speaking engagements as far afield as Thailand, Iran and across Europe. *"He teaches guided by the belief that teaching and learning are reciprocal, and that if only one side of the partnership learns, something has gone wrong. He aims to help students develop a vision that can encompass both broad horizons and deep furrows in their view of the world."*

MacKenzie's gift as a teacher "is in knowing how to introduce students to the arts in such a way that they become lifetime sources of aesthetic and intellectual enrichment. Anyone familiar with his classes knows that he is quite serious when he says that the subtitle for his signature University Seminar is 'No BS allowed.'" A distinguishing characteristic of his seminars is his emphasis on writing, and on teaching students to edit their own writing. *"Not only is he a truly refined connoisseur of the arts, but he is an active participant—recently, sold-out audiences enjoyed his performance in Opera Notre Dame's production of 'Le Nozze di Figaro' last month."*

Carolyn R. Nordstrom, professor of anthropology, is the recipient of the **Reinhold Niebuhr Award**, honoring a person whose life and writings promote or exemplify the area of social justice. A member of the faculty since 1997, she studies wars, the illegal drug trade, gender relationships and war profiteering. Her research has made her an eyewitness and scholar of worldwide

urban and rural battlefields, as well as of the shadowy worlds of diamond, drug and arms smuggling. A recent reviewer of her work noted that, *"She is the best fieldworker in anthropology, bar none...and has pioneered new field sites and new forms of ethnography, as well as presented a new framework for viewing economics and economic power."*

Michael C. Wiescher, professor of physics, is the recipient of the 11th annual **Research Achievement Award**. Internationally recognized as one of the foremost nuclear astrophysicists in the world, Wiescher is founder and director of the Joint Institute for Nuclear Astrophysics and has published more than 300 articles in scientific journals. Under his leadership, the Notre Dame Nuclear Science Laboratory has become one of the most successful laboratories of its kind in the U.S., as evidenced by the recent award of the first new accelerator at an American university since 1985. *"He continues to push forward toward new frontiers."*

James J. Lyphout, vice president for Business Operations, is the recipient of the **Presidential Award**. Lyphout is responsible for overseeing the campus infrastructure and the planning and design of all construction projects. Under his leadership, the University has grown by 140,000 square feet per year since 1990—including five new academic buildings, four residence halls, several new stadia and the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

He has also provided exemplary stewardship of University resources through his efficient management of campus auxiliary operations including Food Services, utilities, warehouse and delivery services,

St. Michael's Laundry, Cedar Grove Cemetery, the Morris Inn and the Notre Dame Conference Center at McKenna Hall. *"We often recall Father Sorin's response to the University's devastation by fire to 'rebuild it, bigger and better than ever.' Few of us are personally responsible for carrying forth that vision."*

Rev. Peter McCormick, C.S.C., is the recipient of the **Rev. William A. Toohey, C.S.C., Award for Preaching**, given to a Holy Cross priest who has made significant contributions to the University in many different ways. *"Father McCormick is a priest who believes in the Notre Dame mission and makes the Gospel come alive in his preaching and interactions with students. He is known for his enthusiasm, zeal and energetic laugh."* In his work as rector of Keough Hall, program director for Campus Ministry, chaplain to the Notre Dame Vision Program and chaplain of the men's basketball team, he truly makes God "known, loved and served."

Gregory P. Crawford, W.K. Warren II Foundation Dean of the College of Science and professor of physics, is the recipient of the **Rev. William A. Toohey, C.S.C., Award for Social Justice**. In the summer of 2010, Crawford and his wife, Renate, spent a month biking 2,300 miles to raise money for research into Niemann-Pick Disease Type C and to celebrate the partnership between the University and the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation. *"His efforts to raise awareness of the disease and funds for research clearly support the Notre Dame mission of research, education and service."*

Managing directors bring diverse talents to ND



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Who: Peter Annin
With: ND Environmental Change Initiative
Director: David Lodge, professor of biological sciences
Came From: Institutes for Journalism and Natural Resources
Other Notes: author of “The Great Lakes Water Wars;” former Newsweek staff writer



PETER RINGENBERG

Who: Robert M. Dunn, '65
With: NDNano
Director: Wolfgang Porod, Frank M. Freimann Chair in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Came From: IBM, served as VP of corporate manufacturing staff
Other Notes: Came to ND as director of the Integrated Engineering and Business Practices Program; ND graduate



PETER RINGENBERG

Who: Patrick Murphy, '92, '97
With: Sustainable Energy Initiative
Director: Joan Brennecke, Bernard Keating-Crawford Chair in Engineering
Came From: Office of Homeland Securities
Other Notes: ND undergraduate, ROTC program



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Who: Kirk Reinbold
With: Advanced Diagnostics and Therapeutics
Director: Paul Bohn, Arthur J. Schmitt Professor of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering and concurrent professor of chemistry and biochemistry
Came from: Numerous health-related early stage ventures
Other Notes: Holds six U.S. patents



MATT CASHORE

Who: Don Stelluto
With: Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies
Director: Vittorio Höslé, Paul Kimball Chair of Arts and Letters
Came From: Dean's office, ND Arts and Letters; Provost staff; California State University, Fullerton
Other Notes: Scholar in Constitutional History; holds a degree in Jazz Performance



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Who: Katherine A. Taylor, M.S. '85
With: Eck Institute for Global Health
Director: David Severson, professor of biological sciences
Came from: Numerous research postings in Kenya; National Institutes for Health
Other Notes: South Bend native; master's from Notre Dame

Specialist role supports lead researchers

BY GAIL HINCHION MANCINI

You can only be one place at a time. So if Vittorio Höslé is at a Vatican conference, or David Lodge is with policymakers in Washington, D.C., how do their respective institutes continue to thrive? If Joan Brennecke or Paul Bohn win huge research grants—as they have—they have to do the research. How do they do that and move forward the agenda of the institutes they head?

When the Provost's Office instituted the **Strategic Research Initiatives (SRI)** program six years ago—and provided a subsequent \$80 million in seed money—this dilemma was foreseeable. The SRI investment advances Notre Dame's aspirations to raise its research profile, particularly in mission-relevant areas, by freeing seasoned researchers to compete for major grants and influence the national or international research agenda.

As Vice President for Research Robert Bernhard took the helm, he described the need for a cadre of specialists whose job would be to support the lead researchers and a myriad of new external relationships. The position of managing director was born. With six specialists now two to three years into this role, their credentials tell of a new breed of

talent that brings to the University the kind of guiding leadership normally ascribed to a Sherpa.

The matches themselves seem fortuitous. When David Severson, director of the Eck Institute for Global Health, sought a managing director, he found **Katherine A. Taylor**, veteran of almost two decades of disease research in Kenya as well as experience in the National Institutes of Health. “Setting up a new institute is the kind of challenge that I like and a skill set I have,” says Taylor, whose first year has involved developing a strategic plan, writing a charter and “developing a framework so we can all start moving together.” These centers and institutes are interdisciplinary by nature, so Taylor's work to develop a framework “embraced by all” is critical.

Peter Annin relates to that aspect of the job, calling it “creating a culture” at the Environmental Change Initiative (ECI). Annin came to Notre Dame from the nonprofit Institutes for Journalism and Natural Resources, and he has helped establish common cause before. This time, it's among scholars who want to support the ECI mission to do research that supports environmental policy.

ECI director David Lodge lauds two additional aspects of Annin's skill set. As an environmental writer and environmental journalist for Newsweek magazine, Annin can

support Lodge's transition as a public and quotable intellectual, as well as other members of ECI who are attracting media attention. Annin also is well versed, Lodge says, at building relationships with the new set of friends ECI is making among Washington policymakers. “Our main goal is to translate research into useful policy. That means more people want to communicate with us. Peter is so good at making a compelling case with them for what we're doing.”

Joan Brennecke, too, has learned to appreciate that with new opportunities come new relationships to be managed. And as Lodge has with Annin, she's learned to appreciate the background skills that **Patrick Murphy** brings to the Sustainable Energy Initiative. Murphy, who holds an undergraduate Notre Dame engineering degree and who served in the armed forces, most recently was a program director in the Office of Homeland Security. Being a liaison with the Department of Energy comes naturally to him, says Brennecke, whose research team won two prestigious DOE grants last year. There's a whole new set of Washington, D.C., partners whom Murphy handles, allowing Brennecke to focus on the research.

Murphy is equally good at helping identify new funding opportunities and new opportunities to build external collaborations, Brennecke says.

All managing directors liaise with the outside world in some way that suits the challenge at hand.

Kirk Reinbold has a doctorate in biomedical engineering, but said he was not interested in being an academic. An entrepreneur since he left graduate school, and with six patents to his name, Reinbold sees himself as an entrepreneur-in-residence at Advanced Diagnostics and Therapeutics, directed by Paul Bohn.

“I identify fantastic science and ask how it can best be advanced to serve mankind. Can it be a product or lead to a new venture? Because a great way to serve the common good is if you can make a product and sell it in the global market,” Reinbold explains.

Although headed by Bohn, the initiative is managing the work of several researchers, some whose lab-to-market ideas are well under way. “I feel kind of like a venture capitalist with a portfolio of companies I work with to build value and get them to the point where they really can serve the common good,” he says.

In contrast, **Don Stelluto** is a natural in academia as he makes our hallowed halls comfortable to visiting scholars while building partnerships among various Notre Dame partners through the Institute for Advanced Studies. Early April saw Stelluto managing the presence of 17 international scholars from multiple disciplines for the conference

“Dimensions of Goodness” as he simultaneously prepared an announcement about the second class of institute fellows.

The institute aspires to reignite the Catholic intellectual tradition. Director Höslé, an internationally renowned philosopher, applies his considerable energies to his network of scholars, recruiting fellows and visitors to help realize this vision. Takers thus far include Richard R. Ernst, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, and former German President Horst Köhler. Here at Notre Dame, Stelluto also focuses on seizing opportunities to build interdisciplinary partnerships. Although the academy sometimes works at a slow pace, Stelluto says he has learned that speed is of the essence when seeing an opportunity to create something new.

In addition to the way managing directors are complementing the lead researchers, Robert Bernhard has been impressed by the way they've jelled as a cohort group; the managing directors agree cohort collegiality has been an unanticipated perk. “We're varied in our backgrounds, but we have a lot in common. And we serve as a sounding board to one another,” says Annin.

Adds Taylor, “It's just great to be able to bounce things off other people.”

Old2Gold scheduled for June 25

The seventh annual “**From Old 2 Gold**” year-end campus yard sale will take place from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 25, in Notre Dame Stadium.

The event, which benefits participating local nonprofits, will feature items left behind and donated by students, including bicycles, electronics, clothing, computer accessories, furniture, appliances and sports equipment.

Most items will be priced at \$20 or less. Specialty items priced more than \$20 will be displayed in a separate “boutique” area of the sale. Some bikes will be priced as high as \$40.

An online pre-sale silent auction

of a select group of high-value items will take place the week prior to the sale on WAOR (FM 95.7 – www.waor.com) and also at Notre Dame stadium beginning at 5 a.m. the day of the sale. As the sale approaches, a preview of items will be available at old2gold.nd.edu.

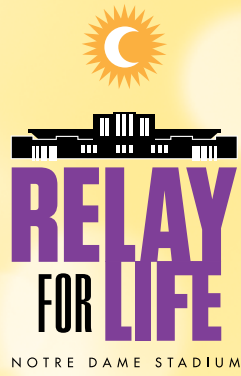
The sale is open to the public and admission is free between 9 and 11 a.m. A \$5 “early bird” admission will be charged for those over 12 years of age wishing to shop in the stadium between 7 and 9 a.m. There is no charge for children 12 and younger. To alleviate “camping out” around the stadium, shoppers are asked to wait in line no earlier than 5 a.m.

Some 40 local nonprofits share the proceeds of the sale, which has raised \$297,000 since 2005. The sale also benefits the community as more than 450 tons of re-usable items have gone to local homes and organizations instead of area landfills since the sale began.

The sale is made possible by lead sponsorship support from Notre Dame Federal Credit Union and Waste Management. Other sponsors include: Martin's Supermarkets, WAOR FM 95.7, Cintas, Omnisource, Midwest Waste and Catering by Design.

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At this year's Relay for Life, held at Notre Dame Stadium in late April, 1,251 participants raised more than \$160,000 for cancer research and awareness. At far right, members of the Notre Dame football team, including Manti Te'o (left) and Carlo Calabrese, were on hand for the festivities, as were members of the band and cheerleading squad. At lower left, family and friends of Roberta White's team "Walking on Sunshine" raised more than \$4,000 for the cause. White (third from right), senior administrative assistant in the Office of Public Affairs and Communications, says, "Being involved in Relay for Life gives me a feeling of empowerment over a disease that has contributed to personal pain and heartache."



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SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The University congratulates the following employees who celebrate a significant service anniversary in May, including 34-year employee Rev. George A. Rozum, C.S.C., rector of Alumni Hall, and 30-year employees **Becky S. DeBruyn**, biological sciences, and **Mark Esenwein**, facilities.

CAROL C. BRADLEY



DeBruyn

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Esenwein

25 years

Viola King, food services
Roberta L. Philotoff, Hesburgh Libraries
John F. Sherman, art, art history, and design

Robert M. Rowland, operations and engineering
Jason A. Storms, landscape services

20 years

Douglas A. Franson, Institute for Latino Studies
Patti J. Ogden, Hesburgh Libraries
Mark R. Schurr, anthropology
Barbara J. Toth, London Undergraduate Program

10 years

Tarzan D. Ball, College of Arts and Letters
Gary E. Belovsky and **Kenneth E. Filchak**, biological sciences
Tatiana A. Combs, Office of Strategic Planning
Beata Frelas, Hesburgh Libraries
Sherry L. Hinegardner, accounts payable
Jeremy M. May, customer support services
Irene C. Stines, student activities
Ray L. Thompson, building services
Craig L. Tiller, Office of the University Architect

15 years

Elaine D. Brown, St. Michael's Laundry
James M. Bulger, custodial services
Brian J. Burchett, customer support services
Paolo G. Carozza, law school
Jennifer L. Laiber, NDWorks

Greenfields' new seasonal menu launches May 31



Selections for breakfast and lunch feature fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY, NDWORKS

Greenfields International Café, located in the Hesburgh Center, offers a unique menu of healthy food choices built around seasonal and local foods. The menu changes Tuesday, May 31, to offer new seasonal items including whole-grain pancakes for breakfast and new fruit-and-grain salads for lunch.

There are a few other changes in store as well—portion sizes have increased, and patrons will once again order at the cashier's station.

In addition, says Chef Don Miller, the University's executive chef, a sizeable (30-by-60 foot) plot in the campus community gardens will supply the restaurant with heirloom tomatoes, herbs and seasonal fruits and vegetables through the summer and fall.

New on the menu is the Aztec

Grain Salad, a gluten-free salad featuring quinoa and rice with asparagus, peas and green onions. "It has a sweet, light curry flavor to it," says Miller. Another new salad is the Golden Jewel, with Israeli couscous, orzo and fresh fruits such as mango, pineapple and strawberries.

New sandwich choices include a grilled chicken and asparagus wrap with a zesty lemon dressing, and salmon burger sliders with a chipotle glaze. There will also be a fresh



gaspacho bar where you'll be able to add your choice of garnishes—avocado, cucumber, shrimp, raisins and nuts—to

a cold tomato gaspacho soup.

Breakfast options include whole-grain pancakes and a breakfast frittata, as well as fresh fruit smoothies.

Greenfields is open from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday. For more information and a complete menu, visit nd.edu/~food/dining/greenfields.html.

NEW EMPLOYEES

The University welcomes the following new employees who began work in April:

Garrick M. Aldridge,
Kelsey R. Edwards,
Kara L. Killion and
Connor J. Kruggel, athletics
Beth A. Bubik and
Liam J. Farrell,
 Alumni Association
Lesley S. Butler, Morris Inn
Kathleen M. Carr, Alliance for Catholic Education
Jeffrey P. Day, maintenance

Brian J. Dean, development
David Dressing, Hesburgh Libraries
Gregory M. Helmkamp, golf course administration
Debra K. Kazmierzak, Office of the Executive Vice President
Debra S. Micinski, technology-telecommunications
Elizabeth V. Mountsier, development

Sharon Stack, chemistry and biochemistry
Joseph R. Stratman, information security
Michael J. Sweikar, Institute for Global Development
Melanie Webb, Nanovic Institute
Sasa Zaric, advanced diagnostics and therapeutics
Scott A. Zimmerman, locksmith

Changes on the way in OIT training

Offices moving to the ITC; course design will change

FROM THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

This summer will be a season of change for OIT's **User Education and Transition Services**.

Besides the usual additions to the list of technology courses offered, the design of many courses is changing and the group's offices are being moved to the ITC.

Many courses will see version upgrades this summer. Office 2007 courses will be replaced with Office 2010. Adobe Acrobat X will replace Acrobat 9. But along with the version changes, many courses have been restructured to emphasize functions, rather than level of expertise.

Most applications will have a Basic level course, but rather than have intermediate and advanced classes that follow, in most cases the courses will focus on specific functions such as "Excel 2010: Charting or Photoshop CS5: Advanced Selection." This should enable everyone to concentrate on the specific functions they need to learn. Some of these function-focused courses have been added to the schedule for the summer; more will be added in the fall and spring 2012. For more information and a complete list of courses, visit oit.nd.edu/training.

The new technology courses for the summer include:

- **Access 2010:** Basic and Access 2010: Intermediate Reports
- **Excel 2010:** Basic; Excel 2010: Charting; and Excel 2010: As a Database
- **OneNote 2010:** Basic
- **Outlook 2010:** Basic Calendaring Outlook 2010: Basic E-Mail
- **PowerPoint 2010:** Basic
- **Word 2010:** Basic; Word 2010: Mail Merge; and Word 2010: Track Changes & Compare Documents
- **Acrobat X:** What's New?; Adobe Acrobat X: Basic PDF Creation and Manipulation; and Adobe Acrobat X: PDF Security
- **Dreamweaver CS5:** Intermediate
- **InDesign CS5:** Basic
- **Photoshop CS5:** Basic Photo Manipulation; Photoshop CS5: Basic Layers and Text; and Photoshop CS5: Advanced Selection

At the beginning of June, OIT's User Education and Transition Services offices will be moving to the IT Center. In conjunction with the move, the G001 ITC training lab will become the group's main training lab, though some classes will still be held in B002 DeBartolo. The training office will be located in G004 ITC. Phone and email contact information remains the same.

As always, the training group is happy to discuss special request classes, either for yourself, your workgroup or your class. Contact Stacey at 631-7227 or training@nd.edu for more information.

Want to get a copy of the training schedule or find out about late additions to the training schedule? To sign up for the User Education and Transition Services listserv, send an email to training@nd.edu.

'Champion' Conference plays up the spiritual side of sports



BY GENE STOWE, FOR NDWORKS

More than 100 youth sports leaders will attend the University's Play Like A Champion Today (PLC) **National Sports Leadership Conference** June 24 to 26. It is the organization's sixth annual national conference.

The event, "Mentoring Champions For Life," gathers athletic administrators, coaches, educators and parents of children in youth and high school sport programs, both Catholic and public.

Play Like a Champion Today, a program of the Alliance for Catholic Education, emphasizes the importance of sports in the moral and spiritual development of children and adolescents.

Organizers say the issue is especially pressing because of young people in an age of computer-based entertainment and digital communication.

"PLC views play as an expression of human freedom and transcendence," says director Clark Power. "Sports are by nature spiritual. Play Like a Champion Today is also dedicated to helping children to develop their character and sense of moral responsibility through sports.

"At this particular conference, we will focus on the growing number of children in poverty and the importance of coaches reaching out to these children as mentors and advocates. If sports are to develop children as champions, adults must commit themselves to championing the most vulnerable of our children."

The organization, led by Power, a Notre Dame professor; program director Kristin Komyatte Sheehan, a former Notre Dame cheerleader; and associate director Oscar McBride, a former Notre Dame football player, has a highly developed online education and blogging presence.

The website playlikeachampiontoday.org includes pages devoted to "Toxic Coaching News," "Problematic Parent News" and "Youth Athlete Issues News" as well as research-based education and certification training.

More than 15,000 coaches and 3,000 parents have completed Play Like a Champion Today workshops, and the organization estimates that the participants have been involved with some 500,000 young athletes.

The conference this year includes an opening talk by Jeff Burris, an All-American under Coach Lou Holtz, who installed the first Play

Like a Champion Today sign in the stadium some 20 years ago. Burris, who played for 10 years in the NFL, now coaches in high school.

Other speakers include Notre Dame Women's Soccer coach Randy Waldrum, Notre Dame Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick, and sports-related authors Bob Bigelow and Susan Saint Sing.

Participants will learn how to present Play Like a Champion workshops in their communities, build moral community on sports teams, understand coaching as a ministry and the spirituality of sport, and develop partnerships with athletic parents.

Topics include high school athlete retreats, strategies for distributing playing time, effective officiating, mentor-coaching in at-risk communities, sport-specific Safe Environment training, and sports injury prevention.

The event includes a tour of the football locker room and a banquet in the Notre Dame Press Box. For more information, visit the website or call 631-9981.

You don't say 'no' to Notre Dame, says McBride

Former football standout back on campus, bringing athletics to children

BY GENE STOWE, FOR NDWORKS

Oscar McBride played like a champion at Notre Dame, a four-year letterman and senior on the 1993 team that beat Florida State only to see a national title snatched away by a loss the week later.

He's back.

McBride is now associate director of Play Like a Champion Today, coaching coaches, parents and youth sports administrators on the critical role of athletics to help kids move ahead.

"It's been great coming back—to be able to work for the university," says McBride, who came back to campus for a Play Like a Champion Today conference in 2008, his first visit since graduating 14 years earlier. He recalls marveling at the new

Eck Center, the fledgling Eddy Street Commons, the disappearance of Juniper Road and the transformation of Flanner and Grace, where he once ran the halls, into administrative offices.

"It's truly amazing," says McBride, who visited the familiar Linebacker on that trip. "It brought back so many great memories of being on campus in the summer and working out. It was great."

The route back for the Florida native after Notre Dame was a continent-wide circle.

He played for the Arizona Cardinals for two years, then the Kansas City Chiefs for a year, then moved to southern California with his wife, Kelley, daughter Alexa



McBride

and son Blake, now accomplished teenaged scholar-athletes.

McBride got an entry-level sales job, worked his way up the wholesale side of mortgage banking and consulting, and was just starting a mortgage-related business with partners when the

market cratered.

"I decided to go back into football," he says. "It wasn't market-driven. It wasn't dependent on someone to tell me what the market value was. I could be around young people."

He took a job as a football coach and teacher at JSerra Catholic High School in San Juan Capistrano, Calif. At the end of his first year, he sat in the front row at a Play Like a Champion Today workshop during a National Catholic Educators

Association conference in Anaheim.

Director Clark Power recognized him from the Notre Dame years and introduced him to program director Kristin Komyatte Sheehan. That led to the 2008 visit to Notre Dame.

McBride became a consultant for the organization and the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), giving clinics for parents, coaches and administrators. Last fall, he accepted the position of associate director.

"You don't say no to Notre Dame," he explains. "I didn't say no when I was 17, and I wasn't saying no at 38."

McBride, who has given presentations including school assemblies in California, North Dakota, Ohio, Texas and Illinois, monitors the agency's online program that provides courses for coaches and athletic administrators. He also writes for the blog.

Last summer, he went to Uganda with Kevin Dugan, director of men's lacrosse at Notre Dame, and

taught flag football to children along with leadership and good decision-making.

"The platform of Play Like a Champion gives me an opportunity to coach and mentor young people," says McBride, who still coaches in California and chairs the nonprofit Fit4Life Youth Foundation. "It also gives me an opportunity to mentor coaches and athletic administrators."

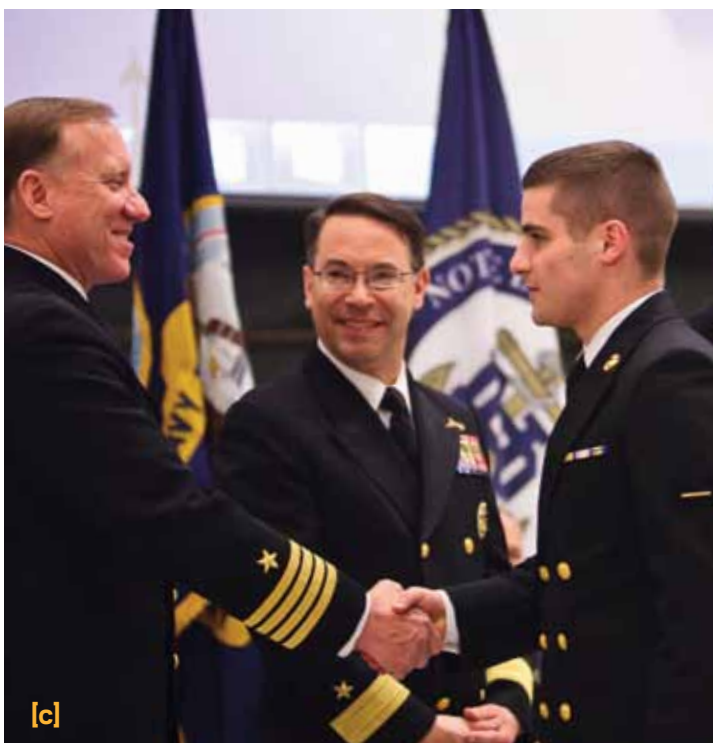
The message of sports is more important than ever, he says, because technology is keeping children indoors and isolated.

"You can't do that in sports," McBride says. "You can't text-message practice, you can't email drills. You have to physically be there. You have to be face-to-face. You have to have that interpersonal communication that a lot of kids don't have."

Semper Fi... Anchors Aweigh... Go Irish!

**MARINE AND NAVY
ROTC AWARD AND
CHANGE OF COMMAND
CEREMONY**

PHOTOS BY PETER RINGENBERG



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THE UNIVERSITY'S NAVAL ROTC (NROTC) UNIT HELD SPRING AWARDS CEREMONIES APRIL 27, AN EVENT THAT ALSO MARKED A CHANGE OF COMMAND. CAPTAIN DALE NEES, USN, WHO RETIRES THIS SPRING AFTER 4 YEARS AT NOTRE DAME AND 32 YEARS OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICE, TURNED OVER COMMAND OF THE NROTC TO CAPTAIN CLARENCE "EARL" CARTER, USN—IN A CEREMONY, IT WAS NOTED, THAT WOULD BE AS FAMILIAR TO A COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN THE WAR OF 1812 AS TO OFFICERS TODAY.

a. MIDSHIPMAN (MIDN) BLAKE T. WELLER, USMC, RECIPIENT OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART ROTC AWARD.

b. CAPT. NEES (AT RIGHT) HANDED OVER COMMAND TO CAPT. CLARENCE "EARL" CARTER, SITTING TO THE LEFT OF THE PODIUM.

c. CAPT. NEES AND SPECIAL GUEST REAR ADMIRAL DAVID STEINDL, USN, GREET MIDN MICHAEL A. MCCORMICK, USMC, WHO RECEIVED THE VFW POST 1167 AWARD.

d. MIDN ELLEN B. KANE, USN, RECIPIENT OF A LEROE FAMILY ENDOWMENT FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD.

