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YOU'RE INVITED TO AN ADVANCE PREVIEW OF THE NEWLY RE-IMAGINED MORRIS INN

As a member of the Notre Dame family, you are invited to a special preview of the soon-to-be-opened Morris Inn. After nearly a year of renovation work, we are pleased to present a completely re-imagined hotel. Come join us for a firsthand experience of a higher degree of hospitality!

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What's new at Morris Inn?

When the Morris Inn opened in 1952, the building offered 85 twin guest rooms and seven double rooms in a building of about 72,000 square feet. Today's Morris Inn:

138,000 square feet of space ■ 150 rooms ■ 92 with traditional king-sized beds ■ 40 with double queen beds ■ 18 suites ■ Handicap-accessible rooms ■ 200 employees (double the previous number) ■ 300-seat William and Mary Ann Smith Ballroom ■ Three private dining rooms (Hesburgh, Carmichael and Joyce) ■ Fireside Terrace seating 72 outside ■ Rohr's, a 100-seat tavern ■ Gift Shop ■ 24/7 Fitness Center ■ 24/7 Business Center ■ Valet Parking ■ Sustainable "green" roof ■ A unified business model—Morris Inn and the Notre Dame Conference Center are now one entity.

What does it take to open a hotel?

A lot of things you wouldn't think of—including (to name a few) tissue box covers, shampoo and conditioner, soap, mouthwash, ear buds, locks and control keys, wine coasters, ice buckets with tongs, TV remote holders, ethernet cords, luggage tags, bell carts and a whole lot more—in fact, 321,436 items of 603 different types.

And that count doesn't include 65 different kinds of paper items—from menus to key cardholders, cocktail napkins, in-room guest binders and TV channel guides.

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We're celebrating the 10th anniversary of NDWorks and the Grand Opening of the new Morris Inn with great prizes every month from August through December! **See the entry form on page M5.**

Morris Inn—founded in 1952, re-imagined for a new century

The bulldozers and cranes are gone. The construction fence has been replaced with beautiful new landscaping. The welcome mat is back out—Notre Dame’s iconic Morris Inn is open for business.

What can one expect to find? “A higher degree of hospitality” is the aspiration of all 200 newly trained and newly uniformed hotel associates, characterized by the warmth, friendliness and genuine interest with which every guest is treated.

BY COLLEEN O’CONNOR, FOR NDWORKS

Sorin’s

The murals haven’t changed...that’s one of the first things you’ll notice. But the dining room has new colors and carpeting, a new interior coatroom and a host waiting to greet you just outside the dining room.

Enjoy a glass of wine in the well-appointed lobby prior to dinner, selecting from the wine list that has been expanded to showcase the many successful alumni that have gone on to make their mark in the world of wine—from Gallo to Silver Oak and Paul Hobbs.

The seasonal menu will continue to feature the area’s finest farm-to-table cuisine. Sorin’s is re-establishing itself as the “power breakfast” spot in the city for your business meetings. Also

new is an **express lunch**. Sorin’s “45-Minute Lunch Hour.” You can leave the office and return within an hour.

For dinner, the room is transformed with bone china and signature stemware. Sorin’s is the only fine restaurant in town with a covered driveway for your arrival and departure in inclement weather, along with complimentary valet parking.

Breakfast and lunch are served daily from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; dinner is available Tuesday through Saturday 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling 574-631-2010.



Rohr's

Rohr’s

Rohr’s, a 100-seat tavern located adjacent to the lobby, features upscale, tavern-style casual fare. It features a bar serving 14 beers on tap, six televisions and live entertainment. Whether you are grabbing a quick bite before the basketball game or enjoying a pre-theater dinner, Rohr’s is a great spot to gather. (Check the Morris Inn website for the entertainment schedule). There’s also a separate family-friendly seating section in the front for families with children under 21.

Rohr’s offers all-day dining, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Call 574-631-2018 to make reservations for parties of six or more.

The Fireside Terrace

Come enjoy an after-work glass of wine and watch the sun set from the **Fireside Terrace**. Located on the west side of the building, the new terrace seats 72 guests and features a natural



The Fireside Terrace

gas fire pit in addition to heat lamps—or your server can offer you a signature pashmina shawl for your shoulders on cooler evenings. The terrace offers both table seating for outdoor dining and patio furniture for casual seating. Appetizers and meals will be offered from the Rohr’s menu. No reservations are needed.

A portion of the terrace can also be made available for private events. To schedule an event, contact **Lori Chaney** at 631-7641 or **LoriChaney@nd.edu**.

The Fireside Terrace is open daily, from sun up to sun down, weather permitting.



The Officers Dining Room features a three-panel stained glass window.

The ‘living room’ of the campus

BY BRENDAN O’SHAUGHNESSY, PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Morris Inn, which has served as the “living room” of the campus since it opened in 1952, re-opened in late August after an extensive renovation. The building’s Collegiate Gothic architecture now matches the rest of the campus.

“Thanks to the generosity of several benefactors, the Morris Inn has been totally reconstructed and expanded during a 39-week window into a remarkable new facility that will well serve Notre Dame and its legions of visitors for generations to come,” said **Doug Marsh**, associate vice president and University architect.

The \$32 million renovation and expansion was made possible by a gift from **Ernestine Raclin**, the daughter of the original benefactors, along with the

Carmichael Foundation, her family, and others, including **James and Sharon Rohr** and **Bill and Mary Ann Smith**. The new Morris Inn features more and larger guest rooms, fine dining at Sorin’s, a tavern-style restaurant at Rohr’s, a new 300-seat ballroom, three private dining rooms and an outdoor terrace.

A tight construction schedule starting last October had 200 workers laboring in two shifts from 7 a.m. until nearly midnight to be ready for the first football game of the 2013 season. There will be a grand re-opening celebration on Thursday, Sept. 5.

The full-service hotel will be seeking a Four Diamond rating from the AAA Diamond Rating Process, North America’s premier hotel rating program. It also will seek LEED Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for the building’s environmentally friendly design and construction.

Construction on the original Morris Inn began in 1950 as the first structure of the Notre Dame post-war building program. It was made possible through a generous donation from Ernest M. and Ella L. Morris.

The family considered their gift a gesture of appreciation for the legal education Ernest received in the early 1900s. An orphan, without funds and a Presbyterian, Morris appealed for assistance in 1905 to then-president of Notre Dame Rev. John W. Cavanaugh, C.S.C. Granted acceptance and a \$100 loan, Morris went on to a career in law and finance, founding in 1917 what evolved into the Associates Investment Corp. of America.

Raclin has a distinguished record of service in the public and private sectors. She is chairman emerita of the board of 1st Source Corp. and 1st Source Bank of South Bend and a trustee emerita of Notre Dame.

The new leader of the Morris

Inn staff and the Notre Dame Conference Center is director and general manager **Joseph Kurth**, who since mid-April has been responsible for reopening logistics and running the Morris Inn.

Kurth previously managed the Pfister Hotel, a historic AAA Four Diamond property in Milwaukee, where he oversaw a \$25 million budget, eight division managers and 350 associates. He has more than 20 years of experience in hospitality management in the luxury hotel market.

“Opening a premier hotel with the history and tradition of Notre Dame is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” Kurth said. “We look forward to introducing the re-imagined space to all our visitors—from those who’ve

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The rededication cornerstone

been staying at the Morris Inn for decades to our first-time guests. Our staff will work to preserve the spirit of the original hotel, while managing every detail to help create lifelong memories for every single person who walks through our doors.”

Guest Rooms

In 1952, there were 92 guest rooms—85 twin and seven double rooms. Today, there are 150 guest rooms featuring 92 traditional kings, 40 rooms with double queen beds and 18 suites. Specially appointed handicap-accessible guest rooms are also available.

Guests will appreciate the attention to design for soundproofing between rooms.

Each room features spacious bathrooms, an iPad with ICE (Interactive Customer Experience) software, a 48-inch flat screen HDTV, a safe, refrigerator, Keurig coffeemaker, hair dryer, bathrobes, an umbrella, an iron and ironing board, plus voice mail, two telephone lines and complimentary wireless high-speed Internet service. In keeping with the mission of the University, a Bible, crucifix and Book of Prayer are included in every room.

Introductory rates start at \$139 when charged to a University FOAPAL. All others start at \$169 and fluctuate based on occupancy. For the most up-to-date availability and information or to make reservations, visit morrisinn.nd.edu or call 800-280-7256.



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Fitness and Business Centers

Both the **Fitness Center** and **Business Center** are open 24/7 and accessible with your room key. The Fitness Center accommodates both cardio and strength training. The Business Center has everything the busy executive needs to stay current while away from the office.



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Meetings and Events

The new **William and Mary Ann Smith Ballroom** is just less than 5,000 square feet and seats 300 guests for dinner. It has built-in screens and projectors and can be divided into three smaller sections.

For the convenience and privacy of wedding and event guests, the ballroom has its own entrance at the north end of the Morris Inn, as well as its own designated valet parking pick-up and drop-off. A large pre-function space with expansive windows and natural light makes a perfect gathering and photo-taking place prior to or after ballroom events.

Three **private dining rooms** of equal size, Hesburgh, Joyce and Carmichael, come equipped with projectors and screens and are perfect for small or large group meetings.

To plan your meeting, wedding reception or other special event in the ballroom, one of the private dining rooms or in the Notre Dame Conference Center, contact Sales and Events, 574-631-7641.



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Gift Shop



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Among the many new services and amenities at Morris Inn is a **Gift Shop** managed by Follett. The 500-square-foot shop is located off the lobby on the first floor of the hotel. It offers health and beauty products, over-the-counter medications and snacks. Hotel guests can charge purchases to their rooms. Also available are gift and apparel items from the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. These items can be delivered to guests' hotel rooms or shipped to their homes.

The new gift shop will also feature an online wedding registry. By going to NDcatalog.com, couples can view and select all items available for inclusion in a registry

that will be personally managed and updated for them by the Follett staff. Those purchasing gifts from a registry can do so in the gift shop or by calling 574-631-6316, where staffers will assist in choosing items. Follett can ship the gift to the buyer, directly to the couple or hold it at Morris Inn until the day of the wedding reception. Gift wrapping is also available for purchases from a registry at no extra charge.

Hours for the gift shop are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Valet Parking

Morris Inn now offers guests **Valet Parking**. Pull up to the lobby entrance under the covered porte-cochere and enter the hotel. The attendant will park and retrieve your car. Parking is complimentary for the first 2 1/2 hours with food or beverage purchase at Sorin's, Rohr's or the Fireside Terrace. Weddings, day conferences or event parking is available for \$10. Overnight valet parking is available for \$15.

Complimentary event and overnight self-parking remains available in the parking lot immediately west of the Bookstore lot (BK1 Lot). See the Morris Inn doorman for the code allowing access daily.

Conference Center

Morris Inn and **Notre Dame Conference Center** (McKenna Hall) are now unified—two buildings with one signature service level.

Joined underground by a convenient concourse, the two facilities provide outstanding service to the campus community as well as to visitors and guests from all over the world.

The conference center offers 12 state-of-the-art seminar rooms, a 375-seat auditorium equipped for simultaneous translation of up to 14 different languages, and a spacious dining room where meals are catered by the Morris Inn banquet team. The trained conference center staff assists in the design and execution of every type of special event. Services include registration, campus and hotel accommodations, and logistical and administrative support.



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Come visit us!

After years of planning and nearly a year of construction, Morris Inn—located in the heart of one of the most beautiful campuses in the country—stands ready to welcome the wider community as well as members of the Notre Dame family. When you book your dining reservation, overnight stay or event at Morris Inn, you directly support the University's mission.

Construction completed in 39 weeks—pulling double shifts



Morris Inn before construction

Collaboration occurred across many units

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY, NDWORKS

The roots of Morris Inn renovation go at least as far back as 20 years, says Associate Vice President and University Architect **Doug Marsh**. Discussions regarding remodeling began before he arrived on campus in 1995. “The current initiative began more than three years ago, when the first design concepts were developed,” he says.

Ground for the massive renovation project was broken on Monday, Oct. 22, 2012, and the entire project was completed in only 39 weeks. “It’s an example of great collaboration across many units,” says Marsh. “Including University Relations, Auxiliary Operations, Utilities and Maintenance, Campus Safety, and OIT. Everyone came together—it resulted in a true Notre Dame Moment.”

When the original building was constructed in 1952, the Morris Inn was beyond the edge of campus, Marsh notes. “The campus has grown up to and around it in the last 60 years. We sought to have the reconstructed and expanded Inn reflect the architectural context established by nearby residential and academic buildings that express Notre Dame’s interpretation of

Collegiate Gothic style.”

The design staff has a good start on any interior project with the University color palate, says **Julie Boynton**, director of interior architecture. “Navy blue can be very masculine, and we wanted to ensure the Morris Inn appealed to everyone. The gold tones in the building are very warm. It has a clean and classic feel. Overall, the feeling is light and restful. It’s refreshed and updated, but not modern.”

Doug Schlagel, director of construction, helped to broker a special agreement with the trade unions for a second shift. At peak, there were around 280 workers, with more than 900 tradespeople involved in the overall project.

“All knew the goal,” Marsh says. “The goal everyone accepted was to walk out of a completed project at the end of the day on July 31. As it turned out, it was 1 a.m. on the Aug. 1. We figuratively handed the keys to the operations team when Morris Inn general manager **Joe Kurth** ceremoniously lead his Morris Inn staff into the building at 9 a.m. that morning to begin training.”

The best part, says Boynton, “was watching the staff come into the building for the first time. Some had tears in their eyes, they were so overwhelmed. It was moving to me to see them touched by our work.”

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Douglas K. Marsh
Associate Vice President and University Architect



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CONSTRUCTION OF THE MORRIS INN



Introducing Morris Inn's senior staff



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Joseph Kurth
General Manager



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David P. Konkey
Director of Events



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Megan Akatu
Director of Sales



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THE SALES TEAM



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Goralski



Chaney

Morris Inn and the Notre Dame Conference Center now operate as one entity. Contact the sales team, **Megan Akatu, Lori Chaney or Heather Goralski**, to plan a meeting or conference, dinner, wedding reception or other event either at Morris Inn or the Conference Center. The Conference Center atrium is also available for parties and receptions.

ENTRY FORM

CONTEST ENTER TO WIN!

Enter to win one of five great prizes from Morris Inn!

We're celebrating the 10th anniversary of NDWorks and the Grand Opening of the new Morris Inn with one prize every month from August through December! Prizes include dinner for two at Rohr's, a one-night stay at the hotel and dinner for two at Sorin's.

Look for the entry form in each issue of NDWorks, help us by answering some questions, and return the form to 500 Grace Hall by the date indicated on the form.

In August, answer these questions and you could win dinner for two at Sorin's!

■ I like receiving NDWorks in print because: _____

■ I prefer reading NDWorks as a downloadable PDF (available at today.nd.edu/ndworks) because: _____

■ I would like to receive internal communications via another means such as: _____

Name: _____

Campus phone: _____

Email: _____

Clip and return your entry form to Morris Inn/NDWorks Contest, 500 Grace Hall via campus mail by Friday, Aug. 30. One entry per person. Winners will be randomly selected. The contest is open to full-time, regular faculty and staff.

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The Notre Dame Conference Center offers complete venue and conference service support. The conference center includes an auditorium that seats 358, including 56 in a seminar arrangement, 176 in main-level theater seats and 126 in balcony theater seats. The conference center can accommodate meals, coffee breaks and more.

Sustainability featured prominently in Morris Inn renovation



This mix of plants, called "School Spirit," will provide a carpet-like effect on the roof's surface all year with a lively combination of fall, winter and spring colors.

BY RACHEL NOVICK AND ERIN HAFNER, SUSTAINABILITY

In addition to the enhanced amenities and additional space, sustainability was also a consideration in renovating the Morris Inn.

Morris Inn is the first building on campus to feature a green roof. Visible from some third-floor guest rooms, the roof provides more than just a view. The roof has several

sustainability benefits, including increased building energy efficiency, improved air quality, noise reduction and stormwater management.

"The green roof is a great addition to the many storm water best management practices already employed on campus," says **Chip Farrell**, senior environmental and safety specialist at Notre Dame Utilities. "It will provide a reduction in stormwater run-off from the

site and has the potential to reduce discharge of pollutants like nitrogen and phosphorus to St. Mary's Lake."

Developed by LiveRoof LLC specifically for the purpose of vegetating rooftops, this green roof is planted with a mix of drought-tolerant native plantings including several Sedum species like Summer Glory, Green Ice and Pink Chablis. These plants have water-storing leaves, which reduce the need for

irrigation and provide additional insulation for the building.

"In addition to the green roof, we are excited to promote the many other sustainable technologies in the building," says **Linda Kurtos**, director of the Office of Sustainability.

A heat recovery system on the roof allows for outside air to be exchanged without losing the energy used to heat or cool the indoor air

for comfort. Occupancy sensors help create customized ventilation rates for large spaces such as the new ballroom where the number of guests will vary by event.

Energy-saving LED lighting is used in many areas throughout the building, as well as water-efficient fixtures, and outside, high-efficiency irrigation systems and carefully chosen landscaping provide beauty while minimizing water needs.

"The renovation of the Morris Inn would not have been possible without the tremendous teamwork between many of our internal campus departments and also the strong partnerships we have with key community organizations. Our great tradition of hospitality will be enhanced, and I look forward to our faculty, staff and visitors using and enjoying the new spaces and services."

— John Affleck-Graves, Executive Vice President

Renovation supported by many partners

The Morris Inn renovation was made possible with the support and assistance of many campus departments, including the Office of Information Technologies, Food Services, the Office of Sustainability, Office of the General Counsel, Landscape Services and the Office of Public Affairs and Communications.

Ron Kraemer, OIT's vice president and CIO, notes, "You may have stayed in a fine hotel before, but you probably never thought about all the technology that contributes to a great experience. More than 35 technology projects were undertaken to get the Morris Inn up and running.

"Technology is essential for everything from door locks to digital signs and phones. Reservation websites, entertainment systems, concierge-support systems, business center services and restaurant management systems make a hotel stay more enjoyable.

"Underlying all these services are applications, computers and communications infrastructure that had to be designed and installed in a few short months."

Adds **Michelle Sorensen**, OIT senior project manager, "Members of OIT, Food Services IT and Morris Inn staff came together and collaborated on the breadth of technology necessary for the Morris Inn and Notre Dame Conference Center.

"Through teamwork and a 'we are all in this together' focus, the team was flexible in a fast-paced and ever-evolving scope of work. By combining a broad range of skills, the team accomplished more than we ever thought possible in such a short period of time."

THE FRONT DESK





The Morris Inn staff

It's all about attitude

Staff of 200 undergoes training for re-opening

BY GENE STOWE, FOR NDWORKS

When David Harr revealed that the new director of Morris Inn, Joe Kurth, had played the lead role in "Oklahoma!" in high school, Kurth took the microphone and belted out a line from the musical.

That earned a standing ovation from some 200 Morris Inn employees, old and new, gathered for an orientation session in a Jordan Hall of Science auditorium on July 31, the day before each would visit the renovated and expanded Inn for the first time in 10 months. The prevailing theme shared: "One Team, One Mission!"

Harr and Kurth shared the stage to close out three days of cultural training ahead of the completion of construction and building move-in

the next day.

Harr, the associate vice president for Auxiliary Operations, a division that includes more than 40 teams across campus, also showed an inspirational clip from "Facing the Giants" in his orientation talk aimed at instilling a new mission and attitude for the Morris Inn team.

"We are now delivering a different product and service level than we have before," he said. "We will work to be a key partner throughout the University and community. We invite each of you to be part of the exciting, re-imagined Morris Inn."

Kurth's comments centered on bringing together a team attitude focused on service, and delivering at a level to support the Inn's aspiration to provide the experience of a four-diamond hotel, with every guest, every time. "This focus will allow us to generate a return to support the academic mission of the University of

Notre Dame."

In collaboration with the Office of Human Resources, Harr hired Quality Management Services, a consultant experienced with four- and five-diamond hotels, to establish service standards, articulate a vision and mission, and train managers and associates.

"We're training on what to do with each guest interaction; training on tasks within all departments," said human resources consultant **Lisa Yates**. "We are focused on providing a consistently excellent service delivery from our team of experienced and newly added Notre Dame associates."

The meeting closed with a team photo and a resolute group cheer that carried across campus: "Team Morris Inn: We will deliver!"



The staff see the renovated building for the first time.

Employees were redeployed to avoid layoffs

University committed to taking care of staff

BY GENE STOWE, FOR NDWORKS

The massive renovation and expansion of Morris Inn involved redeploying 43 workers to other jobs on campus for 10 months, fulfilling the University's commitment to avoid layoffs as a result of the project.

"This was an opportunity to demonstrate our values, our mission," says human resources consultant **Lisa Yates**. "This is our family. How are we doing to take care of our staff here?"

Workers were offered a choice of unpaid leave, severance or retirement, or redeployment, with no reduction in salary—for servers, that meant an average including tips—and the right to return to their jobs. Ten managers continued their jobs.

Of the three options, four chose unpaid leave, six took a severance or retirement package, and 43 were redeployed. Yates and **David Konkey**, director of events, met with each one to assess skills and collaborated with other campus

employers to find positions.

"From an HR perspective, I've never had such an opportunity to get to know the staff on a personal level," Yates says. "I can tell you about their background, their interests, their skills. For my role, that's been phenomenal, connecting with the employees and connecting with them as a person."

Five of the redeployed staff decided to stay in their new positions: sous chef **Brent Gregory** at Legends, reservations specialist **Wendy Winovich** in executive education in the Mendoza College of Business, steward **Jill Ann Kaczmarek** in accounting in Food Services, night auditor **Monica Hessey** in Central Receiving, and housekeeper **Gloria Allen** in Building Services.

Jackie Grayson-Zielinski, who had been a cook, recently earned a bachelor's degree in human resources and was brought into the human resources department. She went back to a job in purchasing and receiving, combining her culinary interests with her new administrative and business skills and experience.

The expansion of Morris Inn

boosted staffing to about 120 people, including more than 70 full-time plus part-time and temporary. A two-day job fair in June in the Jordan Hall of Science attracted hundreds of people, and more than 500 people were interviewed. All employees shared a week of orientation at the end of July.

"We have our existing staff who understand our culture and they know our guests," Yates says. "They have the culture piece down and they can help others understand what the culture is like."

The commitment to the displaced Morris Inn workers exhibited that culture in a way that gained employees' trust, she says.

"It's a very anxious time because they know it's going to be a new building," Yates says. "They know the standards are going to be higher. They're not scared because they know they've been taken care of. There are resources and support for them."

Redeployed staff transition on return

New spaces, jobs are quite different

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY, NDWORKS

After 44 seasons at Morris Inn, bartender **Pat (Murf) Murphy** knows it's going to happen. He'll reach for a bottle in the renovated bar and it won't be where it used to be. Murphy will be working in the new Rohr's, after a temporary stint at Legends during construction.

Murphy, who was 15 years old when he was hired to load dishes for the Morris Inn busboys, has worked for every manager at Morris Inn (current general manager Joe Kurth is the eighth). He took over as bartender in 1982 when the previous bartender retired.

The Morris Inn bar he left had 44 seats served by three staff. The new Rohr's bar has 120 with 10 staff planned for busy times. Murf is looking forward to showing off the new place to his longtime customers.

When the staff at Morris Inn was told of the upcoming remodel and expansion—and the redeployment of the staff—**Kathryn Seymour**, hotel assistant manager, was a little nervous. She was surprised when she was told she was going to work in the bookstore for the duration of construction.

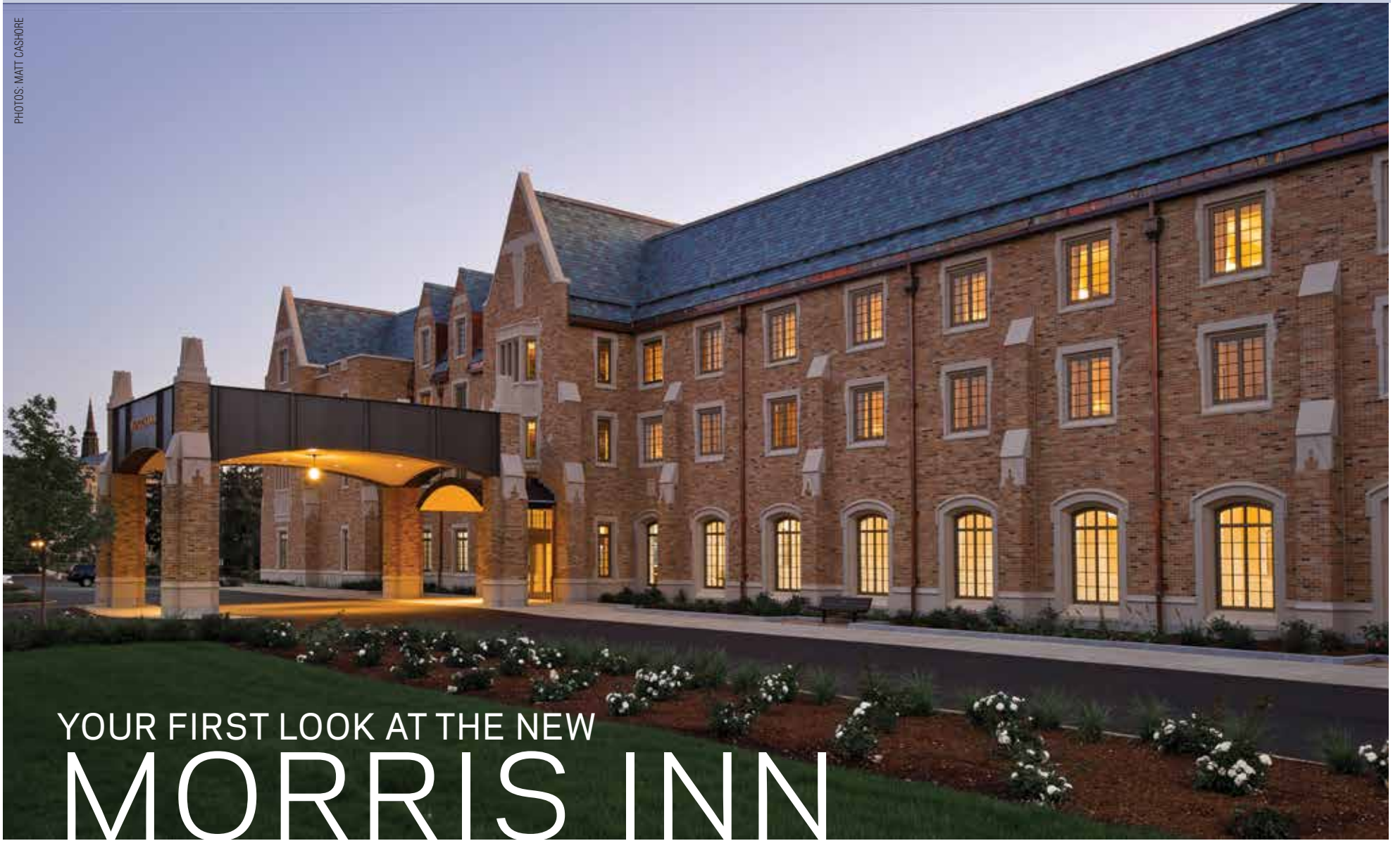
It was a difficult transition at first, she says. "I was leaving the only place I had ever worked on campus. The Morris Inn was home. I watched with tears in my eyes as they took out the front desk in pieces."

"But working at the bookstore was awesome! The staff was amazing. They opened their arms to me and taught me so much. I am very blessed to have been a part of the re-deployment and to return as a hotel assistant manager. I extend a warm and gracious invitation to all to come and see our beautiful Morris Inn!"



Pat Murphy, center, shown with his colleagues while undergoing training inside Rohr's.

PHOTOS: MATT CASHORE



YOUR FIRST LOOK AT THE NEW MORRIS INN

