

NOTRE DAME COACHING STAFF

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Head Coach

Saint Joseph's (Pa.) '77

20th Season at Notre Dame

429-167 (.720)

25th Season Overall

517-208 (.713)

"If we searched for an entire year, I don't think we would find anyone better suited for our program."

With those words, former Notre Dame athletics director Gene Corrigan announced the hiring of Muffet McGraw as the third head coach of the Irish women's basketball program on May 18, 1987. Corrigan may not have realized it at the time, but he also ushered in an era of unparalleled success in women's basketball at Notre Dame, brought to life on the shoulders of a 5-foot-6 dynamo who accepts nothing less than the very best from herself, her players and her program.

Ask anyone familiar with women's basketball about McGraw and her Notre Dame program and inevitably, you'll hear the same two words — consistency and excellence. And it's no wonder, when you consider what McGraw and the Irish have achieved in the past 19 years:

- The 2001 NCAA Championship, defeating Purdue in the title game, 68-66. McGraw is one of only eight active Division I coaches to guide her team to a national title.
- Two trips to the NCAA Final Four (1997 and 2001). McGraw is one of just 13 active Division I coaches to lead her team to multiple Final Four appearances.
- Six NCAA Sweet 16 trips, all in the past decade. The Irish are one of only 10 programs in the nation that can make that claim.
- 16 seasons with 20-or-more victories, including 12 in the past 13 seasons.
- 13 NCAA Tournament appearances, including a current string of 11 consecutive NCAA Tournament berths. During the present 11-year streak, Notre Dame has won at least one NCAA postseason game 10 times.

- 517 career wins and a .713 career winning percentage (entering the 2006-07 season), placing her among the top 20 coaches in NCAA history in both categories.
- 50 wins over ranked opponents, including 40 in the past eight seasons alone (an average of five per year during that span). In addition, 19 of the past 40 wins vs. ranked teams have come against top-10 opponents.
- 139 appearances in the Associated Press Top 25 poll, putting McGraw 17th among active Division I coaches on that list. Notre Dame also has spent 73 weeks ranked among the top 10 teams in the nation, all in the past decade.
- Nine top-three finishes in the BIG EAST Conference during Notre Dame's 11 years in that league. The Irish also won a share of the 2001 BIG EAST regular-season title.
- 10 consecutive top-20 recruiting classes, dating back to the incoming class of 1997. Notre Dame is one of just three programs in the nation that currently owns a streak of that length.
- A perfect 100-percent graduation rate for all players entering the program since 1987 who have completed their athletic and academic eligibility at Notre Dame.

Another watershed moment in McGraw's coaching career came on Nov. 18, 2005, when she became the 27th NCAA Division I coach to record 500 career wins as Notre Dame defeated Michigan, 55-45 at the Joyce Center. What's more, she is just the 10th Division I coach to reach the 500-victory mark before the age of 50.

Still, with all of those accomplishments in hand, McGraw has shown no signs of slowing down any time soon. In July 2004, the veteran head coach signed a contract extension that will keep her patrolling the Irish sidelines through the 2010-11 campaign.

"Coaching at Notre Dame has been a dream come true for me," McGraw says. "There's no better place in the country to experience the perfect blend of both athletics and academics. We have built something very special here and I'm thrilled to continue working to achieve the highest degree of success that we have come to expect from Notre Dame women's basketball."

"Quite simply, we believe we have the best coach in women's college basketball right here at Notre Dame in Muffet McGraw," adds Irish athletics director Kevin White.

"She is a great fit for Notre Dame, and she continues to take us where we want to go in the women's basketball world. The NCAA title in '01,



the ongoing successes we've had in the postseason and her recruiting efforts overall have cemented Notre Dame's position as one of the elite programs in the country. There are many more great days ahead for our women's basketball program, and I'm very pleased to know that Muffet will continue to lead us in the right direction."

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McGraw's latest assault on college basketball's summit began the moment she and her team returned from St. Louis after winning the 2001 national championship.

In the five seasons since the Irish won the NCAA title, Notre Dame has posted a 107-50 (.681) record and reached the NCAA Tournament all five years, advancing to the Sweet Sixteen twice. Last year, the Irish dodged numerous injuries and close losses (three by four points or less, including two in overtime) to post an 18-12 record and return to the NCAA Tournament for the 11th consecutive season and 13th time overall.

The success McGraw's teams have shown on defense has not been lost on other coaches around the country. Prior to his team's NCAA first-round game against the Irish in 2005, UC Santa Barbara coach Mark French said, "When you think of great zones in the men's game, you think of Syracuse. When you think of great zones in the women's game, you think of Notre Dame."

"While we have had some success in the past five years, I don't believe any of us in this program are satisfied with our performance," McGraw commented. "At Notre Dame, we expect to play for national championships every year and this program has reached a point where we accept nothing less."

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To be sure, the night of April 1, 2001 is one McGraw and the Irish faithful will never forget. On that memorable Sunday evening in St. Louis, Notre Dame defeated Purdue 68-66 as McGraw's 14th Irish team won the school's first NCAA women's basketball championship. It was the second Final Four appearance in five years for McGraw's troops, who became the only NCAA champion to erase double-figure deficits in both of its Final Four contests. Having coached the Irish to their best ever regular-season record at 26-1 and a school-record 34 wins (the second 30-win campaign in school history), and having guided Notre Dame to its best record (34-2) and season winning percentage (.944), McGraw earned numerous national awards for her efforts. For the first time in her career, she won national coach-of-the-year honors from the WBCA, Sports Illustrated for Women and Associated Press, as well as the Atlanta Tipoff Club, which named her the Naismith Women's College Coach of the Year. Ruth Riley joined McGraw for the latter two honors, earning AP and Naismith player-of-the-year laurels. Riley also was recognized as the nation's top student-athlete when she was named the CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year.

In addition, the New York Athletic Club honored McGraw with the 2001 Winged Foot Award, which is presented annually to the coach of the NCAA champion. She also was selected as the WBCA District I Coach of the Year and was voted the BIG EAST Coach of the Year for the first time. The latter award gave McGraw a unique distinction — she has earned coach-of-the-year honors in all four conferences with which she has been associated during her head coaching tenure (the East Coast Conference, North Star Conference, Midwestern Collegiate Conference and BIG EAST).



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McGraw has led the Irish to all 13 of their NCAA Tournament appearances, the first coming in 1992 and the second in 1994. Yet, Notre Dame's first NCAA Tournament win didn't come until after it joined the BIG EAST Conference in 1996 when, as the 12th seed in the Midwest region, the Irish stunned fifth-seeded and 15th-ranked Purdue, 73-

60, in Lubbock, Texas. The success of that 1995-96 campaign and a 23-8 record earned McGraw national recognition as well, as she was named the WBCA District II Coach of the Year.

One season later, McGraw and the Irish made an even bigger national statement, going all the way to the Final Four. Notre Dame compiled a gaudy 31-7 record (at the time the most wins in school history) and the first 30-win season in the program's history. Also, for the first time ever, the Irish were ranked in both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls from the preseason until the end of the year. Notre Dame earned its first-ever top 10 ranking at the end of November and achieved all-time high finishes in both final polls, finishing fifth in the ESPN/USA Today rankings and 15th in the AP poll.

McGraw and the Irish got to the 1997 NCAA Final Four the hard way, beating three consecutive ranked opponents on the road. In its NCAA first-round game in Austin, Texas, Notre Dame cruised to a 93-62 victory over Memphis. Its second round contest matched the Irish up with Texas. Undaunted by the hostile Longhorn crowd, Notre Dame pulled off an 86-83 upset of its 14th-ranked hosts.

Making their first-ever Sweet 16 appearance, the Irish erased a nine-point halftime deficit and went on to defeat eighth-ranked Alabama, 87-71 in Columbia, S.C. Notre Dame then claimed the East Regional championship and booked its first trip to the Final Four with a 62-52 win over No. 22 George Washington. An 80-66 loss to eventual national champion Tennessee couldn't dampen what remains a defining season in the program's history.

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The 1997-98 campaign was expected to be a transition year as the Irish lost four starters from that first Final Four team. However, it turned out to

Muffet McGraw's Coaching History

Year	School	Record	Pct.	Honors
1982-83	Lehigh	14-9	.609	East Coast Conference Coach of the Year
1983-84	Lehigh	13-9	.591	
1984-85	Lehigh	20-8	.714	
1985-86	Lehigh	24-4	.857	
1986-87	Lehigh	17-11	.607	
5-year Lehigh total		88-41	.683	
1987-88	Notre Dame	20-8	.714	North Star Conference Coach of the Year
1988-89	Notre Dame	21-11	.656	MCC Regular Season/Tournament Champion, NWIT Tournament
1989-90	Notre Dame	23-6	.793	MCC Regular Season/Tournament Champion
1990-91	Notre Dame	23-9	.719	MCC Regular Season/Tournament Champion, NWIT Tournament, MCC Coach of the Year
1991-92	Notre Dame	14-17	.451	MCC Tournament Champion, NCAA First Round
1992-93	Notre Dame	15-12	.556	
1993-94	Notre Dame	22-7	.786	MCC Regular Season/Tournament Champion, NCAA First Round
1994-95	Notre Dame	21-10	.677	MCC Regular Season Champion, NWIT Tournament
1995-96	Notre Dame	23-8	.742	NCAA Second Round , WBCA District II Coach of the Year
1996-97	Notre Dame	31-7	.816	NCAA Final Four , East Regional Champion
1997-98	Notre Dame	22-10	.688	NCAA Sweet Sixteen
1998-99	Notre Dame	26-5	.839	NCAA Second Round
1999-2000	Notre Dame	27-5	.844	NCAA Sweet Sixteen
2000-01	Notre Dame	34-2	.945	NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPION , BIG EAST Regular-Season Co-Champion, Naismith Coach of the Year, Associated Press Coach of the Year, WBCA National Coach of the Year, WBCA District I Coach of the Year, BIG EAST Coach of the Year
2001-02	Notre Dame	20-10	.667	NCAA Second Round
2002-03	Notre Dame	21-11	.656	NCAA Sweet Sixteen
2003-04	Notre Dame	21-11	.656	NCAA Sweet Sixteen
2004-05	Notre Dame	27-6	.818	NCAA Second Round
2005-06	Notre Dame	18-12	.600	NCAA First Round
19-year Notre Dame total		429-167	.720	13 NCAA Tournaments, 16 Postseason Appearances
24-year career total		517-208	.713	

The McGraw File

PERSONAL

Birth dayDecember 5, 1955
 Birth placePottsville, Pa.
 FamilyHusband, Matt
 Son, Murphy (16)

EDUCATION

High SchoolBishop Shanahan High School
 CollegeSaint Joseph's University (Pa.)
 B.S. in sociology, 1977

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Saint Joseph's University (Pa.)1973-77
 California Dreams (WBL)1979

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Head Coach1977-79
 Archbishop Carroll High School (Radnor, Pa.)
 Assistant Coach1980-82
 Saint Joseph's University (Pa.)
 Head Coach1982-87
 Lehigh University
 Head Coach1987-present
 University of Notre Dame

COACHING HONORS

National Coach of the Year2001
 Naismith, Associated Press, WBCA,
Sports Illustrated for Women
 WBCA District Coach of the Year
 District II1996
 District I2001
 Conference Coach of the Year
 East Coast Conference1983
 North Star Conference1988
 Midwestern Collegiate Conference1991
 BIG EAST Conference2001
 N.Y. Athletic Club Winged Foot Award2001
 Gold Medalist, U.S. Olympic Festival1993
 (Assistant Coach, South Team)
 Philadelphia Big Five Hall of Fame1990
 Saint Joseph's Athletics Hall of Fame2002
 Saint Joseph's WBB Hall of Fame1986
 Notre Dame Honorary Alumna1997
 (presented by ND Monogram Club)

COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

NCAA National Championships1 (2001)
 NCAA Final Four berths2 (1997, 2001)
 NCAA Sweet 16 appearances6
 (1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004)
 NCAA Tournament bids ..13 (1992, 1994, 1996-2006)
 NIT Tournament bids3 (1989, 1991, 1995)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Women's Basketball Coaches Association
 WBCA Board of Directors
 U.S. Commission for Opportunity in Athletics

be perhaps the best coaching effort of McGraw's career, punctuated by one of the most stunning upsets of the 1998 NCAA Tournament when Notre Dame beat sixth-ranked and top-seeded Texas Tech in the second round of the Midwest Regional before a stunned Lady Raider crowd at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. That win propelled McGraw's team into the Sweet 16 for the second year in a row, resulted in a final ranking of 17th in the ESPN/USA Today poll and made McGraw a finalist for the Naismith Coach of the Year award.

During the 1998-99 season, McGraw's charges posted an impressive 26-5 mark and spent a school-record 16 consecutive weeks ranked in the top 10. Notre Dame was undefeated (8-0) against non-conference opponents, registering wins at home against UCLA (99-82) and eventual NCAA runner-up Duke (84-57), both of whom were ranked sixth at tipoff.

The accomplishments of the Notre Dame program in '98-'99 made McGraw a finalist for the Naismith Award for the second consecutive season. In addition, Riley became the first player to earn first-team AP All-America honors. Riley also was a first team CoSIDA Academic All-America® honoree, the fourth player in the history of the program to earn Academic All-America® accolades.

The 1999-2000 campaign continued Notre Dame's rise up the national ladder, as the Irish duplicated their record-setting accomplishment of the 1998-99 campaign, finishing with, at the time, the best winning percentage in school history (.844) en route to a 27-5 campaign and return to the NCAA Sweet 16. Notre Dame spent all but two weeks in the top 10 of the AP poll and held down the No. 5 ranking (then an all-time high) for seven of the 18 weeks.

That would all set the stage for the memorable events of 2000-01 and Notre Dame's ascension into the ranks of college basketball's elite programs.

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To understand the competitive fire that has fueled much of McGraw's success, you have to go back to her playing days. A four-year starter at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pa., she captained the 1976-77 Hawk team that finished 23-5 and was ranked third nationally. In four seasons at SJU, McGraw helped her team compile a 59-12 mark, while participating in the regional Eastern Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (EAIW) tournament once and the national AIAW tourney once.

She received her bachelor's degree in sociology from SJU in 1977. Following graduation, she coached for two seasons at Philadelphia's Archbishop Carroll High School where she guided her teams to a 50-3 record, including a 28-0 mark during her second year. In that '78-79 season, she led her squad to the Catholic League title and was named coach of the year for the Philadelphia Catholic League.

McGraw then played point guard for one year with the California Dreams, a team in the since-folded Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL). She returned to her alma mater in 1980, serving as an assistant coach for two seasons under Jim Foster.

In 1982, McGraw was named head coach at Lehigh University, leading that school to unprecedented success. Her teams were 88-41 (.683) during her five-year tenure. She was named East Coast Conference Coach of the Year following her



first season with the Engineers in 1982-83. Her '84-85 and '85-86 teams posted back-to-back 20-win seasons, finishing 20-8 and 24-4, respectively. The latter squad won the most games in women's basketball history at the school, while claiming both the ECC regular-season and tournament titles.

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In her first season at Notre Dame (1987-88), McGraw took a team which finished 12-15 the previous year and guided that squad to a 20-8 mark, including the program's first-ever win over a ranked opponent (78-66 at No. 17 Duke) as she was named North Star Conference Coach of the Year.

The following year, McGraw and the Irish moved into the Midwestern Collegiate Conference (MCC) — now known as the Horizon League — and set about establishing a standard of excellence in that conference that has never been duplicated.

In seven years as a member of the MCC, Notre Dame won five regular season and tournament championships, including four consecutive tournament crowns from 1989-92. McGraw's teams never finished lower than second in the regular season standings and advanced to the semifinals of the conference tournament all but once. Notre Dame wound up compiling an 87-15 (.853) record in MCC regular-season games and was 13-2 (.867) in tournament play.

While her teams' successes in the MCC were impressive, McGraw and the Irish had their sights set on bigger goals. The first of those aims was achieved on Dec. 28, 1990, when Notre Dame announced its presence on the national basketball scene with a historic 71-66 win over No. 11 Louisiana Tech in the first round of the Hawk Classic in McGraw's hometown of Philadelphia. The next evening, the Irish upended McGraw's alma mater, Saint Joseph's (Pa.), 72-53, in the

championship game, causing Hall of Fame sports-writer Mel Greenberg to note in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* the following day, "They were the kind of wins that get a team noticed on the national level."

Those words proved prophetic only days later when, on Dec. 31, 1990, the Irish women's basketball program earned the school's first national ranking. Notre Dame entered the Associated Press poll at No. 25 and remained in both the AP and *USA Today* polls for the next nine weeks, climbing as high as 19th in the AP and 18th in the *USA Today* poll.

The next important step in the growth of Notre Dame women's basketball under McGraw's tutelage came in 1992, when the Irish, despite a 14-17 mark (the only losing season McGraw has experienced during her head coaching tenure), rallied to win the MCC Tournament with a 59-54 upset of top-seeded Xavier in the championship finale. The win earned Notre Dame its first-ever berth in the coveted NCAA Tournament field via the league's automatic bid.

Two years later, the Irish was back in the NCAA Tournament, once again earning the MCC's automatic bid. This time, Notre Dame garnered additional respect from the NCAA Selection Committee, picking up a home game in the first round against Minnesota. However, the plucky Gophers pulled out a tough 81-76 decision at the Joyce Center, abruptly ending the season for the Irish. Still, the lessons McGraw and her charges learned in those first two NCAA Tournament appearances would prove invaluable — since that time, Notre Dame has won at least once in virtually every NCAA Tournament it has played in (1996-2006), posting a 22-10 (.688) record in NCAA postseason play.

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Throughout her storied coaching career, success for McGraw has meant developing great players. Ruth Riley, the 2001 BIG EAST Player of the Year, became the third Notre Dame player to earn AP All-America honors when she was named in '99 to the third team. Riley, who was a unanimous



first-team all-BIG EAST selection in 2000 and was the '99 BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year, also earned Kodak honorable mention All-America honors. She also was a member of the '99 U.S. World University Games team and proudly represented her country as a member of the gold medal-winning 2004 U.S. Olympic Team.

Besides Riley, two players whose names are forever linked to elevating the Notre Dame program to national prominence are '97 graduates Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither. The two-time Kodak and AP honorable mention All-Americans both scored more than 2,000 points during their careers, becoming the first two players from the same team in NCAA history (male or female) to reach that milestone. They rank one-two, respectively, on the Irish career scoring list, while Gaither also stands as the school's second all-time leading rebounder behind Riley. Both players went on to careers at the professional level with the now-defunct American Basketball League (ABL) and the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA).

The trio of Riley, Morgan and Gaither highlight an impressive list of 19 Irish players who have garnered all-conference honors during McGraw's career. In addition, the Notre Dame mentor has coached three conference players-of-the-year, three league rookies-of-the-year, and 12 conference all-rookie team selections since arriving in South Bend.

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Another sign of McGraw's success has been her ability to prepare her players for the next level. No less than 13 Notre Dame cagers have gone on to play professionally, including eight who either have been drafted or signed as free agents with WNBA teams.

The past six years have seen the greatest influx of Irish talent into the WNBA, with six Notre Dame players having been selected in the league's annual draft since 2001. Four of those players were starters on the '01 Irish NCAA championship squad, and four of the recent WNBA draftees earned All-America status during their careers at Notre Dame.

Perhaps no former Irish player has achieved greater success at the professional level than Ruth Riley. Less than a month after being named the 2001 NCAA Final Four Most Outstanding Player, Riley was taken with the fifth overall pick in the WNBA Draft by the Miami Sol, where she spent her first two pro seasons. When the Sol folded in 2003, she was the No. 1 overall pick in the WNBA dispersal draft by the Detroit Shock, quickly becoming a crowd favorite in the Motor City. With Riley in the starting lineup, Detroit rolled to the league title with a storybook "worst-to-first" finish in '03. Riley herself was named the WNBA Finals MVP, becoming the only player in women's basketball history to earn Finals MVP honors at both the NCAA and WNBA levels. After winning a second title with the Shock in 2006, she also is one of only six players in women's basketball lore to earn championships in NCAA, WNBA and Olympic competition.

Niele Ivey was another important cog in the 2001 national championship machine for Notre Dame, and she has translated that into an extensive playing career on the professional circuit. A second-round pick of the Indiana Fever in the '01 WNBA Draft, Ivey spent her four seasons with the club, teaming with current Irish associate head coach (and retired seven-year WNBA veteran) Coquese Washington to pilot the Fever to their first-ever playoff berth in 2002. She signed on with the Phoenix Mercury as a free agent in 2005, then sat out the '06 campaign while rehabilitating an injury.

RECORD BREAKDOWN

Overall.....	517-208 (.713)
Record at Notre Dame.....	429-167 (.720)
Conference	239-58 (.805)
BIG EAST	145-39 (.788)
Midwestern Collegiate	87-15 (.853)
North Star	7-3 (.700)
Non-Conference.....	190-110 (.633)
Home	208-43 (.829)
Road	166-93 (.641)
Neutral.....	53-29 (.646)

MOST CAREER WINS AT NOTRE DAME (MEN'S/WOMEN'S BASKETBALL)

Muffet McGraw (1987-present)	429
Digger Phelps (1971-91)	393
George Keogan (1923-43)	327
John Jordan (1951-64)	199
Mike Brey (2000-present)	118

BEST WINNING PERCENTAGE AT NOTRE DAME (MEN'S/WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - min. 5 yrs.)

Bertram G. Maris (1907-12)	794 (78-20)
George Keogan (1923-43).....	771 (327-97-1)
Muffet McGraw (1987-present)720 (429-167)
Jesse C. Harper (1913-18)	686 (44-20)
Edward Krause (1944, 1946-51)	671 (98-48)

McGRAW'S MILESTONE WINS AT NOTRE DAME

No. 1	Nov. 28, 1987 (67-61 at Loyola (Ill.))
No. 50	Jan. 18, 1990 (81-64 vs. Marquette)
No. 100	March 13, 1992 (85-44 vs. Detroit)
*No. 116	March 6, 1993 (74-62 vs. Evansville)
No. 200	Jan. 29, 1997 (72-71 at Miami (Fla.))
No. 300	Dec. 31, 2000 (80-40 vs. Rice)
No. 350	Dec. 31, 2002 (75-68 at Marquette)
**No. 394	Dec. 19, 2004 (50-47 at Marquette)
No. 400	Jan. 23, 2005 (63-47 vs. Rutgers)
***No. 412	Nov. 18, 2005 (55-45 vs. Michigan)

* - took over career WBB wins record at Notre Dame
 ** - passed D. Phelps as winningest ND basketball coach
 *** - 500th overall victory (412th at Notre Dame)

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- One U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist
- Four USA Basketball National Team players (eight medals)
- Eight All-Americans
- Two CoSIDA Academic All-America® selections
- One National Player of the Year
- One National Freshman of the Year
- Three Conference Players of the Year
- 18 All-Conference selections, including 14 first-team honorees
- Three Conference Rookies of the Year
- 12 Conference All-Rookie Team choices
- 19 Conference Player of the Week winners
- 10 BIG EAST Rookie of the Week picks
- Developed 13 players who have been taken in WNBA Draft, or who have signed professional contracts as free agents
- Trained 15 former players/assistants who are currently coaching at the college or high school level

In 2005, All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast became the fifth McGraw protege in as many years to be taken in the WNBA Draft, when she was selected in the second round (17th overall pick) by the Minnesota Lynx before being traded to Detroit for the 2006 campaign (and going on to win her first pro title that season). This past April, the Lynx once again dipped into the Notre Dame talent pool, choosing All-America point guard Megan Duffy in the third round (31st overall pick).

McGraw's knack for developing talent also extends to the coaching ranks. No less than 15 of her former players and/or assistant coaches currently are serving as coaches at either the high school or college level. In addition, six of her former pupils are presently collegiate head coaches (five at the Division I level): Sandy Botham, a 1988 Notre Dame graduate who is at Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Beth (Morgan) Cunningham, the leading scorer in Irish history from 1993-97 and now the skipper at Virginia Commonwealth; Liz Feeley, a former Irish assistant now at Smith College; Bill Fennelly, another former aide who is piloting Iowa State; Kevin McGuff, a Notre Dame assistant for six seasons who now is the head coach at Xavier, and Carol Owens, who spent a decade working with McGraw before departing in March 2005 to assume the head coaching position at her alma mater, Northern Illinois.

On a national level, McGraw has been widely regarded as a champion for student-athletes. In June 2002, she accepted an invitation from U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige to join the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics. Created 30 years after the passage of the Title IX anti-discrimination law, the 15-member panel examined ways to strengthen enforcement and expand opportunities to ensure fairness for all college athletes. McGraw was the only women's basketball coach on the Commission, which also included WNBA great Cynthia Cooper, U.S. National Soccer Team captain Julie Foudy and two-time Olympic gold medalist Donna DeVarona.

In the summer of 2004, McGraw served with the WBCA's Special Committee on Recruiting and Access, which helped create numerous proposals to the NCAA that clarified and strengthened national recruiting guidelines. McGraw's work on that committee led to her selection in 2005 as a member of the WBCA's Board of Directors, serving as the Division I Legislative Chair for that body.

On top of her tireless work at Notre Dame, McGraw often is in demand as a featured speaker at various camps, luncheons and other fundraisers around the country. For several years, she has been a co-chair for the annual "Run, Jane, Run" golf tournament in South Bend, which benefits local chapters of the YWCA. McGraw also has helped coordinate the annual Coaches' Car



Head coach Muffet McGraw, her husband Matt, and son Murphy at their home in Granger.

Wash, with proceeds going to the University's fundraising efforts for United Way, and this past summer, she served as honorary chair of "Jazz on the Terrace," a concert and silent auction whose proceeds went to benefit RiverBend Cancer Services in Michiana.

In addition, McGraw had her first book published in 2003, teaming with Bradley University professor Paul Gullifor to pen "Coaching Success: Muffet McGraw's Formula for Winning — In Sports and In Life."

Besides basketball, she has cultivated a passion for golf, sporting a 14-handicap. In fact, one of her favorite moments off the hardwood came just two months after winning the 2001 national championship, when she stepped to the fourth tee at Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course and promptly drained her first hole-in-one.

Born Dec. 5, 1955 in Pottsville, Pa., McGraw remains one of the predominant women's basketball figures ever to come from the Philadelphia metro area. In 1986, she was inducted into the

Saint Joseph's University Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, followed by her enshrinement into the Philadelphia Big Five Women's Hall of Fame in 1989. In November 2002, McGraw's alma mater came calling once again, inducting her into the SJU Athletics Hall of Fame.

McGraw's accomplishments also have not been overlooked by her current employer. In 1997, she was named an honorary alumna by the Notre Dame Alumni Association and received an honorary monogram from the Notre Dame Monogram Club.

McGraw is devoted to maintaining a strong family as well. She and her husband, Matt, will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in 2007, and they have a 16-year-old son, Murphy, who is in his junior year at South Bend St. Joseph's High School, where he is a member of the cross country team. The McGraws live in Granger.

Muffet McGraw's Coaching Tree

Former players/assistants and their current roles in basketball

Sandy Botham	Head Coach, Wisconsin-Milwaukee First-team all-North Star pick for McGraw (1987-88); Assistant Coach at ND (1991-95)
Kristin (Knapp) Cole	Assistant Coach, Xavier Member of Notre Dame's first two NCAA Tournament teams (1991-92, 1993-94)
Beth (Morgan) Cunningham	Head Coach, Virginia Commonwealth Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer and a two-time All-American (1996-97)
Kelley (Siemon) Deyo	Assistant Coach, Liberty 2001 BIG EAST Most Improved Player; member of Notre Dame's 2001 NCAA championship team
Liz Feeley	Head Coach, Smith College (Mass.) Played for McGraw at Lehigh (1982-86); Assistant at Lehigh (1986-87) & Notre Dame (1987-88)
Bill Fennelly	Head Coach, Iowa State Assistant Coach at Notre Dame (1987-88)
Ericka Haney	Director of Basketball Operations, Louisiana Tech Starter in 2001 NCAA Championship team; 2002 team captain
Monique Hernandez	Head Coach, Mishawaka (Ind.) Marian High School Member of 2001 NCAA Championship team and three NCAA Sweet 16 units ('00, '01, '04)
Colleen Matsuhara	Head Coach, West Los Angeles (Calif.) Community College Assistant Coach at Notre Dame (1989-90)
Kevin McGuff	Head Coach, Xavier Assistant Coach at Notre Dame (1996-2002)
Carol Owens	Head Coach, Northern Illinois Assistant Coach at Notre Dame (1995-2005)
Alicia Ratay	Head Coach, Hoffman Estates (Ill.) High School Member of 2001 NCAA Championship team; NCAA career three-point percentage leader (.476)
John Sutherland	Assistant Coach, Marshall Assistant Coach at Notre Dame (1993-96)
Coquese Washington	Associate Head Coach, Notre Dame Co-captain on two of McGraw's teams (1991-93); Assistant Coach at Notre Dame (1999-present)
Anne Weese	Graduate Assistant, Oklahoma State Member of two NCAA Sweet 16 teams (2003, 2004)

On the role of this year's freshman class ...

"I think that our two freshman guards, Ashley (Barlow) and Melissa (Lechlitner), are going to see quality playing time. Initially, we have a veteran group of guards, so our newcomers are going to have to find a role. Melissa obviously will back up Tulyah (Gaines) at the point, and Ashley is going to create her own niche. With Tulyah at the point, and Charel (Allen) and Lindsay (Schrader) on the wing, I think it may be tough for the freshmen to break into the starting lineup right away, but I'm excited about their potential."

On how Notre Dame's offensive capabilities this year ...

"With this team, I think we are going to be a little bit better offensively than we were last year, even though we lost two good scorers in Megan (Duffy) and Courtney (LaVere). This year, we're going to get contributions from more people. We have really improved our three-point shot — our two freshman guards are both good three-point shooters, Lindsey (Schrader) has worked on her shot, and then, of course, Charel (Allen) is a threat from just about any spot on the floor. So we should have more weapons than we did last year."

On the BIG EAST Conference ...

"The BIG EAST is going to be extremely tough this year, which is to be expected when you send 11 teams to the postseason, including seven to the NCAA Tournament. I've always said the BIG EAST is one of the best basketball conferences in America, and I think that was proven last year. We struggled a bit in the BIG EAST last year and we had a better team. This time, I don't think there's one single dominant team in the conference, but there's a whole lot of really quality teams that are going to make some noise. Connecticut and Rutgers are always good, as well as Louisville, DePaul, St. John's and South Florida. But what sets the BIG EAST apart from the other conferences out there is our depth. If you can battle your way through the BIG EAST, chances are you're going to be pretty successful when the post-season rolls around in March."

On what makes the Joyce Center so tough for visiting teams ...

"Other than a year or two where we stumbled somewhat, we've had great success at home, and that's because our crowd has been so important to us. We have a tremendous following, and they are just ardent fans. It's a great comfort to us to come out and see

that kind of support. There's no question that it helps us, and that's a big reason why we have played so well at home for so long. You don't win almost 80 percent of your home games and rank in the top 20 in the country in attendance for six years running without amazing fan support and that's what we're blessed with here at Notre Dame."

On the impending Joyce Center renovations ...

"It's going to look first-class from top to bottom. When we talk about Notre Dame, we always tell people this is a first-class place, that we do everything top of the line and we're committed to excellence. Now, thanks to the generosity of Philip Purcell and other visionaries like him, we have a facility that will also be the same way."

On winning her 500th career game last season ...

"You need to enjoy moments like that when they happen, then put them behind you and set the next goal. It was a fun time, hearing from all my former assistants and players because it gave me a chance to think back and really appreciate what we've done. I've had the opportunity to coach so many great people, and I've had great assistant coaches. There are a lot of people who helped me get here and I'll always be grateful to them."

On how Notre Dame prepares her players for life after college ...

"Being here gives you a chance to experience the best of everything college has to offer. From a basketball perspective, you're always competing at the highest level on national television and you have a chance to make a name for yourself in the future, first as an All-American, then as a player in the WNBA, and later on in the coaching ranks. When it comes to academics, a Notre Dame education opens more doors in more places, not only around the country, but around the world. Employers know when a Notre Dame graduate walks into their office for a job interview, they're going to see someone who's not only a hard worker, but a good citizen and someone determined to make a difference in the world. That's what they mean when they say, 'Nowhere But Notre Dame.' It's an experience that doesn't last just four years — it lasts a lifetime."

On what it means to be the head women's basketball coach at Notre Dame ...

"Notre Dame is a dream come true for me. When I walk across campus and see the Golden Dome, and I know what Notre Dame stands for, I just feel like I'm lucky to be here. I don't think I've ever even considered that there could be a better job or a better place to be than right here at Notre Dame."

What Others Are Saying About Muffet McGraw ...

"Muffet McGraw has a great winning attitude and has a complete understanding of how to communicate her concepts to her players. She is absolutely a brilliant tactician and does everything with class. She represents the Fighting Irish and the Golden Dome in a very special way."

— **Dick Vitale**
ESPN College Basketball Analyst

"I have been fortunate enough to watch Muffet work up close for the past six years and have been simply amazed. She is an educator and the kind of person you would want your daughter to play for."

— **Mike Brey**
Notre Dame men's basketball head coach

"My four years at Notre Dame were indeed life-shaping. From heartbreaking losses to the ultimate level of success, I learned how to handle pressure, what it takes to be a leader and how to balance my faith, family, academics and basketball. I will forever be grateful to Coach McGraw for giving me the opportunity to attend Notre Dame; for instructing me, guiding me and pushing me to achieve my academic and athletic goals; and most of all, for the continual support she shows in my life outside of Notre Dame."

— **Ruth Riley**
Three-time All-American at Notre Dame
2001 National Player of the Year
2003 WNBA Finals MVP
2004 Olympic Gold Medalist - Team USA

"Year in and year out, Muffet has her team in contention for a national championship. That consistency is what every coach strives for."

— **Jim Foster**
Ohio State University head coach

"Muffet McGraw has made Notre Dame a regular player on the national scene with one NCAA title and another Final Four appearance already in the books. Her players, in a reflection of herself, have been class acts on the sidelines as well as in the game. Muffet is another of a number of successful women who have demonstrated it is possible to have a solid family life at home as a mom, while also devoting the hours it takes to maintain a high profile entity on the hardwood."

— **Mel Greenberg**
Sportswriter, Philadelphia Inquirer
USBWA Hall of Famer,
Founder of Associated Press Top 25 Poll

"There is a lasting bond between a coach and her players. Muffet was a dedicated player with a tremendous work ethic; there was always a smile on her face and a will to win. It is a thrill to see her nurture that same relationship with her players today. With her success in winning a national championship, Coach McGraw knows what elements it takes to keep Notre Dame a powerhouse in women's basketball."

— **Theresa Greutz**
University of Illinois head coach
Member, Basketball Hall of Fame



Coquese Washington

Associate Head Coach
Eighth Season
Notre Dame '92

Coquese Washington now is in her eighth season as a member of the Notre Dame coaching staff and her second as associate head coach. She was promoted to her current position on Aug. 23, 2005 by Irish head coach Muffet McGraw.

Washington (*first name pronounced ko-KWEES*) has been a fixture with the Notre Dame women's basketball program for the majority of the 20-year McGraw era, having



The Washington File

- **Birthdate:** Jan. 17, 1971
- **Hometown:** Flint, Mich.
- **Education:** 1997 – *Juris Doctorate* from Notre Dame; 1992 – B.A. in history from Notre Dame

Coaching Experience

1999-present

University of Notre Dame
Associate Head Coach (Second Season)
Assistant Coach (Six Seasons)

Pro Experience

- 2002-03** - Indiana Fever (WNBA)
- 2000-02** - Houston Comets (WNBA)
(2000 WNBA Champion)
- 1998-99** - New York Liberty (WNBA)
(1999 WNBA Runner-Up)
- 1997-98** - Portland Power (ABL)

spent 12 seasons working with the veteran Irish mentor as either a player (1989-93) or coach (1999-present). In fact, during Washington's first seven seasons on the Notre Dame staff, the Irish have posted a sharp 168-57 (.747) record, including seven NCAA Tournament berths, four Sweet 16 appearances, and the 2001 national championship.

As associate head coach, Washington is responsible for coordinating Notre Dame's nationally-ranked recruiting efforts. Beginning with the incoming class of 1997, the Irish have attracted 10 consecutive top-20 recruiting classes, a feat that currently is matched by only two other women's basketball programs in the country. Washington also works closely with Notre Dame's guards, as well as developing the team's game schedules and assisting with scouting reports and practice planning.

"Coquese has a great sense of the game as both a player and a coach," McGraw said. "She makes great suggestions during the

game and has a terrific understanding of what things are working and what needs to be changed. I trust her decisions, and because she played for me, she knows what I'm looking for and I know where she's coming from. Plus, she has played in the WNBA, which builds an added level of trust and respect with our players. I have complete confidence in what she has to say and what she brings to the table."

"It has been a joy for me to a part of the Notre Dame women's basketball program, going all the way back to my playing days here," Washington said. "It has been wonderful to see the growth of our program into a national power. We have a bright future ahead of us here at Notre Dame and I'm excited to be working so closely with our players and coaches, as we compete for many more national championships."

Since joining the Notre Dame coaching staff in time for the 1999-2000 season, Washington has been instrumental in the growth of the Irish backcourt. She has

coached three All-Americans (Niele Ivey, Alicia Ratay and Megan Duffy), with those three players also earning all-BIG EAST Conference honors a total of nine times. Ivey, her first protegee, received the 2001 Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award (nation's top senior under 5-foot-8) and went on to be a second-round WNBA Draft pick by the Indiana Fever, before moving on to her current team, the Phoenix Mercury.

Meanwhile, Ratay graduated in 2003 as the NCAA's career leader in three-point percentage (.476), not to mention the NCAA record holder for three-point percentage by a sophomore (.547 in 2000-01). Ratay also ranked sixth in NCAA history with an .872 free throw percentage, making her the only player to appear in the top 10 on the all-time three-point and free throw charts.

Duffy was the latest Washington pupil to achieve All-America status, twice garnering Associated Press honorable mention laurels, in addition to first-team all-BIG EAST plaudits. She also was the 2006 Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award winner (making Notre Dame one of only three schools ever to boast multiple recipients of the award) and she ranks among the top 10 a total of 34 times in the Notre Dame record books, including leading the conference and ranking among the top 10 nationally in free throw percentage her final two seasons (a school-record .895; fourth in the nation in 2004-05). In the summer of 2005, Duffy served as co-captain of the USA World University Games Team, starting all seven games and averaging 6.1 ppg. as the U.S. won the gold medal. A first-team Academic All-America® selection in 2006, Duffy became Washington's second protégé to be selected in the WNBA Draft, going in the third round of the '06 selection meeting (31st overall pick) to the Minnesota Lynx.

Beyond her polished reputation for player development, Washington remains a student of the game through her scouting and game preparation abilities. During the past three seasons, Notre Dame has posted nine victories over nationally-ranked opponents in games she has scouted, including USC (2006), Utah (2006), Ohio State (2004 Preseason WNIT championship game), Purdue (2005), Boston College (twice in 2005), Miami (Fla.) (twice in 2004) and Virginia Tech (2004). In addition, she

was responsible for a successful scouting report in the 2001 NCAA championship game against Purdue, a game the Irish ultimately won, 68-66.

Washington was a four-year monogram winner at Notre Dame, leading the team in steals in each of her four seasons and setting the pace in assists three times. She was a two-time all-Midwestern Collegiate Conference selection and helped lead the Irish to three MCC Tournament titles and the program's first-ever NCAA Tournament berth in 1992. Washington averaged 8.4 points and 4.9 assists per game during her career, and she ranks among the top 10 on Notre Dame's all-time charts for steals (second - 307), steals per game (first - 2.7 spg.), assists (fifth - 554), assists per game (fourth - 4.9 apg.), three-point field goals made (10th - 82) and minutes per game (10th - 27.6 mpg.).

In addition to her on-court prowess, Washington was a standout in the classroom as well. She graduated from the College of Arts and Letters in 1992, a full

year ahead of schedule, with a bachelor's degree in history. She went on to attain "double Domer" status in 1997, earning her *Juris Doctorate* from the Notre Dame Law School.

After completing her athletic eligibility with the Irish in 1993 (and winning Notre Dame's prestigious Francis Patrick O'Connor Award following her final campaign), Washington went on to enjoy a stellar seven-year professional basketball career in the WNBA and the now-defunct American Basketball League (ABL). She began her pro career in 1997-98 as the starting point guard with the ABL's Portland Power, before departing the next season to begin a two-year stint with the WNBA's New York Liberty. Washington capped off her tenure with the Liberty by helping her team reach the '99 WNBA Finals. A year later, she joined the Houston Comets and aided that squad to the 2000 WNBA Championship. That title, coupled with Notre Dame's NCAA crown eight months later, made Washington the first person ever to be a member of both championship teams simultaneously.

She followed the Comets' championship season with another strong campaign in 2001, ranking among the top 10 in the WNBA in assists (ninth) and steals (fourth) as the Comets made their fifth consecutive playoff appearance. Midway through the 2002 season, she was traded to the Indiana Fever, where she guided that club to its first-ever playoff berth and became the first player in WNBA history to lead three different squads to the postseason.

Washington also was particularly active with the WNBA Players Association (WNBPA) during her playing career. She was a central figure in helping WNBA players unionize initially, and she subsequently served as the first-ever president of the WNBA Players Association, leading the negotiations for the association's first collective bargaining agreement. Later on, as the group's executive vice president, she helped spearhead negotiations for the league's current collective bargaining agreement, a pact that ushered in the first free agency system in women's professional sports.

Born January 17, 1971 in Flint, Mich., Washington now resides in South Bend with her husband, Raynell Brown, and their son, Quenton.





Jonathan Tsipis

**Assistant Coach
Fourth Season
North Carolina '96**

Jonathan Tsipis is now in his fourth year as an assistant coach at Notre Dame. Since joining Muffet McGraw's staff in May 2003, Tsipis (*pronounced SIP-iss*) has worked primarily with the Irish wings, while also aiding with Notre Dame's nationally-ranked recruiting efforts, scouting and practice planning. In addition, he oversees all equipment and apparel needs for the Irish.

"Jonathan really understands the game from all angles and does a tremendous job of passing that knowledge on to our team," McGraw said. "He's a great teacher who stresses the fundamentals above everything else. His scouting reports and game preparation skills are also excellent, and he's very poised and confident under pressure, which are all qualities that our players respond well to."

In his first two seasons with the Irish, Tsipis had a hand in guiding forward Jacqueline Batteast to the most productive years of her career, averaging 16.5 points and 7.6 rebounds per game while twice earning All-America honors, including a spot on the prestigious 10-player Kodak/WBCA All-America Team and third-team laurels from the Associated Press in 2004-05. Batteast also was the '04-05 BIG EAST Conference Player of the Year and a two-time first-team all-conference pick. Following her brilliant college career, Batteast was chosen by the Minnesota Lynx in the second round of the '05 WNBA Draft, and won a WNBA title with the Detroit Shock in 2006.

Last season, Tsipis helped freshman guard Lindsey Schrader to one of the best rookie seasons in school history, averaging 10.5 points and a team-high 5.4 rebounds per game. She also became the second Irish women's basketball player (and first in 26 years) to start her career with a double-double, and ended her first year under the Golden Dome with a 29-point outburst against Boston College in the NCAA Tournament

(one of the 10 highest single-game scoring efforts in the '06 NCAA Tournament).

Tsipis also has quickly developed a reputation as one of the bright young strategical minds in the game. He has been responsible for building the game plans in eight of Notre Dame's wins over nationally-ranked opponents during the past three seasons, including last year's win over DePaul, and 2004-05 victories at Connecticut (breaking the Huskies' 112-game home win streak in regular-season league games), vs. Duke (in the semifinals of the Preseason WNIT) and vs. Rutgers (one of the Scarlet Knights' two conference losses that season).

Tsipis came to Notre Dame following one season as the director of men's basketball operations at UNC Greensboro, working for former Irish assistant men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery.

Prior to arriving at UNC Greensboro, Tsipis spent two seasons as an assistant men's coach at Elon (N.C.) University. While there, he worked primarily with the Phoenix's perimeter players and also helped coordinate the team's scouting and recruiting efforts. In addition, he was responsible for organizing the team's travel plans and off-season workout programs.

Tsipis came to Elon after one year as the top men's assistant coach at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. He also spent three seasons on the men's basketball staff at Cornell University (one as a full-time assistant, two as a volunteer aide), and one year on the men's basketball staff at Duke. In the latter role, he served under legendary Blue Devils head coach Mike Krzyzewski and worked alongside current University of Michigan head men's basketball coach Tommy Amaker.

In addition to his coaching duties, Tsipis also serves as the president of the Future Hoopsters Basketball Camp which he founded in 1991. The camp is divided into two one-week sessions and focuses on specialized individual instruction. He also worked at the Basketball Camp USA in Letahoria, Greece, in July of 2001. There, Tsipis worked clinics for top-ranked junior players from Greece and Macedonia, focusing on perimeter and ball handling skills.

Tsipis also is an active member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA). He is in his first year on that body's Scholarship Committee, which helps evaluate candidates and recipients for, among others, the Robin Roberts/WBCA Broadcasting Scholarship Award and the Charles Timothy Stoner Law Scholarship Award.

Tsipis comes from a family with a deep basketball background. His father, Lou, played for the Greek National Team at age 15, had a standout career at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, and later played professionally in Greece. A member of both the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame (1987; lifetime member as an official) and Hellenic Sports Hall of Fame (1997), Lou also coached at the high school and collegiate levels for more than 20 years. Tsipis' brother, Dean, played at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and his sister, LuAnn Damiris, was a three-sport letterwinner at Baldwin-Wallace.



Born Nov. 7, 1972 in Cleveland, Tsipis graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1996 with a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy. He and his wife, Leigh, are the proud parents of a daughter, Emily, who was born Sept. 18, 2004. The Tsipis family resides in South Bend.

The Tsipis File

- **Birthdate:** Nov. 7, 1972
- **Hometown:** Cleveland, Ohio
- **Education:** 1996 – B.S., RPh, in pharmacy from North Carolina

Coaching Experience

2003-present

University of Notre Dame
Assistant Women's Basketball Coach
(Fourth Season)

2002-03

UNC-Greensboro
Director of Men's Basketball Operations
(One Season)

2000-02

Elon (N.C.) University
Assistant Men's Basketball Coach
(Two Seasons)

1999-2000

LeMoyne College
Assistant Men's Basketball Coach
(One Season)

1996-99

Cornell University
Assistant Men's Basketball Coach
(Three Seasons)



Angie Potthoff

**Assistant Coach
Second Season
Penn State '97**

Angie Potthoff embarks on her second season as an assistant coach at Notre Dame. With the Irish, Potthoff focuses her attention on the post game, while also contributing to Notre Dame's nationally-ranked recruiting efforts and assisting with scouting and practice planning. The former All-America forward at Penn State University and three-year pro basketball veteran is the newest assistant coach on the Irish staff, having arrived at Notre Dame on May 12, 2005.

"Angie spent her entire playing career at the highest level, both in college and the pros," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "Having a former post player with that kind of experience will make us better. She's a hard-nosed, driven competitor who has a great desire to be successful, and that's what makes a great coach. I'm thrilled to have her on our staff because she helps us across the board in so many ways."

"I'm very excited to work, not only with a tremendous coach in Muffet McGraw, but also in an outstanding program and University," Potthoff said. "I'm eagerly embracing the challenge of working with such a successful program and helping take us to another level in that success."

It didn't take long for Potthoff to put her stamp on the Notre Dame post game. She successfully tutored sophomore center Melissa D'Amico to MVP honors at the 2005 Las Vegas Duel in the Desert and subsequently, D'Amico's selection as BIG EAST Conference Player of the Week. For the season, D'Amico showed tremendous improvement in all statistical categories — most notably, she more than tripled her freshman year scoring output (to 5.9 ppg.) and improved her first-year rebounding effort by more than 200 percent (to 3.7 rpg.).

Prior to joining the Irish, Potthoff spent six years in the high school and college coaching ranks (1999-2005). Most recently, she concluded a three-year

stint at Beaver (Pa.) Area High School, the first two as an assistant girls' basketball coach before elevating to the head coaching post for the 2004-05 season. In her three years at the school, the Bobcats logged a 38-36 record and twice advanced to the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Class 3A playoffs, finishing as one of the top 32 teams in the state.

Before arriving at BAHS, Potthoff spent two seasons (2000-02) as an assistant coach at Robert Morris University in Moon Township, Pa. While there, she worked primarily with the Colonials' post players, and also helped coordinate the team's recruiting, scouting and game scheduling efforts. Potthoff began her coaching career as a graduate assistant at Indiana (Pa.) University in 1999-2000, aiding the Indians to a 24-5 record (the second-highest win total in school history), a school-record No. 4 national ranking during the season, and a trip to the NCAA Division II playoffs, where only a double-overtime loss kept IUP from advancing to the NCAA Elite Eight. That season, Potthoff worked closely with the Indians' 6-foot-5 center, Melissa McGill, who led the team in scoring (13.6 ppg.), rebounding (8.2 rpg.) and blocked shots (a school-record 69) en route to earning WBCA all-district honors.

Potthoff is perhaps best known as a standout post player at Penn State, where she led the Lady Lions to three NCAA Tournament appearances, including two Sweet Sixteen trips and a berth in the 1994 regional final. While at PSU, Potthoff was a two-time Kodak/WBCA honorable mention All-American (1996, 1997), while also garnering three All-America nods from the Associated Press (third team in 1996; honorable mention in 1995 & 1997). She was a three-time first-team all-Big Ten Conference selection (1995-97) and was named to the Big Ten All-Tournament Team in 1995 and 1996, picking up Most Valuable Player honors in the latter season after sparking Penn State to its second consecutive Big Ten Tournament title.

In each of her final three seasons at Penn State, Potthoff led the Lady Lions in scoring, rebounding and field goal percentage, winning a share of the Big Ten scoring title and finishing second in rebounding in 1997. To this day, she still remains among the top six on PSU's career lists for scoring (sixth - 1,725 points/15.5 ppg.), rebounding (fifth - 918/8.3 rpg.), field goal percentage (first - .574/709-1,235) and double-doubles (second - 47). Potthoff graduated from Penn State in 1997 with a bachelor of science degree in Exercise and Sport Science.

Following her stellar college career, Potthoff spent three seasons playing professionally in the United States. In 1997, she was a second-round draft pick (No. 12 overall) by the Columbus Quest of the now-defunct American Basketball League (ABL). There, she averaged 6.9 points and 3.5 rebounds per game as the Quest won their second consecutive ABL championship in 1998 before the league folded midway through the 1998-99 campaign. The following summer, Potthoff was selected in the fourth round (49th overall) of the WNBA Draft by the expansion Minnesota Lynx. She cracked the starting lineup for the first game in franchise history, going on to average 4.0 points and 2.7 rebounds per game that season before electing to retire as an active player and begin her coaching career.

In addition to her college and professional



experience, Potthoff also has competed on an international level. In 1997, she was named to the U.S. World University Games, where she averaged 6.3 points and 5.3 rebounds per game and helped Team USA win the gold medal with a perfect 6-0 record. Ironically, one of her teammates on the squad was former Notre Dame All-America standout and the school's all-time leading scorer, Beth Morgan (now the head coach at Virginia Commonwealth).

Born June 12, 1974 in Erie, Pa., Potthoff currently makes her home in South Bend. She is engaged to Luke Barber of Center Township, Pa., with a summer 2007 wedding planned.

The Potthoff File

- **Birthdate:** June 12, 1974
- **Hometown:** Erie, Pa.
- **Education:** 1997 – B.S. in exercise and sports science from Penn State

Coaching Experience

2005-present

University of Notre Dame
Assistant Coach
(Second Season)

2002-05

Beaver (Pa.) Area High School
Assistant/Head Coach
(Three Seasons)

2000-02

Robert Morris University
Assistant Coach
(Two Seasons)

Coordinator of Basketball Operations



**Stephanie
Menio**

**Coordinator of
Basketball Operations
Second Season
Pittsburgh '04**

With an infectious personality and unwavering drive to succeed, Stephanie Menio (*pronounced Many-o*) is in her second season as coordinator of basketball operations at Notre Dame.

Menio oversees all aspects of marketing and promotions for the Notre Dame women's basketball program, as well as serve as director of the Irish women's basketball camps and assist in both film exchange and administrative duties related to Notre Dame's nationally-ranked recruiting efforts.

The Menio File

- **Birthdate:** May 29, 1982
- **Hometown:** Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
- **Education:** 2004 – B.S. in business administration from Pittsburgh

Previous Experience

2005-present

University of Notre Dame
Coordinator of Basketball Operations
(Second Season)

2004-05

University of Missouri
Marketing Associate
(One Season)

In her first year with the Irish, Menio helped Notre Dame finish 11th in the nation in average attendance (6,601 fans per game, a 13-percent increase over the previous season) and was the spark behind attracting the third women's basketball sellout in school history (11,418 vs. Tennessee on Dec. 31, 2005). That sellout was made even more notable when all tickets were exhausted 19 days prior to tipoff, a school record for the fastest women's basketball sellout.

In addition, with Menio at the helm during the 2005-06 season, Notre Dame saw a five-percent rise in season ticket sales, as well as a 14-percent jump in regular-season ticket revenue.

Menio's marketing and promotions savvy has been a vital force for a Notre Dame program that now has been ranked among the top 20 in the nation in attendance in each of the past six years. Besides those three sellouts, the Irish also have attracted 19 of 20 largest women's basketball crowds in school history since 2000-01, including 14 audiences at least of 8,000 fans, and attendance figures of 5,000 or better at 78 of the past 80 home games.

"Stephanie has a wonderful amount of energy and enthusiasm, which our fans, players and staff have really enjoyed," Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw said. "She has such a passion for this program and never stops coming up with ways to continue making us one of the country's top attractions on and off the court."

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with Coach McGraw, the staff, players and especially the outstanding and loyal fans of Notre Dame women's basketball," Menio said. "From the minute I stepped on campus, I felt the passion and excitement surrounding the Irish women's basketball program. We made good progress in my first year here, but I won't rest until we're selling out the Joyce Center on a night-in, night-out basis."

Menio spent the 2004-05 year as a marketing associate in the athletics department at the University of Missouri, where she



focused on marketing and promotions for the Tiger women's basketball, volleyball, softball and gymnastics programs, as well as assisting with group ticket sales and game management for football and men's basketball. Thanks to her efforts in '04-05, the Missouri volleyball team was ranked 19th in the nation in attendance, the gymnastics team wound up 15th in the country in attendance (a 30-percent increase), the Tiger women's basketball program saw a 20-percent increase in season ticket sales and a 21-percent increase in attendance, and the Missouri softball team recorded the seven largest crowds in the program's history, increasing attendance by 30 percent.

Prior to arriving at Missouri, Menio spent two years as a marketing assistant with the women's basketball program at the University of Pittsburgh. In conjunction with the debut of the new Petersen Events Center, Menio aided in the Panthers' 114-percent rise in attendance from 2002-04, including the first women's basketball sellout in school history (12,632 vs. Connecticut on Jan. 25, 2003).

Menio graduated from Pittsburgh in 2004 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She was born May 29, 1982 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and now makes her home in Mishawaka.



**India
Franklin**

**Administrative
Assistant**

India Franklin is the newest addition to Notre Dame women's basketball program, coming aboard in May of 2006. She replaces Jeri Lucas, who retired from the University following 25 years of exemplary service, including the last 12 with the Irish women's basketball team.

Franklin is instrumental in handling many of the day-to-day operations for head coach Muffet McGraw and her staff. She also is an important contributor to Notre Dame's nationally-ranked recruiting efforts, playing a key role in helping to coordinate on-campus visitations.

India is a native of Flint, Mich., and is a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan, having earned her bachelor's degree in health care administration. She recently relocated to South Bend from Houston, Texas, where she spent the past two years working as a project specialist for The Methodist Hospital. Prior to working in the health care field, Franklin worked two years in the Office of Development at Rice University, and also served as an elementary school teacher for five years.

Franklin is the mother of three sons — DeAndre (16), JaQuelon (15) and Armaan (5). The Franklin family now makes its home in South Bend.



**Mike
Karwoski**

**Associate
Athletics Director**

Mike Karwoski is in his 15th year as part of the University of Notre Dame athletics administration. He was promoted to associate athletics director in February 2005, following five years as an assistant athletics director, five years as director of compliance, one year as assistant director of compliance and two years as an intern in the department.

In his current role as associate athletics director, Karwoski oversees the areas of NCAA compliance and student-athlete development/welfare. In addition, he is involved with off-campus issues and student-athlete conduct. He also serves as the sport administrator for men's golf, women's lacrosse, men's and women's cross country, indoor and outdoor track, cheerleading and assists Athletics Director Kevin White with administration responsibilities for women's basketball.

Karwoski has served on various BIG EAST sports committees, including the men's and women's soccer committees, and for the past three years the men's and women's golf committee. He also served as tournament director for the 2005 NCAA Men's Golf Central Regional, hosted by Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course.

Following his graduation from Central Connecticut State University in 1990 with a degree in political science, Karwoski served as a committee clerk and legislative aide in the Connecticut General Assembly. During his undergraduate years at CCSU, he was a member of both the baseball and soccer teams. During the 1991-92 academic year, Karwoski served as an athletics administrative assistant and graduate assistant soccer coach at Springfield (Mass.) College as he earned a master's of education degree with a concentration in sports management.

A native of Farmington, Conn., Karwoski is married to the former Ann Niemier of South Bend, a senior staff assistant in the Notre Dame football office. They reside in Granger.



**Anne
Marquez**

**Assistant
Athletic Trainer**

Anne Marquez begins her first year as an assistant athletic trainer at Notre Dame, focusing her responsibilities on the Irish women's basketball team.

Marquez arrived at Notre Dame in October 2006 following three years as an assistant athletic trainer at Louisiana Tech. While in Ruston, La., Marquez worked closely with the Lady Techster women's basketball and soccer programs. She also assisted with additional areas of the school's athletic training department, providing support for each of Louisiana Tech's 16 sports, and insurance coordinating. During the spring, she also taught a sports medicine and first aid course at the University.

Marquez came to Louisiana Tech after serving as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La., from August of 2001 through May of 2003. While at Northwestern State, Marquez worked with the Demons' women's basketball and football teams. The Framingham, Mass., native, who is NATABOC certified, also served as an instructor at Northwestern State, heading CPR and first aid courses for university students.

Prior to her days at Northwestern State, the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) member was a student athletic trainer at the University of West Florida in Pensacola for the 1999-2000 school year, working with men's and women's cross country, women's soccer and women's softball.

Marquez earned her bachelor's degree in sports medicine and athletic training in May 2001 from the University of West Florida and completed her master's of education with an emphasis in sports administration from Northwestern State in May 2003.



**Chris
Masters**

**Assistant Sports
Information Director**

Chris Masters is in his sixth year as an assistant sports information director at Notre Dame. He is the primary media contact for the Irish women's basketball, men's golf, and cross country/track & field programs, having promoted three basketball All-Americans and worked with six BIG EAST Conference championship teams during his tenure. In addition, he has contributed to Internet radio broadcasts of several Notre Dame sporting events, even traveling to College Station, Texas, to cover the Irish volleyball team in the 2005 NCAA Sweet 16, and he has worked on the media relations staff at six of the past nine NCAA Women's Final Fours.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Masters spent three years as assistant sports information director at Western Kentucky University from 1998-2001, serving as the contact for the Lady Topper women's basketball and volleyball teams. He also spent time as the department's publications coordinator, assisted in the development of WKU's athletic web site, served as media relations coordinator for the 2000 Sun Belt Conference women's basketball tournament and filled in as color analyst for radio broadcasts of Western Kentucky women's basketball road games on the road.

Masters is a 1996 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University with a bachelor's degree in journalism and politics & government. In 1998, he earned his master's degree in mass communications from Kansas State.

An active member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) since 1996, Masters now is in his ninth year as a district coordinator on that organization's prestigious Academic All-America® Committee. He was born on May 2, 1974 in San Francisco, Calif., and now resides in Mishawaka.



**Tony
Rolinski**

**Associate Director
Strength &
Conditioning**

Tony Rolinski is in his sixth season as the associate director of strength and conditioning at Notre Dame after three years as an assistant strength coach. He is responsible for developing and supervising the strength and conditioning programs for both Irish basketball teams, as well as the Notre Dame hockey team.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Rolinski joined the Notre Dame staff in 1998 after spending one year (1997-98) at Duquesne University, where he implemented the strength and conditioning programs for 20 varsity sports.

The 37-year-old Rolinski is a 1991 graduate of Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in health education and a minor in exercise science.

From 1994-96, while earning his master's degree in exercise physiology at the University of Pittsburgh, he served as an intern on the Panther football program staff, where he assisted with all aspects of the strength and conditioning program.

Following his stint in Pittsburgh, Rolinski served as the head strength and conditioning coach at North Hills High School in Pittsburgh (1996-97).

He also has earned certifications from the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (SCCC) and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (CSCS).

Born December 10, 1968, Rolinski and his wife, Julie, have two daughters, Alexis and Jaclyn, and two sons, Jake and Jared.



**Adam
Sargent**

**Academic
Counselor**

Former Irish lacrosse player Adam Sargent is in his first year as the academic advisor for the Notre Dame women's basketball team. In addition to his responsibilities with basketball, Sargent also oversees the academic advising duties for baseball, hockey, women's swimming and diving and men's and women's lacrosse. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in mental health counseling.

A 1999 graduate of Notre Dame with a double major in history and anthropology, Sargent was a member of the lacrosse team from 1994-97. While playing, the Irish won the Great Western Lacrosse League and advanced to the NCAA tournament three times. During the 1997 campaign, Sargent started 12 games, helping Notre Dame to a 9-3 mark.

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



**Alison
Guengerich**

**Senior
Manager**

Alison Guengerich (*pronounced gun-RICH*) is the senior personnel manager for Notre Dame women's basketball team. She joined the squad in January 2006 after serving as a student manager for the Notre Dame football program, primarily working with the defensive backs and special teams units.

As the women's basketball personnel manager, Guengerich oversees all aspects of in-season travel for the Irish, including the arrangement of flights and bus travel, the negotiation of hotel accommodations, and the management of away game finances and meals. From tip-off to the final buzzer while on the road, she films the game for the coaches and team. During the Irish home games, Guengerich sits on the bench keeping track of such statistics as the players' times, fouls, time outs, and the shot chart.

During the summer of 2006, Guengerich assisted Stephanie Menio with the various Notre Dame women's basketball summer camps. She works closely with Cheron Wilson, the Irish senior equipment manager, to ensure that practice and daily occurrences in the office run smoothly.

Guengerich also serves on the Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) as a representative for the Student Manager Organization Class of 2007. This council, which acts as a voice for those involved in Notre Dame athletics, meets monthly to coordinate community service opportunities, social activities, educational presentations, and to discuss the issues forwarded to it by student-athletes.

Guengerich is enrolled in the College of Science as a Science-Business major with a 3.1 GPA. She will graduate in May 2007.

Guengerich was born on September 7, 1984 in Chicago, and is the older of two daughters born to Charles and Diane Guengerich. Her sister, Courtney, is a freshman at St. Mary's College, and Alison hails from the same grade school, St. Juliana School (Class of 1999), as current Irish men's basketball senior guard Colin Falls.



**Cheron
Wilson**

**Senior
Manager**

Cheron Wilson is the senior equipment manager for the Notre Dame women's basketball team. She began working with the Irish in January 2006 after working the fall semester with the Notre Dame football team.

As the equipment manager Wilson is the charge of all the equipment issues, which include ordering, organizing, managing, cleaning and issuing all the different types of equipment and athletic gear the team and coaches will receive. Taylor also helps keep practices organized with her counterpart, personnel manager, Alison Guengerich. During both home and away games, Wilson is in charge of play-by-play statistics and provides water and towels for the bench.

Wilson graduated from Thornwood High School in suburban Chicago. Thornwood also is the alma mater of Eddy Curry, who formerly played for the NBA's Chicago Bulls and now plays for the New York Knicks.

Wilson is enrolled in the College of Arts and Letters at Notre Dame as a psychology major with a minor in anthropology, with a cumulative 3.2 GPA. She will graduate in May 2007 with hopes to possibly do post-graduate service.

Wilson was born on May 29, 1985 in Chicago, as the fourth of six children born to Sharon and Curtis Wilson, Sr. Wilson also is a proud aunt with two young nieces from her older sister.