

Duncan Hall
Freshman Orientation
Handbook
2009

From the desk of the Duncan Hall Orientation Coordinator

To the newest members of the Duncan Hall community,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Notre Dame and welcome to Duncan Hall! I know that I speak for the entire hall staff when I say that we are excited that you will be with us in August.

When you come to Duncan in a few days, you'll be greeted by our outstanding freshman orientation team, which has been preparing for your arrival. They will help you as you move into your room, meet your dorm-mates, find your way around campus and prepare for the beginning of the school year. You'll also meet our hall president and our hall government team who will coordinate activities, events and programs for the community throughout the year. Whether you want to play on one of our intramural athletic teams, help with liturgies in the Chapel, or serve as a hall government commissioner, it is my hope that each of you will get involved in the community.

This year, the Duncan family will include a little over two hundred students and we expect that your incoming first-year class will find that Duncan has a great spirit and a tremendous sense of community. This is much more than a place to study and sleep – it's a place where you'll discover yourself, a place where you'll make lifelong friends, and a place where you'll grow in your faith. Truly, it's a place that you'll come to call home.

Along with bringing all your necessities, we ask that you bring with you a picture for our community board, preferably one that just pictures you and one that you wouldn't mind everyone else seeing.

So with that, fellow Highlanders, I leave you to the rest of your summer. Soak up these last few days of friends, sun, and parents, because the year will start before you know it. The University has also probably sent you a list of things to do and dates to remember – everything kind of happens in a rush.

I hope you're excited about the upcoming year...I know that we are!

My best regards gentlemen,

Joel Viramontes

From the desk of the Rector of Duncan Hall:

A hearty welcome to YOU, our newest Highlanders!

My name is Fr. Tom Eckert, C.S.C., and I would like to welcome each of you to the ranks of the proud men of Duncan Hall! As the Founding Rector this past year, I look forward to continuing to fill the hall with the enthusiasm that goes with infusing a great spirit and tradition of brotherhood into our home.

I cannot emphasize enough what a great privilege and responsibility it is to be your rector and to continue to build the foundation of brotherhood here at Notre Dame. As only the second class of Highlanders, you will be an integral part of the character and mystique, the legend-in-the-making if you will, of Duncan Hall. Your presence will help to define the Hall, and I know that you'll be up for that challenge. We on Hall Staff are proud to have you join us!

Originally from Huntington, Indiana, I am a proud Hoosier (the jury is still out on where the term "Hoosier" came from—I welcome any suggestions or creative guesses) and am also a proud Triple Domer. I completed my undergraduate studies in Spanish and Economics at Notre Dame, and entered Moreau Seminary for the Congregation of Holy Cross after graduation. I completed my theological studies, and was ordained to the priesthood in 2003, served as rector of St. Edward's Hall for three years, then completed a Masters in Spanish literature in the spring of 2008 before coming to Duncan.

The Hall Orientation committee has prepared a Freshman Orientation Handbook which follows. Read it!!! It has a variety of information that you and your family will find very helpful as you prepare for the move to Notre Dame. It will bring you up to speed on life here on campus and in Duncan Hall, of which God has now chosen you to be a part. When you arrive you'll be met by our outstanding Frosh-O team who will help you unload your car, move into your room, and help you begin to acclimate once your feet are firmly on Duncan soil. You will also be welcomed by our Hall Staff comprised of six Resident Assistants, two Assistant Rectors, and myself who will assist you with any questions you and your family might have.

Please know that if you have any questions as you pack and prepare for your trip to ND, feel free to contact me or any member of the Duncan Hall staff. We are here to make your transition to life at Notre Dame and excellent one. Enjoy the rest of your summer, gentlemen. I look forward to your arrival. Know of my prayers for you in your preparation for Our Lady's University. GO DUNCAN!!!

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Arrival Information

Arrival Dates:

Thursday, August 20st after 12:00 p.m. for first-year students approved to come early for placement exams, marching band, etc.

Friday, August 21st after 9:00 a.m. for all other first-year students

When you arrive:

1. Members of the Frosh-O Committee will come out to help you unload your belongings and show you to your room.
2. Come inside the dorm to the main desk. There you will fill out a registration card, pay your hall tax, have your picture taken, and get your room key. *The “hall tax” is an \$80.00 fee that all first year residents pay. It is basically how we help fund our dorm activities for the year (t-shirts, dances, hall events, etc.) The upperclassmen paid this year’s tax last April during room picks*
3. Meet your Resident Assistant (RA). He is in charge of your section and will be a great resource for anything and everything.
4. Once you have unloaded your stuff, it is a good idea to get your student ID. This will take place inside of South Dining Hall, just to the northeast of Duncan. Then you have most of the day Friday to set-up your room, go shopping for various room supplies, etc.
5. Check for signs that tell you when Orientation events are scheduled.
6. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. There will be plenty of staff and Frosh-O Committee members around looking to help you.

Staff Information

RECTOR: Rectors have a special interest in the growth and development of college students. Each rector is responsible for coordinating and supervising staff members and for developing and implementing religious, community-service, and educational programs that support the total institutional goals of the University. Notre Dame is known for its unique and unparalleled approach and dedication to its residential mission, continuing the vision of its Holy Cross founders to educate the mind and the heart. Rectors are essential to the fulfillment of this mission.

Fr. Tom Eckert, C.S.C. (Room 100)



Serving as the first Rector of Duncan Hall is Fr. Tom Eckert, C.S.C. Formerly the Rector of St. Edward's Hall before completing a second Masters degree at Notre Dame in Iberian and Latin American Literatures, Fr. Tom has been a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross for fourteen years and has been ordained a priest for over five years. Fr. Tom, the youngest of 14 children, grew up in Huntington, Indiana, and has spent time studying and serving around the world, including Mexico City, Mexico, Lima, Peru, Santiago, Chile, and Goodyear, Arizona.

ASSISTANT RECTORS: The assistant rector (AR) is also a member of the head staff of each residence hall. Generally, assistant rectors are Notre Dame graduate students. The assistant rector aids the rector in the administration of the residence hall and its programs as well as living and working closely with the residents.

Tommy Gleason (Room 300)



Tommy is currently a second-year student at Notre Dame Law School. He was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky, and he completed his undergraduate studies at Notre Dame in 2008. As an undergraduate he lived in Keenan Hall, but he is very excited to join the Highlanders.

Dennis Rankin (Room 222)



Dennis Rankin is a student in the Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) program at Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business. He is from Valrico, Florida, an orange-grove-turned-suburb east of Tampa. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Accountancy from Notre Dame. Dennis is the oldest of five children. The second oldest, Emily, is a junior at Notre Dame and Meredith, the middle child, is a freshman at Saint Mary's College across the street. After four memorable years as a St. Edward's Hall Gentleman, Dennis is excited to join the Highlander ranks.

RESIDENT ASSISTANTS: The resident assistant (RA) is a senior in the hall who also is a member of the Hall Staff. RAs are involved in helping students live together productively in the residence halls. The Duncan Hall RA's are an elite group selected to assist in the important work of building community and the foundation of the traditions of Duncan Hall.

Nick Podlaski (Room 117)



Nick Podlaski is a senior studying political science. He spent his childhood as an Army Brat traveling the East Coast, Europe, and the Caribbean. He transferred into Notre Dame last fall as a junior from Purdue University. He likes: The Office, Irish Football, good music, good food, and good times. His post-Notre Dame aspirations include going to law school, however, given the state of the economy living in the basement of his parents' house for a few more years comes in a close second. Hailing from section 1A he looks forward to another year in Duncan Hall although this time as part of the staff.

Michael Augsberger (Room 143)



Michael Augsberger (aka Auggie) is entering his senior season as Duncan's interhall baseball captain after being redshirted at Keenan Hall for two years. He studies journalism and Latin as minors, with a film major, and hopes to broadcast play-by-play, coach baseball and write sports stories for magazines and newspapers in his career. When he's not calling Notre Dame hockey games or tossing some sort of ball, playing piano is a favorite pastime. A fervent Phillies, Eagles, and Flyers fan, he hails from the western suburbs of Philadelphia.

Lee Marsh (Room 217)



Lee Marsh is a senior theology major (and philosophy minor) from Bowling Green, Ohio. He grew up a fan of everything Detroit sports, played lacrosse at a Jesuit high school in Toledo, and dreamed of coming to Notre Dame since his brother came here when he was 11 years old. Having been deferred early action, waitlisted, then rejected by ND as a high school senior, he transferred as a sophomore from the University of Dayton. It was all worth waiting for.

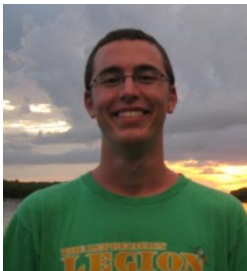
Lee lived in Knott the last two years. He's a huge sports fan and enjoys participating in a variety of Campus Ministry programs. He's looking forward to an awesome senior year as a Duncan Highlander, eating the same thing every day in the dining hall, and figuring out what God has in store for him after graduation.

Brian Jacobs (Room 243)



Brian is entering his senior year with a major in Aerospace Engineering. He was raised in Nashville, Tennessee, but his family currently resides in East Lansing, Michigan. Brian is a midshipman in Navy ROTC and will be commissioned as a naval officer upon graduation.

Jared Zenk (Room 317)



Jared Zenk is a fifth year student at Notre Dame studying Computer Science and Japanese who spent his previous four years in both O'Neill and Dillon Hall. Because his father was in the military, he grew up in no one place, so he is a citizen of the world. His interests include both watching and playing sports, video games, and long walks on the beach.

David Condon (Room 343)



David is native to Concord, Massachusetts, and is a Biological Sciences major with an Italian minor. He is a Trumpet Section Leader in the marching band, and also participates in many other musical ensembles on campus. Besides music, David can be found around campus conducting immunology research, working as a tour guide, or arguing about which of Boston's sports championships mean the most to him.

David plans to attend medical school after graduation.

IN-RESIDENCE PRIEST: The In-Residence Priest serves as a spiritual presence within the hall. He is often in the dorm assisting with hall liturgies, sacraments, etc.

Fr. Mark Thesing, C.S.C. (Room 200)



Fr. Mark Thesing, C.S.C. Fr. Mark Thesing, C.S.C. is serving as the first In-Residence Priest for Duncan Hall. Formerly the Rector of Keenan Hall for six years, Fr. Mark has much experience in residential life at Notre Dame. During the day, he will work as Business Manager in the University's Office of Student Affairs. Born in Dayton, Ohio and raised in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Fr. Mark has two brothers, two sisters, and thirteen nieces and nephews.

Items to Bring

Everyone is different, but here are some general suggestions for items you might want to bring with you or buy once you get here:

First off, a few general tips:

- **Don't wait until the last minute.** It's never a bad idea to start packing early. The earlier you start, the less panicked you (or your mother) will be as your travel day approaches. And although Duncan has plenty of space in its rooms, you do not want to bring *everything* you own with you. Remember, you will be sharing your room with other guys, so maybe your lifetime collection of antique glassware can stay at home.
- **You don't need to get everything before coming here.** There are a number of stores in the South Bend-Mishawaka area that have anything and everything you might have missed, do not want to pack, or cannot fit in your car. For example, food, drinks, and even some toiletries can easily be purchased once you arrive. Just know how much space you have and pack accordingly.
- **Think of what you'll actually use.** For example, you might be getting the laundry service, so you won't need your own laundry stuff.
- **Call your roommate(s).** You can then try to split up some of the big things, e.g. TV, carpet, futon, etc. It is always nice when you don't have two of everything. And while you're at it, you might as well get to know each other a little bit before arriving on campus.

What to start with:

- **Bed:** You are each supplied with bed frame and a mattress.
 - The sheets for the bed are extra-long twin (80 inches).
 - You might want to bring a couple sets of sheets in case you don't do laundry for a while.
- **Wardrobe:** You and your roommate each get an open wardrobe with a hanging rod and a drawer. All of your clothes may not fit in here, so most students bring some sort of storage bins or other sort of stackable to store extra clothes.
- **Desks:** Each of you also gets a desk and a chair in your room.
 - You may bring a nicer computer chair if you want, but you will need to keep the chair provided in your room.

The furniture in Duncan is modular, meaning that there are several ways to configure it. The beds are able to be bunked, or you may place your bed on top of your desk and wardrobe.

(Note: because the furniture is modular, Duncan residents will not be allowed to build any elevated structures for reasons of safety.)

What might help you out this year at ND:

- **Rug/Carpet:** All student rooms in Duncan have tile floors. Many students prefer to buy some sort of rug or carpeting for their rooms. This would likely be something you would want to wait to buy until you get to school and see what size your room is.
- **Couch/Futon:** This can be a good place for guests to sit, watch TV, etc. Again, the Duncan rooms are some of the most spacious on campus, so you should have room for this.
- **Bicycle:** There is little or no driving on campus, so a bike, scooter, or skateboard can come in handy. However, make sure to purchase a sturdy lock if you bring a bike since they have a tendency to sometimes be “borrowed” or end up in a tree. Bikes may also be registered with Notre Dame Security/Police to prevent theft and aid in recovery.
- **Television:** All Notre Dame Dorms have basic cable through Comcast, and there are options for paid upgrades. However, satellite dishes are not allowed.
- **DVD Player and/or Game System:** Hopefully, you will not be spending your entire Notre Dame career in the library. For times of recreation and entertainment, movies and video games are popular. That said, hopefully you won’t be spending your entire Notre Dame career watching movies and playing video games.
- **Printer:** There are printers on campus, and each student is allotted a printing quota. However, some students still prefer to have their own printers in their rooms.
- **Computer:** Desktop or laptop. Either is fine, although some students prefer laptops for portability and desk space. Notre Dame’s Office of Information Technology (OIT) is a great resource.
- **Connection Cables:** Be sure to get cables, Ethernet cords, etc. to connect your TV, computer, and/or stereo. The campus is wireless, but since the network is open-access, many students plug into the secure Ethernet network while in their rooms.
- **Refrigerator:** The 3.7 cubic foot fridges are the most common, and the 5.0 size is the maximum allowed. It may be easiest to get a fridge once you arrive at ND. There is a place on campus to purchase one during orientation weekend, and there are many stores in the area as well.
- **Cell Phones:** Cell phones do come in handy, especially for calling people while on the go.
 - Verizon and AT&T (formerly Cingular) have recently upgraded their service on campus, so they work really well even within the building. Other carriers have adequate service on campus, but sometimes students have trouble with connections inside buildings.
 - If you prefer not to have a cell phone, there is also a room phone service that can be purchased. Consult OIT if you prefer this option.
- **Laundry things**
 - Detergent, fabric softener, laundry basket/bag, etc.
 - Duncan has laundry facilities in the basement, and quarters or Domer Dollars accepted. Using Domer Dollars gets you a discount.
- **Dry-Erase Board:** Great for having messages left when you’re not home. All Duncan hall rooms have a small dry-erase board outside of each resident’s room.

- **Tape:** Bring a few different kinds. For hanging posters on walls, be sure to use **masking tape**. It does not peel off the paint, so it will keep you from being charged for damage at the end of the year.
- **Dress Shirt(s) and Tie(s):** There will be a few dances throughout the year that are semi-formal and require shirt and tie. There's nothing like having a good number of each of these, and a blazer or sports coat is a good idea as well if you have one.
- **Bathing Suit:** There is a swim test, and those assessing prefer that you use a swimsuit.
- **Shower Sandals:** Cheap flip-flops will work, and they will be a necessity when taking showers.
- **Shower Caddy:** A small bucket with holes in the bottom for you to carry your shower stuff to and from the bathroom.
- **Towels:** Large, and bring extra. Also bring a hand towel and a washcloth for your face.
- **First-Aid:** Aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, Pepto-Bismol, Tums, Vicks, cough drops, and cold medicine are all good to have on hand when you're feeling under the weather.
- **Prescription Medication:** If you need this, be sure to bring it with you, and make arrangements to get necessary refills here at Notre Dame. Always keep your medication in the original prescription bottle with your name on it.
- **Stamps/Letters:** Better than going to the post office to write letters to people. There is an outgoing mail slot next to the mailboxes in Duncan.
- **Tools:** A small tool kit and a good Swiss Army knife is always good to have on hand. Be prepared.
- **Sleeping Bag:** Great to have on hand for service trips or friends who come to visit.

What **NOT** to Bring to Campus:

- Large Refrigerator (your fridge cannot exceed 5.0 cubic feet)
- Microwave (every section lounge in Duncan has a microwave)
- Hot Plates, Coffee Pots, Toasters, Toaster Ovens, "George Foreman-type" grills, etc.
- Air Conditioners or Ceiling Fans (Duncan has central air)
- Pets (non-carnivorous fish are OK, but check DuLac page 162 for details)
- Self Stick Floor Tiles, Carpet Tape, Nails Adhesive Squares (BRAND NEW building!)
- Candles (including any other items with open flames)
- Incense (non-smoking facility disallows incense as well)
- Halogen Lamps with bulbs higher than 300 watts
- Water Bed
- Cars: Freshmen are not allowed to have cars (Check Du Lac page 181 for details)

About Shipping:

Packages/shipments sent to the University must arrive **AFTER** you check into Duncan. Packages that arrive before you will not be accepted. With this in mind, be sure to indicate the shipping date to your shipper. Here is the address format to use:

Your Name
 University of Notre Dame
 Your Room #, Duncan Hall
 Notre Dame, IN 46556

Here's an itemized list of everything we think a person could want to bring.
Feel free to tailor this to your needs.

Clothes

- Underwear
- Socks
- Swimsuit and Goggles
- Towels
- Shoes (dress, tennis, boots)
- Flip-flops/sandals for public showers
- Pants (jeans and slacks)
- Dress/polo shirts
- T-shirts
- Belts
- Sports/suit coat
- Ties
- Hangers
- Sweaters
- Light jacket
- Sweatshirt
- Heavy Coat (cold winters)
- Umbrella
- Hats
- Gloves
- Iron
- Shoe Polish, etc.

Personal Care

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Dental Floss
- Shower caddy
- Shampoo/soap
- Washcloth
- Shaver/shaving cream
- Comb & brush
- Deodorant
- Cold medicine
- Other medication
- Vitamins
- Eyeglasses, contacts, solution, and case
- Sunglasses
- Nail Clippers
- Cotton Swabs
- Tissues
- First-aid kit
- Wallet

Room Furniture/Décor

- Storage bins/shelves
- Rugs
- Bedspread
- Refrigerator (5.0 cubic feet maximum)
- Posters
- Futon/couch (there will be enough space)
- Dry erase board and marker

Sports/Entertainment

- Bike
- Bike lock
- Sports equipment (balls, racquets, clubs, etc.)
- Chess set, board games, etc.
- Cards
- Gym bag
- Backpack

Electronics

- Computer/laptop
- Power strips/surge protectors
- Extension cords
- CD's/Mp3 player
- Radio
- Alarm Clock
- Stereo
- TV/DVD player
- Camera
- Cell phone/charger
- Batteries

Other stuff

- Musical instruments
- Paper towels
- Plastic bags
- Dust rag
- Can opener
- Bottle opener
- Flashlight
- Small toolbox
- Laundry bags/ supplies
- Mugs/glasses
- Family pictures
- Tape
- Stapler
- Febreze or air freshener
- Keychain
- Money
- Watch
- Checkbook
- Stamps, envelopes

The University of Notre Dame

Brief History: A Legendary Past

The Early Days

In fact, the early Notre Dame was a university in name only. It encompassed religious novitiates for the Congregation of Holy Cross, preparatory and grade schools and a manual labor school, but its classical collegiate curriculum never attracted more than a dozen students a year in the early decades.

Based on the *ratio studiorum*, this curriculum included four years of humanities, poetry, rhetoric and philosophy, plus offerings in French, German, Spanish and Italian and various forms of music and drawing.

Founded in 1842 by Rev. Edward Sorin, CSC

The University of Notre Dame was founded in late November 1842 by a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Rev. Edward Sorin. His original land grant of several hundred acres was the site of an early mission to Native Americans, but included only three small buildings in need of repair. The land had been purchased by Rev. Stephen Badin, the first Catholic priest ordained in the United States, and left in trust to the Bishop of Vincennes, Indiana, for anyone who would found a school on the site. Father Sorin and his companion Brothers of St. Joseph (later the Holy Cross Brothers) called the fledgling school, in their mother tongue, L'Universite de Notre Dame du Lac. The University was officially chartered by special act of the legislature of the State of Indiana on January 15, 1844. It is worthy of ecumenical note that a Methodist state senator, John B. De Frees, was responsible for this action and for the writing of the University's charter as a degree-granting institution.

Strategic Location

Despite these humble academic beginnings, however, Notre Dame from its founding enjoyed two significant advantages. First, its establishing coincided with the great opening of the Midwest by railroads and canals and with the great antebellum immigration, largely of Catholics, from Europe; "for most of the 1840s," historian Thomas Schlereth has written, "Notre Dame was the only Catholic college of consequence with access to such cities as Toledo, Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukee, and particularly the rapidly growing city of Chicago."

Strategic Vision

The University's second, and even greater, advantage was the character of its Holy Cross founder, Father Sorin, whose overarching vision of a great American Catholic university in the tradition of the great Medieval universities has inspired Notre Dame's growth over its entire history. Courses in physics and geology were added to the curriculum in 1863, and two years later the College of Science was established. In 1869 the University established the nation's first Catholic law school, and in 1873 the first Catholic College of Engineering. Its architecture program also was the first in the U.S. under Catholic auspices, and its circulating library was the first on any American campus.

Even after a disastrous fire in 1879 destroyed the Main Building, which housed virtually the entire University, Father Sorin willed Notre Dame to rebuild and continue its growth. In 1889 Sorin Hall became Catholic higher education's first student residence with private rooms. From that day to this, residentiality and the traditions that flow from it have remained central to student life at Notre Dame, with about 80 percent of current undergraduates continuing to live on campus.

Pioneering Leadership

Sorin's death in 1893 brought to an end the founding era, but not the tradition of visionary leadership. Father John A. Zahm, C.S.C., a brilliant scholar who later accompanied former President Theodore Roosevelt on a South American expedition, became the builder of the science departments at Notre Dame and inspired the University's first flowerings in research. Zahm's brother, Albert, was among the earliest and most influential pioneers of the aerodynamics of flying machines, and professor Jerome Green achieved the nation's first wireless transmission at Notre Dame.

Later, Father Julius A. Nieuwland, CSC, a beneficiary of the advanced education encouraged by Father Zahm, earned lasting fame as the discoverer of the formulae for synthetic rubber.

Father James A. Burns, CSC, Notre Dame's great theorist of education, revolutionized the University in the 1920s. In eliminating the preparatory school and dramatically upgrading the Law School, in establishing the University's first meager endowment and a board of lay advisors to oversee it, Burns made it clear that Notre Dame was committed to nothing less than preeminence in American Catholic higher education.

Beginning in the 1930s the University was strengthened by an influx of distinguished European scholars fleeing the Nazis, and, drawing on their expertise, Father (later Cardinal) John A. O'Hara, CSC, significantly expanded the graduate school to include programs in biology, physics, philosophy and mathematics.

Notre Dame's dramatic post-World War II flowering began under Father John J. Cavanaugh, CSC, who raised entrance requirements, increased faculty hiring and established the Notre Dame Foundation to expand the University's development capabilities.

The explosive growth of the University - both in size and in stature - gained national prominence during the 35-year tenure of Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., who himself became an internationally known figure for his work in education, the Church, human rights and world affairs. The Hesburgh era saw Notre Dame's enrollment, faculty and degrees awarded all double; its library volumes increase five-fold; its endowment rise from less than \$10 million to more than \$400 million; its physical facilities grow from 48 to 88 buildings; its faculty compensation increase ten-fold and its research funding, more than twenty-fold. Two defining moments in Notre Dame's history occurred at Father Hesburgh's direction: the transference of governance in 1967 from the Congregation of Holy Cross to a predominantly lay board of trustees and the admission of women to undergraduate studies in 1972.

Under the leadership of Father Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., from 1987 to 2005, the University continued to grow in stature. Endowed faculty positions now number more than 200, the student body has become one of the 20 most selective in the nation (some 69 percent of entering freshmen rank among the top five percent of students in their high school graduating classes), and the endowment, at approximately \$4 billion, is among the top 20 in American higher education.

Also during the Malloy years, Notre Dame's minority student population more than doubled, the presence of women at all levels in the University - students, faculty, staff and officers - expanded significantly, and a major effort in international outreach is under way. Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., a professor of philosophy, became Notre Dame's 17th president on July 1, 2005.

Domer Dictionary

After a few days at Notre Dame, you'll soon become aware that Notre Dame has a unique vocabulary around campus. Just in case you're curious, here's a brief compellation of some of the vocabulary used at ND.

Acoustic Café: Event Thursday nights in LaFortune Student Center or Legends of Notre Dame often frequented by students in need of a study break. The café is a great place for students to display their musical talents (or lack thereof).

Administration (Main) Building: Often called the Golden Dome or simply the Dome, the administration building is the most recognizable feature of Notre Dame's campus. Complete with a statue of Mary, the building is located in the center of campus and can be seen from almost anywhere on campus.

AFS ID: This is also known as your NETID.

An Tostal: Yearly tradition celebrating the final full week of classes. There are plenty of free t-shirts, games and events for all to enjoy.

Bengal Bouts: Student boxing tournament held every year as a fundraiser for Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh. Not only do you get to help out a good cause, but you also get to see your roommate take a few swings at the kid who knows all the answers from your calculus class.

Bookstore Basketball: Largest 5-on-5 basketball tournament in the world. With over 500 teams competing every year, this tournament is truly a sight to see.

BP: Breen-Phillips Hall, a female dorm located on North Quad.

CCE: The Center for Continuing Education, located behind the old Post Office and DeBartolo Hall, in McKenna Hall.

COBA: former name for Mendoza College of Business, located next to DeBartolo Hall.

COMO: The Coleman-Morse Center. The building on South Quad that houses First Year of Studies, Campus Ministry, a computer cluster, and 24-hour space that offers free popcorn and soft drinks.

C.S.C.: The Congregation of Holy Cross (Latin: Congregatio a Sancta Cruce)—initials to designate members of the Holy Cross Religious Order, founders of the University of Notre Dame.

CSC: The Center for Social Concerns. The CSC is the place to go if interested in service projects and volunteer opportunities.

D6: Student parking lot located behind the Rock.

D2000: Student name for parking lot across from the Riehle Playing Fields (formerly Stepan Fields). As the name indicates, it's quite a hike from most dorms.

D.A.R.T.: Direct Access Registration by Terminal: It allowed students to register for their next semester's courses. Registration is now done on-line using insideND

DeBartolo Hall: Classroom building where most freshman classes will be held.

Detex: Card that you swipe to get into your dorm, instead of a key.

DPAC: Short for DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. May also be called the PAC.

Dog Book: The freshmen register with the names and photos of the entire freshman class. Often used to find last minute date for an SYR or ...well really that's all it's used for.

Domer: Any ND student, past or present.

du Lac: Student handbook outlining all the rules of regulations at Notre Dame. You'll be responsible for everything in it, so keep it handy.

Fall Break: While most schools only get a few days off, the administration rewards us for our hard work with a whole week off during October. This is usually the first time you have the opportunity to return home since August, although some students choose to stay on campus or participate in service projects.

Fieldhouse Mall: Open area between Cavanaugh Hall and Stonehenge fountain. Warm weather brings campus bands, barbecues, and other fun things to do instead of studying.

Flex Points: The dollars that accompany the Flex-14 meal plan that can be used to buy some tasty snacks and beverages at the Huddle, Burger King, Reckers, Subway, and other campus food locations. All you do is swipe your ID and it comes out of your account.

Frosh-O: First-year orientation.

God Quad: Home to the Dome, the Basilica, Sorin College, Walsh Hall, and the statues of Jesus and Father Sorin.

Grab 'N Go: Convenient brown-bag breakfast, lunch, or dinner available from 7am to 7pm inside the dining halls when classes are in session.

The Grotto: Replica of the Grotto at Lourdes, France where students can come to light a candle and spend some quiet time in reflection and prayer.

Hammes Bookstore at the Eck Center: The Bookstore and Bookstore Café.

Hammes-Mowbray Hall: New building on campus near Stepan Center. Houses the Notre Dame Post Office and ND Security/Police.

Hesburgh: 13-story Library with the mosaic of Touchdown Jesus on its façade—also home to the office of University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C.

Huddle Mart: Small convenience store in LaFortune where students can purchase food, drinks, toiletries, notebooks, and other base essentials such as the infamous Quarter Dogs.

insideND: Campus Portal which allows you access to Class Registration, Student Account, etc. This site provides convenient access to Notre Dame Web services for students, faculty, and staff.

JACC (Joyce Center): The Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center houses numerous campus events such as basketball, volleyball, ice hockey games, pep rallies, concerts, and lectures.

JPW: Junior Parents Weekend.

LaFun: LaFortune Student Center.

Legends: The restaurant, pub, and programming venue. Brings in live entertainment and has a nightclub open late nights on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Nights.

Library Circle: Pick up/drop off spot at the east end of the Hesburgh Library.

Main Circle: Pick up/drop off spot near the Law School at the end of Notre Dame Avenue.

MCOB: Mendoza College of Business.

Michiana: The name of the region along the border of Michigan and Indiana, including South Bend.

Mod Quad: Home to Knott Hall, Siegfried Hall, Pasquerilla East, and Pasquerilla West.

Monk: Affectionate nickname of the former University President Fr. Edward A. Malloy, C.S. C.

NDTV: The new cable cast student run TV station.

netID: A computer ID name that, along with your password, gives you access to the Notre Dame network from almost any computer on campus.

NDH a.k.a. "North": North Dining Hall

North Quad: Home to BP, Cavanaugh, Farley, St. Ed's, Stanford, Keenan, and Zahm.

Observer: Campus newspaper you'll grow to love/hate.

O'Shag: O'Shaughnessy Hall, location of many Arts and Letters classes, departmental offices, and Waddick's Café. O'Shag is also recognizable by the perpetually slow clock on its façade. This clock was also the center of some controversy when the University decided to remove the hands completely, some say to symbolize the timeless nature of the University; others say they did it just to confuse the students.

Parietals: du Lac regulation that outlines visitation hours in dorms of the opposite sex. From 12am to 9am on Sunday through Thursday and from 2am to 9am on Friday and Saturday (i.e. parietals hours) members of the opposite sex are only allowed in the 24-hour space in the dorms.

PE: Pasquerilla East, woman's dorm located on Mod Quad.

PW: Pasquerilla West, women's dorm located on Mod Quad as well.

Pop: Midwestern term for soft drinks.

Quarter Dogs: Infamous hot dogs available in LaFortune for a quarter after 12am on weeknights. Although they may only be a quarter, you don't want to eat too many of them.

RA: Resident Assistant, a senior and Member of Hall Staff in each section of the dorm who assists the students as well as the Head Staff.

Reckers: The only 24-hour restaurant on campus. It has great food and comfortable seats, and is located on the backside of South Dining Hall.

RecSports: Intramural sports program at Notre Dame.

Rector: Basically the person in charge of each hall, i.e., the “responsible adult.” In most men’s halls, the Rector is a Holy Cross priest.

The Rock: The Rockne Memorial Gymnasium located at the foot of the South Quad.

Rolfs: Athletic facility which is open to all students.

Ryan: The newest female dorm, located on west quad, between the Bookstore and Welsh Family Hall.

Soda: Another word for soft drinks.

The Shirt: Football shirt that students wear to all the football games. Revealed each spring for the following fall, it is meant to unify our fans and raise money for a student emergency fund.

SMC: St. Mary’s College—an all women’s school located adjacent to Notre Dame, founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

SDH or just "South": South Dining Hall.

South Quad: Home to O’Shag and the Rock and everything in between.

Stepan Center: The round, geodesic dome at East Gate. Don’t mix this up with Stepan Chemistry Hall.

Stonehenge: War Memorial Fountain located at the foot of North Quad.

SUB: Student Union Board that organizes activities for students.

SYR: Formerly known as “screw your roommate,” referring to selecting your roommate’s date for the hall dance. It is now changed to mean “set-up your roommate.” The SYR is a semi-formal dance.

TA: Teaching assistant; most large classes have TAs to assist the professor.

Tailgate: Pre-game festivities, usually occurring in the parking lot by the stadium, before all football games.

Touchdown Jesus: Nickname of the mosaic on the side of the library facing the stadium. You’ll see why it was so named when you arrive.

Tutorial: Discussion session, usually on Fridays, for large classes to discuss.

WebCT: Website that allows students to find out their grades, class updates, and other important information.

West Quad: Home to some of the newer dorms on campus, McGlenn, Welsh Family, Keough, O’Neill, Ryan, and the best and brightest, Duncan Hall.

WSND: Student-run fine arts radio.

WVFI: Student-run progressive station on the second floor of LaFortune

Lyrics – Notre Dame Victory March

Rally sons of Notre Dame
Sing her glory and sound her fame,
Raise her Gold and Blue
And cheer with voices true:
Rah, rah, for Notre Dame
We will fight in every game,
Strong of heart and true to her name
We will ne'er forget her
And will cheer her ever
Loyal to Notre Dame
Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame,
Wake up the echoes cheering her name,
Send a volley cheer on high,
Shake down the thunder from the sky.
What though the odds be great or small
Old Notre Dame will win over all,
While her loyal sons are marching
Onward to victory.

Lyrics – Notre Dame, Our Mother (Alma Mater)

As one final unifying act before leaving the stadium after a football game, students both past and present join arms and sway to the Alma Mater. Like the Fight Song, the Alma Mater will serve as an eternal reminder of your time spent at the University of Notre Dame.

Notre Dame, our Mother
Tender, strong, and true
Proudly in thy heavens,
Gleams thy gold and blue.
Glory's mantle cloaks thee
Golden is thy fame,
And our hearts forever,
Praise thee Notre Dame,
And our hearts forever,
Love thee Notre Dame