

## Fall Sports Wrap-Up

by Brittany Schutrum

As snow starts to appear and fall draws to a close, so do fall sports. This season has brought victories and improvements to teams across the board.

The Notre Dame football team has had their share of triumphs and challenges. Although they started without enough players to field a JV team, they worked hard and had a successful season earning a final record of 6-3. Junior Aaron Carson said, "We had a tough season. We all worked really hard, and I can't wait for next year!" Despite facing stiff competition all season, a win at Homecoming, a Divisional Championship, and a victory in their last game ended the season on a high note.

The football team's biggest fans, the cheerleaders, were there at every game to cheer them on. Always working to perfect new routines, the cheerleaders showed this season just how much spirit they have. Ashley Smith said, "We lost a lot of people coming into this season and our team was small, but we really pulled together, and worked together amazingly well."

Another small but mighty team was the girls tennis team. They may have been small in numbers, but there was no lack of hard work, determination, and fun. Even though winning a regular season match was a challenge, there were many improvements and individual successes. The team made a good showing at sectionals. The girls who competed included Kaley Hoefflerle and Victoria Dawes as singles, and doubles pairs of Mary Pelkowski and Janelle Muse, and Mackenzi Thoma and Meghan Cleary.

The girls JV soccer team focused this season on skill building and having a good time. With a final record of 2-3-3, they had some very good games. Freshman Katie Talenti said, "As the season went on, we improved and we also had a lot of fun." The team worked hard and prepared to move up to varsity next year.

The boys JV soccer team had a similar season of learning and success.

They had a record of 5-7-1 and their hard work paid off in their hard fought games. Joey Vertoske said, "We improved throughout the season and we had a really great finish."

The boys Varsity soccer team had an extremely successful season. They had a record of 13-4-1 and made it to play the IAC Championship game. They worked hard all season and through determination and skill, achieved an impressive number of victories. Bill Marcy said, "This was a great year for us. We started a lot of our seniors this year and this was their season."

The last team still competing in sectionals this year is the girls varsity soccer team. The girls have had an outstanding season with lots of shutouts and a record at press time of 15-2. The team worked hard and new players quickly stepped up to fill gaps in the lineup. Their season has included many exciting games during which the girls showed a lot of intensity, dedication, and heart. Senior Olivia Hoover said, "I am really proud of our team. It surprised me how good we turned out to be. I could not have asked for a better team to finish off my senior year."

We would like to congratulate all the teams and their coaches on their accomplishments and all of their hard work.

## 100 Goals

by Mary Kubinski

We are proud to congratulate Senior, Rachel Lamoreaux, on her soccer success.



Rachel Lamoreaux

Rachel is the third female soccer player in Notre Dame's history to break the 100 goal milestone. Rachel, a senior captain on the girls' varsity soccer team, has had 110 career goals in her four years playing varsity soccer. During this season alone, Rachel has had 37 goals to date. Last year, Rachel was recognized as an all IAC First Team pick, was the IAC MVP, and was chosen for the All-State First Team. We wish the Notre Dame girls' soccer team luck as they continue in the upcoming State matches!

## Soccer Update

The girls varsity soccer team defeated Lansing for the Section IV Championship in a thrilling match ending 4-3 in penalty kicks after the game ended 1-1 in regulation and four scoreless overtime sessions.

## Coach D: 200 Wins and Counting

by Marissa Brannick

During this football season, Mr. Mike D'Aloisio reached another milestone. In the game versus Candor on October 7<sup>th</sup>, Coach D won for the 200<sup>th</sup> time in his coaching career. "I've learned to surround myself with good people, dedicated players, unselfish coaches, all of whom put loyalty to the program first. That is the main reason for so much of my success," Mr. D noted. The milestone game also brought the Section 4 Division IX Championship to Notre Dame, making it a night to celebrate on all accounts.



Coach D'Aloisio



## 2011 McAuley Award Dinner

by Brittany Schutrum

The fifth annual McAuley Award Dinner was held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. This event which was held at the Elmira Country Club, honors the recipients of the McAuley Award as well as serves as a fundraiser for the school. The dinner included a welcome by Tom Santulli '67, an invocation by Reverend Richard Farrell, information about the legacy of Catherine McAuley from Sister Mary Walter Hickey, the presentation of awards by Most Reverend Matthew H. Clark, and a Benediction by Sister Nancy Hoff. The recipients of this year's awards were Mr. Tom Tranter and Sister Mary Lou Seitz. These two outstanding individuals were chosen to receive the award because of their continuation of Catherine McAuley's work as well as their contribution to Notre Dame and the community.

Tom Tranter, an award recipient, was recognized for his service to Notre Dame and the community which has been made very special by his limitless energy, generous spirit, and excellent organization skills. Mr. Tranter was a graduate of the Notre Dame class of 1972. While here at Notre Dame, he was a very involved member of the school community. He was the sports editor of the *Maryleaf*, a member of Class Council, Vice President of the Math Club, was involved in the school's musicals and plays, and Youth County Officer. Mr. Tranter was also involved in athletics playing football, basketball, and baseball. For the last forty years, he has been serving the community through appointed and elected positions. He has served as the Chemung County Executive, the Deputy County Executive and the Horseheads Village Manager, and the director of the Chemung/Schuyler Red Cross. In 2000 he joined Corning



Mr. Thomas Tranter

Incorporated as their Director of Government Affairs, and in 2004 he was named to his current position as President of Corning Enterprises. He has served on many boards of community organizations, and recently he has been serving the community by running community meetings and listening to the people of the region. He is still very involved in the Notre Dame community. He has served on the Board of Trustees and as Chair of the McAuley Dinner Council. Mr. Tranter currently co-chairs the President's Council, and he chairs the Crusader Golf Classic. His faith, service, and dedication to improving life in the community made him very fit to receive this award.

Sister Mary Lou Seitz was another worthy recipient of the award. Sister Mary Lou has been a teacher at Notre Dame for 45 years. Teaching is her passion, and she has taught Earth Science, Biology, and Chemistry. She actually taught Tom Tranter when he was a freshman. Sister attends workshops and reads updates online to keep up with the Earth Science curriculum. She is very involved in the Notre Dame community and currently moderates the Ski Club, Adopt a Highway, the "Go Green" club, and the Geocaching group. Sister Mary Lou, as a Sister of Mercy, works constantly to take care of the earth. She works with the school to reduce and recycle all that we can, and helps to lessen our environmental impact. Sister also has volunteered out in the community for twenty years with the Literacy Volunteers, teaching adults to read. When asked about the award, Sister said, "It is a great honor to receive the McAuley Award. I have always valued my educational experiences with students, parents, and faculty. I hope that through the years my teaching has opened vistas to my students, in hopes that they would be able to appreciate the beauties of nature and their responsibilities to safeguard these treasures." Congratulations to Mr. Tranter and Sister Mary Lou, this year's recipients of the McAuley Award, for their outstanding service.



Sister Mary Lou Seitz

## ND Welcomes a New Staff Member

by Emma Anderson

The drama club and choir would like to welcome aboard their new director, Meghan Mackowiak. Ms. Mackowiak loves what she does because she has a passion for music. Ms. Mackowiak received a degree in Vocal Music and Art History from Ithaca College and has been in multiple productions. This background makes her a great choice for director.

Ms. Mackowiak remembers her cousin, who was thirteen years older than her, going to college for Vocal Performance. She said that he was her inspiration for pursuing singing. Throughout her life, Ms. Mackowiak has performed in community theater. In high school, she participated in choir, show choir, Foot Lighters Theater Group, symphony orchestra, and small chamber ensembles.

When asked why she likes theater, Ms. Mackowiak responded that it is "An art where people can come together and relate to each other." She talked about how theater gives the audience an escape from the real world. She likes how it enables story telling as the stories remind people of the past and make them think about the future.

Ms. Mackowiak is very excited about the upcoming musical. She talked about the fact that *Oklahoma* is such a large musical and that the cast and crew are doing a great job making it come together. She said, "The growth I've seen from the first read through until now makes me excited! People have really come out of their shells and embraced the work we do on stage." Ms. Mackowiak enjoys working with the Notre Dame students. She loves being able to work with many different and talented students. She said, "Each one is an individual and brings many things to the table. It's exciting to see what each student gives!" Ms. Mackowiak also enjoys directing choir. The choir is currently working on pieces for the Christmas concert and they are coming together very nicely.

Ms. Mackowiak is an extremely talented woman and we are very grateful to have her as the new director of the drama club and choir.



Ms. Mackowiak

