

Domer Dictionary

After a few days at Notre Dame, you'll soon become aware that Notre Dame is a unique place. In fact, Notre Dame students even have their own vocabulary. Although you may be confused at first, in no time you'll know exactly what is meant when a student says that "He's on his way from MCOB to LaFun to get some quarter dogs" or that "She'll meet you at Stonehenge before the SYR." Don't worry, you'll figure it out soon enough....but just in case you're curious here's a brief compilation 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.

Alum: An ND grad.

AnTostal: Yearly tradition celebrating the final full week of classes sponsored by SUB. Plenty of free t-shirts, games and events for all to enjoy.

Bengal Bouts: Men's 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 (For all you women boxers out there, check out Baraka Bouts!).

Bookstore Basketball: Largest 5 on 5 basketball tournament in the world. With over 500 teams competing every year, this tournament held in the spring 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.

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 soda (or pop for you mid-western people).

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

C.S.C.: Initials to designate members of the Holy Cross Religious Order. Don't get the two "CSC's" confused.

D6: Student parking lot located behind the Rock.

D2: Student name for parking lot behind PE and Knott.

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, but registering for classes is often referred to as "dart-ing."

DeBartolo Hall: Classroom building where most freshman classes will be held. Often referred to simply as "DeBart."

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

Dog Book: The freshman register with the names and photos of the entire freshman class. Often used to find last minute date for SYR or ...well really that's all it's used for. With the advent of Facebook this book has been used even less, although it is fun to pull it out and see what people looked like in high school.

Domer: Any ND student, past or present.

du Lac: Student handbook outlining all the rules of regulations at Notre Dame.

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, travel 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, and other campus food locations. All you do is swipe your ID and it comes out of your account.

FYO: First year orientation, more commonly known as "Frosh-O."

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 when classes are in session.

The Grotto: Replica of the Grotto of 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: Next to Stepan Center and houses the Notre Dame Post Office and ND Security/Police.

Hesburgh: 14 story Library with the mosaic of Touchdown Jesus on its façade. It's a great place to study and has a really nice, new computer lab on the first floor. On the first and second floors you can easily study in a small group but as you move to higher floors make sure you keep quiet.

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

insideND: Campus Portal which allows you access to Class Registration, Irish Link, etc. This site provides convenient access to Notre Dame Web services for students, faculty, and staff. With more than 100 content channels, the information you need is at your fingertips.

Jordan Hall of Science: Jordan houses all of the undergraduate laboratories for biology and chemistry, a planetarium and state-of-the-art lecture halls. Also has a convenient snack shop, aptly named "A la Descartes."

Joyce Center (the JACC): This venue 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 old post office at the main campus entrance on Notre Dame Avenue, between Alumni Hall and the Law School.

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 Father Edward A. Malloy.

ndID: Unique number assigned to you by the University (not to be confused with your NetID -- see below). Can be found on your id card.

NDTV: The cable cast student run TV station that can be seen on channel 53.

NetID: A computer ID name that, along with your password, gives you access to the Notre Dame network from almost any computer on campus. Is used for access to your Gmail (email) and website space.

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

Observer: Campus newspaper you'll grow to love.

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 it was 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 gender. From 12am to 9am on Sunday through Thursday and from 2am to 9am on Friday and Saturday, members of the opposite gender are only allowed in the 24-hour space in the dorms.

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

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

The Pit: Social area in the basement of the library, complete with snacks, change machines, and pay phones.

Pop: Midwestern term for Soda.

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 in each section of the dorm who guides the dorm life of the students.

RecSports: Intramural sports program at Notre Dame.

Rector: Basically the person in charge of each dorm, i.e., the responsible adult.

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

Rolfs: Athletic facility which is open to all students.

Soda: What normal people say when they are referring to soft drinks.

The Shirt: Football shirt that students wear to all the football games.

SMC: Saint Mary's College; an all women's school located adjacent to Notre Dame. Many Saint Mary's students take classes at Notre Dame and belong to Notre Dame clubs (and vice versa!).

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,” 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 (actual name is the Word of Life mural). You’ll see why it was so named when you arrive.

Tutorial: Discussion session, usually on Fridays for Arts and Letters and random for everyone else, for large classes to discuss.

West Quad: Home to McGlinn, Welsh Family, Keough, O’Neill, and the new Duncan and Ryan Halls.

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.

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