

"My friend and classmate, Lisa Kelly, has done an unbelievable job tracking down some of Notre Dame's greatest characters. Her ability to compile their stories and memories is an accomplishment to be very proud of and celebrated. This is a must read for the Fighting Irish faithful. Well done, LK. Go Irish!"

~Rick Mirer

#### **A Note From Coach Holtz:**

"Students come to Notre Dame from all different walks of life and from all different parts of the country. They have different thoughts, different ideas, different values and different goals. However, they all have one thing in common, and that is, they were coming to Notre Dame and their lives would never be the same again."

"It has been my honor to coach and watch so many young student-athletes develop into men who represent this great institution in so many impressive ways. From the moment I arrived at Notre Dame I realized that this University is not about football, it's about life. You should get two educations at Notre Dame. One is an education on how to make a living and the other one is how to make a life."

"What we believe when we are young is predicated entirely on what our parents believe. I'm talking political, social and religious beliefs. As we get older, our thoughts, ideas and beliefs change, and we begin to make choices for ourselves and these choices influence our lives forever. That's why it's so important to be around good people in a very special environment so that when you make these choices you greatly increase your chance for success and happiness."

"I had the privilege to coach many of the young men in this book and I have come to know many of the others of whom Lisa has told their stories. Men like Oscar McBride, Tim Brown, Mike Townsend, and Mike McCoy represent rare individuals who came to Notre Dame and had their lives changed forever."

"While these individuals came from all different walks of life, they left Notre Dame with one parting thought that united them forever. They not only wanted to be successful, but they also wanted to be significant. Successful is when you make a lot of money, and when you die that ends. When you're significant, you help other people be successful, and that lasts many lifetimes."

“These men are significant and they strive each day to make an impact and difference in all things that they touch. These are Notre Dame student-athletes and I’m proud to have been a part of their lives. Lisa, thank you for your work and sharing with the Notre Dame Family what you so appropriately have named, ***Echoes from the End Zone: The Men We Became.***” ~Lou Holtz