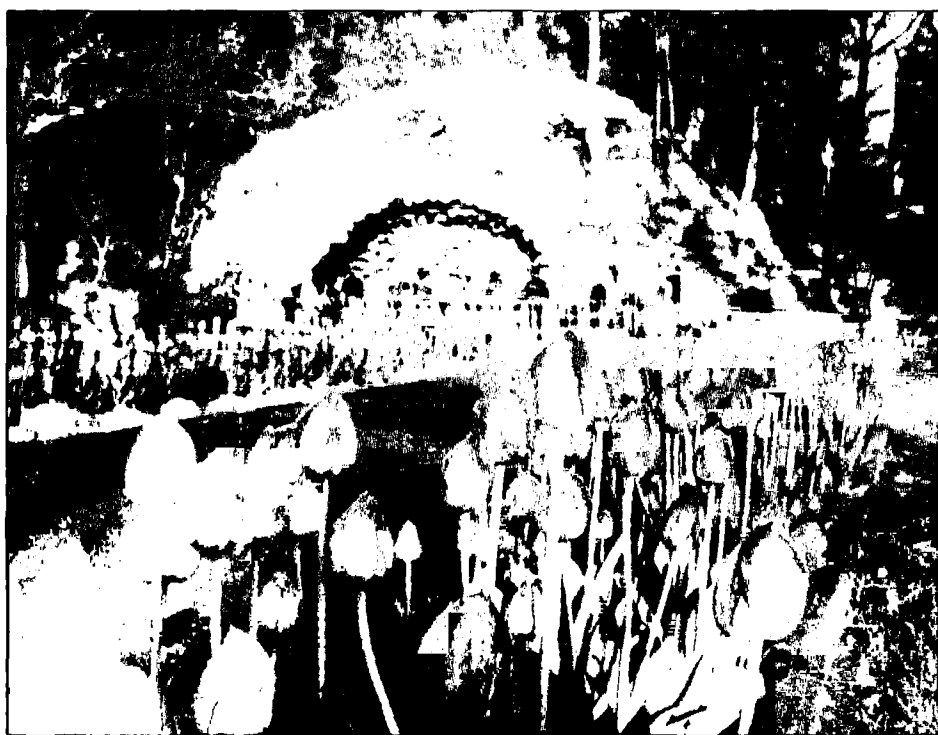


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'It's the end of the world as we know it'



ND Commencement marks transition's end for seniors

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
News Editor

Four years ago, the members of the class of 1996 were struggling through freshman chem, calling their professors "Professor," and taking care to disguise their drinking habits from their parents.

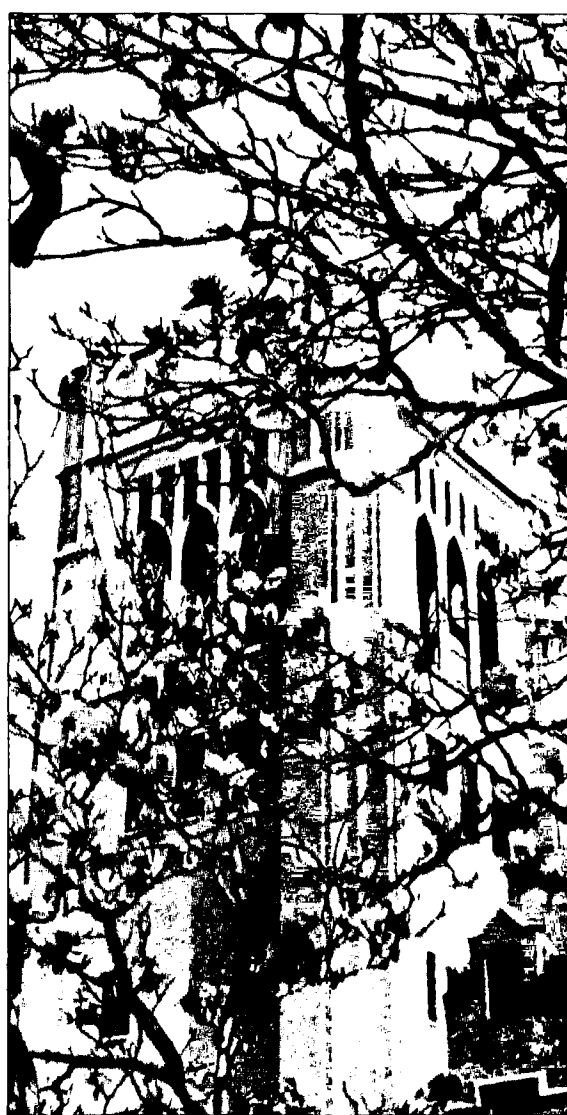
Four years later, this year's seniors have struggled through their last GRE essay, grown to calling their professors "Jack," and taken their parents out for a beer.

This weekend, the transition from college freshman to college graduate comes to an end as 1,801 undergraduates will receive their degrees at the University's 151st Commencement exercises Sunday. 244 master's and doctoral students in the Graduate School will have degrees conferred upon them at the ceremony, as will 211 master's students in the College of Business Administration and 191 students in the Law School. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Seniors savored their memories and looked forward to graduation in their last week on campus.

"I'm excited and nervous," said Larry Mullen, a Stanford Hall senior from Northfield, Minn. "But I'd have to say that, right now, I'm more excited than nervous."

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The blossoming flowers and the sunset over God Quad provide some final moments of tranquility.

SMC says farewell to 375 grads

By MAUREEN HURLEY
Saint Mary's News Editor

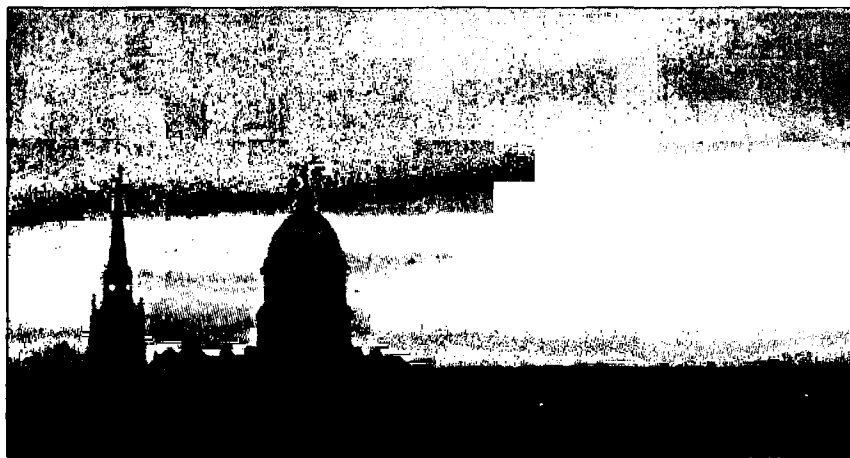
Saturday afternoon, 375 women donning caps and gowns will enter LeMans Courtyard as Saint Mary's students, and will leave as alumnae.

Proud families, friends and members of the Saint Mary's community will join the Class of 1996 for the 149th Commencement Exercises May 18 at noon.

Of the 375 degree candidates, 261 will graduate with a bachelor of arts degree, 65 with a bachelor of science degree, 40 with a bachelor of business administration degree, seven with a bachelor of fine arts degree and two with a bachelor of music degree.

Addressing the newly-hooded degree candidates at the May 5 Honors Convocation Ceremony, Associate Professor of Religious Studies Joseph Incandela said, "May you always be able to look back and say of these years 'wasn't that a time!'— a sacred time

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SAINT MARY'S VALEDICTORIAN

Hodapp credits effort for success

By CAROLINE BLUM
Saint Mary's Editor

Her friends describe her as bubbly, energetic, and dedicated. Her schoolmates recognize her as the crazy aerobics instructor. And Saturday, the Class of 1996 will salute her as their valedictorian.

When Susan Hodapp received the news that she was selected as the Class of 1996's valedictorian, she was utterly surprised.

She never set a goal to be valedictorian. She simply set a goal to always do the best she could do. And for Hodapp, her best resembled a 3.97 after seven semesters at Saint Mary's.

"I really was shocked when I received the letter," Hodapp explained. "Being valedictorian had never really crossed my mind. I just wanted to do well. I always dedicate myself to whatever I do, it's a combination of my personality and what I learned from my family."

As the second-youngest of seven children, Hodapp's family has always played a significant role in her life.

"I would watch what my brothers and sisters

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NOTRE DAME VALEDICTORIAN

Choice of service suits McCaffrey

By JAMIE HEISLER
Associate News Editor

Where would you expect to find the class valedictorian soon after graduation?

Few would expect the answer to be Nepal, but Notre Dame valedictorian Theresa McCaffrey has chosen to serve after college as a Jesuit volunteer teaching at a junior college in Katmandu.

"Jesuit Volunteers International is a pretty well-known service program which I found through the Center for Social Concerns," she said.

McCaffrey, who finished with a 3.932 GPA, will put to use a physics/philosophy double major at the junior college by teaching physics. She will serve in Nepal for two years before continuing on to graduate school.

Service has been an interest of McCaffrey throughout college including participation in the Appalachian Seminar, Urban Plunge, and a

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ND/SMC Schedule of Events

Friday, May 17

11:30 a.m.	Play: A Midsummer Night's Dream Dedicated to Mandy Abdo '96	Washington Hall
1 p.m.	Nurse's Pinning Ceremony (SMC)	Church of Loretto
3 p.m.	Arts and Letters Honors Convocation	Washington Hall
3:30 p.m.	Degree Candidates Assemble (SMC)	Angela Athletic Facility
3:55 p.m.	Academic Procession (SMC)	Angela Athletic Facility
4 p.m.	Baccalaureate Mass (SMC)	Angela Athletic Facility
4 p.m.	Notre Dame Chorale	Basillica
6:30 p.m.	Lawn Concert	Main Building
7:30 p.m.	Senior Reception (SMC)	Century Center
8-10 p.m.	Graduate School Reception	CCE

Saturday, May 18

9:30 a.m.	ROTC Commissioning	JACC South Dome
10 a.m.	Sending Ceremony for Volunteer Service	Washington Hall
11:30 a.m.	Phi Beta Kappa Installation	Debartolo 101
12 p.m.	Commencement (SMC)	LeMans Courtyard
1 p.m.	Shenanigans	Stepan Center
1:30-3:30 p.m.	Hispanic Recognition Ceremony	Washington Hall
1:30-3:30 p.m.	Asian Graduation Ceremony	Snite Auditorium
2 p.m.	Reception (SMC)	LeMans Courtyard
2-3:30 p.m.	University Ceremony	CCE
2-4 p.m.	London Program Graduation Tea	LaFortune Ballroom
4:10 p.m.	Degree Candidates Assemble for Procession	JACC Gates 8 & 10
4:30 p.m.	Academic Procession	JACC
5-6:30 p.m.	Baccalaureate Mass	JACC South Dome

Sunday, May 19

9-10:30 a.m.	African American Graduation	Washington Hall
9:30 a.m.	MBA Program Diploma Ceremony	Hesburgh Library
10 a.m.	Law School Commencement Prayer Service	Basillica
12:30 p.m.	Distrib. of Bachelor and Master Diplomas	JACC North Dome
1:30 p.m.	Academic Procession	JACC North Dome
2 p.m.	Commencement and Conferring of Degrees	JACC South Dome
4:30 p.m.	Law School Diploma Ceremony	Hesburgh Library

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INSIDE COLUMN

Much Deserved Thanks

Almost exactly eight years ago to the day, I was a cocky South Junior High eighth grader, absolutely skating through the final weeks of school and basking in the beauty of a gloriously warm and sunny May.



John Lucas
Editor-in-Chief Emeritus

Of all my subjects during that final year, I probably loved "Reading" best of all. It wasn't a class that required a whole lot of effort and I loved it. Words were my friends, and little did I know that using them would eventually become my only marketable skill.

But then one day, our teacher Mrs. Kunnen explained that all eighth graders would write a graduation speech and the best three would be delivered at the actual ceremonies. Unfortunately, this wasn't an optional thing — it was a class assignment to be hated and feared.

In retrospect, there's really very little that was remarkable about that ugly little speech I wrote. But I guess the thing that still sticks in my mind about it was a quote that I randomly used to get the ball rolling: "Ingratitude is sharper than a serpent's tooth." It's Shakespeare, and to this day, I'm still not sure of which of his works it came from — I just sort of pulled it out of the encyclopedia because it sounded good. But looking back on things today, that quote applies to my time at Notre Dame more than it ever did at South Junior High.

There's a ton of people who deserve to be recognized for their friendship and support over these past four years. But above all, I want to single out my parents and thank them for everything they've done.

It's not just a case of thanking them for putting me through school, or putting up with me when I'm a pain in the ass or even helping me with science fair projects or college applications. I'm thankful for all of that — but the thing that sets them apart in my mind is the way that they were always there for me.

Like the day of their first "official" visit during the fall of my freshman year when I was a bewildered freshman, pretty sure that I hated Notre Dame. They came out on a Sunday afternoon and just talked to me. That alone didn't make things instantly better, but it helped.

There were countless other times when just getting their sage advice made a lot of difference. Like Sophomore year when I panicked the night before trying to decide my major. And even this year when there were days when I wondered what would come first — the end of my term as Observer editor or my nervous breakdown.

I know I'm not the only one with parents like these — in fact I'm sure most seniors can tell similar, if not better stories than mine. But I really don't know if I've ever given them the credit they deserve for all that they've done for me. My Dad jokingly gives me a hard time about this kind of stuff all the time, saying "You'll owe me until you're 90," (usually after I ask to borrow money.) Most times, I make a crack about how I'll be there to feed him his mush someday at the old folks home.

But all kidding aside, he's right. I don't think I'll ever be able to thank them enough.

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Andrews elected first female fellow

Kathleen Andrews, vice chair of Universal Press Syndicate and chief executive officer of Andrews and McMeel of Kansas City, Mo., has been elected a Fellow of the University of Notre Dame, the first woman to serve on the 12-member group that is the University's core governing body.

A 1959 graduate of Notre Dame College in Cleveland, Andrews earned a master's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1962. She was elected to the University's Board of Trustees in 1993, having previously served on the advisory council for Notre Dame's Institute for Church Life. In 1981, in memory of her late husband, James Andrews, a 1961 Notre Dame graduate, she established the Andrews Memorial Scholarship Fund, which underwrites student summer service projects in conjunction with the University's alumni clubs.

Andrews will be one of the six lay Fellows of the University, who serve along with six priests of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The Fellows exercise all power and authority granted by the University's charter, but delegate much of that authority to the trustees.

Mooney to join provost office

Carol Mooney, professor of law in the University of Notre Dame Law School, was elected vice president and associate provost of the University by its Board of Trustees.



Mooney's responsibilities in the provost's office will include tenure and promotion matters; strategies for faculty recruitment and professional education issues.

A member of the law school faculty since 1980, Mooney received the law school's teacher of the year award in 1983. She serves on the provost's advisory committee and the Laetare Medal and Notre Dame Award selection committee, and has been a member of the Academic Council, the Committee on the Protection of Human Subjects, the editorial board of the Notre Dame Press, the Faculty/Student Committee of Women of Notre Dame, and the graduate admissions committee of the University's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Mooney graduated from Saint Mary's College in 1972 and received her J.D. degree from the Notre Dame Law School in 1977, earning the Colonel William J. Hoynes award for the highest grade point average in her class. She was an associate attorney in the Washington D.C. firm of Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue from 1977-78.

Merz to head graduate research

James Merz, Frank Freimann Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Notre Dame, was elected vice president for graduate studies and research at the University by its Board of Trustees.

In this role, Merz will be responsible for the development and state of all postbaccalaureate work in the University, and for the development and administration of all research conducted by the University and its faculty.

Merz has published over 300 papers and holds five patents.

Merz graduated from Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in physics in 1959 and attended the University of Göttingen in Germany as a Fulbright Fellow. He attended Harvard University as both a Woodrow Wilson and Danforth Fellow, earning his master's degree in 1961 and his doctorate in 1967.

Merz is a fellow of the American Physical Society and the Institute of Electrical Engineers (IEEE), and currently serves as secretary of the Electron Device Society of IEEE. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Materials Research Society, and the Society for Values in Higher Education.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

As they prepare to undertake volunteer service commitments around the globe, approximately 11 percent of the class of 1996 will be honored at the University's annual Volunteer Send-Off Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m. in Washington Hall. These seniors will work in the United States and abroad in a variety of service programs, including the Holy Cross Associates, the Alliance for Catholic Education, the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Teach for America and the Peace Corps.

Ten students received Student Activities Leadership Awards from the University of Notre Dame. The awards are given to students who best exemplify the spirit of Notre Dame in activities that promote the welfare of the University and its extended community. The recipients were: seniors Jeff Catalina, Michelle Crouch, Michael Fleisch, Kevin Kuwik, Katie Lawler, David Sullivan, and Metty Vithayathil; juniors Mike Flood and Megan Pater; and Notre Dame Law School student Joy Marie Smith.

Retired General Carl Vuono, former Army chief of staff, will address the 1996 Commissioning Ceremony for University of Notre Dame ROTC students at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Joyce Center.

Roland Smith, Jr., executive assistant to the president at the University of Notre Dame since 1988, will leave his post July 31 to become associate provost of Rice University. In addition to his duties as an advisor to University President Father Edward Malloy, Smith also has directed the Notre Dame Urban Institute for Community and Educational Initiatives, chaired the University Committee on Cultural Diversity and taught as an associate professor of sociology.

Three Notre Dame students earned Fulbright teaching assistantship grants for the 1996-97 academic year. Bridget Biggs, a senior majoring in psychology and German, will teach in Germany; Simon McLain, a senior majoring in government and German, will teach in Austria; and Nancy Talbot, a French major, will teach in France. John Hosinski, a history major, is an alternate for a Fulbright grant to study political science in Poland.

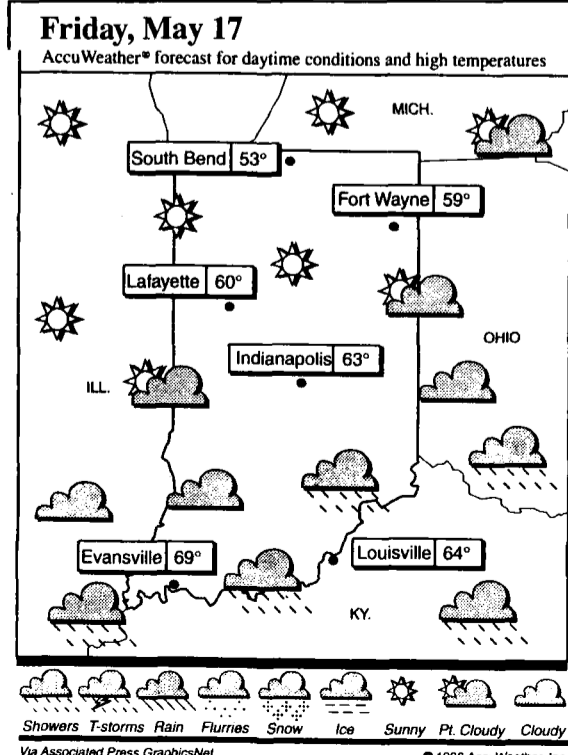
University of Notre Dame senior government majors Ryan Montoya and Nancy Rocha were selected to participate in the Woodrow Wilson Program in Public Policy and International Affairs this summer at Princeton University. The seven-week program is offered to students of color who are interested in pursuing careers in public and international affairs.

James Seckinger, professor of law at the University of Notre Dame, is the 1996 recipient of the American Law Institute-American Bar Association's Francis Rawle Award for outstanding contributions to the field of post-admission legal education. A member of the Notre Dame Law School faculty since 1974, Seckinger also served as director of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), an American Bar Association program headquartered at Notre Dame, from 1979-94.

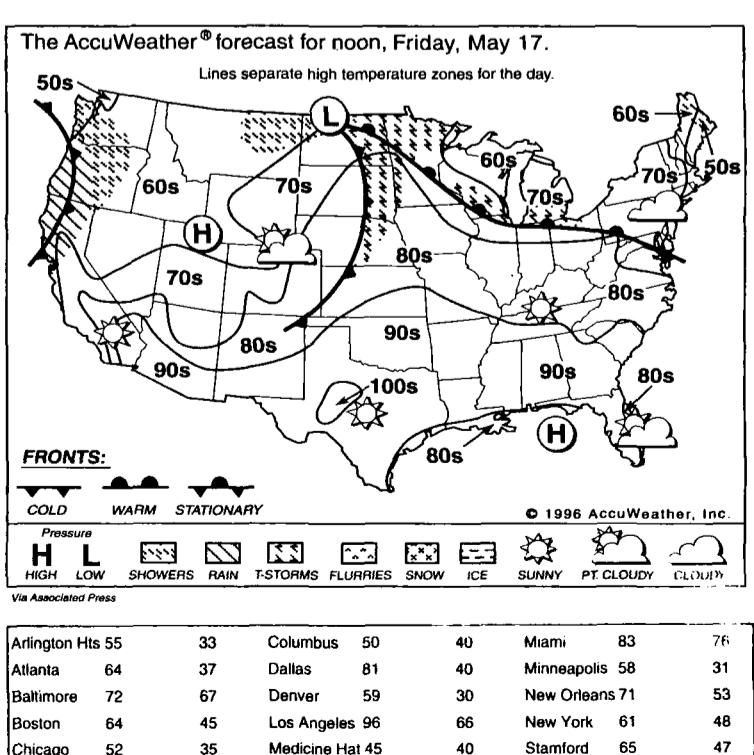
Alan Gunn, a member of the Notre Dame Law School faculty since 1989, was appointed the John N. Matthews Professor of Law. A graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Cornell Law School, Gunn specializes in tax law, contracts, insurance, law and economics and torts. The John N. Matthews Chair in Law, established in 1967 by Notre Dame trustee Donald Matthews in memory of his father, is Notre Dame's oldest endowed professorship.

Donald Thomas McNeill, a Notre Dame advisory council member, former adjunct professor, honorary degree recipient, and father of Father Donald McNeill, director of the University's Center of Social Concerns, died May 7. He was 88. McNeill received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Notre Dame in 1963 and served on the College of Arts and Letters Advisory Council from 1967 until his death.

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Return to campus for Abdo will be 'bittersweet'

By KRISTI KOLSKI
Senior Staff Writer

Mandy Abdo would just like to take her new van and go out with her friends. It's a simple request from the Notre Dame senior.

But a car accident on Nov. 11, leaving Abdo without the use of her arms and legs, has made even simple requests hard to fulfill.

For six months, Abdo has battled paralysis and the complications that followed.

Doctors said to expect the worst, but hope for the best. Even though some doctors questioned whether she would ever get off the respirator, Abdo expected much more.

After almost four months on

a ventilator, Abdo finally regained the strength to breathe on her own. She also regained her appetite.

Yet, these are only small steps compared to what Abdo expects to do.

"We all think I am going to

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walk. I'll be sad if I don't. There is no reason why I shouldn't walk again," Abdo said.

Abdo sustained a C-5 injury, which is the fifth cervical vertebrae.

Her vertebrae was stretched, not severed, allowing for the possibility that the spine will heal and that she will regain

movement in her arms and legs.

"Either by my own volition and the support of my family and friends or by some medical procedure where they give you a shot, I'll walk again," she said. "I think they'll have an answer for it before too long."

In the meantime, Abdo just might beat medical technology with the progress she has made in therapy.

Creating a weightless environment using a sling to hold her elbow and wrist several inches in the air, Abdo has moved her arm from side to side and forward and back.

When therapists placed a pen in the brace on her wrist, Abdo was able to write her name and even wrote a letter to her father asking him not to smoke anymore.

"That was a good day," she remembers.

Using electrodes attached to different arm muscles, Abdo also demonstrated the ability to drive a remote control car. The pronator muscle acts as forward, supinator as backward, biceps as left, shoulder as right.

"By moving those muscles I move the car," Abdo said. "I have to get the muscles to move alone and together."

More importantly than moving the car, Abdo moved muscles that were in the C-6 to 7 range of her vertebrae, which is below the point of her injury.

"Every time I could do some-



Mandy Abdo, seen with boyfriend Bill Shean, class of 1995, returned to campus for Commencement, following months of recovery from a paralyzing accident.

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thing new I would e-mail or call my roommates," she said. "And instantaneously the entire campus knew what was going on."

Roommates Erin Lyons, Dawn Kasperski and Pam Kennedy always took the news as a reason to celebrate.

As Abdo returns to campus to participate in the graduation ceremonies, she hopes people realize she has not changed.

"Don't be scared. I'm still the same and if I could slap you I would. I can't move but I'm trying really hard and pretty soon I'll be able to smack all of you," Abdo said.

She views the return as bittersweet. The weekend will be sweet, because she will be reunited with roommates and friends.

But the weekend also represents final goodbyes from those same people and the university that brought them together.

"Physically and emotionally it will be hard because my friends are going to be moving," she said. With several friends going to Chicago, one of her roommates moving to South Korea with the military, and another one returning home to Tennessee, Abdo laments the return to her own home in Minnesota.

"Everybody is going some place but me. I'm coming home and practicing moving my arms," Abdo said. "When you look at it that way it is really trivial."

But Abdo probably has more challenges ahead than most other graduates.

In addition to working on moving her arms and legs, she hopes to have her trache removed.

Currently, Abdo has a tiny trache insert because she still gets congested and the opening is used to remove excess

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Sabor Latino

Last Concert of the Year

Farewell to the Seniors

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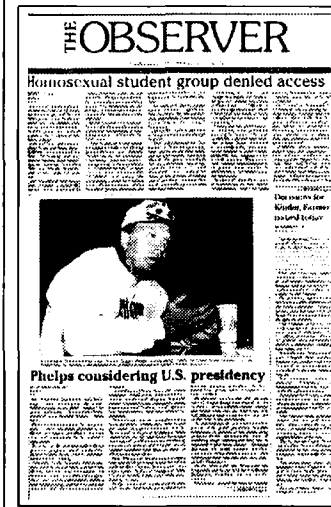
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Top 10 News Stories from 1992-1996



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"Homosexual student group denied access"

After GLND/SMC was prohibited from meeting on campus in January, protests were organized and councils passed resolutions calling for official recognition of the group. However, recognition was never granted. Later in the year, the administration created a committee to address gay and lesbian issues.

Jan. 31, 1995

2 "Notre Dame student killed in weekend crash"



Mara Fox, a Lyons Hall freshman, was killed early Saturday morning when she was struck by a car along Douglas Road while walking back to campus from Macri's Deli with three other freshman women and one of their older brothers.

Nov. 15, 1993

3 "Rita cleared of Fox's death"



After nine hours of deliberations, a jury acquitted Notre Dame Law School graduate John Rita of causing the death of Mara Fox on Nov. 13, 1993 while driving drunk. Rita faces a retrial as early as Sept. 1 on a second charge of leaving the scene of an accident.

Nov. 9, 1994

4 "Committee calls for gay student group"



After a year of research, the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs called for an officially recognized gay and lesbian student group. Vice-President of Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara responded by establishing a "University group" for gay students.

Mar. 1, 1996

5 "\$50 million stadium expansion announced"



The University gave alumni and Irish fans their field of dreams, finalizing the plans for expansion of Notre Dame Stadium by 21,000 seats by the 1997 season. Construction on the stadium began in the fall of 1995 following the end of the football team's home schedule.

May 13, 1994

6 "SMC President Hickey announces resignation"



Marking the end of a 35-year career in higher education, Saint Mary's College President William Hickey announced his resignation, effective with the appointment of a successor.

Apr. 22, 1996

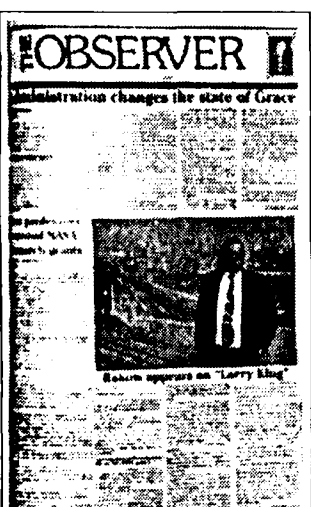
7 "SMC moves to change method of governance"



An ad hoc committee has formulated a plan to change the governance of Saint Mary's College to a single board of Trustees with more power vested in the laity, according to College President William Hickey.

Sept. 15, 1993

8 "Administration changes state of Grace"



Following the 1995-96 academic year, Grace Hall will be converted to a permanent administrative office building and, upon conversion, the Main Building will be vacated to undergo a major renovation. In spring 1997, Flanner will also be converted in order to provide additional office space.

April 22, 1994

9 "University clears Kinder and Farmer"



Sophomore running backs Randy Kinder and Robert Farmer were cleared of any wrongdoing in connection with an alleged assault incident following the Notre Dame-Brigham Young game in October of that year.

Feb. 1, 1995

10 "Chaves on leave after harassment charge"



Following an allegation of sexual harassment, Associate Professor of Sociology Mark Chaves took official leave of his teaching duties. Chaves, a tenured professor, was accused of making sexual suggestions to a female undergraduate research assistant.

Jan. 25, 1996

Issues ignited controversy throughout year

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
News Editor

Brimming with controversy, scandal, tragedy, and, yes, even some occasional euphoria, the 1995-96 school year kept the University community on its toes.

This past year was filled with big headlines and continued debate, especially when the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs advocated the formation of an officially recognized student group. The committee's work was commissioned by Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara after campus-wide protests in the spring of 1995 erupted following the University's decision to bar Gays and Lesbians at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (GLND/SMC) from meeting on campus.

But O'Hara chose instead to form a University group for gay and lesbian students, whereby control of the group would rest not with the students but with appointed advisers. Her decision brought disappointment to many campus student leaders, including Student Body President Jonathan Patrick, GLND/SMC president John Blandford, several members of the ad hoc committee, and numerous members of the Campus Life Council.

The CLC was also involved in another year-long debate on campus, as it worked to push through resolutions advocating a co-residentiality option for seniors in the interest of improving relations between genders. But both O'Hara and Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Kirk said co-residentiality was not feasible at the present time. O'Hara cited the Colloquy for the Year 2000 as one reason behind her decision, saying that "the [CLC's] resolutions would displace other priorities that emerged in the Colloquy" which had been formed by input from faculty, administrators and staff.

In October, members of several student ethnic groups protested on Columbus Day against the Main Building's murals of Columbus coming to the New World. Calling the murals "a disgrace" to the heritage of Native American students, the Native American Students' Association of Notre Dame and other ethnic groups demanded that the administration remove the murals during the building's interior renovation. The protest sparked a written war of words between students from opposite ends of the political spectrum.

After meeting with the University's officers in November, O'Hara announced that the murals would remain, citing their historical significance to the University. The University also decided to add a plaque with text placing the murals "in their proper historical context," explore the possibility of retitling some of the murals, and exhibit artwork representative of other cultural backgrounds.

Saint Mary's College had its own share of student government controversy. The executive board members of the Residence Hall Association resigned in November after they decided that "a majority of the Residence Life staff ha[d] consistently shown a lack of support for our agenda and a lack of respect for us as leaders." Within days, temporary leaders were elected for RHA.

The College's president provided the biggest news of the year for Saint Mary's when he announced his resignation in April, effective with the appointment of a successor. William Hickey's decade-long term in office came to an end because of his desire "to explore the options that change offers." Taken by surprise, the College community has begun its search for a

successor by first determining the qualifications needed by the office.

Notre Dame senior Mandy Abdo was left without movement in her arms and legs following a weather-related accident in November. Though her condition was critical in the immediate days after the accident, the senior class rallied around its classmate, organizing raffles and play performances — including a production of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" this weekend — in which the proceeds went to defray Abdo's medical costs.

Another car accident involving a Notre Dame student was more tragic. Rob Adams was killed in the early morning hours of October 13 when he lost control of his car and crashed into a tree. Adams was deeply involved in Notre Dame activities, serving as Music Commissioner for Student Union Board and as Music Editor for The Observer. His death was a severe loss for those who knew and worked with him.

Scandal also hit Notre Dame when Mark Chaves, an associate professor of sociology, took a leave of absence for the spring semester following an allegation of sexual harassment filed by one of his female undergraduate research assistants, who said that Chaves linked her academic success to their relationship.

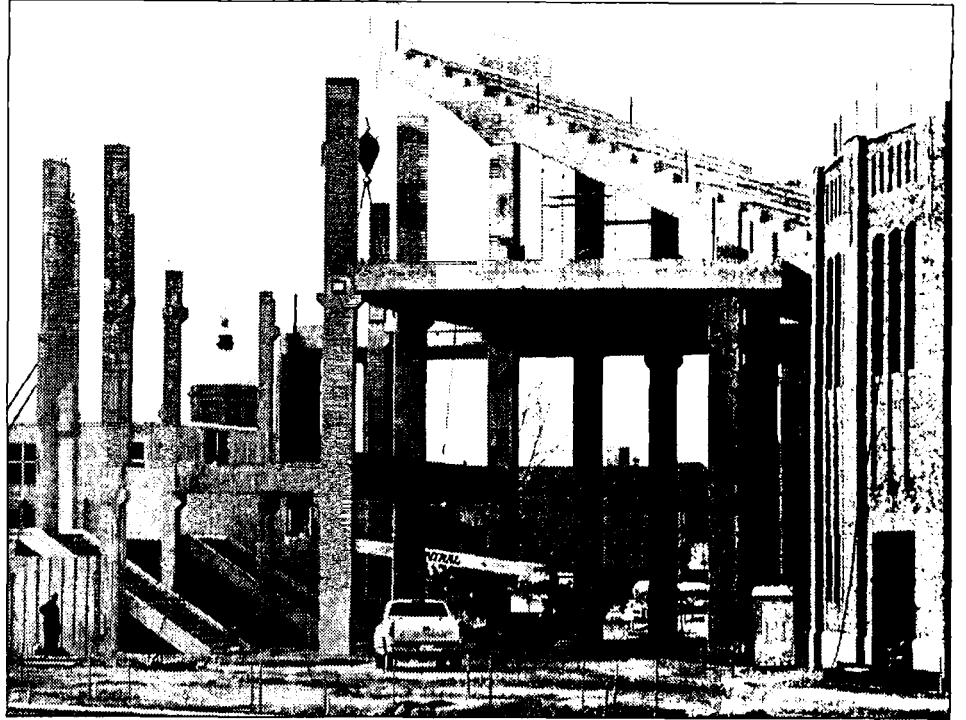
A senior finance class fell victim to widespread cheating in November during a take-home exam, in which allegedly 100 students worked together at the College of Business Administration computer lab. After investigating the matter, the college decided to reduce the grades of a number of students by one or two letters. Several students flunked the course because of the reductions, and were forced to take a business ethics course to remedy the situation.

Construction also continued to be a big story on campus. The renovation of the stadium began after the Navy game in early November and progressed throughout the winter and spring. Scaffolding was a common sight around the Main Building as its exterior renovation continued during the school year. The construction of the new dorms south of South Dining Hall and the renovation of the architecture building also progressed.

A chapter in the history of another edifice drew to a close when the University announced that Flanner Hall would join its brother tower Grace in being converted from a residence hall to an office complex at the end of the 1996-97 school year. Current Flanner residents will be moved to Siegfried and Knott Halls, whose students will move to two new dorms adjacent to O'Neill and Keough Halls.

Notre Dame's national prominence in football extended to the local level last fall. The College Football Hall of Fame relocated and opened in South Bend in September. At the opening ceremony, former Irish lineman Jim Martin was inducted into the hall.

And, finally, 1995-96 saw the return of national champion status to Notre Dame athletics. The women's soccer team, in a three-overtime effort, downed the University of Portland 1-0, returning the glow to the No. 1 sign atop Grace Hall in December.



Renovation of the stadium, a \$50 million project, began in late November and will continue until the fall of 1997. The new structure will add approximately 20,000 seats. *The Observer/Mike Ruma*

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In April, Saint Mary's President William Hickey announced his resignation, effective upon the appointment of a successor. *The Observer/Leslie Zielinski*



The administration building murals, which portray the arrival of Christopher Columbus, sparked a protest led by the Native American Students' Association of Notre Dame. They demanded the removal of the murals. *The Observer/Brian Hardy*



In August, the College Football Hall of Fame opened in South Bend with a ceremony in which former Irish player Jim Martin was inducted. *The Observer/Mike Ruma*

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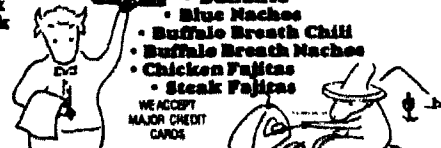
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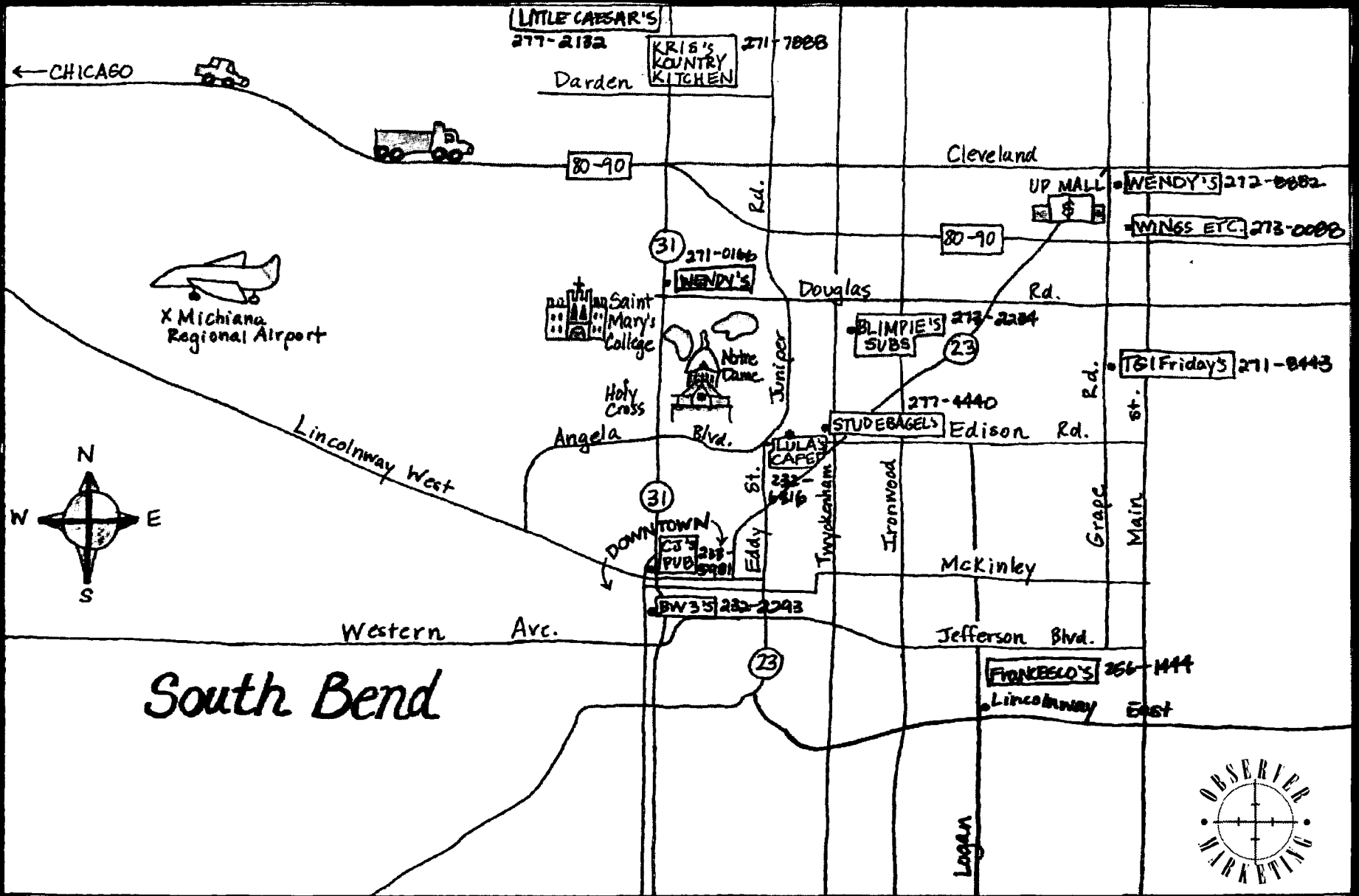
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O'Meara relinquishes role of provost to Hatch

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
News Editor

When Timothy O'Meara became provost for the University in 1978, he came from the mathematics department in which existed a tradition of rotating the department chairmanship among the professors every few years. It was an idea born out of the belief that a fresh perspective in that position helped ensure that leadership did not stagnate and that teachers who were pulled into administrative roles could return to teaching relatively soon.



O'Meara

So upon accepting the provostship, O'Meara told then-University President Theodore Hesburgh that he would hold the position for only four years.

Eighteen years later, O'Meara is still the provost, a title he will finally relinquish this summer when he steps down June 30. It has been a tenure that O'Meara has enjoyed immensely.

"In 1982, [after I had completed my four-year term as provost,] Father Hesburgh asked me to stay on and I decided to do so," said O'Meara. "And I'm very glad I did."

As provost, O'Meara's is the top academic official at the University, and during his time in that office, his background as a faculty member has been influential in his decision-making.

"I relied on my extensive experience as a faculty member to figure out what had to be done,"

O'Meara said. "Coming from the mathematics department roots, I figured that the most important thing to do in this job was to hire strong faculty, to promote strong faculty, and to give all faculty the opportunity to make really creative contributions in their own disciplines."

Making contributions to one's field actually serves two purposes, said O'Meara, because it provides for the important balance between research and teaching that can sometimes become skewed at a major university. Rather than impeding teaching, research actually augments it, he said.

"Your attitude toward the subject — not your knowledge — is very different if you've made creative contributions to your field, if you have made discoveries and you are alive with that and the adrenaline flows," he said. "There is a difference between a teacher who has learned all his physics, for example, out of a book and one who has actually sensed the excitement of discovering physics."

The imbalance comes if a professor decides to completely focus on one side or the other, he added. "Our professors must be engaged in both, and then their research will enhance their teaching."

To ensure that professors have the time to delve into their fields of study while maintaining a high level of instruction, O'Meara and the University have been working to implement a section of the Colloquy for the Year 2000, whereby 150 new faculty members will be added without increasing the size of the student body.

"This is the kind of university

that we should be, where you have the interaction between teaching and research," O'Meara said.

It is projects such as this that give O'Meara the job satisfaction that has made him want to stay as provost for 18 years.

"What I love about this job is seeing things come to fruition," he said. "For example, I didn't come into this job with any idea about salaries at all. There was a lot of discussion as to which should come first — whether if the salaries were to go up then the quality of the faculty would go up, or the other way around. We finally decided to proceed to raise faculty salaries, and, indeed, the quality of the faculty was rising rapidly. So I saw some of my actions, my ideas, bearing fruit."

As the top academic officer at Notre Dame, O'Meara has remained aware of how the University's academic programs have compared with peer institutions.

"My primary desire is to make sure we're making real contributions here, whether it be in theology, English, or mathematics," he said. "But when you do your fine work, you have to tell people that you're doing these things."

After O'Meara, 68, departs from office, he intends to take a look at two academic areas that have interested him for awhile.

"First, I want to reflect on all these changes that have occurred at Notre Dame during a very exciting and turbulent time in the history of the Church," he said. "I also want to explore some new area of mathematics."

That and I want to visit the grandkids."

Hatch cites themes for advance of school

By JAMIE HEISLER
Associate News Editor

Creativity and innovation are two of the characteristics which incoming provost Nathan Hatch believes will improve the intellectual life at Notre Dame over the next few years.



Hatch

Hatch, who previously served as the dean of the graduate school, brings with him a broadly based understanding of diverse aspects of University academic life which he has obtained over the past 21 years at the University.

"It's not as if I'm someone who only knows graduate education. I don't think you can be here without realizing how central the undergraduate experience is," he said.

Revitalizing undergraduate education is one of the four themes which Hatch believes should be developed by the University, along with the development of a faculty committed to teaching and learning, the development of centers of excellence, and a commitment to increased financial aid.

Each of these he feels can be accomplished as long as the University refuses to

believe that it is already at its best. "We need to sustain and expand the trajectory that we're now on, but in order to do that, a number of things are critical. We have to make sure that we're not complacent and that we strive for excellence," he said.

Recruiting the right faculty is one of the best ways to ensure this excellence, according to Hatch. "We need those that espouse values and have a commitment to teaching and learning," he said. "This is important because academic quality is in the hands of the faculty."

To complement the development of the faculty, Hatch believes that the University should concentrate on those areas of academia in which it already excels, or its centers of excellence. "We have to make sure that we're very good at certain things," he said. "We can't be good at everything so we have to learn where it is appropriate to concentrate resources."

The devotion of more resources to financial aid, an initiative the University has already undertaken, is necessary to the recruitment of top students, according to Hatch. "Notre Dame has increased significantly its financial aid, but we don't compare with some of our peers," he said. "Financial aid is our long term goal."



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Cultural Diversity Seminar. She has also served as call commissioner for the Big Sister/Big Brother program, as a volunteer at the Center for the Homeless, and as a Howard Hall eucharistic minister.



McCaffrey

The Catholic character of the University, including the tradition of service, was in part why McCaffrey made the decision to attend Notre Dame.

"There was definitely some family involvement in Notre Dame, including my father and grandfather, but I knew I didn't have to come here. I chose Notre Dame because it had a great mix of excellent academics, a feeling of community, and a sense of spirituality. It balanced those together well," she said.

Besides service, the majority of McCaffrey's extracurricular activities were devoted to physics related to her physics major. She was a member of the student council for the College of Science, the University honor code committee and the physics club.

Academically, research has occupied a large part of her

time. She studied experimental high energy physics as a research assistant to Associate Professor Mitch Wayne.

With such an extensive background in physics, one might not expect her to follow her college research with two years of teaching in Nepal, but McCaffrey's reasoning is in part explained in her commencement address, which will be given on Sunday.

In her speech, she will compare the graduates' lives at Notre Dame to the analogy of the cave given in Plato's Republic. "[In the analogy] a man comes from the darkness of the cave to the splendor of the sun... As graduates, it is our responsibility to return to the cave and teach those who haven't seen the sun," she said.

McCaffrey was chosen as valedictorian from a pool of 11 top-ranking graduating seniors on the basis of her commencement address as well as recommendations from her Colleges.

The pool of potential valedictorians was created based on those who had GPAs above the rounded cutoff point of 3.94. According to Sister Kathleen Cannon, associate provost, these students were then invited to submit a sample commencement address. In addition, the deans of each student's College were asked to submit evaluations of the individuals.

While deserving, McCaffrey is humble in her response. "I am honored, but I also feel it could be any of us. It's all a little overwhelming," she said.

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"I'm going to miss the football weekends a lot," added Mullen, who will be working for Andersen Consulting in Minneapolis upon graduation. "The atmosphere, the mystique that comes with the games — it's just incredible."

Laura Merritt sought to put the coming weekend in its proper perspective. "It's the beginning of something, not the end. That's why we call it 'Commencement,'" said Merritt, who will be working with pregnant teenagers in Chicago in the fall. "It's the beginning of experiencing the world that we've been sheltered from for four years."

Marcy Forgey considered Commencement a time of introspection. "Commencement is a moment to sit back and think about the time here" said Forgey, who will be volunteering in Madagascar this fall as part of the Peace Corps.

Mary Ann Glendon, a professor of law at Harvard University and the lead representative from the Vatican at the Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women held last September in Beijing, will be the principal speaker at Commencement, and will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from Notre Dame.

Glendon, a graduate of the University of Chicago in 1959, has become a much acclaimed writer, lecturer and social crit-

ic, focusing on such issues as abortion and divorce.

Sister Helen Prejean, the death penalty abolitionist whose autobiography inspired the Academy Award-winning film "Dead Man Walking," will receive the University's 1996 Laetare Medal and also address the graduates.

This year's exercises will bring together two notable pairs of dignitaries. Honorary degree recipient Sir John Templeton is the internationally known philanthropist whose foundation recently recognized "Dead Man Walking" with the first Templeton Prize for Inspiring Movies and TV.

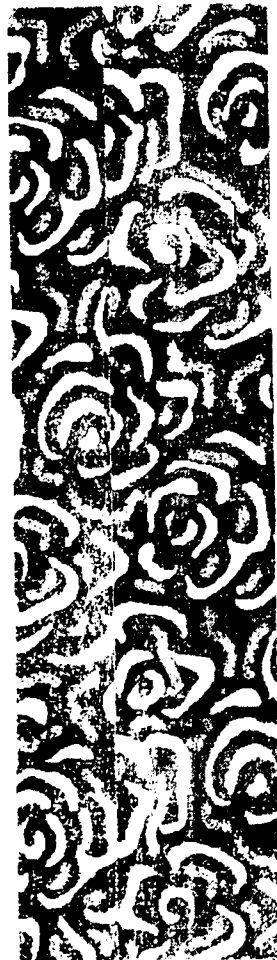
Also, Claire Gaudiani, honorary degree recipient and president of Connecticut College, will be succeeded as chair of Campus Compact by Notre Dame president Father Edward Malloy. Campus Compact, a coalition of some 500 college and university presidents, is known for encouraging student community service.

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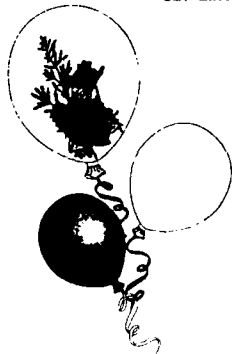
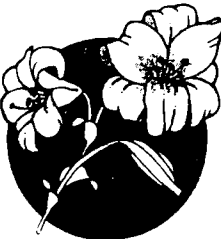
Glendon, Templeton and Gaudiani, other honorary degree recipients are William Blake, chief scientist for hydroacoustics at the David Taylor Model Basin; Ruben Carriedo, assistant superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District; and Stephen Carter, the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at Yale University;

Also receiving honorary degrees are Richard Goldstone, chief prosecutor of the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda; Jon Hassler, novelist; John Kaneb, chairman of Gulf Oil and a University trustee; C.N.R. Rao, president of the Indian Institute of Science; and Katherine Schipper, Williams Professor of Accounting at the University of Chicago.

Cardinal Edward Pironio, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, previously was announced as an honorary degree recipient, but will be unable to accept due to scheduling conflicts.



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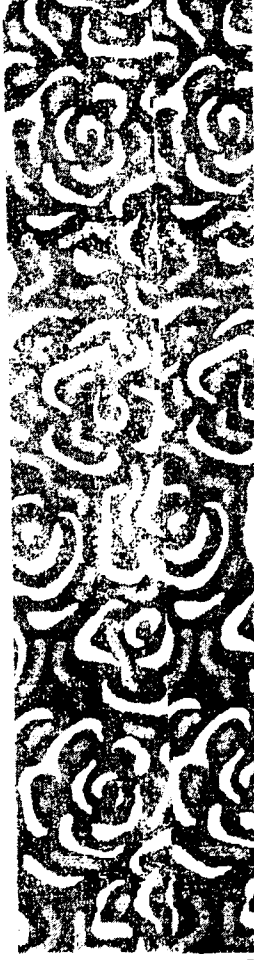


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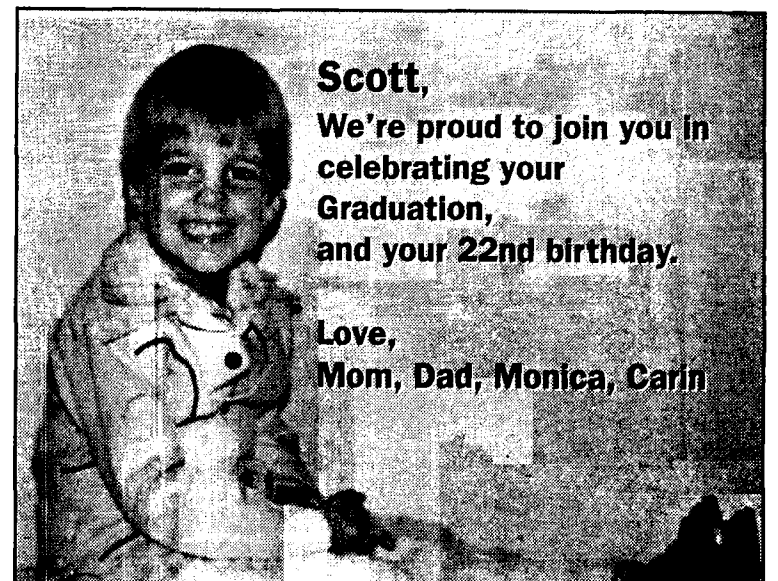


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Construction hopes to reflect traditional style

By JAMIE HEISLER
Associate News Editor

Within the next five years, campus-wide construction and renovation will in some ways modernize the campus and in other ways return it to the traditional setting.

This recent focus on renovation and construction began with the release of Father Malloy's Colloquy 2000, a report listing the areas of University life which he felt could be improved upon.

The expansion of Notre Dame Stadium, a \$50 million project, was one of the major items on Malloy's list. According to Mike Smith, Director of Facilities Engineering, the project is now roughly halfway completed.

"The pre-cast concrete superstructure is being erected currently," he said.

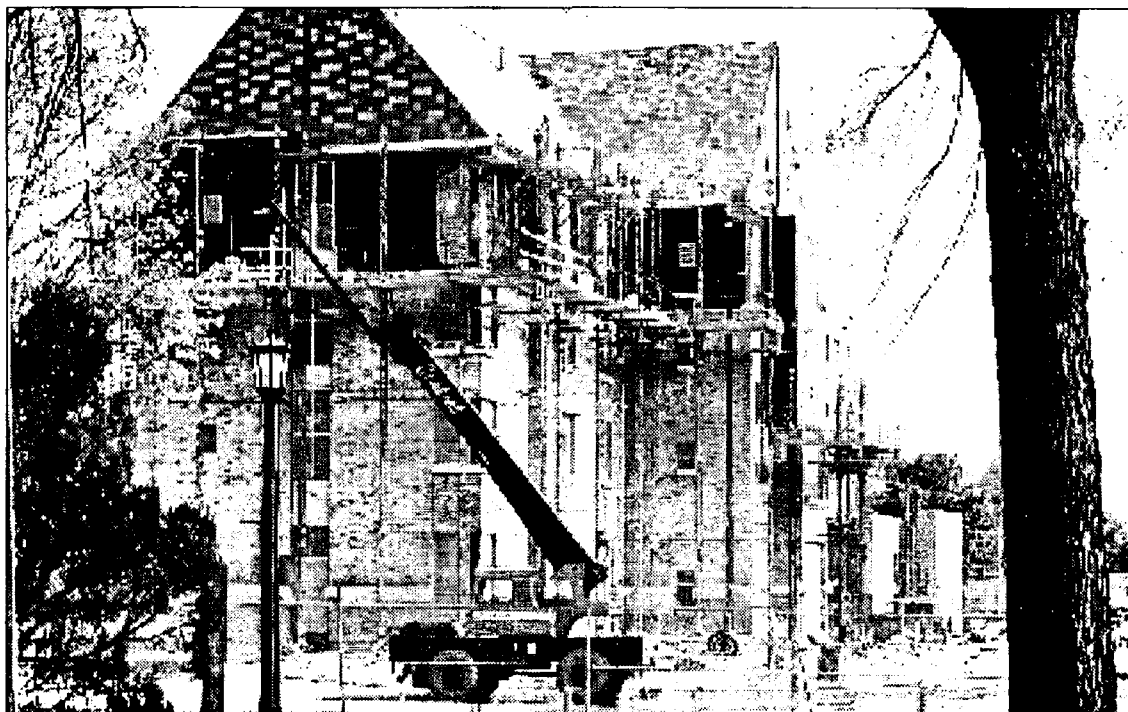
He added that by the 1996 football season, the exterior superstructure would be complete, although the additional interior seating would not be installed.

"There will be pathways through the construction site at the four corners," Smith said.

The stadium will be complete by August 1997 in time for the football season.

Renovations to the exterior of the Dome were also intended to return the building's appearance to that of the late 1800's. "We think it's going back to what it looked like originally," Smith said.

Currently, the scaffolding on the main part of the building as well as on the Dome and its supporting shaft have been removed for commencement. The remainder of the scaffold-



The Observer/ Mike Ruma

O'Neill and Keough Halls, the two new male residence halls, will be completed by July of this year while the two new female residence halls, Welsh and an as yet unnamed hall, will be completed by summer 1997.

ing will be taken down approximately in late August.

The interior renovations begin a year from this summer, allowing renovations to Grace Hall to be completed first in order to house the offices currently located in the administration building.

The renovations to the interior of the Dome will take two years and will involve the restoration of the paintings on the rotunda as well as the modernization of the utilities within the building.

In order to renovate the interior of the Architecture Building, it was first gutted. The foyer of the building will remain the same, however the

rest of the interior was remodeled.

The building should be ready for occupancy by January 1997.

In order to match the increased number of students on South Quad, South Dining Hall will be remodeled by the spring of 1998.

Both wings of the dining hall will be connected through what is currently the Oak Room which will become the serving area. A new retail food space will be added to the south side of the dining hall.

Because of the construction of the new dorms and the additions to South Dining Hall, Dorr Road, which currently runs between them, will be relocated

so that it runs around the cemetery.

That road has already been dug and will be ready for use on June 10. The guardhouse, currently located at Main Circle, will also be moved north of the cemetery.

Other projects in the planning include a new bookstore to be completed by the summer of 1999, and a new community center for University Village which will be completed by December 1996.

A new golf course and performing arts center are also on hold for the present.

"In all of these changes, however, we have to be careful to respect tradition," said Smith.

Two new dorms near completion

By JAMIE HEISLER
Associate News Editor

The four new dorms being constructed on "Golf Quad" were designed to more closely resemble the style of South Quad, according to Mike Smith, Director of Facilities Engineering.

"Architecturally, we were trying to use sloped roofs to make it similar to the older part of campus," he said.

The two new male dorms, Keough and O'Neill, are currently nearing completion, while the construction of two female dorms, Welsh and an as yet unnamed dorm, is in the initial stages.

"In the male dorms, the upper floors are more complete than the lower floors. On the upper floors the rooms are painted, the tiles are down and the doors are on," Smith said. "The female dorms are just coming off the ground."

While the interior of the dorms will closely resemble that of the dorms on Mod Quad, there will be a few differences, including increased study and social space.

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when independence blossomed and relationships bloomed, when you may have first looked up to see the world as it really is and first looked down to meet the path you now embark upon."

As Saint Mary's seniors await the moment when they will take that path down the tree-lined avenue, degrees in hand, they reflect on their four years under the LeMans Tower.

"If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't change a thing," said Jen Roach. "There's so many mixed feelings right now — I'm sad about leaving, but excited about graduation."

Describing the class of 1996 as a tight-knit group, Senior Class President Leanne Jones said the class will be best remembered for "class unity, through the close bonds we have formed as friends."

Roach added, "We are a class of leaders. We've accomplished a lot of things other classes before us have tried to do, and set a strong example for the underclassmen."

Education major Susan Hodapp, achieving a 3.97 grade point average after seven semesters at Saint Mary's, will

deliver the valedictory address.

Leaving the graduates with parting words as the 1996 commencement speaker is U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur.

Throughout her political career, Kaptur has exhibited a strong commitment to the working class, with broad knowledge on urban, economic and trade issues.

In addition to participating in the 1995 conference of the Campaign for Human Development, Kaptur's book, "Women of Congress: A Twentieth Century Odyssey," will be released this spring.

She is also currently the highest ranking Democratic woman on the Appropriations Committee.

In addition to recognizing Kaptur with an honorary doctorate of laws, Saint Mary's College will present four additional honorary degrees this weekend.

Patricia Decio, a former Saint Mary's Board of Regents member and chairperson of the Board's committee on student life, will receive an honorary doctorate of humanities. Decio is an active volunteer at Aux Chandelles Trust for the Mentally Retarded and Elkhart General Hospital.

Mary Ann Glendon, Learned Hand Professor of Law at Harvard University and advocate of women's rights, will be

presented with an honorary doctor of laws degree. Glendon, who will deliver Notre Dame's Commencement address, is a founding member of Women Affirming Life and was appointed by Pope John Paul II to head last year's Vatican delegation to the Fourth United Nations Women's Conference in Beijing.

Libby Larson, renowned composer with the Minnesota Orchestra and the Charlotte Symphony, will receive an honorary doctorate of fine arts. She is known on campus for composing the Magnificent for Saint Mary's 1994 Sesquicentennial celebration.

Arthur Decio, businessman and civic leader, will receive an honorary doctorate of laws. He has served on the boards of over 35 civic, religious and financial institutions, including serving as chair of the National Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, the director of Special Olympics International, and president of the Elkhart Hospital Foundations.

The Baccalaureate Mass will take place at 4 p.m. Friday in Angela Athletic Facility. Degree Candidates line up for the academic procession at 3:30 p.m., with the procession taking place at 3:55 p.m.

The rain site for Saturday's Commencement is Angela Athletic Facility.

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"I would watch what my brothers and sisters would do and imitate them, unconsciously. They set great examples," Hodapp commented.

This weekend will not be the first time Hodapp stands before her graduating class as their valedictorian. She also received the honor at Triad High School in Illinois. From Triad, she moved on to Saint Mary's, where she intended to be an education major.

"I was always certain that I would go into education," Hodapp said. "I always loved kids and wanted to teach."

In addition to her education major, Hodapp has minors in both reading and math.

Upon graduation, she will be certified to teach kindergarten through eighth grade, but would prefer to teach either the first, second, or third grades.

"I also hope someday to get my master's, probably the summer of 1997. But right now I want to get into the field and get my feet wet. That way I can see what's calling me," she said.

Hodapp uses her extra energy to play the piano and teach aerobics at Saint Mary's. She has taught aerobics for the last three years, and is recognized across campus as "the energetic aerobics instructor."

Hodapp has also tutored for the "Neighborhood Study-Help Program," and the "Native-American tutoring Program" at Saint Mary's.

As the valedictorian, Hodapp is required to make a speech. In all her years of writing, however, she explained this speech

was the most difficult to write.

"I have never had such a hard time writing something in my life," Hodapp explained. "I wasn't sure if it was because I would be presenting it in front of thousands of people, or if it was a realization of commencement. So I had to do a little self-talking. I finally just allowed my emotions to get involved in the speech, but I think that it was for the best. The speech was difficult to write, but I know it will be meaningful."

Hodapp's speech will revolve around her philosophy of life, the metaphor of music. She will speak of the song that each student is called to play, and explain that her song exists in teaching.

Each valedictorian selects a professor to aid in the speech writing process. Hodapp chose Professor of Religious Studies Keith Egan as her advisor, who taught Hodapp religion her sophomore year.

"Dr. Egan has a powerful way about him," Hodapp said. "He is very motivational and inspirational. He brings out my good side through commenting and giving me feedback."

Hodapp describes Saint Mary's as a great foundation for her future life, as it has enabled her to become the person she wants to be.

"And hopefully," she added, "I will keep becoming this person. I have learned a lot at Saint Mary's, and am now ready to become a teacher. I received a wonderful education, for the whole Saint Mary's community fosters good, strong, faithful relationships. Saint Mary's is something within me."

And she will continue to play her song.

Student struck by car on campus

By LIZ FORAN
Editor-in-Chief

A Breen-Phillips resident received minor injuries when she was struck by a car on campus near the intersection by the East Gate, according to Chuck

Hurley, assistant director of Notre Dame Security. The car was driven by another student, who was not charged.

"It had just started raining, and they apparently didn't see each other," Hurley said.

The student was treated and

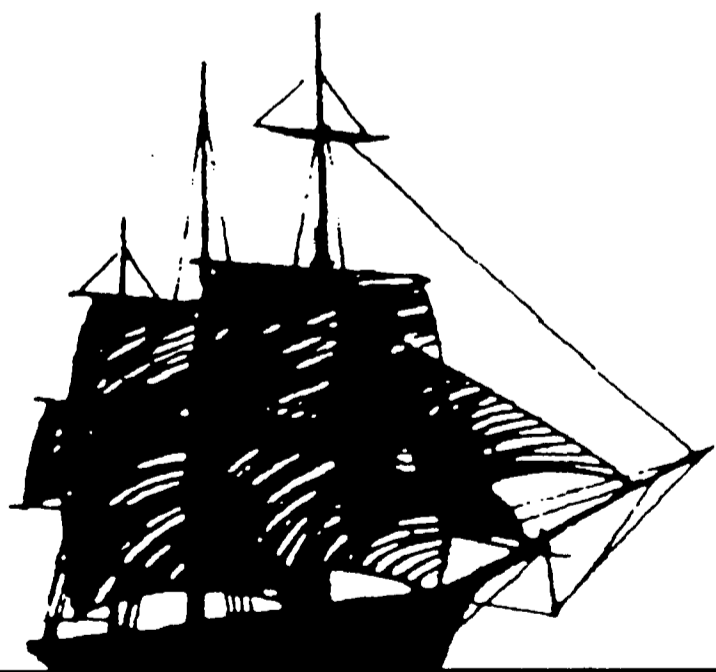
released at St. Joseph Hospital with only minor injuries.

In other reports, Hurley said that several laptop computers had been stolen over finals week and the previous week from the library and several dorms.

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SMC honors seniors in annual Convocation

By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary's finest were recognized at an Honors Convocation ceremony held in O'Laughlin Auditorium on May 5.

Saint Mary's students ranging from the freshmen to seniors arrived to congratulate and show their gratitude for the work of their fellow classmates.

Present at the Convocation were various members of the faculty and staff who each contributed in honoring the students.

Along with distributing academic honors within departments, College-wide awards were given. Saint Mary's College President William Hickey presented the Saint Catherine Medal to Tracy Hollingsworth.

The following students were inducted into Kappa Gamma Pi, the Society for Distinguished

Catholic Women Graduates: Kristen Artz, Julie Barnicle, Kimberly Bero, Laura Boeckman, Jennifer Caldwell, Christina Calhoun, Deanna Cankar, Eileen Davenport, Autumn Fields, Maureen Frett, Lori Gaddis, Karen Gerlach, Claire Gibson, Amara Graf, Susan Ilodapp, Nicole Hoevet, Cathlynn Howe, Jennifer Imbur, Suzanne Kondratenko, Petrina Lenart, Lisa Lentz, Mitzi McAndrews, Angela McNulty, Jennifer Mitchell, Esti Mutidjo, Melissa Novock, Laura Nowicki, Karla Osweiler, Colin Pier, Nancy Schoyer, Sarah Sullivan, Lisa VanZwoll and Maria Vogel.

"It was a thrill to be nominated by faculty, and an honor to be inducted," said Gaddis. "It was a real reflection on my achievements at Saint Mary's."

Recognized in Who's Who of Among Students in American Universities and Colleges were: Gabriele Abowd, Ann Aubuchon, Christina Calhoun,

Deanna Cankar, Amy Cavanaugh, Linda Coleianne, Kristen Dakewicz, Rebecca Dlouhy, Jennifer Doyle, Emily Douchan, Bridgette Farrell, Kelly Farrell, Michelle Fean, Karen Genovese, Karen Gerlach, Amara Graf, Tara Hooper, Cathlynn Howe, Leslie Imbur, Amy Jobes, Suzanne Kondratenko, Kelly Larkin, Elaine Licata, Jeanne Maruna, Tiffany Matula, Angela McNulty, Jennifer Mitchell, Jennifer Myers, Sohela Nazneen, Melissa Novock, Kathryn O'Donnell, Kachryn Petrovic, Teresa Radostits, Elizabeth Regan, Ellen Sanders, Nancy Schwoyer, Erin Shern, Sarah Sullivan, Mary Udovich and

Michelle Wenner. "It was nice to be recognized again and equally so to be a part of the National Organization of Catholic Women's Colleges," said Radostits.

Various college-wide awards were presented to several students. The Sister M. Franzita Kane Writing Awards were presented to Eileen Davenport, Mary Good, Kathleen Urda and Sara Niemeyer.

"I was really flattered to receive this award. It provided me with the opportunity to attend the Honors Convocation where I had the chance to see my friends receive various awards," said Urda.

The Dorothy Mainer Writing

Awards were presented to Maria Pedraza, Liz Wisniewski and Laura Schreeg.

Saint Mary's College faculty did not leave the Convocation without recognition. Hickey presented the Multicultural Award to History Professor Cyriac Pullapilly, the Maria Pieta Award for excellence in teaching first-year students to Associate Professor of Associate Professor Ann Clark, and the Spes Unica Ann Clark, and the Spes Unica Award recognizing a commitment to service to Associate Professor of Mathematics Mary Connolly.

It was a day of recognition as students were thanked and rewarded for their contributions to the Saint Mary's Community.

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Our deepest gratitude to the following Rectors as they leave their current positions. Best wishes to each of you!

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Gorno to chair SMC Board of Trustees

By MAUREEN HURLEY
Saint Mary's News Editor

As the Saint Mary's Class of 1996 makes the transition into alumnae life, one alumna takes on a new role within in the College governance.



Gorno

Effective with the ending of the academic year, Mary Lou Gorno, a 1972 graduate, will assume the position as chair of the Board of Trustees.

Gorno joined the Board in 1987, and was elected vice-chair in 1991.

In addition to her role as vice-chair, Gorno was named national chair of the Sesquicentennial Campaign in 1994.

As Gorno, the first lay person to be named Chair, steps up to lead the Trustees, she said she hopes to maintain the high standards set by her predecessors.

"I am very privileged to be given this set of responsibilities," she said. "We have a long, rich tradition of great leadership at Saint Mary's, and I am inspired by that legacy."

"I have had the opportunity to sit on many boards, and there is no group of more committed, tireless workers who believe unconditionally in this institution," she continued.

Gorno views her role as chair to bring together "all 36 leaders on the Board."

"I want to be the person that assumes the primary responsibility of having the Board speak in one voice and be the visionaries and the leaders that they are."

The focus on the College mis-

sion statement is the major strength of the College, according to Gorno.

"Saint Mary's differentiates itself from other colleges in that our mission today is identical to our founding mission," she said.

"When we say 'Honoring Tradition, Pioneering Change,' that is more than a clever slogan. We live it."

Reflecting on her history with the Board, Gorno said, "One of the greatest accomplishments that we, as a board, have made was the restructuring of the governance."

"I think that prepares us to deal with some of the issues of higher education in the future."

Under this new form of governance, established in 1994, all decision-making falls under a single Board of Trustees.

Gorno assumes the position of Board chair as the College embarks on the selection process for a new president, following the announcement of College President William Hickey's resignation.

"One of the most important opportunities we're going to

have right now is to exercise this authority [to name the new president]. As a Board, we take that responsibility very seriously," Gorno said.

"The Board of Trustees will continue to take the role that they have in establishing policy, and continue to define and articulate the mission to its different constituencies, and maintain the intellectual integrity of this campus."

Sister Rachel Callahan, ending a five-year tenure as chair, will remain active with the College, serving as chair of this presidential search committee.

Gorno exhudes enthusiasm when discussing her role as Board Chair.

"I see a time of explosive growth and opportunity for Saint Mary's. I'm very optimistic about the future," she said.

Holding degrees from Saint Mary's College, Northwestern University, the University of Chicago and Stanford University, Gorno is recognized as a leader in the advertising industry, handling major accounts including Proctor and Gamble, Disney and Reebok.

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SISTAR funds joint research project

By MAUREEN HURLEY
Saint Mary's News Editor

As most undergrads take a break from academics and move on to summer jobs or travel, four Saint Mary's students will undertake extensive research through the Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) program, sponsored by the Center for Academic Innovation.

In its fifth year, the SISTAR program provides funding for a student and professor to work collaboratively in eight to nine weeks of research on campus.

"The faculty member and student go into it as colleagues, and work through the project as colleagues. That's what makes the project so unique to Saint Mary's," said Patrick White, associate dean of faculty.

"The intensity of the commitment on both parts makes it truly collaborative in nature," he continued.

Both the professor and student receive a stipend of \$3000 each to cover expenses, and the student receives free housing for the summer.

Of the twelve team applicants, the 1996 SISTAR grant recipients are:

- English Department Chair and Associate Professor Theodore Billy and Michele Kuhlmann, "The Aesthetics of Iconography: Nathaniel Hawthorne's Psychology of Art."

- Associate Professor of Communications, Dance and Theatre Professor Indi Dieckgrafe and Caroline Quinlan, "Two Women Dancing."

- Assistant Professor of Music Deborah Norin-Kuehn and Jill Seitzer, "A Study of Extended Vocal Techniques of the Twentieth Century."

- Associate Professor of Biology Thomas Platt and Kara Masucci, "Molecular and Morphological Analysis of Larval and Adult Spirochids (Digenea: Schistosomatoidea), Parasites of Freshwater Turtles and Snails."

According to participants, working on in-depth research on the same level as professors is the greatest asset of the program.

"In the planning stages, as a faculty-student synergy, we've worked well together and made this project both of ours," said Masucci.

"I'll be doing research that I probably wouldn't have had the opportunity to do until grad school."

Faculty members laud the benefits of the program. "Being able to work closely without the constraints of the school year will allow us to focus clearly on what we're doing," said Dieckgrafe. "This is a great program because it has been fair in including all disciplines."

According to White, all the SISTAR teams will present their research to the Saint Mary's Community in the fall.

SMC registrar to retire after 23 years

By MAUREEN HURLEY
Saint Mary's News Editor

The standing ovation she received at the 1996 Honors Convocation Ceremony is proof of the high level of respect the Saint Mary's community holds for Sister Francesca Kennedy.

After 23 years as registrar of Saint Mary's College, Kennedy will retire from her position, leaving a visible mark on the College community.



Kennedy

Describing her as "the epitome of the Saint Mary's faculty member," Dorothy Feigl, Dean of Faculty, decried the personal attention Kennedy gives to everything she works on.

"Sister Francesca is competent, concerned, and someone who really likes and interacts well with people. She probably knows the names and backgrounds of

more students and people in the College than anyone else," said Feigl. "For her, every interaction is with an individual person."

Kennedy took pride in describing how "very impressive" it is to see students grow during their time at Saint Mary's.

"It's academic, but there's also an element of students coming to an acceptance of self as a person, and the willingness to act on their beliefs," she said.

Throughout her career at Saint Mary's, she has assumed many roles in the College administration, along with handling the responsibilities as registrar, including: Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs, Assistant to the Vice President and Dean of Faculty, Interim Chair of the Department of Education and Interim Chair of the Department of Music.

In addition, she has served on numerous committees, such as Academic Standards Committee, Admission and Scholarship Committee, and the Rank and Tenure Committee.

"Sister could always be relied on for assistance when a policy decision had to be made," said President William Hickey at the May 14 President's Dinner. "Hers was a ready ear to help strengthen a conclusion or to raise concerns that needed to be debated."

"She is a good person in the fullest sense of the word," said Feigl.

According to Feigl, the College is wrapping up the selection process for the next College Registrar, and hopes to have Kennedy's successor named next week.

Kennedy will remain active with the College following her retirement as registrar.

In addition to doing volunteer work within the College, Kennedy says she plans to work on writing out this year's chapter in the Saint Mary's history books in the 1995-96 archives narrative.

"This is a very fine school, which I have felt fortunate to participate in and contribute to," Kennedy said. "I definitely will remain on campus in the foreseeable future."



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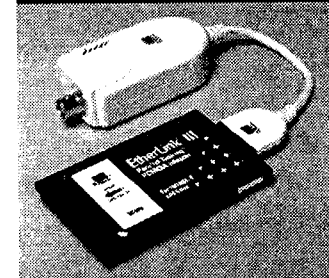
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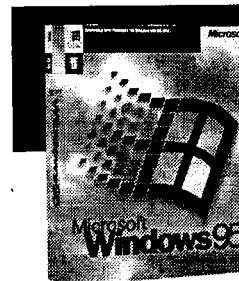
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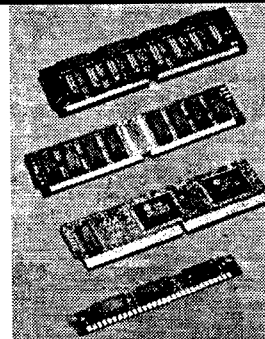


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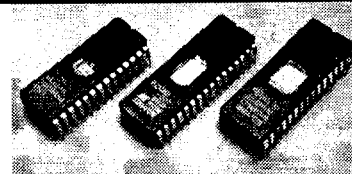
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ValuJet crash claims former Irish captain

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
News Editor

The Notre Dame football career of former running back Rodney Culver had its share of memorable highlights.

His touch-down carry in the 1989 Fiesta Bowl gave the Irish a 16-0 lead against West Virginia, propelling Notre Dame to the national championship. His 1,697 career rushing yards placed him on the brink of breaking into the list of the top 20 Notre Dame all-time rushers. And his versatility as both a fullback and a tailback earned him the interest of National Football League scouts and a subsequent four-year career in the NFL.

But the most distinguishing mark of Culver's term at Notre Dame was being the sole captain of the 1991 squad. It was a role most fitting for the personal attributes that he brought to the Irish football team.

This week, former teammates and coaches remembered Culver, who perished with his wife Karen on ValuJet Flight 592 when the plane crashed Saturday in the Everglades. He was 26.

"Rodney Culver was never a

guy who stood out, but he was always there," said Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz. "He was a class act."

Culver demonstrated that class at the beginning of his senior season in 1991, when he moved to tailback from his customary fullback position in order to make room for sophomore Jerome Bettis.

"Watching the way Rodney handled the switch from fullback to running back helped me," former teammate Reggie Brooks, who moved between the defensive secondary and running back while at Notre Dame, told The South Bend Tribune. "He was able to deal with it with such grace. He didn't seem to mind as long as he was helping the team."

"Rodney was Notre Dame football. He had a mature wisdom that was practically uncanny," Brooks, now with the Washington Redskins, continued. "He was like a brother to me. He was the leader of the pack and we just naturally wanted to follow him."

Holtz remembered Culver's ability to set the tone of the team whenever game time approached.

"Every time, we came out onto the field or in the locker room, he was the one that would come up to you and pat you on the back and say, 'Don't worry, Coach. We'll take care of it.'" Holtz said. "He was a very positive, upbeat person."



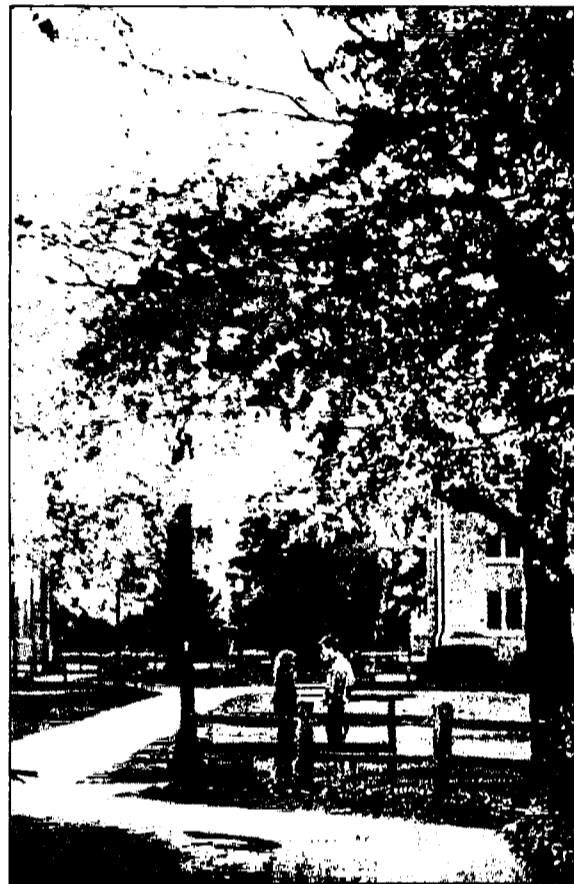
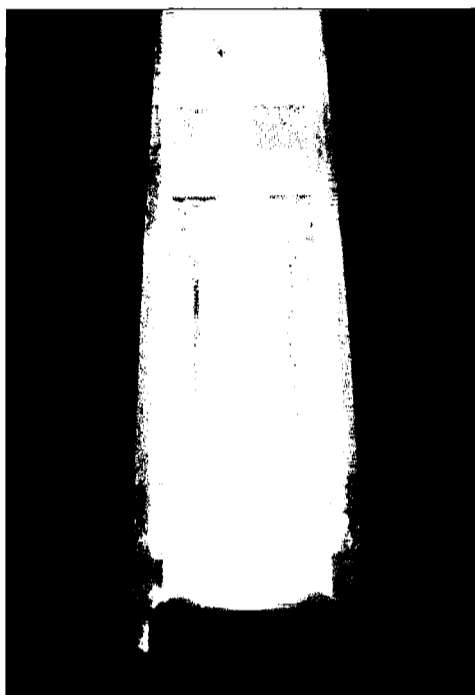
Culver

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The Observer/Mike Ruma

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Lightning strikes grad student

By LIZ FORAN
Editor-in-Chief

A Notre Dame student was struck by lightning early last Friday morning, according to Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Notre Dame Security.

On Friday, May 10 at about 1 a.m. a graduate student was walking back to Fischer Graduate Residence when he saw a bright flash, Hurley said.

"The next thing he knew, he was lying on the ground," he added.

The student was taken to St. Joseph Hospital where he was examined and released. He was unharmed.

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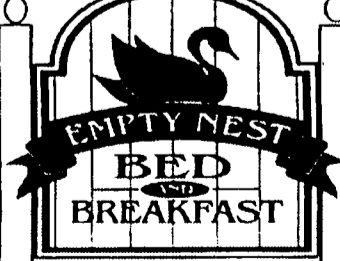
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mucus from her lungs.

"I do breathing treatments to prevent my lungs from getting full of junk, and when I can go a month without being suctioned (through the trache) they'll take it out."

Abdo also plans to finish two final class requirements over the summer. Although she completed her English major, she wants to finish her classical literature minor.

There are also days when Abdo must combat depression. For a period of two weeks she cried all the time.

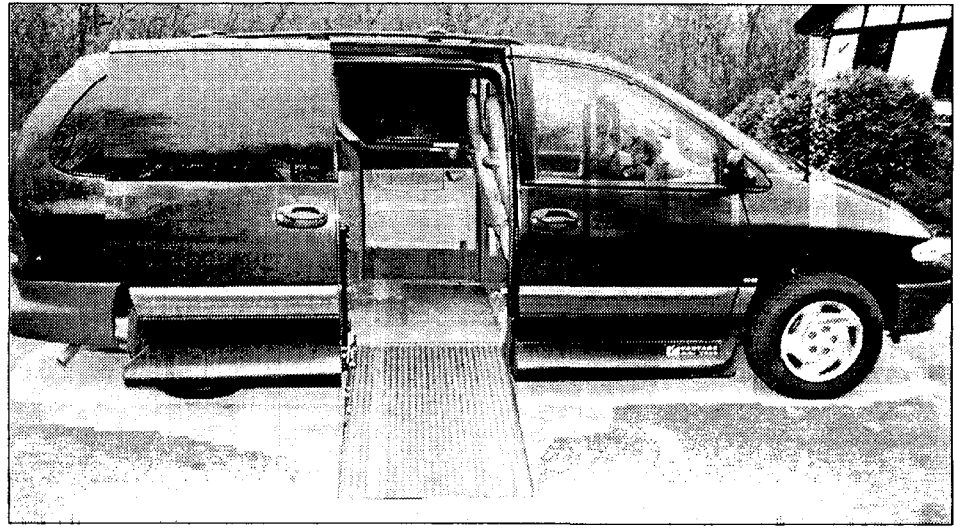
"You ask the obvious, 'Why did it have to be me?,' and then you kick yourself. We didn't have seat belts on,"

Abdo said. "I don't blame myself, but I could really easily and I kind of did. Getting through that was the hardest part."

"Now there are just days where I don't feel good, I don't want to be touched or just don't talk to me. If I don't feel good I won't take phone calls," she added.

The overwhelming support from her family and friends has helped, but Abdo realizes she has more to accomplish.

"Some days are good but there are others when I'm down and I just cry and my dad cries with me. But I'm never crying alone. With all the support and all the people, friends and staff at Notre Dame and their prayers, I'm never crying alone. But I am crying. It's getting better."



The Observer/Kristi Kolski

A specialty van, designed for use by Abdo, contains an automatic ramp and a system of shocks which lower the van for easier access by wheelchair.

Archivist leaves SMC

By MAUREEN HURLEY
Saint Mary's News Editor

Chances are, Sister M. Rosaleen Dunleavy knows every little-known fact about Saint Mary's College. After a brief trip into the Cushwa-Leighton Library's College Archives, she can probably dig up any photograph, document or memory of the College's 151-year history.

After serving as College Archivist for 12 years, Dunleavy will retire at the end of this month.

"Sister is not only 'the memory of Saint Mary's College,' she has ensured that the memory will live on for future generations by writing the annual chronicle," said College President William Hickey at the May 14 President's Dinner.

Dunleavy stressed the loyalty exhibited by all those affiliated with the College. "Those who have graduated from the College and returned, and those who work for Saint Mary's have always remained loyal to Saint Mary's," she said. And Dunleavy exhibits that same loyalty, compiling the College's history for the past 12 years.

"She is recognized by many as the single most knowledgeable person at Saint Mary's College regarding the College's life and history," Hickey said.

Abdo grateful for overwhelming support

By KRISTI KOLSKI
Senior Staff Writer

Following the accident that abruptly brought an end to Mandy Abdo's senior year, her family and the Notre Dame community rallied to bring her support.

"I had a ton of doctors, they all had different ideas, and it was pretty much my family and my friends that pulled me through," Abdo said.

Immediately after the accident, there were times at St. Joseph's when Abdo would be alone, unable to talk or move.

"I was so scared. You can't breathe on your own, you can't move or can't communicate, except by mouthing the words and using your eyes," Abdo said. "So my family said that's never going to happen again."

From that point on, until the time she was discharged, Abdo had somebody with her every day and somebody sleeping in her hospital room every night. Abdo's family and friends united around her for the three weeks she spent in the Intensive Care Unit at St. Joseph Medical Care Center in South Bend.

"They never left my side, ever," Abdo said.

Her boyfriend, Bill Shean, a '95 Notre Dame graduate and current law student at the University of Colorado, Boulder, also spent two weeks with Abdo.

"When Bill found out about

the accident, he grabbed his wallet, a pair of boxers and caught the first flight to South Bend," Abdo said. "He spent two weeks with me without any clothes. That's devotion."

The outpouring of assistance and support from the Notre Dame community also proved immense. "There was an instantaneous ring around me that was non-stop for three weeks," she said.

Along with Abdo's roommates, Dawn Kasperski, Pam Kennedy and Erin Lyons, many students visited her in the hospital. Cards have filled five photo albums.

"I was so drugged that I didn't know what was going on, so I don't know who was there, and I don't know who to thank, but I would say that I would give you a big huge hug because that helped my family," Abdo said.

Senior Class President Kevin Kuwik helped out by taking Abdo's three younger brothers to Notre Dame basketball games and sometimes to shoot baskets in the gym.

"Besides just being there to help me, they helped my mom and dad by taking my brothers," she said.

Visits from administrators Patricia O'Hara and Bill Kirk, vice-president, and assistant vice-president of student affairs added to the support.

"Bill Kirk was a godsend, you never thought you'd be happier to have him around," she said.

Lou Holtz, head coach of the Notre Dame football team, also visited Abdo while in the South Bend hospital. He returned a week later, fulfilling the promise to bring the game ball when Notre Dame defeated Air Force. Inscribed on the ball is Abdo's name and the score, 44-14.

Professors Rathburn and MacLeod also took turns visiting. Professor Moriarty sat with Abdo on Thanksgiving so her family could eat a Thanksgiving dinner at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

"My family wouldn't have made it through without the support of all my friends and people that jumped to help," she said.

On Nov. 30, Abdo left South Bend for Abbot Northwestern Hospital in her home-state of Minnesota. Support from the Notre Dame community remained constant.

The mothers of Kevin Klau,

Pete Vandernorth, and Brent Tadsen who live in Minnesota also are helping the family. They have particularly helped out with the e-mail and bed-side shopping.

"The outpouring from the parents has been just phenomenal." For two months the neighbors got together and rotated bringing over dinner.

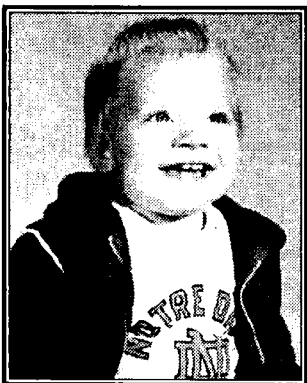
Seigfried, Abdo's dorm prior to moving off-campus, raised \$500 at mass to buy an airline ticket for Abdo's boyfriend Bill Shean, so that he could visit her in Minnesota.

The Notre Dame Club of Minnesota offered assistance by arranging for interviews so that Shean could get a job in Minnesota for the summer.

"If you did something for me, thank you, half the time I was too drugged to know the difference. But my family knew and I got the repercussions of it," Abdo said.

Abdo saves her greatest thanks for her parents. Although her father works, that allows Abdo's mother to remain at home and take care of her. "My mom has been with me through everything," Abdo said.

Brian Halloran - Domer '96



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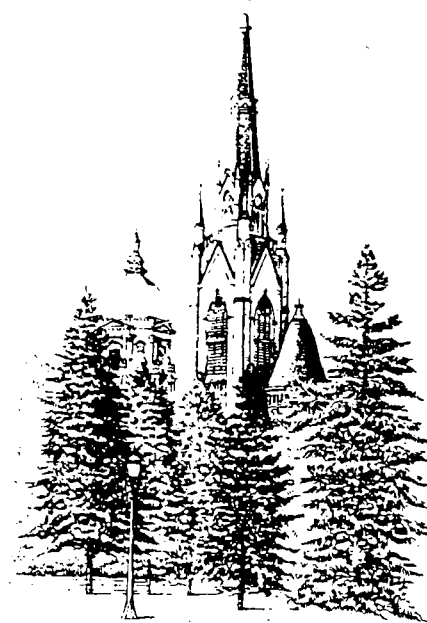
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SMC department recognizes senior art

By ANGELA CATALDO
News Writer

The Saint Mary's College Art Department concluded an outstanding academic year by honoring four seniors, according to Art Department Chair Marcia Rickard.

Allison Casciari, Jeannine Gaubert, Lisa Lentz and Tiffany Matula all received hon-



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The Student Summer Art Show features various creative pieces by Saint Mary's students.

ors for their Senior Comprehensives. The Saint Luke's Medal, and award for distinguished achievement in the visual arts, went to Gaubert and Matula. The Sister Edna Service Award, given to the student who contributes outstanding service to the art department, was awarded to Lentz.

The gallery was continuously busy this year, showcasing 10 exhibits, two portfolio reviews and 12 senior comprehensives. One of the highlights of the season was an exhibition entitled "Women Facing Fear." A national invitational, "Women Facing Fear" included 16 female artists from around the country displaying a variety of media.

In addition, the gallery once again participated in AIDS awareness week, with an installation consisting of a circle of sand in which candles are placed and lit in remembrance to those in our community with AIDS. All visitors were encouraged to sit around the circle to take time to reflect and remember.

Academically, the department was equally active. The Art Department revised the Bachelor of Fine Arts program.

Department members Marcia Rickard and Julie Tourtillotte were promoted to Associate Professor. Tourtillotte also received the NEA Individual Artist Award and was awarded the Indiana Art Council Grant.

The department was also enriched by artists in residence. Miroslav Rogala in electric media and Kristin Caskey in fibers



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Senior Lisa Lentz stands beside her display in the Saint Mary's Student Summer Art Show.

both spent a week on campus.

In addition to reflecting on the past as commencement nears, the department looked to the future as it broadened its curriculum, with the addition of Surface Design and Asian Art Courses. Also, space was allocated for a new papermaking studio.

Capsule to contain class items

By JAMIE HEISLER
Associate News Editor

As seniors look back on how fast their four years have gone by, a class time capsule also has people wondering how fast the next 25 years will pass.

"We're putting things away in a time capsule, and at the 25th reunion we'll have a display of the contents of the capsule," said Senior Class President Kevin Kuwik.

The class of '96 is the first to put plans for a time capsule into action and has chosen numerous items which symbolize their four years at the University including:

- a replica of the women's soccer team national championship ring
- a brick from the old stadium
- issues of The Observer and Scholastic
- Dave Kellett's "Four Food Groups of the Apocalypse" book
- Emily Lord's CD
- memorabilia from events such as the Keenan Revue and the Fisher Regatta
- memorabilia from local bars
- cards listing what people think Notre Dame will be like in 25 years and also what they think they will be doing in 25 years

The class had originally intended to bury the time capsule underground, but several factors influenced their decision not to do so.

"With the amount of construction work there is on campus, it's not feasible, and also the cost of containers to bury something underground was in the thousands," said Kuwik.

The class then talked to the Alumni Association which suggested the alternative of placing the capsule in the basement of the new bookstore/ alumni center.

"We're trying to set up something where each class will do it [a time capsule] and put them in a depository in the basement," said Kuwik.

Plans for the usage of the bookstore are not definite, however, the class is hoping that the project will be carried through.

Because the new bookstore will not be built for another three years, the time capsule contents will be placed in a safety deposit box in the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union until that time.

Despite rumors, 'Backer will not relocate

By LIZ FORAN
Editor-in-Chief

Many a clouded memory has been made with a few friends, loud music and a Long Island Ice Tea at one of the most popular South Bend hangouts, and they will continue to be made at the same location, despite rumors to the contrary. The Linebacker Lounge will

not move from its current location at the intersection U.S. 23 (South Bend Avenue) and Edison Road at any point in the near future, according to owner Elwanda Delinski.

According to rumors, the 'Backer (as it is affectionately called by Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students) was allegedly moving to another location due to construction on

U.S. 23. While the road construction is a fact, the destruction of the building to compensate for the widening of the highway is a myth.

The highway is scheduled to be widened at several sections during the summer, including the area near the 'Backer, according to the Indiana Department of Transportation. "I'll definitely be there

through the fall," she said. She is so certain that the location of the 'Backer, 1631 South Bend Ave., will not change that she has begun taking bids for building renovations.

"There are several things I have been meaning to do, that I didn't want to start until I knew for sure [that the building would remain]," she added.

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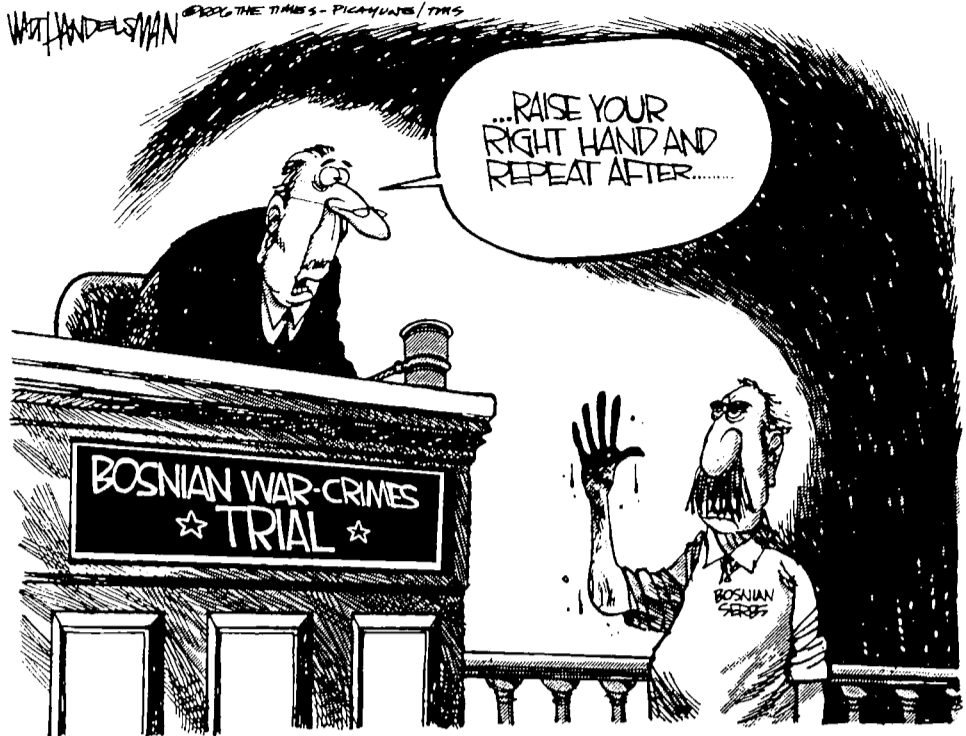
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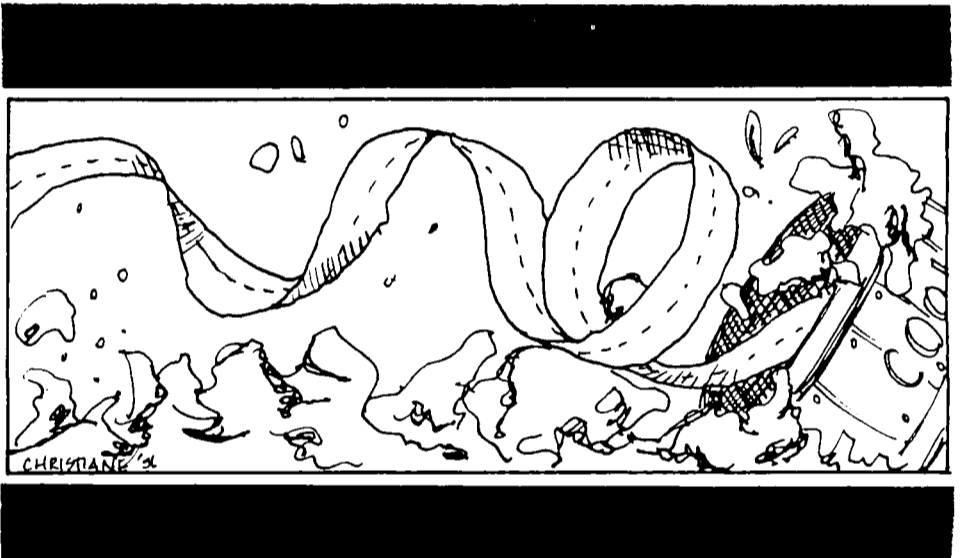


KEVORKIAN KORNER

Irony lurks in the Alumni newsletter

Graduation, as everybody knows, is marked by relief and festivity. As with weddings, the future lay beyond, uncorrupted by pain, compromise, or defeat; the road ahead is posited as a big looping slide into a barrel of Cool Whip, and hardships are as metaphysics. That's okay with me; as Dr. Johnson said, hope may be the main species of happiness this world affords, and far be it for me

there is here at Notre Dame, and hence no comparable loss when we were cut loose to make a living and live by ourselves. Even so, the experience came as a shock. Ah, it was romantic at first! Your first apartment is a kind of stage set for your new life in the first months. But instead of having an apartment or room next door with five of your friends sitting around drinking, you find a preoccupied stranger who works on his car all the time. Instead of it being a short walk to the dining hall, you have to cook for yourself — and then, when you don't clean it, bury the stuff in a landfill to avoid the resultant bacterial cultures. It's funny when you live in Campus View or someplace to live on found objects — big spools for tables, etc. — but when it is really your home, as opposed to a kind of live-in bar stool, you begin to feel oppressed. Old. And you stop throwing away those letters from the alumni association.



Josh Ozersky



to kill everybody's commencement buzz. But, as O.J. says, "I want to tell you." (Hang on to OJ, by the way. I think that the OJ verdict will turn out to be one of those things, like the Kennedy assassination, by which old cockers identify each other by — in lieu of Masonic hand-signals, that is.) I want to tell you that unlike Du Lac, the Patty O'Hara — GLND/SMC brawl, or the failure of your student body presidents to bring the Grateful Dead here as promised, walking the plank of the good ship Notre Dame is an event you can't laugh off. No longer can you comfortably snort at the mawkish sentimentality which surrounds Notre Dame; within a few short years, even the toughest of you may sit misty-eyed at your checkbooks, writing love notes to the endowment and hoping for nosebleed seats in an unrecognizable stadium. This never happened to me only because I went to Rutgers, a state university honeycombed with graduate students, part-timers, and other melancholy links to the outside world. There wasn't the same sense of place that

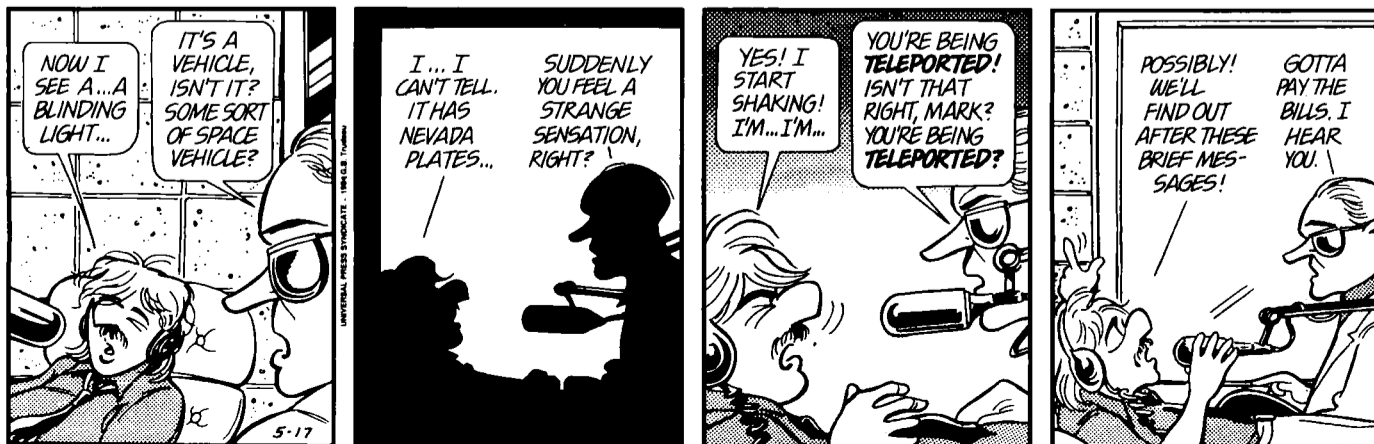
I guess that is how it works for Notre Dame students. Maybe I'm wrong. I'm constantly underestimating how well-adjusted (and rich!) students are here. A lot of them get married when they graduate, too. That's something to think about. But where is that place in the outside world in which you can be a full-grown man or woman, without the spectre of failure beating its invisible wings overhead? Where is the job in which you set your own hours, and are asked to produce nothing more than evidence of your own interest? Where is that place where there is a single man for every woman, a single woman for every man, and identical frames of reference upon which to start a hopeful conversation? Where is the place where prize young behemoths arrive every year to stir dreams of a championship? Nowhere. But you can go too far eulogizing college life. You don't have a lot of freedom, and even at Rutgers, where every dorm room had a five foot bong,

there was a sense of containment and discontent. And when you do move out into the world, you will find small solitary pleasures — the absurdity of Mary Worth, the taste of powerful coffee, solo walks amid an abandoned propeller factory (rare), the precise and self-indulgent measurement of a lunch hour into minutes of eating, walking, reading the newspaper (unheard of in college), and reading menus in the windows of likely restaurants. Wandering aimlessly via public transport, finding new vices, befriending elderly boozers in the decrepit new bars the decrepit new you will discover in months and years to come. When you graduate, you will go to mass or not, and have to answer for the choice; you will lose contact with your friends from high school if you haven't already, and, when inebriated, experience acute and bitterly pleasurable nostalgia. You will gain or lose weight. Your ego will take a beating. You will change. A change for me, too: I should also mention here that I will be losing you as

readers, which is something of a blow. I'm not like the Registrar. Incoming students don't take the place of seniors. Freshmen don't read the Viewpoint page, or slap me on the back in Club 23, or send me e-mails telling me what an imbecile I am, or any of the other sweet rewards of writing for a real community. I started writing this column three years ago, and while I figure to be writing it for some years to come, there is no replacing those first three years, the years I built my place here at Notre Dame. I never knew, when I suggested we forfeit the game to Florida State to protest the plight of Haiti, that there was so little sense of irony among my readers; I guess part of it was the awkward and eccentric behavior of a stranger trying to be the life of the party. It means a lot to me that so many of you eventually got on board and read and/or enjoyed the column. God bless you all — and I say that without an atom of irony. Josh Ozersky is a graduate student in the Department of History. His email address is Joshua.A.Ozersky.1@nd.edu.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public."

—Sir George Jessel

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

American opinion taints study results

Dear Editor:

Recently I was handed the newspaper called *Right Reason*. I began reading the letter from the editor-in-chief, Daniel Moloney, and was immediately struck and incensed by his morally judgmental attitude toward gay people, as well as his explanation for why people engage in homosexual activity. He says, "Human sexuality is different from animal sexuality in that humans control their sexual appetites by their reason and will." He proceeds to compare modern homosexual men with ancient Athenian homosexual men, who, he claims, because of their literature and social customs, were compelled toward "peculiar tastes." Thus, according to Moloney, homosexuality was for the Athenians, as well as modern man, the result of pure acculturation and "mental habits." Contrary to Moloney's diagnosis of homosexuality, though are scientific studies which show that although homosexuality is probably affected by environment to some degree, genetics do in fact influence one's sexual orientation. Research done as recently as 1993 by a renowned scientist, Dean Hamer, shows that homosexuality is tied to variations on the X (specifically Xq28) chromosome of homosexual men. As greater advances in science are made, researchers hope to find the exact gene which influences sexual orientation.

Moloney also points out that if homosexuality were genetically determined, it would imply that humans lack "free choice of the will." Human beings are creatures who are to some extent influenced by genetics in everything we do. We are not only intellectual beings, but possess brains and bodies created by genetic material. Thus, if homosexuality is partially the result of genetics and is determined in the same way as race or body structure, the question of the "free choice of will" is only partially valid.

The larger issues at hand, though, are the discrimination and intolerance imposed upon homosexuals by people like Moloney. He compares the homosexual to the woman caught in adultery in the book of John, saying, "...after sparing the adulterer by shaming those who would have stoned her, he (Jesus Christ) directs her to go and sin no more." He protects her from the harmful judgement of others, but requires that she change her ways. We can ask no more of our homosexual neighbors, and no less." The homosexual today, however, doesn't have Jesus Christ for protection from those who judge him — who call him "peculiar" and demand him to change that which is innate to his being. Jesus is not here to protect the homosexual from the stones of judgement thrown by Moloney and people who have no God-given justification for the judgement they inflict. Rather than homosexuals changing themselves, what is needed is the change to a more tolerant, accepting and diverse community here at the University of Notre Dame and in the world as a whole.

ERIN LUM
Freshman
Knott Hall

O'Hara offers best wishes to '96 grads

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my prayers and best wishes to the members of the Class of 1996. Commencement is a time of many mixed emotions. Pride in your achievements, excitement and apprehension about new beginnings, happiness and sadness all-come together as you prepare to leave.

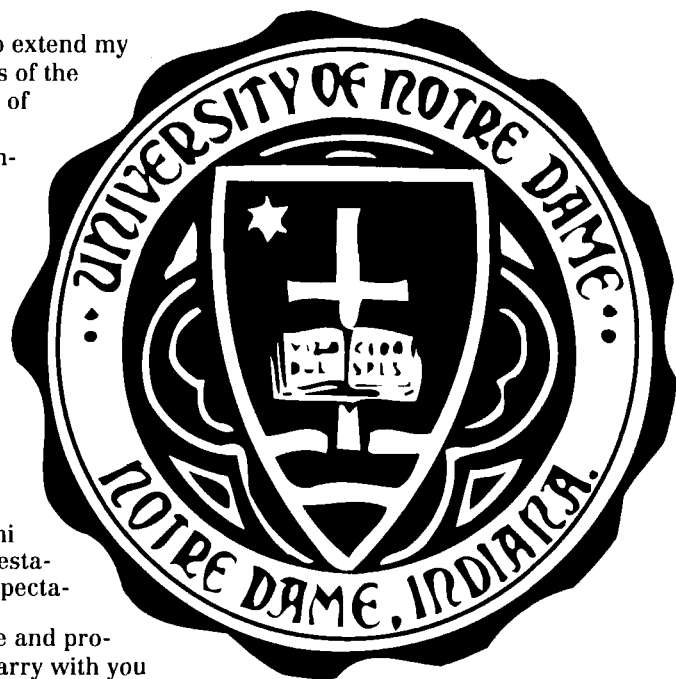
For those of you who are graduating Seniors, I hope that we have achieved our goal of providing you with an education that integrates the life of the mind with the life of the heart. May your commitment to your faith in God and to the service of God's people match your dedication to your chosen vocation and profession. We have high expectations of our graduates. The tremendous contribution that our alumni make to society and to the Church is a testament to the importance of these high expectations.

For those of you leaving with graduate and professional degrees, I hope that you will carry with you the best of our traditions as they relate to your discipline. If you bring to your chosen field a strong set of ethical convictions and a commitment to justice, you will represent the very best of Notre Dame.

Finally, a note of gratitude to all of you. You not only take from here; you also give. You have made a variety of contributions to your fellow students, to the University and to those of us who remain behind to assist students who will follow you.

May Our Lady, Notre Dame, continue to watch over you in the years ahead. We are blessed to have you as members of the Notre Dame family.

PATRICIA O'HARA
Vice President for Student Affairs



Honesty remains the best policy

Dear Editor:

I am very grateful for The Observer's prominent and respectful coverage of my recent lecture on sexual diversity. However, the story in the April 26 issue contained a few errors that I would like to correct. I did not suggest that "honesty is crucial to fostering sexual diversity," as stated in the story's lead. Neither I nor any other member of the gay and lesbian community has any interest in *fostering* sexual diversity. A more accurate paraphrase might have stated that I believe honesty to be the *first step* toward greater *tolerance* of sexual

diversity, and toward a more compassionate and loving environment for all students.

I also wanted to correct the spelling of the word "berdache," in case some readers are interested in finding out more about this traditional role in many Native American cultures.

Thank you again for your coverage and sensitivity.

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Tracing the chronology of a graduating senior

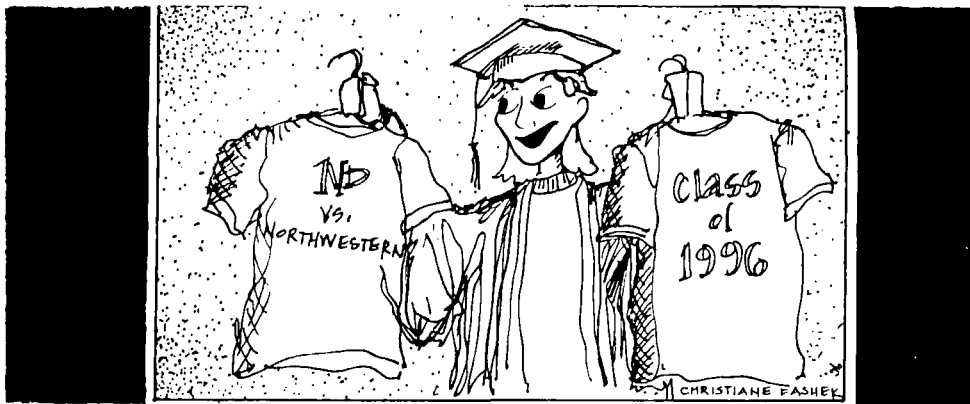
In 1992, you arrived on the campus of The University of Notre Dame, nervous and wide-eyed. You were now a freshman in college and life was relatively simple. You made friends that you were certain you would have forever, dining hall food was good, dorm parties were a blast, Papa John's was a gift

Krista Nannery



from God and Calculus would take ten years off your life, but so what. Off-campus was a foreign, mysterious land whose only landmarks were CJ's and The University Park Mall. Things were either in one direction or the other, but either way, American Cab and your Frequent Rider Card would take you there, relatively safely or cheaply, never both. Sure you were homesick, but Freshman Year of Studies kept you busy enough that you began to forget about home and mom and dad, if only for a little while. College was cool and you couldn't wait to be a sophomore.

You found yourself an alternative form of identification sophomore year and Bridget's was the place to be. FSU was one of the most exciting days of your college career, dorm parties were less random. Ice beer was the beer to



drink and fighting frostbite became a daily occupation. You went to your first off campus party and swore right then and there to move off campus as soon as was humanly possible. You declared your major, you switched your major, you and what seemed like the rest of the sophomore class all dropped pre-med at the same time. It seemed like you had known your roommates forever, and together, you couldn't wait to be juniors. You were a sophomore; life was simple and good.

Junior year, you boycotted "The Shirt" because of its hideous green color, or, if you did buy it, your mother now wears it as gardening attire. JPW was one of the best weekends in you and your parents' lives and the words of our junior class president will stick in your mind forever. Unfortunately, everyone but you seemed to turn 21 by second semester, so on weekends you were forced to divide your time between penny beer night at Bridget's and sneak-

ing in side doors at other establishments on other nights. You still managed to get all your work done, but sometimes, it was hard to believe that you would be graduating in just one more year. You didn't want to be a senior because that meant being old, finding a job or graduate school, and moving on. You couldn't imagine leaving Notre Dame.

In 1995, you became a senior and your whole world began to change. You lost a friend and feared losing more or even losing yourself. The future was a scary concept and although you tried hard not to show it, as the months went on, it became more and more difficult to deal with the inevitabilities of jobs, relationships, and decisions that just had to be made. You wanted it to be simple, like it used to be, without any regrets or missed opportunities. You wanted it to be fun. So you went to the Linebacker and made the most of it. But it wasn't enough.

And now tomorrow, in 1996, approx-

imately \$100,000 and four "The Shirt's" later, you are graduating. It is possible that you're heading home almost immediately after the ceremony, away from Notre Dame, away from your friends and away from four of the best and most memorable years of your life. With the slam of a door and start of an engine, it's all over. You are literally closing the door on a life-direction defining chapter of your life.

For some of you, it may be fifteen or twenty years before you set foot on campus again and see some of the people who were once the most important people in your life. But from past experiences, you know for certain that, when you do come back, it will be like you never left. The campus may have changed and the people may be unfamiliar, but it will still be the Notre Dame that's been in your heart and mind forever. You are now older and wiser than that freshman who arrived on campus in August, 1992 but sometimes, this weekend in particular, you'd do anything just to be that freshman again in order to truly appreciate all the simple things that have made you what you are today.

Good luck, God Bless, may the road rise up to meet you and may the wind be always at your back.

Krista Nannery is a graduating senior originally from Long Island, New York. An English/German major, Krista served as *The Observer's* Accent Editor from February 1995 to March 1996. She now resides with her family in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and is actively seeking any form of intelligent occupation.

■ ACCENT ASKS...

What was your most memorable experience at Notre Dame?

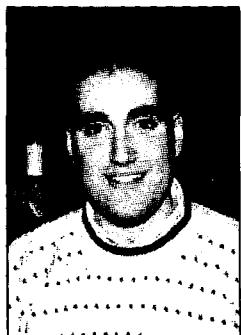


"The most memorable ones are the ones I don't remember."

*Kevin Dolan
St. Ed's, Government*

"Circus Lunch."

*Jerry Siefring
Zahm, Communications*



"Spring break in Jamaica."

*Francesca Pons
Pasquerilla West,
Art History*

"Florida State."

*Joy Fitzgerald
Howard, Psychology*



"The bouncer got shot at Heartland."

*Larry Caudillo
Morissey, Psychology*

"The skirt of my cave woman costume fell off at the Halloween SYR at Stanford."

*Meg Stafford
Badin, Mathematics*



The end of Changes along the way

By JOEY CRAWFORD
Accent Editor

There are some things that just don't change at Notre Dame: the perennial bad weather, the football, and the quality of the academics. But the face of the university is constantly evolving to fit the students needs. During the four years in which the class of 1996 have been attending the university, the face of the University of Notre Dame has changed drastically since the time of their arrival as nervous little freshmen. Some of these changes are more "superficial" than others, while others will have a drastic effect upon Notre Dame for years to come.

The most obvious changes are the renovations that seem to be plaguing our campus. Buildings were built, domes were moved, domes were encrypted with scaffolding. Expansion has been a major goal of the administration over the past few years.

During the summer prior to the arrival of the class of 1996, Pangborn Hall was changed from a men's dorm into a women's dorm. For many of the incoming freshmen who spent their pre-orientation in this dorm rich in tradition, the switch was a bit disheartening, for it was the only place they knew really well. Two years later, another men's dorm met the administration's wrath. Historical Cavanaugh was converted into a women's residence hall as well, ousting many disgruntled students from heart and home. These conversions were met with the inevitable protests, but the administration argued that the moves were necessary to support the recent influx of more women into the university. This year also marks the final year of Grace. Administration offices plan on moving into the building before the 1996-97 year. Other dorms waiting for their demise include Flanner, Seigfried and Knott.

Construction has taken the campus by storm, affecting everything from the sacred Golden Dome to the mythical Notre Dame football stadium. DeBartolo Hall, the realm of high-tech education, yet no one seems to know the intricacies of the building function, was built a year before the arrival of this years Senior crop. However, they were the first class to use DeBartolo. Some have wondered if the "Debartelo experience" was worth it, arguing "Nothings seems to ever work." Three years later the College of Business Administration (COBA) building was built next to Debartolo to support the increasing number of business students and to house cutting edge technology in the world of business. Students also witnessed their precious Golden Dome and stadium undergo major facelifts, both of which are not completed to this day. The architecture building is also undergoing construction and renovations. In addition to all of this construction, new dorms are being built in the "Golf Quad" to accommodate the ousted students of Grace, Seigfried, and Knott.

In efforts to make the campus more culturally rich, a number of "gaudy pieces of art" have been "planted" around the campus. South quad has taken the burden of becoming a "mock art museum" featuring art from students and teachers alike. The "era of transition" seems to be directed towards the southern end of campus. Shelby Brown argues, "Maybe they should do something about Stepan Center on the North Side, like tear it down."

Jeff Wojcik of Flanner Hall asserts that their seems to be more interest in student relations since he arrived here four years ago. He claims, "It seems like their is more student dialogue, not only dealing with student life, but worldly issues. When I first got here all of the columns in the Observer focused on yo cream flavors, the salad bar, and abortion. recently they have been shying away

from these topics as was seen through Cristiane Likely and GLND/SMC issues." He also argues, "Student Government, through the work of J.P. and Dennis, is trying to get ideas across a little more than they used to."

St. Edward's hall resident, Kevin Dolan has noticed some musical taste changes, but assures that the character of the students has been basically the same. "When I first got here, everyone listened to Pearl Jam's." He also speculates that a major change in the student body may be just around the corner, with the emergence of the sons



and daughters of women graduates. He claims, "This is going to make a big change ten or fifteen years down the road."

Some students, however do not see the changes as being so obvious. Flanner Senior, Marcus Thorne states, "Sure the campus has been expanding, but it is basically the same. The people are the same, race issues are handled the same, everything just seems to be the same. They talk about co-residentially, but this will never happen." He has however noticed the administration's attempts to include athletes in post-graduation scholarships.

Many students are fearful that they will not recognize the campus a few years down the line. They recognize the importance of expansion, but perhaps this is too extreme. They do not want to come return in two years and not recognize the campus. The issue is prevalent in many graduating students' mind, "Does the university have the right to make such drastic changes over such a short amount of time?" After all this is not the same campus to which they applied.

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Class Favorites

MELANIE WATERS
 Staff Accent Editor

While the Class of 1996 will soon proceed into graduation ceremonies to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance," a more appropriate anthem might be Abba's "Dancing Queen." A look back at the "best" memories of the year class reveals the secrets of the finest off-campus watering holes, the craziest underclass party locations, and some initial impressions of Notre Dame and the surrounding tropical paradise of South Bend, Indiana.

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with them many fond memories (or lack thereof) of South Bend's popular drinking establishments. Most of the votes were split between Senior Bar and Coach's, although senior cheerleader Ken Oliphant gives his loyalties to Bridget's. The seniors will also miss CJ's Monday night specials and 1/2 pound burgers, with other favorite specials including Tuesdays at Coach's and the "special" and loving atmosphere of the beloved Linebacker.

When asked to look back at the days before the big 21, or at least before they got a respectable ID, seniors were equally split on the best dorm for undergrad parties. Of course, most of the men surveyed picked their own dorms, but the ladies seemed to waver between Sorin and Flanner/Grace parties. Sorin RA Andrew DiCello attributes the popularity of Sorin parties to the made-for-party quint on the first floor and the tradition-laced "Otter Room" on the third floor, both with space enough for more people than should ever be crammed into one room, tall windows to dance in, and built-in "entertainment centers" that double as a bar and a dance floor.

As far as single-event off-campus parties go, seniors offered a wide selection of favorites. Many picked the recent Pig Tostal '96, while others went with St. Pat's Park and PigTostal '94. Turtle Creek residents evidently provided some interesting party moments, with several senior citing TurtleTostal and the fall "Rally in the Alley" as the best off-campus gatherings of the past four years.

What would four years at Notre Dame be without football? Not surprisingly, two particular games stood out as the most memorable for the senior class. Many chose the "Snow Bowl" of freshman year as the Irish defeated Penn State in the final meeting between the two teams, while others triumphantly remember the story that the scoreboard told as Notre Dame defeated Florida State 31-24 in November of 1993. Senior Christian Shields chose this year's Navy game as the most memorable, since it marked the last home game for the Class of 1996.

With football memories often come road trips, and many of the best road trips seemed to involve this year's Ohio State game. Other seniors preferred the warmer temperatures of the Orange Bowl, while some simply enjoyed road tripping to Chicago to take a much needed break from South Bend.

Fearing the loss of secrecy, most seniors were reluctant to reveal the craziest thing they did during their four years at Notre Dame. However, some candid answers involved streaking, kegs, famous campus statues, and poker. You figure them out.

On a more reflective note, the seniors surveyed were asked to recall the best show of class spirit or unity. Some picked Junior Parent's Weekend, while Walsh senior Catherine Hanson noted the irreplaceable bonding experience of camping out at the JACC for football tickets complete with an early morning visit from Coach Lou Holtz. Kuwik picked both the class mass in memory of senior Rob Adams and the Alumni-Senior Club fundraiser for Mandy Abdo that brought in over \$4,000. Band President Jeff Catalina chose the band's benefit concert for fellow member Kurt Weiss.

From the graffiti dance to graduation, the Class of 1996 has evolved together and woven countless memories over the last four years. Looking back on their first impressions as freshmen, several seniors remember laughing at that "parietals thing" until they found out that no, they weren't kidding. Arriving in South Bend from sunny locales like Texas and California, many seniors remember asking themselves, "What am I doing in Indiana?" However, many shared the sentiments of DiCello who remembers, "I loved it right off the bat." Kuwik remembers that he felt "a lot of spirit, a lot of tradition, and a lot of quality people," which the Class of 1996 certainly embodied in their unforgettable years at Notre Dame.

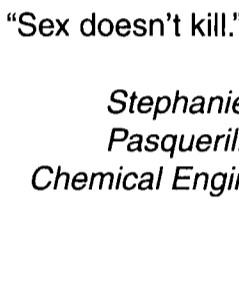
■ ACCENT ASKS...

How would you describe your class in three words?



"My second family"

Tim Sullivan
 Off-Campus, Government



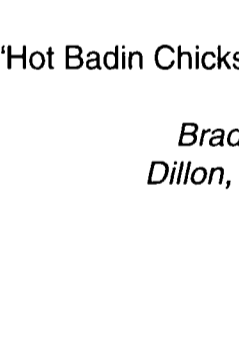
"Sex doesn't kill."

Stephanie Butler
 Pasquerilla East,
 Chemical Engineering



"Bud-weis-er."

Bill Moore
 Dillon, Finance



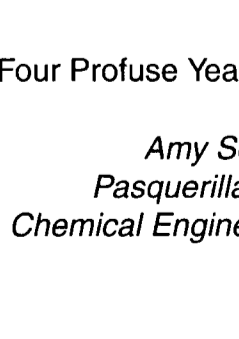
"Hot Badin Chicks."

Brad Joseph
 Dillon, Finance



"Thanks for everything."

Noreen Hefferon
 Lyons, History



"Four Profuse Years."

Amy Schulte
 Pasquerilla East
 Chemical Engineering

■ ACCENT ASKS...

What is your fondest Saint Mary's memory?



"The friends I've made over the past five years."

*Betsy Killian
Towanda, Ill.
Business*

"Drinking Guinness in pubs while abroad on the Saint Mary's Ireland program."

*Kelly McDevott
Brooklyn Center, Minn.
Political Science*



"Always having your friends to talk with at three in the morning."

*Robin Bennett
Las Vegas, Nev.
Elementary Education*

"Moving up in the world. CJ's to Club-what a difference!"

*Jenna Farley
Chicago, Ill.
Sociology*



"The grand finale of senior week."

*Anne Herrman
Hays, Kan.
Elementary Education*

"Meeting Beth, my favorite roommate in the world."

*Rita Juster
Placentia, Calif.
Biology*



First graduating class of Saint Mary's College, 1904, at Angela Hall

photos courtesy of Saint Mary's Archives

By LESLIE FIELD
Saint Mary's Accent Editor

Parents and friends from across the country drive down the tree lined avenue to see their loved one from the Saint Mary's class of 1996 graduate. They recall freshman orientation and the heat that accompanied that frantic weekend. Mothers and fathers assembled lofts, hung Dave Matthew's Band posters and made countless trips to Target to purchase any and every stackable, hookable or stickable they could get their hands on. But this weekend, they return to Saint Mary's for one last visit; a visit filled with great pride and hope for the future. Parents and graduates have had these feelings about Saint Mary's during graduation for many years. In fact, this is the 149th graduation from Saint Mary's. Although the values and standards of the school may not have changed over the years, the school itself certainly has. It has grown immensely, just as its graduates have. Taking a look back provides graduates and their families and friends the opportunity to see how Saint Mary's commencement has changed throughout the years, as they reflect on the many ways their graduates have also changed during their four years at Saint Mary's.

In 1881, parents coming to Saint Mary's for graduation experienced something quite different from the outdoor commencement ceremony today. Those attending the exercises walked the grounds beforehand, stopping to see the prorogation house. Here, more than thirty thousand exotic plants were located. Today, they would be walking in Regina South. And the graduation would not be from college, but from Saint Mary's Academy, considered a premiere preparatory school for women. Its academics were so strong that Lena Brady, a Saint Mary's Academy graduate of 1899, applied to the University of Michigan and was accepted as a Sophomore with forty credits, a true accomplishment for anyone, especially a woman of the nineteenth century. In 1906, however, Mother Pauline, Saint Mary's President from 1895-1931, established Saint Mary's College. The 1906 commencement ceremonies may have given graduates the same sense of accomplishment that they feel today, but the circumstances surrounding the ceremony were very different. Today, Saint Mary's students take great pride in the tradition of their class ring. In the earlier days of the college, however, it was the gold cross which students strived to earn. Upon graduation, the ornate, heavy gold cross pin was handed to each graduate in the same manner as the diploma is today.

In 1916, commencement speaker Max Pam was invited to speak at graduation by Mother Pauline and former Notre Dame President, Fr. Cavanaugh. He had prepared notes but, upon entering the auditorium told the audience that, "the notes became entirely useless. Never before did I enter an atmosphere like this. It

was an inspiration, and, in truth, an experience that I will forever endure. If the men engaged in the activities of the material in life could only come here as I have, they would at once feel and appreciate what the expression of soul means." Pam's address was followed by an essay reading of Miss Houran, a graduate, entitled, "The Absolute Standard of Scholarship."

In previous years, commencement ceremonies have been held everywhere from Saint Angela's Hall, located where Angela Athletic Facility stands today, to The Church of Loretto. The ceremonies were much longer from the early to middle 1900's, as they were filled with many student addresses and music from the music conservatory. Graduates, dressed in white, listened to the thesis of Genevieve O'Neil in 1931. The thesis was ahead of its time, addressing Lope de Vega Nationalized, "The Spanish Drama."

That same year, Estelle Reeland read her thesis entitled, "The Moral Purpose in Livy's History." Saint Mary's strict academic standards have remained throughout the years.

In 1984, commencement speaker Abigail McCarthy, a columnist for Commonwealth and a woman's rights activist spoke, commenting on the same sort of academic and personal accomplishment which is present at Saint Mary's today. "I firmly believe that this engagement in the attempt for excellence is what sustains the most well-lived and satisfying, successful lives," McCarthy claimed.

Excellence. Weather it is in the classroom, with their families or pursuing their own dreams, Saint Mary's graduates act with excellence in all they do. Commencement, facing LeMans, surrounded by the grand trees lining the Avenue, is a time to reflect on the part of history which has been made by each student in their unique class. Former graduation marshal Richard Pilger, Notre Dame class of '54, said, "It's the personal closeness we have that makes the difference." He points out the rarity of each student receiving a diploma individually. And the one hour forty-five minute ceremony pleases many people, too.

Today, students continue the expression of soul at Saint Mary's. Through their efforts in the world of academics to the friendships which will last for the rest of their lives, graduates can be proud of their accomplishments and secure in their futures, not because they have jobs or a place to live, but because they have learned the arts of friendship, strength, and self accomplishment. They have learned how to live right in a world which requires many skills of the mind, the heart and the soul. 1990 Valedictorian Amanda Zenk ended her address by telling her class, "Me han tocado el corazon." You have touched my heart, she said. Saint Mary's, you have touched many hearts.

Special thanks to Sister Roseline of Saint Mary's Archives.

■ SAINT MARY'S SENIORS

Belles value athletic experiences

By STEPHANIE BUEK
Saint Mary's Sports Editor

In the late 1970's, Little League coaches in cities and towns across the country introduced 25 little girls to athletics. Clad in anything from C.Y.O. uniforms that fit too snugly, to sporty sponsors' outfits, to a new pair of sneakers and a big brother's ancient t-shirt, each little girl took the court, the field, the track, or the pool for the first time.

And memorable careers began.

Now, over 15 years later, 23 cap-and-gown-clad women will commemorate the close of their collegiate athletic careers Sunday at Saint Mary's College's commencement exercises.

Many seniors agreed that competing at Saint Mary's proved a special experience. Most appreciated the athletic department's versatility. Though athletes competed against top Division III teams throughout the country, support from the entire athletic department and staff allowed good players to be good students as well.

According to Ann Lawrence, a four-year letter winner in the volleyball program, such versatility will be integral to success after Saint Mary's.

"There was definitely a balance of grades and sports," Lawrence said. "The coaches were really flexible, and that flexibility took some pressure off; it made me know that I could study and play. I feel like I'm a more rounded person because of it."

Michelle Wenner, a four-year distance runner for the track team, agreed. For Wenner, Division III competition helped her become more goal-oriented.

Though successful in the 800M, Wenner's goal throughout her college campaign was to break the five-minute mark in the 1500M. Finally in her senior season, she accomplished her objective, clocking a time of 4:54 in meets at Earlham and Naperville.

"I started running competitively in seventh grade," Wenner said. "Running is something that is a part of my life. It has been neat to compete at the collegiate level. It has brought my running to new heights."

Indeed, for many seniors, the sky is the limit, even after graduation. Though their collegiate careers are ending, their lifetime involvement in athletics is not.

Several athletes plan to continue competitive participation in their sports.

While Wenner hopes to extend her distance running to include road races and 10K's, eventually running a marathon next year, Teresa Popp also has plans for a future in sports after college.

Holding the record for SMC in the 100M freestyle at 56:53 for nearly two years, Popp, a nursing major, has competed for the Belles swimming and diving team for four years. After graduation, she will return home to California to begin her nursing career, as well as her activity in the Masters Swimming program.

A popular West Coast recreational organization, the program sponsors swim meets for people of all ages and abilities. Despite a promising future in swimming, Popp said she will miss the experience of being on a team at Saint Mary's.

"There was such enthusiasm on the team, and in the whole department," Popp said. "Everyone supported each other. At meets, we would line up on the side of the pool and cheer for our own athletes. A lot of times, we were the only team who did that."

Nearly all the seniors said that they will miss being part of a team that was like a family. While some will continue playing, others look to fulfill the aspect of teamwork in their lives through coaching.

Barbara Howells, starting center for Belles basketball, said that her experience at SMC has been a major factor in her goal to eventually coach high school girls basketball.

Specifically, Howells cited Indiana's basketball legend, Saint Mary's Head Coach Marvin Wood, as an example of the type of motivator she hopes to become.

In a sort of graduation of his own, Wood retired after 43 years of coaching last February.

Howells hopes not only to emulate Wood's longevity, but also his coaching style.

"I've been on a team all my life," Howells said. "I definitely want to coach. Coach Wood is an example for me. I've had such a positive experience here, I want to continue that, and make athletics a positive



The Observer/Cynthia Exconde
Saint Mary's provided a comfortable atmosphere in which students could gain a higher education while competing against first rate talent.

experience for the younger kids coming up. It would be great if I could affect people in that way."

Whether planning for a career or a recreational life in sports, most seniors said that the aspect of teamwork that they learned at SMC will play a part in any lifetime activity. Specifically, they will miss the friendships that they cultivated

through being a Belle. Rita Juster, left fullback for three years on the soccer team, said that she not only looked to her teammates for support during tough games and practices on the field, but also valued her team as friends.

"We had a great group of girls. We hung together and bonded. It was a lot of fun," Juster said.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Seniors of Lewis Hall!

Good Luck In the Future!

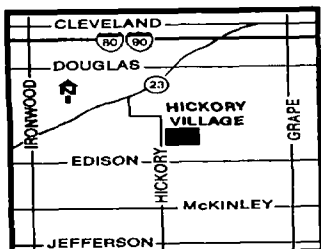
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Honora Buckley	Bishop Sullivan High School	9-12 English - Baton Rouge, LA
Ryan Clark	Our Lady Queen of Mercy	K-8 Art & Music - Mobile, AL (Montgomery)
Kelly Cox	All Saint's	4th-5th - Charlotte, NC
Molly Davis	Holy Family	1-8 Religion - Tulsa, OK
Mark Farrell	Holy Family High School	9-12 Religion/Spanish - Birmingham, AL
Clara Finneran	Loyola College Prep	9-12 Spanish/Religion - Shreveport, LA
Joy Fitzgerald	St. Philomena	Kindergarten - Baton Rouge, LA (White Castle)
Alison Fogarty	Montgomery Catholic High	9-12 Religion/Algebra I - Mobile, AL (Montgomery)
Erik Goldschmidt	Pensacola Catholic High	9-12 English - Pensacola-Tallahassee, FL
Theo Helm	Little Flower	6-8 Language Arts - Mobile, AL
Shannon Hogan	St. Anthony Elementary School	3rd Grade - Corpus Christi, TX
Michael Johnson	Holy Family	6-8 Math/Science - Mobile, AL
Kimberly Kippels	St. Joseph	Kindergarten - Birmingham, AL
Colleen Knight	All Saints Catholic School	6-8 Social Studies/Religion - Fort Worth, TX
Kevin Langell	Sts. Peter & Paul	6-8 Math/Science - Tulsa, OK
Christopher Lary	St. Philomena	5-8 English - Baton Rouge, LA (White Castle)
Todd Leahy	Holy Trinity MS	Computers/Art/Religion - Charlotte, NC
Kaylee Lentino	St. Paul's Catholic School	Music St. - Augustine, FL (Jacksonville)
Jonathan McGhee	St. Philip Neri	6-8 Math/Science - Oklahoma City, OK
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Al Stashis	Bishop Sullivan High School	9-12 Math/Science - Baton Rouge, LA
Anne Stricherz	Our Lady of Prompt Succor	4-8 Language Arts - Baton Rouge, LA (White Castle)
David Sullivan	Corpus Christi Academy	Theology/Social Studies - Corpus Christi, TX
Carrie Swetonic	Our Lady School	6-8 Religion/French - Lake Charles, LA
Valerie Villarreal	St. Anthony Elementary	3-4 grades - Corpus Christi, TX
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Luke Woods	Corpus Christs Academy	English - Corpus Christi, TX
Dan Zepf	St. Joseph High School	9-12 Social Studies - Jackson, MS

■ FOOTBALL

Injuries, transfer take toll as Irish lose valuable depth

By THOMAS SCHLIDT
Associate Sports Editor

Just when you think you can relax all hell breaks loose. Or that's how the Notre Dame football team has to feel.

After the career-ending injury to backup quarterback Thomas Krug, the repeat knee injury to running back Robert Farmer, and outside linebacker John McLaughlin's transfer, Irish coaches will not have the depth they sought this season.

Farmer was the first to fall for the Irish. After a strong showing in the Orange Bowl, coaches believed Farmer was finely the big time back they believed he could be. But when Farmer went down on April 19th, the week before the first Blue-Gold Game, with a knee injury, the backfield began to

look thin with only one scholarship tailback in Autry Denson and three fullbacks in Marc Edwards, Jamie Spencer and Ken Berry.

According to head trainer Jim Russ, Farmer re-injured the knee he had surgery on last season, and that it was too early to determine if Farmer would be ready for the Fall.

"Right now Farmer is in conservative rehab," Russ said. "It is too premature to know if he will need surgery or not."

Krug was the next serious injury victim of the Irish. While taking a routine X-ray, doctors discovered an instability in his neck that proved to be career ending.

"When they first told me I couldn't play, I kept wondering where I could still go and still play," Krug said. "When they

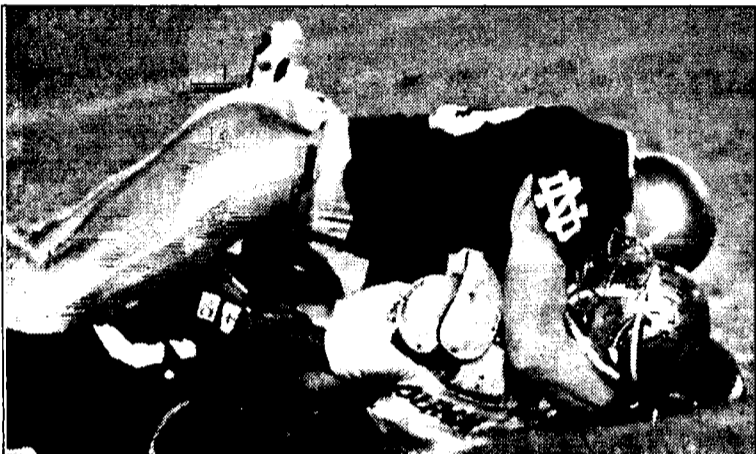
told me my life was at stake, I think that put it in perspective."

Irish head coach Lou Holtz plans to keep Krug on scholarship and allow him to travel with the team. He went on to

suggest that he would use Krug in some student-coach capacity.

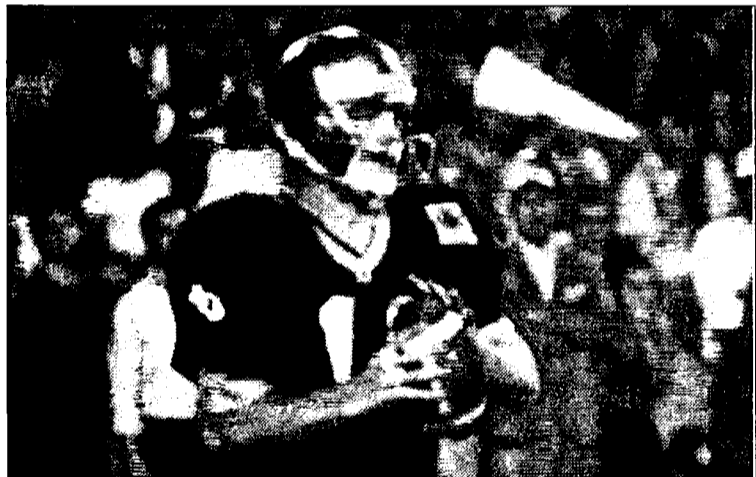
The offense wasn't they only one to lose a productive member of its squad. After being injured and suspended for

majority of the spring practices, sophomore McLaughlin decided to transfer to Arizona where he felt he would have a greater opportunity to play.



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Linebacker John McLaughlin (above) has decided to transfer to Arizona while an injury has forced Thomas Krug to retire from football.



Congratulations Kevin!
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*Love, Mom, Dad,
Bryan & Amy*



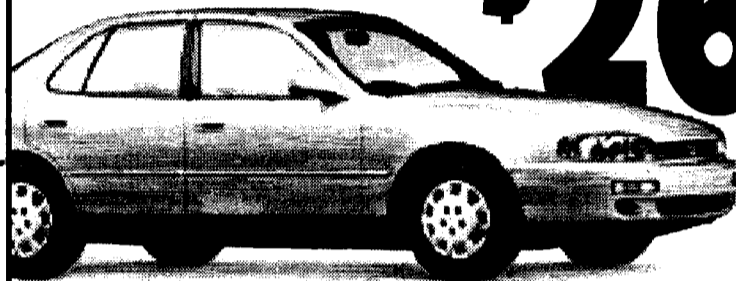
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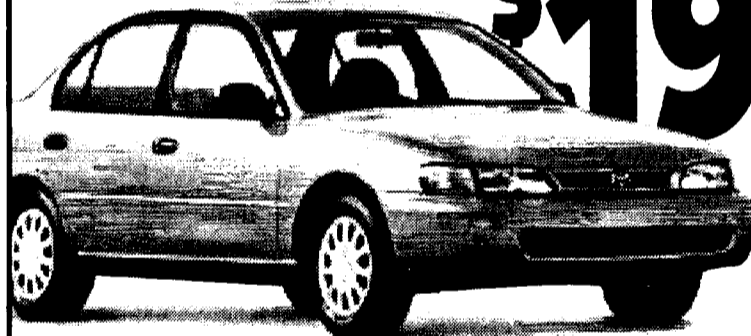
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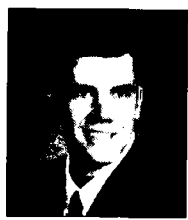
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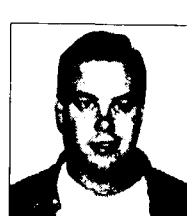
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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach MacLeod back for more

By THOMAS SCHLIDT
Associate Sports Editor

It has been a turbulent five years for Notre Dame basketball coach John MacLeod, and even as his contract expires this June it appears that he will continue on.

Towards the end of last season, Irish Athletic Director Mike Wadsworth expressed confidence in MacLeod and, according to Assistant Sports Information director Mike Enright, MacLeod will continue on indefinitely as head coach with a deal similar to football coach Lou Holtz's "hand shake" deal.

"I assume we're rolling right along here," MacLeod said. "(Executive Vice President) Father Bill (Beauchamp) and I had talked at the banquet that when the season was over we'd sit down and discuss the direction of the program, but from that point on we haven't had any discussions."

Even with the new pseudo contract, NBA rumors continue to be active as many pro coaching jobs are vacant. MacLeod, however, dismisses these as just rumors.

"I'm not campaigning for a NBA job," he explained. "There have been rumors every year, but it has been five years and I'm still here."

One rumor that MacLeod would stay is that he has yet to finish the job he started five

years ago. "We're not where we want to be," MacLeod stated. "I'm not satisfied with how slow it's been, but this isn't pro ball. You just don't knock out ten guys and bring in guys off the waiver wire or make a trade. So it has been a slow and tedious process, and there are no short cuts."

Yet even with the recent losing records, MacLeod can count one great success for his program. He led the charge as the Irish joined the Big East in 1995.

"We were going nowhere," MacLeod explained. "We've taken ourselves from a situation that was going nowhere as an independent and we've put ourselves in a position to go in the right direction. We're having success in the sense that we're doing what is necessary for this program to grow in national stature."

"Are we close? No, we're not close, but we took the first major step."

It was the Big East's effect on recruiting that mandated the move. For years recruits had used Notre Dame's independent status as an excuse to play elsewhere. Such recent players include Raef LaFrenz now at Kansas and Jared Prickett of Kentucky. Both had Notre Dame in the front, but the desire to play in a conference was too great, and MacLeod lost the

impact players he desperately needed.

"We were working like heck in recruiting, but we were being beaten at every turn because we were an independent," he said. "You're not going to be able to recruit top players as an independent. Now that we're in the Big East we have identification with the Big East and recognition in the conference."

Yet, even with the new allegiance to the Big East, talented players haven't been breaking down the door to play for the Irish. Even MacLeod admits that his recruiting class for next season doesn't provide the impact players the Irish need.

"They are not marquee players and they're not impact players," he commented. "But they are good players. That's just who we could recruit."

It's not that they haven't been close to landing that impact player, they have.

"We've been involved in recruiting right down to the wire on really good players, but have been beaten right at end," MacLeod said. "The only way is to continue to go after top athletes and eventually somewhere catch a break because we haven't had a break yet. We need one of these marquee, impact players to decide to come to Notre Dame."

For MacLeod that is the next part of the plan. First was join-



The Observer/Rob Finch

After joining the Big East, coach John MacLeod believes landing a top player is the next step for the Irish. "Now we're ready to take the next step," he said. "There is no quick fix, just no easy route and recruiting is a major part of it. We have to land that impact player, and that's the next step."

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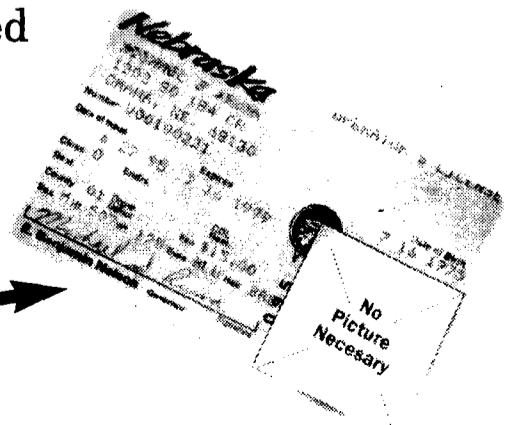
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■ WOMEN'S TENNIS



The Observer/Angela Addington

Senior Holyn Lord and the Irish automatically qualified for the NCAA tournament based on their 22-6 record and Top Ten finish in the polls.

No. 10 Irish ready for NCAA's

By BETSY BAKER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's tennis team will return to the NCAA championships this weekend for the third time in the past four years. The Irish, ranked No. 10 in the country, received an automatic bid to the championships by remaining in the top ten since the beginning of March.

After losing to top-ranked Florida at the National Indoor Tournament the last weekend of February, the Irish bounced back to defeat then, twelfth-ranked South Carolina and sixth-ranked California, allowing them to crack the top ten at No. 8. Midway through March, the Irish moved up to sixth, the highest ranking in the program's history.

"This year has been an exciting year for us," head coach Jay Louderback said. "One of our big goals was to be one of the top ten teams in the country and we have done that, but we are especially excited because we have a chance to do well at the championships."

The 22-6 Irish join fifteen other teams at the championships in Tallahassee, Florida—the ten automatic qualifiers and six winners of regional tournaments throughout the country. They have faced four of the nine other automatic qualifiers in which they won one match against fifth-ranked Texas, but dropped three to Florida, Duke, and Wake Forest, all top-five teams.

In their first match, the Irish will face ninth-ranked Brigham Young who pose quite a challenge after defeating Duke earlier in the season.

"In the past, we have been happy coming here and winning the first round," Louderback commented. "But now we feel that in each match we hope to play, we'll have a chance to win."

"BYU is going to be a tough match for us, and if we win that, we'll probably face Stanford who is ranked and seeded second, with their only loss being to No. 1 Florida."

The No. 7 seeded Irish ended their regular season by sweeping the Big East championships and then knocking off Western Michigan in their final home match, 8-1. They will head into the championships this weekend with a full and healthy roster, a key factor in their performance as they have been plagued by injuries throughout the season. Senior Wendy Crabtree, who has led the Irish at No. 1 singles for most of her career including the '94 and '95 seasons in which she received All-American honors, was sidelined with a foot injury for much of the season leaving freshman Jennifer Hall to pick up

the slack. And that is exactly what Hall has done.

The freshman's 11-4 singles record is highlighted by her defeat of the No. 3 player in the country, Duke's Vanessa Webb, and has made her the eighth-ranked singles player in the country by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Hall is the lone Irish player that will compete individually in the championships.

In addition to Hall, Crabtree and fellow senior Holyn Lord, who also plays No. 2 singles, will compete in the doubles competition. However, the main focus of this weekend will be the team's performance as a whole, especially since it will be the last collegiate match for Crabtree, Lord, and Sherri Vitale. Vitale has missed nearly all of the season due to a wrist injury, but will return to play No. 3 doubles at the championships.

"They [Crabtree, Lord, and Vitale] are coming into this weekend excited to play," Louderback said of the three seniors. "Those three have basically gotten us where we are. They have gotten us on the map and into the top ten."

"They have made our program what it is."

The leadership of the seniors combined with the talent of freshmen Hall and Marisa Velasco, who has compiled a 21-2 record at No. 4 singles and a 14-8 record with both sophomore Kelly Olson and Vitale at No. 3 doubles, will give the Irish their best chance at advancing farther than any previous team at the championships.



The Observer/Michelle Sweet

Senior Wendy Crabtree will look to close her stellar four-year career in style in Tallahassee.

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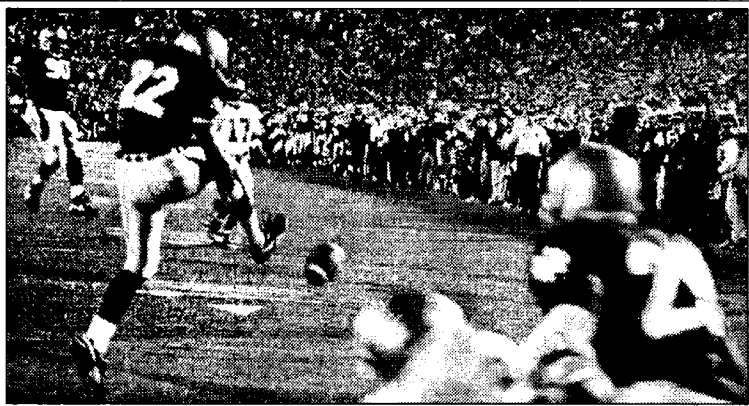
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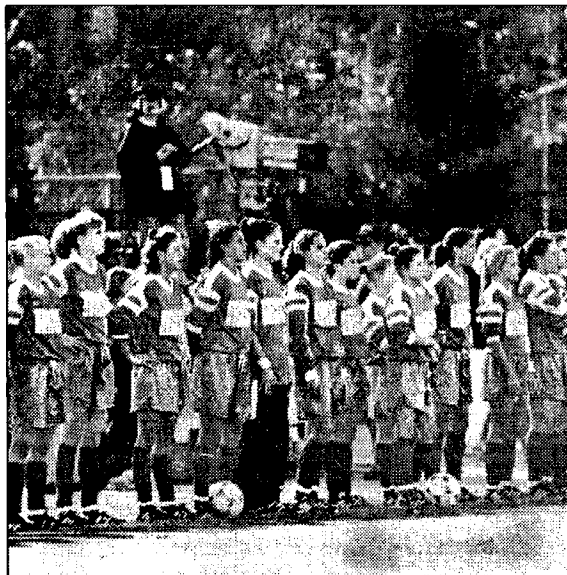
One of the most anticipated showdowns in recent history lived up to all the expectations, as second-ranked Notre Dame upset favorite and top-ranked Florida State 31-24. Shawn Wooden broke up Charlie Ward's last second attempt to secure the monumental win for the Irish.



Champions!

December 4, 1995

The ever-improving Notre Dame women's soccer team reached the ultimate goal of a national championship by defeating Portland 1-0 on a Cindy Daws penalty kick. The Irish also ended North Carolina's dynasty in the semi-finals with a 1-0 shocker.



A Big Deal

August 30, 1994

Athletic Director Dick Rosenthal announced during the summer of 1994 that Notre Dame would join the Big East Conference for most sports. The move was seen as especially helpful to John MacLeod and the struggling men's basketball program.

THE BIG EAST



Dreams Dashed

November 22, 1993

Boston College sacked Notre Dame's hopes of a national championship ended when David Gordon kicked the longest field goal of this career (41 yards) to erase a thrilling Irish comeback and give Boston College a 41-39 victory in the final game of the 1993 season.



Last Minute Heroics

November 16, 1992

A last-minute Rick Mirer (3) pass to Jerome Bettis (receiving) cut Penn State's lead to one.

Reggie Brooks' subsequent two-point conversion catch lifted Notre Dame over Penn State, 17-16. It marked the final game of the series.

AD Change

August 30, 1994

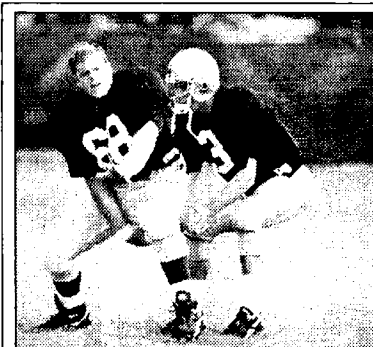
Athletic Director Dick Rosenthal announced that he would step down, effective as of August 1, 1995. Mike Wadsworth (below) will be his successor.



The Streak Ends

October 3, 1994

Chris Petrucelli's women's soccer team tied North Carolina 0-0 in overtime to snap UNC's 92-game winning streak. It was the third time that a historic streak was snapped by an Irish team.



Women's sports attain varsity status

May 1, 1996

Athletic Director Mike Wadsworth announced that women's lacrosse and crew teams would be elevated to varsity status equaling the total of men's and women's sports at 13.

National Champions

March 23, 1994

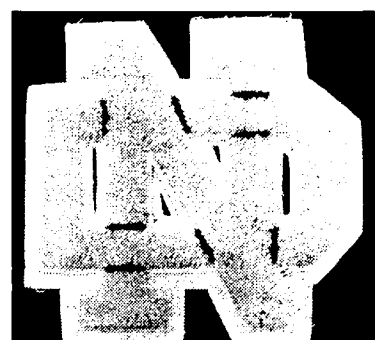
The Notre Dame fencing team came from behind in the final day of competition to defeat Penn State and secure the first Notre Dame national championship in any sport since 1988.



Prodigy Powlus lost for season

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A shoulder separation cost freshman phenom Ron Powlus a probable starting spot before he ever took a live collegiate snap.



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and 12 assists. More importantly, however, are the offensive opportunities McCarthy created through her lightning quick dribbling abilities.

"Michelle is the best soccer player we've had here," head coach Chris Petrucelli said. "She is amazingly gifted with the ball. She broke down defenses by herself and would either score or create chances for others."

Everyone got a good look at these abilities during the Final Four in North Carolina. McCarthy set up Cindy Daws' winning goal in the championship game as she broke to the net with ball and was tripped up.

In the national semifinal, McCarthy put on a dribbling exhibition as the Irish ran time off the clock in the second half. Tar Heel players appeared to be chasing a ghost as the forward would not give up the ball.

"It was just an incredible way to finish the year," she said. "Just the things we accomplished as a team are what counts."

McCarthy also accomplished plenty this season after a back injury sidelined her for part of last spring and the summer. Even though she experienced pain throughout the year, McCarthy believed this would be the year and battled through the pain to be part of the championship season.

Injury was also no stranger to Scharff who battled back from an early season ankle sprain to become the backbone of a relentless Irish defense. By blanking all four NCAA opponents, it was the defense that set the tone for each game.

The experience that Scharff, a four-year starter, brought to the defense was invaluable.

"Ashley was a steady influence," Petrucelli added. "I've never seen somebody improve from the middle of the season after an injury to the last six weeks like she did."

After spraining her other ankle

the previous year, Scharff found rebounding from this year's injury less problematic.

"It was a lot easier this year," Scharff stated. "Because of the other ankle injury, I knew what I had to do to get back."

Scharff's presence was dearly missed in the middle of the season. Without her, the Irish tied Cincinnati and squeaked past Ohio State in overtime. Upon her return, the defense started to gel into the unit that would string together four NCAA shutouts.

While few recognize the fact, Scharff was also the player who made the kick into North Carolina's end for the own-goal that proved to be the difference in the national semifinal.

Of course, Scharff's defense against the explosive Tar Heel offense made the real difference, but getting on the other side of that field makes a nice memory.

Especially when it means joining McCarthy there to celebrate a championship.



The Observer/Mike Ruma
Co-Female Athletes of the Year, Michelle McCarthy (right) and Ashley Scharff, embrace after the title game.

Champs

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have the word engraved on the championship jewelry.

"One of the things we needed was something to rally around," Petrucelli said. "It would get everybody thinking the same way. It would help to concentrate on the game and not anything outside."

After Notre Dame fell to North Carolina 2-0 in Houston during the middle of the season and squeaked past a sub-par Villanova squad, the Irish sat down and re-evaluated their goal.

Following this meeting, the Irish would not lose their focus again.

Nor would they lose another game.

Mid-season adversity provided the major turning point in Notre Dame's title run. While not pleasant, it will be viewed as an enduring memory by the team.

Naturally, that will not be the only memory.

The celebration following the 1-0 triple-overtime win against Portland has been immortalized by numerous photographers.

At the spot where Cindy Daws used a free kick to end the game, a sea of green jerseys piled on top of the co-captain in a moment of pure exhilaration.

At that moment, some might have been left wondering what the Irish were so excited about.

"I didn't even see it go in," Daws remembered.

"I didn't see the goal," Petrucelli said.

Prime Network, the company televising the game, also switched to the goal just as the ball rolled in. Once the pandemonium ended, those observers recognized that it was simply a great goal by a great player.

While the one co-captain was buried at the bottom of the pile, the other stood at the top of it. Amidst the madness, goalie Jen Renola appeared to provide the tough, steady influence that she had all season.

For it was Renola who made a dramatic speech during Notre Dame's mid-season tailspin. It was also Renola who did not allow a goal during the four Irish shutouts in the NCAA's. Even if a team solved the tenacious Irish defense, they still faced

the daunting task of solving Renola.

Nowhere was this more visible than during the 1-0 win over reigning champions North Carolina in the national semifinal.

Renola and the Irish defense withstood a myriad of quality chances by the Tar Heels to preserve the shutout.

The Irish goalie would also be leveled twice by charging Tar Heels, but continued to stand in the goal like an impenetrable wall.

These images from the Final Four merely serve as a microcosm for the entire season. A championship year lends itself to providing indelible memories that leave a mark on Notre Dame athletics.

From the string of shutouts to begin the year to the rivalry

that developed between Notre Dame and Connecticut, the memories linger.

From winning the Big East crown to singing in the locker room before the national semifinal, the images remain.

Of course, a championship season will not be forgotten any time soon.

It will be focused on by coaches, players, and fans as the 1995 Notre Dame women's soccer team goes their own way.

Indeed, focus might be viewed as a key word. After the North Carolina win, each player said they were there to capture the title, not beat North Carolina.

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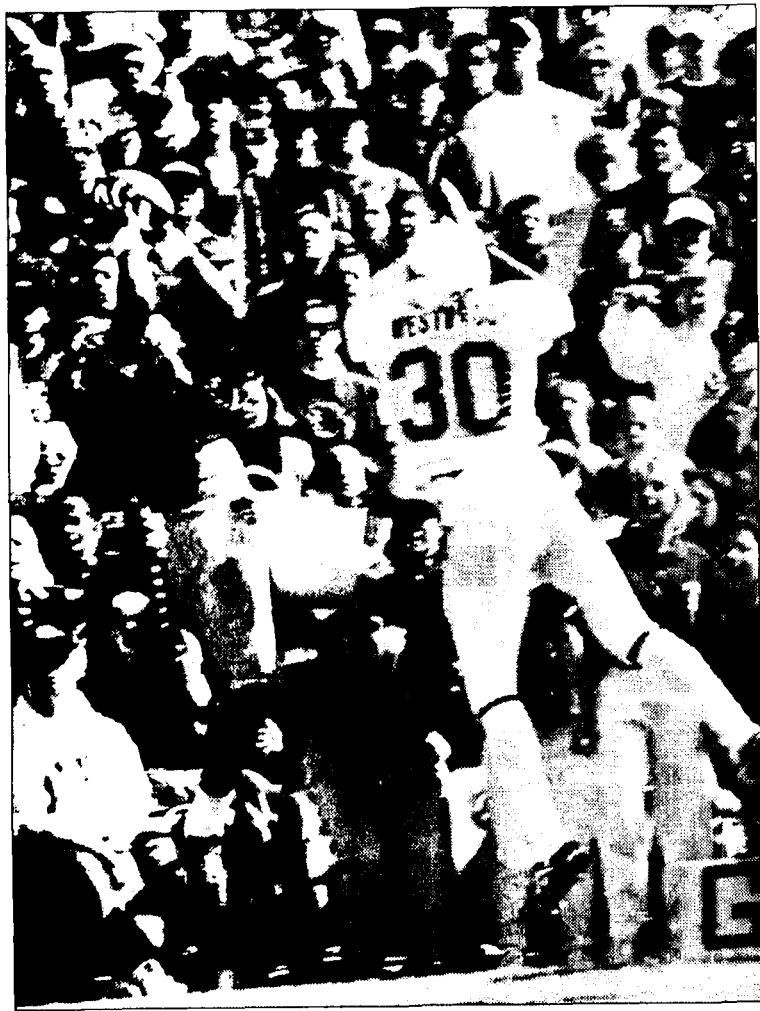
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Mayes

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uncanny ability to adjust to the ball in mid-air. He turned many a bad throw into touchdowns during his days with the Irish.

All in all, Mayes hauled in 129 passes for 2512 yards. 22 of those were touchdowns.

Not only did those 22 catches give the Irish six points, they gave Mayes the opportunity to display a little emotion.

"On the field, I do like to talk and celebrate a little," the flamboyant Mayes noted.

"Football has always been my release," he explained. "It really is my comfort zone because I can go out there and do whatever. I can be Derrick Mayes."

But Derrick Mayes on the field and in the end zone is a different Derrick Mayes than the one off the field.

"Off the field, I'm actually pretty introverted," Mayes admitted. "And to be honest, you really have to be careful of what you say and how you carry yourself. I've had to bite my tongue plenty but I've put my foot in my mouth enough too."

This kind of media scrutiny that Mayes has already enjoyed while playing for the Irish is sure to help him deal with the more intense NFL media. Mayes, though, is worried more about his on-the-field efforts.

"I have really high expectations going into next year," Mayes declared. "I think Green

Bay is the best situation for me."

With one of the NFL's top quarterbacks in Brett Favre (assuming he can overcome his recent battle with an addiction to pain-killers) leading a dangerous and relatively wide-open offense, Mayes is bound to get plenty of opportunities, something that didn't really happen at Notre Dame.

But Mayes wasn't expecting anything more.

"I could have gone to Tennessee or USC and caught 90 or 100 balls but I didn't and I'm very happy with the decision," said Mayes. "I wouldn't trade my experiences here for the world."

One thing, though, he would have liked to change is the University's rule that no scholarship athlete can live off-campus.

"Having to live on campus as an athlete at Notre Dame is certainly a negative. People are constantly coming to you asking for favors. I don't mind that at all but it does get tiresome."

One thing Mayes did not grow weary of was extra work on his skills. While there were certainly occasions when Mayes did not exactly put forth a 100% effort in post-practice sprints, he was always working after practice with the JUGS machine with the other receivers on his ball skills.

"He caught 300 passes after practice the Monday after Washington (a sub-par performance for mayes despite a TD and game-winning two-point conversion)", freshman split end Bobby Brown recounted. "It was amazing to see that kind of determination. He showed the true Derrick Mayes that day."

The true Derrick Mayes

wasn't always a truly confident Derrick Mayes.

"I most remember my first home game against Michigan," Mayes recounted. "Coming out the tunnel was amazing but it was a little over-whelming. But at the same time, once you got used to it, the adrenaline rush did help."

In fact, Mayes' first three receptions all went for touchdowns. But while it was obvious he was special from the start, it wasn't until the 1993 Boston College disaster that Mayes became the "go-to-guy" for the Irish.

And he stayed that way for over two years. Despite the ever-growing focus and double-teams upon No. 1, Mayes always seemed to make the big plays.

However, due to the fact that his speed has always been questioned, NFL scouts labeled him more of a "possession receiver".

But to Mayes, that's a compliment.

"The only thing that's different from me and the other guys (that were drafted in front of him) is that I'm going to catch the ball."

And he caught it for the Irish via a number of different routes.

Though the play often seemed under-used under Holtz, Mayes good size and strength made him an ideal to go over the middle but great hand-eye coordination, superb leaping ability and surprising speed when the ball in is the air made Mayes a lethal deep threat.

Sometime, like in the 1996 Orange Bowl, his talents weren't quite enough but Mayes never complained.

"I already miss this place."

Notre Dame already misses him.

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Derrick Mayes' leaping touchdown grab against Texas this past season was just one of many highlight-reel catches for the All-American.

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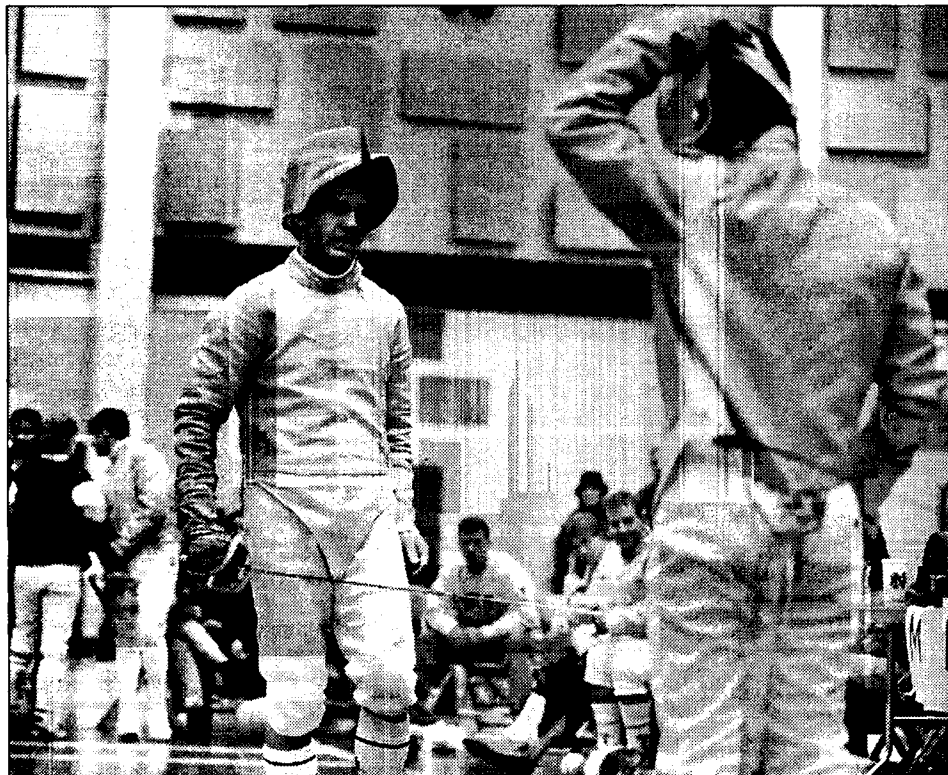
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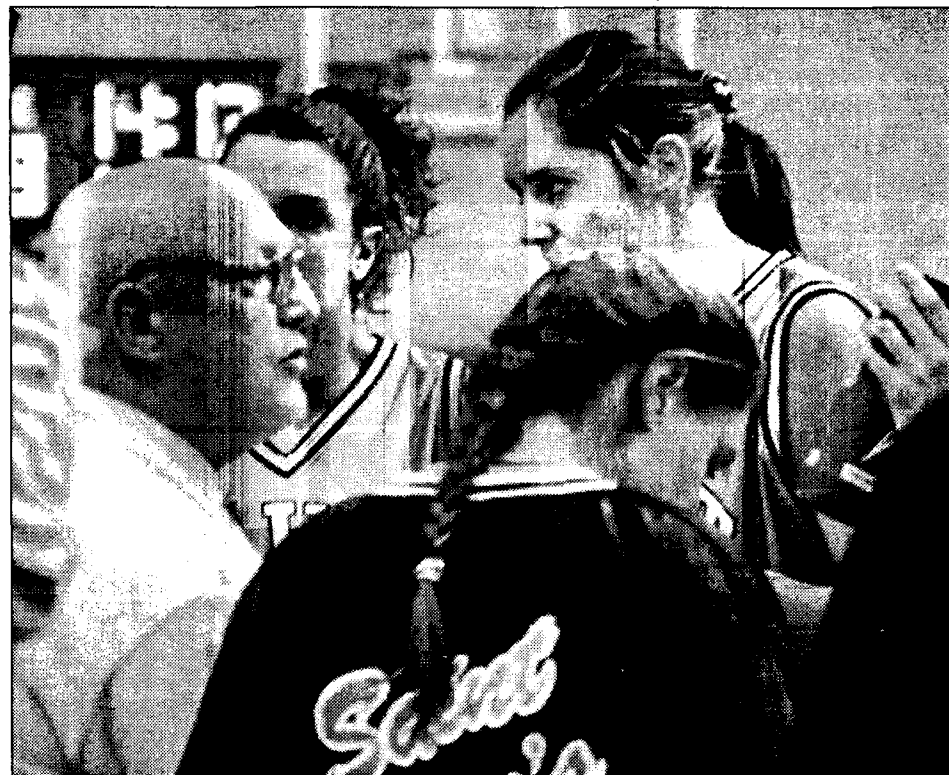
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YEAR IN REVIEW



The Observer/Brent Tadsen

Bill Lester and the Notre Dame fencing team enjoyed another highly successful season.



The Observer/Cynthia Exconde

Saint Mary's basketball coach Marvin Wood retired after a distinguished 43-year career.

Men's Commissioner's Trophy Final Standings

Notre Dame	72.5
Georgetown	72.0
Connecticut	70.5
Villanova	62.5
Rutgers	58.0
St. John's	57.0
Syracuse	50.0
Boston College	47.5
Providence	46.5
Pittsburgh	45.5
Seton Hall	45.5
West Virginia	41.5
Miami	41.0

Women's Commissioner's Trophy Final Standings

Villanova	81.0
Notre Dame	75.0
Connecticut	73.0
Syracuse	61.5
Miami	54.5
Georgetown	54.0
Providence	53.0
Seton Hall	51.5
Boston College	49.5
Pittsburgh	49.0
Rutgers	45.0
West Virginia	45.0
St John's	34.0

Men's Championships

Golf	Notre Dame
Cross Country	Providence
Soccer	Boston College
Indoor Track	Georgetown
Swimming	Syracuse
Basketball	Connecticut
Tennis	Notre Dame
Outdoor Track	Georgetown
Baseball	Villanova

Women's Championships

Cross Country	Providence
Field Hockey	Syracuse
Soccer	Connecticut
Volleyball	Notre Dame
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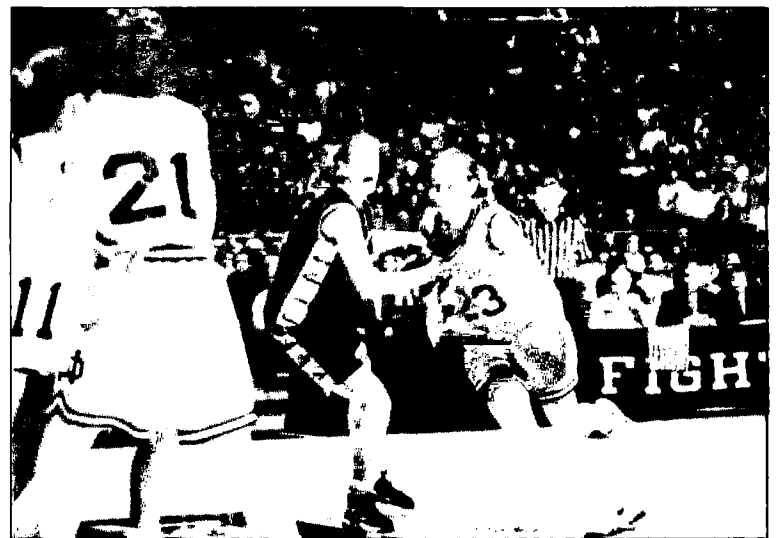
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(Clockwise from top left) Senior captain Ryan Hoover navigates through Big East competition; Senior center Jamie Ling became Notre Dame's all-time leader in points; Senior Stacy Fields and the Irish won their first ever NCAA tournament game; Athletic Director Mike Wadsworth announced that women's lacrosse will be a varsity sport as of next year.

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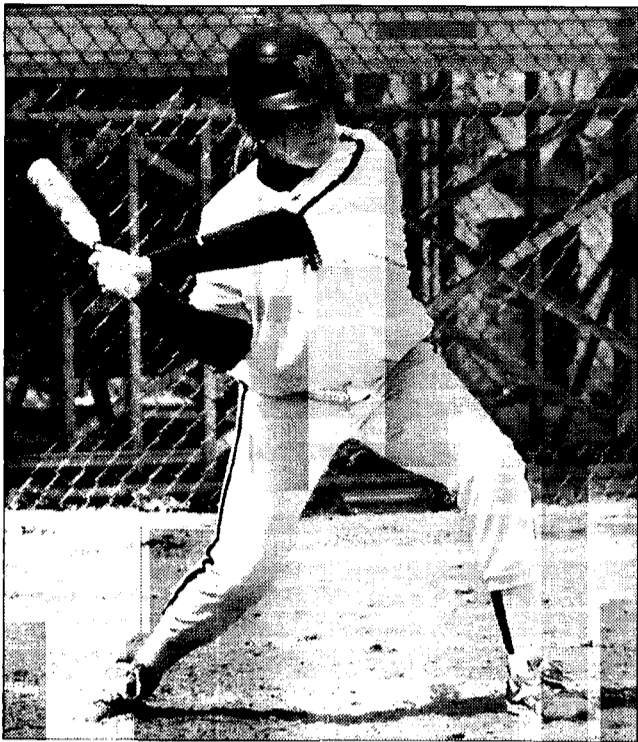
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■ NCAA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



The Observer/Rob Finch
Big East Player of the Year Meghan Murray is on her way to being the first player in Irish softball history to hit over .400 in a season.

Gamecocks first obstacle for Irish

By BETSY BAKER
Sports Writer

With All-American pitcher Terri Kobata back in the line-up, the top reliever in the country in Kelly Nichols, and a whole arsenal of eager and aggressive hitters to back them up offensively, the Notre Dame softball team is prepared for their third straight trip to the NCAA championships.

Although a 1-0 loss to Connecticut in the Big East championships cost the Irish both the title and the automatic bid the at-large bid is good enough to get them into the tournament and the team will take it from there.

"We are real happy we got a bid, especially since we didn't get it automatically," junior Meghan

Murray said. "We think we have as good a shot at it as anybody else. We just hope to go in and prove that Notre Dame is a good softball team."

Murray leads the Irish in batting with a .411 average and looks to be the first player in the history of the program to end the season over .400. She was also named Big East Player of the Year, in addition to being first team All-Big East, as she led the conference in batting average (.507), on base percentage (.529), and hits per game (1.70).

Joining Murray on the first team are sophomore Jenn Giampaolo, who is second in batting with .393, junior Kara McMahon, and senior Kobata. The return of Kobata from an arm injury that had her sidelined for nearly all of April will be

the key to Irish success at the championships.

Kobata, the team leader with a 0.81 ERA and 14-1 record, is also the Irish career leader in wins with 79, winning percentage (.840), ERA (0.60), shutouts with 42, strikeouts with 906, and strikeouts per seven innings with 10.13.

Kobata's supporting staff of freshman Angela Bessolo, who was named Big East Co-Rookie of the Year, junior Joy Battersby, and sophomore Nichols, who was the NCAA leader in saves as of the end of April, have been consistent throughout the year and look to remain so at the championships.

The Irish are in Region 2 of the eight-region field, consisting of four teams each, and will face South Carolina in their first game.

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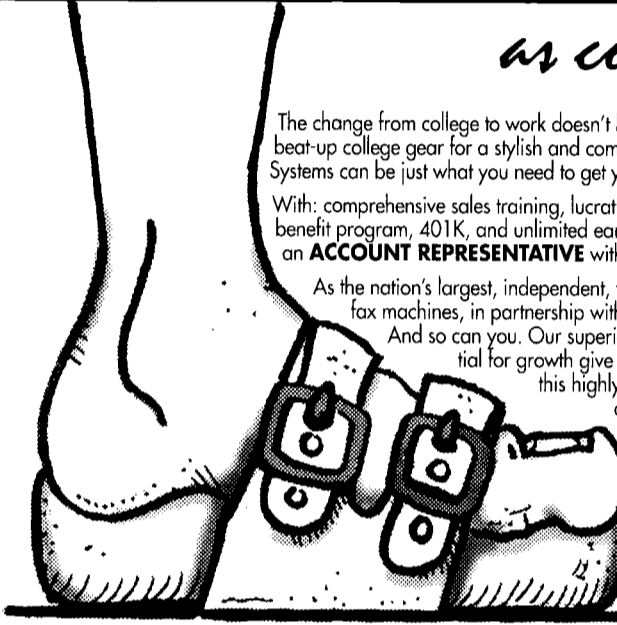
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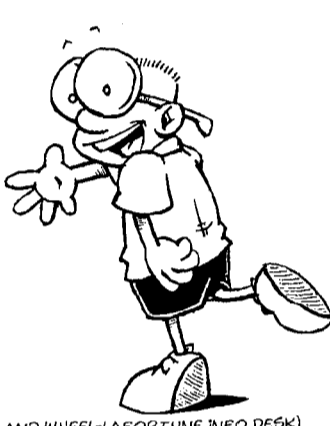
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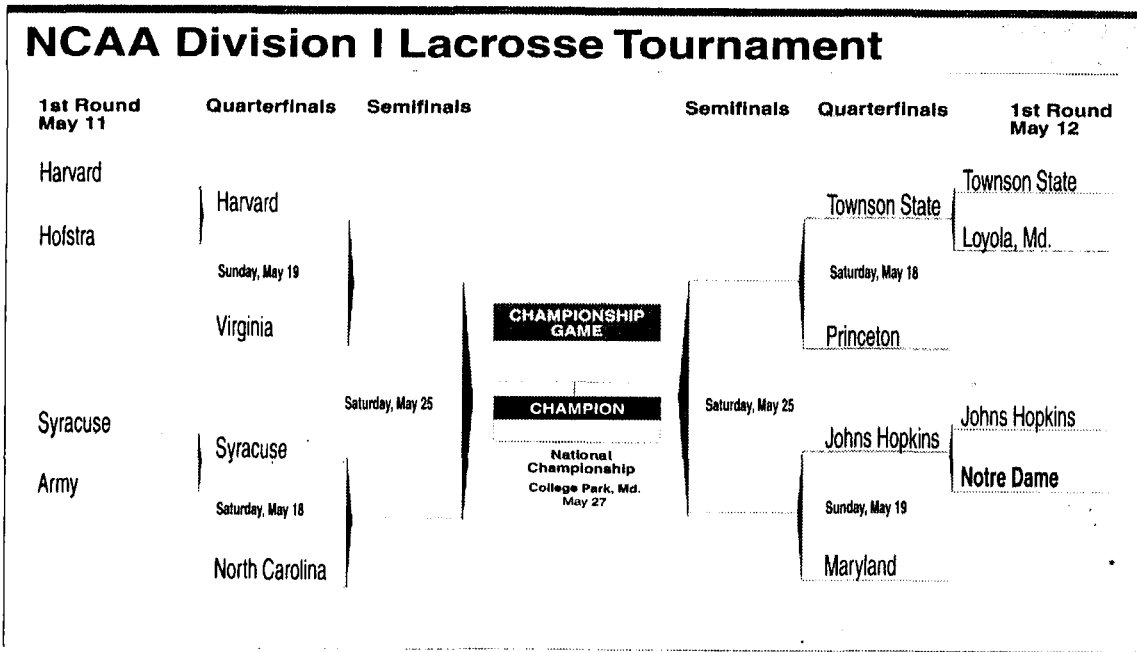
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■ NCAA LACROSSE TOURNAMENT



Irish fall in first round

By TIM SHERMAN
Sports Editor

For the sixth time in seven years, the Notre Dame lacrosse team was invited to the 12-team NCAA tournament. But for the first time in those seven years, the failed to live up to realistic expectations, as the Irish fell to Johns Hopkins 12-7 last Sunday at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

After advancing into the quarter-finals last season and posting a quality 3-3 record against ranked competition this season, for the first time in their history, the Irish were not big underdogs.

However, the perennially powerful Blue Jays proved that their 6-5 regular season mark was far from indicative of their capabilities.

In particular, it was the ability of the Hopkins defense to shackle a relatively low-octane Irish offensive attack in the fourth quarter that led to the first-round elimination of Kevin Corrigan's young squad.

"I think we have a good defense and I think we have one

of the best goalkeepers in the country (in Jon Marcus)," Blue Jay coach Tony Seaman said after the game. "I think in the first quarter, they had three one-on-ones with Marcus- and he stopped all three."

Despite the discouraging inability to convert easy scoring chances, the Irish trailed closely 5-4 at half-time.

And after a Will DeRiso tally at late in the third stanza, the Irish again trimmed the lead to just one at 7-6.

But history repeated itself harshly for the Irish, as a Chris Dusseau's redirect hit the pipe, evoking memories of a DeRiso pipe shot in last year's heart-breaking loss to Maryland in the tournament.

In both cases, the blown opportunity cost the Irish the ever-important momentum.

"At that point, we felt like we were going strong," midfielder Jimmy Keenan said. "We just missed a couple of opportunities that would have gotten us ahead."

Those missed chances came back to haunt the Irish, as Hopkins outscored the Irish 5-1 in the final quarter to advance.

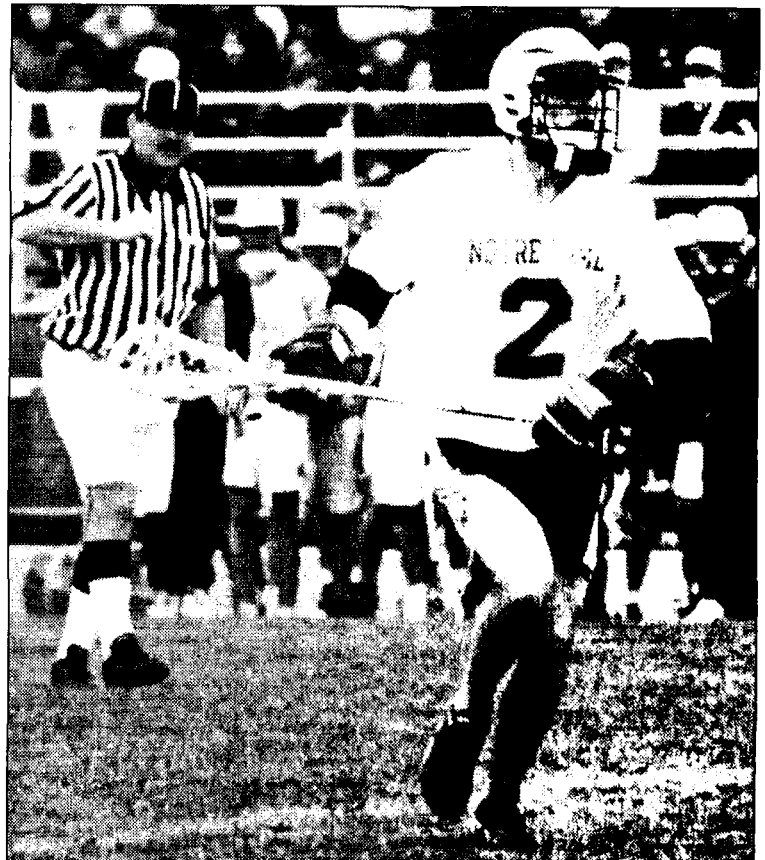
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1996 Final National Media Lacrosse Poll

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| 2 | North Carolina | 12-3 |
| 3 | Virginia | 9-3 |
| 4 | Maryland | 8-2 |
| 5 | Johns Hopkins | 5-3 |
| 6 | Syracuse | 8-3 |
| 7 | Brown | 6-4 |
| 8 | Loyola | 6-4 |
| 9 | Notre Dame | 7-3 |
| 10 | UMass | 6-4 |
| 11 | Georgetown | 7-3 |
| 12 | Bucknell | 10-0 |
| 13 | Penn St. | 9-3 |
| 14 | Hofstra | 5-4 |
| 15 | Harvard | 6-2 |
| 16 | Towson State | 6-4 |
| 17 | Duke | 5-6 |
| 18 | Hobart | 5-5 |
| 19 | Army | 7-4 |
| 20 | Yale | 6-5 |

Some people come into our lives and quickly go.

Some stay for a while, touch our hearts, and we are never ever the same.

-dedicated to senior Mandy Abdo

■ BIG EAST BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Irish upset reigning Wildcats

By JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

After sweeping through the conference with a 16-5 mark this season, Villanova was poised to carry that momentum into this week's Big East Tournament. The Wildcats, however, were treated to a rude awakening Tuesday losing their first game to St. John's.

After dropping their first tournament game to West Virginia 10-8, Notre Dame had to defeat these same Wildcats in their second tournament game to stay alive. The Irish proved to be up to the challenge, defeating the regular season champs on Wednesday 7-3 to remain in the double elimination format.

Action will resume today after yesterday's slate of games were rained out in Norwich, Connecticut.

Darin Schmalz went the distance against Villanova, allowing only four hits as he improved to 8-4. He also recorded three strikeouts in his nine innings of work.

Schmalz received plenty of offensive support as the Irish jumped on top with five runs in the first off loser Sean Dunne. Right fielder Rowan Richards had three hits, while center fielder Scott Sollmann went 2-4 and scored twice. Bob Lisanti and Mike Amrhein also contributed with two RBI apiece.

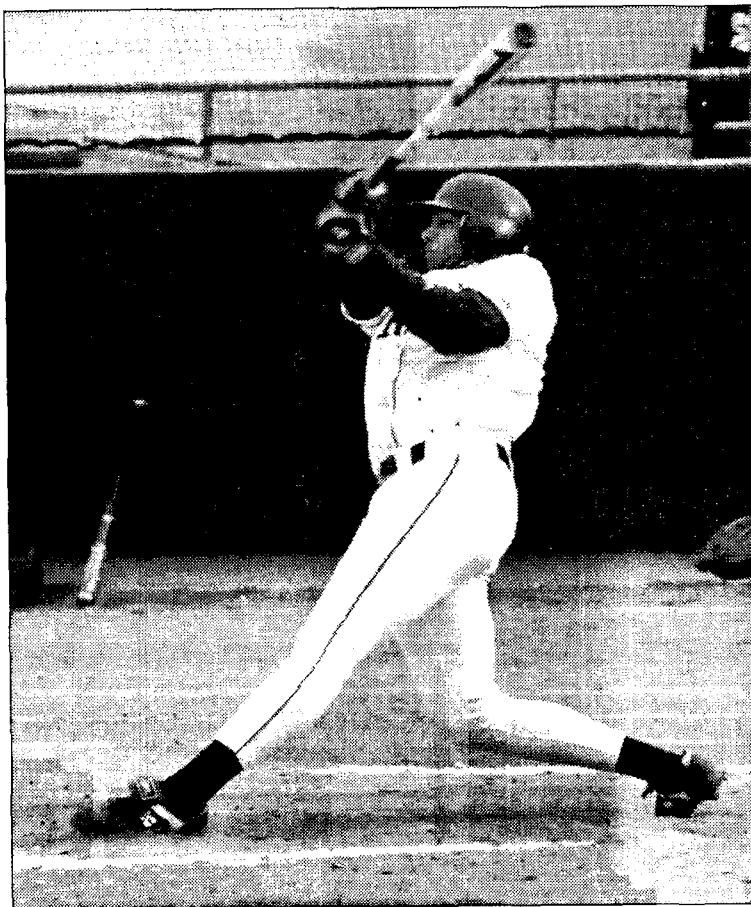
Villanova would get three of those runs back in the second before Schmalz found his rhythm for the rest of the contest. Notre Dame then received two insurance runs in the bottom of the seventh to end the Wildcats' tournament hopes.

The Irish were able to rebound against Villanova after letting an 8-5 lead slip away against West Virginia in the eighth inning on Tuesday. Jason Frushour's two-run double provided the key hit as the Mountaineers rallied for five runs to win 10-8. Three walks and an error put West Virginia in a position to mount the comeback.

The double scored Josh Williamson and Chris Swaney with Frushour later crossing the plate as he scored his fourth run of the game.

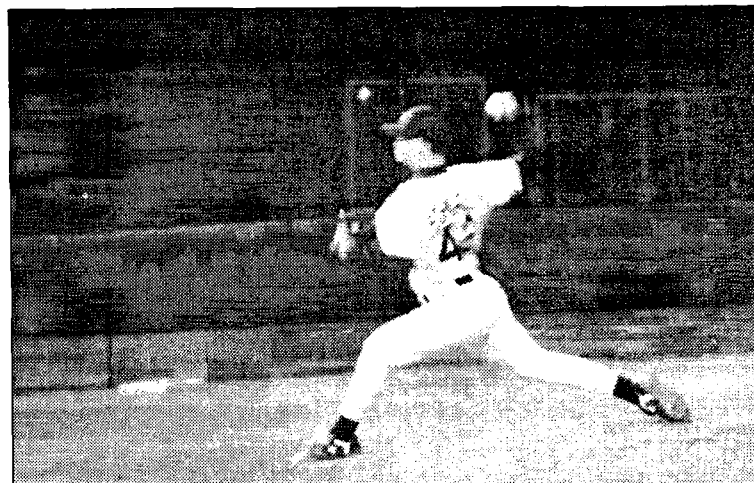
Notre Dame again bolted out of the gate, taking a 4-0 lead after three innings. Rowan Richards homered for the Irish, while Amrhein and George Restovich each added two RBI. Rich Sauget took the loss for Notre Dame in relief of Pat Davis who allowed three runs in less than an inning.

Greg Henebry worked five innings, allowing four runs and seven hits. After giving up one run, Alex Shilliday then gave way to Davis.



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Mike Amrhein's two RBI against Villanova helped the Irish advance to the third round of the Big East Tournament.



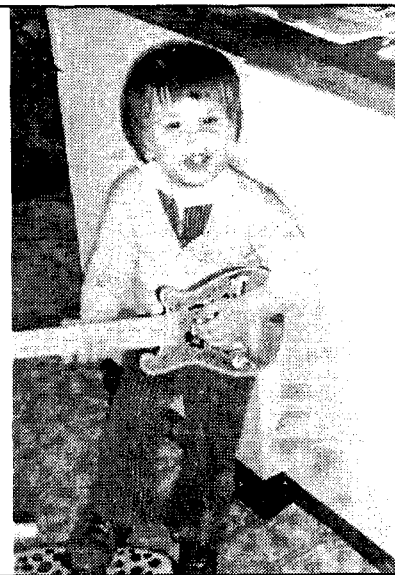
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Darin Schmalz went the distance as the Irish defeated Villanova 7-3.

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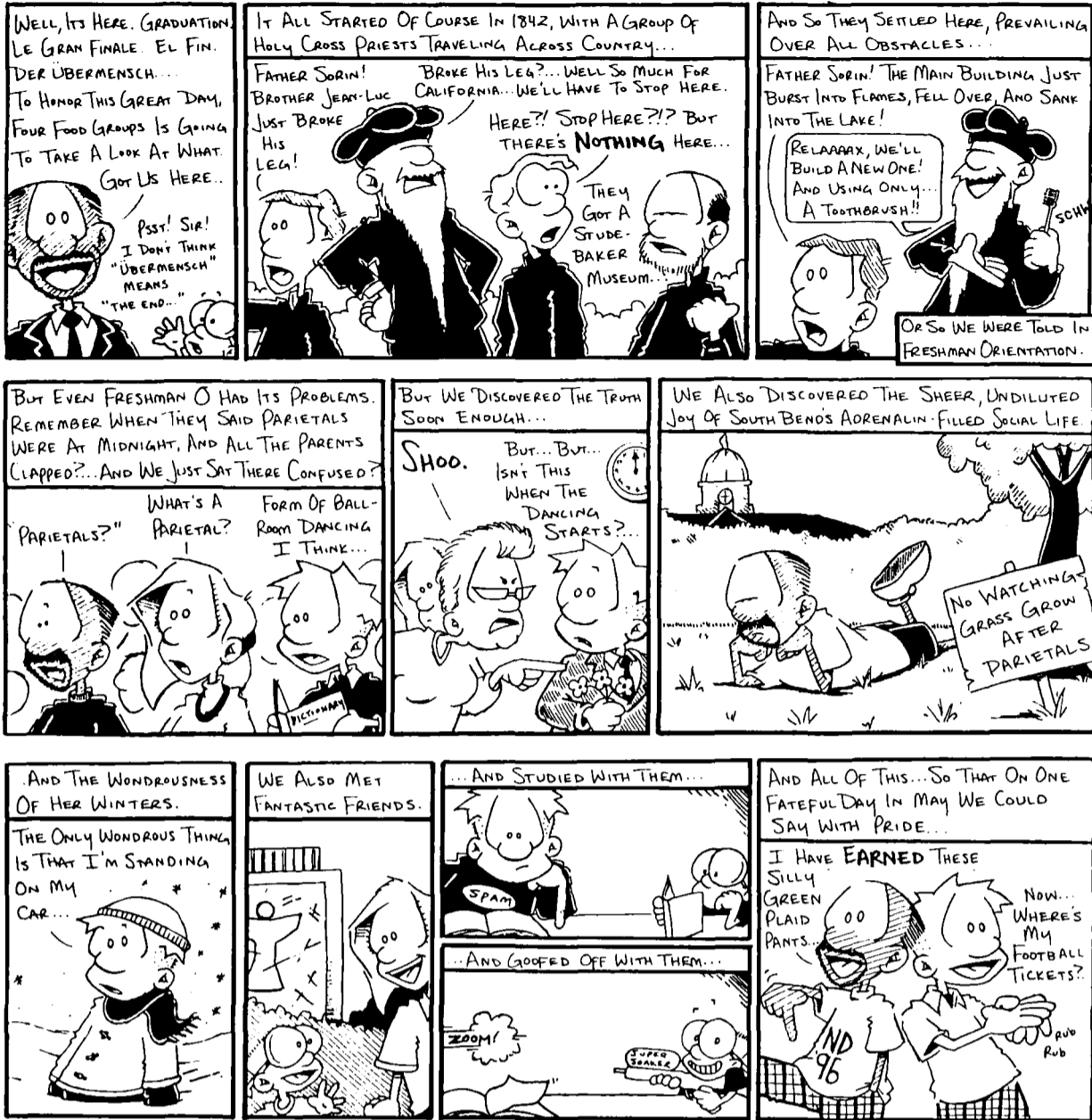
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Demonstrate your leadership skills. New starts and fresh undertakings will prove rewarding. Wait until September to change your domestic arrangements. Travel is likely in late fall. Financial firepower increases by Christmas. As 1997 gets underway, end a relationship that has become a liability. Your energy and imagination make you a human dynamo! Trust your instincts in your career and romance. A marriage that takes place next April will be especially blessed.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: boxing great Sugar Ray Leonard, actor Dennis Hopper, broadcaster Kathleen Sullivan, opera singer Birgit Nilsson.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Terrific progress can be made at work. Keep up with new developments in your field. Usually drawn to artistic types, you may now be fascinated by a technical expert.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Clever innovations should be implemented both at work and in your home. Reward your mate or partner for being loyal. Others are astounded when you act out of character.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your destiny rests in your hands. Others are willing to do your bidding. An unusual career attracts you, but it may not pay the bills. A lucky break gives you a new sense of assurance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Higher-ups may sense your restlessness. Realize that life takes many twists and turns. A secret will be revealed to you in a special way. Keep it to yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your enterprising nature makes a good

impression on VIPs. A well-calculated business gamble will pay off handsomely. Do not press your luck too far. Avoid investing money you cannot afford to lose.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your partner inspires you to try something new. You may have to make certain concessions. High hopes improve your performance at work. You will enjoy playing host tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make sure you have a plan if you decide to take a gamble now. A change of environment boosts your spirits. Get away early for a fun-filled weekend with that special person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Try not to worry so much about security. You are rich with ideas that could bring you a fortune. While shopping for electronic equipment you uncover a real bargain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Plan to spend some time by yourself today. You can accomplish a lot if you seek solitude. Look for new ways to cut through red tape. Screen your calls to avoid time-wasting conversations.

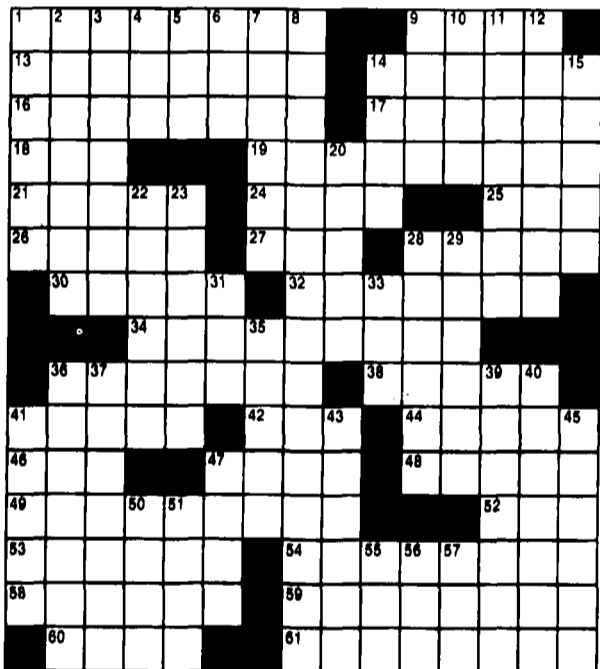
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): New demands are made on your time and energy. Revise your schedule to accommodate someone who has helped you in the past. Friends give you valuable support.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): People have a hard time putting anything over on you. Strike a better balance between work and play. Your confidence soars when you stop dwelling on past mistakes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do not take on another person's duties — you have enough of your own. Be philosophical about recent developments in a business alliance or love relationship.

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Isolated
 - 9 Low-fat
 - 13 Erin minority
 - 14 Johnny Carson's magician
 - 16 Earmark
 - 17 Provoke
 - 18 Inventor's monogram
 - 19 Elvis Presley's label
 - 21 Worn-out model
 - 24 Eisenhower and others
 - 25 Opal finish
 - 26 Epinephrine combats it
 - 27 U.S. Amb. to the U.N., 1961-65
 - 28 Dominoes
 - 30 Former defense grp.
 - 32 Like a pitcher's bag
 - 34 Child's needs
 - 36 Sharpened
 - 38 Swim contests
 - 41 Ship's opposite
 - 42 Bridge strength?
 - 44 Hurts
 - 46 Asian holiday
 - 47 Strong — ox
 - 48 Quite a bargain
 - 49 Bosses at bonus time
 - 52 Sch. in Troy, N.Y.
 - 53 Sebastian's bride in "Twelfth Night"
 - 54 Real brain
 - 58 Dallas family
 - 59 Hockey taboo
 - 60 Bed check?
 - 61 Kicks back, in a way
- DOWN**
- 1 Weight lifter's lift
 - 2 Sub-launched missile
 - 3 Legally off base
 - 4 Grande opening?
 - 5 Meteor's path
 - 6 Opposite of nocte
 - 7 Adriatic peninsula
 - 8 Cab driving, e.g.?
 - 9 Punjabi garb
 - 10 McDonald's founder Ray
 - 11 Useless
 - 12 Made with bricks
 - 14 Cleveland five
 - 15 Goddess of agriculture
 - 20 "The Eagle and the Arrow" writer
 - 22 Riddle
 - 23 It's left behind
 - 28 Dermatologists' cases
 - 29 Six-footer
 - 31 Dead, as a bulb
 - 33 "Cheers" bar owner
 - 35 Leave off
 - 36 Hayes's Veep
 - 37 Activate illegally
 - 38 "___ lies a tale"
 - 40 Marlime tree
 - 41 Sharpen
 - 43 Store on the farm
 - 45 Missile launchers
 - 47 Nabokov heroine and namesakes
 - 50 Popular theater name
 - 51 "Hud" director Martin
 - 55 Its slogan was once "Parade of Stars"
 - 56 Back burner?
 - 57 Prefix with light



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New champions in town

Female Athlete of the Year

A dichotomy of two seniors

By JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

Seniors Michelle McCarthy and Ashley Scharff never spent much time on the same end of the field during the women's soccer championship season.

While McCarthy created havoc for opposing defenses, Scharff anchored a Notre Dame defense responsible for eighteen shutouts.

The forward and the sweeper provided a dichotomy that was paramount during Notre Dame's title run. If the right didn't score on you, the left made sure you didn't score either.

Now, the two seniors who roamed either side of Alumni Field this year can share in the honor of being named Female Athlete of the Year. Each accepts the honor with the humility that embodied this year's squad.

"I don't know what to say about being Athlete of the Year except that I'm so proud of what the team did this year," McCarthy said.

"Our whole defense played awesome this year and I was just one part of that," Scharff added.

McCarthy finished the season with 17 goals

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Story of the

Images to remember

By JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

As time gradually eclipses the national championship women's soccer season, images come into focus.

Images of domination. Images of perseverance. Images of glory.

Images that the Notre Dame women's soccer team left with Irish fans as part of their focus this year.

Focus became a key word during the season. Every time it was uttered, every player understood its importance.

This intangible provided a reminder of what was needed to accomplish the ultimate goal of winning a championship.

"It was something that got us going," senior forward Michelle McCarthy said. "When it was said, everybody knew what it meant."

Now each member of the squad can merely look to their ring finger to be reminded of the word's importance.

It was head coach Chris Petrucelli's idea to

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The Observer/Mike Ruma

Male Athlete of the Year

Career-minded Mayes ready to take on the NFL

By TIM SHERMAN
Sports Editor

Many students begin their four years without any firm idea of what they want to do with their life. In fact, some even end their four years as such.

1995-96 Observer Male Athlete of the Year Derrick Mayes, however, is an exception.

"I always thought I had the ability to play in the NFL," Mayes said. "It has been a dream of mine. It's definitely something I want to do."

Starting next September, Mayes will get his opportunity with the Green Bay Packers.

The NFC Central Division champs drafted Mayes with the 56th overall pick.

Many, including Mayes himself, expected the Indianapolis native to go a bit higher but the Packers aren't complaining.

"We were a little surprised he was still there," Green Bay Packers coach Mike Holmgren said. "There was a good group of wide receivers and we hoped it would stretch out. We were fortunate that he was there. We got the player we hoped to get."

In the process, Lou Holtz lost the player he hoped he could keep for awhile longer.



The Observer/Brent Tadsen

Derrick Mayes' six-catch, two-touchdown performance in the 1996 Orange Bowl capped his brilliant four-year career for the Irish.

"Derrick Mayes is as fine of receiver as we've had at Notre Dame," praised Holtz. "I'm talking about a true receiver."

Such a true receiver's most prominent attribute would surely be his hands. Such is definitely the case with Mayes

but there is more to the 6-foot-2, 200-pound All-American than just the ability to catch the ball.

What also separated Mayes from ordinary receivers was his

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Senior Terri Kobata leads Notre Dame into NCAA tournament action.

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