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Gymnasts perform with determination

By CATHY STACY
Observer Staff

To win the gold takes poise and determination, but coaches, gymnasts and their families agree that nothing could be more exciting than watching these dreams come true. Many delegations, however, began practicing as a team only days before the Games.

Three days to perfect one's routine with a new coach may not seem like a lot, as Ohio coach Mary May admits, but the enthusiasm of the athletes has given new meaning to dedication. "The gym we practiced in had no air conditioning, and we had trouble getting them out just to eat or drink."

The excitement of the Games abounds in this team, whose nine athletes have been working on their individual programs throughout the past year. Competing at the state level is usually required before attending the International Games.

"During my spare time I go to the rec center and keep in training by weight lifting and running," said Ohio team member Steven Segal who will compete on both the high bar and the parallel bars. "I hope to get a medal," said the 29-year-old gymnast who proudly states that his teammates are "really great."

Each of the gymnasts must participate in the compulsories of at least two events, said head coach Bob Razzante. This competition consists of 10 or 12 required moves whereas the athletes who choose to participate in the optionals are responsible for creating their own routines.

Team members Bridget Brown and Karen Martsolf will both be competing in the floor exercises. Karen was trained by her mother and at 36 is anxious to continue her gymnastics.

To watch team member Horace Norris practice his difficult moves on the high bar gives one an idea of what champions are made. "I'd be happy to get a medal," he said modestly, also willing to talk about his interests in basketball and football.

Cheers and applause welcomed the hundreds of gymnasts that began the preliminary events in the Parade of Athletes. After each delegation was an-



Volunteers, eagerly awaiting tonight's Opening Ceremonies, bear the flags of participating nations. The Ceremonies

begin at 5 p.m. at Notre Dame Stadium. Featured in the extravaganza are singer Whitney Houston, "Miami Vice"

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star Don Johnson, and many other top-notch performers. ABC-TV will televise the Ceremonies Monday night.

Trials open basketball competition

By TIM HEALY
Observer Staff

Basketball competition got underway yesterday as teams from all over the United States and the world competed in trial games at the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center.

Results from the six minute trial games will be used to seed each of the teams in divisions according to ability. The 37 mens teams and 15 womens teams will be split into divisions varying from 3-8 teams. 26 of the mens teams are from the U.S. while the other 11 come from as far as Ireland, Panama, and Yugoslavia. All 15 of the womens teams are from the U.S. There are also several co-ed teams that compete in the mens's division.

International competition commenced yesterday with Jordan taking it out of

bounds against Greece. The team from Greece looked very strong against Jordan and even stronger against New York later in the day. Quick guard Spyros Moutsoulas (no. 15) made some nice steals and powered Greece's fast break as they easily defeated New York 10-2.

The closest game yesterday occurred when Washington D.C. and Ohio clashed. Both are power teams with high scoring offenses. Although D.C. prevailed 9-8, the game could have gone the other way. Shelby Clark had two sweet dishes to Dan Thomas who easily banked them in to bring Ohio within one point.

D.C. couldn't convert on its next possession and gave Ohio the go-ahead chance. As the seconds ticked away the ball couldn't find the bottom of the net, and D.C. escaped. Ohio forward Mike

Fairbanks wasn't worried, though, as he coolly stated, "It wasn't the real thing anyway, besides we won earlier."

D.C.'s coach Ron Washington thinks his all-star team has a good chance of winning their division. "We've played together for two years in a row and we've also been the D.C. champs the past two years," he said. "Our kids are really competitive, many of the athletes are multi-talented."

Bradley Pollard and George Young, who is a dunk threat that can regularly from way downtown, set the world's record for the 400 meter relay at 46 seconds in the '75 ISSOG. Coach Washington also said, "All of my players have graduated from the D.C. Association for Retarded Citizens. They have

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Spirits soar despite stormy weather

Yesterday's early morning showers may have dampened the ground but the stormy skies could not dampen the spirit of the 1987 International Summer Special Olympics Games as the action and competitions got underway.

Although the opening ceremonies do not take place until tonight, there was plenty of athletic activity and entertainment to be had by everyone yesterday.

After long hours of training and anticipation, athletes finally got a taste of competition as time trials were held

in aquatics, athletics, basketball, bowling, gymnastics, soccer, softball, and volleyball. And competition began in the demonstration sports as well.

After waiting patiently in staging areas, athletes ran their heats and got their times. When they had some free time, they wandered over to Olympic Town for a little entertainment, a little fun, a little time away.

Parents got their chance to escape the heat at the Family Center in the Joyce ACC.

Volunteers were very busy, organiz-

ing, hugging, and timing. Volunteer organizers passed out Special Olympics "bibs" to pre-registered volunteers, but they were also happy to put anyone to work who wandered up to the table and said they wanted to help.

Later the athletes would end up at the dining halls. For the U.S. athletes, it may have been one of their first brushes with college dining hall food. For the foreign athletes, it might have been a difficult diet to adjust to. And it might have been their first experience with American food - meatloaf and tossed salad.

Hundreds of performers were getting ready for the opening ceremonies. The parade of athletes was rehearsed. Technicians tested the lights and the sound systems. And the stars of the show were rumored to be drifting into town.

After the sun set on the first day of competition, athletes, coaches and family crowded the dance floor at the International Dance at the Angela Athletic Facility.

And today, opening ceremonies officially inaugurate the international celebration.

Sunday, August 2



Aquatic

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Head Coaches Meeting

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Trials: 25m
Breaststroke
25m Freestyle
100m Individual Medley



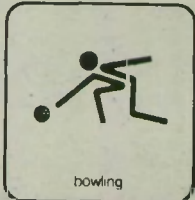
Athletics

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Athletics Coaches Meeting
(astro-turf)
Trials: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
3000m Run
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Shot Put (Pentathlon) (4 pits)
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Ball Throw
(Developmental)
(astro-turf)
800m Run
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
High Jump (Pentathlon)
(4 pits) 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
4 x 400m Relay
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
800m Walk
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
23m Wheelchair
Obstacle Course



Basketball

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Finals: Individual
Skills - ACC Auxillary Gym
1:30 p.m.
Coaches Meeting - ACC
Auxillary Gym
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Basketball Information
Center - ACC Gate 1



Bowling

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Trials



Gymnastics

8:30 a.m. - Gymnasium
opens up for warm-ups
9:50 a.m. - Parade of
athletes
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Trials - Level II
Compulsories
Floor Exercises
Vault
Balance Beam
Uneven Bars
Optional Floor Exercises
11:00 a.m. - Gymnasium
opens up for warm-ups
(overlaps warm-ups of
earlier session)
12:20 p.m. - Parade of
athletes
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Trials - Level III
Compulsories
Floor Exercises
Vault
Balance Beam
Uneven Bars
Parallel Bars
High Bars
Rhythmic
Pommel Horse



Soccer

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Round Robin Pool Play



Softball

Finals
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Individual Skills
Competition



Volleyball

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
A1 vs. A2
B1 vs. B2
C1 vs. C2
A3 vs. A4
D1 vs. D2
E1 vs. E2
F1 vs. F2
D3 vs. D4
G1 vs. G2
H1 vs. H2
I1 vs. I2
J1 vs. J2



Cycling

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Time Trials
15 klm
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Time Trials
1 klm



Equestrian

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Equitation
Horsemanship
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Trail/Obstacle



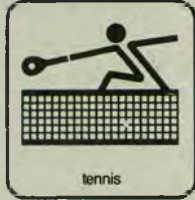
Roller skating

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Trials
Artistic Practice
11:15 a.m.
Freestyle Preliminaries
12:00 p.m.
Session Over



Table Tennis

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Practice Gym # 2 ACC



Tennis

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Trials - Singles
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Trials - Doubles



Weightlifting

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Bench Press Competition
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Bench Press
Competition

Clinics

Canoeing (open)
Saint Mary's Lake
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Basketball (open) 10:00
a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
ACC Arena
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Basic Skills (athletes
and coaches)-Michael
Jordan,Patrick Ewing
Athletics (open)
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. -
Run/Long Jump
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - 4 x 100
relay exchange
Cartier Field
Aquatics (open)
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Rolf's Aquatic Center
Volleyball (coaches)
2:00 p.m.- 2:45 p.m.
Softball (coaches/athletes)
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Circular Zoneball
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Instructional Clinic
(open) Saint Mary's
Field
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Question/Answer period
(open)
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Training Clinic
(athletes)
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Exhibition game
(Athletes)
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Question/Answer Period
(athletes, family and
friends)
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Exhibition games
(athletes)
6:00 p.m. - dark
Exhibition game
(volunteers)

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Hot, humid and
partly sunny Sun-
day with a 40 per-
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mainly afternoon
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High in the lower
90s. Mostly clear
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mostly sunny Mon-
day. High near 90.

Parishoners welcome Yugoslavian delegation

By KIM YURATOVAC
Observer Staff

"Dobro Nam Došli," was the welcome for the Special Olympians of Yugoslavia during a reception Saturday at Pasquerilla East.

About 20 parishoners from Saints Peter & Paul Serbian Orthodox Church greeted the athletes with native hospitality, warmth and desserts. "They're our people," parishoner Eve Balaban said. "It's an absolute thrill to welcome them here."

Many of the parishoners are immigrants from Yugoslavia who continue to uphold the culture of their native people. They greeted the athletes with gifts, and kisses and handshakes of friendship. "Thank you from our hearts," coach Bojan Matkovic told them. Matkovic is a physical education professor at the University of Zagreb. This is his first trip to America. He is impressed with the beauty of the country, but he is really looking forward to meeting more of the people and seeing how the people really live.

"Everything I have seen is very beautiful, just as I had expected. But I'd like to see how the people live, what they do and what they think of us." When Matkovic told some other athletes that he was from Yugoslavia, they asked, "Really?"

Yugoslavia is located at the crossroads of Europe. It is often said that East meets West in the city of Sarajevo where Eastern-type open air markets lie within full view of western skylines. The country has one of the most varied European landscapes. The northern republic of Slovenia has snow-covered Alps popular among European skiers. The republic of Croatia sports the Adriatic coast and the southern and

eastern provinces of Serbia and Macedonia reflect more of an eastern flavor.

Matkovic compared the International Special Olympics Games to the University Games which were held in his native Zagreb this summer. "They did much reconstruction to make our city more beautiful. The events were similar to these but the athletes were students from all over the world."

Live-in Host Vladimir Razenj is a native of Rijeka, located on the Adriatic coast. Razenj is a Notre Dame graduate student studying mathematics. "This reception is wonderful. Of course these immigrants are Americans but they know where their roots are, and that is important."

The team arrived in South Bend Saturday morning about 3 a.m., after three connecting flights that took them over thirty hours. They slept only four hours before they began Saturday's practice. "The athletes are all really tired," Matkovic added. "We want to go out and see the campus, but first we all need some sleep." Matkovic is especially looking forward to seeing the sculptures of fellow Croatian, artist Ivan Mestrovic, who's work can be seen all over the campus.

The team consists of eight basketball players, two track and field athletes and two swimmers. This is the first official International Summer Special Olympics in which Yugoslavia has competed. Yugoslavian athletes have participated unofficially in other Special Olympics Games but the team has just recently been sanctioned by Special Olympics officials.

Parishoners, athletes and coaches mingled, exchanging addresses, taking pictures and swapping stories about the "old country." "You're our people," the Americans kept reminding them.



Rollerskating is one of six demonstration sports being considered for addition to the official ISSOG roster.

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Celebrities join in fun

By SUSAN MULLEN
Observer Staff

Special Olympians are not the only stars shining this week at International Summer Special Olympics Games.

They will be sharing a portion of the spotlight with such familiar names as Arnold Schwarzenegger, Rocky Bleier, Michael Jordan and Susan St. James. Also making appearances are Emmanuel "Webster" Lewis, Barbara Mandrell, John Nabor and countless others.

These celebrities and sports heroes will be joined by ambassadors, heads of states, first ladies, Mayors and the top administrators of both St. Mary's College and Notre Dame.

The V.I.P. and Celebrity Committee has been organized to ensure that V.I.P.s and celebrities get the most out of their visits to Special Olympics and South Bend.

Chaired by Anne Hillman, this committee is responsible for working with community hosts and hostesses who are assigned to each of the V.I.P.s or celebrities.

Our main function is to work with hosts and hostesses and see that the V.I.P.s and others attend the events," says Hillman.

This celebrity hosting committee is chaired by Marion Beckman and Lena Corrigan, who match up each community host with an appropriate "hostee." Beckman and Corrigan consider age and special interests when making these matches.

"We really want to help the V.I.P or celebrity get a good picture of what the Games have to offer," says Hillman.

Once paired with a guest, the community host or hostess is responsible for greeting his or her visitor at the airport, and helping that person find his or her way around campus or to hotels. More importantly, the hosts help their guests keep track of any special appearances or functions at the Games.

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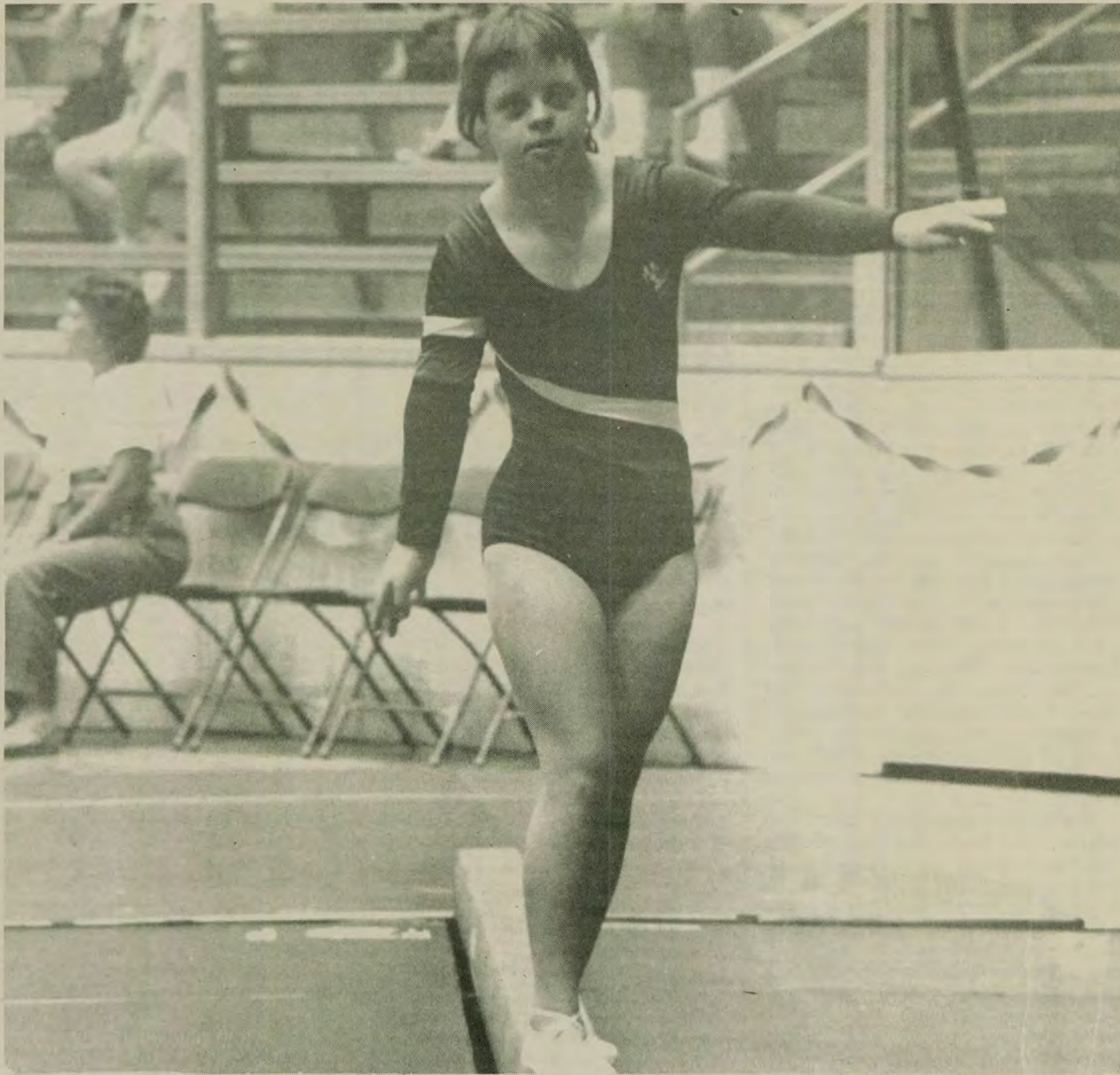
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Trading pins hottest among fast-selling souvenirs

By JIM RILEY
Observer Staff

Four truckloads of souvenirs have been brought to campus for the International Summer Special Olympics Games, and they are selling so fast that vendors are already beginning to run out of some items.

Rollie Schmidt, Inc., the official supplier of souvenirs to the Games for the last 14 years, has brought in 250,000 units for sale, according to company president Ruth Jean Schmidt.

"Yet we can't keep stock of things," Schmidt said.

The biggest movers so far have been the pins which Special Olympics participants and fans are so fond of trading.

Schmidt said she has six stands set up today, and will have seven stands, including two satellites, by Monday, including locations near Olympic Town and in and around the ACC.

The items sold include pins, pens, shirts, mugs, tablets, notebooks, notecards, postcards, and many more.

Proceeds from the sales benefit the Games.

Items are selling so quickly that workers ferry boxes of souvenirs on golf carts from the trucks to the stands. The trucks include two trailers over 45 feet long as well as two Ryder trucks. Both the trucks and their drivers were provided by Ryder.

An Olympian perfects her balance beam routine during early round competition. All Gymnastics events are held in the North Dome of the Joyce ACC.

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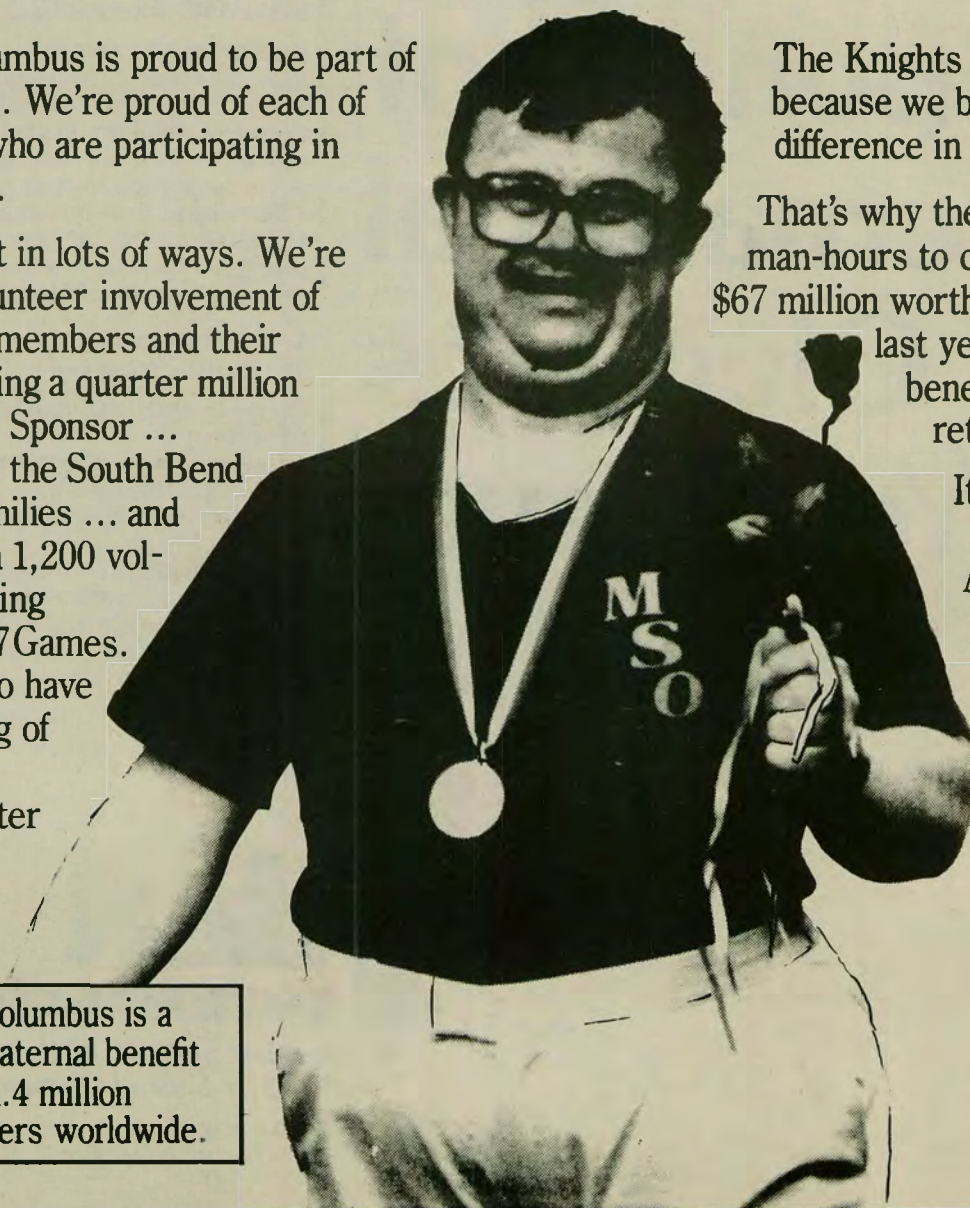
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Many interpreters enjoy challenging opportunities

By MARILYN BENCHIK
Observer Staff

Baseball caps, t-shirts and free tickets to the Opening Ceremonies are not the only fringe benefits volunteers will receive before the end of the International Summer Special Olympics Games this year.

"It's an exciting feeling to be able to help somebody," Spanish interpreter, Ellen Krulewitch, said.

Krulewitch is working two days for the Olympics. She said her greatest pleasure in working is "the thrill I get when I watch the kids. It's also great to see the community as involved as it is."

Her most frantic request so far has been to locate a young man who was very late for his athletic event. "I was trying to get a hold of him so he wouldn't be eliminated from his activity."

More typical requests include giving people directions. "One woman needed to know where Cartier field was, and I had to get her to the opposite side of the ACC."

She also had to help a lady who did not feel well. "I asked her if she was allergic to anything and what sort of medication she was taking."

Krulewitch has been asked questions "about once every hour."

"What I'm having the biggest problem with is remembering the different Spanish athletic terms," she said.

She added that she has not had any problem talking to the Special Olympians or their families.

Every volunteer, including Ellen Krulewitch, first filled out an application form which indicated what they were interested in doing for the Special Olympics.

Ina Rosenberg and Jan Jenkins, volunteer placement co-chairpersons for the International Special Olympics, were in charge of "taking all volunteers and placing them in the needed areas."

Rosenberg said that she and Jenkins tried to assign the volunteers to their first choice. "Most preferences were with the particular sporting activities, such as track and field and aquatics," she said.

People chose most often to be huggers, stagers for a particular athletic event, and timers.

The Olympics only required 10,000 volunteers from the community and 19,000 applied to work, according to Rosenberg. "We had a tremendous response from the community."

Not wanting to turn anyone away, Rosenberg, Jenkins and their 12 member committee decided to assemble teams to cheer and witness the athletes while competing.

"The cheer teams were assigned to sit in a section in groups of nine. They're very helpful because it would seem kind of silly not to have any observers and cheerers there," she added.

Members of the cheer teams also act as back-ups if a previously scheduled volunteer decides not to show.

Rosenberg said that they asked for volunteers who were 13 years and older. "We have a pretty equal number of volunteers in all possible age brackets," she said.

She reported that various professionals in the community have donated their services. "We have every doctor in the area working at the Games. Many of the Special Olympians have medical problems, and the doctors are very helpful."



Performers demonstrate gymnastic skills on a trampoline at the EXPO Cen-

ter located on the campus of Saint Mary's College.

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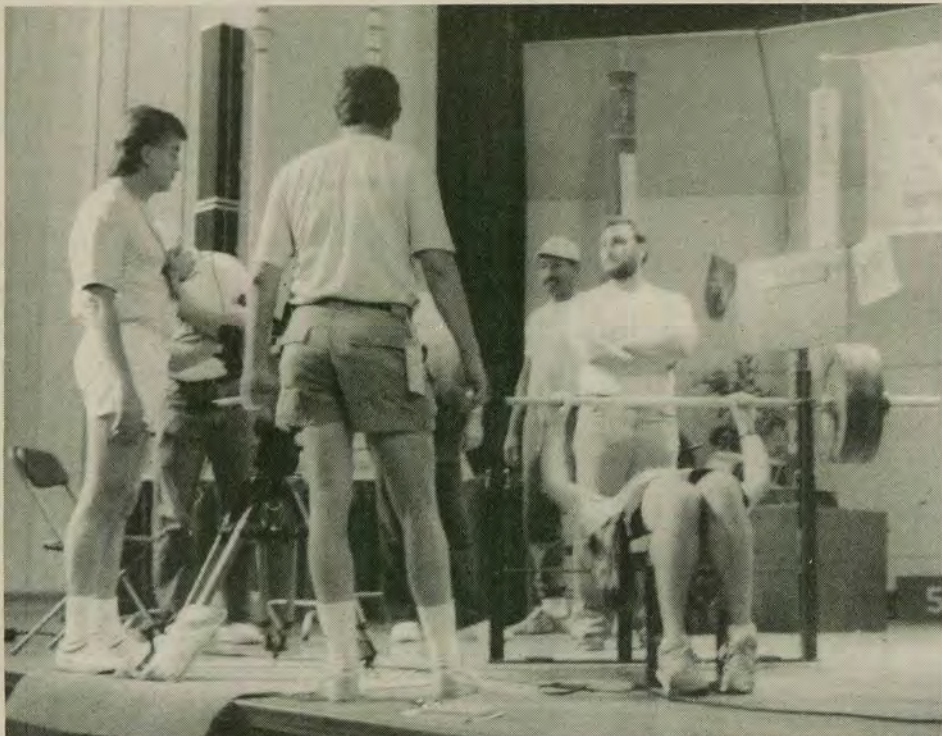
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A television crew prepares for a shoot at the weightlifting facilities, located in

Washington Hall, on the Notre Dame campus.

Barbados' swimming coach provides optimistic message

By CATHY STACY
Observer Staff

For the past nine months, Patrick Forde has been swimming with teammates Andrew and Llewellyn on Barbados' first aquatic delegation, but coach Aubrey Corbin is hopeful for the team during their first year.

"Andrew learned only (to swim) in the past two months. I was relying on my skills as a coach," said Corbin, who has been working without an assistant coach in preparation for the games. "He was to swim 25 meters, but he now swims twice that much."

Each athlete is placed in his division according to the time that his country or state submits for his race. Male and female participants swim in different divisions, and there are three age groups: 8-15 years, 16-21 years, and 22 and over.

"There are no starting blocks and

they can dive, deck start, or start in the water," said Corbin. All coaches are allowed to sit beside the pool, but they cannot approach the swimmers to guide them through the race.

According to Corbin, Barbados' team had never swum in an Olympic sized pool before they practiced yesterday. The pool they have been practicing in is only 16.8 yards long, which means they must swim three laps to meet the race requirement.

"They didn't want to leave the pool this morning. They are just eager to get into the pool," he said.

While maintaining realistic hopes, Corbin recognizes how far his team has come during the Games. "I am looking at the games for the future. They have already achieved a lot."

"If more than (I expect) happens for our first experience, it will be good," Corbin added. "It wouldn't be realistic to expect too much."

American discoveries impress Peruvians

By KIM YURATOVAC
Observer Staff

They don't take anything for granted, not even the rain.

Saturday's showers surprised four Peruvian Olympians who stretched out their arms to feel the cold rain as it pelted their faces. "Es Bonito," they shouted. "We don't have so much rain in Peru," 17-year-old Luis Gonzalez remarked in his native Spanish. "And when it does rain, there are no storms like this."

Gonzalez, along with fellow athletes Juan Carlos Moran, Victor Goninez and Orlando Paredes, huddled together and shuddered each time the sky thundered. "We never heard anything like

this before. In Peru, when the rain comes, it is so peaceful." The athletes marvelled at their interpreter's umbrella. They practiced opening and closing it but never took cover beneath it. They preferred to stand in the drizzle.

As they looked around the campus, they commented on how new everything looks. "In America, there are so many new cars," Gonzalez noted. "I haven't seen any old cars at all. I think America is very beautiful, but very flat. There are many mountains in Peru."

"It is more quiet here. We have terrorism in our country. I am glad to see that we are all united here. I met people from all different countries and we ex-

changed pins. We are all competing together."

The road to the Games brought the Peruvians through Ecuador and Cuba before arriving in Detroit Friday night. For many of them, it was the first time they had flown on an airplane. "At first, I was afraid, but it wasn't bad," said Gonzalez. The athletes are looking forward to watching American television and meeting more foreigners. Although they speak no English, they know at least one word, "hi." Not a person walked by that they did not greet.

Of all their new American discoveries, the Olympians were particularly impressed with American food. "Sabroso," they shouted and kissed their hands, waving them into the air

with approval. But Peruvian food is good, too, they reminded. They spoke of their favorite meal, Pescado (fish). "We'd like to invite some Americans to come to our country and try our fish."

"We're excited about the competition," runner Victor Goninez said. "We want to make a good name for Peru and we want to bring home medals to our families. We are going to make them proud of us."

Luis Gonzalez gathered his teammates together to take pictures with their new American friends. "Sonrisa," he shouted and for a single still moment, they all stood together in the brilliant flash.



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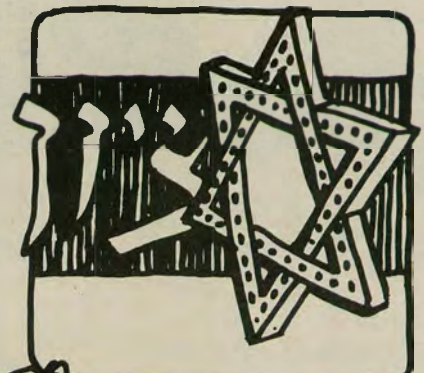


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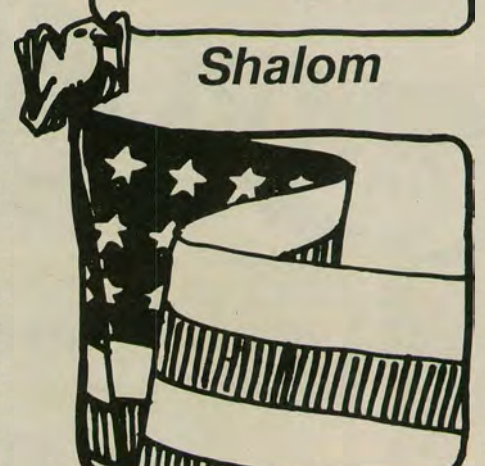
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Excitement of winning touches families, too

By MATT SITZER
Observer Staff

Although the spotlight is on the athletes at this year's Summer Games, many of their families will undoubtedly find that they are having just as much fun.

Skeptical?

Then ask Bud and Pauline Henley -- they're experts!

The Henleys came to this year's International Games from their home in Warwick, Rhode Island to watch their son, Michael, compete with his teammates in volleyball.

Michael, who won a gold medal in the soccer competition four years ago in Baton Rouge, flew to South Bend with his teammates in a state sponsored private jet on Thursday evening. Bud and Pauline arrived separately on Friday.

"Rhode Island had a wonderful send-off in downtown Providence for the athletes," said Pauline. "They had a big dinner and ceremony for the team before they left."

The Henleys have been involved in Special Olympics for over 14 years. Michael, now 22, began competing when he was eight, and Bud and Pauline have been active in parent groups for almost as long.

"Pauline and I are members of the Family Club of the Rhode Island Special Olympics Organization," said Bud. "We work with the state Special Olympics organization from year to year, but we are always working toward the International Games."

The Henleys, like many families here, are veterans of the International Summer Games. They were among the

spectators at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for the VI International Games in 1983, when Michael and his soccer teammates won their gold medals.

"It was just fantastic," said Bud. "I think we were more excited than he was!"

According to Pauline, one of the highlights of the Baton Rouge Games was the opening ceremonies. "It was wonderful," she said. "I cried through the whole thing! We've heard the Ceremony this year is even bigger, so we're really looking forward to it."

Over 60,000 people are expected to attend the Opening Ceremonies extravaganza tonight at Notre Dame Stadium. Singer Whitney Houston and "Miami Vice" star Don Johnson are just a few of the many celebrities slated to appear. The ABC Television Network will broadcast the Ceremonies nationally on Monday at 8 p.m. local time.

Both Bud and Pauline are impressed with the athletic venues and facilities at the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. They also appreciate the efforts of the legions of St. Joseph Valley volunteers.

"The people from Indiana have been very helpful," said Bud. "We met a great, young local couple, George and Shirley, who have been very active with our team," added Pauline. "We're all having a ball!"

Bud and Pauline are representative of many of the families in attendance at this year's International Summer Games -- meeting new people, making lasting friendships, and having a good time.

And who knows, Michael may just win another gold medal!



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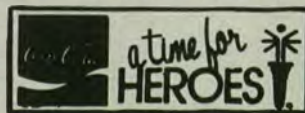
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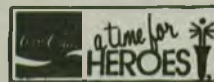
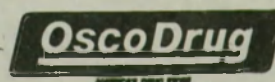
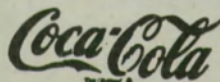
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Fast-paced action makes Basketball one of the most popular events of the Games.

Trials

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now gone on to work in the city. Some of them are housekeepers, others work in warehouses, and one is even a supervisor."

Louisiana coach Juanetta Hebert has the most interesting coaching task. All of her players are deaf so she has to convey instructions to the players by using sign language and waving her towel to get their attention.

"Sometimes the players have problems with the officials but the communication among each other is excellent," she said.

It is no wonder they communicate so well since they go to a residential deaf school where they live together. Hebert states, "They have grown up like a family; they are really close."

When asked how he liked playing on Notre Dame's floor, Louisiana player Patrick Williams responded, "I like it a lot. I love to watch David Rivers on TV. He is a real good guard."

Gym

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nounced, and Bart Conner and Tracee Telavera administered the gymnastic oath, talented athletes mounted the equipment. The performance of each gymnast during the preliminaries determines in which level he will compete for the gold.

"They are judged on their poise, whether they perform independently - they take off one point if you touch or talk to them (while they compete)," said Georgia coach Susan Newton. They, too, had only three days to practice as a team because members came from around the state.

As a teacher of adaptive physical education, Newton has been working with Special Olympics for five years. The judges for each of the three levels come from similar backgrounds, she

The play of the day went to Michigan's no.7, Mike Holstine. Against Colorado, Holstine stole the ball at the top of the key, spun and buried a jumper from three point land.

He and teammates Bill Wilkes, Scott Goetz, and Paul Thomas defeated Colorado despite a great effort by Allan Wooley who stole the ball and took it the length of the floor, layed in a shot and drew the foul.

Michigan coach Tom Shugar hopes that his team performs well. So does player Paul Thomas who said, "We try to win and do our best, this is our first year."

Competition is sure to heat-up on Monday as teams start to compete in their divisions. Each team will play one game a day at five area gyms, these include the ACC auxiliary gym, the ACC arena, Clay High School, St. Joseph's High School, and Darden Elementary.

To win the gold medal a team must survive a double elimination tourney in its division. Divisional pairings will be posted at 1:30 today.

said, such as special education and parks and recreation.

For Jaqueline Haynes, a special education teacher in Trinidad, coming to watch her students perform in the Games has been very exciting. Whether they capture the medal or not, she will continue to "root for the tops" - the support that makes not only the athletes the heroes but everyone else as well.



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First ladies greeted

By LIZ PANZICA
Observer Staff

About 100 Special Olympians were on hand at Michiana Regional Airport yesterday morning to greet several first ladies from countries which have sent athletes to the Games, according to Media Services.

The family of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the mayors of South Bend and Mishawaka, and University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh were also in attendance.

Heavy rain yesterday morning forced the ceremony indoors.

Area people had the chance to greet the first ladies they would be hosting.

Sam, one of the athletes, presented the first ladies with stationery of his own design. He and several other Special Olympians created abstract designs in lavender and yellow. His mother said Sam was chosen to meet the first ladies because of his outgoing personality.

"He likes people and likes the attention, and they can always count on him."

Sam said he also presented the first ladies with pictures on a variety of

themes. Several represented houses, cars and the MTV logo.

The first ladies came from countries including Bolivia, Columbia, El Salvador, Greece, Guatemala, the Republic of Ireland, and Portugal.

After meeting the first ladies, Sam, like many of the athletes, raced to the ACC to begin the day's gymnastics activities.

Though Sam is not a competitor in the international competition, he was chosen to perform routines on the high bar and parallel bars. He performed the basic routine for the judges so they could set up a base score to use for the competing athletes.

He was chosen for the honor because he had the highest score in those events at the Indiana State Games and was a local Olympian.

Sam said he hopes to compete in the International Games one day.

His mother said she is very happy with Sam's involvement in Special Olympics. She said that his gymnastics have benefited him greatly. "If he can control his whole body, then he can learn to do things at a more detailed level."

Forum addresses issues

Special to The Observer

Five "Special Olympics Forums," focusing on the philosophical, scientific, technical and practical issues related to Special Olympics' development around the world, will be held today through Thursday from 1:30 p.m. -2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Center for Continuing Education.

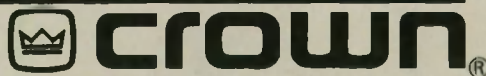
The forums, designed for audience participation, begin today with "The Special Olympics Philosophy" led by

the Honorable Sargent Shriver, President of Special Olympics International. The philosophy, purpose and goals of the Olympics will be covered, along with a discussion of its history and future.

All athletes, board members, coaches, managers, organizers, parents, volunteers and friends are welcomed to attend. Simultaneous translations will be available in French and Spanish.



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Volleyball prelims set to begin Monday

By JUDY MOLNAR
Staff Writer

Bumping, setting and spiking are the keys to winning a volleyball match.

The Angela Athletic Facility is host to the volleyball competition during the 1987 Games.

The events offered include team competition and team skills competition. The first day of competition consists of

evaluating the teams and placing them in divisions based on the level of skill.

During the evaluation period a committee uses an assessment sheet to rank the teams from one to five. The athletes are judged on defense, offense, serving, passing, setting, and spiking skills. Once the ten minute individual rounds are completed, the team is ranked on the basis of an overall average score.



Softball games are being played at the Stepan Center diamonds on the north end of the Notre Dame Campus. The Observer/Sean Reardon

The process takes some time because the team skills are re-evaluated to make sure all the divisions are evenly matched.

"These preliminary rounds help the athletes get familiar with the officiating and the rules of the event," said Ruth Nelson, the professional volleyball coach of the Dallas Belles.

Nelson is working as a consultant volunteer for the volleyball competition. "The games needed some expertise in volleyball so (they) could be a showcase for the athletes. The expertise of the games (gives) the athletes the opportunity to participate in a first class event."

According to Nelson, the Games have been expanded to include 39 teams, including five foreign volleyball teams: Barbados, Chile, Panama, Trinidad, and the United Kingdom.

Competition will be played under the Official Special Olympics Volleyball rules in conjunction with the rules of the International Volleyball Federation.

The winner of a volleyball match must win two out of three games in a

match. The net heights are 7'11 5/8" for men and 7'4 1/8" for the women. All officiating will follow the rules, but few modifications will be observed in the hitting errors.

Preparing for a successful competition takes a lot of time and hard work. "Our volleyball team had an instructional camp for one week in Palm Springs that got all the players together," said Mike Ruspil of the California team.

"Everyone is really enthusiastic about being in the Games and is ready to play. Maybe they are too excited because of being here," said Ruspil.

Former Olympic player Rose Major Powell and Claudia Lee, a professional player from the LA Starlights, will hold a clinic on August 6 for two athletes from each team. During the clinic a demonstration on how to administer skill testing will help to standardize the divisioning of teams.

The enthusiasm on and off the court is positive and the competition looks good. The team competition begins on August 3 and continues through August 6.

Soccer spirit shines through

By JUDY MOLNAR
Observer Staff

Hit it off your head or any other part of your body, but do not use your hands. The sport is, of course, the fast paced and hard hitting game of soccer.

The soccer competition is filled with many talented teams from foreign countries. The spirit to win was constant on the first day of team trials.

Even though Saturday morning began with a rain shower, it did not seem to dampen the athletes' spirits to compete. Teams played all morning as

committee members assessed their skills in defense, offense, dribbling, shooting, passing, and blocking.

Soccer games shall consist of two 45 minute periods with a ten minute half time. All the final divisions will be based on the average team score from Saturday morning's ten minute trial rounds.

The participation of soccer star Pele will highlight the competition. He will host a soccer clinic to demonstrate skills he has mastered for the athletes to learn.

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SMC campus takes on equestrian appearance

By PETE GEGEN
Observer Staff

The northeast lawn of Saint Mary's has taken on different look thanks to the equestrian events, one of five different demonstration sports in this edition of the International Summer Special Olympics Games.

A large tent covers 40 temporary stalls at one quarter of the lawn. The rest of the space has been converted to three separate arenas where the various equestrian events take place.

The riders carrying their equipment and the white picket fence surrounding the main arena give the place a genuine equestrian feel. Of course, as volunteer coordinator Susan Mueller points out, achieving this look was not easy.

"It was very difficult," she says. "Last Saturday (July 25) the ground was extremely hard, and we had a work crew come out and put 75 four-by-fours into the ground. That alone took 12 hours."

A youth summer employment group handled the chore of painting the fence white. That would have completed the preparations for the arenas, but a small nuisance kept the volunteers busy.

"Ground squirrels were digging up the ground and leaving holes," says Mueller. "We tried filling the holes with earth, but the next morning the holes were back. So we called the Humane Society and they recommended putting moth balls in the holes before covering them up." The volunteers also spray-painted the holes with fluorescent paint to warn riders.

The make-shift barn was rented from Cattleman's Leasing Co. of Missouri. It's a long distance to go for a stable, but Cattleman's product had certain safety features others didn't.

"It is extremely safe because the stalls are completely made of canvas, and it is very rigid and firm," says Mueller. "Others are made of wooden slats, and the horses can put their legs through them and twist them."

Safety is the main concern with this event, especially for the riders. The horses were carefully chosen from farms in northern Indiana and southern Michigan. Of the group of 37 horses tested Friday, two had to be sent back because they were for more advanced riders.

The equestrian events were not originally scheduled for the Saint Mary's campus. Kingston Riding Center, located south of town on a farm owned by Leanne Miller, the venue chairperson for the equestrian events, was the original site. The ISSOG committee, however, wanted to keep the events in relatively the same area, and Saint Mary's College was converted to Saint Mary's Equestrian Park.

As its demonstration status suggests, this is the first year for the equestrian events at the international level. It has been held at the state level in the past. The ISSOC uses the demonstration status to test the feasibility of new competitions, such as equestrian events, on the Special Olympic level.

The horse show events, for example, are being tested to see how the competition translates to the Special Olympic level. For these games, competitions will be held in showmanship, equitation, obstacle course and dressage.

The equestrian events have attracted 34 competitors, including two each from Belgium and Jamaica. Trials will be held Sunday and Monday, with the finals following Tuesday and Wednesday.



An equestrian competitor rides a practice run at the course on the Saint Mary's campus.

The Observer/Fred Dobie

Five sports new to Olympics

By PETE GEGEN
Observer Staff

In addition to the equestrian events, four other demonstration sports are being held at the International Summer Special Olympics Games.

Cycling events take place every afternoon on a 2.5-kilometer course on the Saint Mary's campus. According to cycling venue Dan McCarthy, this event was spurred on by a recent boom in cycling in the United States.

"This event is popular more so in Europe than in the United States," he says. "Yet cycling is an activity for the family, and for many of these Special Olympians who cannot drive, it is a basic form of transportation for them."

The finals begin on Monday with a 5-kilometer race, followed by a 1-kilometer dash on Tuesday and the 15-kilometer competition on Wednesday.

Because many Special Olympians believe in training hard for their

events, weightlifting has become an important part of their routine. But beginning Sunday morning, weightlifting will be an international event unto itself.

"The athlete's use of weights in training lends itself to a Special Olympic sport," says Gary Weil, the coordinator for the weightlifting competition.

The competition is being held in Washington Hall, which is better known for its dramatic productions than these weightlifting competitions. But as Weil notes, Washington Hall allows for a championship-type setup, complete with announcers and electronic scoring.

Competition in the bench press begins Sunday morning at 10.

Rollerskating demonstrations are being held every day except Tuesday at Stepan Center.

Finally, Table tennis is the fifth featured sport. Competition begins Wednesday at the ACC.

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Track events draw the most athletes

By SUSAN MULLEN
Observer Staff

After more than an hour rain delay, the athletics events were finally underway at Cartier Field.

One of the more familiar sports, athletics (track and field events) draws participants from every country represented at the ISSOG.

Before athletes assemble at the track or field for their specific event, they must report to the athletic staging area, located in tents behind the ACC. Athletes are assigned their position and lane then taken to the track by a volunteer escort.

Shouting above the announcer's calls and the athletes' chatter, escort Kent Stouder described the staging area as "probably the most confusing part of the races." He said, "It is starting to run a little more smoothly, but we're having trouble locating athletes when we call their names."

It comes as no surprise that the first day of the athletics events was characterized by some confusion since more athletes participate in the track and field events than any other sport. As the week progresses and athletes and coaches become more accustomed to the pre-race routine, things should run smoothly.

Another escort, with rows of safety pins dangling from her waist, is in charge of pinning numbers on athletes as soon as they are assigned a lane position. She explains that it is difficult to locate athletes because of the different languages spoken. But once they are located, she said, "things are just fine."

Athletes participated in Saturday's 100 meter Wheelchair Race, hoping to qualify for competition in later rounds.

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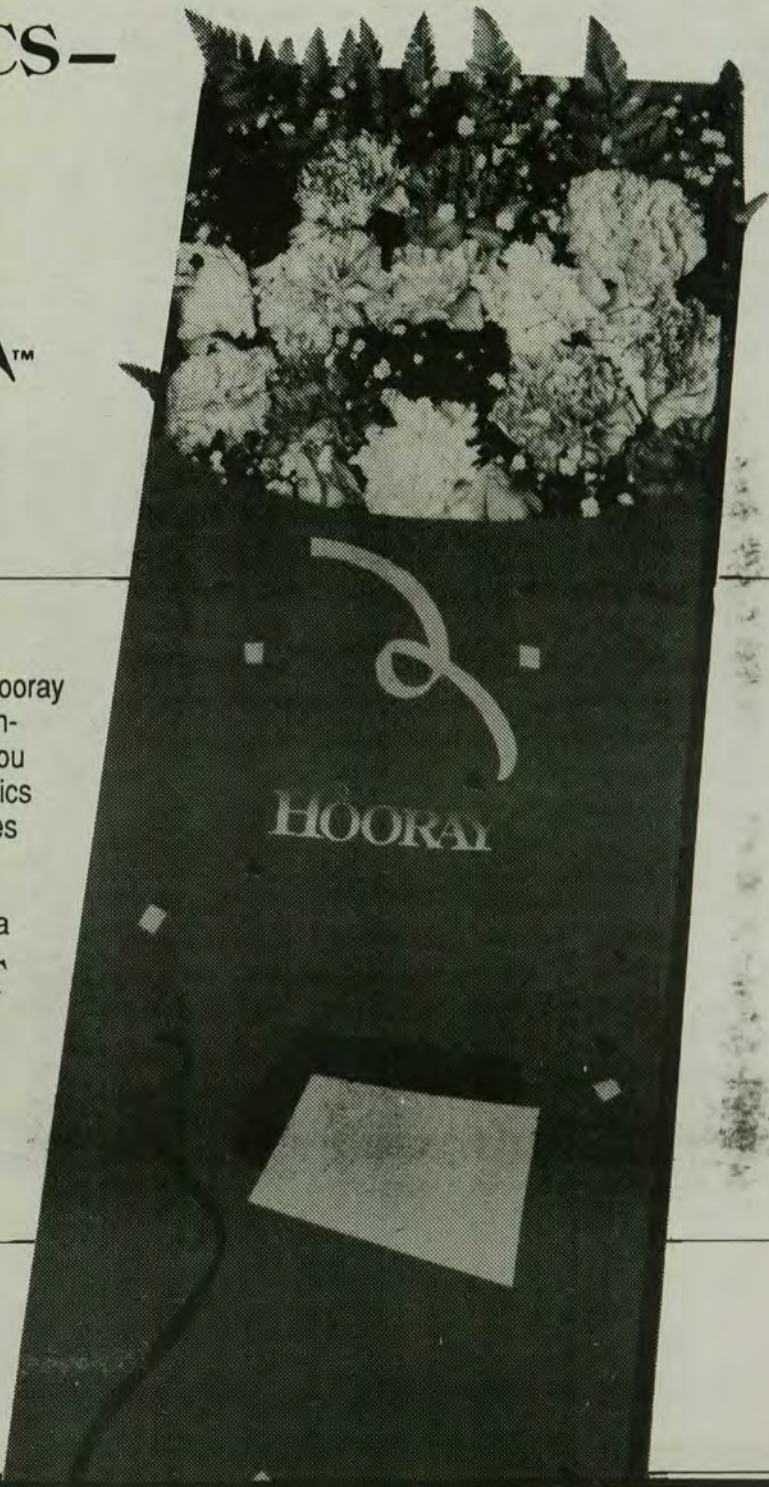
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Let's Dance!

By **BOB TYLER**
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A bus ride to a rendezvous?

Yes, a trip by the shuttle bus to Angela Athletic Facility of Saint Mary's College.

It's party time Saturday night. Jimmy with the New Orleans delegation wears a mask and proclaims it Mardi Gras. John, the Canadian in the seat behind him, rants that he's ready for some fun. A woman from Florida smiles behind the driver.

Bus No.166 rolls to a stop by the Facility's doors. And the passengers tumble out, joining their peers. They wear sweatshirts of their homelands, dance clothes, and costumes of bandits, baseball players, and punkers.

At the door, James Kirkpatrick of Washington, D.C., wearing a Scottish Kilt prepares to welcome the following busloads. "I learned the bagpipes when I was young, and I just decided to come here to cheer them on," he says.

Through the main doors, crowds wait on the running track that serves as a balcony over the dance floor. Special Olympians wait for the Dowagiac, Michigan band, Spare Parts, to finish setting up. In a corner, Jerry from Virginia talks about "all the neat costumes."

Angie from Washington State talks about the canine at her feet. Sheba lovingly eyes her master. "She knows when I'm going to have a seizure," says Angie. "She somehow can tell from my scent when its going to happen. Sheba warns me and stays near in case I fall; she's especially protective during my gymnastic practices"

Joe from St. Paul Minesota talks

about his day losing a softball scrimmage 6 to 1. But it doesn't matter, he's here and ready to party. Ken from Washington, D.C. seconds that motion.

The announcement comes over the P.A. System: Time to come on down and party. The crowd starts to flow down the stairs to the gymnasium floor below the net of balloons. Groups from Minnesota, California, Pennsylvania, Ireland, Indonesia, and China nervously group on areas of the huge dance floor. Nervous laughter, questions, and muffled comments cross many of their faces.

"Spare Parts" strums their chords of voice, drum, and string. The mixer begins; a special world class party. At first, the balcony remains crowded and the floor rather slow with souls warming up, as in any party, to the beat and the spirit of the event.

Then the amplifiers beat-out: "R-O-C-K IN THE USA". The floor swarms alive with arms and feet shaking. Faces smile and mouths let out goodtime laughter. The Canadian Cowboy does the twist. A group does the Conga Line. A couple from Wisconsin does the "Bump". Break dancing is sure to come before the night raps up. Looking from above, the gym floor is a United Nations dancing the night away.

Anxiety dissipates. The balcony is sparsely populated. The floor below is swarming with all kinds of colors of all kinds of special people demonstrating to the world in their own way how to have fun.

Sunday, the Games begin again and the Special Olympians will compete. But last night they danced in world class fun.

