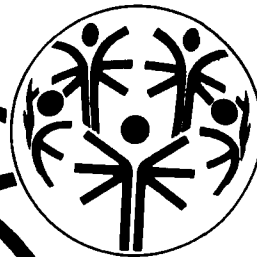




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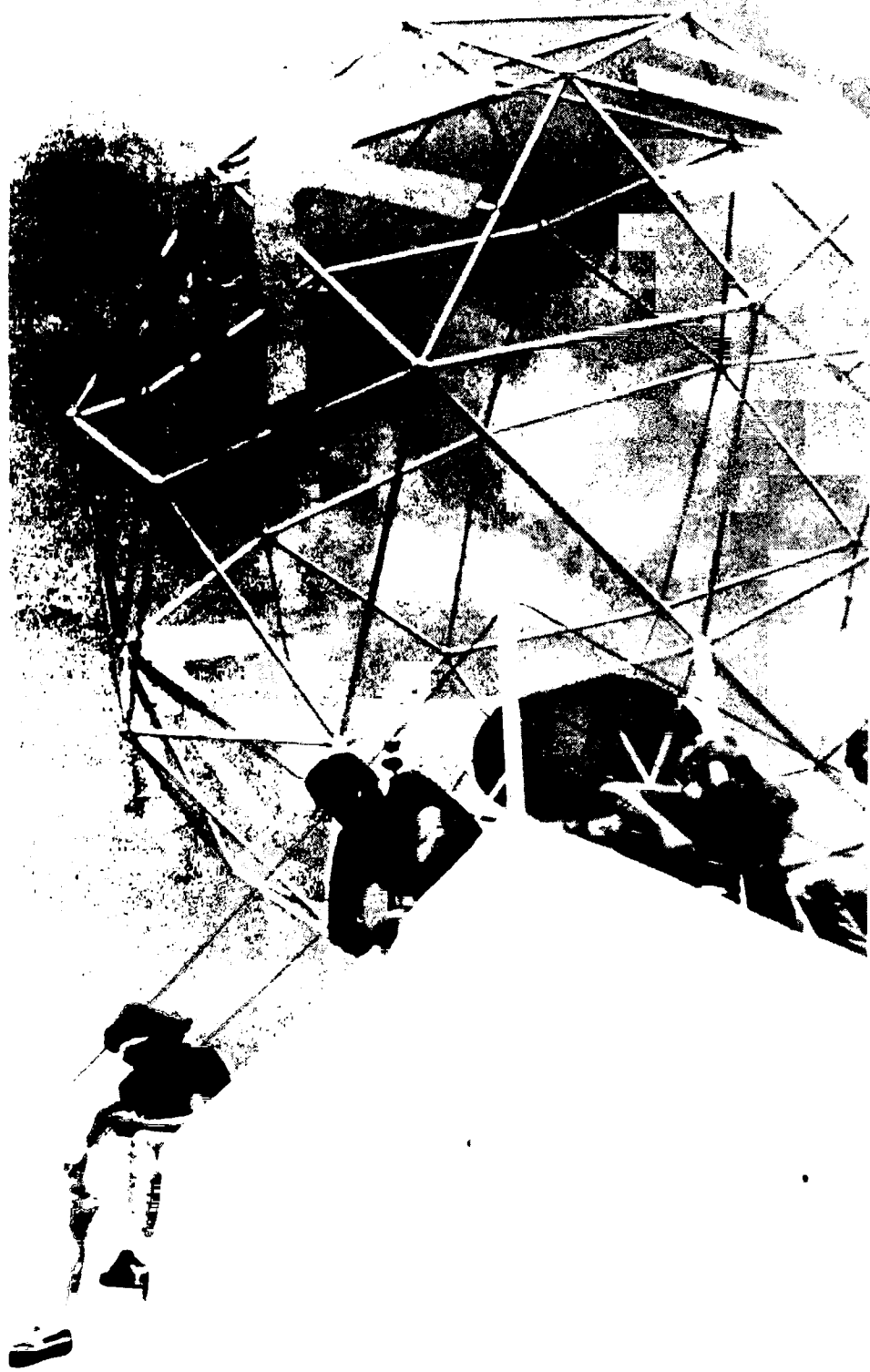


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Volunteers have spent many hours preparing for the VII International Summer Special Olympics Games. The games, which run through next Friday, showcase athletes from around the world. Though preliminary events

begin today, the official opening ceremonies will be held Sunday evening at Notre Dame Stadium. During the ceremonies, a lighted torch will be carried to this platform.

The Observer/Jim Carroll

## Center aids volunteers

By SUSAN MULLEN  
Observer staff

The 15,000 volunteers assisting at the 1987 International Summer Special Olympics Games will be aided by the Volunteer Center, located at the Senior Alumni Club.

Margaret Thomas, Human Services assistant, explains that volunteers are to check in at the Center to get information, maps and thank-you packets.

"The Volunteer Center is not an official information booth, but volunteers are welcome to stop in for any reason—problems, questions or even a drink of water," explains Thomas.

All volunteers are also encouraged to view the orientation video at the Center, if they didn't have a chance to at-

tend one of the orientation sessions in April.

The video is about an hour long and covers how to work with mentally-handicapped athletes and gives valuable tips on effective volunteering at the Special Olympics.

If a volunteer encounters a problem with a work assignment, he or she should try to straighten it out at the specific work area, Thomas said. She added, however, that there will be notification at the Center of any last minute assignment changes or additional assistance needed in certain areas.

There will be 20 to 25 workers at the Center and volunteer assistance tables set up to deal with questions and direct volunteers.

## International Games have arrived at last

The 1987 International Summer Special Olympics are here at last.

More than 4,500 athletes, representing every state and territory of the U.S. and 72 countries, have flocked to the campuses of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. Competing for the first time will be delegations from the People's Republic of China, Austria, Yugoslavia and Portugal.

More than 60,000 spectators are expected to fill Notre Dame Stadium on Sunday night, August 2, for the Opening Ceremonies. The Ceremonies will include a Parade of Athletes with celebrity escorts for each delegation, the Torch Lighting Ceremony, and appearances by Whitney Houston and other major entertainers.

The Ceremonies will be broadcast to a national prime-time audience by the ABC Television Network on Monday, August 3, at 9 p.m. EDT.

Official sports for the Games include Aquatics, Basketball, Bowling, Gymnastics, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball, and Wheelchair Events. Also included in this year's Summer Games are a number of demonstration events

featuring Canoeing, Rowing, Sailing, Synchronized Swimming, and Team Handball.

Over 16,000 volunteers from the St. Joseph Valley area will be on hand to assist the athletes and their coaches with everything from food services to language translation.

Former Olympic athletes and other well-known sports figures will conduct exhibitions and clinics in a variety of sports. In addition, athletes and their families will be offered a wide range of cultural and entertainment activities, including the Expo Center, Olympic Town, Sports Night, and the colorful Closing Ceremonies on Friday, August 7.

Indiana's two United States Senators, Dan Quayle and Richard Lugar, introduced a Senate resolution to designate August 2 to 8 as "International Special Olympics Week," and August 3 as "International Special Olympics Day," which has since been confirmed by Congress and President Reagan.

The stage is set. The volunteers are ready. The athletes are primed. So, let the Games begin!

## Ceremonies planned

By LIZ PANZICA  
Observer Staff

The portable lights have once again been brought into Notre Dame's stadium. This time, however, they're not for a football game.

The lights will illuminate Sunday night's opening ceremonies for the 1987 International Summer Special Olympics Games. The opening ceremonies, to be televised nationally on Monday evening, will be an extravaganza the likes of which has never been seen before in South Bend.

Shows of this type usually take months to perfect, but the Special Olympics opening ceremonies cast was not afforded that luxury. Participants had only 50 hours of concentrated rehearsal time to learn the routine.

Drill team member Deb Thompson said she thought learning the routine in such short a time period was difficult. But, she said, "Most of the girls here are used to learning routines, so it came quickly."

Coordinators of this show have a variety of experience in several shows of this type. Several "extravaganza staff members" worked on Liberty Weekend and the Los Angeles Summer Olympics.

Steve Sanborn, line production manager, is quick to point out that the 1987 Special Olympics Summer Games opening ceremonies will be an original work. He says, "The Special Olympics will have its own unique flare and taste" which sets it apart from other productions of this kind.

The music to be used in the opening ceremonies was specially arranged for Special Olympics by Tony Fox and Don Harper. Like the music, the

choreography was also arranged exclusively for the Games by Judy Chabola and Darlynn Ernst through Radio City Music Hall Productions. They worked under a tight schedule and choreographed the complicated routine in about a week.

The portion of the production showcasing local talent is composed of a 216 person drill team, 80 flags, 100 jazzercisers, 27 herald trumpeters, and a 150 piece band.

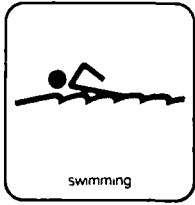
Drill team members were selected from local auditions of area dancers, cheerleaders, pom poms, and gymnasts. The drill team will be joined by a flag corp and a band composed of several Chicago district schools. The use of Chicago area groups was needed because of the late organizing of the opening ceremonies. Most members of local bands were already committed to the games in other capacities.

One interesting group, the jazzercisers, is composed of 100 jazzercise instructors from all over the midwest. The instructors were considered a pre-auditioned group because their skill level was already known. The instructors were sent video tapes of the routine ahead of time and expected to know the routine when they arrived at Notre Dame a few days prior to the opening ceremonies.

About 100 support people are needed to allow opening ceremonies to run smoothly. They aid in areas such as lighting, props, and costumes. The performing volunteers are enthusiastic about this opportunity. Sheila Culp of Nappanee explained that she "wanted to help with the Special Olympics, and (the drill team) is something I enjoy

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# Saturday, August 1



### Aquatic

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

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Trials: 50m Freestyle  
50m Butterfly  
50m Backstroke  
1m Diving, Rounds 1, 2,  
& 3



### Athletics

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  
Athletic Coaches Meeting  
(Awards - Astro Turf)

9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Trials: 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
25m Wheelchair Race  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Running Long Jump (3 pits)  
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
100m Dash (Pentathlon)  
(2 tracks)  
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
High Jump (4 pits)  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Shot Put (4 circles)  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
50m Dash (2 tracks)  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Running Long Jump  
(Pentathlon) (3 pits)  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
400m Dash  
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
100m Wheelchair Race  
(East Track)  
25m Walk (West Track)  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Running Long Jump (3 pits)  
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Softball Throw  
(4 areas) 200m Dash  
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
100m Race Walk (West Track)  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Standing Long Jump (4 pits)  
1500m Run

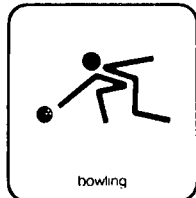


### Basketball

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Team Practice - ACC  
Auxillary Gym, ACC  
Intramural Gym, Rockne #  
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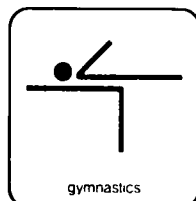
Trials: Team  
Competition - ACC Arena

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Trials: Individual  
Skills - ACC Auxillary Gym,  
ACC Arena  
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Basketball Information  
Center - ACC Gate 1



### Bowling

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Practice  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Head Coaches Meeting  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 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 I  
Compulsories  
Floor Exercises  
Balance Beam  
Vault  
Developmental Tumbling  
12:30 p.m.  
Gymnasium opens up for  
warm-ups  
1:50 p.m.  
Parade of athletes  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Trials: Level I  
Compulsories  
Floor Exercises  
Balance Beam  
Vault  
Uneven Bars  
High Bars  
Parallel Bars  
Optional Floor Exercises  
5:30 p.m.  
Gymnasium opens up for  
warm-ups  
6:50 p.m.  
Parade of athletes  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Trials: Level II  
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High Bars



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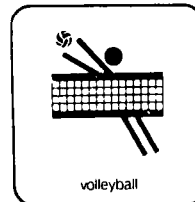
Trials: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00  
p.m.  
Individual Skills

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Team Trials  
Individual Skills  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Team Trials  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Head Coaches Meeting



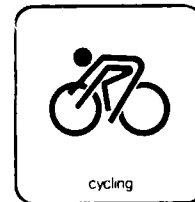
### Softball

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Team Trials  
(preliminary games)  
Individual Skills Trial



### Volleyball

Trials: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00  
p.m.  
Seeding Tournament  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Skills Testing  
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Finals  
Individual Skills



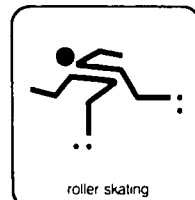
### Cycling

1:00 - 1:30 p.m.  
Coaches Meeting Saint  
Mary's College; (start line)  
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Practice  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Time Trials  
5km



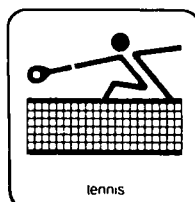
### Equestrian

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Practice  
Trials



### Roller Skating

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
Practice



### Tennis

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Practice

Table Tennis  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Practice: Gym # ACC



### Weightlifting

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Practice

### Clinics

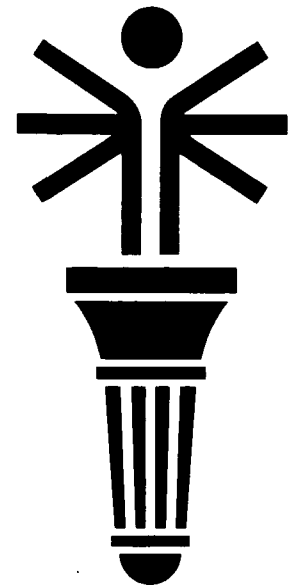
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 1:00  
p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Canoeing (open) - Saint  
Mary's Lake

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., 1:30  
p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Team Handball- Reita  
Clanton

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Softball (coaches)  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Today's  
weather:  
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# CESSNA donated athletes' transportation

By MARILYN BENCHIK  
Observer Staff

For more than 900 participants in the 1987 International Summer Special Olympics Games, Michiana Regional Airport will be their first and last glimpse of northern Indiana.

According to Mike Guljas, assistant director of the airport, the athletes arrived between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Friday. They will leave during that same time period on Saturday August 8.

"CESSNA, a manufacturer of business jets, donated their own aircraft for the event," Guljas said.

Guljas said the company asked owners of private CESSNA aircraft to volunteer their own planes as well.

"CESSNA (brought) in athletes from a radius of 400 or 600 miles," Guljas added. Olympians from West Virginia, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Connec-

ticut, Tennessee, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota flew on CESSNA aircrafts, which usually seat only 10 to 12 people, according to Guljas.

"There are at least 4500 athletes participating in this event, and only 900 (came) into the Michiana Regional Airport," he said.

Guljas said most of the participants arrived at Chicago's O'Hare and Midway Airports. Athletes and their families also landed in Detroit's Metropolitan Airport.

"Pan Am is offering free transportation on an international basis for a lot of the participants, and they will be using the (other) airports as well," he said.

The states of Oklahoma and Washington have chartered planes for their Special Olympic representatives to cut the cost of flying.

The arrival of Special Olympians and their coaches and families on Friday was not expected to interfere with regularly scheduled flights, according to Guljas. "We won't need to change our schedules. We're used to heavy air traffic. The Michiana Regional Airport services eight airlines and over 600,000 passengers per year," Guljas said.

He added that CESSNA will have its own terminal with which to operate.

"CESSNA will operate on the north side of the terminal. Other traffic is handled on the south side.

Volunteers and regular airport employees will help to unload participants and their baggage. "Around 60 people total will be on hand to offer assistance," he said.

Guljas added that there will be a "real short" training session for volunteers concerning the specifics of the unloading and welcoming procedures.



U.S. Navy Band members deplane at Michiana Regional Airport Friday as they prepare to perform for the Special Olympians this weekend.

The Observer/Jim Carroll

## Athletes urged to defect

Associated Press

A group of Cuban athletes who will compete in the International Special Olympics Games arrived on the Notre Dame campus Friday after Cuban exiles urged them to defect outside their Miami hotel.

The 23 athletes were the objects of a peaceful one-hour demonstration Wednesday night outside the Columbus Hotel, said Armando Villorin, a Miami police spokesman.

But neither he nor hotel general manger Lillian Smith knew if the Cuban

exiles were aware that the athletes were mentally retarded.

Miami Mayor Xavier Suarez visited the athletes and ordered uniformed police to guard the hotel's entrances, said Smith.

About 35 people shouted in Spanish that they would open their arms to anyone who wanted to defect.

The athletes left the hotel on schedule about 4 a.m. Thursday to continue their trip to South Bend.

The group arrived by plane in Chicago and then traveled to South Bend, said Special Olympics spokesman Michael Minich.

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# Greek coin reveals original Olympic torch

By **MATT SITZER**  
Observer staff

South Bend resident Ed Mejer is not an archaeologist, nor is he a lettered historian, but if you have a question about the original Greek Olympic Games, Ed Mejer is one man to ask.

If you have a question about the original Olympic torch, Ed Mejer is the only man to ask.

In 1979, Mejer's prized coin collection was stolen from his North Lafayette Blvd. home. For insurance purposes, he needed to evaluate the projected worth of each of the stolen coins. He did his research at Notre Dame's Hesburgh Memorial Library.

Throughout the course of his research, Mejer noticed that a certain Greek coin kept popping-up again and again in the pages of many of the coin-collecting books. On the face of the coin was the majestic image of a flaming torch. Mejer looked into the history of the coin and discovered that the torch depicted on its face was, in fact, an image of the first Olympic torch, dated to the year 776 B.C.

Intrigued, Mejer began to study the history of the first Greek Olympics and has since become a virtual storehouse of ancient Olympic knowledge.

"The first Olympics opened during the Greek month of Apollonius (April) in 776 B.C., in the town of Olympia of the province Elis, Greece," said Mejer. "The first and only

event was a 200 yard foot race held in a meadow near the river Alpheus."

Mejer added that the winner of the first Olympics, Coroebus of Elis, wasn't crowned with a wreath of olive leaves, nor was he given a golden medalion - his prize was an apple!

"The Olympic winner was not actually crowned until the seventh Olympiad," said Mejer. "Messenian Daicles, who won the foot race at those Games, was the first Olympian to be crowned."

Mejer's historical research led him to reproduce the torch image from the coin. He obtained a patent for the torch in 1983, and has since reproduced it on commemorative plates, belt buckles, rings, medalions, and many other interesting collectibles.

Mejer has donated one of the porcelain commemorative plates, done in 24-carat gold, to the International Summer Special Olympic Committee. In addition, several of his Olympic torch belt buckles will be presented to the members of the Special Olympics Greek delegation.

Mejer is conducting a one-man crusade to inform people about the first Olympic torch. "Most people have never seen it before," he said. "They're used to seeing the modern torches being used these days. I just want them to see what the original one looked like."



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# Former champion returns as 'hugger'

By BOB TYLER  
Observer Staff

He's gone "Hugger."

And she's a venue manager.

It's a cloudy Wednesday afternoon. She hopes if it rains, Mother Nature gets it out of her system for the special week ahead.

The young woman sits in the LaFortune Student Center on the Notre Dame campus. Her large eyes glow, pouring pride and love for a man who has made it.

She tells how her brother's experience got her involved in Special Olympics. "He was dragging in last place in a Special Olympics run when a Buffalo Bill Football player went onto the field and prompted him to the finish line," she said. "He was dead last, but afterwards he became determined to win. And our family became devoted to Special Olympics as he started winning his races."

As far back as Karen Siegel can remember, she says her brother was a happy child who had difficulty with language and math skills. There was but one major problem for Fred. "All of us kids had something that gave us identity. I had my violin and my sisters had softball, volleyball, and horseback riding. Fred needed something of his own to channel his hyperactivity," Karen reflects.

Fred became interested in running and swimming at age nine. Workshops for the mentally handicapped raised his confidence and his abilities in athletic competition. "When that football star urged him to succeed that day, and he succeeded, Fred realized he had something special and he grew to excel as a runner in Special Olympics competition."

The man became "Fast Freddy" as his growing number of fans watched

him pull himself together and tackle the games. The Buffalo, N.Y., man took third place in the one-mile run at local games in 1980. He finished first in that competition in the Erie County Games in 1981 and captured second place in the event at the New York State Games in 1983.

He then topped that same year off by taking the gold medal at the Baton Rouge International Summer Special Olympics in the 1500 meter run. Now, Freddy is a Buffalo celebrity at local civic runs and sporting events.

Karen Siegel is impressed with her brother's victory in sport and in spirit. He returns to the International Games Friday as a hugger. The twenty-three year old will be here to support his fellow athletes, to pass on the love of his supporters, through himself, to fellow athletes like his friend John.

Karen has been coming to South Bend from Chicago almost every weekend for the past few years. She is venue manager for canoeing and other events at the 1987 International Summer Special Olympics Games. Venue managers are in charge of specific activity sites at the Games.

"Preparing for the games has been consumptive but enjoyable." The campus is familiar. Karen graduated from Saint Mary's College two years ago with an accounting degree and experience as a crew rower and coach. She is currently on leave from her auditing job at I.C. Industries for the Games.

The Games are fun for all Fred's family. Karen tells how she and her twin sisters, Colleen and Catherine, became involved with Special Olympics. They ran with him on the high school track near their house. They survived the exercise in a pony express fashion, dividing his long distances by multiples of three and alternating as his com-

panions, coaching and hugging along the way.

All the sisters became volunteers with Special Olympics, Karen just a bit more so. Her parents, Fred and Catherine, became members of the New York State Games and will be volunteers at the summer games.

"My sisters can't make it to the games, but the rest of us will celebrate this Notre Dame event together. We all love coming here for football and other Irish events. Being here at Notre Dame makes the '87 Special Olympics even more special for us."

The sky through the windows is dark. It will rain.

Karen exudes thoughts. She comments that Special Olympics gives the mentally handicapped the break needed for self-confidence through positive competition with peers. "They

learn athletic skills and self-esteem often unattainable in the mainstream," Karen said. "However, they learn skills and a positive attitude that can be interfaced with the mainstream as they grow." Special Olympics is one way the mentally handicapped can reach the light in the darkness.

Fred Siegel is proud of himself, loved by family and friends, recognized by the public, and is rewarded in his work at Goodwill Industries in Buffalo - feelings everyone wants. Feelings his sister shows as she talks about her life and Special Olympics.

Those dark clouds rained down hard on South Bend and Notre Dame Wednesday night. Whatever the weather, sunshine will warm the campus next week as Fast Freddy and worldwide friends, hosts and volunteers like his sister have fun.



A gymnast spends some time Friday warming up on the pommel horse. Gymnastic events begin today with a

parade of athletes in the morning followed by Level I and Level II compulsory.

The Observer/Fred Doble

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# Celebrity-filled cast to host ceremonies

By PATTI TRIPATHI  
Observer Staff

The 1987 International Summer Special Olympics will be mixing the stars of the stage with the stars of the Games as celebrities and athletes alike participate in the opening ceremonies. ABC-TV is taping the show for broadcast on Monday.

"We chose all the performers and talents," says Lee Miller, an independent producer who will be editing the opening ceremonies for ABC.

With a cast of numerous well-known celebrities, Barbara Mandrell will host the show which begins at 5 p.m. Sunday in the Notre Dame Stadium. Whitney Houston and John Denver will also give star performances.

"We went first to major stars that have supported Special Olympics" to recruit them for the Games, says Miller. Clint Eastwood and John Ritter are two supporters of Special Olympics that will be attending the 1987 Games, according to Miller.

"We chose Barbara Mandrell (to host)," says Miller. "I think she is an incredibly good performer. She is a very emotional, sensitive woman," says Miller. Mandrell was also chosen because of her enormous television following.

"Whitney Houston was approached long before us," says Miller. "John Denver came in because we wanted to balance out the two women (Whitney Houston and Barbara Mandrell)."

"We're going to shoot like a live show," says Miller. Although Miller has produced Oscars, Emmys, and People's Choice, he has never produced an event like the Special Olympics.

"But," says Miller, "the stadium is just a bigger stage without a roof." The weather is a big factor, he says.

The open-air stadium will echo the rhythmic voices of Up With People singers with the commencement of the Opening Ceremonies. Composer John Williams will conduct the Navy Band. Representing 125 delegates, 6,000 olympians will march in precision. Organized by Radio Music Hall Productions, a magnificent cast of over 600 members of drill team, marching band, flag unit, and jazzercise will march and dance in cadence onto the field.

"The momentum and enthusiasm is building," says Deana Sterr, the executive producer of Radio Music Hall Productions. According to Sterr, the members of the parading performers were selected from the South Bend and surrounding area after several tryouts and cuts.

"The community has really opened their arms and supported it (Special Olympics) wholeheartedly," says Sterr.

A class of '85 graduate of Notre Dame and a producer of Radio Music Hall Productions, Mark Serrano says, "There are a number of exciting moments and plenty of surprises."

A performance by Chinese Acrobats of Beijing, a message by Eunice Shriver, the founder and the chairperson of the Special Olympics games, and other surprising elements are on the agenda for the four-hour show.

The show will broadcast 8 p.m. Monday, August 3. It will also include a pre-taped message by President Reagan.

"It's a scary task," says Miller, who will have to edit the lengthy tape down to two hours in less than 23 hours.



Some track and field athletes take advantage of a chance to get in some early

practice Friday. Trials begin today in the athletics events at Cartier Field.

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# The doctor's bicycle serves many at Games

By **TRIPP BALTZ**  
Observer Staff

A seat on the front of his bike has carried friends, family and even patients.

Critical transportation for a member of the Summer Games medical corps, the bike helps him get around quickly and easily.

South Bend Dr. Dick Reineke has worked with local Special Olympics for 12 years. He has a mentally retarded son.

He laughs when he recalls how the St. Joseph Board of Directors for Special Olympics attracted the VII International Games to come to the area.

"We got them here, and everyone else has to do the work," he says.

As he bikes by the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center, onlookers wave and shout "Reineke!"

He smiles. "They never say Dr. Reineke, just Reineke." He explains he's noticed that people associated with Special Olympics are more friendly and sincere.

"That's what I like about it," he adds.

Reineke oversees the medical stations in the athletics and soccer areas, one of the most concentrated regions of activity. He parks his bike near the tent where Pat McQuaid is the coordinator.

"We're in charge of reception and evaluation of patients," McQuaid explains. Stretchers, bandages and other supplies fill the tables under the tent. McQuaid will spend one day as a site coordinator at one of 22 stations scattered across the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses.

Each medical volunteer might be assigned to work just once or all week. A total of 60 doctors and 300 emergency medical technicians, or nurses, have of-

fered their skills for the Games.

"More than we need have volunteered," said Pete Wolmer, co-coordinator of medical services. "We're responsible for the health of the athletes, the coaches, the spectators and the volunteers," Wolmer states.

"We're gonna make sure they have the best coverage we can supply, medical wise."

The heat is one of Wolmer's primary concerns. "We've got two tons of ice to alleviate heat problems."

The stations are equipped to treat minor cases. "Bumps, bruises, and abrasions will come our way," Wolmer says. Patients with more serious injuries will be taken to local hospitals.

The South Bend Fire Department and private ambulance services have contributed equipment and personnel for emergency transport. "A minimum of two ambulances will be present at special events," Wolmer says.

"We hope the ambulance drivers will just be able to enjoy themselves and watch the event," he adds. "But if something happens, we want to be prepared."

The staff at the main medical facility in the ROTC building is prepared to dispatch health care where it's needed. The physicians and nurses at the field sites can reach main medical by a temporary radio unit filling an office.

The room hums with shortwave chatter and the flux of doctors, nurses and drivers. The man busy at the microphone receives a call from the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center.

An unconscious diabetic needs immediate attention. The dispatcher summons an ambulance team.

Quickly they run for their vehicle and drive off, lights blazing.



The Observer/Fred Dobie

First Aid personnel are standing by this week to provide speedy assistance when needed. Medical teams will be

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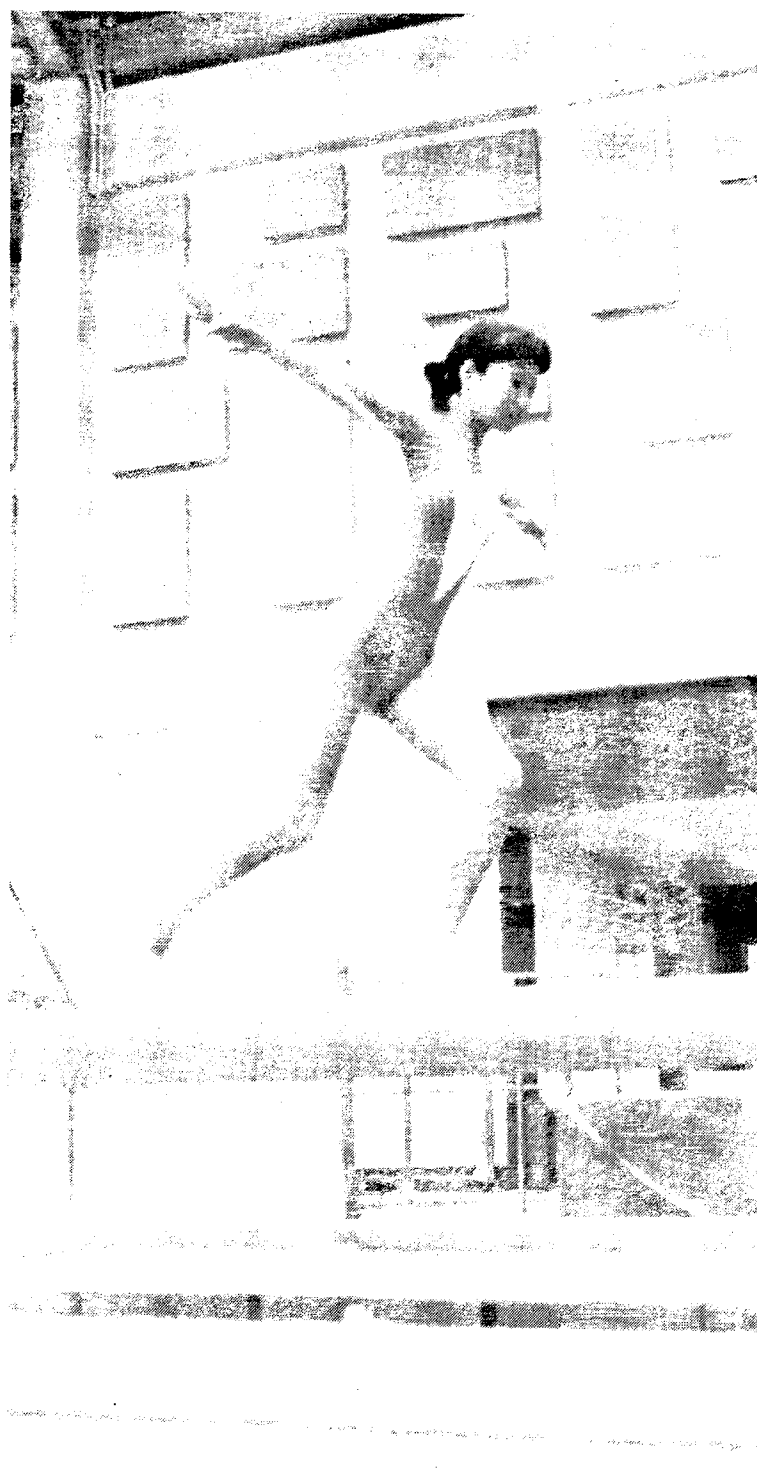
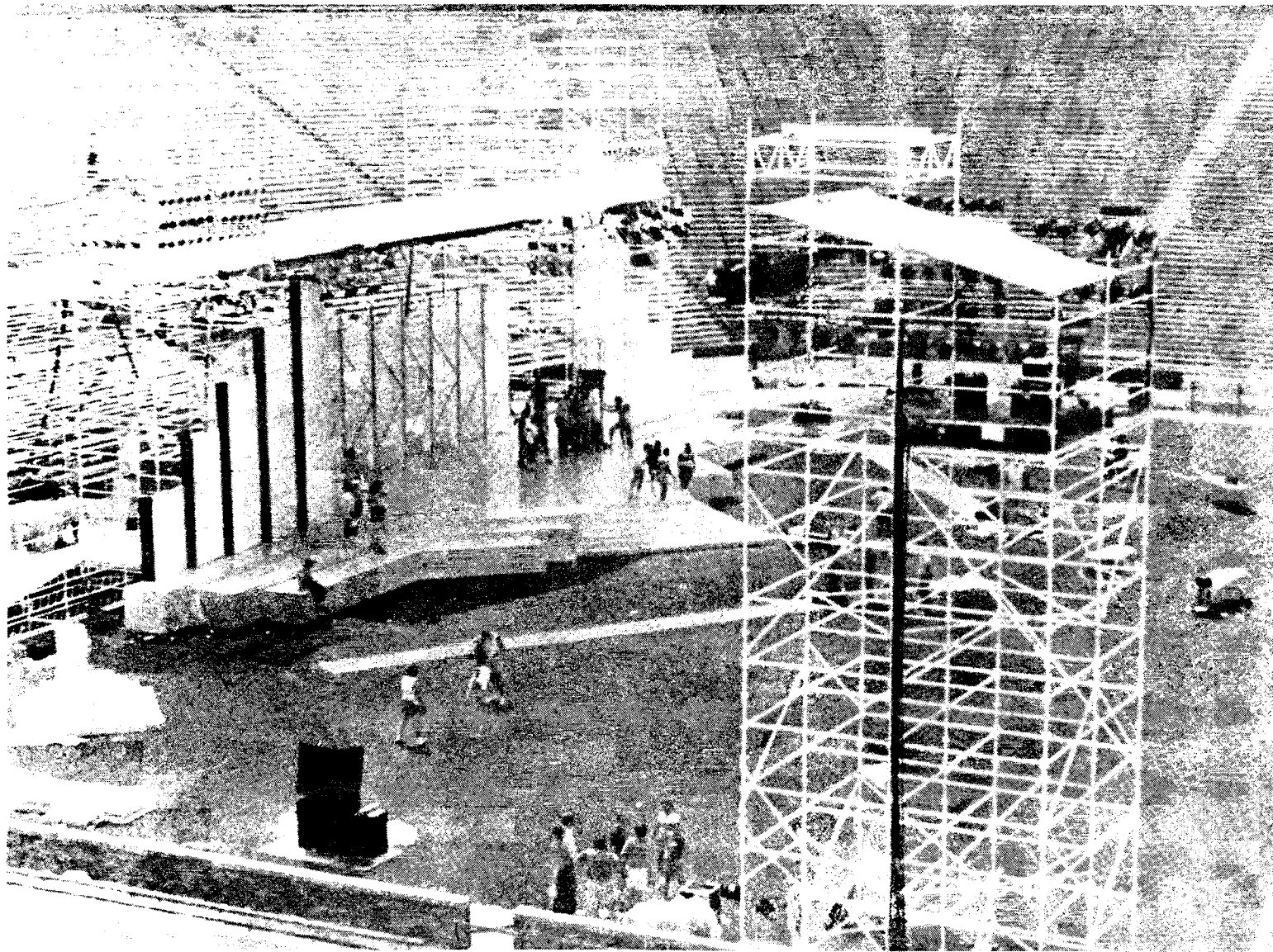
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# A Hero's





# Welcome



# Mayor welcomes athletes

By JUDY MOLNAR  
Observer staff

"I am looking forward to extending a welcome to all the Special Olympians," said Mayor Roger Parent of South Bend.

Parent was enthusiastic about the Games finally arriving. His Friday morning began by greeting the Kenya delegation in his office. During the meeting he gave them a key to the city and they exchanged plaques. "This is the fun part of the job," said Parent.

Mayor Parent will appear at the torch run, host the first ladies of the countries participating and attend several dinners with officials. The reception for Chairperson Eunice Kennedy Shriver is also included on the Mayor's agenda.

After Parent's official appearances he plans to record events on campus with his camera. Parent said, "I hope to go out to meet the Special Olympians

and welcome them to South Bend and wish them good luck."

The Mayor's office has been busy preparing for the event. "The people are ready to go and there is a festive mood about the Games."

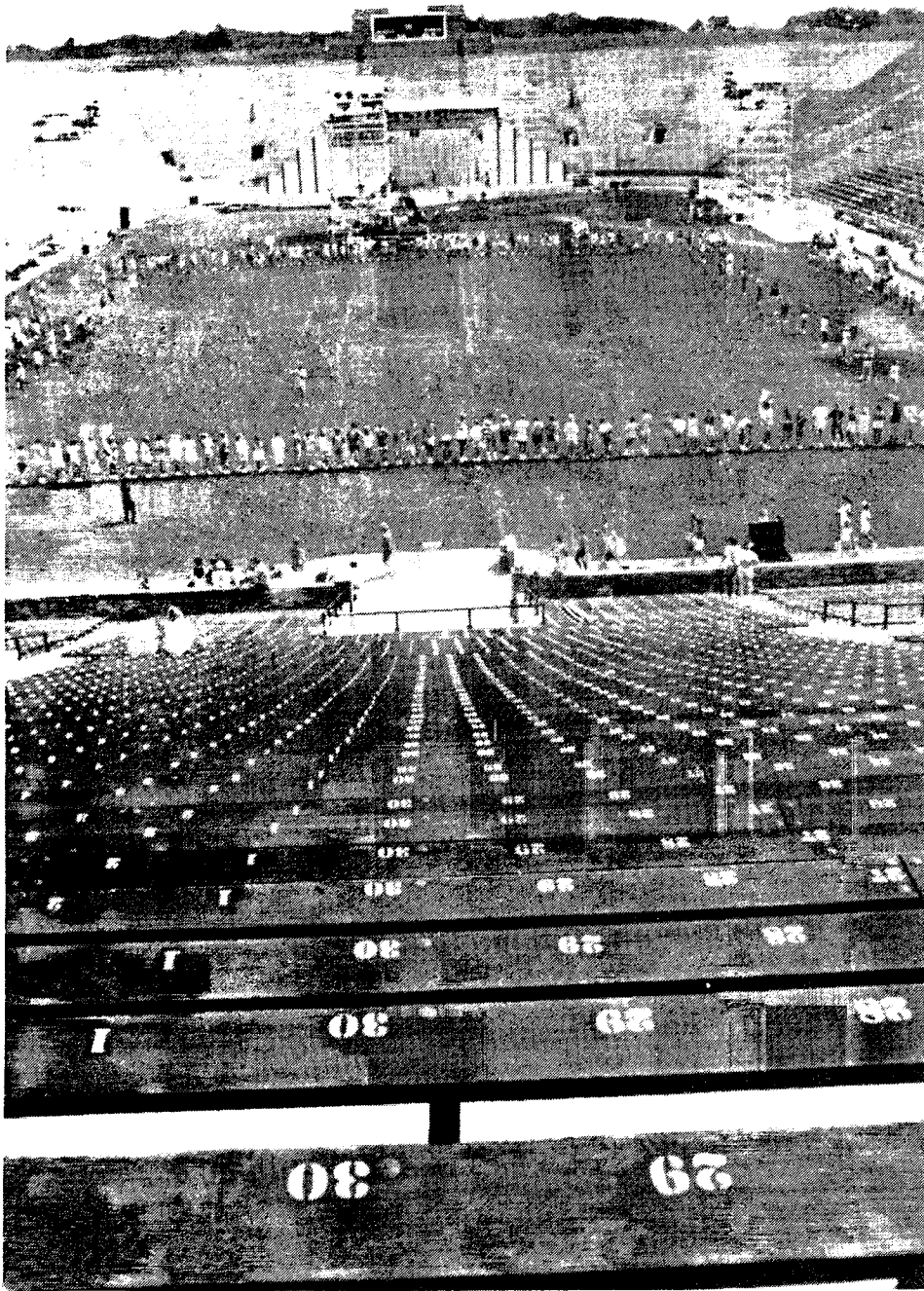
Much cleaning of streets and paving of streets has been done around the city, said Parent. "A lot of fixing up of old things were done to make the city spic and span."

The impact on the community "will be financially and spiritually rewarding," said Parent.

The Games are a chance for the community to show off America and be proud of the experience, said Parent. "This type of event does not come along very often."

Mayor Parent has cleared his schedule to devote all his work to the Special Olympics. "I am eager to get out and get involved with events," said Parent.

"There is a community high and a good feeling in the air for the Games," said Parent.



An empty Notre Dame Stadium awaits the crowds for tomorrow's opening ceremonies. The show will be taped by ABC-TV for national broadcast Monday night. The Observer/Jim Carroll

## Opening

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doing." Lyletta Robinson, a Lake Forest sophomore home for the summer, agreed and said, "being part of this community I felt it was time to give of myself while enjoying myself also."

Despite the many hours of dedicated practice, performing in front of such a crowd will cause its share of opening night jitters. Lisa Sager of South Bend said, "I'm not nervous right now. The group is well rehearsed and works great together as a team. But, at around 5:57 on Sunday, in front of all the people and the cameras, I might feel a little differently."



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# Zimbabwe delegates participate in Games

By KIM YURATOVAC  
Observer Staff

It took them over fifty hours, four connecting flights and a bus ride to get them here, but the Zimbabwe Special Olympics delegation finally arrived in South Bend Monday evening. The delegation, consisting of three swimmers, seven track and field athletes, two coaches and two officials, traveled with Olympians from Kenya and Tanzania on special flights donated by Pan Am Airlines.

They left a Zimbabwean winter and arrived in the middle of the hot South Bend summer. Zimbabwe, located south of the equator, is in the middle of a typically dry, mild winter.

"The delegation was surprised at how humid it is here," said Zimbabwe live-in host Brian Beutter. "One of the coaches hadn't seen rain in over a year. The athletes aren't accustomed to the humidity. It took them a while to adjust. But the runners found it easier to run here because the altitude is much lower here than in Zimbabwe."

Beutter, a senior industrial engineering major at Purdue University, did not know much about Zimbabwe before he became involved with the International Summer Special Olympic Games.

"I wanted to get involved with an English-speaking nation and I was assigned to Zimbabwe," said Beutter. "We had information sessions and I started writing to the head of the delegation in June. I did some research at the library to find out more about their culture."

Zimbabwe, formerly the British colony of Rhodesia, gained its independence only seven years ago. Special Olympics was introduced there in Sep-

tember, 1986. This is the first International Games in which they have participated.

Team members spent their first three nights at the Fatima Retreat Center and have since moved into Pasquerilla East Hall along with Special Olympians from Turkey, Yugoslavia, Panama, Singapore and the United States.

"I think the athletes are enjoying themselves here," Beutter said. "They like to watch American television and they really enjoyed going to University Park Mall. They don't have the variety we have here. They were amazed at all the different brands of products we have here because they only have one brand of everything."

Beutter said that one of the biggest problems the athletes are having is adjusting to the time difference. "They have been going to sleep really early because they're still on Zimbabwe time," he said. "They have also been really busy."

On Friday, team members were filmed by ABC television crews to be aired on August 15 in a Special Olympics program.

Team members are participating in various events. Since most of them have never seen snow, Red Lobster is sponsoring a "Snow Fest" on Monday at the Expo Center at Saint Mary's College so that they, and other athletes from warmer climates can learn how to ski.

"The athletes are excited to be here," said Beutter. "One of our athletes, Netsai Kamuzangaza, will even represent the continent of Africa at the Opening Ceremonies. They have all been practicing a lot and are ready and excited about competing."

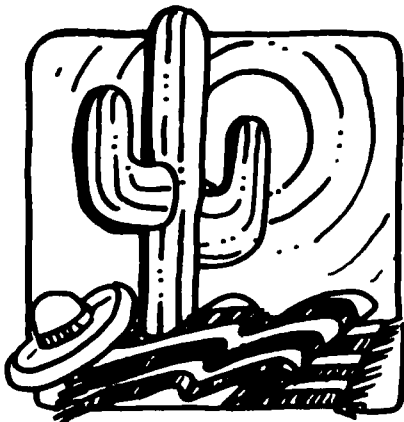


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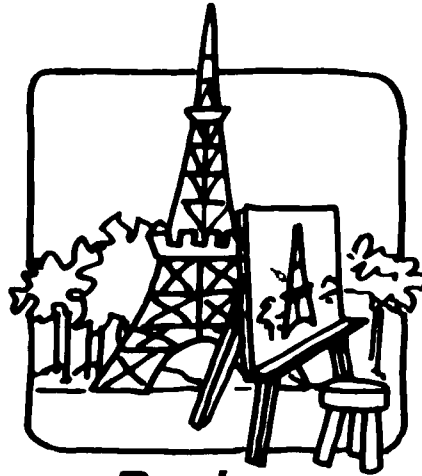
Musicians join the countless other entertainers and volunteers preparing for the Opening Ceremonies. The Ceremonies will be televised nationally by ABC on Monday, August 2.



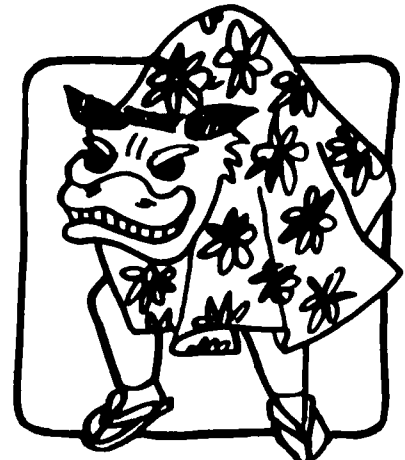
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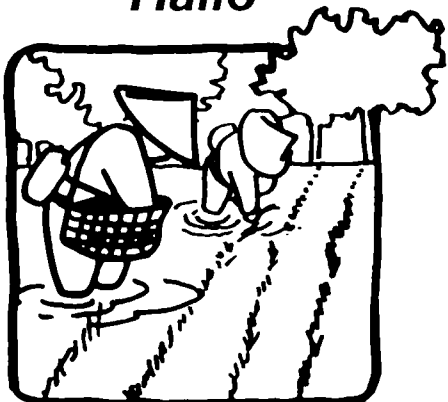
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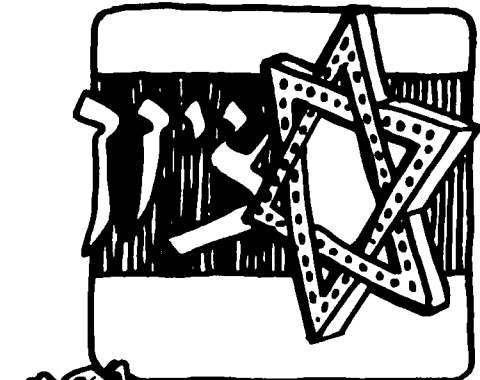
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# Welcome • Willkommen • Dobro Nam Došli

By SARA MARLEY  
Observer staff

"I'm going to practice on my team," responded Mike Brownstein when asked about his preparation to act as live-in host of the Japanese delegation of the International Summer Special Olympics Games.

"I plan on carrying a dictionary," answered Kathy Scarbeck, host of the Austrian delegation.

Brownstein and Scarbeck are two of approximately four hundred volunteers serving in the language services under director Kevin Hughes. Hughes has been working on interpreting and translating services on the organizational and recruiting levels for several months. He appointed Ramzi Bualuan to captain the three groups of language services volunteers.

Live-in hosts fluent in the languages of the delegations have been assigned to each of the seventy-two groups. This first group of language volunteers will eat and live with their delegations, as well as escort the athletes to their events and to social functions when they are not competing.

"We'll be with them twenty-four hours a day," says Scarbeck. Because of their constant contact with the athletes, hosts will also handle the majority of the interpreting for them. The live-in hosts will also act as members of their delegations by marching in with them during Sunday's Opening Ceremony.

Hughes, assisted by Professor Emeritus Charles Parnell, was able to locate live-in hosts and interpreters for every language that will be spoken. A few languages, such as Greek, Turkish, and Hindi, proved to be more difficult to locate than others. Problems might

also arise from numerous dialects within various languages and the speech impediments of some athletes. It is possible that members within certain delegations will not be able to communicate with each other. Some volunteers with exceptional ability were found. For example, a member of the singing group "Up With People" which will perform at the Games speaks six different tribal dialects of Indian.

Interpreters and translators and the "Flying Squad" constitute the remainder of the language services branch. These two groups share the task of interpreting on location at all events. Interpreting is primarily a spontaneous, spoken skill, while translating involves writing. Volunteer translators have been working for several months on publications such as the Coaches' Handbook, which is available in the three official languages of the Games: French, English, and Spanish.

The "Flying Squad" consists of one hundred interpreters with an "exceptional proficiency in the language," said Bualuan.

Interpreters and "Flying Squad" members are assigned to specific events and time slots. Bualuan and his assistant, Chuck Neidhoefer, will be attending the numerous coaches' meetings to determine where there will be special needs for interpreters. Such needs may include disputes over rules, large numbers of athletes and coaches attending events as spectators, or even political differences between teams.

Bualuan and Neidhoefer will communicate these demands, both foreseen and emergency, to fellow assistant language services captain Connie Lee, who is stationed in the Center for Continuing Education. Lee will dispatch volunteers

and notify the large pool of interpreters of their assignments.

In addition to the interpreters and "Flying Squad" members regularly assigned to each event, some language services volunteers will be "rovers," helping to direct athletes and coaches throughout campus. The rovers will carry beepers so they can be notified if the need for their services arises at a certain event.

Bualuan noted, "Everything is computerized for quick access." Members of the "Flying Squad" and interpreters will be readily identified by their red sashes stating the languages they speak.

Two days before Austrian host Scarbeck's delegation arrived, she was troubled by the possibility of a language barrier. "The last thing I want to do is not be able to communicate with the athletes. They are the people I want to get involved with and tell how proud I am of them," Scarbeck said. Although she hasn't had any contact with the athletes themselves, Scarbeck did have a half hour phone conversation in German with Klaus Landauf, director of Special Olympics for Austria. Scarbeck spent a year as a student in Innsbruck, Austria, and found that her German "came back in a rush."

Bualuan expects most coaches will be able to speak English, but Brownstein is prepared to use his Japanese. "I am pretty certain not many of them will speak English or they will just be able to get by," he said of the twenty-two Japanese coaches who will accompany the athletes.

Brownstein had a particularly good idea of what to prepare for because he was able to meet the director of his delegation, Dr. Suzuki, who included Notre Dame among his stops during a trip to the United States about a month

prior to the Games. Brownstein showed Suzuki the campus and was impressed with the director's English and credentials. The trip was especially beneficial, according to Brownstein, because "Now he knows what to expect," especially in terms of weather.

A deficiency in spoken English wouldn't trouble Belgian native Gudrun Rawoens, serving as a live-in host for Belgium. She has been studying at Indiana University this summer to improve her English. Rawoens is sharing the duties as live-in host with Joy Smith, a Notre Dame student who spent last year studying in Angers, France. Smith explained that Belgium has been assigned two live-in hosts because it is one of the largest delegations with over seventy athletes plus their coaches.

The language barrier poses no problem to the co-hosts, as both are fluent in French and Rawoens also speaks Flemish, an additional language spoken in Belgium. Neither does the size of the delegation trouble the pair.

"I have a lot of help," Smith pointed out. "I think I can face it," agreed Rawoens.

Many of the language services volunteers were attracted by the international flavor of the Games and have little or no previous experience with Special Olympics, but are excited about the possibility of sharing their skills. According to Scarbeck, a Notre Dame student, native of South Bend, and five-year student of German, "It just felt like a natural."

Like many other language services volunteers, Scarbeck spent time abroad and is looking forward to paying back cultural debts. "When I was in Austria for a year, people were hosting me all the time. I want to show the Austrians my country. Now the shoe is on the other foot."

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# Trading team pins invites new friendships

By JUDY MOLNAR  
Observer Staff

"Trading pins is fun because you get a chance to meet people from other countries," said David Hines from the North Carolina delegation.

The system for trading pins or buttons is simple if you have a supply before you come to compete. Many of the athletes are supplied with pins that have a range of designs from rainbows with the state's name to the shapes of their countries.

Arizona has 75 athletes competing in the Games, and they have come supplied to trade with everyone. One of their pins is in the shape of their state, and the other has a colorful rainbow and trees.

Members of the delegation did mention they have a secret trade item they are saving for the closing ceremonies.

Mary Kendall who is traveling with the Green Bay, Wisconsin delegation made sure the athletes were well supplied to trade pins. Kendall has been

involved with Special Olympics since 1968.

When trading the pins it is to one's advantage to get as many different types to create a great collection. The more pins a person has, the more interesting the collecting process.

Collecting the pins gets difficult when the turn over in trading new pins is so quick. One may make a trade and a few minutes later find himself trading that same pin for another.

Language does not seem to be a problem during the International Games. The simple gesture of pointing to another's pins gets the trading started.

"I have no problem trading. Right when we got here my athletes traded pins for a necklace from the Japan delegation," said Johnny Hines, the volleyball coach for the North Carolina delegation.

The trading process is simple for anyone wishing to participate, as long as the few pins you start with are visible.

San Marino athletes are supplied with

buttons and are eager to trade though they do not understand or speak any English.

Trading of items will become more interesting as the athletes gain more exposure to one another. By the closing

ceremonies, uniforms and most everything else will be fair game to trade.

By trading pins, everyone can have the unique opportunity to learn about one another and their representative home states or countries.

## Zoneball to be exhibition sport

By LIZ PANZICA  
Observer staff

At this year's International Summer Special Olympics Games, Circular Zoneball will be introduced as an exhibition sport.

Thirty South Bend area Special Olympians not participating in the International Games are demonstrating Zoneball each day at Saint Mary's. A videotape is also set up for viewing at the game site.

Zoneball creator, David King, will be on hand throughout the Games to promote the event. If Zoneball is adopted by 16 state chapters, it can be introduced as a regular event in years to come.

Zoneball is designed so that there is no physical contact between players. "I started with the concept that the world needs a sport with all the positives," said King. There is little advantage given to large, strong or fast players. The advantage lies with the team that learns to function well as a unit.

The game is played by two teams of 12 players each. Playing time is one hour, which is divided into three 20-minute periods with five-minute breaks between each period.

Zoneball is played on a circle 154 feet in diameter and divided into 24 zones.

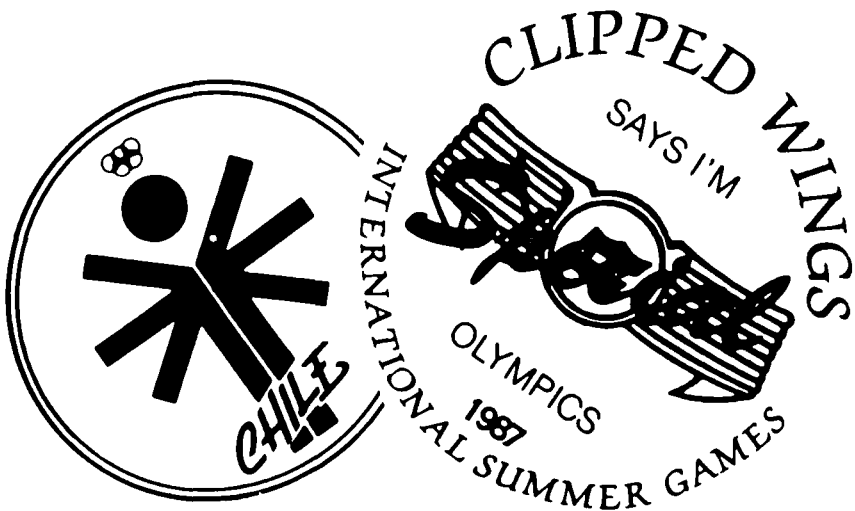
Each player must stay within his or her zone. The object of the game is for players to pass the ball to the teammate located in the innermost zone.

Deborah Foust, a Zoneball coach, said Zoneball is easy for Special Olympians to learn because "they aren't intimidated (by other players) because they stay in their zones. All the athletes I have instructed have taken to it really well so far."

Circular Zoneball is played with a stratball. A stratball is about the size of a volleyball but it is covered with a dimpled surface for easy gripping.

King said, "you don't need to be an outstanding athlete to excel at Zoneball." "It exercises the mind and body at a pace they (Special athletes) are able to handle. Anyone who plays loves it."

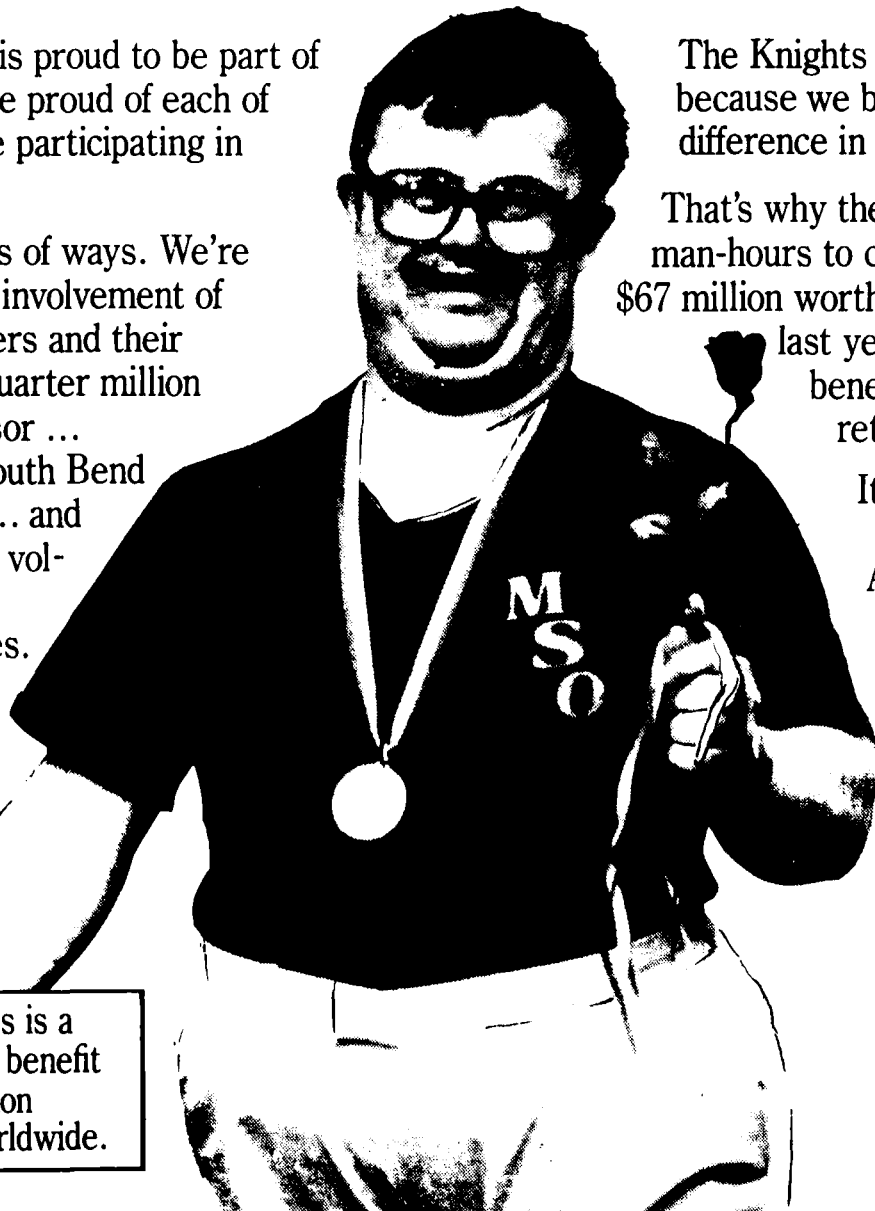
There may be some changes in store for Zoneball, however, if it is adopted as an official Special Olympic sport. According to Coach Foust, the game might be easier to play if the size of the zones were changed from eight feet to six feet. King said that a smaller field could be designed to use at Special Olympics officials' discretion and that right now he is working with officials to develop rules and regulations for Zoneball if it is adopted as an official sport.



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The Observer/Suzanne Poch

After traveling thousands of miles, many Special Olympians enjoy relaxing in the summer sun

# Agencies give extra support to ND Security

By JIM RILEY  
Observer Staff

City, county, and state police along with federal agencies have joined with Notre Dame Security to monitor the International Summer Special Olympics Games this week.

"Several agencies will be assisting Security to provide additional patrols on the roads adjacent to campus," said Phil Johnson, assistant director of Security. No changes in jurisdictions have been made, however, because the jurisdictions of outside agencies already overlap that of Notre Dame Security.

Security is closing some sections of road around campus and is moving its "checkpoints" to locations further from campus.

Notre Dame Avenue will be closed at Angela and a checkpoint will be established there so that the main gate is essentially moved further down the road, Johnson said.

Juniper Rd., which was renamed Olympic Drive during the Games, will be closed north of Edison. Another Security checkpoint will be established at Olympic Dr. and Bulla.

"We need to do everything we can to enhance pedestrian safety," Johnson said. He added that athletes and visitors, many of whom are not at all familiar with the area, would be spared having to deal with the heavy vehicular traffic which is common on those roads. Most athletes will have to cross Olympic Dr. to move between their dorms and athletic sites.

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Smiles are seen on the faces of many participants who are eagerly anticipating this week's competition. There are plenty of events and activities to please everyone attending the Games.

# Athletes register with the help of volunteers

By CATHY STACY  
Observer staff

The numerous pins that adorn Sally Keller and Betty Nagle testify to the commotion they have faced while directing more than 90 delegations through the registration desk at the Center for Continuing Education.

As members of the Southhold Chapter of the American Business Womens Association, these volunteers have "handled the responsibility from the start" to make sure that the athletes and coaches would be provided with rooms, meal tickets and proper identification.

"It has been fun to get the packets all ready in March and now complete the job. It has made it interesting," said Keller. "You don't stay too long at one thing," said Nagle, running to get someone the information he needed.

The job of preparing the forms that they use for registration, as well as those for housing and medical needs, began as early as last November. For

member Phyllis Thompson, this has meant over 500 hours spent attending meetings and contacting all delegations via mail.

"Because each delegation's representative has brought his own interpreter with him to register, the only problems right now have been getting the athlete's families registered," said Keller.

Poland's team is scheduled to arrive at four o'clock this morning, though most of the registering has been handled between the hours of 7 a.m. and midnight. "Friday was a bit calmer than Thursday," said Keller.

For Norway's team the trip to Indiana took over 27 hours, including a four hour lay over in Detroit. "You hear stories (like that) over and over again," she said.

For these volunteers, the task has been demanding but very rewarding as well. "It's been a good feeling," said Keller, "We've learned a lot during the past two days."



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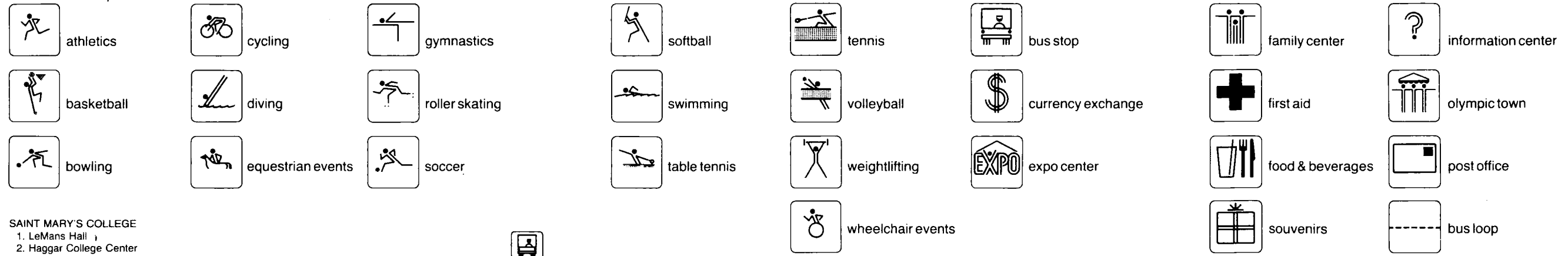
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7. Regina Hall
8. Angela Athletic Facility
9. Dining Hall

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10. Carroll Hall
11. Holy Cross Hall
12. Rockne Memorial
13. Lyons Hall
14. Morrissey Hall
15. Howard Hall
16. South Dining Hall
17. Fisher Hall
18. Pangborn Hall
19. Badin Hall
20. Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore
21. Dillon Hall
22. Alumni Hall
23. Walsh Hall
24. Sorin Hall
25. Lewis Hall
26. LaFortune Student Center
27. St. Edward's Hall
28. Cavanaugh Hall
29. Zahn Hall
30. Keenan Hall
31. Stanford Hall
32. North Dining Hall
33. Farley Hall
34. Breen-Phillips Hall
35. Stepan Center
36. Planner Hall
37. Grace Hall
38. Pasquerilla Hall West
39. Pasquerilla Hall East
40. Notre Dame Stadium
41. Athletic and Convocation Center (ACC)
42. Rolfs Aquatic Center
43. Cartier Field
44. Courtney Tennis Fields
45. Jake Kline Field
46. Memorial Library
47. Decio Building
48. Snite Museum of Art
49. Engineering Building
50. Center for Continuing Education
51. University Club
52. Alumni/Senior Club
53. Morris Inn
54. Alumni Field
55. Sacred Heart Church
56. Washington Hall
57. ROTC Building
58. Church of Loretto
59. Post Office

