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Shields to speak at commencement ceremony

Observer Staff Report

Syndicated columnist and political analyst Mark Shields will be the principal speaker at the University's 152nd commencement exercises on May 18.

A 1959 Notre Dame graduate and member of the advisory council for the University's College of Arts and Letters, Shields has played a role — either as a participant or analyst — in every American presidential election since 1968.

Since 1987, he has formed half of the popular and respected team of political analysts first known as "Gergen and Shields," with U.S. News & World Report editor-at-large David Gergen, on The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour.

After Gergen joined the Clinton White House staff in 1993, Wall Street Journal columnist Paul Gigot joined Shields to form "Shields and Gigot," now seen every Friday on the NewsHour With Jim Lehrer.

Shields also is moderator of CNN's Cable Ace award-winning "Capital Gang" of political analysts, aired each Saturday.

Author of "On the Campaign Trail: Wise and Witty Dispatches from the Front Lines of the 1984 Presidential Race," Shields provided analyses of the 1988, 1992, and 1996 elections for PBS, as well as for CBS and NBC at various times. He was a principal contributor to the 1988 election coverage that won a Peabody Award for the NewsHour on PBS.

Shields brought his understanding of the American election process to the Notre Dame campus in October 1995, when he gave a speech outlining the aspects of the nation's political history that have helped determine the winners of presidential elections.

In that speech, Shields said former President George Bush lost the 1992 election partly because voters thought he had lost touch with the electorate.

"People felt Bush didn't know what was going on in their lives," Shields said at the time.

Because Americans felt a new leader would give them renewed hope for the future, Shields said, Bill Clinton became president.

Shields' weekly newspaper col-

umn first appeared in the Washington Post in 1979 and is distributed nationally by Creators Syndicate. He has taught at Harvard University and the Wharton School of Business.

A native of Weymouth, Mass., Shields studied philosophy and history at Notre Dame. After graduation and service in the Marine Corps, he moved to Washington, D.C., as a legislative assistant to then-Sen. William Proxmire of Wisconsin.

He subsequently worked on a series of national political campaigns, including the presidential runs of New York Sen. Robert Kennedy in 1968, Maine Sen. Edmund Muskie in 1972, and Rep. Morris Udall of Arizona in 1976.

University of Notre Dame Commencement Speakers

- 1992 George Bush
President of the U.S.
- 1993 Tom Brokaw
Network Journalist
- 1994 Albert Reynolds
Prime Minister of Ireland
- 1995 Condoleezza Rice
Provost at Stanford
- 1996 Mary Ann Glendon
Harvard Law Professor
- 1997 Mark Shields
Syndicated columnist and political analyst

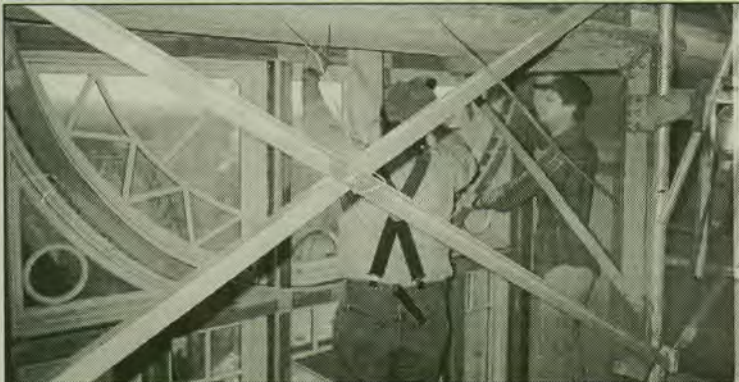
The Observer/Jon King

■ CONSTRUCTION BEAT



The Observer/Michelle Krupa

Workers from Christman Construction Co. have been at work for six weeks renovating the interior surfaces of the dome. Using careful techniques, they will restore the 100 year old murals to have an enhanced appearance without destroying any of the original work. Construction on the building is scheduled to be completed in the year 2000. In addition to work on the dome, a great deal of internal renovation will take place.



Crew takes on dome interior

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

Although the Main Building has shed its pelt of scaffolding after having its exterior renovated last year, construction on this facility is far from over. For the past six weeks, crews have been working to refurbish the aesthetics of the interior of the building's dome.

"We don't want to eradicate any of the old artwork," said Michael Smith, director of facilities engineering. "We just want to enhance it and allow for the original work to be preserved."

Preservation is a thread that winds through the entire project of rotunda and dome restoration, according to Chuck Dwyer, artist foreman for Conrad Schmitt Studios. "We are putting back everything that used to be here.

Before we started, everything was really dirty, so we're cleaning it all and making it new again," Dwyer said.

The artwork being purified was designed for the University nearly 100 years ago by Luigi Gregori, a Vatican muralist, artist in residence, and art professor at Notre Dame. Because of the age and significance of the work, much care must be taken in its upkeep.

The year-long project began six weeks ago when workers from the Christman Construction Co. and Conrad Schmitt documented all the original art in the work area for preservation purposes.

Since the inside of the dome is lined with tin with a sand finish, it needed to be vacuumed to filter dust. A barrier finish was therefore applied, in order to consolidate any fading

paint and protect the original work. Now, any touch-up work can be done without detriment to Gregori's original murals.

"They are very crude paintings [on the dome's ceiling] because when you're looking at them from a few hundred feet away, they really don't need to be that detailed," Dwyer said. "But we're doing some touch-up painting."

In addition to the murals themselves, work is being done on the "trompe l'oeil murals," those painted on the walls that give the appearance of being 3-D but are in fact two dimensional. They will be covered with a fiberglass adhesive, repainted, and protected with a reversible varnish so as to allow for the future re-exposure of the orig-

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Lipset: Democracy results in equality

By CHRIS SHIPLEY
News Writer

Sociologist Seymour Lipset compared the history and state of the fledgling democracies in many Latin American countries to the state of American democracy yesterday.

Lipset's lecture, held Thursday afternoon at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium for an audience of teachers

and students, was titled "The Development of Democracy in the Americas: Latin America and Anglophone America."

The George Mason University professor is well known throughout his field for analyzing and contrasting the states of different countries. Lipset, who has taught at Columbia, Harvard, and Stanford Universities, was involved in a number of organizations that, at one point, attempted to create a University of the Americas in Costa Rica.

"A person who knows only one country knows no countries," Lipset said, stressing the advantages one can get from comparing two or more nations.

Lipset then related to his audience the striking discontinuities in annual income, living style and educational standards between the United States, Canada and the countries of Latin America. According to Lipset, Canada remains the best comparison to American politics in the Western Hemisphere.

Lipset focused the remainder of his talk on the differences between Americanism, the ide-

ologies and influence of citizens of the United States on their neighbors to the north and south, and the general sentiments of the rest of the American states.

He attributed the economic and social gaps between Latin America and the United States to the varying social conditions

which have fostered democracy in these countries.

Over the course of his speech, Lipset made

it clear that the United States has led the Western Hemisphere in industrialization, technological advances, and education. He referred to this notion as "American exceptionalism."

Lipset's idea of "American exceptionalism" was reinforced by his references to the United States' long record of egalitarianism, the unique character of American religion, and its ability to fend off the influence of communism.

"Karl Marx would be bedeviled by the existence of democracy in the U.S.," Lipset told the audience.

The British advantage that some Latin American countries enjoyed has allowed them to emerge from the post colonial era with freedom of speech and assembly in addition to an electoral democracy similar to that of the United States and Great Britain. The ability of these countries to avoid a sharp break with the governing political system has ensured their immediate success in the global

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This is the last edition of The Observer until Tuesday, March 18. Have a safe and happy spring break!

■ INSIDE COLUMN

Liberal Arts vs. the real world

The search for
summer employment
continues...

Mary Beth Ellis
Accent Copy Editor

- 1) *Name:*
Mary Beth Ellis
- 2) *Sex:*
Yeah, right.
- 3) *Measurements:*
750 on SAT verbal, 3.7 GPA, 19 credit hours.
- 4) *Academic institution:*
Saint Mary's College
- 5) *Looking for a husband, huh?*
Yes. The only reason I am attending a women's college in a town which boasts an actual establishment named "Mr. Moo's Udder Place" is to get me a man.
- 6) *Major(s):*
English writing, political science.
- 7) *And you actually expect to find a job after graduation?*
That's my plan.
- 8) *You poor disillusioned child.*
Position applying for:
Anything not involving a drive-through window.
- 9) *My dear, you're spending your undergraduate years absorbing large quantities of Shakespeare and memorizing the powers of the secretary of agriculture. Your entire livelihood is going to involve a drive-through window.*
At least I won't have to add.
- 10) *Hair color:*
Blonde.
- 11) *Is it natural?*
Can't you tell?
- 12) *Have you applied to other companies for employment?*

I applied for an internship with The South Bend Tribune, which did not hire me, but sent me a lovely parting gift in the form of a personal letter reading approximately as follows: "Dear Applicant, We appreciate your interest. Unfortunately, we have received a great many applications and think yours sucks in particular. Have a great summer."

- 13) *At least you're not bitter.*
Not at all.
- 14) *Number of hours it took you to set up voice mail, Saint Mary's new technological wonder courtesy of Satan:*
Four hours.
- 15) *Number of hours it took someone calling you from Notre Dame to figure out how to leave a message on this new technological wonder:*
Eight hours.

Please read and sign the following: I understand that, if hired, I will spend the entire summer performing menial tasks having absolutely nothing to do with my major for little to no pay, only to turn over what I do make to the bookstore in the fall, in order to purchase a single used copy of "The Pearl."

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Vehicle with missing students, graduate found in river

WINONA, Minn. For five days, no one knew what happened to a group of friends from Saint Mary's University who vanished after leaving a nearby tavern.

Then they learned the tragic answer.

Several hundred people, including relatives of the five, gathered Wednesday afternoon along the Mississippi River as a tow truck pulled a Nissan Pathfinder from the clear, frigid water.

Four of the five friends — three students and two graduates of the university — were inside. Two Labrador retrievers also died in an animal carrier attached to the roof.

"This is a terrible loss for our school," said Diane Schneider, a professor at the private, four-year Roman Catholic university of 1,300 stu-



AP/Carl Fox

dents. "It's a close-knit community. That's one thing that draws students here."

Classmates, professors, sorority sisters and relatives had hoped the five had gone on a spur-of-the-moment road trip when they disappeared early Saturday.

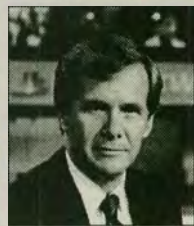
But no one answered the pager or cellular phone they had with them. The phone's signal eventually faded away.

Searchers scoured ravines and bluffs, woods and waters around Winona, a city of 25,000 about 118 miles southeast of Minneapolis in the rugged, rocky country along the Mississippi.

On Wednesday, a marina owner cruising the river in an airboat spotted tire tracks leading down a river embankment.

Rather: Brokaw going 'soft'

NEW YORK



Are two of television's golden voices at each other's throats? There's an unusual feud brewing between two titans of TV news. CBS News anchorman Dan Rather criticized NBC's new top-rated nightly news program for "going softer" on the news. That angered NBC's Tom Brokaw, who mocked Rather as "Mr. Hard News." Brokaw has been riding high the past two months as "NBC Nightly News" overtook long-time leader ABC in the ratings. Yet NBC's decision to run fewer and longer stories, with more on lifestyle issues, has drawn fire. Rather, whose broadcast is stuck in third place, says the "CBS Evening News" wants to set itself apart from its two rivals as "anti-news lite." "Like a rock, we are hard news," Rather told the Philadelphia Inquirer. "I like it that the other two are going softer. We have to distinguish ourselves from them. ... 'CBS Evening News' is a brand name. We want that name to constantly be a beacon of real hard news. 'News lite' is not our game." Brokaw defends his broadcast, saying it contains substantive reporting even if it doesn't meet Rather's definition of hard news.

Swiss support Holocaust survivors

GENEVA

Swiss companies are contributing \$46 million to a fund set up by banks to aid victims of the Holocaust, the Swiss federation of industries said Thursday. The donation means there is now \$188 million in the fund begun by the three largest Swiss banks a month ago under pressure from Jewish organizations. That money is in addition to a Swiss government plan announced Wednesday for a \$5 billion fund to aid victims of the Holocaust and other genocides or disasters. The banks set up the humanitarian fund to help impoverished Jews, Gypsies and other Holocaust victims while investigations continue into the banks' handling of the assets of people murdered by the Nazis. Jewish organizations claim the banks owe the heirs of Nazi victims up to \$7 billion in assets and interest that went unclaimed after the war. The banks claim it is much less. In 1962, they gave 9.5 million Swiss francs (now about \$7 million) to Jewish charities as a settlement, but subsequently have conceded that may not have been enough. An international panel headed by former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker is looking for any missing assets.

Sri Lankan rebels renew attack

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka

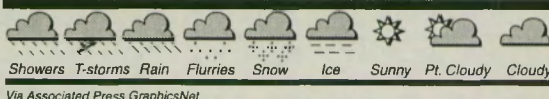
Tamil Tiger rebels broke a two-month lull in Sri Lanka's civil war by raiding an army base and an air field in coordinated, pre-dawn attacks Thursday that left 213 people dead. The guerrillas overran the base at Vavunativu about 1:45 a.m., but later withdrew under a withering strafing from helicopter gunships. The attack on the China Bay air base, which took place the same time 50 miles away, was repulsed hours later with the help of reinforcements, the military said. Four rebels with explosives strapped to their bodies were shot dead before they could detonate the bombs inside the base, said military spokesman Maj. D. Ranawaka. Another 160 guerrillas and 48 soldiers died in fighting at the base, and an airman was killed and a plane destroyed at the air field. The attacks were the heaviest since Jan. 9, when 223 soldiers and 350 guerrillas were killed in an unsuccessful rebel onslaught on a northern military base. The rebels are fighting for a homeland for minority Tamils, who account for 18 percent of Sri Lanka's 18 million people. They accuse the Sinhalese majority of discrimination. More than 48,000 people have been killed in the 13-year-old war.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

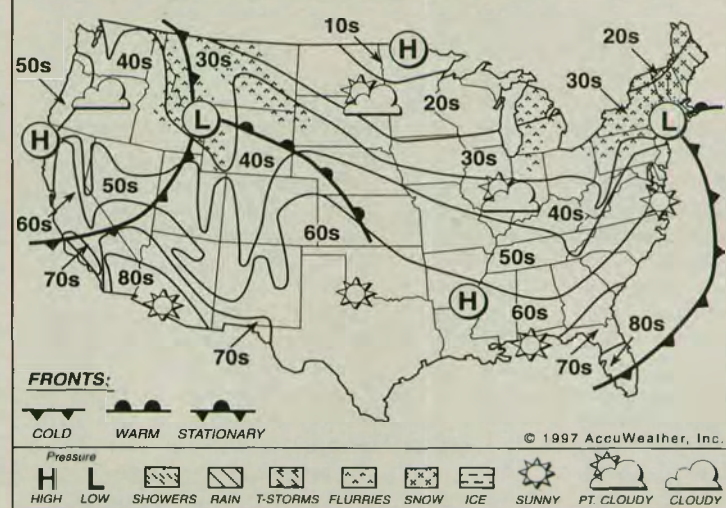
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Tuesday		42	26



Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, March 6.
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Chicago	48	29	Los Angeles	71	54	Seattle	46	40
Dallas	67	43	Memphis	67	48	Washington	53	33

GOP unveils House priorities

By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Two months after the opening gavel fell on the congressional session, majority Republicans in the House today unveiled a list of legislative priorities ranging from a balanced budget and tax relief to fuller disclosure of campaign contributions.



Gingrich

"We believe these initiatives will bring lasting, tangible benefits," House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., told a news conference announcing the 13-point list.

Gingrich and other top GOP leaders sought to counter suggestions that the current GOP-led Congress was off to a slow start. But he ducked out after only a few words, avoiding questions.

With Gingrich continuing to maintain the low profile he has shown since being reprimanded by the House in January for ethical misdeeds, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, was asked who was running the House.

"The speaker is running the House. The speaker is the speaker," he asserted.

Armey would not answer a question on how long it would take Gingrich to decide how to pay a \$300,000 penalty imposed by the House.

During his brief remarks, Gingrich said it was unfair to compare this year's pace with that of the beginning of the last Congress, when the House was on a 100-day blitz to pass its "Contract with America."

That was the initiative-laden agenda of a minority that suddenly found itself in power, he said, while the current agenda — containing many warmed-over GOP proposals that did not pass in the last Congress — was "the commitment of a legislative majority to two years of

work."

"That distinction is very important," Gingrich said.

The original list of items being pushed by Republicans was 12. The new one is designed to "ensure the integrity of American elections," an outgrowth of the current turmoil over Democratic fund raising in the last election.

The list of priorities also included improved access to health care, fighting gang violence and drugs, and reduced government regulation of business.

Topping the list was balancing the federal budget, including enactment of a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. That measure is stalled in committee in the House and was defeated in the Senate on Tuesday by a single vote.

The development of legislative priorities comes at a time when some GOP lawmakers are grumbling that their own leadership has failed to produce an agenda for the Congress that convened in January.

SMC art department to sponsor workshops

Special to The Observer

The art department of Saint Mary's College will sponsor residential summer workshops in fibers, ceramics, sculpture and field biology as part of the 1997 Redbud Summer Workshops.

The workshops, held from May 19 to 31, take place at Camp Millhouse, located 10 miles southwest of South Bend. Students must be 18 years of age or older to register.

Students need not be registered at Saint Mary's College. Credits are, in most cases, transferable to other institutions.

Students select one of four areas to study. Intensive two-week workshops in each of the areas will be taught by the following professors: Sherry Giryotas (fibers: paper making), Gundega Penikis (ceramics), K. Johnson Bowles (sculpture: box transformations), and Doris Watt (field biology). Bowles, director of the College art galleries and an instructor at Saint Mary's College, is the coordinator for the workshops.

Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. daily with an additional six hours of lecture/discussion during evening hours.

Students also participate in at least one field trip to the

Michigan Dunes. Students, faculty and coordinators reside at the camp for the entire two-week period.

Students receive a total of three college credits for the sessions. The cost of \$850 includes room, board, tuition and transportation between Saint Mary's College and Camp Millhouse.

All workshops have an additional lab fee ranging from \$30 to \$40.

Enrollment for each class will be limited to 10 students. The only requirement for acceptance into a course is availability of space. These courses are not exclusively for art majors; no course requires prerequisites.

The Redbud summer workshops offer students an opportunity to broaden their understanding of the concept of nature in relation to work in a chosen area.

All workshops are structured to provide maximum use of and exposure to the immediate natural environment.

Registration materials may be obtained by calling the Saint Mary's College art department at (219) 284-4655 or (219) 284-4631.

The registration deadline is April 30 with a special deadline of April 1 for those students applying for financial aid.

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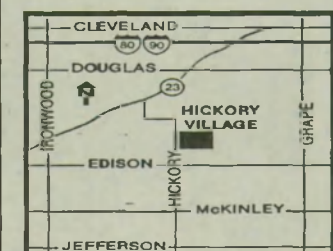
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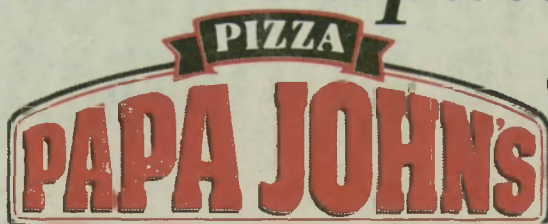
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Dome

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inal work. New 23 carat gold leafing is also being added to detail the walls.

Many of the buildings windows, including the "monumental windows" on the walls of the dome, were replaced during the exterior construction and are being cleaned again during this project. Lighting is also being installed to allow for viewing through the building.

Paula Carlaccini, project manager for facilities engineering, commented, "We can all remember not being able to see through the dome when driving down Notre Dame Ave. because of the grime."

"Now, with the new windows and lights, it should be quite clear," she said.

The project is only one part of the dome's planned \$50 million renovation, which will last until the year 2000. The work will include electrical and duct maintenance, painting, and wall demolition and reorganization of space.

Lipset

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break with the governing political system has ensured their immediate success in the global order.

"People do prefer democracy, and have the need to participate in the political system," Lipset said.

As the lecture progressed, the Columbia graduate warned that the international system must be aware of the statist approach to politics that many Latin American governments are taking. While Latin America is now more economically, industrially, and politically stable, corruption could soon become a looming problem which will need to be dealt with.

"The fact that statism remains a strong view in Latin America doesn't mean the pivoting of democracy in those states," he said.

In conclusion, Lipset highlighted the growing degree of individualism in the states of Central and Latin America.



The Observer/Megan Welsh
Seymour Lipset spoke about the Latin American political arena.

He also talked about the dangerous role that the military can play in the Latin American political arena.

"When you have a legitimate system, you expect the military to follow the orders of that system," Lipset said. "With weak legitimacy, you will never have that."

The lecture was sponsored by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series on Democracy and Development.

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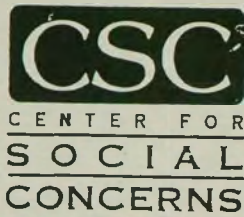
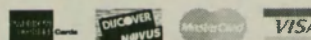
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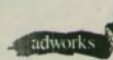
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■ CAPITOL COMMENTS

Surfing the Internet uncovers many Notre Dame surprises

Andy Rooney would have been proud of me last night. I asked myself, "I wonder what I can find on the Internet by typing 'Notre Dame' in my search?" After thousands of listings were compiled, only one-tenth of them were considered for my project. The content is stranger than fiction, as only the real world can create.

Gary Caruso



Listings generally fell into three categories: Notre Dame students or alumni, high school students (some from Notre Dame High Schools) and Notre Dame haters. Students tended to love sports, sex, beer and partying while quoting various campus slogans. Many students loved everything ND or characterized the university as "the greatest."

A random sampling of most students' AOL screen names included some reference to ND. They were: Domer98, NDforever, G MAN UND, ND1996, ND MBA 97, NDarkiTek, Dame Notre, IRISH61, NDPeter614, HWatND and GoNdn95.

Others contained names that were either cute or sassy, such as: BigDog Jay, MShmooz, TetraLover, Airlite, XRayRJ, Polaks, Duchesses, Chapps2, and Mad Dogg. Chapps2 and I share the same birthday (Feb. 23). Some of the others only share a good laugh or a disgusting comment, depending on the reader's values and sense of humor.

Mad Dogg's hobbies are: "Everything. Football, Notre Dame, Parties. Being and doing friends. Quote: I like living an alternative life. I am as I feel. I'll try everything once."

One of the screen names above wanted "sex with hot dudes. Occupation: stu-

dent/sex slave. Quote: I am 21, 5'11", 160 lbs, 32 waist, 42 chest, tight bod, very preppy, brwn/blu. . . for you. . ."

The MBA student's quote was, "Our relationship was fast & furious. I was fast, she was furious."

Some mostly had sex on their minds. "Occupation: STUDENT, send me sex!!!" Quote: "LIVE LIFE TO IT'S FULLEST IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE!" or "Hobbies: COMPUTERS AND WOMEN. Occupation: STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME. Quote: SHEEEEE!"

Typically, male students mentioned females, many under the hobbies section. For example, "Hobbies: Music, Sports, Girls, Sports, Girls. GO GIANTS!, 49ers!, GO NOTRE DAME! Occupation: Student. Quote: 'uh...I dunno?'"

Another student also listed women as a hobby. "Hobbies: kickin it w/friends, taking care of the ladies. Occupation: Student — University of Notre Dame. Quote: It's all good."

While diversity certainly abounded throughout the sampling, anything ND seemed acceptable. One listed his hobbies as "Computer games, cycling, college football, partying, flirting" while another listed "PARTIES!!! and mountain biking, frisbee, Notre Dame everything!!!!"

Or, "Hobbies: Hockey (ice & roller), traveling, anything cool. Occupation: Student & Band Manager (X-Ray Roger Jimmy). Quote: 'I was on it yesterday!'" And, a female student listed "Computers: I love to party!!!!!! Hobbies: Water Skiing, Modeling, Nine Inch Nails and The Grateful Dead. Quote: LOVE THE LIFE YOU LIVE, LIVE THE LIFE YOU LOVE!!!!"

Some (students and alumni) had varied hobbies but felt obligated to quote the fight song or football slogans, "Hobbies: fishing, writing, reading, Notre Dame football. Occupation: writer. Quote: Cheer Cheer for old Notre Dame."

Or, "Hobbies: football, Fishing, water skiing, outdoor activities, moonlit walks on the beach. Occupation: student — University of Notre Dame. Quote: 'Play

Like a Champion Today!'"

A Saint Mary's alumnae lists, "Hobbies: Running/fitness, water sports, Notre Dame Football/Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College Alumni Activities. Occupation: Financial Counselor, Tall. Hospital; Grad. Student, Economics, FSU. Quote: 'God Made the Irish Number One!'"

One female lists her profile as "Hobbies: playing tennis, swimming, SINGING IN THE SHOWER. Occupation: student at Notre Dame. Quote: 'Live each day as though it were your last.'"

Several students were romantic, sophisticated or quite academic. Domer98 lists her screen name as "little miss magic" with "Hobbies: boats, beaches, bars, and ballads, quietly making noise, and wasting away in Margaritaville. Occupation: Notre Dame Philosophy Major. Quote: 'If we weren't all crazy, we would go insane.' — Jimmy Buffett."

Female students included more academic interests in their lists, "Hobbies: Lacrosse, good literature, and classical music." However, women on campus seemed diverse and tough. For example, one lists, "Hobbies: rugby, basketball, crew, animals, boating, and pathology. Occupation: Notre Dame student and aspiring to attend USCGA. Quote: Every day we live is one day closer to death."

Fantasy speckled many profiles, none more visible than the one for "Kuazi Modo" from "Le Cathedral de la Notre Dame (in the bell tower) Paris, France with a Birthdate: circa 1756, Sex: Male, Marital Status: Single, Hobbies: Ringing bells, watching people, hiding out, admiring inner beauty." His Occupation: "Bell-Ringer, Cathedral handy-man and protector of truth and beauty from evil. Quote: 'Sanctuary!'"

"Catholic stuff" did not appear often in the listings. The only one found in the sample had "Hobbies: Reading (history, philosophy, Catholic stuff) Writing, Fantasy Football. Occupation: Marketing Program Coordinator (automotive), MBA Student, Notre Dame Fan. Quote: Ideas have consequences."

Notre Dame football, on the other hand, ranked high with many. A public relations associate for Earle Palmer Brown lists "Travel, Notre Dame football, reading, writing." An Electronics Executive notes "Notre Dame, golf, NOTRE DAME ALUMNI THINGS."

One listing was shared by husband and wife, Tim and Cindi. "Hobbies: TIM LOVES GOLF AND NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL, CINDI LOVES COOKING. Occupation: TIM IS A SALES MANAGER, CINDI IS A STUDENT. Quote: GO IRISH!"

Hate pervaded the Internet search. Some ND fans hated other schools: "E-mail me if you wish to join the anti-Boston College football club!" Others hated ND, "Alabama football, Watching Notre Dame and the Cowboys get beat" or "Hobbies: Sports (watching and playing), video games, roller coasters, rooting for Purdue and whoever plays Indiana & Notre Dame."

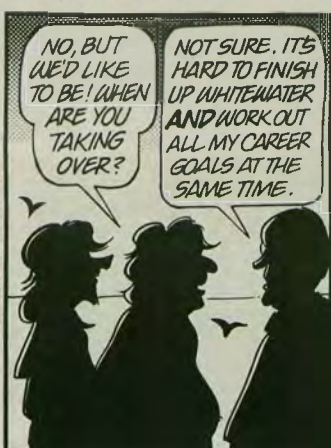
Of course one ND student could have replied nicely to the last ND hater with this profile, "Hobbies: Football, Golf, Fishing, Watching Notre Dame Football, Watching Letterman. Quote: When you like Notre Dame, everything else is just Purdue."

Naturally, ND students liked other teams too. G-Man lists "Hobbies: Sports (Minnesota Vikings and Notre Dame)." However, more importantly, he and a fellow female student who lists herself as "Hobbies: European History, Star Trek. Occupation: overworked student" seem to sum up this exercise in their quotes. Quote: "G-MAN NEVER BLUFFS. 'If you ain't the lead dog, the scenery never changes,'" and "Never eat more than you can lift." — Miss Piggy."

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■ DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What's drinking? A mere pause from thinking."

—Lord Byron

Flags of the gods

By ELENA MILLNER
Accent Writer

Drums beat. Bared arms and legs flail wildly in rhythm to a ritual chant, the voices rising up into the night sky with the black smoke from a centralized fire, fueled by sacrificial offerings. An old, wrinkled man sits cross-legged, his eyes fixated on the blazing flames while his hands mechanically stab a small cloth doll repeatedly. Five hundred miles away, an innocent victim, with features mirroring the doll, writhes in pain from numerous, invisible stabbings.

Ah yes, a realistic glimpse into the world of vodou.

At one time or another, we all have probably witnessed this Hollywood depiction of vodou. It has long been viewed as a form of evil magic. In reality, it is an established religion with a long history and strong following.

"It is a religion to help people," said Doug Bradley, curator of the Arts of the Americas, Africa and Oceania at the Snite Museum of Art.

The people of the Vodou religion communicate with their loas (gods) through a hougon (priest) or mambo (priestess) in order to ask for protection, advice, love, strength, or any other aspect of their lives.

In the rotunda of the Main Building, the Snite Museum of Art has displayed various flags of the Vodou religion which portray symbols, images and pictures that represent various loas. Each loa has a veve (symbol), which is found on a particular flag, specifically dedicated to the deity. Clotaire Bazille and Antoine are the two featured artists. They were both priests of the Vodou religion and made their flags between 1960 and 1970 — the high point of Vodou flag-making in this century.

Layers of cloth, such as burlap with a satin, overlay compose the make-up of the flag. There is usually some sort of cotton backing to give it rigidity. The cloth is stretched out on a quilting frame, where each individual sequin is sewn on by hand to design the symbols and images relevant to the loa to which the flag is dedicated.

This painstakingly long process results in an intricate design that contains unbelievable detail. It is difficult to do the pieces justice with words, for the beauty and originality of each of the flags can



only be appreciated through personal inspection.

After looking at a flag as a whole, look closely at the countless individual sequins that compose it (press your nose against the glass if necessary). If you take nothing else from this exhibit, it'll give you an opportunity to see the virtue of patience manifested in each handsewn sequin.

"The purpose of exhibits such as these in the rotunda," stated Bradley, "is to highlight the artistic accomplishments of those who come from wide, diverse, ethnic backgrounds. Notre Dame has been known as a predominantly white, Catholic institution for 150 years. The University wants all students to feel welcome from all backgrounds. The rotunda, being the interior area of the Dome, is the symbolic heart of the University. Much activity takes place and many decisions are made in this building, so it is a wonderful place to display such pieces of artwork."

It was fascinating to examine each flag and figure out the story or message behind each symbol and image. A four-armed cross represents the loa, Legba Atibon, lord of the Crossroads, and can be found on almost every flag, regardless of the main loa the individual flag represents. In order for humans to contact the

spiritual world, all communications must go through Legba. In ceremonies, Legba is addressed first and last.

"However, Legba is a trickster," said Bradley. "He is demanding and stern. You don't take him lightly. If your supplication doesn't work, you're probably not paying close enough attention to Legba."

When asked if Legba was the loa you would least like to meet in a dark alley, Bradley immediately pointed out the flag of Baron Samedi in response. Samedi (Bat Man) — you'll know it by the huge red wings — watches over the land of the dead and is the one loa who will "kill at will." If someone is abusing the power of vodou by requesting evil to come upon an enemy in worship, Samedi may turn the evil back around on him or her. This is an effective and rather efficient way to keep corruption in check.

The Vodou religion believes in the God of Christianity. However, the Christian deity is perceived to be so remote and distant that it does not affect everyday life and, therefore, is to be dealt with after death. Worshipers concentrate on improving the quality of life, so requests go to the specific loas of the Vodou religion. Emphasis is put on paying the debts to the deities here and now that affect day-to-day life and are ever present.

In admiring each of the flags, one sees veves of more than one loa present on a flag. Usually the main loa's veve or image is the focus, with other images strategically placed in the background. Twin snakes which represent Damballah, the god of fertility; an anchor to symbolize the Agoue Royo, the lord of the sea; and the brazier, sword and serpent which represent Brise, the chief of the forests and cultivator of fruit trees, are some of the common symbols one will see present in these flags.

This exhibit in the rotunda began in February and will continue until March 17. After that, the flags will be displayed two at a time on a rotating basis in the Snite. This flag collection is on loan from Peter David Joralemon.

After learning about the true history and culture of the Vodou religion, one has to laugh at the ignorance of the sacrificial chanting fireside ritual scene that has been the predominant popular paradigm, especially in American culture. It is interesting to see Vodou as a legitimate religion striving to help its believers in a positive way.

And unless you've seen the flag of Samedi, don't be so quick to dismiss the power of that loa.

■ SPRING BREAK WEATHER

We, at Accent, know that you, out there, may have picked up today's Observer on your way to the airport or your car. Or you may be around until tonight or tomorrow before heading off to a warmer latitude. We've even considered the thrill seekers who have chosen to careen down mountain-sides at speeds exceeding the limits in most states.

As a free service to our faithful readers, we have spent countless minutes finding the first web site we came across to give us weather reports of some of the more popular destinations this spring break. Below you may find the forecast for your destination. Or you may not. Hey, we don't know where everyone is going. Hopefully this humble little column will get you started on your first, last or best spring break ever.

TEXAS

Saturday — cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs near 70. Sunday — cloudy with a chance of rain and thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s. Monday — mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain and thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s. Tuesday — mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain and thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Saturday — fair. Highs 60s-70s. Sunday and Monday — Fair, highs in the upper 60s on the coast. Tuesday — Cooler, breezy afternoon. Highs 60s to 70s.

SAN JUAN AND VICINITY

Saturday — partly cloudy, chance of morning showers. High 80-85.

HAWAII

Friday — mostly sunny with a few morning showers. Highs 80-85. Saturday and Sunday — partly cloudy with a few showers. Highs 80-85. Monday — increasing clouds, highs near 80.

COLORADO

Saturday — chance of snow northern and central mountains in the morning. Highs 40s to 50s; mostly 30s in the mountains. Sunday through Tuesday — fair and dry; lows 5-20 in the mountains, highs 50s to 60s.

CENTRAL FLORIDA

Saturday — partly cloudy and mild. Highs mid-70s on the east coast, near 80 interior and west. Sunday — partly cloudy, highs upper 70s to 80s. Monday — increasing clouds, highs near 80. Tuesday — cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s.

SOUTH FLORIDA AND KEYS

Saturday — partly cloudy with highs in the lower 80s. Sunday — partly cloudy, highs in the lower 80s. Monday — partly cloudy, highs in lower 80s. Tuesday — increasing clouds, chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s.

LONDON

Saturday — partly cloudy, high near 60. Sunday — fair, high 60.

ROME

Saturday — partly cloudy, high 64. Sunday — cloudy, high 64.

JAMAICA

Saturday — cloudy, high 86. Sunday — showers, high 86.

ACAPULCO

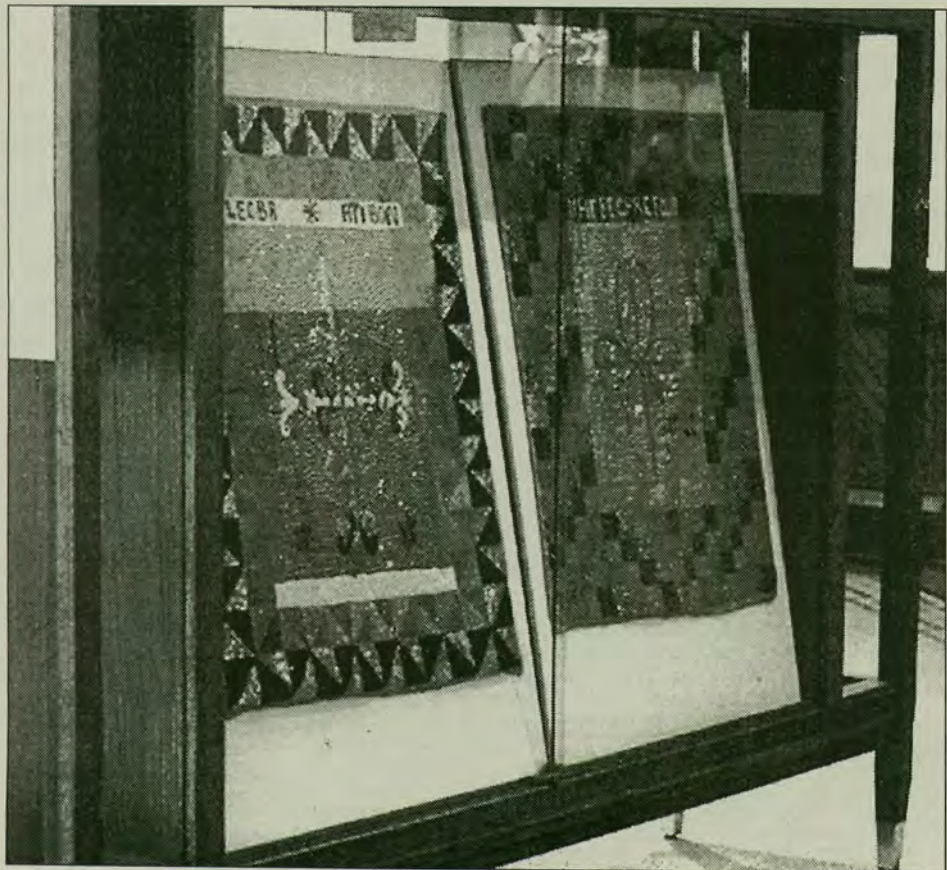
Saturday — partly cloudy, high 89. Sunday — fair, high 89.

BERMUDA

Saturday — partly cloudy, high 73. Sunday — fair, high 76.

BAHAMAS

Saturday — partly cloudy, high 86. Sunday — hot and humid, high 87.



THE BIG EAST 1997 Men's Tournament

(8) Syracuse (18-11, 9-9)			
11:00 am ESPN	(8) Syracuse		
(9) Notre Dame (14-12, 8-10)	Noon espn2	(1) Villanova	
	(1) Villanova (21-8, 12-6)		
(4) Providence (19-10, 10-8)		7:00 pm ESPN	
1:00 pm ESPN	(4) Providence		
(13) Rutgers (11-15, 5-13)			
(5) West Virginia (18-8, 11-7)	2:00 pm ESPN	(4) Providence	
3:30 pm ESPN	(5) West Virginia		
(12) Seton Hall (10-17, 5-13)		8:00 pm ESPN	
(2) Georgetown (19-8, 11-7)			
(7) Miami (15-11, 9-9)	7:00 pm ESPN		
7:30 pm espn2	(7) Miami		
(10) St. John's (13-13, 8-10)		9:00 pm ESPN	
(6) Pittsburgh (16-13, 10-8)			
9:30 pm espn2	(6) Pittsburgh		
(11) Connecticut (14-13, 7-11)	9:00 pm ESPN		
	(3) Boston College (18-8, 12-6)		
First Round		Quarterfinals	
Wednesday, March 5		Thursday, March 6	
		Semifinals	
		Friday, March 7	
		Championship	
		Saturday, March 8	

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The Observer/Rob Finch

Sheila McMillen will need to continue to provide a spark from the bench with her sharpshooting as tournament time is upon the Irish.

Madness

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ment."

Three of the squads' losses came at the hands of the Volunteers and Huskies, two perennial powerhouses. The remainder of the losses came out of conference. The Irish did not fair well when they traveled into Big Ten country as they lost to Purdue, Wisconsin, and Ohio State.

The team has been as close to perfect as they can be with the Huskies on their schedule as they have won 17 of their last 19 with the two losses coming at Gampel Pavilion in Connecticut.

But those contests against the Huskies may be the most valuable when the Madness begins.

"Playing at Connecticut and a team like Connecticut has to have an advantage going into the NCAAs," Owens said. "We've played the best team that is out there and we played right with them. Going into the tournament we don't see any-

body being as good as them."

"I think playing the best team in the country was a great experience for preparing us for the tournament," Morgan said.

Many times during the course of the year the supporting cast of seniors Jeannine Augustin and Rosanne Bohman, perimeter players junior Mollie Peirick and sophomore Sheila McMillen, and freshman post player Julie Henderson have stepped up their games when opponents focus on the stars, Morgan and Gaither.

Besides having a solid all-around squad, McGraw and her staff also have the pleasure of working with a senior laden squad that knows that each game from here on out could be its last.

"The seniors know that this is it for them," Owens said. "So they will be going all out and I know we'll be getting a 110 percent from them."

For the team that has already accomplished more than any other in the history of the program, the Madness is just about to begin this Sunday with the selection show.

Classifieds

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 314 LaFortune and from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 309 Haggard College Center. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 2 cents per character per day, including all spaces.

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—Holly

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Mike Day. That's really all anyone needs to say about life.

Seventeen years ago yesterday, the wonderful Erin Kennedy was bought by her parents from a pack of delirious gypsies

"Have you ever been so alone you spend the night confusing a man in a coma?"

HA! I beat you! I'm done for the week! Shout out to VIRGINIA, mulva (you owe me!) and of course all of 3A. Why your finding 40, I'm slaving, but hey, who's got the love? -Wiskey Tango King

Brad thank you for wearing socks



The Observer/Mike Ruma
Junior Allen Rossum will change out of his pads and helmet to compete at the at the NCAA championships in the 55-meter sprint.

Track

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"Dominique's time is fifth or sixth in the country so she has a really good shot at making the finals," said Connolly.

This year's contingent that will be attending the NCAA's is a far stronger team than last years. The Irish sent only three participants last season, and only Hojnacki will be returning.

Aside from numbers, the runners also are stronger than last year.

The distance team of Calloway and Hojnacki have posted times that are among the best in the country so far this season.

If these tracksters do as well as expected, the weekend in Indianapolis could be more enjoyable than the sunny locations of Florida, Texas, or Mexico where their schoolmates will be.

Men's GOLF

Golf squad opens spring season

Irish will need depth to pave way to success

By GENE BRTALIK
Sports Writer

While many of the students prepare to go home for spring break, the Notre Dame Men's Golf Team will be spending their break along the sunny shores of Florida.

The men's team will begin their spring season six months after winning their second consecutive Big East championship. Unlike their female counterparts, the men's team is dependent on all the members playing well.

The team is led by senior co-captain Joel Hepler. Hepler has been a four-year member of the team, and was a key component to the team's capturing their first Big East championship.

During the fall, he led the team to a tenth place finish

(out of 24 teams) by finishing 23rd at the Falcon Cross-Creek Invitational with a stroke average of 74.7. Joel and fellow co-captain Brian Donohue will be looked upon by Coach George Thomas to provide leadership.

Donohue is another four-year member of the team looking to help the team make the NCAA tournament. Throughout the fall, Donohue consistently finished as the number two golfer for the Irish.

His 77 on the par 71 Olympic Club Lake Course (site of 1998 U.S. Open Golf Tournament) enabled the men's team to capture 14th place at the prestigious San Francisco Invitational last fall.

The golfer that impressed people in the fall was sophomore Brad Hardin.

Hardin established himself as a top-notch golfer by shooting a 71 in the final round of the campus championship, and won the championship ahead after Donohue with a stroke average of 73.8. Hardin's second place finish at the Big East Championships in Maryland enabled the Irish to keep their first round lead over the competition, especially Seton Hall and Georgetown, enabling them to win the title again.

Hardin also led all Notre Dame golfers with a stroke

average of 76.7.

Two juniors, Bryan Weeks and Brad Stanis, also contributed to the Irish cause this fall and will be looked upon this spring as well.

Weeks and Stanis both had stroke averages of 77 in the fall, and with Weeks finishing first for the Irish it contributed to the team's respectable finish at the San Francisco Invitational.

Stanis' stroke average of 78 at the Butler Invitational vaulted the Irish to fifth place out of 17 teams. Both will be looked upon next year with the dismissal of Hepler and Donohue.

The newcomers for the team are freshman Jeff Connell and Todd Vernon. Both were impressive in their debuts, especially Vernon. Vernon finished thirteenth at the Butler Invitational, finishing first for the team.

His opening round of 75 led the team during the opening round. Over the next three years, Connell and Vernon will be the future, and Coach Thomas will expect them to step up an establish themselves by the time they become seniors.

After spending spring break in Florida, the Irish will travel around Indiana, to Kentucky, and finally Ohio to face tough competition around the country.

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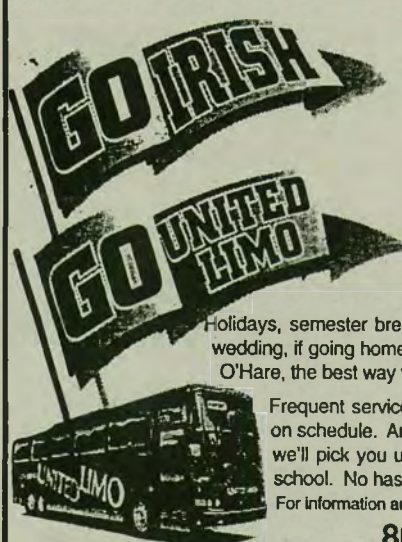
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Fencing

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petition to individual will have positive effects on some, while others may have difficulty not having cheers from the sideline.

"It should prove interesting who will react well to the different format. Some tend to do better as a team, while others like to compete individually," said head coach Yves Auriol.

In order to make a solid run at the championships, ten fencers in the five events will need to qualify. Similar to the regular season, the team will need to depend not upon their stars, but upon the second-tier fencers.

One of those members who will need to step up will be junior epee captain Anne Hoos. Hoos and fellow epeeist Nicole Mustelli will be battling to fill the role of second fencer behind probable top qualifier freshman epeeist Magda Krol.

"When you compare Nicole and I, we are neck and neck. I don't think this one tournament will be able to determine which one of us is better, either," said Hoos. "Both of us are great competitors, and I'm sure whoever qualifies will do a great job."

A similar difficulty occurs in the men's epee. Junior epeeist C.J. Jackson has the inside track to qualify, but junior epeeist Brian Stone and senior epeeist Brice Dille will be competing to fill the final spot.

"C.J. and I have been close ever since fencing in high school, so it just feels natural to compete with him. But Brice has been here a long time and put in his dues. It would be really nice if all three of us ended up in the final to determine who goes on," said Stone.

So though the stars of the team will be leaders in the competition, it will be the depth that will determine whether the 1997 fencing squad has a destiny with victory.

SWIMMING

Swimmers hope to make splash at NCAAs



Courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information
Senior Erin Brooks, an All-American from a year ago, will look to continue her success this weekend as she competes in the 100-and 200-meter backstroke events.

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's swimming team has qualified two swimmers for the 1997 NCAA swimming championships March 20-22.

The championships will take place at the Indiana University Natatorium at IUPUI in Indianapolis. The Irish will be represented by senior All-American Erin Brooks and freshman Alison Newell.

Brooks will swim the 100-and 200-meter backstroke and will be making her second appearance at the NCAA championships after earning All-American honors in 1996 as a junior. The Millington N.J., native place 10th at the 1996 NCAA championships in the 200-meter backstroke and was thirteenth in the 100-meter backstroke.

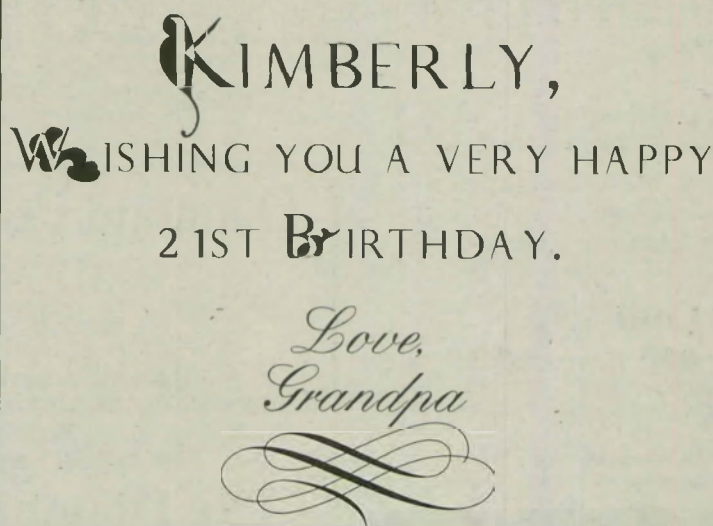
Newell will swim in the 100-and 200-meter butterfly in her first appearance in the NCAA championships.

The Parker, Col., native won the 200-meter butterfly at the Big East championships in a University record time of 55.86 seconds.

The pair recently lead the Irish to their first ever Big East women's swimming and diving championship on Feb. 22.

Brooks won both the 100 and 200 backstroke titles last month for the second consecutive year.

The 100-meter butterfly and backstroke will be swam on Friday, March 21, with the 200-meter backstroke swam on Saturday, March 22.



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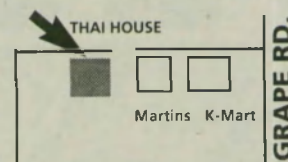
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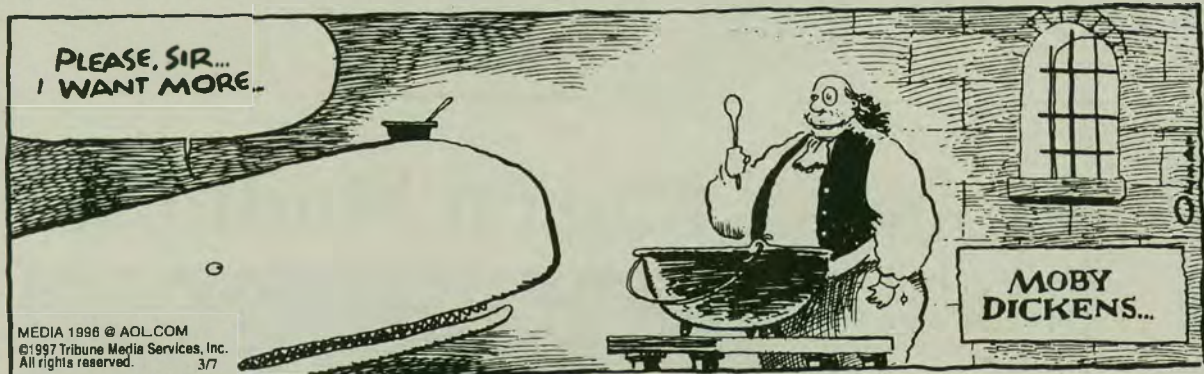
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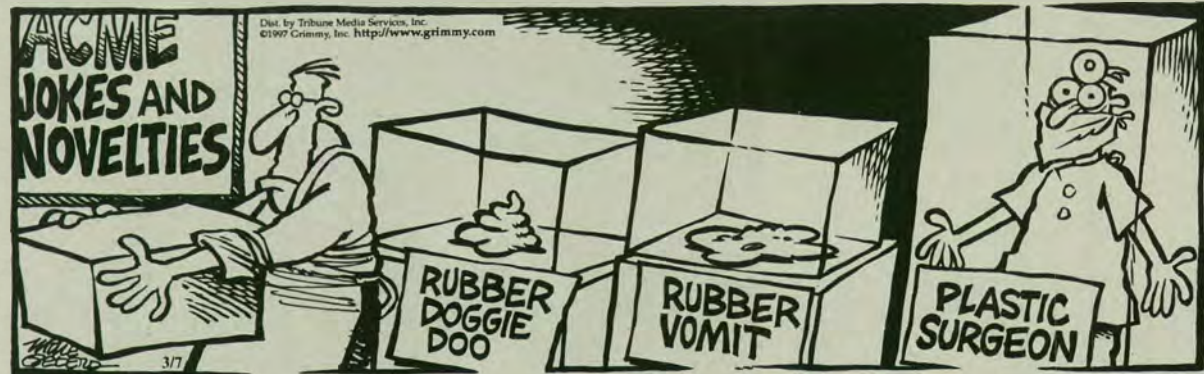
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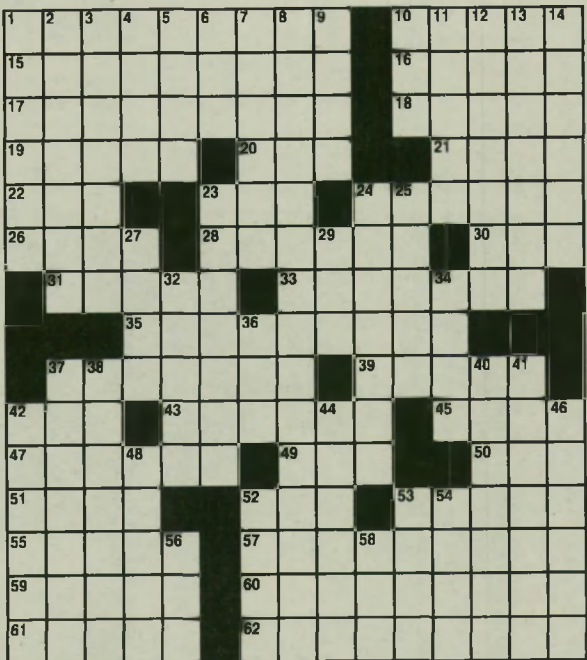


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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish poised to make noise in March Madness

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

March is upon us and with it, as every basketball nut knows, is Madness. Last season Muffet McGraw's squad got just a taste of this Madness as they won the school's first ever NCAA tournament game before losing in the second round. This year the Irish are looking to feast on the Madness.

This year the Notre Dame women's basketball team has made history as it has set a record for most wins in a season despite numerous injuries depleting the squad to a Hickory Husker type bench.

Head coach Muffet McGraw has seen a volleyball player and the team's manager suit up for contests late in the season as Kari Hutchinson and Adrienne Jordan fell to injuries late in the year.

The injuries have not slowed the Irish as the core of seniors and Notre Dame's top two career point leaders, Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither have earned first-team all-Big East honors while leading their squad to a 27-6 record.

Morgan and Gaither were also named to the all-Big East tournament team as the Irish cruised to the final before falling to the top-ranked and undefeated Connecticut Huskies. Despite the nine-point loss to the dominating

Huskies, the Irish were still encouraged by their performance in Storrs, Conn.

"Throughout the tournament we saw a lot of leadership from our seniors and vast improvement from everybody else," assistant coach Carol Owens said. "Overall we just were playing well together and rose to the occasion in March. For us to continue to fight against UConn to the end was encouraging going into the NCAA tournament. Despite losing there were a lot of good things."

Notre Dame is hoping that those good things translate into a favorable seed in the field of 64 that will be announced this Sunday night on ESPN. The first round will begin while many Domers are still basking in the sun of their spring break vacation spots.

"I think we deserve as high as a four seed," Morgan said. "Obviously we'd like to host and that would be ideal for us, but it is tough to say where we'll be."

Those first and second round contests are held March 14-17 at the sites of the top four seeds in each of the four regions provided the availability of the school's facility. The thirteenth ranked Irish are looking at a seed anywhere between the five and ten slots though their strong performance in Connecticut gives them a shot at hosting.

"I think we should do very well," Owens said concerning the selection and seeding process. "A lot of people are saying that we could possibly host. That would be great, but you just never know so we're not banking on being a host site. But if that happens we'll be very excited."

Last year the Irish entered the Big Dance with a 12 seed, but their national ranking and RPI power ranking of 24 should provide the Irish with a more favorable seed.

"I think last year was important for us to get that first tournament win under our belts," Morgan said. "Last year we were expecting a higher seed but got the 12th seed. It was great to get that tournament experience. But this year I think we have a great opportunity and we will make some noise in the tournament."

Earlier in the year the Irish tangled with several highly ranked teams and did more than hold their own. In the pre-season women's NIT the Blue and Gold came up short to then No. 2 ranked Tennessee but they knocked off then No. 6 Iowa and then No. 8 North Carolina State.

"We had some losses early, but they weren't bad losses," Owens said. "Those losses were against teams that will possible all go to the tourna-

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The Observer/Mike Ruma
Senior center Katryna Gaither hopes her squad can rise to the occasion as the team will learn its place in the Big Dance Sunday night.

■ TRACK AND FIELD

Track squad sends seven to Nationals

By WILLY BAUER
Sports Writer

Seven lucky Notre Dame students will be spending the first weekend of their spring break in the exotic paradise some call Indianapolis.

The Irish indoor track team will be represented at the NCAA indoor track championships by seven team members this weekend down state.

The men's distance medley team qualified just in the nick of time, posting the third highest time in the nation this season at the Silverston Invitational last weekend. The team has a definite chance of placing high this weekend with senior Danny Payton running the 400-meter leg, Jeff Hojnacki running the 800-meter, Derek Seiling the 1,200-meter and Jason Rexing finishing in the anchor spot in the mile run.

Hojnacki will be participating in another event besides the medley, the 800-meter run, his best event. Hojnacki is the reigning two-time Big

East champion in this event. He ran at the NCAA's last season, but failed to qualify for the finals in the 800.

"He should do real well," said assistant coach Tim Connelly. "He can make the finals and be an All-American as well. He has to run in the relay two hours after the 800 final, so he has a busy day."

Allen Rossum will make a return to the NCAA championships after a two year hiatus. He ran in the 55-meters, the event he will run this year, in 1995, and received All-American honors with a seventh place finish in the finals.

"I tell you what," Connelly said of Rossum. "If you look at his marks, he has a real chance of getting into the final and duplicating his freshmen year results."

Two freshman women round out the team. Dominique Calloway will run the 55-meter hurdles and Jennifer Engelhardt will participate in the high jump.

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■ FENCING



The Observer/Rob Finch
The Notre Dame fencing team will head to Wayne State this weekend where they will compete in the Midwest Regionals. The stakes are high as it represents a chance to qualify for the NCAA Championships.

Duellers face crunch time

By DAVID FRICK
Sports Writer

For the fencing team, the preparation is over. Now it is time to get down to business.

The squad will be traveling on Saturday to Wayne State to compete in the Midwest Regional Qualifiers. Those who finish among the top five will be lucky enough to compete in the 1997 NCAA Fencing Championship in Colorado Springs, Colo.,

The format of this tournament will differ from many of the regular season meets. Instead of competing as a team, each fencer will compete individually. The fencers will be put into a pool to compete against other Midwest competitors. The top 80 percent will continue to the next round, where the process will be repeated until the qualifiers are determined. This change from team com-

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