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Olympics competition moves into finals

Medals awarded in equestrian competition

By LIZ PANZICA
Observer Staff

In the finals of the Equestrian dressage competition Wednesday, Oregon's Darrell Sander took the gold, Louisiana's Michelle Brown received the silver, and Vince Malloy of Pennsylvania captured the bronze.

Highlighting the Intermediate division in Class 31A, Dorell Lawrence of Jamaica won the gold, Beth Ann Howe of Connecticut took the silver and Virginia Lichnovsk of California received a bronze.

In Class 31B of the Intermediate division, Sabrina Pulling received a gold and Joyce Bobbitt of the Pennsylvania delegation was second. Bruce Adelburg from Florida took the bronze for his third place finish.

Dressage competition involves a set routine of walks, trots, and turns similar to the compulsories involved in figure skating.

The advance and intermediate divisions differ by the amount of direction that the rider receives while performing. While the intermediate rider needs to be told what action comes next, the advanced rider will usually have memorized his routine, though he still has the option of having some one call out directions.

All the horses used in the Equestrian events were loaned to the Summer Games by area horse owners. The horses are stabled in a temporary tent on the St. Mary's Campus. Olympians are riding a variety of breeds in competition including Arabians, Apalusas, Paints and Quarter Horses.

Dr. Ecker, a local veterinarian, was impressed by the special olympians' skill. She said, "Putting them on horses they have never seen before is tough. When you talk about regular competition, the Olympic riders ride for years on the same horse, so this is phenomenal."

"The coaches try hard also. You have to compare the horses, the riders and the coaches as a team," she said.

Ecker was thrilled when Dorell Lawrence won a gold medal while riding her horse, Fay. She said to Dorell, "Thank you for making my horse look so good."

Dorell had only been riding for 18 months but handled her mount with skill. The head of the Jamaican delegation called Dorell's performance the "best birthday gift I have ever wanted. What else could I have desired."

After the competition there was a parade of horses, their grooms and attendants. Ecker said "The Jamaican delegation took such good care of my horse there isn't a spot on him."

Wednesday was the final day of equestrian competition. About 34 Olympians competed in the demonstration sport, including riders from Jamaica and Belgium.



The Observer/Fred Dobie

A Californian is challenged by the 400 meter race walk during yesterday's athletics competition at Cartier Field.

N.C. leads wheelchair competition

By JIM RILEY
Observer Staff

North Carolina wheelchair athletes collected a silver and three gold medals during the last two days of competition.

In Wednesday's 100m wheelchair competition, Keith Bordeaux of Wilmington took the gold medal in the 17-21 age group with a time of 51.1 seconds.

Bordeaux hung the medal around his neck along with the other gold he won Tuesday in the 25m race.

Michael Lee of Johnston Co. won the silver medal in Wednesday's 100m competition in the 14-16 age bracket. His time was 55.6 seconds.

Lee also now has two medals to his credit, having won the gold medal in

the 25m race in his age bracket Tuesday with a time of 12.9 seconds.

The athletes will compete today in the 30m slalom at 2:30 p.m.

Jesse Spain also will compete today in the motorized wheelchair division.

Motorized wheelchair athletes race over a 23m obstacle course, according to Howard Campbell, the North Carolina coach. He said the course begins with a 360 degree turn in a small marked area. The athlete then maneuvers through two sets of cones which are 1m apart. He finishes up with another 360 degree turn and a 10m sprint to the finish line.

Campbell, who has worked with special athletes for 17 years, said his team

Table tennis divisions determined

By PETE GEGEN
Observer Staff

Preliminary matches in Table Tennis competition were held Wednesday morning to determine the four divisions.

The highlight of the morning games was a match pitting Hua Long-Bing of the People's Republic of China against Cheng Yuen Ting of Hong Kong. Evenly matched, Long-Bing won the match, 24-22, 21-19.

Long-Bing stayed on the defensive, cutting his shots, which many times caused Ting to overshoot, sending the ball over the end of the table.

Victor Nee, manager for the Table Tennis competition, pointed out that both players were cutting the ball, but when Ting tried to take the offensive, he had to hit the ball higher to get it over the net, and usually the ball would fly over the end of the table.

Table Tennis is a demonstration sport this year for Special Olympics. Nee, an engineering professor at Notre Dame and the South Bend area champion in the sport, has coordinated Table Tennis competition for the Junior Olympics in the past, and is now trying to promote the sport for Special Olympics.

"It is becoming very popular in the United States," said Nee, "because the '88 Olympics are being held in Korea and for the first time table tennis is an official Olympic sport."

"In the U.S. table tennis is a social game as opposed to a sport," added Nee. "But for us, it is just like a racquetball game."

In fact, the racquetball mentality is making a mark in the Americanization of table tennis. Most American players use a regular racquet grip, as opposed to the penholder grip popular among most foreign players.

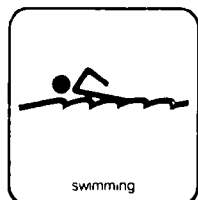
The final rounds of the competition, which began yesterday, continue this morning in the auxiliary gym above Gate 10 of the Joyce ACC.

is made up of "kids who have won local or state competitions." The team tries to pick athletes from all the counties in North Carolina, Campbell said.

Bordeaux had to race Wednesday without the gloves he usually wears to protect his hands, having left them behind at his room. But he may race without them again today. "I had a better grip without the gloves," he said.

Both Bordeaux and Lee said they would do more than merely try to win medals today. "What do you mean try?" Bordeaux said. "I'm gonna get 'em."

And Lee raised his right arm and said, "I will bring home the gold again."

**Aquatic**

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Head Coaches meeting
9:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Finals
25m Freestyle
100m Backstroke
4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Finals
25m Backstroke
15m Unassisted Swim

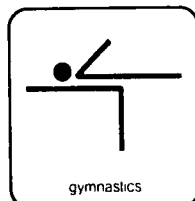
**Athletics**

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Athletics Coaches
Meeting (astro-turf)
Finals
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
110m Race Walk
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Shot Put (Pentathlon)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
800m Run
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Ball Throw (astro-turf)
10:30 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.
High Jump (Pentathlon)
(4 pits)
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
100m dash
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
30m Wheelchair Slalom
Race
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Frisbee Throw for
Distance (softball sectors)
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
100m dash
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Shot Put (4 circles)
Wheelchair Shot Put
(astro-turf)
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
1500m Run

**Basketball**

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Team Competition
Darden School
Clay High School
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Team Competition
St. Joseph High School
1:15 p.m.
Clinics
ACC

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Team Competition
ACC Arena
Auxillary Gym
Basketball Information
Center
Acc Gate 1

**Gymnastics**

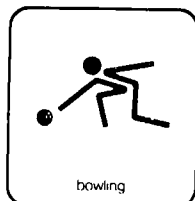
8:30 a.m. - Gymnasium
opens for warm-ups
9:50 a.m. - Parade of
Athletes
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Finals - Level I AA
Compulsories
Floor Exercises
Vault
Uneven Bars
Balance Beam
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Clinic
(Rhythmic)
12:30 p.m. - Gymnasium
opens for warm-ups
1:50 p.m. - Parade of
Athletes
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Finals - Level II AA
Compulsories
Floor Exercises
Vault
Balance Beam
Uneven Bars
Parallel Bars
High Bars
5:30 p.m. - Gymnasium
opens for warm-ups
6:50 p.m. - Parade of
Athletes
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Finals - Level III AA
Optionals
Floor Exercises
Vault
Uneven Bars
Balance Beam
Parallel Bars
High Bars
Rhythmic
Pommel Horse
Highlight Night

**Soccer**

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Medal Games
7:00 p.m.
Highlight Night/Parade
of Champions

**Softball**

10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Tournament
Competition

**Bowling**

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Team Competition

**Rollerskating**

8:00 a.m.
Volunteer Check In
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Finals
300m
500m
12:00 p.m. - Lunch break
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Finals
200m
3:00 p.m. - Session over

Clinics

Rowing (Open)
St. Mary's Lake
9:00 a.m. - noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sailing (Open)
St. Joseph's Lake
9:00 p.m. - noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Team Handball (Open)
St. Mary's Field
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Raquetball (Athletes Only)
ACC Raquetball Courts
10:00 a.m. - noon
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Athletics (Athletes/Coaches)
Softball Venue
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Softball Throw
Baseball Field
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Racewalking Technique
Cartier Field (Astroturf)
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Pentathlon Training
Aquatics (Open)
Rofls Aquatics Center
noon - 1:00 p.m.
Let's Play To Grow

Rofls Aquatics Center
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Basic Skills

Volleyball
(Athletes/Coaches)
Angela Athletic Facility
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Basic Skills

Golf
Burke Putting Green
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Basic Skills
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Exhibition

Equestrian
4-H Fair
6:30 p.m.
Jumping/Vaulting
Exhibition
Circular Zoneball
Saint Mary's Field
9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Instructional Clinic
(Staff/Public)

Saint Mary's Field
10:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Question/Answer Session
(Public)
Saint Mary's Field
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Training Clinic (Special
Olympians)

Saint Mary's Field
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Staff/Volunteer

Exhibition Game
Basketball
ACC 1:15 p.m.
Ball Handling

Exhibition
Gymnastics (Athletes)
ACC

noon - 1:30 p.m.
Rhythmic
Let's Play To Grow
Expo Center Room 114
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Introduction
South Dining Hall
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Demonstration (Outdoor
Games)

Expo Center Theatre
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Demonstration
(Music/Movement)
ACC

6:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Highlight Night
(Movement Exploration)

Soccer
Covalesky Baseball
Stadium
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
All-Star Game
Tennis (Open)
Courtney Tennis Fields
Basic Skills



Gymnast stars provide clinics for athletes

By KIM YURATOVAC
Observer Staff

Seventy special olympians practiced stretches, splits, and straddles in yesterday's gymnastics clinic at the ACC. Leading the event were olympic gymnasts Bart Conner, Mary Lou Retton and Tracee Talavera, as well as Pan American Games gymnasts Robert Brown and Mike Rice.

The clinic began with a warm-up which reinforced the correct ways of stretching, jumping and tumbling. The workout progressed into other floor exercises, including forward rolls, backward rolls and cartwheels.

Robert Brown is an alternate to the Pan American gymnastics team. He took a break from practicing for the Pan American Games to participate in yesterday's clinic and last night's exhibition. The clinic was Brown's first experience with Special Olympics, but he doesn't think it will be his last.

"I hope I get a chance do more things like this. I wish I had as much energy as these athletes. Their reactions are

always positive. They're always thumbs up and all smiles.

According to Brown, the most important factor in gymnastics clinics is safety. "Most of the athletes are aware of safety factors, but we have to make sure that they all know the proper procedures so that when they fall, they don't get hurt."

South Bend special olympian Don Berndt was especially impressed with Bart Conner. "I just met him and he acts like he's a friend. It's like we went to school together or something."

Berndt, who has already earned three gold medals and one silver at the Games, sings the praises of Special Olympics: "It makes me feel like I belong as a human being in the world. It's touching to have people to make me feel like I belong. It's great to have a few days like this, but I wish the world could always be this way."

Berndt, at age 35, is the oldest male gymnast competing in the Games. He will continue to compete in the rest of the Level II finals which resume today. Finals for Level I, II and III finish today.

Olympian's gold medal victory adds to country's rich image

By TRIPP BALTZ
and LIZ PANZICA
Observer Staff

Virginia Gianceschi stands proudly on the winners platform and receives a gold medal in athletics. With her victory the tiny republic of San Marino adds another treasure to its nation's riches.

San Marino is a miniscule landlocked country confined in the borders of Italy. It has a population of 22,332 and covers an area of only 12 sq. miles.

Yet, from San Marino comes a formidable delegation of 11 athletes who have already racked up 6 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze medals.

"We're very pleased with everything," said Nubbia Reggini, a San Marino coach.

The team has athletes competing in cycling, gymnastics, swimming and track and field events. One athlete, Monica Ghiotti, alone has captured 2 gold medals and one silver.

Reggini said the team was very pleased with its performance in Wednesday's swimming events: they earned three silver medals. One of the medals was won by Pier Giorgio

Giovagnoli in the 25 meter freestyle, who was proud of his performance Wednesday night. Giovagnoli won the silver medal for both the 25 and 50 meter events at the 1985 Special Games in Dublin.

This is the second time San Marino has participated in the International Games. At the 1985 Games in Baton Rouge, coach Renata Ferrari helped guide the team. She approves of this year's site as well. "It's beautiful," she said. "The people here are nice."

Reggini, who coaches cycling as a substitute, said San Marino's swiftest bike racer was disoriented by an incident in Monday's 5 kilometer race that may have cost him a medal in the race.

Roberto Gattei started the race as directed by a track official, then was told to wait because a fire truck was crossing the race path. Reggini said "It caused Roberto to get off to a bad start."

Gattei still had a reason to celebrate: his teammate, Antonio Guerra, won the gold in that race.

Reggini said Gattei and Guerra have been working very hard the last few months, having started training for the Games in November. San Marino is characterized by hilly landscape, she



The Observer/Suzanne Poch

Olympic gymnast Bart Conner joined forces with fellow olympic medalists Tracee Talavera and Mary Lou Retton in yesterday's gymnastic's clinic.

said. The two cyclists practiced on the high inclines as well as flatter ground.

As the bikers work out, Reggini follows them in a car. "Sometimes their practice is all uphill," she said. Reggini said her car would be in first gear as the bikers rode up these inclines.

The Federation of the Disabled of the Republic of San Marino was founded in 1984. Its purpose is to sponsor and support the athletes. The athletes on this year's team practiced in state-owned facilities in San Marino.

Medals won in gymnastics

By KIM YURATOVAC
Observer Staff

Level III gymnastics resumed Wednesday with final competitions. Scores from the morning's compulsory and the afternoon's optional events were added together to determine the medal winners for each event.

Actor Dick Sargent and basketball player Bill Scheu presented the medals. In the men's age 22-99 floor exercises, Ireland's Joseph Carolan captured first place with his crowd-pleasing performance. Edward Michael McGray of Massachusetts got second, and David Scott McGray earned third.

In the women's age 22-99 floor exercises, Ireland's Rita Lawlor took first, Brazil's Ana Maria Jesus won second, and Dana Lynn Nothwang of Washington got third.

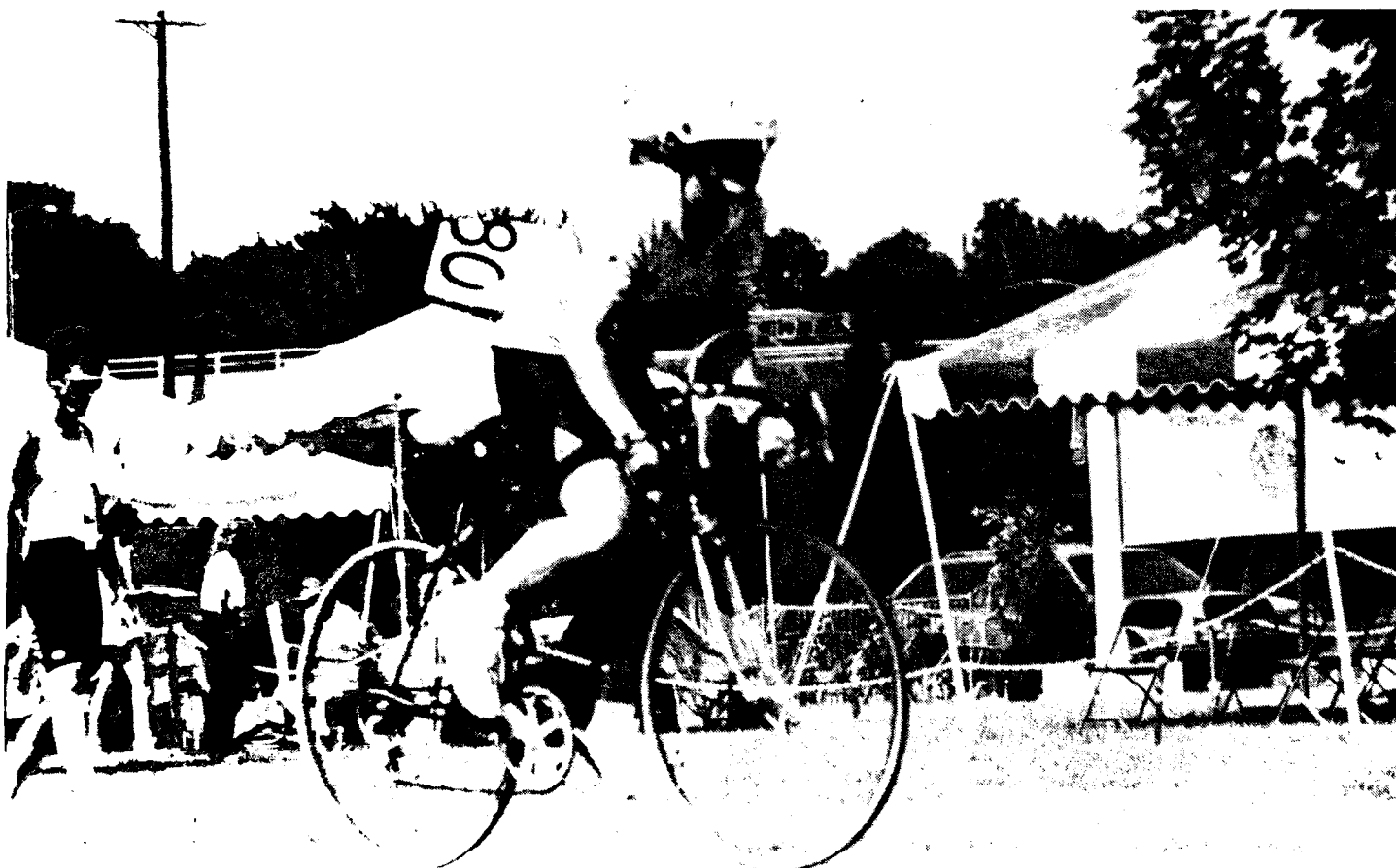
The Irish, led by standouts Rita Lawlor, Jean Reilly and Joseph Carolan, not only competed well, but were well represented by a crowd of flag-waving fans.

Carolan, a native of Dublin, was surprised at his success.

"I didn't expect to win," he said. "I knew what I was up against and I felt pressured. I've really been under pressure the whole way."

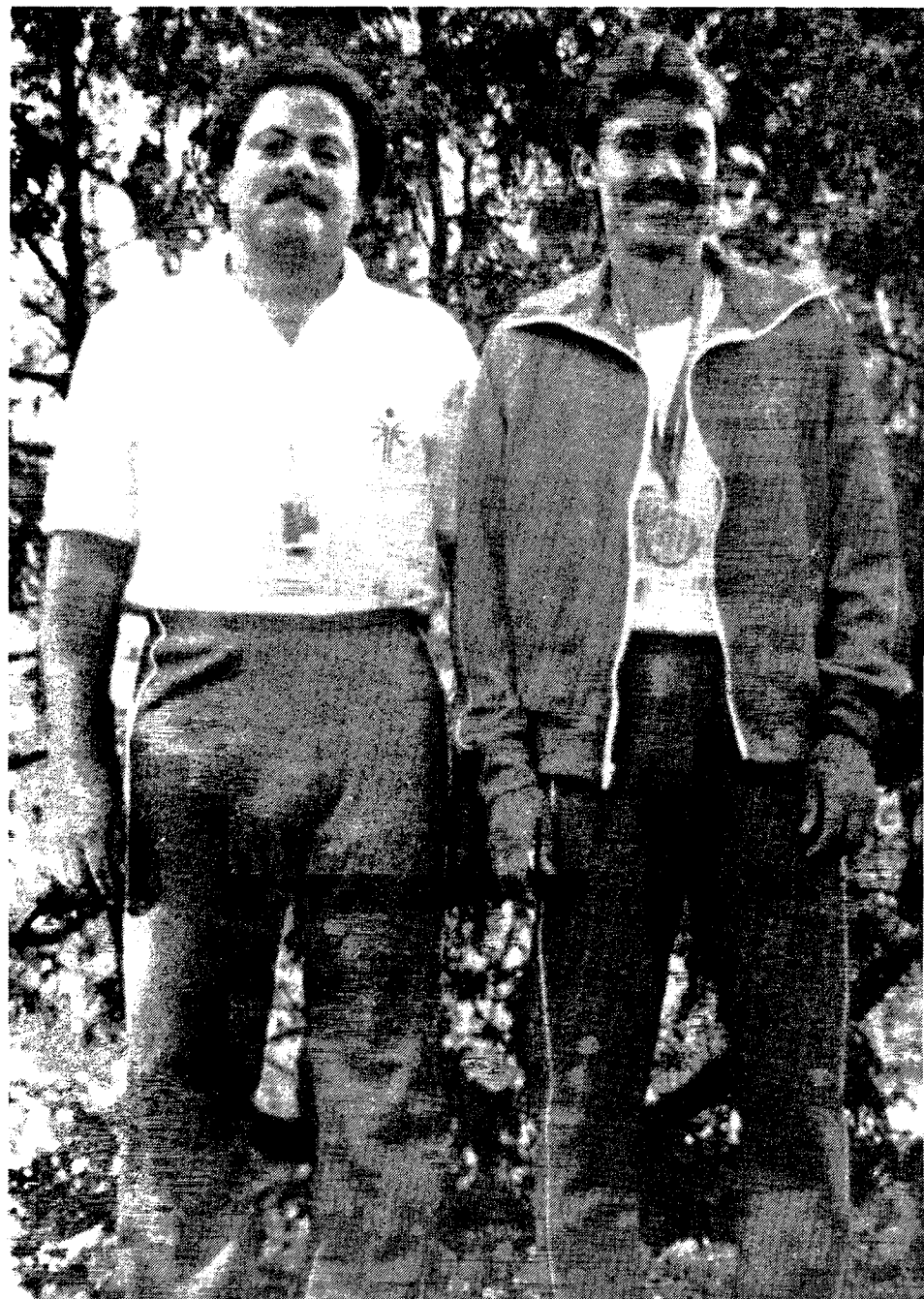
Carolan received a 7.65 rating in vaulting and 9.15 in the parallel bar competition.

"I'd like to give someone else a chance to win," he said. "The same people can't always win. I think it would be better if there were no scores in Special Olympics. It puts too much pressure on everyone."



The Observer/Jim Carroll

Cycling events finished yesterday with 15 kilometer finals and awards. The events were held on the campus of Saint Mary's College.



Coach Tomas Morales and record-setting runner Eric Roman Tosado of Puerto Rico take a break after Tosado's 1500 meter victory.

The Observer/Wen Yi

Record setting athlete shows quality of Games

By PAT HANNON
Observer Staff

The International Summer Special Olympics Games is known as a festival that brings numerous athletes from all over the world together to compete, but this is not to say that the field lacks athletes of high quality.

Eric Ramon Tosado stands as testimony to this fact as he ran to an unofficial record time of 9:38 in the 3000m run.

Despite the fact that he has only been running for three years, this 18-year-old representative of the Puerto Rican delegation has an affinity for setting records.

His history includes a past record of running to a 1983 400m mark of 53.06 seconds, winning 47 trophies through local road races, and, just recently, setting an unofficial Special Olympics record of 9:38 in the 3000m run. Tosado will attempt to lengthen his already long list of impressive credentials by attempting to break the unofficial record time of 4:22 in today's 1500m run.

Under the guidance of coach Tomas Morales, Tosado has overcome a history of discrimination because of his disability and has come to find that running is a central component of his life.

Carmen Arzan, executive director of the Puerto Rican delegation, stated, "Running is his life. He will sleep just four hours and not eat so we can train."

Morales, his coach, said, "He's a very organized athlete, intense in participation, and will do it better the next time. He has worked hard and is well prepared."

Tosado follows a regimen of running

twice a day and alternates between running 10 miles on the track and running 12 miles cross country. In addition, due to Morales, he keeps a detailed log of his miles in order to chart his progress while tapering for the more important races by increasing his speed workouts.

Tosado has come a long way, although he claims to run "in order to clear my mind and compete."

Arzan said, "He runs to compete and get better. He doesn't run to win, but he has the ability, so he does." Arzan added, "He has discovered a new world in distance running."

As a gifted athlete, Tosado runs to compete against the other athletes but finds just as much satisfaction in the fact that he runs for his country. Arzan said, "He feels honored to represent Puerto Rico and appreciates the opportunity to compete. His family helps him."

Athletics for Tosado, from a family of four children, is not a matter of personal records and trophies, but rather an opportunity to run for his country and family.

Marilu Roman, his mother, said, "I'm proud of him. He always liked to run, and it's the biggest thing that he runs well."

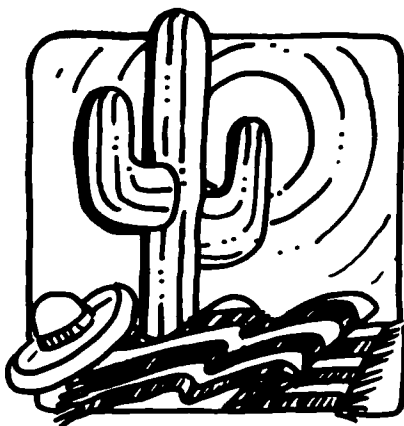
With that, Tosado will attempt to break the 4:22 unofficial record in the for the 1500m run at 6 p.m. today on Monogram Track.

Tosado's strategy, Arzan said, "will be to study the athletes in front of him and decide what to do when he sees the others breathe hard."

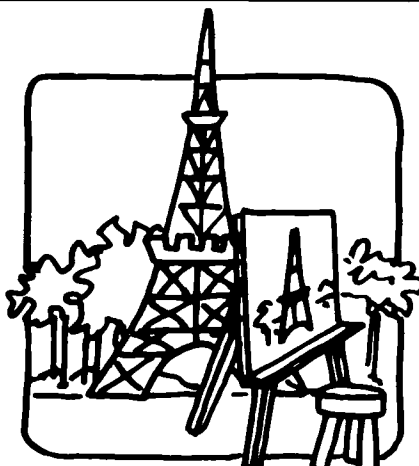
He may be tired from his 3000m performance, but Tosado said he will, with the help of his family and friends, "shoot for the record."



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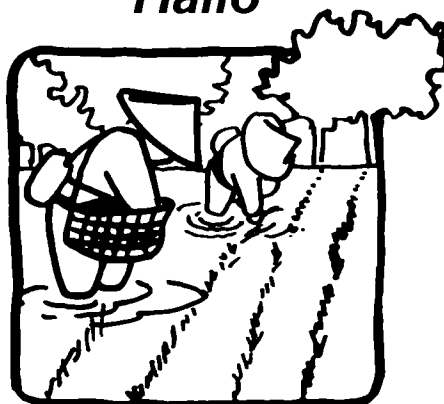
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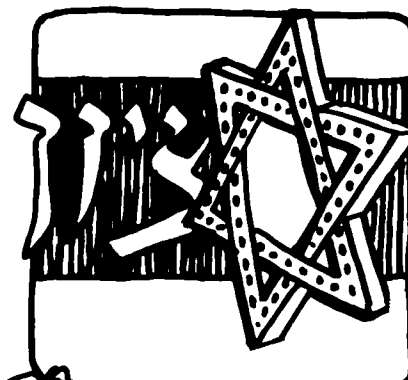


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Coolness brings relief, top awards

By SUSAN MULLEN
Observer Staff

The onset of cooler temperatures not only brought relief from the heat, but it also marked the end of long hours of anticipation for participants in the track and field events as medals and ribbons were awarded to top competitors in the 30m wheelchair slalom, the 400m dash, 2k walk and 400m walk.

The two tents behind Cartier Field acted as transition points where athletes were ushered immediately after their events. There, they cooled down as escorts and huggers offered them cold drinks and prepared the Special Olympians for their short march to the winners' stand.

Each group of athletes beamed with pride as they paraded across the grass to take their respective positions on the award platform. Amid the cheers and hoots of families, friends, coaches and fans, these spectacular athletes' medals and ribbons were hung proudly around their necks.

Patsy Coriz, silver medal winner in the women's 400m dash, typified the sentiment of most of the winners with her comment, "I was so excited. This is wonderful!"

Whether Olympians were standing in seventh place or first, their smiles were just as shiny as the medals proudly displayed around their necks.

As the Olympic Theme blared in the background and a group of top competitors posed with arms raised victoriously above their heads, a teary-eyed mother turned and said, "This is the proudest moment for my son—well for both of us."



The Observer/Wen Yi

A Missouri volleyball player inspects his ribbon after yesterday's games. Finals continue today.

Finalists determined in softball

By MARY HOWENSTINE
Observer Staff

Division 5 softball teams New York and Connecticut will meet in the championship game Thursday at 1:00 p.m.. New York was victorious over Vermont and Connecticut beat out Texas on Wednesday to qualify for the finals.

Wyoming and Minnesota, division 6 teams, will also compete for gold and silver medals Thursday afternoon.

Wyoming shut out Michigan 20-0 early Wednesday assisted by two homeruns from Dennis Altenberg and one from both from Jeff Krohn and Richard Hower.

Minnesota earned a berth in the championship game after batting a full seven innings with the feisty team from Virginia. Hanging on in the late innings, Minnesota was edged by Virginia 16-14, one of the closest softball scores recorded at the 1987 Games.

The New York Raiders charged to an early lead against Vermont. Facing an automatic defeat with the ten-run rule in effect, Vermont scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, closing in on New York's eleven run lead and forcing the game into a full seven innings. New York finally overpowered Vermont 22-11 and moved into the

championship game against Connecticut.

Connecticut is definitely the team to watch. They have allowed only five runs in the three games they have played in the Special Olympics, posting victories of 29-2, 21-2 and 13-1. Their 13-1 victory over Texas advanced them into the championship finals.

Larry Bissell, third baseman for Connecticut, tripled, doubled and singled in the game against Texas. After the game, Bissell said, "If we just concentrate on our defense, we have a good chance of winning it all. We have some good power hitters."

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A night with the Special Olympics' EMT unit

By BOB TYLER
Observer Staff

Night comes to the Notre Dame campus.

It's hot.

The last rays of sun shine above the horizon. Notre Dame's golden dome becomes a nightlight overshadowing the campus. Its statue of the Virgin, arms outstretched, protects all who focus on its golden glow.

While athletes bear the balmy night by playing on the quad, tossing the frisbee or strolling the walkways - anything to vacate the unconditioned dorms - medical staff gather on the west end of the quad.

The ROTC building's first floor has been converted into a mini-medical center with a clinic and a dispatch center. Doctors, nurses, and other volunteers are gathered to serve the Special Olympics.

The clinic has a few large rooms. The main one consists of partitions, cabinets, and supplies. It's somewhat a cross between an emergency room and a first aid station. Doctors and nurses wait wondering what kind of night this will be.

Nursing coordinator, Sue Sterlon, remarks about the cases at the clinic last night. There were dozens of heat strokes, seizures, sprains, and scrapes to nurse. A few patients were transferred to South Bend hospitals. She says, "Without this medical center, emergency rooms in town would be swarmed."

Pete Womer, coordinator of the center's dispatch unit, waits in another room by his phone. His staff of EMT's and a nurse wonder if their night will be busier than the last. Their job is to answer medical distress calls of olympic athletes on campus and in the South Bend community. With medical supplies, they respond to the athletes'

quarters evaluating and treating the sick and injured. Sometimes, they transport them.

Womer wonders if a cool front will come tomorrow as predicted. Donated electric fans are not decreasing the many cases of heat stroke in unair-conditioned quarters. Armed with a computer, whose disc contains the medical histories of all registered Olympians, he waits with his vans, portable radios, and staff.

At 9:30 p.m., a dark, cloudless sky covers South Bend.

The quiet suddenly breaks. The phone rings.

A Brazilian coach has had an apparent heat stroke. Nurses prepare for his arrival. A Spanish interpreter is coming.

A phonecall from the fourth floor of Dillon - a Canadian athlete is having a seizure.

The EMT and nurse dispatch team rushes to the door with their equipment. As they do, the Brazilian arrives. Doctor, nurse, and interpreter tend to him. He's stable and alert as he is placed on a bed for treatment.

The van door slams. Kevin is the nurse, a Memorial Hospital volunteer. Ed is the EMT.

Within minutes they pop the doors. Pairs of feet run with the supplies. Their legs pump through Dillon Hall's main doorway and fly up the stairwell.

A Canadian coach greets them. He calms them. "She's alright, now," he says.

After Kevin checks her, the crew returns to the van. It's refreshingly cool leaving the fourth floor behind. A conversation of relief dashed with chuckles breaks between them.

But the radio crackles with another event - a problem at the Morris Inn lobby. The van hurries.

Kevin leaves the van at the Inn's front doorway. Entering, he finds an athlete

with a nosebleed sitting on a sofa. The athlete's mom is worried.

After a radio conversation with the clinic doctor, Ed and Kevin move the patient to the van. The doctor wants to see him.

Once on board, the radio again crackles - a person has fainted on the third floor of Fisher Hall. The building is a short distance away between clinic and inn. So, once again, Kevin is dropped by the van. He runs toward an awaiting volunteer at the Fisher doorway. Ed finishes the transport.

Kevin's feet pump through the threshold and fly up the staircase. He carries two boxes of emergency supplies. At the third floor, he is guided to a prostrate young man, an athlete, in the hellish temperature. Someone says, "He's exhausted from the heat. The same thing happened last night."

The nurse evaluates.

The Special Olympian is cooled with ice and water. He has an epileptic history. The doctor over the radio decides to call for an ambulance.

McGann's Ambulance Service soon arrives and takes charge of the patient. As he collects his thoughts and supplies, Kevin is startled by another crackle, "Seizure, fourth floor Dillon Hall!"

The van is unavailable.

Kevin again is on the run. However, this Olympics dash seems like 1500 meters. Down the Fisher Hall steps he goes. He sprints the quadrangle sidewalk westward back to Dillon. The Dome's glow is a beacon north in the distance.

He charges the four Dillon flights. Huffing and puffing, Kevin arrives at the first dispatch site.

The Canadian girl has just stopped her seizure. She's in bed. Kevin evaluates her again.

It seems hotter in Dillon than it did the first time.

A Canadian coach remarks that the Sixth Summer Olympics in Baton Rouge's hot humidity was more tolerable.

The clinic's doctor radios that another ambulance should be ordered for the girl's transport. The McGann's Ambulance returns.

The hot steamy climate continues. Special Olympics has been hot enough.

The night continues hot until a cool front dumps rain on South Bend in the twilight hours of the next morning. A special favor, perhaps, from Our Lady of the Golden Dome.



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Michael Lee (left), Keith Bordeaux, coach Howard Campbell, and Jesse Spain show their medals. Story on page 1.

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Swimmers going for the gold

By MARIA DOTI
Observer Staff

Mark Spitz, eat your heart out. This thought entered the minds of many spectators as they observed the 25m freestyle and 100m individual medley events at Rolf's Aquatic Center yesterday.

Froelich Miroslaw and Krzysztof Debski, teammates with the Poland delegation, earned a gold and silver, respectively, in the 25m freestyle.

His time of 22.95 meant a second medal for 15-year-old Miroslaw, who had, hours earlier, won a silver in the 50m freestyle. But for Debski, his silver was just a stepping stone.

"I'm very happy with my silver medal," said Debski, who had a time of 17.26 in the 22- to 99-year-old age group. "But I'm striving for the gold."

Twenty-six-year-old Joseph Duo of Gibraltar was modest about his silver in the 25m freestyle, but his coach, Annie Risso, proclaimed his 42.84-second victory with excitement.

"I feel fantastic!" said Coach Risso. "I'm so glad all of Joseph's work has finally paid off."

Hoosier delegate, Rog Durham of Portland, left his competitors in a trail of steam as he went on to win a gold medal in the 100m individual medley with a time of 1:42.57.

Lorrie Woycik, Durham's ISSOG coach sees great potential in his performance as well as those of the thousands of Special Olympics participants.

"Rog's beautiful," Coach Woycik said. "There's no one that works harder or deserves more than these kids. They're terrific!"

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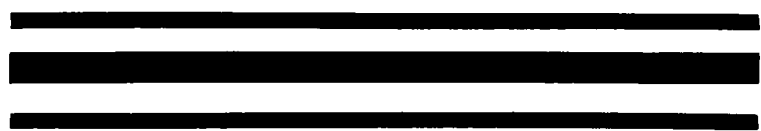
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**Special
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Conyers helps out by keeping Games rolling

By BOB TYLER
Observer Staff

University of Notre Dame is busy with crowds of athletes and volunteers attending the Seventh Summer Special Olympics.

It's two o'clock.

People are massing around the ACC. Behind it, tennis courts and a track bring crowds for the afternoon events. Under the bright sun, they hussle to places. Some have Cokes in-hand or umbrellas above them.

Just east of the center, there's a bunch of wheelchairs under a tent. All kinds of chairs are parked there: black, blue, and red frames on wheels. There are models ranging from those for racing to those for simple transports. Even a few electrically powered ones sit there.

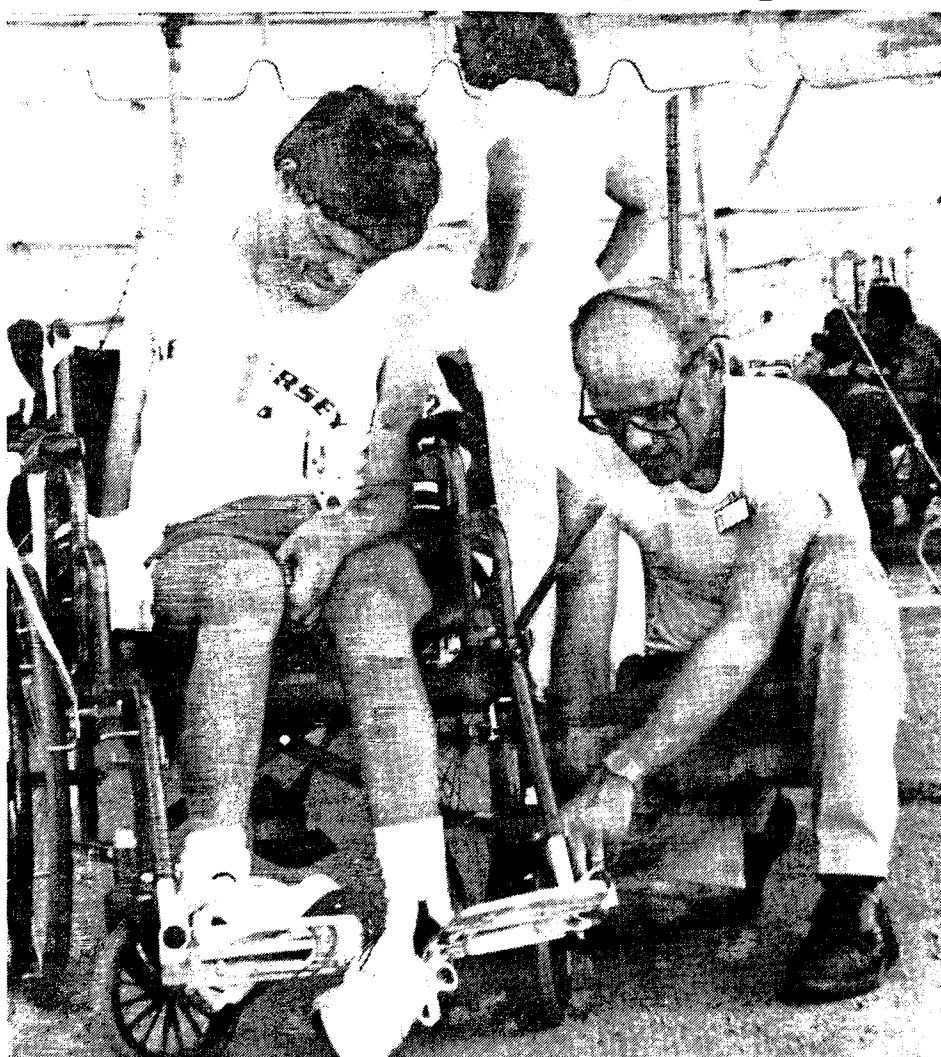
To a passerby, it may look like a used wheelchair lot instead of the wheelchair garage it is.

Bill Conyers, a balding fortyish technician from the Assisted Devices Resource Center (ADRC) of Memorial Hospital, is working with men from Med Plus, another division of the South Bend hospital. They are volunteers checking wheelchairs and other therapeutic assist devices for olympians.

"I am enjoying this," Conyers chuckles. "I never thought the work here would be so involved ... so rewarding and fun," the mechanic banter.

He is finishing work on Kip Cartwright's red wheelchair, specially designed for olympic races.

The Utah athlete and his coaches watch as Conyers makes final adjustments. Conyers explains that the chair was too awkward for Cartwright to use efficiently. "He couldn't get leverage



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Bill Conyers and his team of Med Plus volunteers inspect wheelchairs for Special Olympics wheelchair events.

on the wheels; so, I adjusted the chair frame and its wheels so Kip could rotate his arms better."

Conyers and others from ADRC have been working for the last two days checking wheelchairs for safety, especially those in olympic competition.

Conyers says he has welded broken frames, tightened spokes, and fixed flat tires. He has even troubleshooted electrical systems.

He expects those problems, but he is pleasantly surprised to encounter problems like Cartwright's. "It gives you a

good feeling knowing you're helping the athletes compete and have fun."

Randy Richman, Med Plus serviceman, claims that eighteen wheelchairs have been loaned to the olympic community, thirteen for the USA and five for different countries.

Conyers and the Med Plus men say they are also surprised by one-third of their customers. These have been coming to the tent for wheelchairs, crutches, and walkers.

Somehow, coaches are spraining ankles, suffering falls, and overheating all over campus.

"One of the funniest things," Conyers interjects, "is non-english speaking athletes coming here in great distress. And after trying to decide what their problem is through chatter, hand motions, and body language, the message comes: an exhausted or injured coach, not the athlete, needs help - a wheelchair."

Kip Cartwright is transferred from his loaner to the repaired racing machine.

He smiles. Julie Barnes, one of the coaches, is happy that he will be able to compete the next day.

Cartwright and the coaches leave the tent; perhaps, they will put the athlete and his machine through a preliminary trial, putting the chair to the test.

Conyers has a few more chairs to check. It's his last day here.

But the Med Plus workforce will remain through the games' conclusion. There are wheelchairs to attend to. They will be here to keep the frames straight, those bearings slippery, and those rims true.

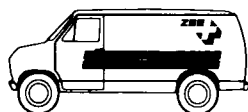
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Volleyball bracket action moves to medal rounds

By JUDY MOLNAR
Observer Staff

Volleyball bracket round action resumed Wednesday as teams enter the medal rounds.

In Division I play, Tennessee defeated Missouri, 15-12 and 15-7 to move into the gold medal bracket.

Panama will play Tennessee after easily defeating Washington in two games 15-3 and 15-8.

Washington took the bronze in this division with Missouri coming in fourth.

In Division II play, Pennsylvania defeated New York 16-14 and 15-8.

West Virginia defeated Arkansas in three tough games, 7-15, 16-14 and 15-9.

Pennsylvania will face off against West Virginia in the gold medal round.

Arkansas captured the bronze after defeating New York in this division, and their excitement was obvious in the award ceremonies.

In Division III, Ohio defeated Alabama to move to play Kansas for the gold after they defeated United Kingdom.

In afternoon play Alabama defeated United Kingdom to win the bronze medal.

In Division IV play, Louisiana will meet Florida in the gold medal round. Delaware defeated Kentucky to capture the bronze medal in yesterday afternoon's competition.

Arizona and California will go for the gold in the final round of Division V play. Wisconsin defeated Colorado to win the bronze.

Consolation play in Division II matches Georgia against Virginia for fifth place. Georgia beat Indiana 15-9, 10-15 and 15-6 to move into the fifth place round. Virginia made their way in the fifth round bracket by defeating Massachusettes 15-6 and 15-3.

Wednesday afternoon, Indiana

defeated Massachusettes for seventh place.

In the Division III consolation bracket, Connecticut defeated Illinois, 15-12, 13-15 and 15-10 to capture seventh place.

Today Division III will match North Carolina against Oregon for fifth place.

Montana defeated New Jersey to take seventh place in the Division V consolation bracket. Today Trinidad will meet Rhode Island to compete for fifth place.

The Oregon/North Carolina, Georgia/Virginia, and Trinidad/Rhode Island games will begin at 9 a.m. Arizona plays California at noon, Louisiana will play Florida at 1:30 p.m., followed at 3 p.m. with Ohio and Kansas. At 4:30 p.m. Pennsylvania will play West Virginia, and at 6 p.m. Tennessee will face Panama.

On hand to present the awards for Wednesday afternoon's winners were Mark and Anthony Shriver, 1984 former Olympic player Rose Major Powell and Jean Beautery of the Los Angeles Starlights.

"It is different and enjoyable to watch the athletes play. Whether they win or lose they are so excited," said Powell.

"I have taught at a lot of volleyball clinics and I enjoy teaching to those who want the opportunity to learn the game. Teaching at the clinics will be a great experience for the athletes and me," said Beautery.

Thursday's clinic, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., will feature former Olympic players Rose Major Powell and Claudia Lee and professional player Jean Beautery.

From 8 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., guest players will demonstrate serving and setting skills. Friday morning at 9:30 a.m., Chile will play the guest players and a spiking and passing clinic will follow at 10 a.m..



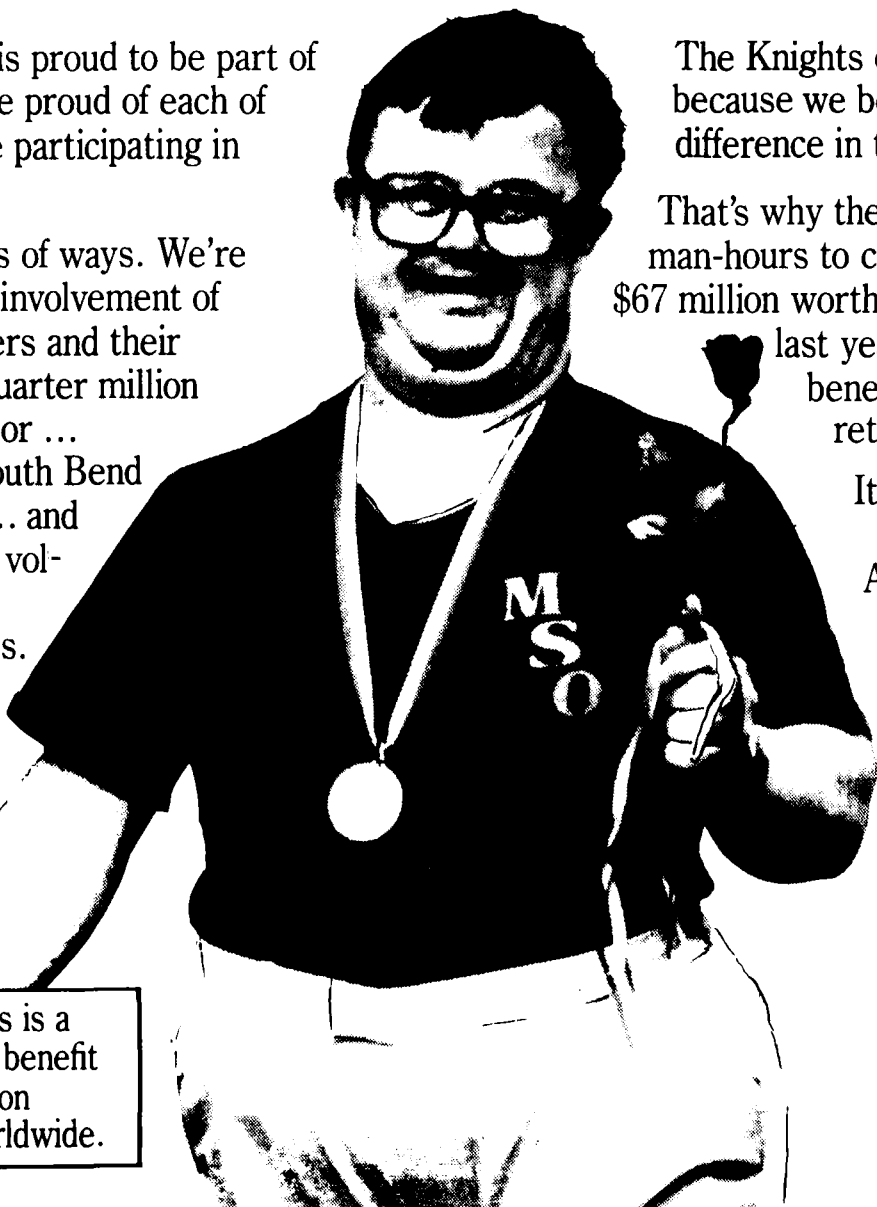
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Volleyball players congratulate one another after an intense game. Approximately 20 games will be played today with the medal matches held Friday.

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Austrians feel at home with Corky Patton's family

By SARA MARLEY
Observer Staff

The "crazy house" of George and Corky Patton is a little crazier this week thanks to the four members of the Austrian delegation they are hosting during the Games.

The Pattons credit their daughter Connie with bringing the Austrians to their home. Connie Patton was interested in getting involved with the Games and was asked to serve as "community host" for the Austrian delegation, a role which requires working with the live-in host and the delegation "to make them feel at home."

Through communication with the Austrians prior to the Games, Connie Patton learned of the additional coaches who were not offered on-campus housing due to limited accommodations. Living in an apartment of her own, Connie Patton was unable to house them herself and asked her parents to help out. One of seven children, only two of which remain at home, Connie Patton knew, "The way our house goes, we'll just show them where things are and let them help themselves."

Their hospitality has been warmly received. Guest Axel Weiss, Secretary of Special Olympics in Austria, marvelled at the "openness" of the Pattons' home.

"We were astonished at their friendship and kindness. They are the best hosts. We're feeling like members of the family."

As a host family, the Pattons provide beds, breakfast, and dinner for their guests. "We've all just tried to play it loose and let these people do their thing with the athletes, said Corky Patton.

Some differences in culture have brought unpredicted results. "I bought

a ton of breakfast cereal, and they don't even like it," laughed Corky Patton. She explained that the Austrians found even bland American varieties "too sweet," and that they preferred a continental breakfast of rolls or bread. With that exception, "It's been strictly American food."

During this week's heat wave, the Pattons took their guests to a local swimming pool and they are planning a trip down South Bend's East Race Waterway to try white water rafting. Other than that, the Austrians "haven't had much time for us to show them around," said Mary Claire Patton, another daughter who still lives at home.

Just like official members of the delegation, the volunteers staying with the Pattons spend most of their time

with the athletes on campus. They rented a car for transportation to and from Notre Dame. The Austrians' live-in host Kathy Scarbeck claims having part of their group living off-campus has not caused any problems.

"They know when all the events are and they meet us in the morning. In fact, it's sort of been an advantage because they can use the rental car to run errands for us."

Although their hectic schedule has not allowed them time for extensive travel, the Austrians have enjoyed their taste of America. This is the first time the nation has participated in an International Summer Games, but three athletes travelled to Utah's Winter Games. This is Weiss' first trip to the United

States. "I love it," he exclaimed. "It's more than I expected."

To express their thanks to the Pattons, the Austrians brought them gifts from their hometown of Graz. T-shirts proclaiming "Styria - the green heart of Austria" for their province in Austria and an intricate wooden mobile delighted the family.

Most importantly, friendships have been formed which both parties are anxious to continue. The Pattons are welcome in Austria, an offer Mary Claire Patton would like to take them up on.

"They're so cool. These people would show me a good time," she exclaimed.

"They're very good-spirited, thankful, friendly people," said George Patton. "I'd love to do it again."



Athletes pose in front of their temporary home, McCandless Hall at on the campus of Saint Mary's College.

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This group of clowns is among the many friendly faces seen mingling at the Games entertaining the crowds.

Zee donates supplies for Games' first-aid

By MATT SITZER
Observer Staff

Irvine California-based Zee Medical, Inc., has been providing quality health care and first-aid products since its humble beginning in the Torrance, California garage of Tom and Violet Zapara in 1952. Today, Zee Medical, a subsidiary of the San Francisco-based McKesson Corporation, employs nearly 800 salespeople and calls more than 300,000 industrial and business firms its customers.

Under an agreement with the International Summer Special Olympics Games Organizing Committee, Zee has donated more than \$5,000 in medical supplies to the games.

Their local distributing office, run by South Bend residents Chuck and Peggy Endsley, has donated an additional \$3,000 worth of supplies in response to additional medical demands caused by the recent heat wave and an unexpected increase in sports related injuries.

"The Organizing Committee called us about a month and a half ago," said Peggy Endsley. "They were desperate to find someone to donate medical supplies for the Games. We were more than happy to help them out."

In response to the Committee's request, Zee's national office promptly donated a \$5,000 supply of first-aid products to be administered to competitors and spectators suffering from anything from sports related injuries to heat exhaustion.

The first-aid supplies included such Zee products as gauze pads, first-aid cream, splints, bandages, and stethoscopes. Also donated was a Zee Medical van to be used to transport supplies and

the injured to and from various locations around the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses.

After the first few days of competition, it became apparent to Games medical volunteers that more supplies would be needed to accomodate the rising number of heat and sports related medical problems.

"They were getting a lot of heat exhaustion cases, because of the hot and humid weather," said Endsley. "We decided to donate an additional \$3,000 worth of supplies to help solve this problem."

Endsley explained that the extra supplies were mainly related to heat exhaustion treatment. "The medics asked for lots of aspirin, antibiotic ointment, eyewash, and 'Sustain,' a drug which replenishes the body's electrolyte table," she said.

"Our company's motto is 'We're there when you need us'," added Endsley. "We hope we've lived up to it this week. Helping out gives us a really good feeling."

In addition to the International Summer Special Olympics Games, Zee Medical has provided first-aid and safety supplies for such national events as Liberty Weekend in New York City, celebrating the 100th birthday of the Statue of Liberty, and the Golden Gate Bridge 50th Anniversary Celebration in San Francisco, California.

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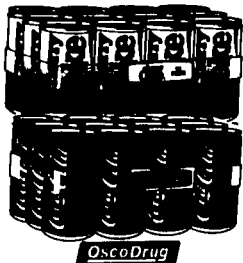
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Softball teams were busy with their tournament competition all day yesterday at Stepan Field. the tournament resumes today at 10:30 a.m..

Athletes enjoy Notre Dame "dorm food"

By LIZ PANZICA

Observer Staff

The University of Notre Dame Food Service has been serving 5,000 meals a day during the International Games to the athletes, coaches and many staff personnel.

About 2,000 meals are served in the South Dining Hall and another 3,000 are served in the North Dining Hall. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served in both halls.

"Dorm food" often receives criticism from students at universities. Yet, many athletes have said that they have enjoyed their meals at Notre Dame.

Hong Kong delegation members said they enjoyed the typical American food served. But, they said they're "used to hot dogs, but not all the time."

According to William Hickey, director of University food services there were no special foreign dishes planned on the menu because no requests were made before the Games began. Rice was added to the evening meal, however, after the Oriental teams' request this week.

The Hong Kong delegation members said they were pleased that University Foodservice accommodated them, but added, "It's hard to get Americans to cook rice correctly."

Because of the severe heat, medical staff have requested that special menus be prepared for many athletes. The Foodservice is working hard to comply with those requests.

Foodservice has published a guide to nutrition for Special Athletes. It out-

lines good nutrition and gives guidelines for pre-event meals. It also gives an idea about the liquid requirements for athletes. Copies of the pamphlet can be obtained from the Nutritionist in the basement of the South Dining Hall.

The University Foodservice staff is 475 people strong - much larger than the regular summer staff. University Foodservice also cash operations at The Huddle, LaFortune Student Center, and the Oak Room. Hickey said that business is bustling in cold drink sales because of the heat.

A coach from California said he was incredibly happy with the job the Foodservice has done. He said, "The people in Foodservices are always in good spirits and always willing to help."

Buses provide transportation

By JUDY MOLNAR

Observer Staff

Looking for the best way to get to an event or dormitory?

The South Bend School Community buses will get you there on time.

There are 15 stops along the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's route at which buses meet Games participants and spectators to transport them to their desired destinations.

The 14 buses are scheduled to run from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. everyday during the competition.

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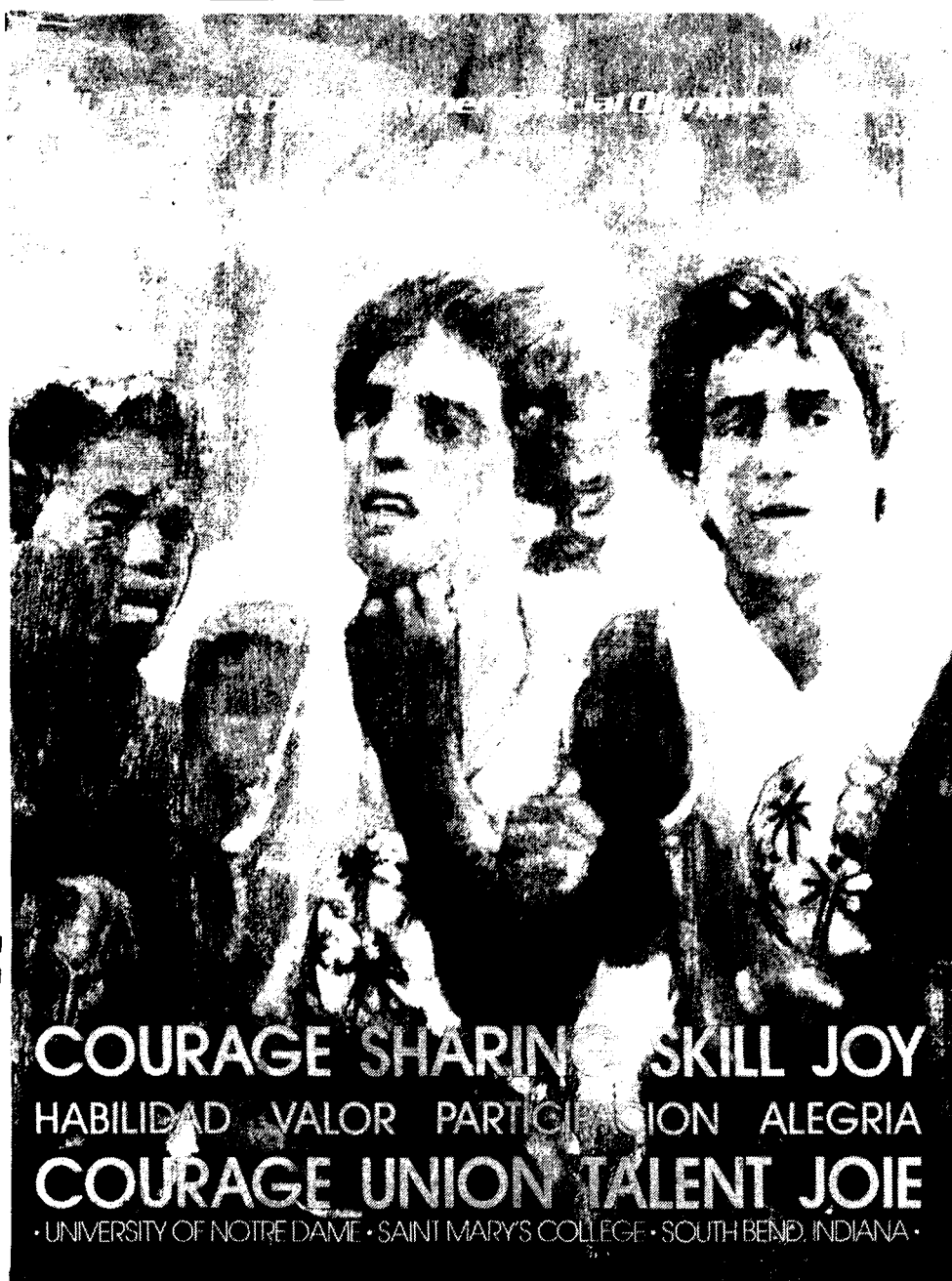
Many athletes, coaches, and families have taken advantage of the transportation system to assist them in getting to various locations at the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses.

"Everything has worked very well and we have received good comments about the service," said Barbara Kelly, one of the bus drivers.

According to Betty Mitchell, Coordinator of the shuttle buses, the contract was approved by the South Bend Community School Board and the State Legislature passed the request for the school buses to be used during the week of the Games.

Included on the list of public transportation vehicles are the two buses that travel the hotel loop and the special 100 buses for the Saint Patrick's Park event.

"I ride the buses with my soccer team back and forth to the games," said John Helbig from Idaho. "It's very hot on the buses, but a lot of fun," he added.



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Jamaica comes back to beat Guatemala

The Observer

By PETE GEGEN
Observer Staff

After Guatemala had built a 2-0 lead, Jamaica exploded for three goals in the second half to win 3-2 and take fifth place in the B division of the soccer competition.

Guatemala controlled a physically-played first half, outshooting the Jamaicans 15-2 and scoring twice.

Oscar Aceituno started the scoring when he headed in a crossing pass by Oscar Mejia. Mejia increased the lead to 2-0 when he dribbled in all alone and blasted a shot into the upper left hand corner.

Jamaica tried to mount offensive attacks, but the team was whistled for more than 20 off-sides calls in the game.

Nicaragua suffered a key injury five minutes into the second half when Mejia collided with a Jamaican player, splitting the skin on the ridge of his nose. Though wanting to return to the game, he was taken to the Red Cross station for precautionary measures.

Without precaution in the game, the Jamaicans controlled play. And when they weren't off sides, they scored goals.

Andrew Lowe scored the first goal when he dribbled the ball the length of the field, flying past the Guatemalan defenders, and rolled a shot into the goal.

The tying goal came on a delayed call by the referee. The Guatemalan keeper blocked a shot by Lowe, but the rebound came to Jamaica's Charles McIntyre, who hit it off his chest and over the goal line. The Mexican goalie knocked the ball out just as it crossed the line and play continued, but the referee stopped the action and correctly called it a goal.

Lowe scored the game winner with five minutes left in the game as he dribbled in from the right side and blasted it into the left corner.

Most of the soccer action Wednesday featured tight matches, with four of seven games being decided by one goal.

Minnesota held off a rally to defeat Bolivia in the fifth place game of the D division in overtime 5-4.

Minnesota had a 3-1 lead at halftime before the Bolivians knocked home two goals to tie the score. Regulation time ended with the score tied at four.

But Steve Johnson gave Minnesota the victory in sudden death. Teammate Matt Manahl received the ball in the penalty box, drew the keeper away from the net and fed Johnson in front of the empty net, who knocked it home.

Connecticut and New Jersey also went to overtime, as Connecticut won the E division fifth-place contest, 6-5.

The game was decided on a penalty kick in the first overtime period, as a New Jersey player was called for holding in the penalty area. Connecticut's Anthony Silva directed the penalty kick into the left corner to give his team the victory.

After a scoreless first half, Trinidad-Tobago tallied twice to beat Arizona in the C division fifth-place game, 2-0. Arizona had a penalty shot go off the post in the first half.

Mexico couldn't buy a goal in the A division fifth-place match, losing to Argentina 3-0.

Time and time again the Argentine goalie came up with the big plays, frustrating the Mexican forwards. Rito Villafane, Ramon Tomez and Nelson Silva scored for Argentina.

In the F division, Michigan took fifth place by defeating Kentucky 4-1, and Utah exploded for eight goal against Indiana to win 8-2, taking seventh place.

The medal games will be played Thursday. At 10 a.m. Colombia and the United Kingdom will battle for the gold in the B division, and Pennsylvania and Arkansas will play for the E division gold. The bronze medal games will pit Korea and Kenya in the B division and Tennessee and Hong Kong in the E division.

At noon, games will be played for the bronze medals in the four remaining divisions. El Salvador meets Ireland in the A division, Louisiana meets Canada in the C division, Texas battles Japan in the D division, and Iowa faces Hawaii in the F division.

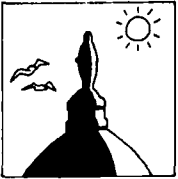
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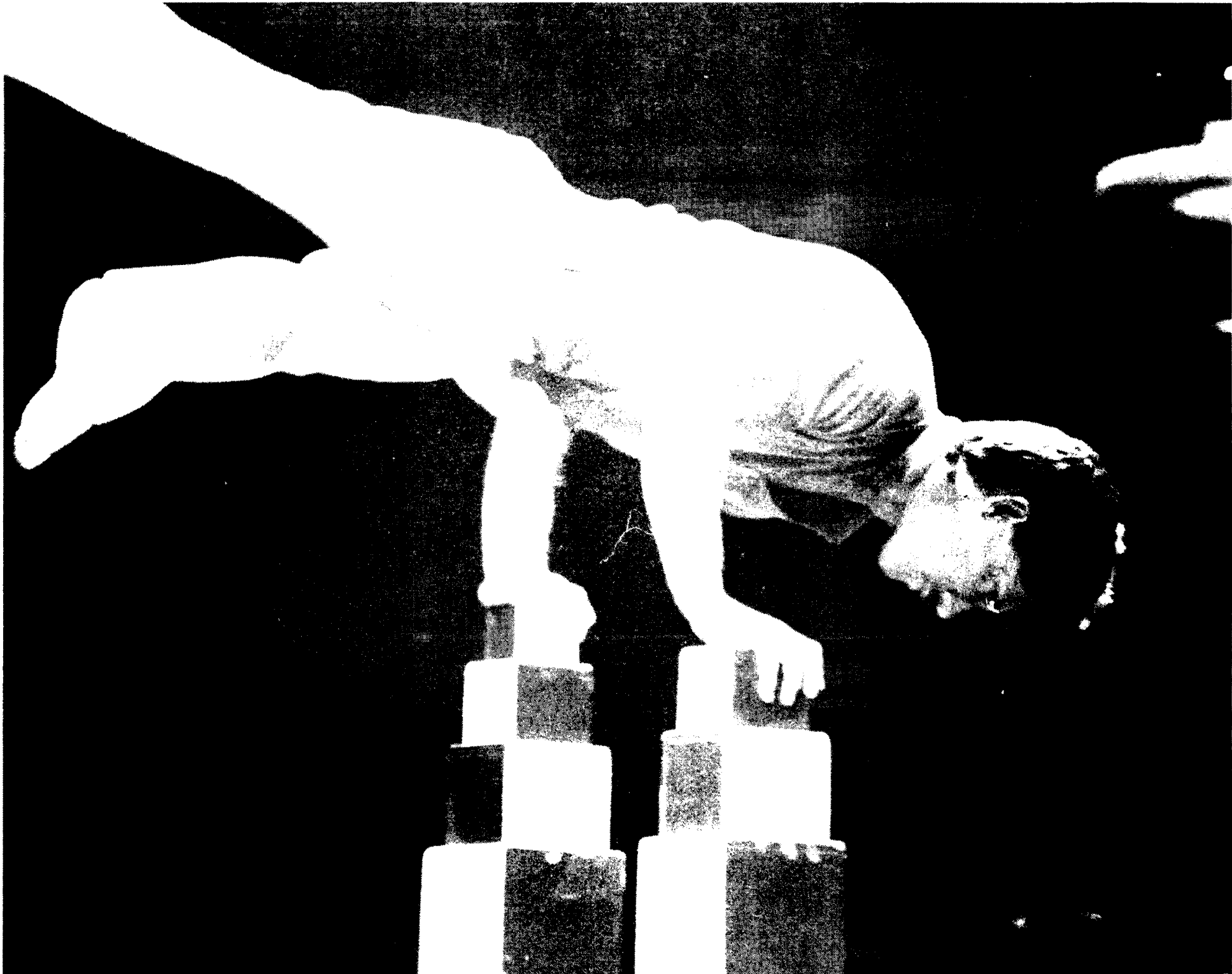
Today's Weather

Today will be sunny with highs from 80 to 85, but expect cool weather and some showers at night.

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Sports Spectacular



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The inside of the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center at times resembled a huge playground filled with children jumping rope, tumbling about and racing down slides Wednesday night.

Not five minutes later the ACC dome became a circus big top.

Complete with a master of ceremonies, pantomiming clowns, animal acts, waving spotlights and springy tumblers who performed with such precision they looked like brightly colored tin soldiers.

No, the Ringling Brothers Circus was not in town tonight. The variety show that thrilled the audience was the 1987 International Special Olympics Sports Spectacular, an event emceed by Jack Lloyd, Mary Lou Retton, and Bart Conner.

It was designed to entertain Olympians and coaches and to let the Olympians "know how much the people of Indiana appreciate you," as Indiana Lt. Governor John Mutz said to the capacity crowd.

On hand to entertain the crowd were the Andrews University Gymniks, a tumbling team. The team performed several floor routines involv-

ing somersaults in formation, backflips in tandem, and once, four gymnasts performed on balancing bricks atop twelve foot cylinders.

Local police officer Irv Sikorski sang his original composition, "The Magic is There" while four gymnasts shadowboxed and pantomimed other athletics.

The tumbling act that stole the show was performed by a tiny Special Olympian introduced as "Georgina from Great Britain." Georgina performed a floor exercise involving somersaults, the splits and graceful dancing. She finished to thunderous applause and a standing ovation from an appreciative crowd.

Another crowd pleaser was Paul Hunt, aka Pauletta. "Pauletta" performed a skillful comedy balance beam act, wearing two smiles - one on his mushtached face and another painted on the fanny of his yellow tights. The crowd enjoyed his performance so much he returned later in the show on the tumbling mats.

Medalists from the 1984 Summer Olympics Games Tracee Talavera and Bart Conner joined others gymnasts in demonstrating basic skills on the pommel horse, parallel bars, balance beam and in power tumbling.

Fans enjoyed much more than tumbling acts as they watched dogs Satin and Zack

snatch Frisbees out of the air, an acrobatic display in itself.

The St. Louis Zips, a 14 member dribbling exhibition team performed as well with one member twirling a basketball behind his back, switching hands - while blindfolded.

Atlanta Hawks superstar Spud Webb, according to Special Olympian Bryant Solomon of Texas, was "no

doubt, the best act of the night."

Webb delighted fans with a 360-degree tomahawk jam. Special Olympians from Illinois, Michigan and Trinidad joined Webb in a two-on-two match and compared slam dunks to their hero's.

Introduced as having performed a heartwarming show for President Ronald Reagan

in Washington, D.C., the Totally Confident Disabled Drill Team performed for last night's crowd, earning the second standing ovation of the evening.

Near the end of the extravaganza, one member of the drill team sang "That's What Friends Are For," while the audience joined hands and sang along "Keep smiling, keep shining."

