Info-window facilitates communication

By MIKE MURDOCK
Observer Staff

Lines and crowds are a part of every major media event - lines at registration, at cafeterias, and at accommodations. But some of the longest lines are forming behind the Info-window computer information centers.

A joint project between IBM and Bendix, the Info-windows provide answers to almost every question. They help spectators locate events and competitions; they provide visitors with a description of South Bend and Notre Dame; and they help foreigners communicate with one another, giving translations for greetings and other common phrases.

Most visitors find the system very helpful. "This is fantastic! We should have something like this," said Raadbin Zaid, president of Jordan's disability programs. He was able to track all of his athletes using the system.

The most popular function is "Countries" which lists the participants from all 72 countries. Athletes check personal information and search for friends from other teams and other competitions.

The Spanish team searched through the lists for Italian and French athletes to learn which friends came for the Olympics this year. Shaun Wright located his brother, a member of the Oregon team.

"It was very easy to use," explained Shaun. "All you have to do is touch the picture and it does what you want." The computers were designed to be user friendly to encourage as many people to use them as possible.

Fourteen InfoWindows are located in Stepan Center, the ACC, and throughout the Olympic Village. IBM provided the terminals and Bendix organized the visual displays.

The task was three times as difficult as it might have been because all visuals are accompanied by explanations in English, French and Spanish.

The International Games have united athletes from around the world who share a common dream. Their ambition and dedication to doing their best have also contributed to the award ceremony.

Myers, a judge and former Olympic figure skater, turned to eagerness for the next routine after Slater's performance. "She is the big one," said Sarah Schroeder of the Language Services Center.

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The center also has arranged for 250 interpreters to be assigned to various sights throughout the Games to help anyone who needs assistance.

Language service aids communication

By KEVIN BECKER
Observer Staff

Kennedys and celebrities step aside. To well over 2,000 people at the 1987 International Summer Special Olympics Games, the volunteers manning the foreign language services committee may just be the most important people at the Games.

Seventy-two countries are contributing to the past jump of the ISSOG, and with that flavor comes the necessity to communicate.

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Skilled and smiles highlight rollerskating

By PETE GEGEN
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If smiling were the main criteria for the women's freestyle rollerskating competition, Beth McLeary would win every time.

The bubbly blond-haired girl from Knoxville, Tenn. used a routine of spins, arabesques and backwards skating to take fourth place in the women's freestyle competition at Stepan Center Monday morning.

After her routine, a smiling McLeary skated over to her coach, Cathy Adkins, and gave her a big hug. Her smile was even bigger at the awards ceremony, but once that ended, her happiness turned to eagerness for the next competition.

"I have to practice," she said, knowing that the circle figure and speed skating competitions were yet to come.

The winner of the freestyle skating was Kristina Slater of Oregon. Slater used a good combination of speed and control, often skating to the very edge of the floor before changing directions, to impress the judges.

"She was really into her program," said Scott Myers, a judge and former USAC World Rollerskating Dance Champion with Anna Danko. "She had the best content and technical degree of skating."

A tear came to Slater's eye as she accepted the gold in the awards ceremony.

The second place finisher was Michelle Ball of Omaha, Nebraska. Wearing a red outfit handstitched by her coach in Nebraska, she opened with several spins and smoothly maneuvered around the ring. She clinched second place by hitting her favorite spin, the "rock." "This is the big one," said Raedan Larson, Ball's coach. "She likes the artistic competition better than the speed."

Susan Schwirian of California finished third. Using the entire rink, she highlighted her routine with various movements. Joan Alberts of Delaware took fifth place. All of the competitors are required to perform certain maneuvers, including spins, jumps and arabesques.
Aquatic
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Head Coaches Meeting
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Trials:
50m Breaststroke
4x25m freestyle Relay
4x50m Medley Relay
25m Butterfly
100m Freestyle

Athletics
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
athletics Coaches Meeting
(astro-turf)
Finals
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
300m Run
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
running Long Jump (3 pts)
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
50m Motorized Wheelchair
Obstacle Course
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
200m Dash
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
High Jump (4 pts)
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
50m Dash
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
25m Wheelchair Race
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
400m Dash

Basketball
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Team Practice
ACC Intramural Gym
Team Competition
St. Joseph High School
Darden School
2:15 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Clinics ACC
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Team Competition
ACC Arena-Feature Game
ACC Auxiliary Gym
Clay High School
Basketball Information Center
ACC Gate 1

Finals
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Showmanship
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Trial:Obstacle
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Equitation
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Horsemanship

Gymnastics
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- Gymnastics opens for
warm-ups
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Parade of athletes
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Finals - Level I and II
Options
FE Level I
Level II
Developmental Tumbling
12:30 p.m. - Gymnastics opens for
warm-ups
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Beginner Artistic Clinic
1:30 p.m. - Parade of athletes and oath
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Finals - Level II Compulsories
Floor EX
Vault
Balance Beam
Uneven Bars
Parallel Bars
Rhythmic Compulsories
1:30 p.m. - Gymnastics opens for
warm-ups
5:30 p.m. - Parade of athletes
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Finals - Level II Compulsories
Floor EX
Vault
Balance Beam
Uneven Bars
High Bars

Volleyball
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
A2 vs. A3
B2 vs. B3
C2 vs. C3
A2 vs. A4
B2 vs. B4
D2 vs. D3
E2 vs. D3
F2 vs. F3
D3 vs. D4
E3 vs. E4
G1 vs. G4
H1 vs. H4
I1 vs. I4
G2 vs. G3
H2 vs. H3
I2 vs. I3
G2 vs. G4
H2 vs. H4
I2 vs. I4

Soccer
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Round Robin Pool Play

Bowling
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Singles Competition Highlight

Cycling
4:30 p.m.
Volunteer Meeting and
Placement
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
5 km Warm-up
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Finals
1 km
6:30 p.m.
1 km Awards

Softball
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tournament Competition
6:30 p.m.
Celebrity Softball Game

Table Tennis
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Practise: Gym 22 ACC
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Trials

Weightlifting
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Dead Lift Competition
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Dead Lift Competition

Roller Skating
9:00 a.m.
Volunteers Check In
10:00 a.m.
Clinics For Athletes And Coaches
11:00 a.m.
Clinics For Athletes And Coaches

Clinics
Golf - Tom Hanlan (ND Golf Coach)
Burke Putting Green (next to Rockne)
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Gymnastics (open)
Beginning Artistic Clinic -
Julie McNamara
ACC Fieldhouse
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Rollerskating (open)
Stepan Center
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Racquetball (instructor clinic - athletes only)
all ND courts
9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Aquatics (open)
12:00 p.m. -
1:00 p.m. - Judy Hug
Diving
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Steve
Fish Fly
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Steve
Fish Breaststroke
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - John
Naber Breaststroke
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Mary
T. Meagher
Bowling (open)
9:00 a.m.
Chippewa Bowling
Athletics (open)
4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Cartier Field
Irv Mondeshin Shot Put
Steve Simmons-St. Long Jump
Kayaking (open)
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Rolf’s Aquatic Center
Equestrian
10:30 a.m.
Saiest Mary's College
How To Set Up A
Handicapped Riding Program
Team Handball (open)
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
1:30 - 2:15 p.m.
Baton Twirling (open)
9:00 a.m.
ACC Gymnasium Gate 3

Cross Country
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Ice Skating (open)
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
EXPO Center
by Cypress Gardens Ice Show
Alpine Sports (open)
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
by Billy Kidd
Circular Zoneball
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saint Mary's Field
Les Jeux Internationaux ont réuni les athlètes du monde qui partagent d'un rêve commun. Leur ambition et leur dévotion sont inspirés par les volontaires et les spectateurs. When the gens avancent avec ces esprits, nous avancons par un pas à l'unisson du monde.

IBM participe largement à l'information des résultats de toutes les épreuves. Pour traiter la quantité énorme de données, CompNet a offert les logiciels et IBM a fourni les ordinateurs et le personnel nécessaire pour leur fonctionnement. Les ordinateurs sont situés aux sites des épreuves d'athlétisme, de bowling, de natation, et de gymnastique ainsi que dans le Centre de l'Éducation Permanente (CCE). Quand le compétition commence, chaque centre est autonomie et peut afficher les résultats dans les meilleurs délais," a expliqué Dave Kalling, représentant de CompNet.

"Ce qui est bien est en employant ces logiciels, c'est la quantité de statistiques que nous allons pouvoir communiquer aux participants, à leurs familles, et à leurs écoles," a-t-il ajouté.

IBM est en train de se procurer du personnel pour les épreuves en Angleterre, en Espagne, au Portugal et au Brésil. Les épreuves se dérouleront à l'Internationale de l'Éducation Permanente (CCE) qui est bien en employant ces logiciels.

Il y a quatorze Info-Windows, situés au sud de l'Indiana, et qui commencent à servir les athlètes. Les Info-Windows permettent aux athlètes de demander des renseignements informatisés, de communiquer en anglais, de parler espagnol, etc. Ils sont faciles à utiliser, dit m'a expliqué Shaun. "Tout ce qu'il faut faire c'est toucher l'image du doigt, et il fait ce que vous désirez." Ceux informatisés sont faciles d'emploi pour que le plus grand nombre de personnes puissent s'en servir.

Parmi les chevaux, nous avons essayé de combler les trous avec de la terre, mais le lendemain matin, lors de la séance de test, les trous étaient revenus. Nous avons donc appelé l'inauguration de la maison du cheval, un des chevaux qui semblent être les plus intéressants. Nous avons dû établir des contrats avec les propriétaires des chevaux, mais nous avons pu les recevoir.

Les chevaux peuvent y passer les jambes et se faire des entorses. La sécurité est la préoccupation d'abord à ce sujet, puis aux chevaux qui doivent être savants. Les chevaux qui doivent être savants, sont toujours les chevaux qui ont été choisis avec soin dans des fermes du nord de l'Indiana et du sud du Michigan. Parmi les 37 chevaux essayés vendredi, seuls deux ont été envoyés car ils étaient destinés à des cavaliers de niveau plus avancé. A l'origine, les cavaliers de l'équipe ont été choisis pour faire du capitation, du manege et de l'équitation.
Hodogs and other traditional American food may be included in the new experiences of some athletes at the Games. Argentina's team seems to be enjoying yesterday's dining hall cuisine.

Variety show to entertain Special Olympians

By Jim Ryan
Observer Staff

For the past three days, spectators have been entertained by the courageous performances of the Special Olympians. On Wednesday night, however, it is the athletes' turn to be entertained.

The event will be the 1987 International Special Olympics' Sports Spectacular, and the focus will be to step back from competition and let the athletes enjoy a variety show hosted by Olympic medalists Mary Lou Retton and Bart Conner in the ACC.

According to Vicki McIntire, Chairwoman of the Entertainment Committee for the Games, the night will include a multi-image presentation of the athletes on two large screens dropped from the roof of the ACC arena. The presentation will consist of pictures taken by four photographers who have been following the athletes since they began arriving four days ago.

The night will begin and end with a very special performance by Notre Dame security officer Ivy Siskorski, who composed the song "The Magic is There" especially for the Sports Spectacular.

The Sports Spectacular will highlight gymnastics, with an exciting exhibition by Retton, Conner, Tracee Talavera and Lydia Bree. However, the night will not be limited to gymnastics. Other performers include hula hoop champ Mat Fiendi, who has appeared on the weight lifting had already given him the stamina and strength needed to compete in gymnastics. With only "three or four" years of training, Chad has entered three meets and consistently won the gold in each event.

"I put all my medals in my room," says Chad, who warmly thanks those walking by and still congratulating him on his routine.

"He'll mingle with total strangers. He loves kids and (his teammates) all look up to him," said a very proud father. Mr. Oncale is also impressed with the work Chad has done in school he is graduating this year - and the enthusiasm and dedication with which he approaches everything he does.

Like many of the athletes participating in the Summer Games, Chad attributes his success to the support of his family. With loving admiration he talked of his brother and sister. "My family is wonderful," he said with a radiant smile.

Many Olympians share impressive and inspirational stories, and Chad's is continuing here at the Games which be highlighted, he hopes, with six more gold medals.

Gymnast uses size

By CATHY STACY
Observer Staff

Already at 19, Chad is clearly a champion: he is the gold medal holder in all the men's gymnastic events in his state and, understandably, the role-model for his Louisiana team.

His favorite routine is performing on the rings where he swings all 4'8" of his muscular body into difficult L-sits, iron crosses, inverted handstands and front and back releases.

"I practice four and a half hours four days a week." this explosive bundle of energy said. "I've been working at plumps but I was tired - that's why I didn't do one," he comments after practicing an already spectacular routine that was rewarded with enthusiastic applause.

Because of his small size, Chad's parents were worried that he might be injured if he carried out his dream to play football.

"His junior high coach encouraged him (to do gymnastics). We never had to push him. He always wanted to play all kinds of sports. We were just afraid he'd get hurt," said Roy Oncale, Chad's interests in running and basketball were worried that he might be injured if he carried out his dream to play football.

"I've been working on three routines this year," Chad said, "and I've done every routine but one." He said Reed had given him the stamina and strength needed to compete in gymnastics. With only "three or four" years of training, Chad has entered three meets and consistently won the gold in each event.

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Argentina wins Challenge

By KIM YURATOVAC
Observer Staff

Celebrities, athletes, coaches and friends united in yesterday's Civilian Celebrity Challenge at Cartier Field. Six teams competed in an obstacle course which included running, tricycle riding and skateboarding.

The teams, which represented Illinois, Ireland, Argentina, Trinidad and Tobago, and Yugoslavia, each consisted of two Special Olympics athletes, a coach, a family member and two celebrities.

Argentina, accompanied by Olympic gymnast Mary Lou Retton, captured the first round against Yugoslavia with a time of 36.7 seconds. Retton edged Ireland's honorary delegate, Ethel Kennedy, with a time of 35.8 seconds. Retton again to Illinois in a later round which pitted family member against family member in the battle of the Kennedys.

Matt Thomas, Junior Civitan President, said the Trinidad and Tobago delegation with a time of 29.6 seconds. Trinidad and Tobago was also aided by Olympic swimmer John Naber. Naber beat actor Dick Sargent in a close race.

The 23-year-old Shriver has been involved with Special Olympics his entire life. He has attended events throughout the United States and Europe. "Special Olympics is a wonderful worldwide organization," he said.

"There's a lot of sharing and caring that goes on here." Celebrities and Olympians alike displayed this bond as they united in a joint effort: to have some fun.

Argentina captured first place overall, but in an event like this, as announcer Lynn Swann reminded, there are only winners.

The Challenge was sponsored by Civilian International, one of the biggest sponsors of Special Olympics. Civilian International raised $1.6 million for the Games and contributed 1,000 volunteers, many of whom supervised yesterday's Challenge.

Founded in Alabama in 1917, CIVITAN is an all-volunteer service organization with clubs in North America, Europe and Asia.

The celebrities and athletes were cheered on by a large crowd of supporters. Mattie Matlin posed for pictures with Olympians and Mary Lou Retton waved to the crowd as the audience shouted, "Mary Lou!"

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Historic Idaho soccer team beats Kentucky

By PETE GEGEN
Observer Staff

The Observer

The history of Idaho soccer was represented in its state's delegation on Alumni Field Monday, challenging Kentucky in an F-class soccer game. "We picked it up from Washington," said Jim DuBusion, a coach for the Idaho soccer squad. "We were the first team in the state, even before the high schools. Now it has spread from Coeur d’Alene to Boise and Pocatello."

Thus soccer was born in Idaho. About 20 high schools have picked up the sport since, but the state's original squad remains one of its toughest, as it beat Kentucky, 5-2.

Kentucky opened the scoring when David Hanna beat his defender and scored. Idaho evened the score on a delayed-reaction goal. A shot by Josh Rogers deflected off the keeper's hands, hit the post and slowly rolled over the line. The referee stopped play, but none of the players realized the goal had been scored until the Idaho coaches were informed that the ball had in fact crossed the line. The coaches then started cheering, alerting the players that the goal had been scored. Thus the reaction to the goal was delayed.

Tammy Metzler then put Idaho up 2-1 when she knocked home a loose ball in front of the Kentucky goal.

Hanna quickly put Kentucky back into the game in the second half when he scored on a breakaway at the 31:27 mark of the game.

But Idaho pulled away on goals by Rogers and Kevin Mitchell. Rogers' goal came on a rebound after Kentucky keeper Brad Henehan made an excellent save on a point-blank blast.

Idaho later added an insurance tally to give the final 5-2 score.

Mexican soccer team has one of those days

By PETE GEGEN
Observer Staff

Monday was one of those days for the Mexican soccer team. The Mexicans were facing the El Salvador team in an A-class game. The Salvadorians were just off a tough loss to Chile the day before, while Mexico was playing its first match.

Midway through the second half the Mexicans were trailing by four goals. Head Coach Fernando Vasquez yelled instructions from the sidelines, but he knew it was one of those days.

"It is not going good," said Roberto, the translator for the team.

A Salvadorian breaks free and scores another goal. In the hot humid weather, it seems like the game will never end. "When we lose, we lose bad," Roberto says.

Another Salvadorian goal is scored, this time a slicing shot from the right side finds the back of the net. By now the Mexicans could be getting frustrated, but Roberto explains that this is not the case. He says that the coach had told the team that they might lose a few games, but there will still be a party after it is all over.

Another shot is blasted through the Mexican keeper's legs, making the score seven...no, eight...whatever, it doesn't matter. It is just one of those days.

Besides, the team can always look forward to tomorrow. The only thing that could thwart that is if the Mexicans were to play the formidable Chile squad Tuesday. So what team do they play Tuesday?

Chile. Vasquez isn't discouraged, though. He will have his team ready for the Chileans. What's his game plan? "Es un secreto profesional."
Floor hockey

gains interest

By JUDY MOLNAR
Observer Staff

Fast-paced action, close checking and stingy defense all contribute to making the game of floor hockey, despite the lack of ice, an exciting sport.

Walter Jackson, San Diego’s area coordinator for floor hockey, is the director of the sport for the Games. San Diego County has over 20 teams that participate in the floor hockey sport.

“The sport is one where any ability level can play,” said assistant coordinator Kathy Nelson.

Game play is very similar to watching a ice hockey game, without the violent checks. Movement of the puck is fast as it travels along the smooth, polished courts.

The hockey sticks and pucks are specifically designed for the game. The hockey stick is about four feet long and resembles a broom stick. The puck is a large circular object with a hole in the middle so the hockey stick can be put in the puck to move it across the floor.

At the clinic on Monday afternoon, Jackson demonstrated how to do stick checks, face offs and defensive moves, and how to lift shots and score goals.

Information prepared by Jackson said, “Because most Special Olympics volunteers have no knowledge or conception of floor hockey, they are afraid to coach floor hockey. However, once exposed, volunteers become addicted to floor hockey and will coach it for years.

“The volunteer needs no prior hockey background, as the rules are simple and can be picked up quickly. The sport is fun to play, both for the volunteer and the Special Olympics athlete.”

Snow appears at SMC campus

By KIM YURATOVAC
Observer Staff

Amid yesterday’s 90-degree heat, there was a breath of winter. Red Lobster sponsored a “Snowfest!” at the EXPO Center at Saint Mary’s College for Special Olympians, their families, coaches and members of the press.

Over 120 tons of ice, that’s a quarter of a million pounds, provided the snow for the skiers. “We let the ice melt a little,” said Jim Meyer, Winter Sports Director for the International Special Olympics Headquarters, “then we put ammonium nitrate on it to raise the freezing temperature of the snow.”

Over 100 people participated in the event. There were athletes from such countries as Zimbabwe, Colombia, Barbados and Brazil practicing in the afternoon sun. Many have never even seen snow before.

“Their reactions are always smiles,” Meyer said. “We have world champion skier Billy Kidd, instructor Irene Nelson, Lake Placid Women’s coach Betsy Meyer, Michigan skiers Jim Bradley and Mike Metro and myself accompany them down the slope. They are doing very well. It takes a while for those who have never walked on snow before, but once they’ve grasped the sensation of sliding, they’ve got it.”

Athletes were all smiles as they attempted both cross-country and downhill skiing. 1964 Olympics silver medalist Billy Kidd helped to demonstrate techniques like “snowplowing” on the 120-foot long man-made snow mountain. It’s why we’re proud of the volunteers who are participating in the Summer Games.

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Phones, food, fun provided at Olympic Town

By MATT SITZER
Observer Staff

Athletes and coaches strolling through Olympic Town this week will have the opportunity to see, experience, and sometimes taste the efforts of a number of the International Summer Games' major sponsors.

Just after entering the multi-activity entertainment center, an athlete or coach can simply turn left and place a short phone call to any place in the world—free of charge. This service, provided by Principal Sponsor AT&T, is one of the most popular attractions at Olympic Town.

Maureen Gilday, AT&T area manager for Indiana and special events coordinator, said Special Olympics participants have placed calls to countries as far away as Zimbabwe, Monaco, and Japan. She expects the volume of calls to increase once the final competition begins.

After talking to friends and loved ones from home at the AT&T booth, competitors and coaches can partake in some “sweet relief” from the hot summer sun at the Hardees Free Ice Cream Stand.

Hardees Restaurants, a Platinum Sponsor of the Games, is offering a number of services throughout the Games, but perhaps none of them are appreciated more than their refreshingly cool ice cream cones.

“We are going through about 1,000 cones an hour,” said Mo Brennan, a Hardees employee from Livonia, Michigan. “My husband Bob and my daughter and son-in-law Steven and Kelli Groth are here helping out even though they’re not Hardees employees. I couldn’t keep them away!”

The Hardees booth in Olympic Town will be open all week long to give athletes and coaches a short, but sweet respite from the steamy Indiana weather.

Just a short walk from the Hardees Ice Cream Stand is the Civilian International Photo Booth. Members of Civilian International, the Premier Sponsor of the International Summer Olympics Games, have been serving as volunteers for almost all events and providing a number of services to both athletes and spectators. At the Civilian booth, athletes can have their pictures taken with any number of celebrities, VIPs and special guests that happen to be attending Olympic Town events.

Volunteer Peggy Elliott, a Civilian member from Topeka, Kansas, speaks highly of her fellow Civilian co-workers. “We have people working just about every event of the Games,” she said. “When we aren’t out on assignment at the various events, we help out on cheering teams and at our Olympic Town photo booth.”

Because Civilian is an international organization, they have members from around the world in attendance at the Games to assist their brother and sister members from the United States. “I just met some of our members from Norway, a few hours ago,” said Elliott.

In addition to the Civilian booth, other big attraction at Olympic Town is Red Lobster’s Pin Central pin exchange, located near Olympic Town’s entertainment stage. Dick Monroe, director of public relations for Red Lobster, speaks very enthusiastically about his company’s contribution to the International Games.

“We’re doing a number of interesting things for Special Olympics,” said Monroe. “With our Pin Central booth, we’re trying to start a tradition much like the regular Olympic Games. Athletes can come here to find pins from over 150 organizations and countries, and then trade us some of theirs for some of ours.”

Monroe added that Pin Central also served as a meeting place for athletes to talk and exchange stories and addresses as well as their pins.

Volunteers from Red Lobster are winners of a nation wide employee essay contest. Contest winners were given the opportunity to lend their services to the many Red Lobster sponsored events and activities at these Summer Games.

One of the essay winners now working at Pin Central remarked that he had “never worked so hard in his life, but had never enjoyed himself more.”

Monroe added that Red Lobster has 32 employees here, representing 22 states. Monroe seemed to be speaking for all the major sponsors when he remarked that the decision to contribute their time and money to the Summer Games was a “decision of the heart.”

Mary Lou Retton's skateboarding technique helped Argentina capture the first round in yesterday's obstacle course. Six teams participated in the Civilian Celebrity Challenge at Cartier Field, which consisted of running, tricycle riding and skateboarding.
Tennis action served up for first time at games

By ROB TYLER
Observer Staff

The balmy atmosphere and hot asphalt taxed everyone. Heat beating down from a naked sun was preferable to the weekend's crying skies, especially for tennis.

Special Olympians, fans, and volunteers gathered behind Notre Dame's ACC for the second of three rounds of doubles tennis. There is one round per day.

A few ladies waited underneath blue and green umbrellas. Ball boys and girls drinking soft drinks waited for their tasks. Officials surveyed the court line-up, and coaches gave last minute tips to the athletes, anxious on the sidelines.

At one fifteen in the increasing afternoon heat, an official ordered the players to four of the six courts. Court One's umpire, Barbara Gilbert, called Kansas and North Carolina to the net. The North Carolina cousins, Ken and Wesley McKeithen, leaned on it across from their Kansas opponents, Ted Donlinger and Barb McEldownley. The umpire wished them luck.

North Carolina and Kansas volleyed for a ten minute practice session. The McKeithens appeared reassured, perhaps thinking of the game to come. His partner seemed to be taking it in stride.

The McKeithens went on to rule the court for the first three games of the one set match. They served and returned the ball well to Donlinger and McEldownley. Donlinger's irritation received sympathetic glances from his teammate.

But then in the fourth game, the team from Kansas overtook the two North Carolinians. McEldownley and Donlinger mixed lobs, slams, and good netplay to finally overtake their two opponents 6-3.

Kansas' volunteers cheered and Donlinger and McEldownley each cracked wide smiles. The plains state's players and fans hugged and congratulated them.

As the few remaining doubles matches finished, the asphalt was warm enough to give players and fans the "hot foot." Eggs could fried on it.

Zoneball and wheelchair races have opened the Olympic events to physically handicapped athletes who may not have been able to participate in other sports. One need only look around to see this summer's champions.

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Lifting clinic goes on despite star's absence

By SUSAN MULLEN
Observer Staff

The full house at Washington Hall was reduced to about two-thirds capacity Monday morning after the announcement that Arnold Schwarzenegger would not be present because of a previous commitment.

The star of "The Terminator" and "Conan the Barbarian" was to have hosted the weightlifting clinic and demonstration.

Replacements Dick Sargent and Lynn Swann drew enthusiasm from the crowd and more than compensated for Schwarzenegger's absence. Also, the crowd erupted in cheers as Louisiana Coach and body builder Paul Fletcher worked his bulging muscles by bench pressing over 400 pounds. Weightlifting Venue manager Gary Weil gave safety tips for the sport and explained the benefit of weightlifting for athletes of any sport. He also explained what the different events within weightlifting entail, such as dead lifting and bench pressing. Weil emphasized the importance of having spotters present whenever lifting to ensure safe muscle building.

Three spotters were on stage at all times during the demonstration as were five security guards to maintain crowd control and assign seating. Also on hand were escorts and first aid assistants.

Three Special Olympians from Nebraska—Alan Kaufman, Curtis Lewellen and Bill Bobbitt—were impressed with the clinic. "I was a little disappointed when I found out Schwarzenegger wasn't coming, but I saw some good lifts anyway" said Lewellen.

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McCall's highly respected businessman. His successful dial-in flower company, 800-FLOWERS, has developed a special "Hooray Bouquet" to raise money for this year's International Summer Games—an effort truly appreciated by Games fundraising officials. But Jim McCann has a special interest in the success of the Games.

His younger brother, Kevin, a Special Olympian for the past six years, will be competing in the one mile and 400 meter runs. Kevin is one of the major inspirations that led to McCann's development of the "Hooray Bouquet."

The "Hooray Bouquet" is a lavish assortment of colorful, fresh-cut flowers packaged in an attractive gift box. Advertised as "the perfect gift for any occasion," the "Hooray Bouquet" is shipped overnight via Federal Express simply by dialing 1-800-FLOWERS.

Greg Hagglund, vice president in charge of marketing for Contemporary Marketing Inc., which handles the 800-FLOWERS advertising account, is very optimistic about the success of the fundraising campaign.

"It's a little too early to say exactly how successful the overall effort will be," said Hagglund. "I can say that up to this point, we have had tremendous response."

In the past year, McCann and his partner, Jim Poage, have overseen the operations of their Dallas-based company and have fashioned it into the nation's only 24-hour coast-to-coast florist.

Fresh flowers are then placed in patented moisture-retaining boxes and, electronically relayed to fulfillment centers or one of 4,000 member florists, customer orders are electronically relayed to fulfillment centers or one of 4,000 member florists. Fresh flowers are then placed in patented moisture-retaining boxes and, through special arrangements made with Federal Express, are delivered the next day, anywhere in the United States.

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Teammate necessary in demanding sports

By CATHY STACY
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A gymnast's courage to remount the beam after a misstep or the last swimmer's determination to finish the 200m freestyle are these the marks of true Olympians.

For every athlete that has dreamed of winning the gold, hours of practice have preceded the 1987 Games. Days of strenuous training and reassuring coaching have inspired these Olympians to strive for their personal best.

But exciting, fast-paced games like soccer, basketball, softball, and field hockey are even more demanding because of a special knowledge uncommon to the others - the necessity of teamwork.

"Not only do the athletes learn the various skills of field hockey," wrote San Diego's Walter Jackson, "but they learn how to interact and work with others in a team situation."

Every team sport being played at the Games could be described in the same way.

After Nebraska's basketball team defeated the Philippines yesterday, coach Jeannie Weis commented on their group efforts. "The team had to be tight - on dribbling and passing. Their team (the Philippines) was very good and we had to really work our defense." All around the campus, bunched together under cool shade trees or standing in formation on the grass, teams and coaches discuss strategies and stress the message "Remember we're a team," or "Let's go for the gold - together."

Perhaps the most demanding and frustrating aspect of international team sports is the minimal amount of time - averaging about five days - that coaches have to train their athletes as a group.

Dorothea Nelson's son had only played with one other member of his Utah soccer team before his five day training camp for the Games. "He enjoys working on a team. He has played the same position during this game," he said, "but it takes more time to work on strategies and discover where each athlete's talents lie, she said.

By watching from the sidelines during these hot afternoons, Nelson has observed some important factors in team play. "They have to remember where to be and back up each other. It is a team effort, but there is always an aggressive player that will lead the others."

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Some Olympians, however, have a different perspective of what it is to lack of - in training and performing as a group. "It's really easier," said South Dakota's softball coach Dean Gross, with his team molding and smiling in agreement. "It's faster," adds team member Darin. "We all help each other, and we get through faster because we back them up."

A chorus of voices raise other advantages like "It's more fun!" and "We have a pretty good time. (My teammates) are powerful."

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Team Ohio falls, looks for seven innings

By JIM RILEY
Observer Staff

Team Ohio took the field for its first softball game yesterday in the blazing heat of Stepan Field, but it came up short in a 1-6, five inning game.

Massachusetts pitted up ten runs in the second inning to take an 11-1 lead. Play was stopped three innings later because Massachusetts had a lead of at least 10 runs after five innings.

The Ohio State team returns today to meet the minimal amount of time - averaging about five days - that coaches have to train their athletes as a group.

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Louisiana, California coast in volleyball

By JUDY MOLNAR
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Volleyball action continued Monday at the Angela Athletic Facility with 38 scheduled matches.

"My goal is to keep the athletes going and play a lot of matches, to keep the coaches happy and the volunteers involved," said Art Lamberti, venue manager for volleyball. "Everything else is just window dressing."


Louisiana, with a total of three victories, defeated Barbados, 15-2, 15-8. TheObserver/Jim Carroll

The newly constructed Roll's Aquatic Center, located in the Joyce ACC, provides swimmers with a first-rate Olympic sized pool. The simple sight of swimmers in cool, refreshing water seems to have attracted many spectators during these hot days.

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Special Olympics helps Indians progress

By PRATIBHA TRIPATHI
Observer Staff

An Indian legend has it that a young prince, named Dhruv, was deprived of the affection of his parents. He was granted the most prestigious niche in the sky because of his prayers and determination to perfect himself. As the polar star, Dhruv brightly illuminated the paths of those who looked up for guidance.

Like Dhruv, the Special Olympics from India will get the opportunity to shine.

Until recently, the mentally handicapped in India were either closeted away or ignored.

"(The parents) leave them with the servants and give them everything but don't give them any time," said Hyacinth Desouza, the director of Special Olympics games in India.

Desouza cites an athlete, Murta Desouza, as an example of a child who is given all the comforts of life, but is deprived attention. A talented painter, Desouza's creation is displayed at the art exhibition at the EXPO Center.

New government-funded organizations, support groups formed by the parents, and trained professionals are devising programs to assist mentally handicapped.

In a speech to South Bend and the neighboring Indian community, P. Kaul, the Indian ambassador, said special institutions created by government and individuals are being established. These include programs to educate society about the needs of mentally handicapped people.

"They are in a disadvantage of no fault of their own," said Kaul. "It is a great effort done by these people who are handicapped trying to be self-reliant. Effort is being made. Private initiative is done."

V.K. Mankotia, the consul and the head of chancery from the Consulate General of India in Chicago, said India has a "separate ministry for children and mentally retarded. Our goal is to uplift the status of the mentally disabled...."

Mankotia added that even greater efforts are being undertaken privately. Mentally handicapped children participate in athletics through their school. According to Desouza, over 1,500 are enrolled in 20 schools for mentally handicapped in Bombay. The program is gaining acceptance and spreading to the remote parts of the country, where 35 percent of the constituents were under the poverty level five years ago.

A shaping force for the programs for the mentally retarded in India, Desouza works with the mentally handicapped children from her home. She has found the work she has done informative. "(The parents) didn't know their children can throw a ball," Desouza said.

"Unfortunately, sports is not a top priority in India. (Indians) think education and academics are much more important," explained Desouza.

Desouza said the children are more avid sports fans. "As much as I like running and jumping, I love sports and I know that children love sports."

"Special Olympics is doing a world of good," she added. "(The athletes) are getting tremendous satisfaction by taking part and by being like everyone else. It's a tremendous feeling to see the joy."

Nigel Pinto is one of four children who will be highlighted by ABC, according to Desouza. She said Pinto is a well-behaved and admirable child. "Special Olympics is bringing them out and giving them much confidence."

There are 16 athletes and six volunteers in the delegation. The athletes will compete in track and field and swimming.

The Indian Special Olympians captured gold, silver and bronze awards on the first day of the VII Summer Special Olympics competition. As they compete, they will shine brightly and enlighten many minds in their country.

Kosch handles Hardee's involvement

By KEVIN BECKER
Observer Staff

Steve Kosch is the first to admit that he has been out in the sun too long.

Since Kosch is one of the people responsible for Hardee's involvement in the 1987 International Summer Special Olympics Games, it is not hard to understand why.

"I've been assigned solely to this project since the middle of May," said Kosch, Hardee's operation project manager.

In his position, Kosch has been responsible for, among other things, the setup of the Hardee's mobile unit stationed outside of the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center, the care of the 120 staff members that will be manning the unit throughout the week, the preparation of 500 box lunches daily for volunteers, and the feeding of 6000 people before last night's opening ceremonies.

According to Kosch, the mobile unit has been doing 150 to 200 percent of the projected volume of business for the operation and may be the company's busiest restaurant in the chain this week, with predicted sales of over $55,000 Quarter-Pound Cheeseburgers and $7,000 in drinks. All proceeds from the unit go to support Special Olympics.

Proceeds from Hardee's involvement in the Games, however, are not just measured in terms of cash. The corporation has employees from a variety of states working here and has developed a strong bond of unity between the franchises and the corporation as a result of the cooperation on the Special Olympics project.

According to Kosch, the value of working for Special Olympics for all involved greatly outweighs the amount of work put into the effort.

"We're all getting involved together and forming some close bonds. It makes somebody feel good to do something like this," he said.
One Columbian athlete shares his hopes for victory with fellow Olympians. The high spirits at these Games have brought out the best in these champions.
Los Juegos Internacionales han unido atletas de todo el mundo, sus ambiciones y dedicación para hacer lo mejor posible ha sido inspiración para todos los demás. Cuando la gente avanza con tal espíritu, nos encontramos un paso más cercano a la unión del mundo.

Con el sistema complicado que se usa durante los Juegos, hay mucha probabilidad de que problemas ocurran, pero Comp Net hizo muchas pruebas usando este programa en 15 competencias y en las Olímpicas Especiales de Indiana. Tal vez podremos tabular los resultados de una competencia regional a mano, pero un evento de este tamaño sería una pesadilla sin computadoras, según Mark Flora, un voluntario de IBM encargado de los servicios para la media. "Lo bueno de estas programaciones es que podemos dar muchas estadísticas para los competidores, sus familias, y los colegios cuando las Olímpicas acaben y todos regresen a su hogar," dijo Flora.

El equipo español seleccionado en la lista de atletas italianos y franceses cuáles de sus artistas italianos y franceses han sido necesarias para la comunicación en inglés, el centro ha tenido un servicio para corregir fallas o problemas a través del correo de las asociaciones. Dijo Schroeder, "Estamos tratando de ser tan flexibles como sea posible y llegar a resolver un problema así podemos ayudar lo mejor que podamos." El grupo de personas que corrían fallas o problemas para aquellos que no pudieron comunicarse en inglés se llamaban "grupito móvil" y la mayoría está compuesta de personas del mismo origen que hablaban el idioma de un país extranjero. Los miembros de este grupo se identificaban fácilmente por una bandera colgada alrededor de su pecho con el idioma en lo cual son fluidos y que se mueven en ambas lenguas y el otro idioma. De acuerdo a Schroeder, si alguien necesita ayuda para comunicarse, esta persona deberá buscar a un miembro del "grupito móvil" o tratar de hacer contacto con el Centro de Idiomas Extranjeros en el CEE.

Una gran tienda de campaña cubrió cuadras ocupadas por 2000 personas en los establos. Del grupo "móvil" contribuyendo al sentido de comunidad en los Olimpicas especiales de Verano de 1987 puede que sean las más importantes en los Juegos. Setenta y dos países están contribuyendo a los Juegos con las Olímpicas Especiales de Verano y con este sabor viene la necesidad de comunicarse.

Diario Schroeder del Centro de Servicios de Idiomas: "Constantemente estamos recibiendo llamadas telefónicas de gente en los eventos, que dicen "Oh Dios mío, les necesitamos ahora mismo!" De acuerdo a Schroeder, 85-90 por ciento de los extranjeros de los países en los que hablaba inglés no hablan inglés y solamente el 50 por ciento de las delegaciones son seguidores en el idioma. A causa de este gran número de gente que no se pueden comunicar en inglés, el centro ha tenido un número de servicios que proveen a los Juegos. De acuerdo a Schroeder, el comité encontró soluciones para "alojar" a cada país que participa en los Juegos. Se hizo revisión de 1300 solicitudes para traductores y ha provisto un servicio para corregir fallas o problemas a través del curso de las asociaciones. Dijo Schroeder, "Estamos tratando de ser tan flexibles como sea posible y llegar a resolver un problema así podemos ayudar lo mejor que podamos." El grupo de personas que corrían fallas o problemas para aquellos que no pudieron comunicarse en inglés se llamaban "grupito móvil" y la mayoría está compuesta de personas del mismo origen que hablaban el idioma de un país extranjero. Los miembros de este grupo se identificaban fácilmente por una bandera colgada alrededor de su pecho con el idioma en lo cual son fluidos y que se mueven en ambas lenguas y el otro idioma. De acuerdo a Schroeder, si alguien necesita ayuda para comunicarse, esta persona deberá buscar a un miembro del "grupito móvil" o tratar de hacer contacto con el Centro de Idiomas Extranjeros en el CEE.

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El campo ecuestre se encuentra en un valle rodeado de montañas con vistas al lago. La escena es un remanente del pasado, un mundo donde los caballos son reyes. Los jinetes se organizan en equipos para la competencia, y cada equipo tiene un eslogan que representa su personalidad. El equipo "El Gallo" es conocido por su agresividad en el campo de juego, mientras que el equipo "Los Caballeros" es apreciado por su estilo clásico.

Un grupo de voluntarios formó un comité para coordinar las actividades en el campo ecuestre. Los voluntarios trabajan en equipo para asegurarse de que cada evento tenga una buena organización. Una de las tareas principales es recibir llamadas telefónicas de gente en los eventos, que dicen "Oh Dios mío, les necesitamos ahora mismo!" De acuerdo a Schroeder, el comité encontró soluciones para "alojar" a cada país que participa en los Juegos. Se hizo revisión de 1300 solicitudes para traductores y ha provisto un servicio para corregir fallas o problemas a través del curso de las asociaciones. Dijo Schroeder, "Estamos tratando de ser tan flexibles como sea posible y llegar a resolver un problema así podemos ayudar lo mejor que podamos." El grupo de personas que corrían fallas o problemas para aquellos que no pudieron comunicarse en inglés se llamaban "grupito móvil" y la mayoría está compuesta de personas del mismo origen que hablaban el idioma de un país extranjero. Los miembros de este grupo se identificaban fácilmente por una bandera colgada alrededor de su pecho con el idioma en lo cual son fluidos y que se mueven en ambas lenguas y el otro idioma. De acuerdo a Schroeder, si alguien necesita ayuda para comunicarse, esta persona deberá buscar a un miembro del "grupito móvil" o tratar de hacer contacto con el Centro de Idiomas Extranjeros en el CCE.