ND Commencement marks transition's end for seniors

By BRAD PRENDERGAST  
News Editor

Four years ago, the members of the class of 1996 were struggling through freshman exams, calling their professors "Professor," and taking time to disguise their drinking habits from their parents. Four years later, this year's seniors have struggled through their last GRE essays, grown to calling their professors "Jack," and taken their parents out for a beer.

This weekend, the transition from college freshman to college graduate comes to an end as 1,801 undergraduates will receive their degrees at the University's 131st Commencement exercises Sunday. 244 master's and doctoral students in the Graduate School will have degrees conferred upon them at the ceremony, as will 211 master's students in the College of Business Administration and 191 students in the Law School. The ceremony is concluded at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Choice of service suits McCaffrey

By JAMIE HEISLER  
Assistant News Editor

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Andrews elected first female fellow

Kathleen Andrews, vice chair of Universal Press Syndicate and chief executive officer of Andrews Press and McMillan of Kansas City, Mo., has been elected a Fellow of the University of Notre Dame, the first woman to serve on the 12-member group that is the University’s governing body.

A 1959 graduate of Notre Dame College in Cleveland, Andrews earned a master of science degree at the University of Notre Dame in 1962. She was elected to the University’s Board of Trustees in 1993, having previously served on the advisory council for Notre Dame’s Institute for Church Life. In 1981, in memory of her late husband, James Andrews, a 1961 Notre Dame graduate, she established the Andrews Memorial Scholarship Fund, which underwrites summer student projects in conjunction with the University’s alumni clubs.

Andrews will be one of the six lay Fellows of the University, who serve along with six priests of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The Fellows exercise all powers and authority granted by the University’s charter, but delegate much of that authority to the trustees.

Mooney to join provost office

Carol Mooney, professor of law in the University of Notre Dame Law School, was elected vice president and associate provost of the University by its Board of Trustees.

Mooney’s responsibilities in the provost’s office will include tenure and promotion matters; strategies for faculty recruitment and professional promotion; and student services.

A member of the law school faculty since 1980, Mooney received the law school’s teacher of the year award in 1983. She serves on the provost’s advisory committee and the Lauter Medal and Notre Dame Law School Award selection committee, and has been a member of the Academic Council’s degree committee in the Protocols of Human Subjects, the editorial board of the Notre Dame Law School, the Faculty/Student Committee of Women of Color, and the University’s Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Mooney graduated from Saint Mary’s College in 1972 and received her J.D. degree from the Notre Dame Law School in 1977, earning the Colonel William J. Hoyes award for the highest grade point average in her class. Mooney was an associate attorney with the Federal Court of Claims in Washington, D.C. from 1977-78.

Merz to head graduate research

James Merz, Frank Freimann Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Notre Dame, was elected vice president for graduate studies and research at the University by its Board of Trustees.

In this role, Merz will be responsible for the development and state of affairs of graduate research work in the University, and for the development and administration of graduate fellowships conducted by the University and its faculty.

Merz has published over 300 papers and holds five patents.

Merz graduated from Notre Dame with a bachelor’s degree in physics in 1959 and attended the University of Oxford in Germany as a Fulbright Fellow. He attended Harvard University as both a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and Danforth Fellow, earning his master’s degree in electrical engineering and computer science in 1962.

Merz is a fellow of the American Physical Society and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE). He has served on the IEEE’s Board of Directors, and currently serves as secretary of the Electronic Device Society of IEEE. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Materials Research Society, and the Society for Values in Higher Education.
Return to campus for Abdo will be ‘bittersweet’

By KRISTI KOLSK1
Senior Staff Writer

Mandy Abdo would just like
to take her new van and go out
with her friends. It’s a simple
request from the Notre Dame
senior. But a car accident on Nov.
11, leaving Abdo without the
use of her arms and legs, has
made even simple requests
hard to fulfill.

For six months, Abdo has
battled paralysis and the com­
lications that followed.
Doctors said to expect the
worst, but hope for the best.
Abdo surprised them.

"I want to write letters and
take notes. I want to move
my legs. I want to move
my arms. I want to do
some things new I would
ever do before," she said.
"I want to go to Commencement,
and I want to be able to
give you a hug." Abdo said.
"And instantaneously the entire
campus knew what was going
on." Roommates Erin Lyons,
Dawn Kasper ski and Pam
Kennedy always took the news
as a reason to celebrate.

As Abdo returns to campus
to participate in the graduation
ceremonies, she hopes people
realize she has not changed.
"Don’t be scared. I’m still
the same and if I could slap
you I would. I can’t move but
I’m trying really hard and
pretty soon I’ll be able to
smack all of you," Abdo said.

She views the return as bit­
tersweet. The weekend will
be sweet, because she will be
reunited with roommates and
friends.

But the weekend also repres­
ts final goodbyes from
those same people and the uni­
versity that brought them
together.

"Physically and emotionally
it will be hard because my
friends are going to be moving," she said. With several
friends going to Chicago, one
of her roommates moving to
South Korea with the military,
and another one returning
home to Tennessee, Abdo
laments the return to her own
home in Minnesota.

"Everybody is going some
place but me. I’m coming
home and practicing moving
my arms," Abdo said. "When
you look at it that way it is
really trivial."

But Abdo probably has more
challenges ahead than most
other graduates.

In addition to working on
moving her arms and legs, she
hopes to have her trache
removed.

Currently, Abdo has a tiny
trache insert because she still
gets congested and the opening
is used to remove excess
mucus.

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Editor's Note: Selections were made by members of The Observer News Department.

**Four Years in Review**

**Top 10 News Stories from 1992-1996**

1. "Homosexual student group denied access"
   - After GLIDESMC was prohibited from meeting on campus in January, protests were organized and councils passed resolutions calling for official recognition of the group. However, recognition was never granted. Later in the year, the administration created a committee to address gay and lesbian issues.
   - Jan. 31, 1995

2. "Notre Dame student killed in weekend crash"
   - Mara Fox, a Lyons Hall freshman, was killed early Saturday morning when she was struck by a car along Douglas Road while walking back to campus from Macri's Deli with three other freshman women and one of their older brothers.
   - Nov. 15, 1993

3. "Rita cleared of Fox's death"
   - After nine hours of deliberations, a jury acquitted Notre Dame Law School graduate John Rita of causing the death of Mara Fox on Nov. 13, 1993 while driving drunk. Rita faces a retrial as early as Sept. 1 on a second charge of leaving the scene of an accident.
   - Nov. 9, 1994

4. "Committee calls for gay student group"
   - After a year of research, the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs called for an officially recognized gay and lesbian student group. Vice-President of Students, Chaves, Patricia O'Hara responded by establishing a "University group" for gay students.
   - Mar. 1, 1996

5. "$50 million stadium expansion announced"
   - The University gave alumni and Irish fans their field of dreams, finalizing the plans for expansion of Notre Dame Stadium by 21,000 seats by the 1997 season. Construction on the stadium began in the fall of 1995 following the end of the football team's home schedule.
   - May 13, 1994

6. "SMC President Hickey announces resignation"
   - Marking the end of a 35-year career in higher education, Saint Mary's College President William Hickey announced his resignation, effective with the appointment of a successor.
   - Apr. 22, 1996

7. "SMC moves to change method of governance"
   - An ad hoc committee has formulated a plan to change the governance of Saint Mary's College to a single board of Trustees with more power vested in the laity, according to College President William Hickey.
   - Sept. 15, 1993

8. "Administration changes state of Grace"
   - Following the 1995-96 academic year, Grace Hall will be converted to a permanent administrative office building and, upon conversion, the Main Building will be vacated to undergo a major renovation. In spring 1997, Planner will also be converted in order to provide additional office space.
   - April 22, 1994

9. "University clears Kinder and Farmer"
   - Sophomore running backs Randy Kinder and Robert Farmer were cleared of any wrongdoing in connection with an alleged assault incident following the Notre Dame-British Young game in October of that year.
   - Feb. 1, 1995

10. "Chaves on leave after harassment charge"
    - Following an allegation of sexual harassment, Associate Professor of Sociology Mark Chaves took official leave of his teaching duties. Chaves, a tenured professor, was accused of making sexual suggestions to a female undergraduate research assistant.
    - Jan. 25, 1996
Brimming with controversy, scandal, tragedy, and, yes, even some occasional euphoria, the 1995-96 school year kept the University community on its toes.

This past year was filled with big headlines and continued debate, especially when the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs advocated the formation of an officially recognized student group. The committee’s work was commissioned by Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia O’Hara after campus-wide protests in the spring of 1995 enraged following the University’s decision to bar gays and lesbians at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College (GND/SMC) from meeting on campus.

But O’Hara chose instead to form a University group for gay and lesbian students, whereby control of the group would rest not with the students but with appointed advisors. Her decision brought disappointment to many campus student leaders, including Student Body President Jonathan Patrick. GND/SMC president John Blandford, several members of the ad hoc committee, and members of the Native American Students’ Association of Notre Dame. They demanded the removal of the murals.

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Issues ignited controversy throughout year

By BRAD PRENDERGAST

1995-96

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In April, Saint Mary’s President William Hickey announced his resignation, effective upon the appointment of a successor.

Renovation of the stadium, a $50 million project, began in late November and will continue until the fall of 1997. The new structure will add approximately 20,000 seats.

The administration building murals, which portray the arrival of Christopher Columbus, sparked a protest led by the Native American Student’s Association of Notre Dame. They demanded the removal of the murals.

A Notre Dame senior Mandy Abdo was left without movement in her arms and legs following a weather-related accident in November. Though her condition was critical in the immediate days after the accident, the senior class rallied around its classmate, organizing raffles and play performances — including a production of Shakespeare’s “Midsummer Night’s Dream” this weekend — in which the proceeds went to defray Abdo’s medical costs.

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A chapter in the history of another edifice drew to a close when the University announced that Flanner Hall would join its brother tower Grace Hall in being converted from a residence hall to an office complex at the end of the 1996-97 school year. Current Flanner residents will be moved to Siegfried and Knott Halls, whose students will move to two new dorms adjacent to O’Neill and Keough Halls.

Notre Dame’s national prominence in football extended to the local level last fall. The College Football Hall of Fame relocated and opened in South Bend in September. At the opening ceremony, former Irish lineman Jim Martin was inducted into the hall.

And, finally, 1995-96 saw the return of national champion status to Notre Dame athletics. The women’s soccer team, in a three-overtime effort, downed the University of Portland 1-0, returning the glow to the No. 1 sign atop Grace Hall in December.
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When Timothy O’Meara became provost for the University in 1978, he came from the mathematics department in which he held a tradition of rotating the department chairmanship among the professors every few years. It was an idea born out of the belief that a fresh person in that position helped ensure that leadership did not stagnate and that teachers who were pulled into administrative roles could return to teaching relatively soon.

So upon accepting the provostship, O’Meara told then-University President Theodore Hesburgh that he would hold the position for only four years. Eighteen years later, O’Meara is still the provost, a title he will finally relinquish this summer, which in coming provost Father Hatch feels is one of the best ways to ensure this excellence, according to Hatch. “We need those that espouse values and have a commitment to teaching and learning,” he said.

This is important because academic quality is in the hands of the faculty.”

To complement the development of the faculty, Hatch believes that the University should concentrate on those areas of academia in which it already excels, or its centers of excellence. “We have to make sure that we’re very good at certain things,” he said. “We can’t be good at everything so we have to learn where it is appropriate to concentrate resources.”

The devotion of more resources to financial aid, an initiative the University has already undertaken, is necessary to the recruitment of top students, according to Hatch. “Notre Dame has increased systematically our financial aid, but we don’t compare with some of the best that we’ve heard. ‘Financial aid is our long term goal.’”
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Cultural Diversity Seminar. She has also served as a commissioner for the Big Sister Big Brother program, as a volunteer at the Center for the Homeless, and as a Howard Hall eucharistic minister.

The Catholic character of the University, including the tradition of service, was in part why McCaffrey made the decision to attend Notre Dame.

"There was definitely some family involvement in Notre Dame, including my father and grandfather, but I knew I didn't have to come here. I chose Notre Dame because it had a great mix of excellent academics, a feeling of community, and a sense of spirituality. It balanced those together well," she said.

Besides service, the majority of McCaffrey's extracurricular activities were devoted to activities related to her physics major. She was a member of the student council for the College of Science, the University honor code committee, the physics honor code committee, and the physics club.

Academically, research has occupied a large part of her time. She studied experimental high energy physics as a research assistant to Associate Professor Mitch Wayne.

With such an extensive background in physics, one might not expect her to follow her college research with two years of teaching in Nepal, but McCaffrey's reasoning is aptly explained in her commencement address, which will be given on Sunday.

In her speech, she will compare the graduates' lives at Notre Dame to the analogy of the cave given in Plato's Republic. "In the analogy, a man comes from the darkness of the cave to the splendor of the sun... As graduates, it is our responsibility to return to the cave and teach those who haven't seen the sun," she said.

McCaffrey was chosen as valedictorian from a pool of 11 top-ranking graduating seniors on the basis of her commencement address as well as recommendations from her College.

The pool of potential valedictorians was created based on those who had GPAs above the rounded cutoff point of 3.94. According to Sister Kathleen Cannon, associate provost, these students were then invited to submit a sample commencement address. In addition, the deans of each student's College were asked to submit evaluations of the individual.

While deserving, McCaffrey is humble in her response. "I am honored, but I also feel it could be any of us. It's all a little overwhelming," she said.

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"I'm going to miss the football weekends a lot," added Muller, who will be working for Andersen Consulting in Minneapolis upon graduation. "It's the beginning of something, not the end. That's why we call it 'Commencement.'" said Muller, who will be working with pregnant teenagers in Chicago in the fall. "It's the beginning of experiencing the world that we've been sheltered from for four years."

Marcy Forgy covered Commencement a time of introduction. "Commencement is a moment to sit back and think about the time here" said Forgy, who will be volunteering in Madagascar this fall as part of the Peace Corps.

Mary Ann Glen, a professor of law at Harvard University and the lead representative from the Vatican at the Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women held last September in Beijing, will be the principal speaker at Commencement, and will receive an honorary degree of law degree from Notre Dame.

"I've loved the University of Chicago in 1959, has become a much acclaimed writer, lecturer and social critic, focusing on such issues as abortion and divorce.

Sister Helen Prejean, the death penalty abolitionist whose autobiography inspired the Academy Award-winning film "Dead Man Walking," will receive the University's 1996 Laetare Medal and also address the graduates.

This year's exercises will bring together two notable pairs of dignitaries. Honorary degree recipient Sir John Templeton is the internationally known philanthropist whose foundation recently recognized "Dead Man Walking" with the first Templeton Prize for Inspiring Movies and TV. Also, Claire Gaudiani, honorary degree recipient and president of Connecticut College, will be succeeded as chair of Campus Compact by Notre Dame president Father Edward Malloy. Campus Compact, a coalition of some 500 college and university presidents, is known for encouraging student community service.

In addition to honoring Glendon, Templeton and Gaudiani, other honorary degree recipients are William Blake, chief scientist for hydroacoustics at the David Taylor Model Basin, Ruben Carriero, assistant superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District, and Stephen Carter, the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at Yale University.

Also receiving honorary degrees are Richard Goldstone, chief prosecutor of the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, Jon Hassler, novelist John Kaneh, chairman of Gulf Oil and a University trustee, J. W. R. Rao, president of the Indian Institute of Science; and Katherine Schipper, Williams Professor of Accounting at the University of Chicago.

Cardinal Edward Pironio, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, previously announced he was called as an honorary degree recipient, but will be unable to accept due to scheduling conflicts.

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Friday, May 17, 1996
**Construction hopes to reflect traditional style**

By JAMIE HEISLER  
Associate News Editor

Within the next five years, campus-wide construction and renovation will in some ways modernize the campus and in other ways return it to the traditional setting.

This recent focus on renovation and construction began with the release of Father Malloy's Colloquy 2000, a report listing the arrays of University life which he felt could be improved upon.

The expansion of Notre Dame Stadium, a $50 million project, could be improved upon. With the release of Father Malloy's Colloquy 2000, one of the major items on Malloy's list. According to Mike Smith, Director of Facilities Engineering, the project is now roughly halfway completed.

"The pre-cast concrete superstructure is being erected currently," he said.

He added that by the 1996 football season, the exterior superstructure would be complete, although the additional interior seating would not be installed.

"There will be pathways through the construction site at the four corners," Smith said.

The stadium will be complete by August 1997 in time for the football season.

Renovations to the exterior of the Dome were also intended to return the building's appearance to that of the late 1800's. "We think it's going back to what it looked like originally," Smith said.

Currently, the scaffolding on the main part of the building as well as on the Dome and its supporting shaft have been removed for commencement. The remainder of the scaffolding will be taken down approximately in late August.

The interior renovations begin a year from this summer, allowing renovations to Grace Hall to be completed first in order to house the offices currently located in the administration building.

The renovations to the interior of the Dome will take two years and will involve the restoration of the paintings on the rotunda as well as the modernization of the utilities within the building.

In order to renovate the interior of the Architecture Building, it was first gutted. The foyer of the building will remain the same, however the rest of the interior was remodeled.

The building should be ready for occupancy by January 1997. In order to match the increased number of students on South Quad, South Dining Hall will be remodeled by the spring of 1998.

Both wings of the dining hall will be connected through what is currently the Oak Room which will become the serving area. A new retail food space will be added to the south side of the dining hall.

Because of the construction of the new dorms and the addition to South Dining Hall, Derr Road, which currently runs between them, will be relocated so that it runs around the cemetery.

That road has already been dug and will be ready for use on June 10. The guardhouse, currently located at Main Circle, will also be moved north of the cemetery.

Other projects in the planning include a new bookstore to be completed by the summer of 1999, and a new community center for University Village which will be completed by December 1996.

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"In all of these changes, however, we have to be careful to respect tradition," said Smith.

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when independence blossomed and relationships bloomed, when you may have first looked up to see the world as it really is and first looked down to meet the path you now embark upon.

As Saint Mary's seniors await the moment when they will take that path down the tree-lined avenue, degrees in hand, they reflect on their four years under the LeMans Tower.

"If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't change a thing," said Jen Roach. "There's so many mixed feelings right now — I'm sad about leaving, but excited about graduation."

Describing the class of 1996 as a tight-knit group, Senior Class President Leanne Jones said the class will be best remembered for "class unity, work ethic."

"We've accomplished a lot of things other classes before we have tried to do, and set a strong example for the underclassmen."

Education major Susan Hodapp said the class of 1997. But right now I would prefer to teach, not go in to education," Hodapp said. "I always loved kids and wanted to teach."

In addition to her education major, Hodapp has minors in both reading and math. Upon graduation, she will be certified to teach kindergarten through eighth grade, but would prefer to teach either the first, second, or third grade.

"I also hope someday to get my master's, probably in the summer of 1997. But right now I want to get into the field and get my feet wet. That way I can see what's calling me," she said.

Hodapp uses her extra energy to play the piano and teach aerobics across campus as "the energetic aerobics instructor." 

Hodapp describes Saint Mary's as a great foundation for her future life, as it has been a realignment of her values. She has taught aerobics for the last three years, and is recognized across campus as "the energetic aerobics instructor."

Hodapp also tutors for the "Neighborhood Study-Help Program," and the "Native-American tutoring Program" at Saint Mary's. As the valedictorian, Hodapp is required to make a speech. In all her years of writing, however, she explained this speech was the most difficult to write.

"I have never had such a hard time writing something in my life," Hodapp explained. "I wasn't sure if it was because I would be presenting it in front of thousands of people, or if it was a realization of commencement. So I had to do a little self-talk. Finally just allowed my emotions to get involved in the speech, but I think that it was for the best. The speech was difficult to write, but I know it will be meaningful."

Hodapp's speech will revolve around her philosophy of life, the metaphor of music. She will speak of the song that each student is called to play, and explain that her song exists in teaching.

Each valedictorian selects a professor to aid in the speech writing process. Hodapp chose Professor of Religious Studies Keith Egan as her advisor, who taught Hodapp religion her sophomore year.

"Dr. Egan has a powerful way about him," Hodapp said. "He is very motivational and inspirational. He brings out my good side through commenting and giving me feedback."

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SMC honors seniors in annual Convocation

By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary's finest were recognized at an Honors Convocation ceremony held in O'Laughlin Auditorium on May 5. Senior's arrived to congratulate themselves on their achievements at Saint Mary's.

By LORI ALLEN

Saint Mary's College President William Hickey presented the Saint Catherine Medal to Tracy Hoppingsworth. The following students were inducted into Kappa Gamma Pi, the Society for Distinguished Catholics.

Catholic Women Graduates


"It was a thrill to be nominated by faculty, and an honor to be inducted," said Gaddis. "It was a real reflection on my achievements at Saint Mary's." Recognized in Who's Who of Among Students in American Universities and Colleges were: Gabrielle Abowd, Ann Aubuchon, Christina Calhoun, Deanna Cankar, Amy Cavanaugh, Linda Coleman, Kristen Dakowicz, Rebecca Douchy, Jennifer Doyle, Emily Duncanson, Bridgette Farrell, Kelly Farrell, Michelle Fean, Karen Genovese, Karen Gerlach, Amara Graf, Tara Hooper, Cathlynn Howe, Leslie Imbur, Amy Jobes, Suzanne Kondratenko, Kelly Larkin, Elaine Leine, Jeanine Maruna, Tiffany Matula, Angela McNulty, Jennifer Mitchell, Raquel Mitchell, Jennifer Myers, Sohela Nazeen, Melissa Novok, Kathryn O'Donnell, Kathryn Petrovic, Teresa Radiant, Elizabeth Regan, Ellen Sanders, Nancy Schwoyer, Erin Shena, Sarah Sullivan, Mary Udovich and Michelle Wenner.

"It was nice to be recognized again and equally so to be a part of the National Organization of Catholic Women's Colleges," said Gaddis.

Various college-wide awards were presented to several students. The Sister M. Franzita Kane Writing Awards were presented to Eileen Davenport, Mary Good, Kathleen Urda and Sara Nemeoyer.

"I was really flattered to receive this award," said Urda. "It provided me with the opportunity to attend the Honors Convocation where I had the chance to see my friends receive various awards," said Urda.

The Dorothy Mainey Writing Awards were presented to Maria Fedraca, Liz Wisniewski and Laura Schreow.

Saint Mary's College faculty did not leave the Convocation without recognition. Hickey presented the Multicultural Award in History Professor Cyrae Pallanty, the Maria Pieta Award for excellence in teaching first-year students to Associate Professor of Philosophy Ann Clark, and the Apsa Linia Award recognizing a commitment to service to Associate Professor of Mathematics Mary Connolly.

It was a day of reflection and recognition as students were thanked and rewarded for their contributions to the Saint Mary's Community.

To a terrific big brother: Way to go Kev!!!

I'm so proud of you. Good luck next year, I'll miss you tons!

Love always, Amy


Christmas in April USA
Notre Dame Family Work Camp

From June 23-28, 1996, an alternative vacation, a Christmas in April USA-Notre Dame Family Work Camp, will be offered by the Alumni Community Service Program in collaboration with local South Bend neighborhood associations. Family generations can collectively be involved in a home repair project near campus in the Northeast neighborhood. Lodging, meals, reflective and recreational activities will take place on campus through Alumni Family Hall. Alumni families will work side by side with our campus neighbors and join together for activities such as an opening picnic, a tour of the College Football Hall of Fame and a South Bend Silver Hawks baseball game.

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Cost: $90 per person for the week—family participation encouraged.

For more information, please call Dick Dormbos, Coordinator of Special Projects, Alumni Community Service Program at 219-631-8467.
The Office of Residence Life and the Office of Student Affairs wish to thank the 1995-96 Residence Hall Assistants for their hard work and dedication this year. 

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Our deepest gratitude to the following Rectors as they leave their current positions. Best wishes to each of you!

Rev. Terence Linton, CSC
Ms. Catherine Lohmuller
Ms. Mary Vaccaro
Gorno to chair SMC Board of Trustees

By MAUREEN HURLEY
Saint Mary’s News Editor

As the Saint Mary’s Class of 1996 makes the transition into alumnae life, one alumna takes on a new role within the College governance. Effective with the ending of the academic year, Mary Lou Gorno, a 1972 graduate, will assume the position as chair of the Board of Trustees.

Gorno joined the Board in 1987, and was elected vice-chair in 1991. In addition to her role as vice-chair, Gorno was named national chair of the Sesquicentennial Campaign in 1994.

As Gorno, the first lay person to be named Chair, steps up to lead the Trustees, she said she hopes to maintain the high standards set by her predecessors.

“I am very privileged to be given this set of responsibilities,” she said. “We have a long, rich tradition of great leadership at Saint Mary’s, and I am inspired by that legacy.”

“I have had the opportunity to sit on many boards, and there is no group of more committed, tireless workers who believe unconditionally in this institution,” she continued.

Gorno views her role as chair to bring together “all 36 leaders on the Board.”

“I want to be the person that assumes the primary responsibility of having the Board speak in one voice and be the visionaries and the leaders that they are.”

The focus on the College mission statement is the major strength of the College, according to Gorno.

“Saint Mary’s differentiates itself from other colleges in that our mission today is identical to our founding mission,” she said.

“When we say ‘Honoring Tradition, Pioneering Change,’ that is more than a clever slogan. We live it.”

Reflecting on her history with the Board, Gorno said, “One of the greatest accomplishments that we, as a board, have made was the restructuring of the governance.

“I think that prepares us to deal with some of the issues of higher education in the future.”

Under this new form of governance, established in 1994, all decision-making falls under a single Board of Trustees.

Gorno assumes the position of Board chair as the College embarks on the selection process for a new president, following the announcement of College President William Hickey’s resignation.

“Under this new form of government, we’re going to have right now is to exercise this authority (to name the new president). As a Board, we take that responsibility very seriously,” Gorno said.

“The Board of Trustees will continue to take the role that they have in establishing policy, and continue to define and articulate the mission to its different constituencies, and maintain the intellectual integrity of this campus.”

Sister Rachel Callahan, ending a five-year tenure as chair, will remain active with the College, serving as chair of this presidential search committee. Gorno exudes enthusiasm when discussing her role as Board Chair.

“I see a time of explosive growth and opportunity for Saint Mary’s. I’m very optimistic about the future,” she said.

Holding degrees from Saint Mary’s College, Northwestern University, the University of Chicago and Stanford University, Gorno is recognized as a leader in the advertising industry, handling major accounts including Proctor and Gamble, Disney and Reebok.

By M A U R E E N  H U R L E Y
Saint Mary’s News Editor

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SMC registrar to retire after 23 years

By MAUREEN HURLEY
Saint Mary's News Editor

The standing ovation she received at the 1996 Honors Convocation Ceremony is proof of the high level of respect the Saint Mary's community holds for Sister Francesca Kennedy. After 23 years as registrar of Saint Mary's College, Kennedy will retire from her position, leaving a visible mark on the College community. Describing her as "the epitome of the Saint Mary's faculty member," Dorothy Feigl, Dean of Faculty, described the personal attention Kennedy gives to everything she works on. "Sister Francesca is competent, concerned, and someone who really likes and interacts well with people. She probably knows the names and backgrounds of more students and people in the College than anyone else," said Feigl. "For her, every interaction is with an individual person." Kennedy took pride in describing how "very impressive" it is to see students grow during their time at Saint Mary's. "It's academic, but there's also an element of students coming to an acceptance of self as a person, and the willingness to act on their beliefs," she said. Throughout her career at Saint Mary's, she has assumed many roles in the College administration, along with handling the responsibilities as registrar, including Vice President for Academic Affairs, Assistant to the Vice President, Dean of Faculty, Interim Chair of the Department of Education and Interim Chair of the Department of Education and Interim Chair of the Department of Education.

In addition, she has served on numerous committees, such as Academic Standards Committee, Admission and Scholarship Committee, and the Rank and Tenure Committee.

"Sister could always be relied on for assistance when a policy decision had to be made," said President William Hickey at the May 14 President's Dinner. "Hers was a ready ear to help strengthen a conclusion or to raise concerns that needed to be debated."

"She is a good person in the fullest sense of the word," said Feigl. According to Feigl, the College is wrapping up the selection process for the next College Registrar, and hopes to have Kennedy's successor named next week. Kennedy will remain active with the College following her retirement as registrar. In addition to doing volunteer work within the College, Kennedy says she plans to work on writing out this year's chapter in the Saint Mary's history books in the 1995-96 archives narrative. "This is a very fine school, which I have felt fortunate to participate in and contribute to," Kennedy said. "I definitely will remain on campus in the foreseeable future."

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ValuJet crash claims former Irish captain

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
News Editor

The Notre Dame football career of former running back Rodney Culver had its share of memorable highlights.

His touchdown carry in the 1989 Fiesta Bowl gave the Irish a 16-0 lead against West Virginia, propelling Notre Dame to the national championship. His 1,697 career rushing yards placed him on the brink of breaking into the top 20 Notre Dame all-time rushers. And his versatility as both a fullback and a tailback earned him the interest of National Football League scouts and a subsequent four-year career in the NFL.

But the most distinguishing mark of Culver’s term at Notre Dame was the sole captain of the 1991 squad. It was a role most fitting for the personal attributes that he brought to the Irish football team.

This week, former teammates and coaches remembered Culver, who perished with his wife Karen on ValuJet Flight 592 when the plane crashed Saturday in the Everglades. He was 26.

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The Final Days...

Senior Week, the time when the final countdown to commencement reaches single digits, gave students a chance to visit their favorite spots on campus one last time.

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Congratulations to the Seniors of Badin Hall

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Congratulations
Mom, Dad, Jeff '91, and David '93

Lightning strikes grad student

By LIZ FORAN
Editor-in-Chief

A Notre Dame student was struck by lightning early last Friday morning, according to Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Notre Dame Security.

On Friday, May 10 at about 1 a.m. a graduate student was walking back to Fisher Graduate Residence when he saw a bright flash, Hurley said.

"The next thing he knew, he was lying on the ground," he added.

The student was taken to St. Joseph Hospital where he was examined and released. He was unharmed.
Abdo grateful for overwhelming support

By KRISTI KOLSKI
Senior Staff Writer

Following the accident that abruptly brought an end to Mandy Abdo's senior year, her family and the Notre Dame community rallied to bring her support.

"I had a ton of doctors, they all had different ideas, and it was pretty much my family and my friends that pulled me through," Abdo said.

"So my family said that's never going to happen," Abdo said.

From that point on, until the time she was discharged, Abdo had somebody with her every day and somebody sleeping in her hospital room every night. Abdo's family and friends united around her for the three weeks she spent in the Intensive Care Unit at St. Joseph Medical Care Center in South Bend.

"They never left my side, ever," Abdo said.

Her boyfriend, Bill Shean, a '95 Notre Dame graduate and current law student at the University of Colorado, Boulder, spent two weeks with Abdo. "When Bill found out about the accident, he grabbed his wallet, a pair of boxers and caught the first flight to South Bend," Abdo said. "He spent two weeks with me without any clothes. That's devotion.

The outpouring of assistance and support from the Notre Dame community also proved immense. "There was an instantaneous ring around me that was non-stop for three weeks," she said.

Along with Abdo's roommates, Dawn Kasparski, Pam Kennedy and Erin Lyons, many students visited her in the hospital. Cards have filled five photo albums.

"I was so drugged that I didn't know what was going on, so I didn't know who was there, and I don't know who to thank, but I would say that I would give you a big huge hug because that helped my family," Abdo said.

Senior Class President Kevin Kuwik helped out by taking Abdo's three younger brothers to Notre Dame basketball games and sometimes to shoot baskets in the gym.

"Besides just being there to help me, they helped my mom and dad by taking my brothers," she said.

Visit from administrators Patricia O'Brien and Bill Kirk, vice-president, and assistant vice-president of student affairs added to the support.

"Bill Kirk was a godsend, you never thought you'd be happy to have him around," she said.

Lou Holtz, head coach of the Notre Dame football team, also visited Abdo while in the South Bend hospital. He returned a week later, fulfilling the promise to bring the game ball when Notre Dame defeated Air Force. Inscribed on the ball is Abdo's name and the score, 44-14.

Professors Rathburn and MacLeod also took turns visiting Professor Moriarty sat with Abdo on Thanksgiving so her family could eat a Thanksgiving dinner at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

"My family wouldn't have made it through without the support of all my friends and people that helped to jump in," said.

On Nov. 30, Abdo left South Bend for Abbott Northwestern Hospital in her home-state of Minnesota. Support from the Notre Dame community remained constant.

The mothers of Kevin Klu, Pete Vandepol, and Brent Tubben who live in Minnesota also are helping the family. They have particularly helped out with the e-mail and bedside shopping.

"The outpouring from the parents has been just phenomenal." For two months the neighbors got together and rotated bringing over dinner.

Seigfried, Abdo's dorm prior to moving off-campus, raised $500 at mass to buy an airline ticket for Abdo's boyfriend Bill Shean, so that he could visit her in Minnesota.

The Notre Dame Club of Minnesota offered assistance by arranging for interviews so that Shean could get a job in Minnesota for the summer.

"If you did something for me, you know what I want to say, you helped me through everything," Abdo said.

Brian Halloran - Domer '96
The Student Summer Art Show features various creative pieces by Saint Mary's students.

Despite rumors, 'Backer will not relocate
By LIZ FORAN
Editor-in-Chief

Many a clouded memory has been made with a few friends, loud music and a Long Island Ices Tea at one of the most popular South Bend hangouts, and they will continue to be made at the same location, despite rumors to the contrary. The Linebacker Lounge will not move from its current location because the intersection U.S. 23 (South Bend Avenue) and Edison Road at any point in the future will be a myth.

According to rumors, the 'Backer (as it is affectionately called by Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students) was allegedly moving to another location due to construction on U.S. 23. While the road construction is a fact, the destruction of the building to compensate for the widening of the highway is a myth.

The highway is scheduled to be widened at several sections during the summer, including the area near the 'Backer, according to the Indiana Department of Transportation. "I'll definitely be there through the fall," she said. She is so certain that the location of the 'Backer, 1631 South Bend Ave., will not change that she has begun taking bids for building renovations.

"There are several things I have been meaning to do, that I didn't want to start until I knew for sure that the building would remain," she added.

Congratulations on the achievement of your educational goal. We wish you success and prosperity. May God continue to bless you.

With Our Love,
Mom, Dad, Stacee & Shellee
Irony lurks in the Alumni newsletter

Josh Ozersky

...to kill everybody's commencement buzz. But, as O.J. says, 'I want to tell you that unlike Du Lac, the Patty O'Hara — GLND/SMC brawl, or any other embarrassment college life. You don't have a lot of time to make mistakes before graduating, so you don't want to waste your own or others'.

Irony lurks in the Alumni newsletter

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American opinion taints study results

Dear Editor:

Recently I was handed the newspaper called Right Reason. I began reading the letter from the chief Dean, Daniel Moloney, and was immediately struck and incensed by his morally judgmental attitude toward gay people, as well as his explanation for why people��索了 searching in homosexual activity. He says, "Human sexuality is different from animal sexuality in that humans control their sexual appetites by their reason and will." He proceeds to contrast this with ancient Athenian homosexual men, who, he claims, because of their literature and standard customs, were compelled toward "peculiar tastes." Thus, according to Moloney, homosexuality was for the Athenians, as well as modern man, the result of pure acculturation and "mental habits." Consequently, Moloney dismisses all scientific studies which show that although homosexuality is probably affected by environment to some degree, genetics do in fact influence one's sexual orientation. Research done as recently as 1991 by a renowned scientist, Dean Henner, shows that homosexuality is tied to variations on the X specifically Xq28 chromosome of homosexual men. As greater advances in science are made, researchers hope to find the exact gene which influences sexual orientation.

Moloney also points out that if homosexuality were genetically determined, it would imply that humans lack "free choice of the will." Human beings are creatures who are to some extent influenced by genetics in everything we do. We are not only intellectual beings, but possess brains and bodies created by genetic material. Thus, if homosexuality is partially the result of genetics and is determined in the same way as race or body structure, the question of the "free choice of will" is only partially valid.

The larger issues at hand, though, are the discrimination and intolerance imposed upon homosexuals by people like Moloney. He compares the homosexual to the woman caught in adultery in the Bible, "... after sparing the adulterer by shaming those who would have stoned her, he Jesus Christ directs her in to go and sin no more." He protects her from the harmful judgment of others, but requires that she change her ways. We can ask no more of our homosexual neighbors, and no less. The homophobia of today, however, doesn't have Jesus Christ for protection from those who judge him -- who call him "peculiar" and demand him to change that which is innate to his being. Jesus is not here to protect the homosexual from the stones of judgement thrown by Moloney and people who have no God-given justification for the judgments they inflict. Rather than changing themselves, what is needed is the change to a more tolerant, accepting and diverse community here at the University of Notre Dame and in the world at large.

ERIN LUM
Freshmen
Knecht Hall

Tracing the chronology of a graduating senior

In 1992, you arrived on the campus of the University of Notre Dame with the naivete of a freshman. You couldn't have known forever what you would bring to your chosen field a strong set of ethical convictions and a commitment to justice, you will support students who will follow you.

You couldn't have known forever that you would have forever, dining hall food was good, dorm parties were a blast. Papa John's was a gift from God and Calculus would take ten years off your life, but so what. Off-campus was a foreign, mysterious land whose only landmarks were CJ's and The Keg. You couldn't have known forever what you would have forever, dealing with jobs, relief ofsigma and away from four of the best and most memorable years of your life. But from past experiences, you know for certain that when you come back, it will be like you've never left. The campus may have changed and the people may be unfamiliar, but it will still be Notre Dame that's been in your heart and mind for ever. You are now older and wiser than that freshman who arrived on campus in August, 1992 but sometimes, this weekend in particular, you'd do anything just to be that freshman again in order to truly appreciate all the simple things that have made you who you are today. Good luck, God Bless, may the road rise up to meet you and may the wind be always at your back.

Krista Nannery

O'Hara offers best wishes to '96 grads

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Honesty remains the best policy

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Krista Nannery is a graduating senior originally from Long Island, N.Y. An English/German major, Krista served as The Observer's Acvdent Editor from February 1995 to March 1996. She now resides with her family in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and is actively seeking any form of intelligent occupation.
What was your most memorable experience at Notre Dame?

"The most memorable ones are the ones I don't remember."

Kevin Dolan
St. Ed's, Government

"Circus Lunch."

Jerry Siefring
Zahn, Communications

"Spring break in Jamaica."

Francesca Pons
Pasquerilla West, Art History

"Florida State."

Joy Fitzgerald
Howard, Psychology

"The bouncer got shot at Heartland."

Larry Caudillo
Morsssey, Psychology

"The skirt of my cave woman costume fell off at the Halloween SYR at Stanford."

Meg Stafford
Badin, Mathematics

Changes along the way

By JOEY CRAWFORD
Accent Editor

There are some things that just don't change at Notre Dame: the perennial bad weather, the football, and the quality of the academics. But the face of the university is constantly evolving to fit the students needs. During the four years in which the class of 1996 have been attending the university, the face of the University of Notre Dame has changed drastically since the time of their arrival as nervous little freshmen. Some of these changes are more "superficial" than others, while others will have a drastic effect upon Notre Dame for years to come.

The most obvious changes are the renovations that seem to be plaguing our campus. Buildings were built, dorms were moved, domes were encrypted with scaffolding. Expansion has been a major goal of the administration over the past few years.

During the summer prior to the arrival of the class of 1996, Fangborn Hall was changed from a men's dorm into a women's dorm. For many of the incoming freshmen who spent their pre-orientation in this dorm rich in tradition, the switch was a bit disheartening, for it was the only place they knew really well. Two years later, another men's dorm met the administration's wrath. Historical Cavanaugh was converted into a women's residence hall as well, ousting many disgruntled students from heart and home. These conversions were met with the inevitable protests, but the administration argued that the moves were necessary to support the recent influx of more women into the university. This year also marks the final year of Grace. Administration offices plan on moving into the building before the 1996-97 year. Other dorms waiting for their demise include Flanner, Siegfried and Knot. Construction has taken the campus by storm, affecting everything from the sacred Golden Dome to the mythical Notre Dame football stadium. DeBartolo Hall, the realm of high-tech education, yet no one seems to know the intricacies of the building function, was built a year before the arrival of this years Senior crop. However, they were the first class to use DeBartolo. Some have wondered if the "Debarteo experience" was worth it, arguing "Notings seems to ever work." These years later the College of Business Administration (COBA) building was built next to DeBartolo to support the increasing number of business students and to house cutting edge technology in the world of business. Students also witnessed their precious Golden Dome and stadium undergo major facelifts, both of which are not completed to this day. The architecture building is also undergoing construction and renovations. In addition to all of this construction, new dorms are being built in the "Golf Quad" to accommodate the ousted students of Grace, Siegfried, and Knot.

In efforts to make the campus more culturally rich, a number of "gaudy pieces of art" have been "planted" around the campus. South quad has taken the burden of becoming a "mock art museum" featuring art from students and teachers alike. The "era of transition" seems to be directed towards the southern end of campus. Shelby Thorne argues, "Maybe they should do something about Stepan Center on the North Side, like tear it down." Jeff Wojick of Flanner Hall asserts that they need to be more interest in student relations since he arrived here four years ago. He claims, "It seems like they're more student dialogue, not only dealing with student life, but worldly issues. When I first got here all of the columns in the Observer focused on yo cream flavors, the salad bar, and abortion. Recently they have been shyin away from these topics as was seen through Cristiane Likely and GLADS issues." He also argues, "Student Government, through the work of J.P. and Dennis, is trying to get ideas across a little more than they used to.

St. Edward's hall resident, Kevin Dolan has noticed some musical taste changes, but assures that the character of the students has been basically the same. "When I first got here, everyone listened to Pearl Jam at parties, and now everyone listens to Dave Matthew's." He also speculates that a major change in the student body may be just around the corner, with the emergence of the sons and daughters of women graduates. He claims, "This is going to make a big change ten or fifteen years down the road."

Some students, however do not see the changes as being so obvious. Flanner Senior, Marcus Thorne states, "Sure the campus has been expanding, but it is basically the same. The are the same, race issues are handled the same, everything just seems to be the same. They talk about co-residentially, but this will never happen." He has however noticed the administration's attempts to include athletes in post-graduation scholarships. Many students are fearful that they will not recognize the campus a few years down the line. They recognize the importance of expansion, but perhaps this is too extreme. They do not want to come return in two years and not recognize the campus. The issue is prevalent in many graduate students' mind. "Does the university have the right to make such drastic changes over such a short amount of time?" After all this is not the same campus to which they applied.
While the Class of 1996 will soon proceed into graduation ceremonies to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance," a more appropriate anthem might be Abba's "Dancing Queen." A look back at the "best" memories of the class reveals the secrets of the finest off-campus watering holes, the craziest underclass party locations, and some initial impressions of Notre Dame and the surrounding tropical paradise of South Bend, Indiana. For many, the fondest memories of the last four or five years revolve around time spent in the company of friends at SYR's, formals, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends at SYR's, formats, parties, and bars on the town. When asked to name one of friends. What would four years at Notre Dame be without football? Not surprisingly, two particular games stood out as the most memorable for the senior class. Many chose the "Snow Bowl" of freshman year as the Irish defeated Penn State in the final meeting between the two teams, while others triumphantly remember the story that the scorebook told as Notre Dame defeated Florida State 31-24 in November of 1993. Senior Christian Shields chose this year's Navy game as the most memorable, since it marked the last home game for the Class of 1996. With football memories often come road trips, and many of the best road trips seemed to involve this year's Ohio State game. Other seniors preferred the warmer temperatures of the Orange Bowl, while some simply enjoyed road tripping to Chicago to take a much needed break from South Bend. Fearing the loss of secrecy, most seniors were reluctant to reveal the craziest thing they did during their four years at Notre Dame. However, some candid answers involved streaking, kegs, famous campus statues, and poker. You figure them out. On a more reflective note, the seniors surveyed were asked to recall the best of show of class spirit or unity. Some picked Junior Parent's Weekend, while Walsh senior Catherine Hanus noted the irrepressible bonding experience of camping out at the JACC for football tickets complete with an early morning visit from Coach Lou Holtz. Kuwik picked both the class mass in memory of senior Mark Adams and the Alumni-Senior Club fundraiser for Mandy Ahdo that brought in over $4,000. Band President Jeff Catalina chose the band's benefit concert for fellow senior Kurt Weis. From the graffiti dance to graduation, the Class of 1996 has evolved together and woven countless memories over the last four years. Looking back on their first impressions as freshmen, several seniors remember laughing at that "parish" thing" until they found out that no, they weren't kidding. Arriving in South Bend from sunny locales like Texas and California, many seniors remember asking themselves, "What am I doing in Indiana?" However, many shared the sentiments of DiCello who remembers, "I loved it right off the bat." Kuwik remembers that he felt "a lot of spirit, a lot of tradition, and a lot of quality people," which the Class of 1996 certainly embodied in their unforgettable years at Notre Dame.
What is your fondest Saint Mary's memory?

"The friends I've made over the past five years."

Mary's Ireland program.

"Drinking Guinness in pubs while abroad on the Saint Mary's Ireland program."

Kelly McDevitt
Brooklyn Center, Minn. Political Science

"Always having your friends to talk with at three in the morning."

Robin Bennett
Las Vegas, Nev. Elementary Education

"Meeting Beth, my favorite roommate in the world."

Rita Juster
Placentia, Calif. Biology

Parents and friends from across the street walk down the tree-lined avenue to see their loved one from the Saint Mary's class of 1996 graduate. They recall freshman orientation and the heat that accompanied that frantic weekend. Mothers and fathers assembled, hung Dave Matthews's Band posters and made countless trips to Target to purchase anything they could get their hands on. But this weekend, they return to Saint Mary's for one last visit; a visit filled with great pride and hope for the future. Parents and graduates have had these feelings about Saint Mary's during graduation for many years. In fact, this is the 149th graduation from Saint Mary's. Although the values and standards of the school may not have changed over the years, the school itself certainly has. It has grown immensely, just as its graduates. Having a look back provides graduates and their families and friends the opportunity to see how Saint Mary's commencement has changed throughout the years, as they reflect on the many ways their graduates have also changed during their four years at Saint Mary's.

In 1881, parents coming to Saint Mary's for graduation experienced something quite different from the outdoor commencement ceremony today. Those attending the exercises walked the grounds beforehand, stopping to see the procession house. Here, more than thirty thousand exotic plants were located. Today, they would be walking in Regina South. And the graduation would not be from college, but from Saint Mary's Academy, considered a premiere preparatory school for women. Its academics were so strong that Lena Brudy, a Saint Mary's Academy graduate of 1899, applied to the University of Michigan and was accepted as a Sophomore with forty credits, a true accomplishment for anyone, especially a woman of the nineteenth century. In 1906, however, Mother Pauline, Saint Mary's President from 1895-1931, established Saint Mary's College. The 1906 commencement ceremonies may have given graduates the same sense of accomplishment that they feel today, but the circumstances surrounding the ceremony were very different. Today, Saint Mary's students take great pride in the tradition of their class ring. In the earlier days of the college, however, it was the gold cross which students strived to earn. Upon graduation, the ornate, heavy gold cross pin was handed to each graduate in the same manner as it is today.

In 1916, commencement speaker Max Pam was invited to speak at graduation by Mother Pauline and former Notre Dame President, Fr. Cavanaugh. He had prepared notes but, upon entering the auditorium told the audience that, "the notes became entirely useless. Never before did I enter an atmosphere like this. It was an inspiration, and, in truth, an experience I will forever endure. If the men engaged in the activities of the material in life could only come here as I have, they would at once feel and appreciate what the expression of sound means." Pam's address was followed by an essay reading of Miss Houran, a graduate, entitled, "The Absolute Standard of Scholarship."

In previous years, commencement ceremonies have been held everywhere from Saint Angelo's Hall, located where Angelo Athletic Facility stands today, to The Church of Our Lady. The ceremonies were much longer from the early to middle 1900's, as they were filled with many student addresses and music from the music conservatory. Graduates, dressed in white, listened to the thesis of Genevieve O'Neil in 1931. The thesis was ahead of its time, addressing Lope de Vega Nationalized, "The Spanish Drama."

That same year, Estelle Reeland read her thesis entitled, "The Moral Purpose in Lavin's Heart."

Today, students continue the expression of万元的 right to receive a diploma and to live right, to know and to understand. Saint Mary's has grown from a small academy to a college, as its graduates have. Taking a look back provides graduates and their families and friends the opportunity to see how Saint Mary's commencement has changed throughout the years, as they reflect on the many ways their graduates have also changed during their four years at Saint Mary's. As their parents enter the auditorium, they will have the same feelings about Saint Mary's as the students had when they received their diplomas. They will last for the rest of their lives, graduates can be proud of their accomplishments and secure in their futures, not because they have jobs in one place to live, but because they have learned the arts of friendship, strength, and self accomplishment. They have learned how to live right in a world which requires many skills of the mind, the heart and the soul. 1990 Valderricin Amanda Zemek ended her address by telling her class, "Me han tocado el corazón. You have touched my heart."

Saint Mary's, you have touched many hearts. Today, students continue the expression of soul at Saint Mary's. Through their efforts in the world of academics to the friendships which will last for the rest of their lives, graduates can be proud of their accomplishments and secure in their futures, not because they have jobs or place to live, but because they have learned the arts of friendship, strength, and self accomplishment. They have learned how to live right in a world which requires many skills of the mind, the heart and the soul. 1990 Valdericin Amanda Zemek ended her address by telling her class, "Me han tocado el corazón. You have touched my heart."

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Belles value athletic experiences

By STEPHANIE BUEK
Saint Mary’s Seniors Edition

In the late 1970's, Little League coaches in cities and towns across the country introduced 25 little girls to athletics. Clad in anything from C.Y.O. uniforms that fit too snugly, to sporty sponsors' outfits, to a new pair of sneakers and a big sporty sponsor's outfits, to a

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By STEPHANIE BUEK

Though at athletes competed at Saint Mary's, a special experience. Most appreciated the athletic department's versatility. Though athletes competed against top Division III teams throughout the country, support from the entire athletic department and Saint Mary's allowed good players to be good students as well.

According to Ann Lawrence, a four-year letter winner in the volleyball program, nurturing versatility will be integral to success after leaving Saint Mary's.

"There was definitely a balance in athletics and sports," Lawrence said. "The coaches were really flexible, and that flexibility took some pressure off, it made me know that I couldn't just play. I feel like I'm a more rounded person because of it."

Michelle Wenner, a four-year distance runner for the track team, agreed. For Wenner, Division III competition helped her become more goal-oriented.

Through successful in the 800m, Wenner's goal throughout her college campaign was to break the five-minute mark in the 1500m. Finally in her senior season, she accomplished her objective, clocking a time of 4:54 in meets at Earlham and Naperville.

"I started running competitively in seventh grade," Wenner said. "Running is something that is a part of my life. It has been next to compete at the collegiate level. It has brought my running to new heights."

Indeed, for many seniors, the sky is the limit, even after graduation. Though their collegiate careers are ending, their lifetime involvement in athletics is not.

Several athletes plan to continue competitive participation in their sports. While Wenner hopes to establish herself for inclusion in road races and 10k's, eventually running a marathon next year, Teresa Popp also has plans for a future in sports after college.

Holding the record for SMC in the 800m, Popp set the mark at 2:11.50 for nearly two years. Popp, a nursing major, has competed for the Belles swimming and diving team for four years. After graduation, she will return home to California to begin her nursing career, as well as her activity in the Masters Swimming program.

A popular West Coast recre-ational organization, the program sponsors swim meets for people of all ages and abilities. Despite a promising future in swimming, Popp said she will miss the experience of being on a team at Saint Mary's.

"There was such enthusiasm on the team, and in the whole department," Popp said. "Everyone supported each other. At meets, we would line up on the side of the pool and cheer for our own athletes. A lot of times, we were the only team who did that."

Nearly all the seniors said that they will miss being part of a team that was like a family. While some will continue playing, others look to fulfill the aspect of teamwork in their lives through coaching.

Barbara Howells, starting center for Belles basketball, said that her experience at SMC has been a major factor in her goal to eventually coach high school girls basketball.

Specifically, Howells cited Indiana's basketball legend, Saint Mary's Head Coach John Wooden, as an example of the type of motivator she hopes to become.

In a sort of graduation of his own, Wood retired after 43 years of coaching last February. "I hope not only to emulate Wood's longevity, but also his coaching style. "I've been on a team all my life," Howells said. "I definitely want to coach. Coach Wood was an example for me. I've had such a positive experience here, I want to continue that, and make athletics a positive experience for the younger kids coming up. It would be great if I could affect people in that way."

Whether planning for a career or a recreational life in sports, most seniors said that the aspect of teamwork that they learned at SMC will play a part in any lifetime activity. Specifically, they will miss the friendships that they cultivated through being a Belle.

Rita Juster, left fullback for three years on the soccer team, said that she not only looked to her teammates for support during tough games and practices on the field, but also valued her team as friends.

"We had a great group of girls. We hung together and bonded. It was a lot of fun," Juster said.
The Alliance for Catholic Education welcomes with great joy and gratitude the following Notre Dame graduates to their new classrooms in the Catholic schools of the South:

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Injuries, transfer take toll as Irish lose valuable depth

By THOMAS SCHLIDT
Associate Sports Editor

Just when you think you can relax all hell breaks loose. Or that’s how the Notre Dame football team has to feel. After the career-ending injury to backup quarterback Thomas Krug, the repeat knee injury to running back Robert Farmer, and outside linebacker John McLaughlin’s transfer, Irish coaches will not have the depth they sought this season.

Farmer was the first to fall for the Irish. After a strong showing in the Orange Bowl, coaches believed Farmer was finally the big time back they believed he could be. But when Farmer went down on April 19th, the week before the first Blue-Gold Game, with a knee injury, the backfield began to look thin with only one scholarship tailback in Autry Denson and three fullbacks in Marc Edwards, Jamie Spencer and Ken Berry.

According to head trainer Jim Russ, Farmer re-injured the knee he had surgery on last season, and that it was too early to determine if Farmer would be ready for the Fall.

“Right now Farmer is in conservative rehab,” Russ said. “It is too premature to know if he will need surgery or not.”

Krug was then the next serious injury victim of the Irish. After taking a routine X-ray, doctors discovered an instability in his neck that proved to be career ending.

“When they first told me I couldn’t play, I kept wondering where I could still go and still play,” Krug said. “When they told me my life was at stake, I think that put it in perspective.”

Irish head coach Lou Holtz plans to keep Krug on scholarship and allow him to travel with the team. He went on to suggest that he would use Krug in some student-coach capacity.

The offense wasn’t the only one to lose a productive member of its squad. After being injured and suspended for majority of the spring practices, sophomore McLaughlin decided to transfer to Arizona where he felt he would have a greater opportunity to play.
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Coach MacLeod back for more

By THOMAS SCHLIDT
Assistant Sports Editor

It has been a turbulent five years for Notre Dame basketball coach John MacLeod, and even as his contract expires this June it appears that he will continue on.

Towards the end of last season, Irish Athletic Director-Mike Wadsworth expressed confidence in MacLeod and, according to Assistant Sports Information Director Mike Enright, MacLeod will continue indefinitely as head coach with a deal similar to football coach Lou Holtz's "hand shake" deal.

"I assume we're rolling right along here," MacLeod said. (Executive Vice President) Father Bill (Beauchamp) and I had talked at the banquet that when the season was over we'd sit down and discuss the direction of the program, but from that point on we haven't had any discussions."

Even with the new pseudo contract, NBA rumors continue to be active as many pro coaching jobs are vacant. MacLeod, however, dismisses these as just rumors.

"I'm not campaigning for a NBA job," he explained. "There haven't been rumors every year, but it has been five years and I'm still here."

One reason that MacLeod would stay is that he has yet to finish the job he started five years ago. "We're not where we want to be," MacLeod stated. "I'm not satisfied with how slow it's been, but this isn't pro ball. You just don't knock out ten guys and bring in guys off the waiver wire or make a trade. So it has been a slow and tedious process, and there are no short cuts.

Yet even with the recent losing records, MacLeod can count one great success for his program. He led the charge as the Irish joined the Big East in 1995.

"We were going nowhere," MacLeod explained. "We've taken ourselves from a situation that was going nowhere as an independent and we've put ourselves in a position to go in the right direction. We're having success in the sense that we're doing what is necessary for this program to grow in national stature.

"Are we close? No, we're not close, but we took the first major step.

It was the Big East's effect on recruiting that mandated the move. For years recruits had used Notre Dame's independent status as an excuse to play elsewhere. Such recent players include Raef LaFrentz now at Kansas and Jared Prickett of Kentucky. Both had Notre Dame in the front, but the desire to play in a conference was too great, and MacLeod lost the impact players he desperately needed.

"We were working like heck in recruiting, but we were beating at every turn because we were an independent," he said. "You're not going to be able to recruit real top players as an independent. Now that we're in the Big East we have identification with the Big East and recognition in the conference."

Yet, even with the new allegiance to the Big East, talented players haven't been breaking down the door to play for the Irish. Even MacLeod admits that his recruiting class for next season doesn't provide the impact players the Irish need.

"They are not marquee players and they're not impact players," he commented. "But they are good players. That's just who we could recruit."

"It's not that they haven't been close to landing that impact player, they have."

"We've been involved in recruiting right down to the wire on really good players, but have been beaten right at the end," MacLeod said. "The only way is to continue to go after top athletes and eventually somewhere catch a break because we haven't had a break yet. We need one of these marquee, impact players to decide to come to Notre Dame."

For MacLeod that is the next part of the plan. First was joining the Big East, now they have to reap the benefits of that move. "Now we're ready to take the next step," he said. "There is no quick fix, just no easy route and recruiting is a major part of it. We have to land that impact player, and that's the next step."
By BETSY BAKER
Sports Writer

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Congratulation and Best Wishes to the Class of 1996!!!
The Top Ten sports stories of 1992-1996

The Game of the Century
November 15, 1993
One of the most anticipated showdowns in recent history lived up to all the expectations, as second-ranked Notre Dame upset favorite and top-ranked Florida State 31-24. Shawn Wooden broke up Charlie Ward’s last second attempt to secure the monumental win for the Irish.

Champions!
December 4, 1995
The ever-improving Notre Dame women’s soccer team reached the ultimate goal of a national championship by defeating Portland 1-0 on a Cindy Daws penalty kick. The Irish also ended North Carolina’s dynasty in the semi-finals with a 1-0 shocker.

Dreams Dashed
November 22, 1993
Boston College sacked Notre Dame’s hopes of a national championship when David Gordon kicked the longest field goal of his career (41 yards) to erase a thrilling Irish comeback and give Boston College a 41-39 victory in the final game of the 1993 season.

A Big Deal
August 30, 1994
Athletic Director Dick Rosenthal announced during the summer of 1994 that Notre Dame would join the Big East Conference for most sports. The move was seen as especially helpful to John MacLeod and the struggling men’s basketball program.

Last Minute Heroics
November 16, 1992
A last-minute Rick Mirer (3) pass to Jerome Bettis (receiving) cut Penn State’s lead to one. Reggie Brooks’ subsequent two-point conversion catch lifted Notre Dame over Penn State, 17-16. It marked the final game of the series.

Women’s sports attain varsity status
May 1, 1996
Athletic Director Mike Wadsworth announced that women’s lacrosse and crew teams would be elevated to varsity status equalling the total of men’s and women’s sports at 13.

AD Change
August 30, 1994
Athletic Director Dick Rosenthal announced that he would step down, effective as of August 1, 1995. Mike Wadsworth (below) will be his successor.

The Streak Ends
October 3, 1994
Chris Petrucelli’s women’s soccer team tied North Carolina 0-0 in overtime to snap UNC’s 92-game winning streak. It was the third time that a historic streak was snapped by an Irish team.

Prodigy Powlus lost for season
August 31, 1993
A shoulder separation cost freshman phenom Ron Powlus a probable starting spot before he ever took a live collegiate snap.

National Champions
March 23, 1994
The Notre Dame fencing team came from behind in the final day of competition to defeat Penn State and secure the first Notre Dame national championship in any sport since 1988.
**Best Wishes to Graduating Student-Athletes and Tutors**

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and 12 assists. More importantly, however, are the offensive opportuni-
ties McCarthy created through her lighting quick dribbling abilities.
"Michelle is the best soccer player we’ve had here," head coach Chris
Petruscelli said. "She is amazingly gifted with the ball. She broke down
defenses by herself and would either score or create chances for others.
Everyone got a good look at these abilities during the Final Four in
North Carolina. McCarthy set up Cindy Daws’ winning goal in the
championship game. McCarthy broke the net with ball and was tripped
up.
In the national semifinal, McCarthy put on a dribbling exhibition
as the Irish ran time off the clock in the second half. Tar Heel
players appeared to be chasing a ghost as the forward would not give
up the ball.

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"It was just an incredible way to
finish the year," she said. "Just the
tings we accomplished as a team
are what counts." McCarthy also accomplished plenty
this season after a back injury sidelined her for part of last spring and
the summer. Even though she experienced pain throughout the
year, McCarthy believed this would be the year and battled through the
pain to be part of the championship season.
Injury was also no stranger to Scharff who battled back from an
deadly early season ankle sprain to become the backbone of a relentless Irish
defense, by either frustrating all four opponents, or sometimes both, individually
on the circle.
The experience that Scharff, a four-year starter, brought to the
defense was invaluable.
"Ashley was a steady influence," Petruscelli added. "I’ve never
seen somebody improve from the middle of the season after an injury
in the last six weeks like she did." After spraining her other ankle
the previous year, Scharff found
herself in the starting lineup after
playing largely on the sub bench.
"I didn’t see the goal," Petruscelli said.
Prime Network, the company
televising the game, also
switched to the goal just as the
ball rolled in. Once the pan-
ishment ended, no further
observers recognized that it was
simply a great goal by a great
player.
While the one-co-captain was
savored at the bottom of the pile,
the other stood at the top of it.
Amidst the madness, goalie Jen
Renola appeared to provide the
tough, steady influence that
she had all season.
For it was Renola who made a
dramatic speech during Notre
Dame’s mid-season win over
Notre Dame. It was also Renola who did not al-
day a goal during the four Irish
shutouts in the NCAA’s. Even if
a team solved the tenacious
Irish defense, they still faced
the daunting task of solving
Renola.
Nowhere was this more visi-
table than during the 1-0 win
over reigning champions North
Carolina in the national semi-
final. Renola and the Irish defense
withstood a myriad of quality chances by the Tar Heels to
preserve the shutout.
The Irish goalie would also be
levied twice during the Big East
season, but continued to stand in
the net, which seems like an impenetrable
wall.
These images from the Final
Four merely serve as a micro-
cosm for the entire season. A
championship year lends itself
to providing indelible memories
that leave a mark on Notre Dame
athletics.
From the string of shutouts to
begin the year to the rivalry
that developed between Notre Dame and Connecticut, in the
memories linger.
From winning the Big East
trophy in 1994 to capturing the title, it did not
look at first.
It will be focused on by
coaches, players, and fans as the
1995 Notre Dame women’s
soccer team goes their own
way.
Indeed, focus might be
viewed as a key word. After
the Carolina win, each
player said they were there to
capture the title, not lose Notre
Carolina.
It was this determined focus
that now allows each player to
focus on their ring finger for
the rest of their lives.

GRADUATING SENIORS OF ZAHM,
Here we are at another Notre Dame
graduation. Many have gone
before you, often they have
gone with your friends, some may have been your par-
ents or relatives, and some you may never have known at all save for the bonding spirit
that we call Notre Dame. However, this
graduation is set apart from the others. It is set apart
because this time you will be graduating. This
is especially true for those of us who stay
behind at Zahm after you go. Each one of you
has made your imprint on this university.
Whether it be through classes, through extra-
curricular activities or through relationships—
each of you has left your name indelibly writ-
ten upon the history of Notre Dame. However,
what we have at Zahm this year is that you have
also left your name, your words, your smiles
and your hearts within Zahm Hall, and upon
all of us who live there.
I could talk about the parties, the
SYR’s, the tailgaters, the girls or
even the tests. However, on this
occasion it seems appropriate to speak of
something else, something that includes
much of the above and adds to them a laugh,
a tear, a hug and a love that few in this world
ever have the opportunity to experience. It is
the Zahm family, a spirit that permeates the
halls of our dorm and is tangible only to the

hearts of its residents. Each of you is, and
forever will be a part of that family. It is manifest
in late night conversations, Decade Dances,
ODIN, dorm masses, massive Christmas
displays, Legion of Doom, shouting contests with
every male dorm on campus, countless other
things left unmentioned for propriety’s sake
or lack of space, and also in the memories of all
of us with whom you have shared this life and
this spirit.
"ow you go into the "real world",
where people say things are not like
Notre Dame. They surely are not like
Zahm. However, you are and forever will be
a Domin and a Zahmie and we who know
love you are confident that this world will
come a little closer to the love we know just
because you are in it.

We will never forget you and
though you leave the blessed con-
fines of Zahm Hall you never really
leave Zahm or the hearts of your fellow
Zahmies. May the Lord bless and keep you
always. With love,

The Men of Zahm

PS. Always remember:
WE ARE ... ZAHM HALL!
Derrick Mayes' leaping touchdown grab against Texas this past season was just one of many highlight-reel catches for the All-American.

"Football has always been my release," he explained. "It really is my comfort zone because I can go out there and do whatever. I can be Derrick Mayes."

But Derrick Mayes on the field and in the end zone is a different Derrick Mayes than the one off the field. "Off the field, I'm actually pretty introverted," Mayes admitted. "And to be honest, you really have to be careful of what you say and how you carry yourself. I've had to bite my tongue plenty but I've put my foot in my mouth enough.

The true Derrick Mayes wasn't always a truly confident Mayes, though. He wasn't always a truly confident athlete or a truly confident person. But to Mayes, that's a compliment. "It's a good thing that you have people around you who can tell you when you're being too confident," he said. "And that's why I always try to stay humble."
Bill Lester and the Notre Dame fencing team enjoyed another highly successful season.

**Commissioner’s Trophy**

**Final Standings**

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(Clockwise from top left) Senior captain Ryan Hoover navigates through Big East competition; Senior center Jamie Ling became Notre Dame's all-time leader in points; Senior Stacy Fields and the Irish won their first ever NCAA tournament game; Athletic Director Mike Wadsworth announced that women's lacrosse will be a varsity sport as of next year.

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Thanks for all the time and effort that helped to make The Observer happen every day.
Gamecocks first obstacle for Irish

By BETSY BAKER
Sports Writer

With All-American pitcher Terri Kobata back in the line-up, the top reliever in the country in Kelly Nichols, and a whole arsenal of eager and aggressive hitters to back them up offensively, the Notre Dame softball team is prepared for their third straight trip to the NCAA championships.

Although a 1-0 loss to Connecticut in the Big East championships cost the Irish both the title and the automatic bid the at-large bid is good enough to get them into the tournament and the team will take it from there:

"We are real happy we got a bid, especially since we didn't get it automatically," junior Meghan Murray said. "We think we have as good a shot at it as anybody else. We just hope to go in and prove that Notre Dame is a good softball team.

Murray leads the Irish in batting with a .411 average and looks to be the first player in the history of the program to end the season over .400. She was also named Big East Player of the Year, in addition to being first team All-Big East, as she led the conference in batting average (.507), on base percentage (.529), and hits per game (1.70)

Joining Murray on the first team are sophomore Jenn Giampaolo, who is second in batting with .393, junior Kara McMahon, and senior Kobata. The return of Kobata from an arm injury that had her sidelined for nearly all of April will be the key to Irish success at the championships.

Kobata, the team leader with a .81 ERA and 14-1 record, is also the Irish career leader in wins with 79, winning percentage (.840), ERA (0.60), shutouts with 42, strikeouts with 906, and strikeouts per seven innings with 10.13.

Kobata's supporting staff of freshman Angela Brosolo, who was named Big East Co-Rookie of the Year, junior Joy Costantini, and sophomore Nichols, who was the NCAA leader in saves as of the end of April, have been consistent throughout the year and look to remain so at the championships.

The Irish are in Region 2 of the eight-region field, consisting of four teams each, and will face South Carolina in their first game.
Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Sometimes, and spiritual growth. All the best in everything that you hall-mates, past and present, for their years of hard work, good times, and spiritual growth.

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The men of St. Edward’s Hall salute our fellow hall-mates, past and present, for their years of hard work, good times, and spiritual growth. All the best in everything that you do and become!

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-dedicated to senior Mandy Abdo

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1996 Final National Media Lacrosse Poll

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2. North Carolina 12-3
3. Virginia 9-3
4. Maryland 8-2
5. Johns Hopkins 5-3
6. Syracuse 8-3
7. Brown 6-4
8. Loyola 6-4
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13. Penn St. 9-3
14. Hofstra 5-4
15. Harvard 6-2
16. Towson State 6-2
17. Duke 5-6
18. Hobart 5-5
19. Army 7-4
20. Yale 6-5
Irish upset reigning Wildcats

By JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

After sweeping through the conference with a 16-5 mark this season, Villanova was poised to carry that momentum into this week’s Big East Tournament. The Wildcats, however, were greeted to a rude awakening Tuesday losing their first game to St. John’s.

After dropping their first tournament game to West Virginia 10-8, Notre Dame had to defeat these same Wildcats in their second tournament game to stay alive. The Irish proved to be up to the challenge, defeating the regular season champs on Wednesday 7-3 to remain in the double elimination format.

Action will resume today after yesterday’s slate of games were rained out in Norwich, Connecticut.

Darin Schmalz went the distance against Villanova, allowing only four hits as he improved to 8-4. He also recorded three strikeouts in his nine innings of work.

Schmalz received plenty of offensive support as the Irish jumped on top with five runs in the first off loser Sean Dunne. Right fielder Rowan Richards had three hits, while center fielder Scott Sollmann went 2-4 and scored twice. Bob Lisanti and Mike Amrhein also contributed with two RBI apiece.

Villanova would get three of those runs back in the second before Schmalz found his rhythm for the rest of the contest. Notre Dame then received two insurance runs in the bottom of the seventh to end the Wildcats’ tournament hopes.

The Irish were able to rebound against Villanova after letting an 8-5 lead slip away against West Virginia in the eighth inning on Tuesday. Jason Frushour’s two-run double provided the key hit as the Mountaineers rallied for five runs to win 10-8. Three walks and an error put West Virginia in a position to mount the comeback.

The double scored Josh Williamson and Chris Swaney with Frushour later crossing the plate as he scored his fourth run of the game.

Notre Dame again bolted out of the gate, taking a 4-0 lead after three innings. Rowan Richards homered for the Irish, while Amrhein and George Restovich each added two RBI. Rich Sauget took the loss for Notre Dame in relief of Pat Davis who allowed three runs in less than an inning.

Greg Henebry worked five innings, allowing four runs and seven hits. After giving up one run, Alex Shilliday then gave way to Davis.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Demonstrate your leadership skills. New starts and fresh understandings will prove rewarding. Wear and September to change your domestic arrangements. Tied to likely be fall. Financial forecast improves by Christmas. As 1997 goes underway, and a relationship that has become a liability. Your energy and imagination make you a human dynamo. Trust your instincts in your career and romance. A rearrangement that takes place next April will be especially meaningful.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Terrific progress can be made at work. Keep up with new developments in your field. Usually drawn to artistic types, you may now be fascinated by a technical expert.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Clever innovations should be implemented both at work and in your home. Reward your mate or partner for being loyal. Work on harmony between you. Love and attention are needed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your desire now is to marry. Others are willing to do your bidding. An unusual inner attraction is also present but it may not be the bills. A lucky break gives you a new sense of assurance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Higher-ups may seek your assistance. Remember that list takes many twists and turns. A secret will be revealed in your special way. Keep it to yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your entering nature makes a good impression on VIPs. A well-calculated business gamble will pay off handsomely. Do not press your luck too far. Avoid wasting money you cannot afford to lose.


LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 21): Make sure you have a plan if you decide to take a gamble now. A change of environment leads to good things. Get ready to make a positive change in your social life with that special person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 22-Nov. 21): Try not to worry too much about security. You are rich with ideas that could bring youfortune. While shopping for electronic equipment you uncover a real bargain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Plan to spend some time by yourself today. You can accomplish a lot if you sit aside. Look for new ways to be through red tape. Screen your calls to avoid time-wasting interruptions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): New demands are made on your time. You may have to make certain concessions. You will prove rewarding. Wait until September for a fun-filled weekend.


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Seniors Michelle McCarthy and Ashley Scharff never spent much time on the same end of the field during the women's soccer championship season.

While McCarthy created havoc for opposing defenses, Scharff anchored a Notre Dame defense responsible for eighteen shutouts.

The forward and the sweeper provided a dichotomy that was paramount during Notre Dame's title run. If the right didn't score on you, the left made sure you didn't score either.

Now, the two seniors who roamed either side of Alumni Field this year can share in the honor of being named Female Athlete of the Year. Each accepts the honor with the humility that embodied this year's squad.

"I don't know what to say about being Athlete of the Year except that I'm so proud of what the team did this year," McCarthy said.

"Our whole defense played awesome this year and I was just one part of that," Scharff added.

McCarthy finished the season with 17 goals.