The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour.

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

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

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

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

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


Constitution Beat

Workers from Christian Construction Co. have been at work for six weeks cleaning the domes' ceilings without destroying any of the original work. Construction on the building is scheduled to be completed in the year 2000.

In addition to work on the dome, a great deal of internal renovation will take place.

Crew takes on dome interior

By MICHELLE KRUPA

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

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

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

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

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

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

Since the inside of the dome is lined with tin with a sand finish, it needed to be vacuumed to filter dust. A barrier finish was therefore applied, in order to consolidate any fading paint and protect the original work. Now, any touch-up work can be done without detriment to Gregori's original murals.

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

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

This is the last edition of the Observer until Tuesday, March 15. Have a safe and happy spring break!
WINONA, Minn.

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

They learned the tragic answer.

Several hundred people, including relatives of the five, gathered Wednesday afternoon along the Mississippi River as a tow truck pulled a MISSISSIPPI River Patrol boat to shore.

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

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

Rather: Brokaw going 'soft'

Are two of television's golden voices at each other's throats? There's an unusual feud brewing between two titans of TV news. CBS News anchor Dan Rather criticized NBC's new top-rated nightly news program for "going softer" on the news. That angered NBC's Tom Brokaw, who mocked Rather as "Mr. Hard News." Their unusual feud brewing between two titans of TV news.

Swiss support Holocaust survivors

Swiss companies are contributing $46 million to a fund set up by banks to aid victims of the Holocaust, the Swiss federalation of industries said Thursday. The donation means there is now $188 million in the fund begun by the three largest Swiss banks a month ago under pressure from Jewish organizations. That money is in addition to a Swiss government plan announced Wednesday that provides $5 billion in aid to victims of the Holocaust and other genocides or disasters.

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Albanians reach tenuous cease-fire

Seeking to stop Albania's armed revolt from sliding into full-fledged civil war, the president and opposition leaders agreed Thursday that the military would not launch any new attacks for 48 hours, beginning Friday. Time is of the essence for the heartland of the insurrection, where insurgents have seized control of a number of towns and cities, precursors refused to put down their guns. "We won't turn over our weapons until our demands are met," said a civilian leader in the town of Saranda, identified as Emilian Tahi. Dozens of men around him fired automatic weapons in the air as he chanted about the president: "We want our guns, we want his head!" Insurrection leaders in Saranda said before the announcement that they were demanding the resignation of President Sali Berisha, the formation of a coalition government until new elections, and compensation for those who lost money in the collapse of state investment funds, which led to the violence. Sharp north-south divides have emerged in the last two months in this impoverished Balkan nation, where most Albanians lost money in the schemes. Southerners, who were generally wealthier, lost more than northerners. But the opposition, Berisha's, with so few bases of support, imposed a state of emergency Sunday after weeks of protests erupted into violence.

Sri Lankan rebels renew attack

Colombo, Sri Lanka

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GOP unveils House priorities

By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

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

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

Gingrich and other top GOP leaders sought to counter suggestions that the current GOP-led Congress was off to a slow start. But he ducked out after being asked who was running the House.

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

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

Paula Caracci, project
manager for facilities engineer-
ing, commented, "We can all
remember not being able to see
through the building.

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

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

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ical system has ensured their
immediate success in the glob-
al order.

"People do prefer democra-
cy, and have the need to par-
ticipate in the political sys-

The lecture progressed,
the Columbia graduate
warned that the international
system must be aware of the
feature of politics that
many Latin American govern-
ments are taking. While Latin
America is now more econom-
ically, industrially, and politi-
cally stable, corruption could
soon become a looming prob-
lem, which will need to be
dealt with.

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

In conclusion, Lipset high-
lighted the growing degree of
individualism in the states of
Central and Latin America.
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LS AYRES
Surfing the Internet uncovers many Notre Dame surprises

Andy Rooney would have been proud of me last night. I asked myself, "I wonder what I can find on the Internet by typing 'Notre Dame' in my search?"

After thousands of listings were compiled, only one-tenth of them were considered for my project. The content is stranger than fiction, as only the real world can create.

Gary Caruso

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

One listing was shared by husband and wife. "Hobbies: Everything. Occupation: overworked student" seems like Notre Dame football, on the other hand, ranked high with many. A public relations associate for Earl Palmer Brown lists "Travel, Notre Dame football, reading, writing." An Electronics Executive notes "Notre Dame, golf: NOTRE DAME ALUMNI THINGS."

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

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

Of course one ND student could have replied nicely to the last ND hater with this profile, "Hobbies: Football, Golf, Watching Notre Dame Football, Watching Letterman. Quote: When you can lift."

"Like Notre Dame, everything else is just so-so"...

"Thankfully, there are no ND students who list "Hobbies: Everything Irish, Notre Dame, Politics. Being and doing friends. Quote: I like living an alternative lifestyle. I am as I feel. I try everything once."

One of the screen names above wanted "sex with hot dudes. Occupation: student-
dude slave. Quote: I am 21, 5'11", 160 lbs, 32 waist, 42 chest, tight bod, very preppy, bruwahu... for you."

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

Some mostly had sex on their minds. "Occupation: Student, send me sex! ! Quote: I just hopped into IT'S FULLEST IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY! " or "Hobbies: COMING HOME WOMEN. Occupation: STUDENT-AT NOTRE DAME. Quote: SLEEPLESS!"

Typically, male students mentioned females, many under the hobbies section. For example, "Hobbies: Music, Sports, Girls, Sports, Girls. GO GIANTS!, Go! GO NOTRE DAME!" Occupation: Student. Quote: "All I dummy!"

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

While diversity certainly abounded throughout the sampling, anything ND seemed acceptable. One listed his hobbies as "Computer games, cycling, college football, partying, football slogans, "Hobbies: light song or football slogans, "Hobbies: Football, Fishing, water sports, camping, animals, hunting, and pathology. Occupation: Notre Dame student and aspiring to attend USGA. Quote: Every day we live is one day closer to death."


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

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

—Lord Byron
Flags of the gods

By ELEN MILLNER

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

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

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

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

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

In the rotunda of the Main Building, the Snite Museum of Art has displayed various flags of the Vodou religion which portray symbols, images and pictures that represent the loas. Each loa has a veve (symbol), which is found on a particular flag, specifically dedicated to the loa. Celiaire Bazille and Antoine are the two featured artists. They were both priests of the Vodou religion and made the magical flags which represent various loas. Each loa has to laugh at the ignorance of the sacred, chanting freisleural ritual scene that has been the predominant popular paradigm, especially in American culture. It is interesting to see Vodou as a legitimate religion striving to help its believers in a positive way.

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Junior Allen Possum will change out of his pads and helmet to compete at the NCAA championships in the 55-meter sprint.

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

The distance team of Calloway and Hojnacki have posted times that are among the best in the country so far this season. If these tracksters do as well as expected, the weekend in Indianapolis could be more enjoyable than the sunny locations of Florida, Texas, or Mexico where their schoolmates will be.

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

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

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

During the fall, he led the team to a tenth place finish (out of 24 teams) by finishing 23rd at the Falcon Cross-Creek Invitational with a stroke average of 74.7. He and fellow co-captain Brian Donohue will be looked upon by Coach George Thomas to provide leadership.

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

His 77 on the par 71 Olympic Club Lake Course (site of 1998 U.S. Open Golf Tournament) enabled the men’s team to capture 14th place at the prestigious San Francisco Invitational last fall. The golfer that impressed people in the fall was sophomore Brad Hardin.

Hardin established himself as a top-notch golfer by shooting a 71 in the final round of the campus championship, and won the championship at home after Donohue with a stroke average of 73.4.

Hardin’s second place finish at the Big East Championships in Maryland enabled him to keep his first round lead over the competition, especially Seton Hall and Georgetown, enabling them to win the title again.

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

His opening round of 75 led the team during the opening round.

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

**Men’s Golf**

Irish will need depth to pave way to success

By GENE BRTALIK
Sports Writer

Golf squad opens spring season

The Observer/Mike Ruma

[Image of a golf club and ball]
petition to individual will have positive effects on some, while others may have difficulty not having cheers from the sideline.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Fencing**

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**Swimming**

Swimmers hope to make splash at NCAAs

The Notre Dame women's swimming team has qualified two swimmers for the 1997 NCAA swimming championships March 20-22. The championships will take place at the Indiana University Natatorium at IUPUI in Indianapolis. The Irish will be represented by senior All-American Erin Brooks and freshman Alphonse Newell.

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

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

The Parker, Colo., native won the 200-meter butterfly at the Big East championships in a University record time of 50.86 seconds.

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

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

The 100-meter butterfly and backstroke will be swam on Friday, March 21, with the 200-meter backstroke swim on Saturday, March 22.
Irish poised to make noise in March Madness

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