Seniors prepare to leave the Land o’ the Irish

By HEATHER COCKS  
News Editor

The graduating seniors will bid farewell to the familiar campus sights of the Golden Dome, LeMans Hall, and the Basilica.

SMC graduates 365 in 150th commencement

By LORI ALLEN  
Saint Mary’s Editor

On a warm August morning the members of the class of 1997 turned onto the tree-lined lane that leads to Saint Mary’s College and received that, because of the Linebacker, 8 a.m. classes are not such a good idea, and have argued relentlessly with their professors.

After countless hours of studying it all comes down to one piece of paper. This weekend, in the 150th Commencement exercises, 365 women will graduate from Saint Mary’s College and leave this piece of paper.

“I never could have imagined what would take place over the next four years when I first drove in the front gates of Saint Mary’s,” said senior Aimee Heimann. “As I leave now it is bitter-sweet, I will take away with me memories and friends that will last a lifetime.”

Of the 365 degree candidates, 213 will receive a bachelor of arts degree, 66 will graduate with a bachelor of science, 54 with a bachelor of business administration, six with a bachelor of fine arts, and the remaining four with a bachelor of music.

Kentucky congresswoman Anne Meagher Northup will be leaving the graduates with parting words as the 1997 commencement speaker for the 150th graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 17. A 1970 alumna of Saint Mary’s, Northup became the first Kentucky woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in more than 60 years and the first Republican to represent Kentucky’s Third Congressional

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ND to graduate 2,030

By HEATHER COCKS  
News Editor

They graduated from enormous lecture receive to tiny discussion groups, from section 35 in the end zone to section 29 at mid-field, from Bridget’s to the Linebacker and Coach’s, from dorms to off-campus apartments.

Now, over 2,030 seniors will graduate from the University of Notre Dame at the 152nd Commencement exercises on Sunday, exchanging the Golden Dome for life in the real world.

In addition, 260 master’s and doctoral students in the Graduate School, 219 master’s degree students in the College of Business Administration, and 200 law students will be awarded degrees for their years of work.

“I’m a little nervous,” admitted senior Benjamin Baltrins. “It’s a combination of nostalgia about the last four years, and excitement for the future.”

Agreed Megan Shepherd. “I’m so overwhelmed. I’ve done a lot of thinking about my time here and the special people I’ve met, and I’m scared to be saying goodbye to them.”

The majority of seniors had positive things to say about their four years at Notre Dame and the lessons learned on campus.

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Koritnik handles busy balancing act with success

By DAVID FREDDOSO  
News Writer

It’s not easy being perfect. It’s even harder to be perfect for four consecutive years.

But Anjanie Koritnik pulled it off somehow.

“I’m far from perfect,” laughed Koritnik, a chemistry major from Livonia, Mich. Maybe she’s right, but she was still good enough to maintain a cumulative GPA of 4.0 over her four years at Notre Dame. Her hard work has made her the valedictorian of the University of Notre Dame’s 1997 graduating class.

Koritnik, who was selected from among the University’s top-ranked seniors, had not even seriously considered going to Notre Dame until

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SMC VALEDICTORIAN

Urda follows in family tradition with top honor

By LORI ALLEN  
Saint Mary’s Editor

Twenty-four years ago, Kathleen McGuire-Urda was selected to represent the Saint Mary’s College class of 1973 as the valedictorian. Now, almost a quarter of a century later, she will relive that moment as her daughter graduates with the same honor.

“It is absolutely wonderful, a genuine thrill to watch Kathleen receive this honor. I feel very fortunate and proud,” said McGuire-Urda.

Kathleen Urda, an English major with a minor in history, will represent the Saint Mary’s class of 1997 as the valedictorian, carrying on a family tradition.

Urda’s maternal grandmother, Grace Sullivan McGuire, was one of the first lay women to teach at
LaCugna, a member of the University of Notre Dame faculty since 1981, won the Frank O'Malley undergraduate teaching award in 1993 and the Rev. Charles E. Sherry C.S.C. Award for excellence in teaching in 1995. She has also served on the Multicultural Awareness Council, the campus branch of the South Bend chapter of the American Association of University Professors, and the Task Force for Disabilities Awareness Week, and the campus branch of the South Bend chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

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The end of an era

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As the class of 1997 prepare themselves to be presented as the 150th graduating class of Saint Mary's College, President William Hickey prepares himself to preside over the Commencement exercises for the last time.

With graduation hours away, and with Marilou Eldred waiting in the wings to assume the Saint Mary's College presidency, College officials reflect just how much the College has grown in Hickey's tenure as president.

A chapter in the history of Saint Mary's College was brought to a closure with the announcement of Hickey's resignation last April, marking the end of a 35-year career in higher education exclusive to Saint Mary's College.

When Hickey assumed the presidency in 1986, he viewed the sesquicentennial as the ideal time to turn the College over to a new administration.

"That seemed to be the perfect moment of transition in leadership which would allow a new president to set the agenda for and launch the next 150 years," Hickey said.

However, the $30 million sesquicentennial fundraising campaign, coupled with the North Central reaccreditation review, set back those plans.

As he officially leaves office on June 1st, Hickey will leave behind a long history at Saint Mary's College, having held positions in virtually every level of leadership within the College, beginning as a biology instructor in 1960. He served as biology department chair, vice-president for academic affairs, vice-president and dean of faculty, and acting president twice, before assuming the role as the ninth president of Saint Mary's College.

In Hickey's second year in office, the College gained national prestige as it made its debut in the U.S. News and World Report's top ten midwest liberal arts colleges. For the following three years, the College has ranked number one in its class—a feat only one other college in the nation has met.

In addition to the accolades and awards, Hickey stresses development efforts such as establishing the Center for Academic Innovation, and the creation of the Presidential Merit Scholarship program as his greatest contributions to the College.

Carrying the college through what is known as one of the most challenging times in higher education, Sister Rachel Callahan, chair of the Board of Trustees, said, "It is no accident that Saint Mary's is the number one Catholic women's college, and a good part of why that is so, is because of the kind of icon this president has been for the college," she said.

Mary Lou Gorno, Chair of the College's Board of Trustees, agreed. "In the history of Saint Mary's College, the chapter on Dr. Hickey will be a long one," she said.

Students as well seemed to support Hickey's decision, as student body president Jen Turbiak stated last year following Hickey's resignation, "We thank President Hickey for all of his dedication. We respect him, and I believe the way in which he presented his resignation shows his class and his pride for the college," Turbiak said.

Reflecting on his term as the ninth president of Saint Mary's College, Hickey said, "I wouldn't hesitate to say that the Saint Mary's I assumed the presidency of in 1986 is a stronger, more stable, and more intellectually exciting institution in 1996."

The Hickey Years

1960: Joins the Saint Mary's faculty as a biology instructor
1970: Gains Named biology department chair
1971: Appointed as academic affairs
1974: Appointed as acting President of the College
1975: Named VP and Dean of Faculty
1980: Serves as acting President of the College
1984: Inaugurates the College's Sesquicentennial Celebration, along with a major fundraising campaign
1994: Completes the corporate reorganization of the College
1996: Steps down as President, leaving the helm to Marilou Eldred
Administration bans GLND/SMC, denies recognition

After GLND/SMC 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. GLND/SMC, in addition to other campus organizations, are currently awaiting a revision of the University's non-discrimination clause to include sexual orientation. The Office of Student Affairs promised in the spring of 1996 to consider amending the clause, but no decision has been reached to date.

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Aug. 19, 1995

Mara Fox dies in weekend crash

Mara Fox, a Lyons freshman, was killed early Saturday morning when she was struck by a car along Douglas Road. Fox was walking back to campus from Mac's Deli with three other freshmen and one of their older brothers.

A Notre Dame law alumnus was being questioned about the incident.

Nov. 15, 1993

Jury clears Rita of Fox's death

After nine hours of deliberations, a jury acquitted Notre Dame Law School graduate John Bizzell of causing the death of Mara Fox on Nov. 13, 1993, while driving drunk.

Bizzell faces a retrial this summer on a second charge of leaving the scene of an accident.

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Year provides roller coaster of emotions
By HEATHER COCKS

Gay and lesbian students at Notre Dame faced an uphill struggle as well. Vice-president of Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara promised last year to raise the issue of adding sexual orientation to the University's discrimination clause; one year later, the revision had not been publicly addressed, and no decision was announced. The College Democrats, joined by GLNDSMC and their support, spoke out in frustration about the lack of administrative action, holding a rally on the steps of the Main Building on April 24.

"Every person who is touched by this University is suffering because non-discrimination is not a reality," said J.P. Cooney, co-president of the College Democrats. "The hiring process is a disaster. The [new] administration has failed to consult faculty and students and has not gone through the proper search process."

The College Democrats submitted a petition signed by over 2,000 students to the University, with what Cooney termed a "cordial" letter asking that official proceed with the summer to further reflect upon the issue.

Sharif is not alone in the desire to have had the opportunity to wind down his tenure at the College. Eldred said at the April 14 announcement of his resignation, except that he feels it is the right thing to do.

"I cannot honestly give you a reason for my resignation, except to say I feel it is the right thing to do," Holtz said. He dispelled rumors that another job offer job offer would make more income, but he strengthened the popular claim that this departure came more from coercion than resilience.

"It is difficult to leave Notre Dame at this time, for many reasons," Eldred said. "I will miss my students, and I would have loved to have had the opportunity to continue my work here as I have observed from its original conception to its most recent iteration."

But the main reason I regret leaving is because I will leave a talented group of young men who I respect and love," Holtz added.

In his statement, Eldred, who developed programs, served as provost, director, and chair, and later the president of the college of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn., expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to "grow and develop" in his tenure at Notre Dame, and his affection for the students, faculty, and community he served.

No word has been received from O'Hara regarding the status of clause revision.

Achieving Reform

The Student Senate voted in favor of a new constitution that reorganizes student government into a Student Union designed to be more accessible to students and more efficient. "I'm proud that the student body has answered the call," said senior Katie Hazard, one of the many student representatives to the University's administration.

The restructured Student Union is led by the student body president and vice president, the first to take office under the new system. The student body president and vice president, with the help of the executive council and the Student Senate, will act as ombudsmen, to mediate disputes, coordinate events, and provide a unified voice for student concerns.

One of the hot topics debated prior to the vote was the Campus Life Council, which serves as a conduit to the Office of Student Affairs. Led by Griffin, the new council is accountable to the executive council. Those organizations approved the constitution before the Senate voted on it.

One senator felt that the CLC might become "an annoyance to the student body and the University's administration," but we still have a long way to go," said senior Katie Hazard, one of the many student representatives to the University's administration.

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Supported of an amendment to the non-discrimination clause rallied on the steps of the Main Building on April 24. The College Democrats, who led the peaceful rally, submitted a petition to Professor O'Hara signed by 2,000 students, and asked for further deliberation during the summer.

In addition to the over 20,000 extra seats occupying the original red brick facade of Notre Dame Stadium, NBC purchased lights to be permanently affixed to the building. Officials assured that no right games are scheduled, but that the lights are an investment in a "quality television picture."

"They [NBC] just know from experience that once the year starts getting dark early in the day in northern Indiana," explained Mike Smith, Director of Facilities Engineering.

Vacating the Dome

Extensive interior renovation of the Main Building, which will displace the offices currently operating from the Main Building. University President Father Edward助理 will transfer his desk to Hayes-Realy, as will Student Affairs, Public Relations, and others.

Grace Hall will serve as a temporary location for the remainder of the personnel who will move.
Awards: Kathleen Urda, Sharon Zielenziker, Sara Wolfert and Emilie De Angelis.

Lottery won the Sister Annice Award for the department. Emily Ruffner was also a dual winner of the Wall Street Journal Award and the Marketing Award.

Seymour as the recipients of the Elisabeth A. Noel English Prize, named Leecia Anderson as the recipient of the Spes Unica Award.

Political analyst Mark Shields, a 1959 alum, will give the principal address and is slated to receive an honorary doctor of laws degree. Mexican-American theologian Rev. Virgil Elizondo in this year’s Laetare Medal recipient, and will also address the seniors.

Other honorary degree recipients are: David Billington, professor of civil engineering and operations research at Princeton University, Sister Rosemary Connolly, executive director of Mercy/Catholics Heart of Mercy Center in Chicago, Rita Dove, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and professor of English at the University of Virginia, Roman Herzog, president of Germany, Noble Prize-winning physicist and director emeritus of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory; Cardinal Adam Shehata, archbishop of Detroit, Arthur Martinez, chairman and chief executive officer of Sears, Roebuck and Co., Barry Muniz, chancellor of the California State University System, Aparna Sinha, professor of South Asian studies at Harvard University, and chief executive officer of the U.S. Supreme Court, and Ann Claire Williams, 1975 Notre Dame Law School graduate, University trustee and current judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

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Thanks for all your help over the years.
By MATT H W. PLAUGHAN  
Assistant News Editor  
This year marks the 25th anniversary of Notre Dame admitting women. But 50 years ago, Frazier Thompson, a track star and pre-med major, became the first African-American student to graduate from Notre Dame.  
He was offered a track scholarship in 1945, after attending Notre Dame in 1944 through a Navy program. “Back then a lot of African-Americans went on to college when they got funding from the military,” said Melvin Tardy, assistant director of the office of admissions and the treasurer of Black Alumni of Notre Dame.  
Thompson, who died in 1991, was quoted in 1990 in “Ebony Side of the Dome,” Black Alumni of Notre Dame’s newsletter, as saying, “I wasn’t trying to prove anything. I just wanted to be me. I just wanted an education.”  
Tardy says he wasn’t trying to prove a point.” After he graduated, Thompson worked for the U.S. Postal Service until 1955, when he moved on to the International Resistance Company, where he worked until 1974.  
Black Alumni of Notre Dame, a subgroup of the Alumni Association, plans to honor the occasion of Thompson’s graduation by naming 50 distinguished African-American alumni at its tri-annual, all-class reunion this summer. “We plan on honoring alumni who contributed a lot as Notre Dame students,” Tardy said. “They also have achieved in their professional and personal lives after graduation. The main question was to see if they exemplify what our alumni are doing. “Most people do not know about the more distinguished African-Americans that have graduated from this University, outside of the sports players,” he continued.  
“For example, Gary Cooper, who was the ambassador to Jamaica, and his brother Jay, the former mayor of Pueblo, Ala., both graduated from Notre Dame. “We have many alumni who have received recognition for service and professional achievements, but people need to know about them.” The group also plans for Thompson’s surviving family to represent him at this ceremony. In addition, they will establish a scholarship in Thompson’s name to benefit all students.  
Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame from 1952 to 1987, unofficially organized the Black Alumni of Notre Dame in 1985. “He brought 20 alumni back to campus that year to determine why so few African-American alumni were returning to campus,” Tardy said. “We planned an all-classes reunion in 1989; then we officially formed Black Alumni of Notre Dame to assist the University with this,” Tardy said.

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West Quad dorms prompt 18-hole golf course construction

Judy Creek
health draws local concern
By MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

Progress in the construction of Notre Dame's new golf course north of Douglas Road is at a standstill as administrators and community members consider its repercussions for a drying creek and await the approval of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to begin work.

Uncritiqued by William Warren, Jr., a 1956 alumnus, the $7 million course is planned to be constructed on a 260-acre property between junior and Ironwood Roads. But the area is also home to Judy Creek, which has felt detrimental effects of construction in the past. With this new project, environmentalists do not want history to repeat itself.

"The stream has deteriorated over that last 20 years due to development upstream from campus and on Grape Road," said Ron Hellenthal, director of Notre Dame’s environmental research center.

Hellingthal, who was hired by the University to study the drying creek about the creek’s history, has been conducting studies for the past two decades regarding the state of the stream, which is now being assessed.

"During the mid to late '80s, almost all of the organisms in the creek, including fish, had disappeared," he said. "Many of the steps the University is taking may help improve the stream and bring it back.

"The steps include digging a number of bends in the creek, adding more gravel to its bed to provide a cleansing effect, planting trees to increase the stream's canopy and installing a filtration system to capture pollutants from Ironwood Road.

According to Dennis Brown, associate director of Public Relations, these alterations should be sufficient for the University to attain the permits necessary to begin the project and sidestep Indiana’s new anti-degradation provisions to the Great Lakes Water Quality Initiative.

"According to IDNR, we cannot do anything to harm the creek. We have demonstrated that with the present plans we are actually trying to help it. We fully anticipate having things approved," Brown said. If permission is granted as anticipated, the course will be built by August 1998 and ready for play in spring 1999.

Hellingthal believes that planners, including designers Coore & Crenshaw Inc., are keeping the health of the stream in mind.

"The University is doing an incredibly responsible job. I think it has gone out of its way to respond to all the concerns it’s received," Hellenthal said.

Some of those concerns have come from neighbors like J.C. Sporleder of the Izak Walton League, a national conservation organization, who is not completely confident in the University’s plans for the creek.

"We are not against the Notre Dame golf course, we are against possible impacts to the creek," Sporleder said. Out of those concerns, he says is poor.

The organization, whose local nature center lies downstream from the proposed course, is most concerned with loss of floodways that could cause flooding if nearby properties were damaged by heavy rainfall as well as with a plan to pump ground water into Judy Creek, which could change the chemical makeup of the natural stream.

Members have requested a public hearing to voice their opinions in front of the Army Corps of Engineers, which dictates the wetland statutes of the federal Clean Water Act. The meeting has yet to be approved.

"The course plan includes many things that Izak Walton likes. We just want to investigate all the consequences because it should be possible to have a high quality golf course and a healthy creek," Sporleder said.

McGlinn Hall, along with its counterpart, Welsh, is nearing completion. Both dorms' structures should be completed within six weeks.

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Congratulations to the first
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James Sager
Darin Schmalz
Timothy Sherman
Bryan Silletti
Ryan Simme
Kenneth Thames
David Treacy
James Watson
Gregory Wilson
ND kicks off $767 million fund-raising campaign

By HEATHER COCKS
News Editor
and MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

In an unprecedented fund-raising effort, the University has pledged its intent to raise $767 million by the year 2000 in "Generations: A Campaign for the Notre Dame Student." Aiming to augment scholarship funds, faculty positions, campus libraries and construction plans, the campaign is the largest of its kind ever undertaken in Catholic higher education and the ninth-largest capital campaign now in progress in American academia. The total [$767 million] amount is intended to suggest a realistic appraisal of what is both possible and necessary," said University President Father Edward Malloy. "In the same vein, if we had a hope and dream list, this is what would be on it."

The wish list was created in conjunction with the Colloquy for the Year 2000, a campuswide study to determine the needs and priorities of faculty, students and staff, and which also serves as part of the University's accreditation report. Once defined, administration determines the amount of money necessary to accommodate new ends, as thoroughly as possible.

Over 60 percent of the total monetary goal has been attained thus far, with some of the $470 million already being invested in projects like the Main Building renovation and construction of the dorms on Westound. The stadium project is the last part of the campaign.

"Most money, especially that for construction, is given for a specific project. What people give will hopefully correspond to what our goals are," University provost Nathan Hatch said.

"We're completing what we call the 'quiet phase' during which we talk to the people most likely to donate the largest amount," said Dennis Moore, director of Public Relations. "Now we're heading into the last, most time-intensive stage directed at a large group of people.

The fundraising proposal outlines the allocation of $768 million for direct student needs, including undergraduate, graduate and law scholarships. Malloy explained that endowments given for financial aid, which pay annual dividends on donated gifts, provide Notre Dame with a lasting source of funds. "Endowments are like constant dollars. If we just spend that money, it's more decisive and immediate, but the more internal resources we have, the more control we have over the mix of our student body," Malloy said.

He clarified that once invested, five percent of the endowment is available annually; thus, it is a guaranteed source of financial assistance that cannot be spent all at one time.

Presently, the University provides consistent assistance to minority students already status as Notre Dame or Holy Cross Scholars, with the latter institution intended for minority students. Malloy asserted his desire for an expansion of those programs, with special interests in increasing the percentage of minority applicants.

We need to keep up our effort to recruit minority students, and competition to recruit the best minority students is driven by the amount we can offer them," Malloy said.

"What is just loans and work-study for several students right now will indeed become solid scholarship money," Moore added. "Endowments are a nice way of ensuring we have constant funds to back up that aid."

Concluded Hatch, "Our goal is to have full need met." In addition to financial aid, the campaign will also focus heavily on raising funds for the construction of physical facilities. A science teaching facility and new bookstore are in the planning as goals of the $167 million-facet of the project.

The science building will be totally devoted to undergraduate education. It will address the question, 'What will science teaching like be in 10-15 years?'" Hatch said.

Facilities president is also strongly represented in the plan, with $153 million already set for its strengthening. Much money donated will be used to create endowed professorships, but continuing education for current professors will also be targeted.

"We want to enhance the people we have now, but we also want people to feel the faculty should grow. We also would like to draw more professors to keep a good faculty/student ratio without increasing tuition," Moore said.

Malloy and Hatch explained that the advantage of additional endowments is that tuition then pays for a smaller percentage of faculty salaries. Thus, increase in endowed professorships has no effect on tuition costs because those donations are not included in the University's annual operational budget.

This is especially pertinent as the University has changed its distribution of faculty teaching, research and service time commitments, allowing professors less time in the classroom.

"That translates to either larger classes, or more professors. We'd prefer the latter," Malloy said. "Teachers can maximize their faculty development and live up to our high expectations."

Another $116.3 million will cover the enhancement of variables and programs on both campus and abroad, and $25 million will be targeted to augment campus libraries.

The final $25 million will be added to faculty endowed professorships, operations, including grounds upkeep and building renovations.

As it stands, Notre Dame has made history with the funds already amassed en route to the $767 million goal, although the final stage of the campaign is about to kick into high gear. Malloy explained a goal that soliciting the final 39 percent will require a concerted effort from University officials.

"If we don't raise another dime, this campaign goes on record as the largest amount raised by any Catholic university," he said. "But we still need to engage the interest and support of a broad range of people. It's daunting, but doable."
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Not forgotten

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
Editor-in-Chief

Friday, May 16, 1997

Outside the main door of Farley Hall, a newly-planted tree over- 
sees a plaque honoring the memory of Patty Kwiat.

Kwiat, who died aboard TWA Flight 800 last July, would have 
graduated this Sunday with her classmates, but more often than not, 
they are hanging out together and having the time of their life.

"With Patty, you could be sitting around doing absolutely nothing 
and having the time of your life," said Suzy Fry, a Farley Hall resi-
 dent and one of Kwiat's closest friends.

The University will award a posthumous degree to Kwiat at 
 commencement this weekend.

According to friends, the reflections on Kwiat come at times when 
they are hanging out together and a sense persists that something — 
no one really wants to bring the party down — by talking about her death, said Katie Flynn. "It's somber, but it makes me happy, because I know that I had that time with her. It makes me think, 'Wow, what an amazing person.'"

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Fox's death brought class of 1997 together

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
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Inextricably linked with the euphoria that came with the thrilling victory of the Florida State weekend in November 1993 will always be the shocking pain of such a tragic loss. It has been a year of emotion and loss for Kwiat's friends, who are sharing times that should have been spent with someone — seems to be missing. It is a sense that has been especially felt this week.

"Notre Dame reminds me so much of Patty that it's hard leaving now. Graduation means moving away from where we knew Patty," said Suzy Fry. "We used to go rollerblading around campus, and now when I go running around campus, I think of her," Yeend continued. "When we're doing something that she would have enjoyed it."

The reflection is common to all Kwiat's friends, but more often than not, they're personal and left unspoken. "We all think about her, but not one really wants to bring the party down," Fry continued. "I think of how much she would have enjoyed it."

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The impact of her death upon Lyons Hall was immediate. "Her death really brought her class together quickly," said Sister Kathleen Beatty, rector of Lyons Hall. "It just made me realize how fragile life is and how important it is to make the best of the time we have.

In response to Fox's death, the dorm organized a Fun Run that has since become an annual tradition. Held on the anniversary of her death, the run raises money for a sophomore who has decided to study for a semester in Spain. Fox had planned on going to Spain her sophomore year.

A plaque and likeness of Fox also adorns the main hallway of Lyons Hall. "We carry her memory in our hearts," said Sister Carrine Eberle, Farley Hall's rector. "She's missed here," Fry continued. "But for all the great memories, some pain still persists."

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This article appeared on the cover of the program for Maria's memorial Mass in November 1993.

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Hesburgh receives his 135th honorary degree

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Assistant News Editor

Last week in New York, two different institutions honored Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of Notre Dame.

The College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y., awarded Hesburgh an honorary law degree. It is his 135th honorary degree, which, according to the Guinness Book of World Records is the most bestowed on any one person, living or dead. The late Herbert Hoover, former president of the United States, holds the second most degrees with 89.

"I only get one or two a year," Hesburgh said. "But I have one from each of the Ivy Leagues and a couple from overseas. I am running out of those kind of schools though."

In receiving the degree, Hesburgh attended the graduation at the College of Saint Rose and addressed the graduating class.

"I go and talk to the kids," he said. "I tell them what they have to expect and what they have to look forward to."

Also last week, the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO) awarded Hesburgh the Ellis Island Medal of Honor at a ceremony in the recently refurbished Great Hall on Ellis Island.

"A few years ago, the island was in an absolute state of ruin," he said. "It was so bad that they even offered to sell Notre Dame a plot of land on the island. But they thought that they should fix it up instead. And to keep interest in the program, they created this medal of honor. The group gives it out to people who they consider to have worked toward advancements in morals and civil rights in the country," he continued. "The last four presidents have received it, as have many other civic leaders. Everyone has to give a speech at the ceremony, and I was also asked to give the closing benediction."

President of the University from 1952 to 1987, Hesburgh has held 15 presidential appointments, including the chairmanship of former President Carter's Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy.

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she visited the place five years ago.

"When I came and visited the campus, I just fell in love with the place," she said.

"My mom was the one who suggested Notre Dame. I didn't mention it, but I thought that it would be too expensive. But my mom said, 'What about Notre Dame?' and I went along.'

And today, as she is about to graduate, Koritnik has no regrets about her decision to attend Notre Dame.

"They always say that college is the last four years of your life, and I can't say that Notre Dame has done me bad in that way," she said. "I really think that this is the best place you can come for an undergraduate career. The faculty at Notre Dame is clearly here for the undergraduate.

Koritnik is planning a career in academia, beginning with graduate school in chemistry at Stanford University next month. And now what?

"Actually, I'd like to come back some day and teach at Notre Dame," she said.

As a Stanford, Koritnik plans to study biologically active compounds. "I am interested in organic synthesis on an interface with biology — studying molecules to learn more about their biology."

She has already engaged in independent organic synthesis research under Marvin Miller, Clark professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Notre Dame.

Koritnik has accumulated many academic honors during her time at Notre Dame. She was the recipient of a prestigious Goldwater Scholarship for the current academic year — one of 244 undergraduates selected from a field of 1,200 candidates.

In 1995, she was a summer research intern at the Scherering-Plough Research Institute in New Jersey, where she was assigned to an organic synthesis project in the allergy and immunology division.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Koritnik received this year's Sister Diane Outstanding Chemist Award and was an honorary member nomination of USA Today's 1997 All-USA Academic Team. She completed her undergraduate studies in January.

But as her roommate, Dorwin Supon, was quick to point out, Koritnik has done much more than just compile stellar academic record in her four years at Notre Dame.

"She actually has a life outside the lab," said Supon. "She isn't just a gok who spends all time studying."

And Koritnik participated in many extra-curricular activities during her college career. "Beginning as a sophomore, she tutored Notre Dame freshmen and student-athletes in chemistry and physics. She was a Notre Dame Representative to the National Bioengineering Career Symposium. A resident of Farley Hall until her sophomore year, Koritnik volunteered in a number of ball hall service activities. She was a member of the varsity track and cross-country teams during her freshman and sophomore years.

When she was forced by injury to run for Notre Dame Band.

"Going out for band was the best thing I did at Notre Dame," she said. "It just made the whole Notre Dame experience that much more complete."

This Sunday at the Commencement exercises, when Koritnik gives her valedictory address, she plans to talk about the uniqueness of the students at Notre Dame.

"I'm going to talk about my ideal — how I think Notre Dame students are, and how we go after our dreams," she said. "It will be motivational.

"Is perfection going to be my reward? She doesn't have time to worry about that. She has two other people in mind, Tony and Shari, who will take care of that."

"The thing that makes me the most excited is my parents. They sacrificed a lot so that I could come here, and I just want them to be happy, too," said Urda.

Having served as the treasurer of the English club for the past two years, and as a student member of the North Central Reaccreditation Steering Committee, on Academic Standards, Urda was nominated into both Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, and Kappa Gamma Pi, the national Catholic college graduate honor society.

In addition to receiving the valedictorian's medal at the annual Honors Convocation, Urda was also presented with the Sister Franzina Kane Writing Award and the English Department, Elizabeth A. Noel English Prize.

"I have a love for English and I would really like to teach literature on the college level," Urda stated. "Whatevver I do, I hope I'm happy," Urda said.

She will present the valedictory speech at graduation, stressing the importance of a liberal arts education.

"The most important things that I will be taking away from Saint Mary's are the friends that I have made here, the memories, and the idea that we should always look for opportunities to serve another," Urda stressed. "She will also graduate close to perfection with a 3.99 grade point average.

"I think that a Saint Mary's woman is very identifiable out in the world today. Everyone, from my friends to my professors, especially my English professors, have made my experience here all the more wonderful: we are a close-knit family," said Urda.

Northup will be one of five distinguished honorary degree recipients selected for significant contributions in the areas of medicine, public office, education and the church.

The honorees include Dr. Audrey Evan of Philadelphia, the pediatric oncologist who founded the Ronald McDonald House Charities; Sister Kathleen Feeley, former president of College of Notre Dame of Maryland; the Honorable Maria Josephine Kassidy Kann, a member of Parliament in Tanzania, East Africa, and a 1960 alumna of Saint Mary's College, and the Most Reverend John Joseph Lebrecht, Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

"You will always be Farley's Finest!"

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Law student Streitz will receive posthumous degree

By DEREK BETCHE
Associate News Editor

Doug Streitz died last summer in a small plane crash just weeks after finishing his second year of law studies at Notre Dame.

A Double Domen, Streitz will be awarded a posthumous law degree from the University at commencement exercises this coming week. He received his undergraduate degree from Notre Dame in 1994, majoring in history and economics in the College of Arts and Letters.

Friends, professors, and classmates echo each other in pointing out the love Streitz had for Notre Dame. Those who knew Doug mourn losing the energy he brought to the University, especially his older sister, Kimberly, who was very important to him.

"He very much loved Notre Dame," said David Link, dean of the Law School. "He wanted it, and fought to pursue it," Link said. "You always knew where you stood with Doug and that kind of openness was particularly helpful in a law school environment," said Jonathan Lienhard, one of Streitz's classmates.

"He very much loved Notre Dame, he loved this place immensely. He loved law school more than most students do, and he certainly loved his friends and classmates," Father John Pearson, one of Streitz's law professors recalled. Pearson also represented the University at Streitz's funeral Mass last summer.

In his spare time, Streitz was an avid tennis player and had his interest included math and science. His interests included math, and friends report that his family, especially his older sister, Kimberly, were very important to him. Streitz was with two others on June 13, 1996, when shortly after takeoff the trio's single engine plane plummeted nose-first to the ground.

Math program among nation's best

By HEATHER COCKS
News Editor

The University of Notre Dame joined prestigious company when its graduate program in mathematics was named one of the 23 best in the nation.

Princeton, Harvard, MIT and Cornell are among those cited with Notre Dame by the National Research Council (NRC), who formulated these rankings from assessment scores.

"The NRC gets 100 percent of its membership from the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineers, and the Institute of Medicine," explained Alex Hahn, chairperson of the mathematics department.

"These organizations are major policy formation organizations in our government; they're top-ranked," Hahn said. "The graduate program consists of 46 professors and approximately 30 students, but Hahn anticipates that the latter number will increase in the future.

"We now offer a new degree," Hahn said. "It's a master's degree in applied mathematics, with an interdisciplinary focus."

He added that six students have already enrolled in that program and will begin studying in the 1997-98 academic year.

Hahn emphasized the prowess of students and faculty in the program as being crucial to the program's high assessment by the NRC.

"We have seven or eight research groups that have achieved national or international distinction," he said. "They cover a variety of areas.

"The American Mathematical Society takes its rankings from the NRC," Hahn said. "Our place in the survey has already proven influential."

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Not only is graduation a time for reflection with friends, but for Saint Mary’s senior Stacy Curtis and her mother, Linda Tafelski, they have spent senior year together as mother-daughter graduates, in anticipation of when they both receive degrees on Saturday.

Both Curtis and Tafelski will receive degrees from the English department. Curtis in English literature and her mother in English writing. Because the mother-daughter pair are in similar majors, they have taken classes together and noted that sharing classroom experiences helped their relationship grow in a number of ways.

"The feelings generated from being in the classroom with my mother are full of emotion," said Curtis. "We did a project together in a Southern Black Women's Writers class and researched the genealogy of our family. It was a great bonding experience as my mother, grandmother, and myself researched our family's history while creating stronger bonds between the three of us."

Curtis and Tafelski are not the only members of their family to graduate from Saint Mary's. Shelli Curtis, a sister earned her degree from Saint Mary’s last year.

"As a mother and graduate, I am a huge fan of women's education, especially Saint Mary's," said Tafelski. "I have seen my daughters develop into articulate, educated women who know the issues going on in the world today."

As a mother with a career, Tafelski has found as a good example for her two daughters of not only how to balance a career and family, but also an education at the same time. In 1982, Tafelski accepted a job at Saint Mary's, and in the Spring of '83 began taking classes as Saint Mary’s while raising two daughters at the same time.

"For myself, this has been a lifelong culmination full of feelings of joy and pride not only for myself, but especially for my daughter," said Tafelski. "It has been a project that has taken many years, and for that I am extremely proud of this accomplishment."

Over the past few weeks, the women have taken time to reflect and show their appreciation for another as mother-daughter and in classes.

"Sometimes I just send little gifts to my mom to let her know how proud I am of her and how much I appreciate her support as a mother and friend," said Curtis.

Although the two women agree that graduating from Saint Mary’s at the same time is unique and special, the two women are not in total agreement of who graduation is more significant for.

"I think a college degree is as big a deal for me as for any mom," said Curtis. "It is just normal anymore to earn a college degree at my age and then start a career and family. But for my mom, because she got her degree later in life and worked a long time toward a degree, the degree is more significant for her."

The Observer wishes all seniors a happy graduation.
Malloy breaks ground for Eck Center

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant New Editor

Wielding make-believe shovels and pretending to toss dirt over their shoulders, Father Edward Malloy and benefactor Frank Eck "broke ground" on May 2, marking the start of construction on the new bookstore.

The Eck Center, a two-building facility to be erected near the Morris Inn, will house a visitors' center, Alumni Association offices and the new bookstore.

Despite nature's damp obstacles, which moved the ceremony indoors to the Center for Continuing Education, the project commenced amid a congregation of University administrators and Alumni Association members, whose office will open in the center upon its December 1998 completion.

"It's raining outside, so I'm going to have to ask you all to use your creative imaginations," said Malloy as he began the makeshift ceremony. "This is either bad May weather or excellent study-day weather."

"We'd like to thank Mr. Eck for making it possible for the Alumni Association to have a new home," said Red West, president of the alumni board of directors.

In addition to housing the association and visitors' center in one of the renovated stadium's 20,000 sq. ft. building, the Eck Center will also offer a new 70,000 sq. ft. book store behind the Morris Inn to replace the existing Hammes Bookstore.

According to Malloy, the location on Notre Dame Avenue will provide a greening place for Notre Dame visitors.

"It will serve as a grand welcoming spot for the people who come to our University," Malloy said. "We see in front of us what we think is going to be one of the most attractive parts of this campus. It will welcome back those who have known Notre Dame first-hand."

Augmenting his history of generous donations to the University, Eck, a 1944 alumnus, decided to undertake construction of the project for $10 million as an expression of his strong commitment to Notre Dame.

"It's truly a wonder to do something good when you're still here and alive to do it," Eck said, concluding an anecdote about a baseball fan's misconception that he be the benefactor of the Frank Eck Stadium, once dead.

"I'm glad I'm alive because I've found that whatever you do for this school comes back to you by 10-fold to 100-fold!" he said.

Malloy presented to Eck an engraved rendering of the completed building and expressed his gratitude.

"We all know that Frank has been generous to Notre Dame. He rose to the occasion. Thanks for allowing Notre Dame to dream big dreams," Malloy said.

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IT'S TIME
IT'S NOW
GRADUATION!
ENJOY!
LOVE, MOM & NICK

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Holly Barker
Elizabeth Barr
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Kathy Brannock
Cara Buchanan
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Dear John, Thanks for watching out for Tina.

Love, Mom and Dad

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KarenKurche
EllenRyan
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Looking back on four years

Bernadette Pampuch

on campus, and sometimes we still say "HI! I don't remember a single person I met during the Graffiti Dance, but I still have the shirt. I learned how to put in contact condition reports at the beginning and the end of the year.

I will forever be known as "that girl hugging the tree in the Dogbook, and was asked to a toga party and six SYRs because of it.

I never did learn the Pythagorean Theorem. I only slept through final exams three times. I have cried in front of professors twice, both of whom were freshman biology instructors. I have bickered about liberation theology, Dante. Toni Morrison's perception of mythology, photosynthesis, and the Spanish department's blatant ignoring of Latin America. I once wrote an 18-page paper detailing a four-page short story for an English class and summed up the entire New Testament of the Bible in a single paragraph. I kept the Honor Code.

I studied abroad for a semester, widened my vision of the world, and learned that all Americans wear white socks and white sneakers.

My resident line is just about equal to the amount of money I owe my parents for four years worth of long-distance telephone bills. Papa John's received two pizza orders a month from me for nine months a year for four years, bringing the amount of money I paid to Papa to about $500. I should have purchased 700 acres of Costa Rican rain forest for the amount of money that would be the bookstores. I held two jobs at once for over a year, entered a bank with a large bag, and used the money to win to pay tuition, and never once had to sell blood.

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The people I met during orientation were the ones who will stay with me until the CAT scan is finished. Classmates came and went, but friends always stayed, sent postcards even when they were in Italy, bought me Mr. Mitya's at the Dairy Queen when I most needed one, shared pints of Ben and Jerry's in the Martin's parking lot at three in the morning, cried on my shoulder, shared their apartment, invited me home for Thanksgiving, and drove me around Houston looking for the perfect night club. It was all books and cramming for exams, just mostly. Sometimes it was all that and more. Saint Mary's and Notre Dame were worth more than I ever could have imagined. I can pay my parents back for the tuition, but never for the opportunity to pray at the Grotto on lonely autumn nights, for the first flower my SYR date brought me, or for the last four years of college.

Thank you. I've learned a lot.

Bernadette Pampuch will graduate from Saint Mary's College with a degree in English writing May 17. She will be continuing her column next year from Mexico City, and is looking forward to graduate school.

“Have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know no way of judging the future but by the past.”

—Patrick Henry
A response from the president

Dear Editor:

For about one month, I have publicly remained silent about the vast amount of criticism towards the University policies I have critiqued in this column — most notably gender segregation, its traditions; but if you left the faculty, mandatory theology classes that every student must take even need not pertain to Catholicism per se (to illustrate, my first theology class was taught by a protestant minister). Notre Dame deserves credit for emphasizing the spiritual side of the human experience and preparing students with opportunities to weave a religious thread into the broader fabric of everyday life, but that is only small complaints. Notre Dame is an excellent school at which I have had a wonderful experience.

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I would like to take this opportunity to extend my prayers and best wishes to the members of the Class of 1997.

Consummation is a time of many mixed emotions. Pride in your achievements, excitement and apprehension about new beginnings, happiness and sadness all come together as you prepare to leave.

For those of you who are graduating seniors, I hope that we have achieved our goal of providing you with an education that integrates the life of the mind with the life of the heart. May your commitment to your faith in God and to the service of God’s people manifest itself in your chosen vocation and profession. We have high expectations of our graduates. The tremendous contribution that our alumni make to society and to the Church is a testament to the importance of these high expectations.

For those of you that are leaving with graduate and professional degrees, I hope that you will carry with you the best of our traditions as you enter your discipline. If you bring to your chosen field a strong set of ethical convictions and a commitment to justice, you will represent the very best of Notre Dame.

Finally, a note of gratitude to the students, the professors and the alumni who have been a part of my search to identify why I love this place. The only possible way to end a column is to thank those who have made it possible. And so, to the undergraduate who has been an undergraduate is by thanking the people who have made it possible.

Best wishes for the graduates.

BILL HAMMONDS
President, Class of 1997

The one-third of ND’s asking price. So even as other education can be obtained at around one-third of ND’s reality. So while I appreciate the fact that six Saturdays each fall is asking price. So I leave South Bend a contented education as its myopic parking policies and with Notre Dame.

those omnipresent ND promotional pamphlets also tend to emphasize Notre Dame’s religious affiliation, or to use the local colloquialism, the “Kodak moment.” Those promotional materials that every student must take even need not pertain to Catholicism per se (to illustrate, my first theology class was taught by a protestant minister). Notre Dame deserves credit for emphasizing the spiritual side of the human experience and preparing students with opportunities to weave a religious thread into the broader fabric of everyday life, but that is only small complaints. Notre Dame is an excellent school at which I have had a wonderful experience.

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Dear Editor,

Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork, in his book "Innovating Towards Gomorrah," says the radical rejection of Western values in the sixties on the college campuses上学 made our country is morally decaying. Indeed, one month before I began my senior year at Notre Dame a former neighbor and a good friend of my sister who was a student at Saint Mary's and two of her friends blew up the Army Recruitment building in West, in protest to the Vietnam War. Madison's ROTC building was burnt down by other students.

I lived near Madison and that summer there was much excitement among my friends and relatives about the anti-war movement. I, however, felt it was not justifiable to protest against the war without prior evidence. I was unable to rediscover my identity in Jesus Christ and thus that God's will amidst a people rejecting its Judgments.

After I graduated from ND I tried to work within the Federal judiciary. I failed the exam and was unable to proceed pro se and put my case together myself.

The federal judge, Robert Miller, a 33rd degree Freemason, illegally dismissed the case without a trial by jury.

I then filed a lawsuit in the Federal District Court in South Bend requesting my constitutional right to a fair ruling because during this time the EEOC had used two books entitled: "Behind the Lodge Door: The Freemason secret society and America's most secret society," and "Their God is the Devil: A 80-page book entitled, " every teacher shall present his instruction with special emphasis on morality. The teachers knew they were violating the wrath of the Federal judiciary if they were loyal to the oath they all made to the Constitution and the Separation of Church and State. They said, "Every teacher shall present his instruction with special emphasis on morality." The teachers knew they were encouraging the morality required by the authority of the Constitution, written in 1851, they risked losing their jobs.

This is precisely what happened to me. In the fall of '92 some students asked me to be a sponsor of a Christian club. The administration of Notre Dame said I could not because my performance in school statistics reveal that 65 percent of all crime is committed by school age children. The Federal judiciary, comprised almost exclusively of lawyers, ordered the destruction of the morals of our nation when they ordered all religious influences from government schools. They did this using the names of our Founding Fathers as their authority. Their motives were evil.

The word "lawyer" in Greek can trace its meaning to "society devourer," and in the Latin dictionary "lawyer" can mean "shyster." Combine this with membership in the Free Mason secret society and we are dealing with dangerous and crooked "Federal" judges. Jesus knew what he was talking about when he said in Luke 11:52, "Woe to you lawyers, because you have taken away the key to knowledge; yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered others who were entering." The Federal judiciary will suffer greatly for disobeying our Lord's command written three times in the gospels: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for their kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Because of evil Supreme Court decisions there is an increasing need for bigger government and more lawyers to handle all the crimes now being committed. Because the Supreme Court has kicked God out of school statistics reveal that 65 percent of all crime is committed by school age children.tragically, this country has many people willing to take our tax dollars as wages in exchange for prostituting themselves by working to help further the evil designs of a corrupt government, a government operating in open rebellion to its creators, the framers and rati­fiers of the Federal Constitution.

My friends in the 60s wisely discovered that our government had become very corrupt. However, most failed to discover that an even greater corruption lay in their own hearts. Only faith like that of our Founding Fathers in the blood of Jesus can cure the corruption in the heart. Jesus said, "First clean out the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean." St. Peter said, "Save yourself from this corrupt generation." St. Paul told us how to do it. "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."
This is the time to remember

What will you remember most about your years at Notre Dame?

Mike Flintosh
Off-campus

"Florida State victory during freshman year."

Jennifer Sutton
Pasquerilla East

"My roommates coming home from AnTostal covered with water paint and fruit roll-ups."

Jake Rademacher
Off-campus

"Walking away Sunday evening after the last night of 'Grapes of Wrath.""

Dave Mullen
Alumni

"Going to Ireland."

Matt Mendlik
Zahn

"Waking up each morning and knowing I was at Notre Dame."

By JOSEPH WEILER
Assistant Accent Editor

I guess what they say is true — You always remember the good times. That's good news for this week's graduating seniors, because remembering is not something that they will take lightly in the next few months, years, and even decades.

As they don their caps and gowns a small tingle may run down their spines. Yes — it will be a tingle of joy. It will be in anticipation of standing in front of parents, friends and family and realizing that they've made it — they've succeeded and are finally done with college. But more than that it will be the tingle if memories. It will set in that they are finally finished and from hence forth their lives as student sat Notre Dame will lay behind them.

As the tingle fades they will look in the mirror to make sure that their hair is perfect and their gown is straight and their caps are tilted just so. And perhaps they may see something else in that mirror. Instead of a mature, college grad who is ready to face the world, they may see a young freshman wearing not a cap and gown but blue jeans and an ND sweatshirt.

They may remember walking onto campus for the first time as a student looking up at the Golden Dome and thinking "My God, this is all mine for the next four years." Or maybe they'll remember meandering around at the graffiti dance with a marker in hand and wearing a clean white T-shirt. They might see themselves running around campus for their first North Quad/South Quad snowball fight.

They'll remember their first football game in the student section and singing the alma mater at its close. Not only that, but they'll remember a great year, going 11-1 overall. Of those twelve games, two will stand close. Not only that, but they'll remember a great year, going 11-1 overall. Of those twelve games, two will stand out — Florida State and Boston College. Some may see going 11-1 overall. Of those twelve games, two will stand out — Florida State and Boston College. Some may see

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any students complain about the music scene here at Notre Dame, but seldom do anything about it. Even though they support campus bands and other musical groups, they often don't know when or where their favorites are performing, let alone know where to find this information.

One brave Domer, however, decided to take action this semester and give our beloved music scene a boost by creating OpenMic — Notre Dame's first, only, and best web-based campus music forum. Andy Brenner, a senior electrical engineering major living in Keough Hall, is OpenMic's creator and curator. Brenner is also the pianist for one of the founders of the Keough Kafe, a venue for campus musicians held weekly in Keough's first floor social lounge. "If I had one goal for my senior year, it would be to get this campus excited about music again," says Brenner on why he created OpenMic. OpenMic (www.nd.edu/~opemc) will help Brenner achieve his goal in two key ways. First, it is a place where people can go to find campus band hompages and other music-related organizations, such as wvfl 640 AM (www.nd.edu/~wvfl), and SUB (www.nd.edu/~sub). Second, with its monthly "Events" calendar, OpenMic is a clear-
lored memories

Some will recall meeting their future husband or wife and some will remember making decisions that have affected th ir rest of their lives. For some, the best memories come away from Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s. Summers in Washington, semesters in London, Australia, France and Austria or a year in Italy, Spain, or Ireland. A great number of them will remember some of their best times in serving others. Hundreds will remember working for poor communities in Appalachia or spending the morning fixing houses with Christmas in April and others spent much of their time tutoring impoverished children.

Some of these moments may bring a tear to the eyes of our graduating seniors as they watch themselves grow up. They came here like so many before them and of pepper gas, most will stand in front of that anyway. They will see themselves sitting around at the evening with good

With Campus Tunes

Friday, May 16, 1997

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thing music-related.

I would like OpenMic to be a resource for every student; a place where people can go to on a regular basis,” says Brenner. In the future, he would like to see the “Feedback” section expanded to include many forum discussion areas. Also, Brenner would like to feature all music groups at Notre Dame, including choirs and members of the music department.

Brenner is graduating this weekend, but OpenMic will continue to grow. In the fall, Andy Herman, a freshman business major from Stanford Hall, will be taking over the administrative duties of OpenMic. Herman is excited about his new responsibilities.

About the future of OpenMic, Herm an says, “[OpenMic] will give new bands a great opportunity to get some free publicity.”

Even though it has only been around for about a month, OpenMic has received almost 700 visits. But with a small personal budget, publicity is difficult. To remedy this, Brenner has displayed posters near the entrances of all campus computer clusters. Brenner has also relied on word-of-mouth from the campus bands. Concerning the response to OpenMic, Brenner says, “I would like to thank the bands. They have been very supportive about everything I’m doing.”

Next fall, Brenner will be working for GE in their Medical Systems division. Even though he is leaving next month, Brenner has already left his mark at Notre Dame. Brenner’s enthusiasm and love for music will live on as long there is an OpenMic.

Jason Huggins is a junior MIS major from Thousand Oaks, Ca. When Jason isn’t busy taking down his loft in Keenan Hall, he enjoys playing his Ovation acoustic guitar. To find out more about the music scene at Notre Dame, visit his homepage at http://www.nd.edu/~jhuggin/.

...and more memories

Amy Schmidt, Kathryn Sutliff, Stacy Raczka, and Megan O’Neill Badin

“Friendship.”

Erin Gowen Lyons

“Chicken strips at the Dining Hall.”

Alan Smith Planner

“Getting trapped in the Architecture Building’s elevator for two hours in the middle of the night.”

Duane Cobenais Carroll

“Lou Holtz finally leaving.”

Brian Welch Carroll

“No parietals at Carroll Hall.”
Saint Mary's College

Moving On Up

ACCENT Asks...

What is your favorite memory of Saint Mary's College?

Courtney O'Rourke
Mishawaka, Indiana
Biology

"Laughing my way through four years here."

Jennifer Ligda
Evergreen Park, Illinois
Communications

"Going to Nick's at 8 a.m. on Saint Patrick's Day and having beer for breakfast."

Gayla Spenney
Marshall, Missouri
English/Communications

"Playing freeze tag with shower shoes in the rain."

Corrie Hanrahan
Wheaton, Illinois
Business/Theatre

"Meeting with friends at the dining hall and talking about the night before."

Meghan Maloney
Apple Valley, California
Biology/Nursing

"Having dancefests in my room with my roommates during final weeks."

Spring is here again. South Bend is thawing out, the flowers are beginning to bloom and Saint Mary's College is graduating another class of mature young women. Although the challenges of school have been met and dealt with accordingly, the class of 1997 are facing the next struggle of graduating—packing and moving out. Deciding what to take with as one embarks upon the real world can be a quandary.

Along with the knickknacks, furniture and unreturnable books that have been amassed in the last four (or five, sometimes six) years, the graduates will be taking their memories of college in their hearts. Un tangible and priceless, these touching moments are the stuff that teary-eyed reunions are made of. However, along with the monumental events are the everyday occurrences that one tends to forget off-hand.

"It's the little things that I'll miss the most," says Amberly Herschberger, a graduating social work major. "Popping in on somebody at 2 a.m. to say hello. Things like that."

When asked what their favorite memory is, the standard reply from many was that there was "too much" to recall. Although scrapbook-fillers such as certain SYRs, spring breaks and wild nights of bar-hopping were easy contenders for a favorite, it seemed that the warmest thoughts are made up of a million little things put together.

"I think that I will miss meeting with friends in the dining hall for breakfast and talking about the night before." Says Corrie Hanrahan, a double business and theatre major.

When taking a stroll down memory lane, here is a list of a few understated memories that should jog the brain, but usually get lost in the shuffle of thought.

1) Roaming the floors of a Domer dorm trying to find a party.
2) Ordering pizza and watching a movie with people from your floor.
3) Your first buzz.
4) Countless all-nighters to finish assignments.
5) Midnight Meijer runs.
6) Waiting for the last shuttle at the Grotto on a Saturday night.
7) Panicked trips to University Park mall for last-minute shopping.
8) The guy that never called back.
9) Going off campus for dinner freshman year.
10) Having dancefests in my room with my roommates during final weeks.

Although the applause will fade with the end of Saturday's commencement ceremony, the memories will stay vivid and sharp in the minds of the Class of 1997. And hey, if connections to Saint Mary's College dwindle, it's only a few years until the "big ten" reunion. So clear your calendars for the first weekend of June in 2007, and most of all, "weep not for the memories...."
**Women's Lacrosse**

**Irish surprise in inaugural season**

By BETSY BAKER

Even though the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team finished its season a mere above .500, its record makes more of a statement than one might give it credit. The five wins and four losses symbolize the beginning of a new branch of the Notre Dame athletic tradition.

All paid off. Entering last year, the team entered this year with a great deal of pressure facing it and even more expectations from both its players and those who made it a varsity sport.

"I think our most important game for us this season was our first," senior Cara Buchanan said. "We were real-ly nervous because we knew a lot of people were watching, both fans and those who chose it as a varsity sport, and there were also a lot of people who were expecting us to fail."

The team disappointed those who expected to fail because it definitely did not. In fact, the team only lost one game in its first six, a 20-13 setback to Vanderbilt.

More important than its record, however, is what emerged from the season. Of course, obvious adjustments had to be made, such as adjusting to a coach versus an advisor as a club has, but the team worked through the adjustment period and came out on top.

"I think the hardest part was adjusting to our coach and having her get used to us and how things are done," Buchanan commented. "Now that the foundation has been laid for the women's lacrosse team, it can go forward and continue to establish itself in the Irish tradition."

One of the major factors that Davie continued from page 44

student body. We will continue to be a football team that plays with great toughness, great discipline and great enthusiasm, but above all, with class."

"Words can't describe how proud I am of this young man, and how proud and honored I am to add the next head football coach of Notre Dame."

That is likely to be characterized by the hallmark of Davie's defenses — aggressiveness.

Such aggressiveness very much could have meant that Davie would no longer be at Notre Dame had Holtz not stepped down. Coveted last year by schools to be a head coach, Davie admitted that he had the Irish not come calling, he might have moved on.

"Right now, I feel like the luckiest man alive," Davie said. "We are very fortunate."

"I was selected on the basis of what I brought to the program, and I'm going to work together to keep the program moving forward," Buchanan said. "I hope this will be a good decision for Notre Dame football."

Notre Dame fans hope so too.

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**Men's Track and Field**

**Tracksters end solid season on sour note**

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame's men's track and field team finished second at the Big East outdoor championships at Villanova University on May 3-4, falling to Georgetown, 166-127.

The Notre Dame's women's team, 13th a year ago, finished in sixth place with 58.50 points, while Villanova won the women's title with 135 points.

The outdoor finishes mirror the 1997 Big East indoor championship results for the Irish.

The men's team was second to Connecticut by just four points in the indoor, and the women were sixth behind Villanova.

The Irish finished the first two days of the outdoor championships down 60-50 to Georgetown. Derek Selling won the steeplechase crown for the Irish, while Mike Fleisch placed second in the high jump, and Marshuan West added an eighth-place finish in the long jump.

The Irish narrowed the margin to four points going into the second day of competition after the Irish placed fifth in the 4x100 relay, but Georgetown extended up the lead to 78-58 after the 1500 meters. The Irish could not catch the Hoyas, losing 78-69.

Mike Brown and Dave Gerrity led the Irish on day two as they placed first and third in the pole vault.

Chris Smith took third in the javelin, and Jay Hofner's fourth-place finish in the hammer throw rounded out the day's field events for the Irish.

Errol Williams ran in a pair of finals and placed third in the 200 meters and fourth in the 110-meter hurdles. Bobby Brown was fourth in the 400 meters and Jeff Hujanetz was second in the 800 meters.

Troy Langville was seventh in the 400-meter hurdles, and Derek Seiling was seventh in the 1500-meters.

Jason Rexing, who won the 10,000 meters for the second consecutive year, came up short in his attempt to repeat as the 5,000 meters winner. Rexing finished second with a time of 14:22.01, just .76 out of first place.

Allison Howard was Notre Dame's only winner in the women's meet, breaking her own school record to win the 400 meters in 53.81. Howard also placed third in the 200 meters in 24.01.

The promising freshman Dominique Callaway was a spark for the Irish. She finished second in the 100-meter hurdles and the 200 meters. She also finished fifth in the 100 meters. Nadia Schmiedt took second in the 400-meter hurdles for the second consecutive year.
Tar Heels prevent Irish repeat

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Assistant Sports Editor

In a season filled with a majority of ups, the Irish were able to endure one major down. Despite being ranked No. 1 for much of the season, the women's soccer team fell short of its goal to repeat as national champions.

Before the largest crowd ever assembled for a women's soccer final, the Irish were forced to take on their rival, North Carolina. In a tight match, Notre Dame fell short. With 9:04 left in the second overtime, Tar Heel forward Debbie Keller drilled a header off of forward Rakel Karvelis's assist to score the only goal of the 120-minute battle. Keller's goal lifted UNC 1-0 and to the national championship.

Earlier in the season, the Irish defeated North Carolina 2-1. Freshman Jenny Streiffer played a major role in the victory, scoring both of the goals to ensure a win. The game-winning goal came in the first overtime, earning her MVP of the Duke-Addidas Women's Soccer Classic.

Throughout the season, the team was bestowed with numerous honors. Not only was Notre Dame the Big East regular season champions, but the Irish were also the Big East tournament champions. Head coach Chris Petrucci was named Big East Coach of the Year, and Streiffer was named Big East Rookie of the Year.

Senior captains Jen Renola and Cindy Daws were both named first team All-American, while freshman Jen Grub and junior Katie Sobiero were named to the second team. Streiffer and junior Holly Manthei were named to the third team.

Several milestones were reached in this season as well. Daws gained the title of career points leader. Manthei broke the record for assists in the NCAA tournament in the semifinal game against Portland. Next year, Irish fans will get a glimpse of the Class of 2001. The class boasts some talented players, including Meotis Erickson, who is considered one of the top players in the nation. Petrucci also signed Monica Gonzalez, who led her club team to the national championships in 1995.

Notre Dame struggles to overcome injuries, schedule

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Heading into the 1996 volleyball season, hopes were high as head coach Debbie Brown had all of her six starters returning from a 27-7 team that advanced to the NCAA Pacific Regional.

However, the Irish suffered their season opener (22-12) in Brown's six-year tenure under her as injuries and the inability to finish matches plagued the squad all season long. Despite the disappointing season which saw the Irish fall out of the top 25 from their preseason ranking of sixth, Brown still sees the positives in their season.

"We lost more games than I have before, but it was still the most fun I've had in a really, really great team. They worked really hard, and I think they will come away from this season with great memories."

Even before the first match, Coach Brown and company were faced with a daunting challenge after junior setter Carey May suffered a dislocated shoulder that sidelined her for nearly half the season.

Junior Jaimie Lee slid over from her outside hitter slot and filled in at setter in May's absence. Lee's play earned her Big East Player of the Year honors. Despite the efforts of Lee, the Irish were never able to get into the groove. Their starting lineup was not on the floor for more than a handful of matches with senior Jen Bone and junior Angie Harris ending the year on the shelf.

The remarkable senior class provided the glue to hold the team together, and some young players showcased their talents on their way to remaining perfect in Big East play while making their fifth straight NCAA tournament appearance.

"It would have been nice to see us healthy, so we wouldn't have gotten really comfortable," Brown said. "We had great depth, and if we wouldn't have had that depth, we would have had a horrendous season."

The graduating class of Jenny Birken, Jen Briggs, Kristina Ervin, and Jen House helped Brown build the program into a national power. They have set an example for talented players such as sophomore Lindsay Treadwell and freshmen Mary Leffers.

The leader of the seniors was two-time captain Birdser, who is one of just two players in Notre Dame history to be on the top 10 list of hitting percentages, kills, digs, assists, blocks, and aces.

"They have given a ton to the program," Brown said of her graduating seniors. "They are all very good students and have been terrific examples for our young players. It was a really special class."
Irish seniors bid farewell after frustrating season

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

Any other school would have been satisfied. If nothing else, the 1996 football season could be characterized as a solid one, certainly nothing to scoff at or feel bad about. However, Notre Dame is not any other school.

For the third straight year, the Irish did not contend for the national championship. Put simply, an 8-3 season in which the Irish failed to land a major bowl bid is considered a disappointment in the midst of the woods.

"It's kind of frustrating the way we ended and not going to a bowl," said senior tailback Randy Kinder. "But all things considered, it was probably the best decision for the program."

Things did start out well for the Irish last fall. When Jimbo's kick sailed through the uprights to defeat Texas, 27-24, Notre Dame fans confidently pointed to a national championship.

However, Ohio State took the dagger and viciously drove it through the heart of Irish fans, prematurely ending any talk of a title with a 29-16 victory at Notre Dame Stadium. Fans, players, and coaches were devastated following the defeat.

"The national championship is done," a red-eyed Powlus said outside the locker room. "It's over.

After thrashing the No. 20 ranked Washington Huskies, 54-20, two weeks later, Notre Dame suffered what seems to have become an annual tradition: losing at home to an inferior opponent.

Following in the line of Boston College, BYU, and Northwestern, overmatched Air Force surprised the Irish, 20-17. It was a loss that Notre Dame seniors have come to know all too well in their four years at the University.

After the setback, the Irish recovered and proceeded to reel off four consecutive victories over Navy, Boston College, Rutgers, and Pittsburgh. With a major bowl bid on the line, the stage was set for Notre Dame's visit to USC for the season finale.

Leading most of the way against the Trojans, the Irish missed an extra point, and needed just one successful PAT off the leg of Sanson to put the game away. However, God was not on the Irish side on that day, and when Sanson's kick sailed wide, Notre Dame's 13-year unbeaten streak over the Trojans was just a memory.

"This is probably as tough a loss as I've ever had," said head coach Lou Holtz following the game. "I feel bad for the seniors and the players that made mistakes. I know how they feel.

The Irish will say farewell to a much traveled group of seniors who experienced more than their share of highs and lows in four years. From the incredible win over Florida State in the Game of the Century to the devastating Northwestern upset and the USC disappointment, it has certainly been a roller coaster ride.

Five defensive starters, including Renaldo Wynn, Alton Maiden, Kimon Tatum, Lyron Cobbins, and Bert Berry, have led the Irish side on that day, and following in the footsteps of seniors who made mistakes.

As a group, we've been through a lot during our four years together," said Akers. "It's going to be hard to move on."

"Good luck and bad, they gave Irish fans something to remember..."
Women's squad makes history in March Madness

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

When the class of 1997 stepped on campus as freshmen, the women's basketball program was a mediocre team in a mediocre conference. Four years later as the seniors are prepared to graduate, the women's program has also graduated to a new level, becoming a national power.

"We just finished the most outstanding run in the history of Notre Dame basketball," head coach Muffet McGraw said after their 80-66 semifinal loss to eventual champion Tennessee.

"I couldn't be prouder of these two people beside me. I think they're both All-Americans. They had tremendous seasons and NCAA tournaments. I can't say enough good things about the way they have taken our program from nowhere to the Final Four."

McGraw was referring to the top two leading point scorers in the nation and NCAA tournament stars Morgan and Gaither.

"That loss was a mark of their senior season, McGraw said. "The Final Four is a great accomplishment for the program. They'll leave behind an unforgettable run."

After a 93-62 shellacking of the Irish in the first round, Morgan and Gaither poured in 29 apiece in a thrilling 86-83 upset of the Texas Longhorns in front of the burnt orange crowd.

In South Carolina, the second-seeded Oklahoma Sooners stood in the way of the Irish and the Elite Eight. But the sharpshooting of Morgan and Sheila McMillen turned a nine-point deficit into an 87-71 win, combining for five three-pointers in a matter of minutes to ignite a 22-0 run.

"It wasn't our first trip to the Final Four. McGraw said. "But a lot of players go through losing freesh man guard Niele Ivey for the year. The team had already lost two scholarship players before Ivey went down with a torn ACL."

Morgan and Gaither were the top five in the nation and shattered the program's previous record of 23 wins with their mark of 31-7.

In the pre-season WITN, McGraw's squad made some noise, knocking off two top 10 squads before losing to Tennessee. The Irish were off to their best start in years, cracking the top 10 for the first time in the history of the program.

However, the squad hit several speed bumps, including losing freshman guard Niele Ivey for the year. The team had already lost two scholarship players before Ivey went down with a torn ACL.

Big Ten foes Wisconsin and Purdue upset the Irish in the same week, and the Irish saw their national ranking fall. Over Christmas break, they made their national television debut on CBS, but an unranked Ohio State team halted the Irish.

That loss would mark their last loss until they came up against top-ranked and then undefeated Connecticut. After they had fallen out of the top 20, the seniors class took over and helped the team recover.

Complementing the superstars Morgan and Gaither were point guard Jeanine Augustine and forward Rosanne Bohman. Augustine and Bohman saved their best for last and played up to their potential in their final year.

The Irish cruised through Big East play, winning 22 of their final 24 games with their two losses coming at the hands of their old nemesis, the UConn Huskies. With a couple of weeks remaining in the regular season, McGraw lost the versatility of Kari Hutchinson to a broken hand. Hutchinson would return for postseason play, but the team was down to just six healthy scholarship players.

After the Big East tournament, the Irish were slotted with a six seed in the East Region, but they lost walk-on Adrienne Jordan to an injury.

The depletion of the bench forced McGraw to dress volleyball player Kristina Ervin and team manager Chrisy Grady. The team leaders refused to allow injuries to affect its play.

"I could not be prouder of my team," McGraw said. "I don't think there was any other team in the country that has been through what we've been through, and to win 31 games is an outstanding accomplishment."

In the march through the NCAA tournament, McGraw's squad learned all about March Madness, putting together an unforgettable run. After a 93-62 shellacking of Memphis in the first round, Morgan and Gaither poured in 29 apiece in a thrilling 86-83 upset.

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Making strides to the next level

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

Over the course of the last four years, the Notre Dame soccer programs have come of age. Everyone is aware of the accomplishments of the women's squad, which in 1995, became the first team, other than North Carolina, to win a national championship in over a decade. After years and years of virtually unchallenged titles for the Tar Heels, the Irish became pioneers of the path toward parity in collegiate women's soccer.

Although the Notre Dame women have been well-repected for a number of years now, the men have just recently made their mark on the national scene. After an extremely disappointing 1995 season in which the team finished 9-10 overall, including a 4-7 Big East debut, the Irish came out in 1996 with something to prove. They wasted no time in doing so. The team, which had not claimed a single road victory in its first Big East season, traveled to Providence for its regular season opener and emerged with a solid 1-0 victory.

The next test for Notre Dame would be at home, as sixth-ranked, Big East favorite St. John's invaded South Bend. The Irish and Red Storm remained deadlock throughout regulation and were forced to play overtime to decide the contest. The Irish struck first to open the first of two 10-minute overtime halves, but St. John's responded with a goal of its own to tie the score with about five minutes left in the period. Notre Dame closed the period with a second goal to take a 2-1 lead in the second half of overtime.

The Irish proceeded to shut down the Red Storm for 9:49 but could not hold their lead, as St. John's scored on a fluke goal with 11 seconds remaining. Although on the surface, it appeared like a blown opportunity to advance in the polls, the Irish actually proved to be the first sign that the Irish were for real. St. John's would eventually learn through the NCAA tournament to claim the school's first national championship.

Notre Dame slid in and out of the top 25 for the rest of the season, compiling an impressive record of 10-6-2, despite dropping four of its last five contests. Due to the slow finish, there were many who doubted the postseason potential of the Irish, but once again, Notre Dame responded to the challenge. The Irish opened the Big East tournament by defeating Georgetown in a difficult game, which took place during an early November snow storm. From there, the Irish journeyed back to the east coast for the first time in two and a half months and back to Piscataway, N.J., for the second time in less than a month.

Their first trip there had resulted in a difficult loss at the hands of No. 6 Rutgers, but the Irish would not have to face the Scarlet Knights until the finals of the tournament, as they drew a rematch with Connecticut, who had forged a tie at Notre Dame earlier in the season.

On the strength of two first half goals by freshmen Andrew Arias and sophomore Ben Bocklage and sensational goal-tending from Greg Velho, the Irish jumped out to an insurmountable lead and advanced to the Big East championship game against Rutgers.

Senior Konstantin Koloskov recorded the only goal of the game, and the Irish won their first Big East title in just their second year in the conference. The victory guaranteed Notre Dame a berth in the NCAA tournament for the third time in four years, but the Irish were not satisfied just yet.

Senior co-captain Tony Capasso, the heart of the Irish squad and the team's leading scorer, explained that they had a different agenda. "We seniors do not want to lose in the first round like we did our first two years (1993 and 1994)," said Capasso. "We want to mark our program."

And that they did. Notre Dame faced No. 2 UNC-Greensboro on the road, and junior Ryan Turner scored an unassisted goal early in the second half to give the Irish a 1-0 upset and a trip to Charlotte, N.C., and the Sweet 16.

Following the first round game, midfielder Matt Johnson said, "The atmosphere around the field (before the game) was beautiful. You could just tell something good was going to happen." The Irish took on UNC-Charlotte and were not able to extend their season any further, falling victim to the 49ers in another 1-0 game.

"We told our guys how proud we am of them," said Bertolacci. "People counted us out, and we continued to battle. We finished the season by playing four nationally ranked teams and won three — and could have very well won the fourth."

In 1996, not only did the Irish silence their critics and demonstrate their heart, they put Notre Dame men's soccer on the map. Due to the efforts of this year's senior class, which includes Capasso, Koloskov, Brian Engeser, Peter Gansler and Chris Mathis, and the underclassmen who made up the supporting cast, Notre Dame, with its dominant women's squad, may now be considered one of the premier soccer schools in the country.
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Holtz leaves Notre Dame

Holtz resigns

November 20, 1996

After 11 years as head football coach at Notre Dame, Lou Holtz officially announced his resignation. His 100 career wins are second only to the legendary Knute Rockne’s 105 victories.

Despite consistent success over the course of the 132 games he coached at Notre Dame, Holtz’s only national championship came in 1988 with team leaders Tony Rice and Tony Brooks. Holtz did not indicate any specific reasons for his departure, and gave no sign that another coaching offer was imminent.

2

Game of the Century

31-24
No Doubt... No. 1

Irish dreams

Boston College staked Notre Dame’s hopes of a national championship when David Gordon kicked the longest field goal of his career (47 yards) to erase a thrilling Irish comeback and to give Boston College a 41-39 victory in the final game of the 1993 season.

Nov. 22, 1993

3

Women’s soccer win championship

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 semifinals with a 1-0 shocker.

Dec. 4, 1995

4

Irish join Big East

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.

Aug. 30, 1994

5

Davie takes the helm

Irish defensive coordinator Bob Davie accepted the head coaching job less than one week after Lou Holtz announced his resignation.

Davie is only the second head coach to be hired from within the ranks of the Irish staff.

Nov. 15, 1993

6

Women’s hoops reach Final Four

Led by seniors Beth Morgan and Katrina Gaither, the Irish women’s basketball team defeated favored George Washington in the NCAA regional finals to advance to the team’s first Final Four.

March 25, 1997

7

Fencers claim national title

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.

March 23, 1994

8

Eagles dash Irish dreams

Boston College topped Notre Dame with a 55-17 victory.

Nov. 15, 1997

9

Irish snap Carolina streak

Chris Petruccelli’s women’s soccer team tied North Carolina 0-0 to snap the Tar Heels’ 92-game winning streak. It was the third time that a historic streak was snapped by an Irish team.

Oct. 3, 1994

10

Rosenthal steps down as AD

Athletic director Dick Rosenthal announced that he would step down, effective as of August 1, 1995. Mike Wadsworth was named as his successor.

Aug. 30, 1994
'96

Ex-Irish point guard Doug Gottlieb accused of credit card fraud
Aug. 28

Women's soccer wins Big East championship

Men's soccer upset Rutgers to claim conference title
Nov. 17

Bob Davie succeeds Lou Holtz as head football coach
Nov. 19

Women's soccer makes third consecutive appearance in NCAA
Nov. 24

John Christoforetti claims third straight Bengal Bouts title
Dec. 8

Women's lacrosse plays first official game as a varsity sport

Fencing team finishes 2nd behind Penn State at NCAA Championships
Mar. 1

Men's lacrosse defeats No. 4 Hofstra for its first victory over a top 5 opponent
Mar. 12

Women's tennis captures Big East championship
Apr. 1

'97

Men's golf becomes first ND team to claim consecutive Big East titles

Lou Holtz resigns his position as head football coach after 11 seasons
Sept. 29

Men's soccer advances to Sweet 16 of NCAA's for first time
Nov. 19

Volleyball wins second straight Big East championship
Nov. 24

USC defeats football team to end ND's 13-year dominance of the series
Nov. 30

Women's swimming wins Big East championship meet

Power forward Pat Garrity and head basketball coach John MacLeod receive Big East honors as Player and Coach of the Year

Men's basketball defeats TCU to earn third consecutive home game in NIT

Women's basketball advances to Final Four with victory over George Washington

Freshman small forward David Lalazarian announces that he will transfer from ND
Mar. 18

Sixth-seeded Dos Geses prevails over fourth-seeded Swoosh in the Bookstore Basketball XXVI finals
Apr. 16
Women rise to top of conference in second season

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame women’s swimming and diving team had a solid regular season, followed by an outstanding post-season, which saw the squad claim the Big East championship in just its second year in the conference.

The team went 7-5 overall but dominated in Big East competition to attain a 3-0 mark within the conference in the regular season. When it came to the conference championships, though, the Irish truly began to shine.

They started somewhat slowly in the first two days and trailed Miami by 103 points after one event on the third day of competition. However, the Irish, who had the experience of finishing third at the championships just a year earlier, knew what it would take to make a run at the title. And that is exactly what they proceeded to do. When all was said and done, Notre Dame had prevailed over the Hurricanes by a score of 661-547.5.

Two of the key swimmers for the Irish were seniors Erin Brooks and freshman Shannon Suddarth. Brooks registered remarkable victories in both the 100 and 200-meter backstroke. She broke the pool and meet records in both events. Brooks’ 200-meter backstroke performance set the school record and automatically qualified her for the NCAA championships. Suddarth also did some record-breaking at the championship meet, surpassing Notre Dame marks in both the 100 and 200-meter breaststroke with times of 1:03.70 and 2:16.76, respectively. Both swimmers qualified Suddarth for consideration in the NCAA championship meet.

Other key swimmers were freshmen Liz Barger, Allison Hollis, and Allison Newell. Barger took first in the 100-meter butterfly and third in the 200. Hollis finished third in the 200-meter breaststroke and fifth in the 100. Newell won the 200-meter butterfly and claimed second, behind Burger, in the 100 despite qualifying first in the preliminaries with a school record time of 55.86.

The Irish sent three swimmers to the NCAA championships, and all three experienced certain degrees of success. Brooks repeated as an All-American with her eighth-place finish in the 200-meter breaststroke. Suddarth broke her own school record in the 200-meter breaststroke twice more at the NCAA meet. She swam 2:16.31 in the preliminaries and then finished 13th in the finals with a record-shattering swim of 2:15.41. Finally, Newell also broke her own Notre Dame record by swimming a time of 2:05.53 to take 13th in the 200-meter butterfly.

The seniors who will be missed next year include Brooks, Amy Bostick, Karen Daylor, Karen Foley, and Alyssa Peterson.

The Irish men’s swimming and diving team concluded its regular season with a record of 7-5, which included a first-place finish at the Notre Dame Relays in October and a second-place finish at the Notre Dame Invitational in December.

The season included a highlight win over rival Boston College by the score of 234-66, as well as a pair of disappointing losses to Big East foes Connecticut and Pittsburgh and close calls versus St. Bonaventure and Western Kentucky.

In their second season in the Big East conference, the Irish went 1-2 and finished in the familiar position of seventh at the championship meet. The positive side of the postseason championships for Notre Dame was the fact that the Irish recorded season team bests in 14 different events at the meet.

Two Irish swimmers, seniors of 1997.

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Dos Geses surprise the pack

By BETSY BAKER

The Observer/Sports

Overcoming obstacles comprised the main theme of the 1997 Bookstore Basketball tournament.

When the 597 teams took to the court on April 14, the first barrier the field had to surpass was the construction that eliminated half the sites behind the Student Center. Add in nearly 200 degrees of wind, snow, and frequent rain, and the level of basketball was significantly hindered.

Dos Geses overcame one of the greatest obstacles in the 26th edition of the tournament with its championship run after being named as a major contender for the coveted Bookstore crown.

After last year's champion Dos Kloskas regrouped from the loss of three of its key players, the big question of the tournament was whether Dos Kloska and Dan Fannen could carry their team to a repeat victory. However, picking up the top player from the team it beat in the '96 finals (Bob Baxter), a 6-foot-7 football player with the strength was a force to be reckoned with.

Dos Geses battled through the contest, fighting off the outside shotin in the last game with two clutch free throws after the teams were tied at 20.

"We liked being the underdog," Devon commented. "We used it as momentum. We knew we were a good team, but we liked having to scrap for every win."

The MVP Devon joined opponent Jason Newcomer, the 1997 Mr. Bookstore, as the top award winners. Alex and Bill Gesse also gained accolades for themselves, being named first team and second team All-Bookstore respectively, as did Busam of Swish III.

The sidelines were packed at the 26th Bookstore Basketball finals.

Dos Geses (6) overcame one of the best teams in the tournament (Tom Riddler), and another tall football player with good hoop ability Kevin Carretta, it looked as though that question wouldn't be too hard to answer.

With a new team and a new name, Corby's, the team entered the tournament seeded No. 1 and basically walked through it until the Final Four when it met Swish III.

Swish III returned for its final shot at the title with a No. 4 seed and surprised many by upsetting the top-seeded Corby's, 21-18 in the semifinal round.

But the story of the tournament was the dark horse Dos Geses, who slipped through the view of Bookstore observers relatively unnoticed until the final round.

With Chris Clevenger at center, Alex and Bill Gesse in combination with Ryan Healy spreading the perimeter, and tournament MVP Mike DeVincie as the go-to-man, the team had the potential to claim the tournament as its own, and that is exactly what it did.

After knocking off the No. 3 seed Muddy Waters in the Elite Eight and then beating a streaking Primetime in the Final Four, Dos Geses finally received some much deserved recognition as a team to be taken seriously. They answered any doubt about their ability in the finals as they battled to a 22-20 victory over Swish III on a rainy Stepan Court.

The fans who attended the finals last year's champion Mike Mantey in the 145-pound class. Like Mantey, Kelly had walked through the finals as he was able to throw the senior captain off balance early and knock him down four times before the match was stopped 35 seconds into the second round.

After four years in the program, the senior was one of the best match-ups of the finals. Both fighters possessed fundamental sound fighting styles backed up with serious strength, but Farrell walked away with an unanimous decision.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Few surprises as favorites dominate Bengal Bouts

By BETSY BAKER

The Observer/Sports

The fans who attended the finals of the 1997 Bengal Bouts put their money's worth as they saw two major upsets, five repeat champions, and eight other great boxing matches.

The highlight of the 67th annual event came on a controversial decision in the 150-pound weight class in which Todd Carretta defeated reigning champion Mike Mantey.

As proven by his first match which was stopped 1:14 into the first round after he put opponent Craig Prime on his back, Mantey's overwhelming strength was a force to be reckoned with for Carretta. Carretta knew he could not match Mantey's strength, so he basically outmaneuvered him and conserved his energy until he could take advantage of Mantey's frustration and unleash a few good punches. Carretta won an split decision that brought mixed reactions to the crowd and even surprised himself.

"I was very happy with the fight, I think I had won," Carretta said. "What I kept thinking about was the overall experience and think I had enough of good solid punches to win the tour-

In another major upset, senior led Paganino defeated defending champion Fred Kelly in the 145-pound class. Like Mantey, Kelly had walked through the finals as he was able to throw the senior captain off balance early and knock him down four times before the match was stopped 35 seconds into the second round.

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MacLeod, Garrity bring program back from dead

By MIKE DAY

Sports Editor

May 16, 1997

MacLeod took home coach of the year honors.

However, the biggest shock came in the postseason. Unsure they would even be selected to participate in the NIT, the Irish advanced to the quarterfinals, knocking off Oral Roberts and TCU along the way.

In one of the most thrilling contests in years, Notre Dame tussled with its old nemesis Michigan for the right to move on to the semifinals. Displaying their trademark hustle, determination, and resiliency, the Irish gave the eventual NIT champions everything they could handle.

In the end, the Wolverines survived by the skin of their teeth, slipping past the Irish with a 67-66 victory.

"I told them (his players) they had a great year," said MacLeod following the Michigan game. "They came from nowhere, they had great character and heart, and accomplished a great deal more than anyone thought they possibly could. And thank goodness they didn't leave what the people said. It really is a great group.

The one-point loss to Michigan illustrates just how far the Irish had come. In the span of five months, Notre Dame transformed itself from a floundering, often times abysmal program to a solid, respectable one with a bright future ahead of it.

"This season, we accomplished a lot, and it really boosted the program," said senior center Matt Gotsch. "I feel the program is moving in the right direction, and the seniors here had something to do with that.

While Garrity was the heart and soul of the Irish, he was certainly not the sole reason for the team's success. Senior point guard Admore White took advantage of increased playing time to become the team leader at both ends of the court.

"Admore had a great year for us," said MacLeod. "He really stepped up his play for us, and it showed. Without him, we could not have come close to having the kind of season we did."

Senior guard Pete Miller and Gotsch also played key roles in the Irish surge, picking up the slack when teams collapsed their defense on Garrity. Senior Marcus Young even got into the act, delighting the crowd with his "granny" style free throws.

"It's going to be tough next year losing four seniors," said Garrity following the Michigan game. "You can't really put a finger on what they bring to the floor. You can't just look at the statistics and say it will be easy to replace them because they bring something totally intangible to our team.

"But they leave on a positive note. I think everyone on the team realizes that we can be a big-time program now, and hopefully they'll bring that attitude next year."

Unfortunately for Notre Dame, the season was not without its share of lows. Point guard Doug Gottlieb, one of the team's top performers in 1996-97, left the University prior to the season after his well-publicized credit card scandal.

Senior Marcus Young provided a spark off the bench for the Irish.

To make things worse, promising freshman David Lalazarian, a friend and high school teammate of Gottlieb, announced he was leaving Notre Dame following the school year.

"There were a lot of factors, a lot of details (in the decision to transfer)," said Lalazarian. "It has nothing to do with Doug leaving Notre Dame. I just decided that this is the best thing for me to do at this time. There's nothing more to it."

Small forward Gary Bell, whose career has been marred by injuries to this point, will undergo surgery on his left shoulder this summer. Bell is not expected to be ready in time for the start of next season and could be out longer.

Despite the bad news, MacLeod and the Irish are optimistic about the future of Notre Dame basketball.

"I'm pleased with what we've accomplished and am confident that we are moving in the right direction," said MacLeod.

Back on the map — it's been a long time coming.
Icers look to rise to next level

Program still building after frustrating year

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

Despite a frustrating 1996-97 season, the future of the Notre Dame hockey team is looking up.

After finishing the season 9-24-1 overall (6-20-1 in CCHA play) and with 10 of their losses coming in the last 11 games, it would be easy to write off the Irish, at least for a couple of years.

But with seven of the team's top eight scorers returning and seven new recruits coming in, head coach Dave Poulin and his team are optimistic.

"Overall, we've added a lot of depth, skill and high power," Poulin commented. "We have a great group of returnees and seven talented newcomers who are all very eager for next season."

To not forget those who will not return for next season, the Irish will lose key players to graduation such as forwards Terry Lorenz and Tim Harberts and defensemen Ben Nelsen and David McCarthy.

The class of '97 endured a difficult rebuilding period for the Irish program but will not have the opportunity to reap its benefits.

Despite the ugly record, the 1996-97 season did have its bright spots and exhibited the team's potential.

"We made large strides this year," Poulin explained after the final game of the season, a 3-2 loss to Michigan State. "But they're not quantified in wins. We lost 12 one-goal games this year. If we had gotten four goals at one time or another in those games, our season would have been completely different."

Still, the second-youngest team in Division I hockey is looking to fill the holes created by graduation and seems to have the right artillery to do so.

"We're definitely moving forward," said sophomore Brian Urick, last year's team rookie of the year. "Last year, there were games that we weren't even in. I remember being blown out by Michigan by a score of 13-1. But this year we were in every game."

Leading the way for the class of 2001 will be defensemen Ryan Clark from Littleton, Colo., and Mark Eaton from Wilmington, Del. Clark led the Lincoln Stars to the United States Hockey League's Clark Cup championship, and at 6-foot-4, 215-pounds, will add some bulk to the Irish lineup.

Eaton was named second-team USHL and was also awarded the Curt Hammer Award for being the most gentlemanly player who best reflects the goals of the USHL. The two defenders will be a welcome addition to the defense that ranked fourth in the CCHA for penalty killing efficiency.

Overall, as the talent-laden Irish team matures, so will its potential for gaining itself a notable presence in the CCHA and the nation as a whole. What remains imperative now is that the team continues to train and improve, and that is Poulin's intention as the team began training this spring, and it will continue to be in the summer.

"This is a huge time for us," he said. "We need to get to a new level."

With the addition of new recruits and the leadership of coach Poulin, the Irish look to be close to that new level.

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Men's team bounces back

Younger squad regains top 25 form in 1997

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Although the '95 and '96 seasons for the men's tennis teams were different in composition and success, the years ended in too similar of fashion for head coach Bobby Bayliss.

For the second consecutive season, the Minnesota Golden Gophers put an end to the team's season. Last Saturday at Illinois, Minnesota ousted Notre Dame from the NCAA Region IV championships. The Irish were the top-seed in the region but suffered a 4-2 loss to the fifth-seeded Gophers.

Bayliss' team went into post-season play ranked 13th in the nation and ended the year with a 19-6 mark. Notre Dame rebounded from a somewhat disappointing 1996 season in which the Irish finished ranked 36th in the nation.

Last year's squad was senior laden with three of the six singles players in their final year under the Dome. This season, the top player was a freshman (Ryan Sachire), and there was only one senior who saw significant action.

This year, a younger team jumped out of the gates with a six-match winning streak that was one of the best starts for the program in recent years. The Irish also closed the regular season on a high, finishing the year with a 10-match winning streak that ended in the finals of the Big East conference championships against Miami.

Highlighting the season was Ryan Sachire, who had an outstanding rookie year as he filled the No. 1 singles slot and had a mark of 17-3 in match play to earn the Midwest Regional Intercollegiate Tennis Association Rookie of the Year.

In the middle of the lineup, experienced players Jakup Pietrowski and Ryan Simms provided Bayliss with solid play. Brian Patterson picked up where he left off his freshman year, going 13-6 at the No. 4 singles slot. Near the bottom of the line-up was junior Eric Enloe, who gave Bayliss a lift, posting a 10-2 mark in dual match play.

Sachire was not the only member of the Irish team to receive individual accolades. Second year assistant coach Andy Zurcher was named the Big East Assistant Coach of the Year.

Zurcher graduated from Notre Dame in 1993 and was an All-American by his senior year after coming in as a walk-on.

Bayliss will have plenty to work with next season after making strides in getting to his goal of getting the program back to the status of where it was in 1992 and '93 when it finished in the top 10 in the nation.

Women netters overcome adversity

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

In the 1996 season, the Notre Dame women's tennis program had a breakthrough year in which it finished in the top 10 and went to the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament.

With the most successful class in Irish history graduated, Jay Louderback had his work cut out for him in seeking some of the success his squad found that year. To make things more difficult, senior captain Erin Gowen suffered a season-ending knee injury in the first dual match of the 1997 season.

The Irish were able to rebound from the loss of their captain and a stretch in which they dropped six of seven matches to put together an eight-game winning streak before bowing out of the regional tournament.

Louderback found his team with a record of 10-10 after an 8-1 loss to a seventh-ranked William & Mary squad. The young squad was then able to salvage the season and compile an 11-11 record on the way to a second-straight Big East conference championship.

Sophomore Jennifer Hall and Marisa Velasco carried the load in the top two singles slots. In Hall's freshman campaign, she earned All-American honors and finished the year ranked ninth in the nation.

After the injury to Gowen, Tiffany Gates was the lone Irish senior. She posted a solid 12-10 record while competing in the third singles slot.

One of the pleasant surprises for the Irish was freshman Kelly Zalinski, who finished her rookie year with a 15-7 mark in dual match play.

Next season, Louderback will look to a more experienced squad to help them return to the top 10 play they achieved a year ago.

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Fencers flirt with second championship of decade

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

Winning a national championship has become a standard by which one Notre Dame team trains, and it's not the football team.

However, like the football team, the Irish fencing team set a precedent for itself when it won a national championship three years ago and since then has dealt with consolation prizes.

For two years in a row now, the Irish have placed second to Penn State at the NCAA championships, but unlike the Irish football team, second place is not a travesty. Although the goal of the team lies in recapturing the national championship, a second place finish remains a testament to the relentless effort of the Irish fencers.

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The Irish hopes of another national championship were foiled by their rivals, the Nittany Lions of Penn State.
Men's Lacrosse

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite a disappointing finish, the men's lacrosse team once again proved that it belongs among the top teams in the country. The Irish ended the year with a 9-3 record, with two of the losses coming at the hands of the same opponent. Loyola (Md.) had Notre Dame's number in 1997 and was responsible for bringing its season to an end last weekend, dominating the Irish in the first round of the NCAA tournament, 21-5. The ninth-ranked Irish were led by Ned Webster, who cashed in on two scoring opportunities in the game to Towson, Md. This remained the offense was accounted for by Stephen Oakey, Adam Saraceni, and Brad Owen, who each scored.

Loyola had already beaten the Irish on their home field this season. The first matchup proved to be the closer of the two as Loyola pulled away for a 12-7 win on March 15. The only other team to beat Notre Dame this season was Massachusetts, which had the advantage of playing on its home turf. The Irish battled it out in that contest but fell by the heartbreaking score of 6-5.

The season highlight was a home victory over Hofstra on April 4. The fourth-ranked Flying Dutchmen became the highest ranked team that the Irish have ever defeated. The win for Notre Dame officially placed them on the map.

Said junior attacker Jimmy Keenan, following the historic triumph, "I was definitely a big win for us. Everybody's got a lot of confidence. We really believe we can beat anyone in the country."

Although Loyola proved to be the team that Notre Dame just could not beat, the positives of the Hofstra game and the long season performance of the Irish certainly have a balancing effect on the disappointment of the year's finale.

Leading the team in goals through 10 games in 1997 were sophomores Chris Danoise (29), junior Burke Hayes (23), and attackman Will DeRiso (18).

The graduating seniors include co-captains DeRiso and Steve Canavan as well as defender Bryan Welch.

Golf

Men first ND squad to claim consecutive titles

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

On the strength of a second place finish by Brad Hardin, the Irish captured their second consecutive Big East title during their fall season. Hardin shot rounds of 70 and 74 en route to his impressive showing. Seniors Brian Donohoe, Joel Hepler and Doug Demere, along with junior Bryan Weeks, all finished among the top 15 at the tournament.

The team was the first at Notre Dame to win a Big East championship back in 1995, and their victory in 1996 made them the first Irish squad to repeat as Big East champs.

What very few people realize is that 1996 actually represented the team's third consecutive conference title.

"It's just a great way to end your senior year," Hepler said. "To do three straight conference championships, two of them Big East, is a great feeling. We couldn't ask for anything more."

But the Irish did achieve more.

In addition to winning the Butler Spring Invitational, Notre Dame highlighted its spring season with a third-place finish at the 14-team Cleveland State Invitational on April 29. Leading the way for Notre Dame were Weeks, Donohoe, and Hepler. Weeks claimed a share of fifth place, Donohoe grabbed sole possession of seventh, and Hepler earned a tie for eighth.

In the third and final round, Donohoe became the sixth Irish golfer to shoot a 69. He joined a long line of outstanding Domers and Hardin as members of the elite group. There has not been a better score by a Notre Dame player in the 1990s.

The Cleveland State Invitational marked the final official event for the Irish seniors — Demere, Donohoe, and Hepler.

The women's golf team closed out its season in style as the squad grabbed second place at the Illinois Spring Classic in Champaign, Ill. Junior Tracy Melby led the way for the Irish, achieving her first medalist finish ever at the Irish, shot a 7-over 78 in the second round to follow her first round score of 75. She finished one stroke ahead of Illinois' Loreta Lytle. Marty Anne Hall played two memorable rounds in her last collegiate tournament, as the senior scored 74 and 72 to capture eighth place out of 73 golfers. This was the highest finish in her career at Notre Dame.

Junior Katie King and freshman Beth Cooper tied for 18th place at the Ohio State Classic in Champaign, Ill. Marty Anne Hall played two memorable rounds in her last collegiate tournament, as the senior scored 74 and 72 to capture eighth place out of 73 golfers. This was the highest finish in her career at Notre Dame.

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Notre Dame has sights set on Big East crown

By BRIAN RINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite a Tuesday loss to Villanova in the first round of the double elimination Big East conference tournament, the Irish have remained in contention for the post-season title. The Wildcats jumped out to an early lead, but fell behind 2-1 when the Irish struck in the bottom of the second inning. Villanova continued to pour it on, adding one in the third, three in the fourth, and two each in the sixth and seventh frames to extend it to a 9-2 advantage. The margin was too much for Notre Dame to overcome, and the Irish were within one game of being bounced from the tournament.

The squad rallied on Wednesday, however, to stave off elimination, as sophomore right-hander Alex Shilliday fired a complete game to beat Seton Hall, 4-3. Shilliday fanned six Pirates and allowed just three walks on the day.

Shilliday's performance only slightly overshadowed senior catcher Mike Amerine's second-inning home run, which tied him for the Notre Dame record for most career home runs with 37. The win guaranteed a ninth-consecutive 40-win season for the Blue and Gold.

Yesterday, in a do or die game for both teams involved, Notre Dame ousted West Virginia from the tournament by a score of 8-1. Sophomore Chris McMahan was spectacular on the mound for the Irish. The left-hander struck out six batters en route to a four-hitter and his first complete game of the season.

Today, Notre Dame will play a rematch against Villanova. The winner will advance to challenge St. John's for the Big East crown. The conference champion earns an automatic berth in the NCAA championships.

Notre Dame's record now stands at 41-18. Even some of the Irish players must be slightly surprised by their current mark. The team started 1997 by going 9-11 in its first 20 games. Since then, the Irish have won 32 of 39 and captured the Big East National Division title.

The 1997 campaign has also been highlighted by the efforts of three Notre Dame players who were honored by the conference. Shortstop Brandi Ust followed in the footsteps of sophomore Jeff Wagner by earning the Big East Bookie of the Year award. Ust also joined Wagner and senior right-hander Darin Schmalz as members of the 1997 All-Big East first team.

SOFTBALL

Blue Demons end Irish swingers season in doubleheader sweep

By BETSY BAKER
Assistant Sports Editor

For the first time in four years, the Notre Dame women's softball team will not go to the NCAA championships.

The Irish ended their season last Saturday when they were swept by DePaul in a double-header, 4-0, 10-4. The Irish finished the season 35-25 with the fewest wins since 1992.

"I think the whole team's pretty disappointed," senior Meghan Murray said. "I don't want to say that we assumed we'd go on, but we kind of expected it because we had in the past. Overall, we had a lot of ups and downs this season."

However, everything that came out of the season was not negative. Many of the Irish players have been recognized for their performances during the season and during their careers at Notre Dame.

Four seniors were elected to the GTECoSID Academic All-District V softball team. Joy Battersby, Katie Marten, Kara McMahon, and Murray were elected to the all-district team and now have the opportunity to be announced to the Academic All-American team.

Battersby, a pitcher who finished her career with a 45-34 mark, has been selected twice as Academic All-American as has Marten. Both players were selected as second team in 1996 and third team in '95. Marten also was a NFCA All-American third team selection for both the '95 and '96 seasons and has the opportunity to become the first Irish player to be selected Academic All-American three times.

She was also selected to the coaches' first team all-region and now has the opportunity to be announced to the Academic All-American team.

Murray left the Irish as the only player in Irish softball history to hit over .400 in a season, accomplishing that in both her junior and senior seasons. Murray finished the '96 campaign with 464 average and was named Big East Player of the Year. She holds the record for highest career batting average at .380.

For McMahon, it is the first time she has been named academic all-district. She also is a two-time All-Big East selection.

Murray and sophomore pitcher Angela Besols was named coaches' second team all region. Hessolo led the team with a 1.46 ERA and conference play with a 0.85 ERA.

"All four seniors have won awards this year, and maybe we didn't play as well as we had hoped the last weekend, but I think we can all walk away and feel good about it," Murray commented. "We all leave wishing we could come back and play more, but we can't hang our heads because we've had a great four years."

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Holtz resigns as head coach...  
By DYLAN BARMER  
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Holtz, who had previously resurrected programs at N.C. State, Arkansas, and Minnesota, was hired with the intention of returning Notre Dame to the pantheon of great college football programs, an elite group which the Irish had been denied membership to over the previous five years under the lovable, yet incompetent Gerry Faust, who compiled just a 30-36 record in his five seasons under the Golden Dome. Holtz did just that, needing only two full years to put the Irish back into a major bowl game for the first time in seven seasons, and achieving the ultimate accolade in college football when he led the Irish to a 12-0 record.

... Davie set to fill Lou's shoes  
By TIM SHERMAN  
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By JOE CAVATO  
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