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

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

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

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

All researchers' responsibilities in the provost's office will include tenure and promotion matters; strategies for faculty recruitment and professional development; issues.

A member of the law school faculty since 1980, Mooney received the law school's teacher of the year award in 1983. She serves on the provost's advisory committee and the Lavette Medical and Notre Dame Award selection committee, and has been a member of the academic Council's governance council on the Protectors of Human Subjects, the editorial board of the Notre Dame Press, the Faculty/Student Committee of Women of the University, and the graduate admissions committee of the University's Kroie Institute for International Peace Studies.

Mooney graduated from Saint Mary's College in 1972 and received her J.D. degree from the Notre Dame Law School in 1977, earning the Colonel William J. Hoyem award for the highest grade point average in her class. She also was an associate attorney in the Washington D.C. firm of Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue from 1977-78.

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

In this role, Merz will be responsible for the development and oversight of all graduate research activity in the University, and for the development and administration of all graduate fellowships that are sponsored by the University and its faculty.

Merz has published over 300 papers and holds five patents.

Merz graduated from Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in physics in 1959 and attended the University of California at Berkeley for a Fulbright grant. He attended Harvard University as both a Woodrow Wilson and Danforth Fellow, earning his master's degree in electrical engineering from Harvard in 1964.

Merz is a fellow of the American Physical Society and a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). He is currently serves as secretary of the Electronic Device Society of the IEEE. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Materials Research Society, and the Society for Values in Higher Education.

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Washington Hall. These seniors will work in the United States and abroad in a variety of service programs, including the Peace Corps or the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

Two seniors received Student Activities Leadership Awards from the University of Notre Dame. The awards are given to students who best exemplify the spirit of Notre Dame in activities that promote the welfare of the University and its extended community. The recipients were: seniors Jeff Catalina, Michelle Crouch, Michael Fleck, Kevin Kwik, Katie Lawver, David Sullivan, and Merit Vilahehi. Juniors Mike Flood and Megan Pater, and Notre Dame Law School studentjoy Marie Smith.

Retired General Carl Vuseo, former Army chief of staff, will address the 1996 Commissioning Ceremony for University of Notre Dame ROTC students at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Joyce Center.

Roland Smith, Jr., executive assistant to the president at the University of Notre Dame since 1988, will leave his post July 31 to become an Orange County business executive.

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James Seckinger, professor of law at the University of Notre Dame, is the 1996 recipient of the American Law Institute-American Bar Association's Francis Rawle Award for outstanding contributions to the field of post- admission legal education. A member of the Notre Dame Law School faculty since 1974, Seckinger also served as director of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, the American Bar Association's program headquarters at Notre Dame, from 1979-94.

Alan Gunn, a member of the Notre Dame Law School faculty since 1989, was appointed the John N. Matthews Professor of Law. A graduate of Boston College's College of Arts and Sciences, Gunn earned a law degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1993. He was a law clerk for Judge John Rush of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and an associate for the law firm of Crow, false Firm. Gunn also has directed the Notre Dame Institute for Policy Research since 1993.

Donald Thomas McNeill, a Notre Dame advisory council member, former adjunct professor, honorary degree recipient, and father of Father Donald McNeill, director of the University's Center for Social Justice, died May 7. He was 88. McNeill received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Notre Dame in 1963 and served on the College of Arts and Letters Advisory Council from 1967 until his death.
Return to campus for Abdo will be ‘bittersweet’

By KRISTI KOLSKI
Senior Staff Writer

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

For six months, Abdo has battled paralysis and the complications that followed.

Doctors said to expect the worst, but hope for the best. Even though some doctors questioned whether she would ever get off the respirator, Abdo expected much more.

After almost four months on a ventilator, Abdo finally regained the strength to breathe on her own. She also regained her appetite. Yet, these are only small steps compared to what Abdo expects to do.

“We all think I am going to walk. I’ll be sad if I don’t. There is no reason why I shouldn’t walk again,” Abdo said.

Abdo sustained a C-5 injury, which is the fifth cervical vertebra. Her vertebrae was stretched, not severed, allowing for the possibility that the spine will heal and that she will regain movement in her arms and legs. Either by my own volition and the support of my family and friends or by some medical procedure where they give you a shot, I’ll walk again,” she said.

“I think they’ll have an answer for it before too long.”

In the meantime, Abdo just might beat medical technology with the progress she has made in therapy.

Creating a weightless environment using a sling to hold her elbow and wrist several inches in the air, Abdo has moved her arm from side to side and forward and back.

When therapists placed a pen in the brace on her wrist, Abdo was able to write her name and even write a letter to her father asking him not to smoke anymore.

“That was a good day,” she remembers.

Therapy probes attached to different arm muscles, Abdo also demonstrated the ability to drive a remote control car. The pronator muscle acts as forward, supinator as backward, biceps as left, shoulder as right.

“By moving those muscles I move the car,” Abdo said. “I have to get the muscles to move alone and together.”

More importantly than moving the car, Abdo moved muscles that were in the C-6 to 7 range of her vertebrae, which is below the point of her injury.

“Every time I could do something new I would e-mail or call my roommates,” she said.

“And instantaneously the entire campus knew what was going on.”

Roommates Erin Lyons, Dawn Kaperski and Pam Kennedy always took the news as a reason to celebrate.

As Abdo returns to campus to participate in the graduation ceremonies, she hopes people realize she has not changed.

“Don’t be scared. I’m still the same and if I could slap you I would. I can’t move but I’m trying really hard and pretty soon I’ll be able to smack all of you,” Abdo said.

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

But the weekend also represents final goodbyes from those same people and the university that brought them together.

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

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

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

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

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

She said, “I’ll be sad if I don’t. There is no reason why I shouldn’t walk again.”

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Four Years in Review


1 "Homosexual student group denied access"
   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.

   Jan. 31, 1995

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

   Nov. 15, 1993

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

   Nov. 9, 1994

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

   Mar. 1, 1996

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

   May 13, 1994

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

   Apr. 22, 1996

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

   Sept. 15, 1993

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

   April 22, 1994

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

   Feb. 1, 1995

10 "Chaves on leave after harassment charge"
   Following an allegation of sexual harassment, Associate Professor of Sociology Mark Chaves took official leave of his teaching duties. Chaves, a tenured professor, was accused of making sexual suggestions to a female undergrad­uate research assistant.

   Jan. 25, 1996

Editor's Note: Selections were made by members of The Observer News Department.
Issues ignited controversy throughout year

By ROD Prendergast

News Editor

Brimming with controversy, scandal, tragedy, and, yes, even some occasional euphoria, the 1995-96 school year kept the University community on edge.

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

But O'Hara chose instead to form a University group for gay and lesbian students, whereby control of the group would rest not with the students but with appointed advisers. Her decision brought disappointment to many campus student leaders, including Student Body President Jonathan Hickey, IND/SMC president John Blandford, several members of the ad hoc committee, and numerous members of the Campus Life Council.

The CLI was also involved in another year-long debate on campus, as it worked to push through resolutions advocating a co-residentiality option for seniors in the interest of improving relations between genders. But both O'Hara and Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Bill Kirk said co-residentiality was not possible because of the time O'Hara cited the College in the Year 2000 as one reason behind her decision, saying that "the CLI's resolutions would displace other priorities that emerged in the fall," among which had been formed by input from faculty, administrators, and staff.

One of the most visible results of the political debate was the decision to remove the murals during the 1995-96 school year. The protest sparked a written word of war between students from opposite ends of the political spectrum.

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O'Meara relinquishes role of provost to Hatch

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
News Editor

When Timothy O'Meara became provost for the University in 1978, he came from the mathematics department in which existed a tradition of rotating the department chairmanship among the professors every few years. It was an idea born out of the belief that a fresh person in that position helped ensure that leadership did not stagnate and that teachers who were pulled into administrative roles could return to teaching relatively soon.

So upon accepting the provostship, O'Meara told then-University President Theodore Hesburgh that he would hold the position for only four years.

Eighteen years later, O'Meara is still the provost, a title he will finally relinquish this summer when he steps down June 30. It has been a tenure that O'Meara has enjoyed immensely. "In 1982, after I had completed my four-year term as provost, I Father Hesburgh asked me stay on and I decided to do so," said O'Meara. "And I'm very glad I did."

As provost, O'Meara's is the top academic official at the University, and during his time in that office, his background as a faculty member has been influential in his decision-making.

"I relied on my extensive experience as a faculty member to figure out what had to be done," O'Meara said. "Coming from the mathematics department's roots, I figured that the most important thing to do in this job was to hire strong faculty, to promote strong faculty, and to give all faculty the opportunity to make really creative contributions in their own disciplines."

Making contributions to one's field actually serves two purposes, said O'Meara, because it provides for the important balance between research and teaching that can sometimes become skewed at a major university. Rather than impeding teaching, research actually augments it, he said.

"Your attitude toward the subject — not your knowledge — is very different if you've made creative contributions to your field, if you have made discoveries and you are alive with that and the adrenaline flows," he said. "There is a difference between a teacher who has learned all his physics, for example, out of a book and one who has actually sensed the excitement of discovering physics."

The imbalance comes if a professor decides to completely focus on one side or the other, he added. "Our professors must be engaged in both, and then their research will enhance their teaching."

To ensure that professors have the time to delve into their fields of study while maintaining a high level of instruction, O'Meara and the University have been working to implement a section of the Colloquy for the Year 2000, whereby 150 new faculty will be added without increasing the size of the student body.

"This is the kind of university that we should be, where you have the interaction between teaching and research," O'Meara said.

It is projects such as this that give O'Meara the joy that has made him want to stay as provost for 18 years.

"What I love about this job is seeing things come to fruition," he said. "For example, I didn't come into this job with any idea about salaries at all. There was a lot of discussion as to which should come first — whether the salaries were to go up then the quality of the faculty would go up, or the other way around. We finally decided to proceed to raise faculty salaries, and, indeed, the quality of the faculty was rising rapidly. So I saw some of my actions, my ideas, bearing fruit."

As the top academic officer at Notre Dame, O'Meara has remained aware of how the University's academic programs have compared with peer institutions.

"My primary desire is to make sure we're making real contributions here, whether it be in theology, English, or mathematics," he said. "If you have made your fine work, you have to tell people that you're doing these things.

After O'Meara, 68, departs from office, he intends to take a look at two academic areas that have interested him for awhile. "First, I want to reflect on all these changes that have occurred at Notre Dame during a very exciting and turbulent time in the history of the Church," he said. "I also want to explore some new areas of mathematics of the student body."

The devotion of more resources to financial aid, an initiative the University has already undertaken, is necessary to the recruitment of top students, according to Hatch. "Notre Dame has increased significantly its financial aid, but we don't compare with some of our peers," he said. "Financial aid is our long term goal."

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Hatch cites themes for advance of school

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Cultural Diversity Seminar. She has also served as salutatorian for the Big Sister Big Brother program, as a volunteer at the Center for the Homeless, and as a Howard Hall eucharistic minister.

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

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

Besides service, the majority of McCaffrey's extracurricular activities were devoted to activities related to her physics major. She was a member of the student council for the College of Science, the University honor code committee, the physics club, and the physics honor society. Academically, research has occupied a large part of her time. She studied experimental high energy physics as a research assistant to Associate Professor Mirch Wayne.

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

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

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

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"I'm going to miss the football weekends a lot," added Muller, who will be working for Andersen Consulting in Minneapolis upon graduation.

The atmosphere, the mystique that comes with the games — it's incredible," said Muller.

Laura Merrill sought to put the coming weekend in its proper perspective. "It's the beginning of something, not the end. That's why we call it 'Commencement,'" said Merrill, who will be working with pregnant teenagers in Chicago in the fall. "It's the beginning of experiencing the world that we've been sheltered from for four years."

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

Mary Ann Glendon, a professor of law at Harvard University and the lead representative from the Vatican at the Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women held last September in Beijing, will be the principal speaker at Commencement, and will receive an honorary degree from Notre Dame. Ms. Glendon is a graduate of the University of Chicago in 1959, has become a much acclaimed writer, lecturer and social critic, focusing on such issues as abortion and divorce.

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

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

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

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

Cardinal Edward Pironio, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, previously announced was an honorary degree recipient, but will be unable to accept due to scheduling conflicts.
Constitution hopes to reflect traditional style

By JAMIE HEISLER

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

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

The expansion of Notre Dame Stadium, a $50 million project, was one of the major items on Malloy's list. According to Mike Smith, Director of Facilities Engineering, the project is now roughly halfway completed.

"The precast concrete superstructure is being erected currently," he said.

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

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

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

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

Currently, the scaffolding on the main part of the building as well as on the Dome and its supporting shaft have been removed for commencement. The remainder of the scaffold

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The lobby of the building will be completed by August 1997 in time for the football season. The interior renovations are being handled by January 1997. In order to match the increased number of students on South Quad, South Dining Hall will be remodeled by the spring of 1998.

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

The ground floor of the building will be pathways through the construction site at the four corners," Smith said. The renovation of the interior of the Dome was first gutted.

The building should be ready for occupancy by January 1997. In order to match the increased number of students and for use during the summer, the building will be remodeled for occupancy by August 10. The building will be completed by December 1996.

A new golf course and performing arts center are also in the planning stages.

Two new dorms near completion

By JAMIE HEISLER

The four new dorms being constructed on "Golf Quad" were designed to more closely resemble the style of South Quad, according to Mike Smith, Director of Facilities Engineering.

"Architecturally, we were trying to use sloped roofs to make it similar to the older part of campus," he said.

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set a strong example for the said the class will be best as a tight-knit group, Senior Class thing, "There's again, "class - grads near the intersection. A Breen- Phillips resident was struck by a car on campus and they said "had just started really, and they apparently didn't see each other," Hurley said. The student was treated and released at St. Joseph Hospital with only minor injuries. In other reports, Hurley said that several laptop computers had been stolen over Thanks week and the previous week from the library and several dorms.

Hodapp continued from page 1

"I would watch what my brothers and sisters would do and imitate them, unconsciously. They set great examples.

This weekend will not be the first time Hodapp stands before a crowd of people. She had performed for the National Women's Olympic delegation to the Fourth United Nations Women's Conference in Beijing. Libby Larson, renowned composer with the Minnesota Orchestra and the Charlotte Symphony, will receive an honorary doctorate of fine arts. She is known on campus for composing the Magnificent for Saint Mary's 1994 sesquicentennial celebration. Arthur Decio, businessman and civic leader, will receive an honorary doctorate of laws. He has served on the boards of over 35 civic, religious and financial institutions, including serving as chair of the National Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, the director of Special Olympics International, and president of the Elkhart Hospital Foundations.

The Baccalaureate Mass will take place at 4 p.m Friday in Angela Athletic Facility. Degree Candidates line up for the academic procession at 3:30 p.m., with the procession taking place at 3:55 p.m.

Hodapp uses her extra energy to play the piano and teach aerobics at Saint Mary's. She has taught aerobics for the last three years, and is recognized as "the energetic aerobics instructor." Hodapp has also tutored for the "Neighborhood Study-Help Program," and the "Native-American tutoring Program" at Saint Mary's.

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

Hodapp describes Saint Mary's as a great foundation for her future life, as it has taught her so much. "I always loved Saint Mary's as a great foundation for her future life, as it has taught her so much."

Hodapp says she is ready to become a teacher. "And hopefully, she added, "I will keep becoming this person. I have learned a lot at Saint Mary's, and am now ready to become a teacher.

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As valedictorian, Hodapp is required to make a speech. In all her years of writing, however, she explained this speech was the most difficult to write. "I have never had such a hard time writing something in my life," Hodapp explained. "I wasn't sure if it was because I would be presenting it in front of thousands of people, or if it was a realization of commencement. So I had to do a little "I really just allowed my emotions to get involved in the speech, but I think that it was for the best. The speech was difficult to write, but I know it will be meaningful."

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

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SMC honors seniors in annual Convocation

By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary’s finest were recognized at an Honors Convocation ceremony held in O’Laughlin Auditorium on May 5.

Saint Mary’s students rang the bell at the beginning of the ceremony, followed by a roll call of the class of 1996. The seniors were then invited to join in the processional to the music of "Te Deum.

Saint Mary’s President William Hickey presented the Saint Mary’s College President’s Medal to Tracy Hollingsworth.

The following students were inducted into Kappa Gamma Pi, the Society for Distinguished Catholic Women Graduates: Kristen Artz, Julie Barchile, Kimberly Bero, Laura Bueckman, Jennifer Caldwell, Christiina Calhoun, Deanna Cankar, Eileen Davenport, Autumn Fields, Maureen Fretl, Lori Gaddis, Karen Gerlach, Claire Gibson, Amara Graf, Susan Hodapp, Nicole Hoevet, Cathlynn Howe, Jennifer Imbr, Suzanne Kondraienko, Perina Lenart, Lisa Lentz, Mitzi McAndrews, Angela McNulty, Jennifer Mitchell, Esti Meldoj, Melissa Nowick, Laura Nowicki, Karla Oelska, Colim Piir, Nancy Schwoyer, Sarah Sullivan, Lisa VanZwell and Maria Vogel.

"It was a thrill to be inducted by faculty, and an honor to be inducted," said Gaddis. "It was a real reflection on my achievements at Saint Mary’s. I recognized in Who’s Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges the following students were: Gabriele Abowd, Ann Aubuchon, Christina Calhoun, Deanna Cankar, Amy Cavanaugh, Linda Coleman, Kristin Dakowicz, Rebecca Douby, Jennifer Doyle, Emily Duncanson, Bridgeitl Farrell, Kelly Farrell, Michelle Fear, Karen Gean, Karen Gerlach, Amara Graf, Tara Hooper, Collynn How, Leslie Imbr, Amy Jones, Suzanne Kondraienko, Kelly Larkin, Elaine Liege, Jeannine Maruna, Tiffany Matula, Angela McNulty, Jennifer Mitchell, Raquel Mitchell, Jennifer Myers, Shohelia Nazeen, Melissa Nowick, Kathryn O’Donnell, Kathryn Petrovice, Teresa Radnitz, Elizabeth Regan, Ellen Sanders, Nancy Schwoyer, Erin Sher, Sarah Sullivan, Mary Udovich and Michelle Wenner.

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

Various college-wide awards were presented in several student groups. The Sister M. Franpita Kane Writing Awards were presented to Eileen Davenport, Mary Good, Kathleen Urd and Sara Niemoer.

"It was really flattered to receive this award," said Urd. "It provided me with the opportunity to attend the Honors Convocation where I had the chance to see my friends receive various awards," said Urd. The Dorothy Mainor Award was presented to Maria Fedriza, Liz Wilsniwski and Laura Schweg.

Saint Mary’s College faculty did not leave the Convocation without recognition. Hickey presented the Multicultural Award to History Professor Cyraic Pollock, the Maria Piena Award for excellence in teaching first-year students to Associate Professor of Philosophy Ann Clark, and the Speaker Union Award recognizing a commitment to service to Associate Professor of Mathematics Mary Connolly.

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

To a terrific big brother: Way to go Kevy!!
I'm so proud of you.
Good luck next year,
I'll miss you tons!

Love always,
Amy

Christmas in April USA
Notre Dame Family Work Camp

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

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

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

By MAUREEN HURLEY
Saint Mary's News Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"When we say 'Honoring Tradition, Pioneering Change,' that is more than a clever slogan. We live it."

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

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

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

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

"One of the most important opportunities we're going to have right now is to exercise this authority into naming the new president," she said.

As a Board, we take that responsibility very seriously," Gorno said.

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

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

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

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ValuJet crash claims former Irish captain

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
News Editor

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

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

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

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

"Rodney Culver was never a guy who stood out, but he was always there," said Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz. "He was a class act."

Culver demonstrated that class at the beginning of his senior season in 1991, when he moved to tailback from his customary fullback position in order to make room for sophomore Jerome Bettis. "Watching the way Rodney handled the switch from fullback to running back helped me," former teammate Reggie Brooks, who moved between the defensive secondary and running back while at Notre Dame, told The South Bend Tribune. "He was able to deal with it with such grace. He didn't seem to mind as long as he was helping the team.

"Rodney was Notre Dame football. He had a mature wisdom that was practically uncanny," Brooks, now with the Washington Redskins, continued. "He was like a brother to me. He was the leader of the pack and we just naturally wanted to follow him." Holtz remembered Culver's ability to set the tone of the team whenever game time approached. "Every time, we came out onto the field or in the locker room, he was the one that would come up to you and pat you on the back and say, 'Don't worry, coach. We'll take care of it,'" Holtz said. "He was a very positive, upbeat person."

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Jill Satane
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Laura Slicker
Margaret Stafford
Shawnie Swinton
Bridget Weishaar
Kathryn Zolkowski

Lightning strikes grad student

By LIZ FORAN
Editor-in-Chief

A Notre Dame student was struck by lightning early last Friday morning, according to Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Notre Dame Security. On Friday, May 10 at about 1 a.m. a graduate student was walking back to Fisher Graduate Residence when he saw a bright flash, Hurley said. "The next thing he knew, he was lying on the ground," he added.

The student was taken to St. Joseph Hospital where he was examined and released. He was unhurt.
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mucus from her lungs.
"I'd be getting treatments to prevent my lungs from getting full of junk, and when I can go a month without being suctioned (through the trache) they'll take it out."
Abdo also plans to finish two final class requirements over the summer. Although she completed her English literature minor, she cried all the time.
"There are also days when Abdo must combat depression. For a period of two weeks she cried all the time."
"You ask the obvious, "Why did it have to be me?", and then you kick yourself. We didn't have seat belts on."
Abdo said. "I don't blame myself, but I could really easily and I kind of did. Getting through that was the hardest part."
"Now there are just days where I don't feel good, I don't want to be touched or just don't talk. I don't feel good I won't take phone calls," she added.
Abdo realized she has more to accomplish. "Some days are good but there are others when I'm down and I just cry and my dad cries with me. But I'm never crying alone. With all the support and all the people, friends and staff at Notre Dame and their prayers, I'm keeping it. It's getting better."

Archivist leaves SMC
By MAUREEN HURLEY
Saint Mary's News Editor
Chances are, Sister M. Rosedale Dunleavy knows every little-known fact about Saint Mary's College. After a brief trip to the Cushwa-Leightohn Library, she can probably dig up any photograph, document or memory of the College's 151-year history.
After serving as College Archivist for 12 years, Dunleavy will retire at the end of this month.
"Sister is not only the memory of Saint Mary's College," she has ensured that the memory will live on for future generations by writing the annual chronicle, "The Saint Mary's College Chronicle," said College President William Hickey at the May 14 President's Dinner.
Dunleavy stressed the loyalty exhibited by all those affiliated with the College. "Those who have graduated from the College and returned, and those who work for Saint Mary's have always remained loyal to Saint Mary's," she said. And Dunleavy exhibits that same loyalty, compiling the College's history for the past 12 years.
"She is recognized by many as the single most knowledgeable person at Saint Mary's College regarding the College's life and history," Hickey said.

Brian Halloran - Domer '96
We're proud of you!!
love, Mom, Dad, Brendan, & Mary Brigid
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Mr. Seigfried, Abdo's dorm, told me to move in and sometimes to shoot baskets in the gym. "Besides just being there to help me, they helped my mom and dad by taking my brothers," she said.

Visits from administrators Patricia O'Hara and Bill Kirk, vice-president, and assistant vice-president of student affairs added to the support. "Bill Kirk was a godsend, you never thought you'd be happy to have him around," she said.
Lou Holz, head coach of the Notre Dame football team, also visited Abdo while in the South Bend hospital. He returned a week later, fulfilling the promise to bring the game ball when Notre Dame defeated Air Force. Inscribed on the ball is Abdo's name and the score, 44-14.
Professors Rathburn and MacLeod also took turns visiting. "My family wouldn't have made it through without the support of all my friends and people that jumped to help," she said.
"He visited me during the accident, he grabbed his wallet, a pair of boxes and caught the first flight to South Bend," Abdo said. "He spent two weeks with me without any. Clothes. That's devotion."
The outpouring of assistance and support from the Notre Dame community also proved immense. "There was an instantaneous ring around me that was non-stop for three weeks," she said.
Along with Abdo's roommates, Dawn Kasperski, Pam Kennedy and Erin Lyons, many students visited her in the hospital. Cards have filled five photo albums.
"I was so drugged that I didn't know what was going on, so I knew who was there and, I don't know who to thank, but I would say that I would give you a big huge hug because that helped my family," Abdo said.
Senior Class President Kevin Kuwik helped out by taking Abdo's three younger brothers to Notre Dame basketball games and sometimes to shoot baskets in the gym.
"Besides just being there to help me, they helped my mom and dad by taking my brothers," she said.
Hats off to the class of '96, the first to build a time capsule. The class of '96 is the first to build a time capsule, which will be placed in a safety deposit box in the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union until that time.

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Love, the women of Knott Hall

Caption to contain class items
By JAMIE HEISLER
Assistant News Editor

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Irony lurks in the Alumni newsletter

Graduation, as everybody knows, is marked by relief and festivity. As with weddings, the future lay beyond, uncorrupted by pain, compromise, or defeat; the road ahead is unburdened as a big looming slide into a barrel of Cool Whip, and hardships are as metaphysics. That’s okay with me; as Dr. Johnson said, hope may be the only species of happiness this world affords, and far be it for me to kill everybody’s commencement buzz. But, as O.J. says, “I want to tell you.”

This change for me, too: I should also tell you that unlike Du Lac, the Paity O’Hara — GNLDS/SMC hard up, or the failure of your student body presidents to bring the Grateful Dead here as freshmen to the endowment. It’s funny when you live in a world in which you can be a full-grown man or woman, without the specter of teaching a semester measurement of a lunch hour into minutes of eating, walking, reading the newspaper (unheard of in college), and reading menus in the windows of likely restaurants. Wandering aimlessly via public transport, finding new vices, befriending elderly boozers in the dumpsters, you begin to feel oppressed. Old. And you stop throwing away those letters from the alumni association. I guess that is how it works for Notre Dame students. Maybe I’m wrong. I’m constantly underestimating how well-adjusted (and rich!) students are here. A lot of them get married when they graduate, too. That’s something to think about.

But where is that place in the outside world in which you can be a full-grown man or woman, without the specter of failure bearing its invisible wings overhead? Where is the job in which you set your own hours, and are asked to produce nothing more than evidence of eccentric behavior of a stranger trying to be the life of the party. It means a lot to me so many of you eventually got on board and read and/or enjoyed the column. God bless you — and I say that without an atom of irony.

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American opinion taints study results

Dear Editor:

Recently I was handed the newspaper called Right Reason. I began reading it, and the front page was on Daniel Moloney, and was immediately struck and incensed by his morally judgmental attitude toward gay people, as well as his explanation for why people engage in homosexuality as a means of activity. He wrote, "Human sexuality is different from animal sexuality in that humans control their sexual appetites by their reason and will." He proceeds to continue to explain that homosexuals as well as bisexuals are innately not human beings. I can only wonder how someone could come to this conclusion. Accepting scientific studies in support of homosexuality is anathema, according to Moloney’s diagnosis of homosexuality, though there is scientific evidence to the contrary. The quality of a person is probably not affected by the environment to some degree, genetics do in fact influence one’s sexual orientation. Research done as recently as 1993 by a renowned scientist, Dean Hamer, shows that homosexuality is tied to variations on the X (specifically Xq28) chromosome of homosexual men. As advances in science are made, researchers hope to find the exact gene which influences sexual orientation. Moloney also points out that if homosexuality were genetically determined, it would imply that humans lack "free choice of the will." Human beings are creatures who to some extent influence genetics in what we do. We are unique in our selective behaviors, but possesses brains and bodies created by genetic material. Thus, if homosexuality is partially the result of genetics and is determined in the same way as race or body structure, the question of the "free choice of will" is only partially valid.

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

Ernilum
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Knoet Hall

Tracing the chronology of a graduating senior

In 1992, you arrived on the campus of Notre Dame, nervous and wide-eyed. You were now a freshman in college and life was relative to the start of a new chapter that you were certain you would have forever, dining hall food was good, dorm parties were a blust. Papa John’s was a gift

Krista Nannery

from God and Calculus would take ten years off your life, but so what. Off-campus was a foreign, mysterious land whose only landmarks were CJ’s and The Rec. The road was either one in direction or the other, but either way, American Cab and your friend’s car. You rode there, relatively safely or cheaply, never both. Sure you were homestuck, but freshman year was fun. You kept track of the number of bars you could buy before you got your first drink and called it tattle. College was cool and you couldn’t wait to be a sophomore.

You found yourself an alternative form of identification sophomore year and Bridge’s was the place to be. VNU was one of the most exciting days of your college career, dorm parties were less random, ice beer was the beer to drink and fighting fistfights became a daily activity. You went to your first off campus party and swore right then and there to move off campus was humanly possible. You declared your major, you switched your major, you and what was left of the rest of the sophomore class all dropped pre-med at the same time. You have known your roommates forever, and together, you couldn’t wait to be juniors.

Junior year, you boycotted The Shirt’s for the first time in its history. You knew the basic color, or, if you did buy it, your mother now wore it as gardening overalls. Junior year was one of the best weekends in you and your parents’ lives and the words of our junior class president will stick in your mind forever. Unfortunately, everyone but you seemed to turn 21 by second semester, so on weekends you were forced to divide your time between penny beer night at Bridge’s and drinking in side doors at other establishments on other nights. You still managed to get all your work done, but sometimes, it was hard to believe that college would be graduating in just one more year. You didn’t want to be a senior because that meant being old, finding a job or graduating and moving on. You couldn’t imagine leaving Notre Dame.

In 1995, you became a senior and your whole world began to change. You got your first full time job in your field and faced losing more or even losing yourself. The future was a scary concept and although you tried to get off campus was humanly possible. You declared your major, you switched your major, you and what was left of the rest of the sophomore class all dropped pre-med at the same time. You have known your roommates forever, and together, you couldn’t wait to be juniors.

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Honesty remains the best policy

Dear Editor:

I am very grateful for The Observer’s prominent and respectful coverage of my recent lecture on sexual diversity. However, the story in the April 26 issue contained a few errors that I would like to correct. I did not suggest that the phenomenon of fostering sexual diversity, as stated in the story’s lead. Neither I nor any other member of the gay and lesbian community has any interest in fostering sexual diversity. A more accurate paraphrase might have stated that I believe honesty to be the first step toward greater tolerance of sexual diversity, and toward a more compassionate and loving environment for all students.

I also wanted to correct the spelling of the word “berdache,” which some readers are interested in finding out more about this traditional role in many Native American cultures. My apologies if you again for your coverage and sensitivity.

Margaret Bender
Visiting Instructor
Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work
Saint Mary’s College
**What was your most memorable experience at Notre Dame?**

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

**Kevin Dolan**
St. Ed's, Government

"Circus Lunch."

**Jerry Siefring**
Zahn, Communications

"Spring break in Jamaica."

**Francesca Pons**
Pasquerilla West, Art History

"Florida State."

**Joy Fitzgerald**
Howard, Psychology

"The bouncer got shot at Heartland."

**Larry Caudillo**
Morissey, Psychology

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

**Meg Stafford**
Badin, Mathematics

**Changes along the way**

By JOEY CRAWFORD

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

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

During the summer prior to the arrival of the class of 1996, Pangborn Hall was changed from a men's dorm into a women's dorm. For many of the incoming freshmen who spent their pre-orientation week in this dorm rich in tradition, the switch was a bit disheartening. For it was the only place they knew really well. Two years later, another men's dorm met the administration's wrath. Historical Cavanagh was converted into a women's residence hall as well, ousting many disgruntled students from home and heart. These conversions were met with the inevitable protests, but the administration argued that the moves were necessary to support the recent influx of more women into the university. This year also marks the final year of Grace, Administration offices plan on moving into the building before the 1996-97 year. Other dorms waiting for their demise include Flanner, Seigfried and Knott.

Construction has taken the campus by storm, affecting everything from the sacred Golden Dome to the mythical Notre Dame football stadium. DeBartolo Hall, the realm of high-tech education, yet no one seems to know the intricacies of the building function, was built a year before the arrival of this years Senior crop. However, they were the first class to use DeBartolo. Some have wondered if the "Debardo experience" was worth it, arguing "Nothing seems to ever work." Three years later the College of Business Administration (COBA) building was built next to DeBartolo to support the increasing number of business students and to house cutting edge technology in the world of business. Students also witnessed their precious Golden Dome and stadium undergo major facelifts, both of which are not completed to this day. The architecture building is also undergoing construction and renovations. In addition to all of this construction, new dorms are being built in the "Golf Quad" to accommodate the ousted students of Grace, Seigfried, and Knott. In efforts to make the campus more culturally rich, a number of "gaudy pieces of art" have been "planted" around the campus. South quad has taken the burden of becoming a "mock art museum" featuring art from students and teachers alike. The "era of transition" seems to be directed towards the southern end of campus. Shelby Brown argues, "Maybe they should do something about St. Pats Center on the North Side, like tear it down.

Jeff Wojick of Flanner Hall asserts that their seems to be more interest in student relations since he arrived here four years ago. He claims, "It seems like there is more student dialogue, not only dealing with student life, but worldly issues. When I first got here all of the columns in the Observer focused on yo cream flavors, the salad bar, and abortion. recently they have been shying away from these topics as was seen through Cristiane Likely and GLND/SMC issues."

He also argues, "Student Government, through the work of J.P. and Dennis, is trying to get ideas across a little more than they used to."

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

Some students, however do not see the changes as being so obvious. Flanner Senior, Marcus Thorne states, "Sure the campus has been expanding, but it is basically the same. The people are the same, race issues are handled the same, everything just seems to be the same. They talk about co-residentially, but this will never happen."

He has however noticed the administration's attempts to include athletes in post-graduation scholarships. Many students are fearful that they will not recognize the campus a few years down the line. They recognize the importance of expansion, but perhaps this is too extreme. They do not want to come return in two years and not recognize the campus. The issue is prevalent in many graduating students' mind, "Does the university have the right to make such drastic changes over such a short amount of time?" After all this is not the same campus to which they applied.
How would you describe your class in three words?

"My second family"
Tim Sullivan
Off-Campus, Government

"Sex doesn't kill."
Stephanie Butler
Pasquarilla East, Chemical Engineering

"Hot Badin Chicks."
Brad Joseph
Dillon, Finance

"Thanks for everything."
Noreen Hefferon
Lyons, History

"Four Profuse Years."
Amy Schulte
Pasquarilla East, Chemical Engineering

While the Class of 1996 will soon proceed into graduation ceremonies to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance," a more appropriate anthem might be Abba's "Dancing Queen." A look back at the "best" memories of the senior class reveals the secrets of the finest off-campus watering holes, the craziest underclass party locations, and some relaxing impressions of Notre Dame and the surrounding tropical paradise of South Bend, Indiana.

Many of them fondly remember laughing at that infamous "AACC" of 1996, while Walsh senior Jeff Catalina added "the Alumni-Senior Club's pizza nawt had proper pizza, just cheese and stuff and stuff." In the final months of the 1996 academic year, the student body was treated to the remarkable, unforgettable "Dancing Queen" aka Orange Bowl, while some simply enjoyed road tripping to Chicago to take a much needed break from South Bend.

The Class of 1996 has evolved together and woven countless memories over the last four years. Looking back on their first impressions as freshmen, several seniors remember laughing at that "parade of things" until they found out that, no, they weren't kidding. Arriving in South Bend from sunny locales like Texas and California, many seniors remember asking themselves, "What am I doing in Indiana?" However, many shared the sentiments of DiCello who remembers, "I loved it right off the bat." Kuwik remembers that he felt "a lot of spirit, a lot of tradition, and a lot of quality people," which the Class of 1996 certainly embodied in their unforgettable years at Notre Dame.
**ACCENT ASKS...**

**What is your fondest Saint Mary's memory?**

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

Betsy Killian
Tomanda, Ill.
Business

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

Kelly McDevott
Brooklyn Center, Minn.
Political Science

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

Robin Bennett
Las Vegas, Nev.
Elementary Education

"Moving up in the world. CJ's to Club-what a difference!"

Jenna Farley
Chicago, Ill.
Sociology

"The grand finale of senior week."

Anne Herman
Haas, Kan.
Elementary Education

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

Rita Juster
Placentia, Calif.
Biology

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

In 1981, parents coming to Saint Mary's for graduation experienced something quite different from the outdoor commencement ceremony today. Those attending the exercises walked the grounds beforehand, stopping to see the prorogation house. Here, more than thirty thousand exotic plants were located. Today, they would be walking in Regina South. And the graduation would not be from college, but from Saint Mary's Academy, considered a premiere preparatory school for women. Its academics were so strong that Lena Brudy, a Saint Mary's Academy graduate of 1899, applied to the University of Michigan and was accepted as a Sophomore with forty credits, a true accomplishment for anyone, especially a woman of the nineteenth century. In 1906, however, Mother Pauline, Saint Mary's President from 1895-1931, established Saint Mary's College. The 1906 commencement ceremonies may have given graduates the same sense of accomplishment that they feel today, but the circumstances surrounding the ceremony were very different. Today, Saint Mary's students take great pride in the tradition of their class ring. In the earlier days of the college, however, it was the gold cross with students strived to earn. Upon graduation, the ornate, heavy gold cross pin was handed to each graduate in the same manner as the diploma is today.

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

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

That same year, Estelle Reeland read her thesis entitled, "The Moral Purpose in Lope's History," at Saint Mary's strict academic standards have remained throughout the years.

In 1964, commencement speaker Abigail McCarthy, a columnist for Commonwealth and a woman's rights activist spoke, commenting on the same sort of academic and activist piece which is present at Saint Mary's today. I firmly believe that this engagement for excellence is what sustains the most well-lived and satisfying, successful lives," McCarthy claimed.

"Weather it is in the classroom, with their families or pursuing their own dreams, Saint Mary's graduates act with excellence in all they do. Commencement, facing LeMans, surrounded by the grand trees lining the Avenue, is a time to reflect on the part of history which has been made by each student in their unique class. Former graduation marshaill Richard Figer, Notre Dame class of '54, said, "it's the personal closeness we have that makes the difference." He points out the rarity of each student receiving a diploma individually. And the one hour forty-five minute ceremony accomplishes many people, too.

Today, students receive the expression of soul at Saint Mary's. Through their efforts in the world of academics, the arts of friendship, strength and self accomplishment. They have learned how to live right in a world which requires many skills of the mind, the heart and the soul. 1990 Valdociotarian Amanda Zekk ended her address by telling her class, "Me han tocar el corazon." You have touched my heart, she said. Saint Mary's, you have touched many hearts.

Special thanks to Sister Roseline of Saint Mary's Archives.
Belles value athletic experiences

By STEPHANIE BUEK
Sociology and Journalism Editor

In the late 1970's, Little League coaches in cities and towns across the country introduced 25 little girls to athletics. clad in anything from C.Y.O. uniforms to toe socks, to sporty sponsors' outfits, to a field, the track, or the pool for the first time. Little girls took the court, the track, or the pool for the first time.

Saint Mary's provided a comfortable atmosphere in which students could gain a higher education while competing against first rate talent."
The Alliance for Catholic Education welcomes with great joy and gratitude the following Notre Dame graduates to their new classrooms in the Catholic schools of the South:

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Injuries, transfer take toll as Irish lose valuable depth

By THOMAS SCHLIDT
Associate Sports Editor

Just when you think you can relax all hell breaks loose. Or that's how the Notre Dame football team has to feel.

After the career-ending injury to backup quarterback Thomas Krug, the repeat knee injury to running back Robert Farmer, and outside linebacker John McLaughlin's transfer, Irish coaches will not have the depth they sought this season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Irish" is the only one to lose a productive member of its squad. After being injured and suspended for majority of the spring practices, sophomore McLaughlin decided to transfer to Arizona where he felt he would have a greater opportunity to play.
Arthur Andersen Welcomes the Following Graduates of the University of Notre Dame and St. Mary's College to Our Firm

Thomas Ahern
New York
Nicole F. Allen
Chicago
Amy L. Amoni
Washington, DC
David D. Bangert
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San Francisco
Jeffrey M. Bradfield
Chicago
Robert M. Brett
Cleveland
Patrick M. Casey
Chicago
Carrie L. Christianson
Chicago
David A. Clairmont
Boston
Michael S. Clark
Chicago
Anna P. Dematatis
Chicago
Keith E. Deussing
Philadelphia
Matthew D. Entrekin
Chicago
Kathryn L. Fox
Pittsburgh
Michelle A. Frasier
Chicago
Kevin J. Goodwin
Atlanta
Shannon J. Griesemer
Chicago
Matthew S. Gunter
Chicago
Wendy L. Hawrylak
Chicago
Elizabeth M. Heimann
Boston
Benjamin W. Herrig
Chicago
Christopher G. Irwin
Boston
Matthew C. Jennings
Chicago
Michael I. Kloska
Chicago
Kevin C. Krayer
Mam
Marc Liebman
Phoenix-Tucson
Eric R. Lorge
Chicago
Kathleen P. Lynch
Detroit
Julie R. Mackinnon
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Elena C. Maguire
New York
Peter Maloney
San Jose
Jay S. Matushak
Minneapolis
Natalia A. Mazzei
Rochester
Marcus A. McDonald
Chicago
Jennifer E. Mehl
Chicago
Amy K. Mertz
Chicago
John J. O’Connell III
New York
Kathleen A. O’Connell
Baltimore
James M. O’Connor IV
Chicago
Michael P. O’Neil
Milwaukee
Jonathan E. O’Reilly
Boston
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Philadelphia
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Chicago
Joseph D. Riley
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San Juan
Jill M. Satamek
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David M. Skinner
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Mark L. Staub
Chicago
Brian R. Sullivan
New York
Joseph F. Taylor
Chicago
Margaret M. Vida
Chicago
Oanh N. Vo
Chicago
Julie C. Vogel
Chicago
Dean S. Wikenheiser
Minneapolis
Michael J. Willis
Chicago
Jeffrey A. Wojcik
Chicago
Ann Marie Zielonka
Chicago
Brian Q. Ziockowski
Chicago
Coach MacLeod back for more

By THOMAS SCHLIDT
Associate Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

One reason that MacLeod would stay is that he has yet to finish the job he started five years ago.

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

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

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

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

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

"We were working like heck in recruiting, but we were being beaten at every turn because we were an independent," he said. "You're not going to be able to recruit real top players as an independent."

Now that we're in the Big East we have identification with the Big East and recognition in the conferences."

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

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

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

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

For MacLeod that is the next part of the plan. First was joining the Big East, coach John MacLeod believes landing a top player is the next step for the Irish.
The Notre Dame women's tennis team will return to the NCAA championships this weekend for the third time in the past four years. The Irish, ranked No. 10 in the country, received an automatic bid to the championships by remaining in the top ten since the beginning of March.

After losing to top-ranked Florida at the National Indoor Tournament the last weekend of February, the Irish bounced back to defeat then, twelfth-ranked South Carolina and sixth-ranked California, allowing them to crack the top ten at No. 8. Midway through March, the Irish moved up to sixth, the highest ranking in the program's history.

"This year has been an exciting year for us," head coach Jay Louderback said. "One of our big goals was to be one of the top ten teams in the country and we have done that, but we are especially excited because we have a chance to do well at the championships."

The 22-6 Irish join fifteen other teams at the championships in Tallahassee, Florida—the ten automatic qualifiers and six winners of regional tournaments throughout the country. They have faced four of the nine other automatic qualifiers in which they won one match against fifth-ranked Texas, but dropped three to Florida, Duke, and Wake Forest, all top-five teams.

In their first match, the Irish will face ninth-ranked Brigham Young who pose quite a challenge after beating Duke earlier in the season. "In the past, we have been happy coming here and winning the first round," Louderback commented. "But now we feel that in each match we hope to play, we'll have a chance to win."

"BYU is going to be a tough match for us, and if we win that, we'll probably face Stanford who is ranked and seeded second, with their only loss being to No. 1 Florida."

The No. 7 seeded Irish ended their regular season by sweeping the Big East championships and then knocking off Western Michigan in their final home match, 8-1. They will head into the championships this weekend with a full and healthy roster, a key factor in their performance as they have been plagued by injuries throughout the season. Senior Wendy Crabtree, who has led the Irish at No. 3 singles for most of her career including the '94 and '95 seasons in which she received All-American honors, was sidelined with a foot injury for much of the season leaving freshman Jennifer Hall to pick up the slack. And that is exactly what Hall has done.

The freshman's 11-4 singles record is highlighted by her defeat of the No. 3 player in the country, Duke's Vanessa Webb, and has made her the eighth-ranked singles player in the country by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Hall is the lone Irish player that will compete individually in the championships.

In addition to Hall, Crabtree and fellow senior Holyn Lord, who also plays No. 2 singles, will compete in the doubles competition. However, the main focus of this weekend will be the team's performance as a whole, especially since it will be the last collegiate match for Crabtree, Lord, and Sherri Vitale. Vitale has missed nearly all of the season due to a wrist injury, but will return to play No. 3 doubles at the championships.

"They [Crabtree, Lord, and Vitale] are coming into this weekend excited to play," Louderback said of the three seniors. "Those three have basically gotten us where we are. They have gotten us on the map and into the top ten."

"They have made our program what it is."

The leadership of the seniors combined with the talent of freshmen Hall and Marisa Velasco, who has compiled a 21-2 record at No. 4 singles and a 14-8 record with both sophomore Kelly Olson and Vitale at No. 3 doubles, will give the Irish their best chance at advancing farther than any previous team at the championships.

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The Top Ten sports stories of 1992-1996

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Women's sports attain varsity status
May 1, 1996
Athletic Director Mike Wadsworth announced that women's lacrosse and crew teams would be elevated to varsity status, equaling the total of men's and women's sports at 13.
**Best Wishes to Graduating Student-Athletes and Tutors**

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and 12 assists. More importantly, however, are the offensive opportunities McCarthy created through her lightning quick dribbling abilities.

"Michelle is the best soccer player we’ve had here," head coach Chris Petrucelli said. "She is amazingly gifted with the ball. She broke down defenses by herself and would either score or create chances for others."

In the second half, Tar Heel ghosts as the forward would not give McCarthy up.

Players appeared to be chasing a ghost as the forward would not give McCarthy up. More importantly, she was gifted with the ball.

"I was just an incredible way to finish the year," she said. "Just the things accomplished as a team are what counts."

McCarthy also accomplished plenty this season after a back injury sidelined her for part of last spring and the summer. Even though she experienced pain throughout the year, McCarthy believed this would be the year and battled through the pain to be part of the championship season.

Injury was also stranger to McCarthy who battled back from the early season ankle sprain to become the backbone of a relentless Irish defense. By blanking all four opponents, it was the defense that set the tone for each game.

The experience that McCarthy, a four-year starter, brought to the defense was invaluable.

"Ashley was a steadying influence," Petrucelli added. "I’ve never seen somebody improve from the middle of the season after an injury in the last six weeks like she did."

After spraining her other ankle the previous year, Scharff found rebounding from this year’s injury less problematic.

"It was a lot easier this year," Scharff stated. "Because of the other ankle injury, I knew what I had to do to get back.

Scharff’s presence was dearly missed in the middle of the season.

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Here we are at another Notre Dame graduation. Many have gone before you, often they have been your friends, some may have been your parents or relatives, and some you may never have known at all for the saving spirit that we call Notre Dame. However, this graduation is set apart from the others. It is set apart because this time you will be graduating. This is especially true for those of us who stay behind at Zahm after you go. Each one of you has made your imprint on this university. Whether it be through classes, through extra-curricular activities or through relationships—each of you has left your name indelibly written upon the history of Notre Dame. However, we who live at Zahm know that is that you have also left your name, your words, your smiles and your hearts within Zahm Hall, and upon all of us who live there.

We could talk about the parties, the SYR’s, the tailgaters, the girls or even the tests. However, on this occasion it seems appropriate to speak of something else, something that includes much of the above and adds to them a laugh, a tear, a hug and a love that few in this world ever have the opportunity to experience. It is the Zahm family, a spirit that permeates the halls of our dorm and is tangible only to the hearts of its residents. Each of you is, and forever will be a part of that family. It is manifest in late night conversations, Decade Dances, ODIN, dorm masses, massive Christmas displays, Legion of Doom, shouting contests with every male dorm on campus, countless other things left unmentioned for propriety’s sake or lack of space, and also in the memories of all of us with whom you have shared this life and this spirit.

You go into the "real world", where people say things are not like Notre Dame. They surely are not like Zahm. However, you and we who know and love you are confident that this world will come a little closer to the love we know just because you are in it.

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

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Derrick Mayes' leaping touchdown grab against Texas this past season was just one of many highlight-reel catches for the All-American.

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- Seton Hall: 45.5
- West Virginia: 41.5
- Miami: 41.0

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- Connecticut: 73.0
- Syracuse: 61.5
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- Georgetown: 54.0
- Providence: 53.0
- Seton Hall: 51.5
- Boston College: 49.5
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- Rutgers: 45.0
- West Virginia: 45.0
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-The Women of Lyons Hall
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(Clockwise from top left) Senior captain Ryan Hoover navigates through Big East competition; Senior center Jamie Ling became Notre Dame's all-time leader in points; Senior Stacy Fields and the Irish won their first ever NCAA tournament game; Athletic Director Mike Wadsworth announced that women's lacrosse will be a varsity sport as of next year.

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Gamecocks first obstacle for Irish

By BETSY BAKER
Sports Writer

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

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

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

Murray leads the Irish in batting with a .411 average and looks to be the first player in the history of the program to end the season over .400. She was also named Big East Player of the Year, in addition to being first team All-Big East, as she led the conference in batting average (.397), on base percentage (.539), and hits per game (1.70). Joining Murray on the first team are sophomore Jenn Giampaolo, who is second in batting with .393, junior Kara McMahon, and senior Kobata. The return of Kobata from an arm injury that had her side-lined for nearly all of April will be the key to Irish success at the championships.

Kobata, the team leader with a 0.81 ERA and 14-1 record, is also the Irish career leader in wins with 79, winning percentage (.840), ERA (0.660), shutouts with 42, strikeouts with 906, and strikeouts per seven innings with 10.13.

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

The Irish are in Region 2 of the eight-region field, consisting of four teams each, and will face South Carolina in their first game.

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Senior J.T. Tremante and the Irish fell in the first round for the fifth time in their last six tournament appearances.

1996 Final National Media Lacrosse Poll

1. Princeton  
2. North Carolina  
3. Virginia  
4. Maryland  
5. Johns Hopkins  
6. Syracuse  
7. Brown  
8. Loyola  
9. Notre Dame  
10. UMass  
11. Georgetown  
12. Bucknell  
13. Penn St.  
14. Hofstra  
15. Harvard  
16. Towson State  
17. Duke  
18. Hobart  
19. Army  
20. Yale

Some stay for a while, touch our hearts, and we are never ever the same.  
-dedicated to senior Mandy Abdo
Irish upset reigning Wildcats

By JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Three walks and an error put West Virginia in a position to mount the comeback. The double scored Josh Williamson and Chris Swaney with Frushour later crossing the plate as he scored his fourth run of the game.

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

Greg Hetebruck worked five innings, allowing four runs and seven hits. After giving up one run, Alex Shilliday then gave way to Davis.

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A dichotomy of two seniors
By JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

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

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

The forward and the sweeper provided a dichotomy that was paramount during Notre Dame’s title run.

"If the right didn’t score on you, the left made sure you didn’t score either. Now, the two seniors who roamed either side of Alumni Field this year can share in the honor of being named Female Athlete of the Year. Each accepts the honor with the humility that embodied this year’s squad."

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

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

McCarthy finished the season with 17 goals.

Career-minded Mayes ready to take on the NFL
By TIM SHERMAN
Sports Editor

Many students begin their four years without any firm idea of what they want to do with their life. In fact, some even end their four years as such.

1995-96 Observer Male Athlete of the Year Derrick Mayes, however, it is an exception.

"I always thought I had the ability to play in the NFL," Mayes said. "It has been a dream of mine. It’s definitely something I want to do."

Starting next September, Mayes will get his opportunity with the Green Bay Packers.

The NFC Central Division champs drafted Mayes with the 56th overall pick.

"It was something that got us going," senior forward Michelle McCarthy said. "When it was said, everybody knew what it meant."

Now each member of the squad can merely look to their ring finger to be reminded of the word’s importance.

It was head coach Chris Petrucelli’s idea to

Derrick Mayes’ six-catch, two-touchdown performance in the 1996 Orange Bowl capped his brilliant four-year career for the Irish.

"Derrick Mayes is as fine of a receiver as we’ve had at Notre Dame," praised Holtz. "I’m talking about a true receiver."

"Such a true receiver’s most prominent attribute would surely be his hands. Such is definitely the case with Mayes but there is more to the 6-foot-2, 200-pound All-American than just the ability to catch the ball."

What also separated Mayes from ordinary receivers was his

Senior Terri Kobata leads Notre Dame into NCAA tournament action.

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