Ten Years After

Shuttle disaster remains on the minds of both faculty, students

By BRAD PRENDERGAST

In January 1986 the space shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after lift off because of a faulty O-ring. All seven crew members died.

Conference holds development of leadership as goal
By MAUREEN HURLEY

Cheryl Mabey told a story of 16 women who comprised the first group to be awarded student leadership scholarships to Mount Saint Mary's College 25 years ago. These women had a profound effect on her, and on the future of the college as a whole.

"They transformed the college in ways that they weren't aware of," she said.

Program coordinators hope participants of this weekend's "Play of the Mind" conference will have the same effect on Saint Mary's College.

Last night, the conference opened as Mabey delivered the keynote address, "Women in leadership: a special legacy.

Mabey serves as the executive director of the women's leadership program at Mount Saint Mary's College in Los Angeles.

Mabey focused on the ways, currently, in which women hold advantages as leaders. "No matter how imaginative you are, no matter how clear your goals are, you cannot begin to comprehend your future possibilities," he told the conference's student, alumni, administration and faculty participants.

The "Play of the Mind" launches a three-year program funded by the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) grant, which is intended to develop collaborative leadership on campus.

Mabey described the conference as a "cutting-edge endeavor" through which Saint Mary's will "create a national model for other colleges."

College President William Hickey recognized the student participants as women who "express desire to actively change the face of the campus. To do that, you just need to be someone who cares about this place."

Senior Bar hosts Black '47
By MARY KATE MORTON

Notre Dame has become one of the more sought after venues for musicians in the last month. Following Billy Joel's appearance on campus Tuesday night, Irish band Black '47 will roll into town on Wednesday for one show at Senior Bar.

The band, on a major U.S. tour promoting their newest album, had not made Notre Dame an original stop on their travels across the country. Last week, their agent, John McDonough, contacted the Notre Dame Northern Ireland Awareness Group and relayed a message that the band had expressed an interest to play on campus and that they were available for a scheduled performance.

The Group responded favorably, believing that the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities would be receptive to an informal concert.

"Both Black '47 and the Northern Ireland Awareness Group felt that a Notre Dame show would be a natural fit," said President Brian Foley. "Given the band's strong social message and their Irish style, we feel that this is one of the better events sponsored by the Group in the past few years."

Black '47 has a strong tradition of tackling social issues in their music and actions and especially of addressing the tumultuous years of violence and political turmoil in Northern Ireland. Many of their songs center around the various stages through which the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland have passed in the 20th century. Their latest album, Green Suede Shoes, includes Bobby Sands MP, a song 15 years in the making.

According to band leader Larry Kirwan, "With the advent of a fragile peace in the North of Ireland, the song finally, and painfully, evolved."

Other Black '47 albums have focused on great Irish political figures such as Michael Collins and Paul Costelloe. "NASA" and have included traditional Irish folk songs like Danny Boy.

"Black '47's overall message about oppression, human rights and freedom complements the Northern Ireland Awareness Group's mission of educating


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**World at a Glance**

**Utah carries out first execution by firing squad in 19 years**

Point of the Mountain, Utah

A child killer who said he would die at the point of a rifle as fast as flat on a gunnery awaited the nation's first execution by firing squad in 19 years early Friday.

John Albert Taylor, 36, was shot at 12:01 a.m. at Utah State Prison by anonymous marksmen firing the same type of deer rifle used to execute Gary Gilmore at the same institution in 1977.

Taylor had his first cigarette in six years as he was led from maximum security to the death-watch cell Wednesday, prison spokesman Randy Ripplinger said.

Under Utah law, Taylor was offered the choice of lethal injection or the firing squad. Utah is the only state to have the firing squad Taylor said he chose the firing squad because it would be a costly inconvenience to the state and because he feared “firing around a like a damn fool out there.”

He also hoped the method would more dramatically underscore his claim that his death would be sanctioned-execution.

Peres discusses peace talks with Kohl

Israel’s Prime Minister Shimon Peres briefed German leaders Thursday on peacetime talks with Syria, but said he stopped short of asking Syrian troops to help enforce any peace deal.

“It’s not on my agenda,” Peres said “First, we have to have peace.”

The Israeli newspaper Maariv reported this week that Peres was proposing a U.S. led international force to police the Golan Heights should return the territory to Syria, and was planning on asking Chancellors Helmut Kohl to committing troops to help enforce any peace deal.

After meeting with Peres, Kohl said the matter “is not an issue to discuss publicly at the moment.”

There are many ways in which Germany and Europe can be helpful, but it is the decision for the Israeli government and our American friends,” Kohl said.

German Defense Minister Volker Ruehe said he and Peres “talked about the very cooperation between the German and our American military forces of our countries, and about the peace process and what European countries can do to stabilize the peace process.”

Syrian-Israeli negotiations resumed last month after a six-month interruption.

Misprint ups value of Nixon stamp

Washington

Now, aren’t you sorry you didn’t buy any buy some Richard Nixon commemorative stamps? Some of the slow-selling 32-cent stamps may be worth as much as $8,000 apiece because of a misprint, according to Linn’s Stamp News. The newspaper for stamp collectors reports that the printing error was found on 160 stamps purchased in 1986 by an untold number of collectors that will not be interchangeable. “Let’s say you dial 1-800-555-5555,” according to the newspaper, “and you dial 1-888-555-5555 that’s going to be a different place. The new 888 number is comparable to an area code.”

The FCC is adding the 888 code because the 800 number was expected to run out by the end of the spring. The agency said just 600,000 such numbers will be available. The new toll-free numbers will have about 7.5 million new numbers to sell, the FCC said. Beginning Feb. 10, AT&T and MCI, Sprint and other telephone companies that provide toll-free service can begin taking reservations from companies for 888 numbers.

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**Source:** The Salt Lake Tribune, NAACP Legal Defense Fund

**Arson masks murder of two elderly**

Barrington, Hills, Ill. Marvin and Kay Lichtman’s brick mansion was like a museum, full of classic dolls, tapestries and works by artists like Rodin and Remington. On Thursday it was a burned-out shell. Marvin Lichtman lay dead, his wife of more than 40 years was also believed slain. Police suspect someone killed the elderly couple and then set a fire that hurriedly set as hot as a crematorium’s — so hot that a partial skull was still that remained of the victim investigators believe was Mrs. Lichtman.

Investigators said robbery might be the motive and were checking into reports the self-made millionaire and his wife left large amounts of cash in the three-story home in his well-to-do suburb northwest of Chicago. But “the extent of the fire has hampered our ability to see what, if anything, is missing from the house,” said Gary De Re, commander of the county Major Crimes Task Force.

Lichtman, who was 74, made his fortune as owner of Gateway Supply Co., a plumbing and heating supply business that was bought out from 1950 until his retirement in 1984. Richtman was a “prince’ who shared his wealth, giving, $5,000 to a local police officer who had cancer, neighbor Katherine Twork recalled.

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• Relax. Over four million other students are blowing off their work tonight too.
• Place an overly-large wager on the game. If it looks like you’re going to lose the bet, go into hystericis and start crying.
• Dance your hiney off at the quiet party in South Bend and pretend to be the best Super Bowl party on campus.
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Clinton OKs bill with AIDS clause

By JOHN DIAMOND
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WASHINGTON

President Clinton has decided to sign a $2.5 billion defense bill despite objections to a provision forcing service members with the AIDS virus out of the military.

Reluctant to veto a second bill that would raise military pay, Clinton accepted Defense Secretary William Perry's recommendation to approve the measure.

A White House memo, a copy of which was obtained Thursday by The Associated Press, indicates the president will work to change the "remaining objectionable provisions" in subsequent legislation.

After last month's veto of an earlier version of the bill, congressional Republicans removed two provisions opposed by Clinton and weakened a third.

The Senate was expected to pass the bill Friday and send it to Clinton.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry confirmed Perry's recommendation on the bill and told reporters at a briefing: "I believe the president will accept that recommendation."

McCurry said other measures Clinton opposes include a ban on abortions at overseas military hospitals, ship contracts earmarked for yards in the home states of influential lawmakers, buy-America requirements that Perry says could raise Pentagon costs and "a lot of micromanaging of the Defense Department itself that we think is unwarranted."

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In addition to the AIDS measure, Republicans added spending provisions to expand the B-2 bomber fleet, build transport ships and increase research into missile defense.

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By A.J. HOSTETLER
Associated Press

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Apollo 13 rescue mission, "Keel told me that the entire institute and the belief in the can-do spirit of Challenger, which had been exemplified by the Apollo space mission, was virtually destroyed. After the firestorm of events, NASA's safety. After Challenger, we were terribly troubled.

A defective O-ring

A presidential commission traces the cause of the firestorm that engulfed the shuttle to the failure of the right solid rocket booster. The two O-rings on the booster had been designed to seal the joint that connected the four sections of the booster, preventing the leak of any gases. But the cold weather on the morning of Jan. 28 stiffened one of the O-rings, preventing it from sealing the joint.

The temperature at the time of launch was 36 degrees, the day's high. "That was the coldest launch that NASA ever attempted," Keel said. "On that morning, the launch pad was covered with ice, and the emergency slide-basket was completely covered, too."

Due to the ice, officials decided to suspend the launch countdown several times, finally moving the launch to 11:38 a.m. from its original 9:38 a.m. time. Unusually high winds that day also caused concern. At 58 seconds into the flight, the gas leak from the defective O-ring became extremely pronounced, possibly exacerbated by a severe wind shear, Keel said.

For the next 14 seconds, the leak grew into a sustained streak of fire, which itself created leaks in both the hydrogen and oxygen tanks. At 7:43 seconds, the mixing of hydrogen and oxygen created the massive firestorm immobilized by the photographs of the disaster.

At that moment, radio transmission from the Challenger ceased. And yet, the shuttle itself did not actually explode. "There was no evidence of any shock wave [which would have accompanied any explosion]," Keel said. "At Mach 2 with the mixing of gases, aerodynamic stress caused the break-up of the orbiter."

After the firestorm

Photographs revealed that the cabin, where the crew was located, broke away completely intact, and evidence indicates that the crew did not die in the firestorm. The manual oxygen tanks worn by crew members Michael Smith, Ellison O'Neal and Judith Resnik were found to have been activated when NASA collected the shuttle's debris scattered in the Atlantic Ocean 19 miles off the Florida coast.

"The oxygen tanks were designed only to be used if something happened while the shuttle was in flight," Keel said. "The astronauts would not have activated the tanks unless someone had thought about them after the explosion. And because they could only be activated manually, the shuttle's computer system could not have activated them for the astronauts."

The cabin's impact with the ocean surface, three to four minutes after the eruption, probably killed the crew, provided heart attacks did not do so first. Autopsy reports of the individuals have never been released.

"The astronauts were experiencing 200 G's of force when they hit the ocean," Keel said. "That is far in excess of what any human can survive through. It's like a glass bottle hitting concrete."

NASA shuttle reforms

In the aftermath of the disaster, allegations arose that the engineers and managers on the project knew of the O-ring defect. Since 1981, NASA had known of the O-ring problems with something, albeit somewhat minor, going wrong nearly every shuttle mission during those five years.

Engineers at Morton Thiokol Co., in Utah, manufacturers of the O-rings and the boosters, reportedly told their superiors and mid-level NASA managers of the possibility of failure. Keel said, but the engineers' documentation of the possible problem was so poor that their argument was rejected.

The top-level NASA managers, in charge of deciding whether a launch went through, apparently never knew of the O-ring defect. As a result of the miscommunication among officials, NASA now requires more than 1 million signatures to clear a shuttle for launch.

Other reforms made as a result of Challenger included adding a third O-ring and providing the rings with heaters to control the temperature all the way up until one minute prior to launch. Also, NASA now forbids the launching of any shuttle when the temperature is below 41 degrees.

In the end...

But the most tangible effect of the Challenger disaster was the collection of memories that people across the nation developed. Whether at school or at work, people even today remember exactly where they were and what they felt when they heard the news. Throughout the day of Jan. 28, teachers suspended classes to let their students watch the news reports on television, each student thinking in the back of their mind that their teacher could have been the one to perish in the disaster.

In New Hampshire, the residents were hit hardest by the loss of one of their very own. "We didn't know how to react," said Sean Geary, a Stanford Hall junior from that state. "All of New England was in shock."

Tim Keel will give a lecture entitled "Loss of the Space Shuttle Challenger: An Illustrated Analysis" at 7 p.m. Sunday in 102 Debartolo. The lecture is free and open to the public.

To commemorate their com­pat­riots, the residents of New Hampshire have named a planetarium in McAuliffe's name, and the state celebrates her birthday every year. The Christa McAuliffe Planetarium is located in Concord, N.H.
Delaware carries out first hanging since '45

By THERESA HUMPHREY
Associated Press

SMYRNA, Del. — Billy Bailey, in his younger days, was known as a hard-drinking hothead. At 49, he stood in the cold in the glare of the early Thursday, nearly 17 years after he used a shotgun or his thick glasses, and was hanged for murder.

It was Delaware's first hanging in 50 years and the third in the United States since 1965. Bailey went to the gallows early Thursday, nearly 17 years after he used a shotgun to kill an elderly couple in their farmhouse following a liquor store robbery and a day of drinking.

At 5-foot-5 and 215 pounds, Bailey somehow looked small as he stood 15 feet above the ground on the outdoor gallows constructed just for him 10 years ago as his execution date drew near.

Asked by the warden if he had any last words, Bailey said, "No sir." The trap door was sprung at 12:15 a.m. "He was a little guy, scared, no teeth, the wind whistling around him," said Edmund D. Lyons, his lawyer, who was among the witnesses. Bailey was condemned for the 1979 murders of Gilbert and Clara Lambertson, before Delaware changed its method of execution to injection.

He could have chosen injection but picked hanging because "the law is the law." For the first time in Delaware, family members of the victims were allowed to witness the execution.

Nilsandgunman takes aim

President candidate escapes harm

By FIADELFO ALLEMAN
Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Gunmen shot at leading presidential candidate Arnoldo Aleman on the campaign trail today, missing him but killing a bodyguard.

Three other people were wounded in the assassination attempt, which took place about 10 a.m. in the mountain community of Quilali, 85 miles north of the capital, Managua.

Radio Corporacion said.

A Nicaraguan journalist covering the campaign said the 15 gunmen reportedly wore uniform and black insignia of the former Sandinista National Liberation Front army, and radio reports said authorities suspected former Sandinista soldiers.

But National Police Chief Cndr. Fernando Caldera said the attackers had not been identified.

Nicaraguans have been worried about violence ahead of the Oct. 20 election. Today's attack was the first report of election violence.

Nicaraguan authorities are also concerned about the possibility of violence in connection with Pope John Paul II's Feb. 7 visit to Managua.

Alarmed by a spate of bombings of Roman Catholic churches and organizations since last April, Nicaragua has mobilized thousands of security forces for the pontiff's nine-hour visit.

Authorities did not suggest any links between today's violence and the papal visit — John Paul's first to Central America since Sandinista supporters heckled him during a 1993 tour.

Aleman, a former Managua mayor, told Radio Corporacion he would not be cowed by the attack.

"Nothing will keep me from the electoral campaign," he declared.

Aleman, candidate of the conservative Liberal Constitutionalist Party, was traveling in a vehicle in a caravan when a group of armed men on foot ambushed the convoy as it crested a hill.

The shots killed one of about 15 national police officers assigned to guard Aleman, Caldera said.

A popular conservative, Aleman helped Violeta Chamorro's coalition win the 1990 election that defeated President Daniel Ortega and his Sandinistas, who ruled in the 1980s. He went on to become Managua mayor, a job he held until mid-1995.

Former Sandinista soldiers and former U.S.-backed Contra rebels continue to roam the north, and are often blamed for attacks on one another and on residents.

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The Challenger explosion occurred on Jan. 28, 1986, at 11:39 a.m. a time when chil-
dren across the country were in school. Students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's recall the moment when they heard the news.

"It was a snowy day. I was in the school playground with a few other guys playing football," said Kevin Rini, a Stamford Hall resident from Cleveland. "When I went inside, I saw that every TV in every classroom was on and asked 'What's going on?' and I remembered some girl turning and saying, 'The spaceship exploded.'"

"I was in my science class when one of the teachers came in and said 'There was an explosion in space. Everyone was in shock,'" said Tom Belleire, of Denver, N.J. "The whole day was weird. It didn't feel right."

"I was in my fourth-grade classroom, I didn't believe it until I got home," said Kimberly Kurgan, of Schaumburg, Ill. "It hurt me that a teacher had died."

"I was in fourth grade math class. The teacher was going over something about musical beats, when we heard the news," said Doug Zwilling, of Cleveland. "The class started laughing at us, until the teacher yelled at us. If your teacher had been the one to die, then you wouldn't be laughing right now," she said. We all started bawling."

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The beauty of the program is that there is no set agenda. The idea is to get people talking about the quality of life at Saint Mary's, and hopefully ideas will emerge promoting opportunity for collaborative interaction that, we hope, will lead to this change," said Hickey.

According to co-director Patrick White, students "put mind and heart to think of the quality of life at Saint Mary's." This discussion takes place to-
morrow, during a series of ses-
sions from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Regina North Lounge. Topics range from "Uncovering leadership to "Collaborative visions."

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Forbes' ad campaign narrows primary gap

By TOM RAUM

WATERLOO, Iowa

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, hit with negative ads from his rivals, has managed to stem a loss of support in Iowa, according to a recent poll. Forbes closed the gap with Dole in Iowa, with its GOP caucuses on Feb. 12.

In a Iowa Project poll of 300 likely caucus goers released Thursday found Dole supported by 49 percent and Forbes by 39 percent. All other candidates were in single digits in the Jan. 22 survey, which had a 6 percent margin of error.

Dole said he was not too concerned.

"Our own tracking polls show we're going down a bit -- we're hanging in there at about 31 or 32 percent. I think you're going to see a decline in the Forbes numbers," he said.

He blamed Forbes' surge in the polls on his negative ads.

"It gives him an advantage, I think, in the short term. I think he's painting a picture of the long term, it backfires," Dole told reporters.

"I think people in Iowa ... know me pretty favorably here. I think they're going to believe all this stuff. But some do."

Dole reiterated his demand that both Forbes and Texas Sen. Phil Gramm make public their past income tax records. He said Gramm has only released a return for 1994. Forbes has declined to release any of his tax records.

"When Forbes has a fund-raiser, he takes his wife to dinner and writes a check," Dole cracked before an audience of several hundred lowans at a town hall meeting in a civic center.

Dole also spoke Thursday at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, where he repeatedly challenged Forbes to release his tax returns and accused him of trying to buy the election.

"If now and then, somebody comes along with a big wad of money, and we have a candidate with a big wad of money," he said.

During a question-and-answer period in Iowa, one woman in the crowd, Linda Janes of Cedar Falls, told Dole he had been "lambasted" on the airwaves by Forbes. She later said she thought it was hurting Dole's chances.

Forbes has accused Dole of tracking votes, of using TV commercials on tax evasion and of conspiring with Gramm to engineer a so-called "negative campaign" of television ads.

"Every dollar of negative advertising -- it's terrible. I must now come vote for myself," Dole joked.

MCI wins bid for direct delivery

By JEANNINE AVERSA

WASHINGTON

Plans by MCI and media magnate Rupert Murdoch to deliver television and other services directly to homes via satellite moved a crucial step forward Thursday. MCI won the last remaining license to do so.

With a bid of $62.5 million, MCI came away the winner of a Federal Communications Commission auction.

MCI and Murdoch's News Corp. are teaming up to develop a range of consumer and business services for television as well as for computers.

"This new venture is a perfect marriage of MCI's sales and marketing skills, customer base and billing capabilities with News Corp.'s expertise in entertainment and information programs," MCI Chairman Bert Roberts said.

"Working with MCI, News Corp. will leverage its leadership in the worldwide entertain­ment and information business to bring exciting new video and information services to American consumers," said Murdoch, chairman of News Corp.

News Corp. owns the 20th Century Fox film studio, the Fox TV network and an on-line computer service; publishes books, magazines and newspapers; and creates TV programs.

Experts say MCI's direct broadcast satellite, or DBS, service is at least three years away. That's how long it typically takes for a company to get the high-powered satellites needed for the service luauhted.

Last year, MCI said it would invest $2 billion in News Corp. in part to provide entertain­ment and news globally over computer networks and on television.

The FCC auction lasted about a day and a half, beginning with three bidding companies but ending with two, MCI and a unit of EchoStar Satellite Corp. Tele-Communications Inc., the nation's largest cable company, dropped out of the auction on Wednesday.

EchoStar recently launched a satellite to provide DBS service in the United States, and the company already holds a DBS license. EchoStar offered $650 million in Thursday's bidding.

Pan Am makes attempt to reenter travel market

NEW YORK

Pan Am, the defunct airline whose distinctive blue globe logo remains one of the world's best known trademarks, may be coming back.

Former Pan Am executive Martin Shugrue and Miami real estate developer Peter Cobb are reportedly close to raising $30 million to fund the new venture.

Cobb, who paid $1.3 million in a bankruptcy court auction for Pan Am's name, said he already has invested several million dollars in the new airline.

Pan American World Airways closed in December 1991 after years of losses and heavy debts forced it into bankruptcy earlier that year.

Under the proposed deal, Cobb would be chairman and Shugrue would be president and chief executive. Cobb said Shugrue didn't immediately return phone calls.

The new Pan Am would be a domestic carrier, offering international connections and fares about half the price of existing airlines.

Initially it would serve Miami, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and San Francisco -- a far cry from the days when Pan Am pioneered international air travel.

The operation still needs to get federal government approval.

Summer Internships for Undergraduates

The Environmental Research Institute of the University of Notre Dame and Argonne National Laboratory in collaboration with the Center for Bioengineering and Pollution Control is pleased to announce the opening of the summer internship program for the Summer of 1996 with a fellowship to research appointments.

The applications must be US citizens or permanent residents, be enrolled at the University of Notre Dame, have completed their Junior Year by the Summer of 1996, and must be registered to return in the Fall of 1996.

For more details please contact the Center for Bioengineering and Pollution Control, 1524 Forest Avenue, South Bend, Indiana, 46614. Phone: (219) 631-6100.
Infant death prompts charges

By MICHAEL SNIFFEN

WASHINGTON

An 18-month investigation of violence against abortion clinics gathered evidence toward solving a handful of arson cases but found no direct evidence of a nationwide conspiracy, law enforcement officials said Thursday.

As a result, the Justice Department's clinic task force is shifting strategy: to focus on regional arson prosecutions instead of on the single grand jury sitting in suburban Alexandria, Va., since late 1994. The grand jury is disbanding March 26, when its term ends.

Attorney General Janet Reno promised to continue pursuing evidence of conspiracy in anti-abortion violence and protecting clinics "as vigorously as possible.

Abortion protesters said the change in tactics vindicates their criticism of the investigation. Advocates of abortion rights worried that the federal effort might be dwindling but expressed hope that arsonists would indeed be prosecuted soon.

Scientists discover new strain of hepatitis virus

By PAUL RECER

WASHINGTON

Researchers have isolated a previously-unknown hepatitis virus, but experts aren't sure if it poses a health danger or even if it can cause disease symptoms.

In a study to be published Friday in the Journal of Science, a large team of scientists report that a virus identified as hepatitis G, or HGV, was isolated from the blood of patients with chronic hepatitis.

"We have shown some association of this virus with chronic hepatitis," said Patrice Yarborough, director of research at Genelabs Technologies in Redwood City, Calif., where much of the work was done. "The implication of this finding is still not known.

Dr. Harvey Alter of the National Institutes of Health, a coauthor of the study, said that although the virus is "a newly discovered agent, it probably has been around a long time." Alter said that sophisticated laboratory techniques capable of detecting the virus are only now becoming available. No antibody test of the type used to identify other hepatitis viruses has been developed for HGV, he said.

The researchers showed that HGV is present in 10 percent to 20 percent of people who have chronic hepatitis that cannot be attributed to other causes. At least 14 other viruses have been linked, directly or indirectly, to the pathogenesis of the liver. The disease also has been associated with some types of bacteria, fungi and protozoa, and to alcoholism.

Five distinct viruses, called Hepatitis A through E, have been identified as causing acute viral hepatitis. The serologically similar hepatitis viruses may vary from virus to virus, and from patient to patient, but many chronic carriers never exhibit a serious disease.

'Hepatitis G,' said Alter, was found in some patients who also were found to have hepatitis C.

Alter said is not known if HGV poses a serious public health problem or even if infection by the virus should be considered a disease. He said more studies are needed on this question.

The research showed that HGV can be transmitted through blood transfusions, but Alter said "the odds of getting a case of this virus are very low.''

Blood donated for transfusion is tested now for a number of diseases, including the AIDS virus and three types of hepatitis virus. Whether there will be a need to add tests for the new virus is "a matter of debate," said Alter, because many of the carriers of HGV probably are also infected with other hepatitis viruses. Potential donors shown to have antibodies to the other viruses are prevented from donating.

Some patients infected with Hepatitis C also were found to have Hepatitis G, said Alter. These patients would have been rejected as blood donors because of their Hepatitis C infection.

In screening 1,400 approved blood donors, he said, the re- sults showed "nothing of HGV in less than 2 percent.

Just how much of a problem HGV could pose for blood transfusions is not known, Alter said, but there is a good possibility that the virus poses no threat at all.
I AM NOT A POTTED PLANT

Time to let race issues die

Seems like we've been talking a lot about those race days with the O.J. trial and the Million Man March (and Ms. Likely's column). I heard one commentator remark, surprised, that "Race is still the central issue in American politics." It cannot be denied that for many blacks, race remains one of the most important facts of life. It goes a long way to defin­ing who they are and how they relate to the rest of the world.

Charles Roth

I would never deny the power of latent racism, lurking in the subconscious, or simply hidden from view. I imagine how blacks must feel, here or elsewhere. Once you feel as if people are prejudging you, it becomes no longer a natural response to other people, even with your friends. Race is not dying away as a reality. Race is one only way of grouping people, and people will always be members of different groups. Group loyalty in a dorm, or in a family, or in a university, is one of the things that makes life interesting. Diversity is genuinely a good thing, and if we all shared it, I think we could make more of it as a whole. To transcend one group membership, we must appeal to a shared interest outside that group. This is why a race division is, or should be, an impossible syllogism here. Catholicism and Christianity claim to transcend race: "In Christ there is no east or west." Whatever differences we have in perception, whatever differences we have in background, should pale in comparison to the ideas we share, the most important ideas possible: God, good, salvation, sin, resurrection.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There comes a time in a man's life when to get where he wants to go -- and there are no doors or windows -- he walks through a wall."

-Bernard Malamud
If you were trapped

With the resurgence of the typically gray South Bend weather, depression often becomes a common phenomena. Admit it, The Bend has its charm, but if we get anymore weather like this, we might as well be in Alaska. When you hear people say things like “I saw the sun today,” you know you need an escape. To get our minds off those chilly temperature readings, campus is offering at least two activities this weekend to ease those winter blues. And if those fail, well, just warm your thoughts by imagining yourself on a desert island. Accent asked a whole bunch of important people what they’d take with them (movie, book, person) if they were stranded on a desert island equipped with a television and VCR. (Lou Holtz was unable to answer our questions because he was recruiting and “probably had more important things on his mind.”) More important things than sun and relaxation?

The current temperature in Tahiti? 85 degrees and sunny.

(Note: Before you die, someone will you this question during a job interview. Think now.)

GOING CUCKOO AT NOTRE DAME

By KRISTA MANNERY
Accent Editor

Would you rather be insane or in jail? In "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest," Randle Patrick McMurphy chooses the asylum. He even feigns insanity in order to gain admittance.

Admittance to the St. Edward's production of "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest," directed by St. Ed's junior Adam Hicks, should be a lot easier. No straight jackets or shackles are required.

The production, which opened last night at Washington Hall and stars sophomore Drew Rausch as McMurphy, is based on the novel by Ken Kesey. The St. Ed's production draws from a combination of literary and cinematic elements. Hicks, who loves both interpretations of the work, picks and chooses between the different versions and creates something entirely new. Dan O'Brien plays McMurphy's new friend Billy Bibbit and Mario Villalba is the Chief.

McMurphy enters the asylum, assuming they will let him out when they discover he is not nuts. Unfortunately, that is not the case. Nurse Ratchet, played by Misty Goad, rules the roost with an iron fist and is determined to remain in total control. McMurphy realizes he's going to have to be smart and thus befriends everyone and begins to plan his escape. He also manages to liven up the place in the process, throwing a party before he attempts his break-out.

Hicks said "For me, McMurphy's struggle against the establishment represents such issues as the struggle for individualism in a conformist society and the potential hazards of institutionalization.

In the past, The St. Edward's Hall Players were well funded. This year however, financial matters proved tight. The players petitioned the Club Coordination Council and formalize themselves in order to raise the needed funds. The Players' production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" certainly proves the money was well spent.

Hicks has noticed a marked growth in participation and attendance at the productions. "This year we had over 80 people audition. We were able to assemble a very strong cast, essential because the play hinges on everyone working together as an ensemble," he notes.
The Student Film Festival Offers Artistic Repose

By JOEY CRAWFORD
Assistant Accent Editor

The Snite Museum opens its doors this weekend to aspiring Student filmmakers of Notre Dame when it houses the 7th Annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival. The film festival offers a chance for Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students to explore more of what is done on campus.

Ted Mandell of the Communications and Theatre Department argues, "This campus doesn’t always promote the arts as it should.” He further adds, “The Student Film Festival offers a more accessible artistic venue, it crosses over student culture and high culture. Film is a very personal art form, but it is in the form of entertainment.

A number of students that have previously participated in the Film Festival have gone on to participate on some major projects. Andy Cris (1994) recently worked on the set of "Sense and Sensibility." Caroline Brock (1993) was the location manager for Clint Eastwood’s film "A Perfect World." Chad Tomaszki premiered his film at the Notre Dame Film Festival that would go on to win the Canadian International Film Festival in the Experimental Video category.

The film festival offers a variety of genres, including dramas and black comedies. Mandell comments, “It is always interesting to see what styles succeed and what does not.” One of the films to watch out for in this year’s crop is Brian Fialola and Kevin Loncar’s story of a boy who longed to be an American Indian. The story gets rather complicated, but the talented duo handles it skillfully.

Many of the actors and actresses starring in these films are either students of Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s or they are residents of the Michiana Area. One of the stars of the films, who wished to remain anonymous, states, “The students directors handle themselves very professionally. They are not afraid to order us around. There is some real talent out there.”

The film festival promises to continue the tradition of presenting fine, professional-looking films. The cost is a mere two dollars. So go to the Snite on either Friday or Saturday at 7:30 or 9:45 p.m. to journey into the minds of COTH majors and bring your popcorn.
Johnson steps to fore as UConn streaks to their 17th straight win

By JEFFREY BAIR
Associated Press

Rudy Johnson scored 16 points and fourth-ranked Connecticut tied a school record with its 17th consecutive win, defeating Pittsburgh 69-63 Thursday night in a Big East conference game.

The Huskies (18-1, 8-0), who haven’t lost since Nov. 24 against Iowa, tied a school record set by the 1952-53 and 1953-54 teams. They will try to set a new mark Sunday against Virginia.

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Johnson, who has scored 40 points in his last two games, had 13 points for the Huskies in the first half, including two dunks in the first 2:10. Connecticut made 60 percent of its shots for the half, compared with Pitt’s 37.5 percent, and led 38-30 at the break.

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Wildcats hang on

By BOB BAUM
Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Ben Davis scored 18 points and Joe McLean added 16 on Thursday night as 13th-ranked Arizona held on for a surprisingly tough 66-59 victory over Oregon State.

The Wildcats (14-3 overall, 4-2 in the Pac-10) beat the Beavers (13-12, 1-5) for the 12th straight time and the 24th in their last 26 meetings.

But it was far from the absolute domination that everyone expected, especially since Oregon State was without leading scorer Rob Williams and two other players for disciplinary reasons.

The game wasn’t decided until Davis sank two free throws with 11.2 seconds to play.

Arizona led by as many as 20 points early in the second half, but the Beavers rallied to cut the lead to 60-55 when J.D. Vitter’s 3-pointer from the corner capped a 15-2 Oregon State run with 5:19 remaining.

McLean made one of two free throws to boost the lead to 61-55, then Oregon State botched several efforts to get closer.

The Wildcats didn’t have a field goal in the final 10:12. Reggie Geary’s two free throws with 8:13 to go made it 58-40 before Vitter’s 3-pointer started Oregon State’s unexpected comeback.

Sonny Benjamin, who scored a career-high 19 points, scored seven straight Oregon State points during his team’s late surge.

The Wildcats had nine turnovers in the final 10 minutes and finished 20.

Vitter added 14 points for the Beavers.

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Utah, Cincinnati survive scares, Virginia Tech beaten badly

Brandon Jesse scored 18 points and No. 10 Utah beat Texas El Paso 64-54 Thursday night in the Miners first game since coach Don Haskins suffered a heart attack.

Haskins, who has coached at UTEP for 35 years, had a mild heart attack Saturday and underwent triple-bypass surgery. He is not expected to return to the bench this season.

Jesse was a dominant force on an unusually quiet night for Keith Van Horn, Utah’s leading scorer. But he was only one facet of a powerful offense that overwhelmed UTEP with hard drives to the basket and strong outside shooting.

Mark Rydalch added 17 for Utah. Van Horn, who came in averaging 20 points, finished with 10, nine of which came in the second half.

Carl Davis led UTEP with 14 followed by Mark Ingles with 11.

Utah (15-3, 7-1 Western Athletic Conference) won its sixth straight game and sent UTEP (10-7, 2-6) to its fifth straight loss.

Cincinnati 71
DePaul 61

Danny Fortson, shackled most of the game by DePaul’s sagging defense, led a decisive surge in the closing minutes as No. 5 Cincinnati pulled away to a 71-67 victory Thursday night.

Cincinnati (13-1, 4-1 Conference USA) had to rely almost exclusively on its 3-point shooting against the Blue Demons’ tight zone defense until Fortson, its leading scorer, took over.

Fortson had a three-point play, an other free throw and two putbacks in a 16-6 run that put Cincinnati in command, 66-57, with 3:19 left. He finished with 17 points, 10 of them in the final 7:25.

DePaul (7-10, 0-6) lost its seven straight overall and its 10th in a row to Cincinnati.

DePaul crowded the middle to stop Fortson, who had averaged 29 points in his last six games.

That left the perimeter open, and Cincinnati exploited it by hitting a season-high 13 3-pointers in 30 attempts.

Darnell Burton hit seven 3s and tied his career high with 17.

Meanwhile, the Colonials (10-4, 4-1 Atlantic 10) never trailed, jumping out to an 18-8 lead with 9:21 remaining in the first half, then stretching that to 12 points three times over the next 5:12 minutes.

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Mountaineers to test Irish

By TIM SEMOUR
Associated Sports Editor

Head coaches John MacLeod of Notre Dame and Gale Catlett of West Virginia were under no illusions that their inaugural season in the Big East would be easy.

"However, rather than suffering through lopsided losses, the coaches have instead had to cope with the greater frustration of knocking on the door of major upset, only to be turned away by the last minute," MacLeod said.

For one school, the luck will change this weekend.

Catlett's Mountaineers (2-6 Big East) travel west to visit the Irish on Saturday at 7:00 at the Joyce Center, hoping to parlay recent home-court success into a road victory.

West Virginia's conference record is not indicative of just how close the Mountaineers have come.

They have taken both Georgetown and Pittsburgh to overtime and dropped a 69-67 heartbreaker against Villanova into a road victory.

"We had a stretch where we played the four toughest teams in the league," said Catlett. "Now the players have gotten a chance to catch up with themselves, and we've had good preparation time for West Virginia's record is 7-9, but it could be 11 or 12 wins because they've lost a lot of close games," MacLeod said.

"They're a team that can stretch you out defensively from the perspective that they have so many players in double figures," he said.

Five Mountaineers have cranked the double digit barrier in points per game, led by forward Cyrus Jones (14.4) and forward Damian Owens (14.2). Such balance has been one of the struggles for the Irish throughout the season, so only forward Pat Garrity and guard Ryan Hoover average above seven per game.

"We're starting to get production out of Pete Miller (who has averaged 11 points in the last two games), and we need more out of Derrick Manner," said MacLeod.

"They started to come through against Miami when the defense tightened up on Hoover. But in terms of balance, what you want is what West Virginia has." What West Virginia also has is rebounding prowess, something that the Irish lacked against Miami. Saturday's game will provide the Irish a chance to assert their mettle, both physical and mental.

While the Mountaineers have struggled away from home this season, the Irish have been more physically active at the Joyce Center.

"When the offensive rebounder is allowed to wipe you out, it's a problem, and we're going to have to have to respond," said MacLeod.

"I'd much rather have them say that we're a physical team than a soft team.

Saturday will mark a return to action for freshman center Phil Hickey, whose early career took a stretch when he didn't make the trip to Miami because he was uncomfortable with air travel.

Hickey's presence will be a welcome addition to the lineup, as well as his imposing 6-11, 265-pound frame.

He has been a force on the offensive glass for the Irish, with 25 offensive rebounds in limited minutes.

Health is also a concern for the Irish. Only freshman Gary Bell is out of the lineup, but both Derek Manner and Marcus Young are still attempting to re-tap their pre-injury form.

"Neither Derek nor Marcus is back to where they were before the injury," noted MacLeod. Young has missed eight games.

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Terry Lorenz and the Irish need to step up the defensive intensity.
Chang upsets Agassi to advance

By STEVE WILSTEIN

MELBOURNE, Australia

Defending champion Andre Agassi ran out of miracles at last Saturday when human backboard Michael Chang overcame the odds to reach the Australian Open final.

The top-ranked Agassi, who clawed from behind in four matches and won three five-setters, played indifferently as a nearly flawless Chang beat him for the first time in a Grand Slam final. It was the second of his career.

Chang, who will be seeking his first Grand Slam championship since he won the French Open at 17 in 1989, will play the winner of the other semifinal between Boris Becker and Mark Woodforde.

Unhampered by strained rib cartilage, Chang served 13 aces against the best returner in tennis, and made only 22 errors to Agassi's 38. Agassi lost 60 on a wind-whipped afternoon.

"If you're No. 1 in the world, it doesn't matter if you're safe anymore," said Chang, the No. 5 seed. "Obviously you have to be out there playing your best tennis."

Agassi hit lazy drop shots that floated into the net, and he slugged wild shots that soared at times 10 feet wide or long. He made a series of errors on some balls that might have been within his reach, as if he had nothing left after so many comebacks.

Chang, despite the rib injury, had fresh legs as he advanced in the final without losing a set in any of his six matches. He hit serves at up to 122 mph, and many of the balls Chang had to return were much slower, well-placed slices that caught Agassi by surprise.

Agassi struggled almost to hold serve, served more than in the ninth of the second set, which went to deuce 11 times before Agassi finally held with the second of his three aces.

Seven years after Chang became the youngest man's Grand Slam winner in history, he'll have a chance to win another major.

He wrapped up the first set in 26 minutes with help from Agassi's 15 errors.

In the second, trailing 3-0, Agassi looked as if he were about to turn things around after he stopped for several minutes to watch two swallows circle near him, then shoved a ball into his racket. If Agassi was also trying to slow down Chang, the tactic worked for a while.

Agassi then won six straight points, breaking Chang with a spectacular drop shot and a forehand passing shot down the line and then holding serve at love. He broke back 3-3. But Chang broke back immediately when Agassi hit an easy smash long and then needed a backhand.

Serving at 3-5, Agassi saved three set points and finally won on his ninth game point, but Chang served out the set. Agassi hit a forehand return long on set point.

Agassi quickly gained a service break in the third set, going ahead 3-1 on a strong serving and a double fault by Chang. But after he held for 4-1, Chang held on for 4-3 as Agassi belted a forehand approach shot long.

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ND assistant moves on

By BETSY BAKER

SPORTS WRITER

In the last year, the Notre Dame volleyball program has seen some of its best members come and go.

All-American outside hitter Christy Peters graduated. Senior Shannon Tuttle sustained a career-ending injury.

Just recently, senior Brett Hensel played her last game for the Irish as they lost to Oral Roberts in the NCAA regionals.

Once again, the Irish will say goodbye to one of the key components to their success as assistant coach Steve Schlick has accepted a head-coaching job with California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

"I think it's a great opportunity for Steve," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said of her assistant. "He is going to be a great head coach. Cal Poly made a smart hire."

Two of the main factors in Schlick's decision to accept the head coaching position were the completion of a Masters Degree in Administration in 1994 from Notre Dame and the fact that he originates from the west and his family currently resides in Arizona.

"Being part of Notre Dame was something I wanted to do for a long time," Schlick commented. "But my whole family lives out there and after I finished my degree, I started thinking about returning."

During his five seasons with the Irish, Schlick helped compile a 143-37 record, including four appearances at the NCAA tournament.

His main responsibilities with the Irish will be in-laid scouting opponents and preparing the team before a match and working with the blocking and defense during the match.

"The program has progressed tremendously in the four years that I've been there and I have gained dramatically from my experiences at Notre Dame," Schlick said.

Cal Poly offers Schlick the opportunity to take some of that experience and transform it into the leadership of a program with a great tradition in collegiate volleyball.

"We are very anxious to welcome Steve to Cal Poly," John McCutcheon, Director of Athletics, commented.

Cal Poly will enter one of the most competitive conferences in college volleyball next season, the Big West, and has high hopes of what he will bring to the program.

"The fact that there was ranked number one in the nation in 1984 and '85. There's definitely a strong tradition," Schlick noted. "I hope to reestablish it and get it back on its feet."
Big East bullies look to curb the ‘Canes

By TODD FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

With two straight wins under its belt, the Notre Dame women’s basketball team travels to Miami for a match-up with the Hurricanes tomorrow night.

Notre Dame continued its winning ways last night by defeating conference rival St. John’s 66-53. The Irish have won all but one game during January to preserve their first place standing in the Big East conference. They have also improved their overall record to 13-4.

Miami’s Big East record is less than stellar. Before last night’s loss to West Virginia, the Hurricanes were 3-5 in the conference. But Miami’s team consists of many great individual athletes who could hurt the Irish if they are taken for granted.

“We haven’t talked much about our team, but the coaches told us that Miami is very quick and athletic like Georgetown,” commented Irish guard Jeannine Augustin.

The Hurricanes consist of three starters who have season scoring averages of double figures. Sophomore forward Octavia Blue leads her squad in scoring with 14.8 points per game. She also pulls down an average of 6.7 rebounds per game, which leads the team.

Miami’s head coach Muffet McGraw and her staff have done an excellent job motivating the Irish during the halftime break of their two previous games. In both cases, the Irish struggled early but dominated in the second half.

“Sometimes we come into a game, and we’re just not ready mentally. But in the second half we get groover,” explained Augustin. “Coach pretty much puts it on the line.”

If the Irish remain focused for forty consecutive minutes, Notre Dame’s scoring average should be too much for the Hurricanes to handle.

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“Carey is definitely the emotional leader of this team,” echoed McGraw. “She gets everybody fired up, and she works so hard in practice and on the court. She’s certainly earned that co-captain.”

Poor is one of two seniors on a young Irish team, making her role as co-captain all the more natural.

Fellow senior Stacy Fields cites her experience and, naturally, her work ethic as among her greatest qualities.

“If you asked any of the players or coaches on this team, they would agree that she works probably harder than anyone else,” said Fields. “She’s also been through a lot, which makes her a true leader and captain. We’ve gone through a good number of ups and downs together.”

Those ups and downs included a hard freshman year for Fields and Poor, as they were part of an inconsistent Irish club that went 15-12 and lost in the NCAA tournament.

“Coming here, you don’t know what to expect,” said Poor. “Freshman year was hard for Stacy and I. Since then, we’ve improved a lot, and we’re really starting to gel now. This is the most unified team I’ve played on during my four years here.”

While her work ethic has not changed since the team lost three years ago, Poor has improved certain aspects of her game, notably her free throw shooting and her rebounding.

While Poor’s free throw percentage continues to hover around 80%, perhaps it is her improved rebounding which is most impressive.

With a 6.3 average, Poor is approaching that goal, but there remains a larger mission in her mind.

“We want to make it to the NCAA’s,” said a suddenly serious Poor.

“In order to reach that goal, we’re going to have to keep playing the Big East teams tough.”

With a current 8-1 league mark, the Irish are sticking fast to this goal as well, and as they head into the final stretch run of the season, they can be sure of at least one thing:

Carey Poor will continue to work hard to make the Irish the best they can be. She simply wouldn’t have it any other way.
Fencing marathon on tap at the Joyce Center

By WILLY BAUER Sports Writer

Before settling down and watching the Super Bowl, Notre Dame's fencing team must endure a grueling day-long fencing meet in the Joyce Center.

The meet involves seven universities plus Notre Dame in a marathon meet that could last eleven hours. The men's team faces six schools and the women's team goes head-to-head with seven. Some coaches do not feel the feat can be pulled off. Visitors include Tri-State University, Case Western, Mount Mary College, Purdue, Ohio State, Northwestern and Lawrence University.

Coach Yves Auriol decided this week on a roster move, switching freshman Nicole Mustilli from the foil to the epee team. In her first meet last week in Northwestern, Mustilli placed third in a national youth tournament. Auriol said Auriol.

"It is strong," she said of Nicole. "How Nicole performs. It will be interesting to see how Nicole performs. It will be an interesting experience for her," said Auriol. "She is strong in both the epee and foil. Her addition to the epee team makes it very strong."

Possibly the toughest challenge for the women's team is Ohio State, ranked twelfth in the nation last year, and Northwestern, nineteenth last year. Both teams have balanced squads. The Buckeye's strength lies at foil and the Wildcats with the epee team.

"I'm looking ahead to Boston, and Duke and using this week as a tune-up," said Auriol.

"I don't know if the upcoming weekend will solve our problems but we can make the adjustments to get ready for our matches," he added.

For the men's teams, challenges also arise. Lawrence University from Wisconsin boasts the individual National Champion in the epee. Their arrival does not bode well for Notre Dame's epees that are depleted by injury.

"To be honest, our men's epee team is not that strong," said Auriol. "Facing the National Champion there is the possibility that all three of our epees could lose. They need to concentrate. There is room for improvement for each squad. I need to see more of the men's foil team to get a program."

The move enabled Auriol to balance out the epee and foil teams. Mustilli teams with Notre Dame's only women's epee American senior captain Claudette de Bruin. Even with the move, the foil team stays strong with senior captain Mindi Kalogera and freshmen Mylah Brown and Sara Walsh, who was undeprived at last week at Northwestern.

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Key regional contest to provide early season test for ranked Irish

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ Sports Writer

The women's tennis team will be looking to extend their winning ways this Sunday against the University of Illinois. This weekend's match is going to be an important regional game for the Irish.

"This Sunday is definitely going to be tough for us, because Illinois' facility is large and tough to play in, it is nothing like ours," stated women's tennis coach Jay Louderback. "Plus, Illinois always plays extremely well at home."

The team is riding high after their victory at the Federated Insurance Court Classic. In addition, this weekend marks the return of senior Sherri Vitale who will be back at the no. 5 singles spot for the Irish, she was absent at the last match due to her taking the GMAT.

"I just would like to do well," stated Vitale. "Our goals overall are basically to do good, and hopefully go farther than the round of sixteen this year in the NCAA."

The key match-up this weekend should be between the no. 1 doubles teams, according to Louderback.

The Illinois team is one of the top in the region, while the senior duo of Wendy Crabtree and John Lord returns after a stellar 1995 campaign.

The two doubles teams have not played each other yet this year. The Irish are looking for continued support from the freshmen, who thus far have done their fair share.

Fresh Jennifer Hall and Marisa Velasco play no. 3 singles and no. 4 singles. They have contributed heavily this year to the teams high ranking.

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The working Poor

By DYLAN BARMMER
Sports Writer

Sometimes, words can be deceiving. Given names don’t always serve to accurately describe a person or place. Consider the case of Notre Dame women’s basketball player Carey Poor. Not a favorable adjective by any means, the senior forward’s surname certainly does not do justice to her multiple abilities on the court.

In fact, a more fitting last name may be something along the lines of “Consistent” or “Clutch.” Or maybe “Tireless.” In many senses a blue-collar performer, the six-foot senior from Celina, Ohio is a vital cog in the 13-4 Irish machine, due in equal parts to her talent as well as her enthusiasm.

“She brings a lot of enthusiasm to the court,” said fellow co-captain Beth Morgan. “She’s a real emotional leader, both in the locker room and on the court.”

For her part, Poor recognizes the impact she has on this team, saying, “I think I provide a real emotional lift when I step on the court.”

Along with that emotion and leadership come some pretty impressive numbers. In addition to ranking third among all Irish players in scoring with a 9.6 points per game average, Poor is second in rebounds per game (6.3) and field goal percentage among all starters (48.6%), and third in free throw percentage (78.4%).

There is no questioning the fact that Poor has worked, and worked hard, to get where she is today. It is this tremendous work ethic, along with her leadership abilities, that head coach Muffet McGraw has named Poor a team captain for the second consecutive year.

Irish set to battle Army

By MIKE DAY
Sports Writer

Opportunity knocks. Coming off a humiliating 11-1 loss to Michigan and in the midst of a race for the last seed in the CCHA playoffs, the 6-14-3 Notre Dame hockey team finds itself in an interesting situation this weekend.

Army (15-5-1) marches into town tonight for a pair of non-conference games that have absolutely no bearing on the CCHA standings. Thus, the Irish will have the opportunity to experiment and adjust in preparation for Tuesday night’s conference showdown with Bowling Green.

“Hopefully, we will have the chance to have some fun and get two wins at the same time,” said junior left wing Tim Harberts. “It was kind of a roller coaster ride last weekend with the win over UIC and the loss to Michigan. We need to get a couple of wins under our belt before Bowling Green.”

One can bet that the Irish defense will be ready, after allowing 11 goals to Michigan last Saturday. Redemption and self respect will be on the line.

Freshman Doug Gottlieb's stellar passing and court savvy have transformed the Irish

By TIM SEMMOUR

It was about midway through practice that the recognition showed up in Notre Dame forward Pat Garrity's eyes. Practice had been arduous, and Garrity had not been getting good looks at the basket, taking it one more time, he cut straight down the middle of the 2-3 zone, and waiting for him in that perfect spot was the ball, tapped from the corner.

After the easy hoop, Garrity waved.

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The Irish have their sights set on Army this weekend.