Ten Years After

Shuttle disaster remains on the minds of both faculty, students

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
Assistant News Editor

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John Albert Taylor's execution
Death by firing squad, for the 1989 rape and strangulation of an 11-year-old girl

John Albert Taylor, 36, was shot at 12:01 a.m. at Utah State Prison by anonymous marksmen firing the same type of 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 Hippler said.

Under Utah law, Taylor was offered the choice of lethal injection or firing squads. 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 "flying around like a fish out of water" if given an injection. He also hoped the method would more dramatically underscore his claim that his death would be state-sanctioned murder.

Peres discusses peace talks with Kohl

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres briefed German leader Helmut Kohl on Thursday of peace talks with Syria, but said he stopped short of asking the Syrian troops to help enforce any peace deal.

"It's not on my agenda," Peres said.

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 good cooperation between the armed 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 run out 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 reported that the printing error was found on 160 stamps that were issued in 1918. More recently an upside down candlestick stamp such case is the upside-down Curtiss Jenny plane printed in 1918. Recently an upside down candlestick stamp was discovered in 1986. The Nixon stamps were issued in 1974, 18 years after Nixon resigned as president.

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Clinton OKs bill with AIDS clause
By JOHN DIAMOND
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Clinton has decided to sign a $265 billion defense bill despite objections to a provision forbidding 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.

By A.J. HOSTETLER
Associated Press

ATLANTA

Eight of the 10 states with the lowest taxes on cigarettes have higher than average rates of adult smokers, according to the government's first snapshot of tobacco use in each state.

The report released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention examined the latest data on smoking, smokeless tobacco, tobacco's health costs, tobacco taxes and state legislation.

In Virginia, which had the lowest tobacco tax of 2.5 cents per pack, 23.4 percent of adults smoke, higher than the national average of 22.9 percent.

The other seven low-taxing, high-smoking states were Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Wyoming, Tennessee, Indiana and West Virginia, according to the CDC study.

The study was based on surveys from 1992-93, the latest years for which the government has figures. Tax information was taken from 1995, but the states with the lowest taxes have not raised them in years. Washington state had the highest tax on tobacco, 81.5 cents, after raising it from 34 cents in 1993.

The survey showed 22.3 percent of adults smoked in Washington before the latest tax hike. Utah, with a 26.5-cent tax, had the lowest smoking rate, 15.1 percent. Nevada had the highest smoking rate, 30.3 percent, but only the 22nd-highest tax, 55 cents.

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"But the accident saved an entire institute and the belief in the can-do spirit of NASA that had been exemplified by the Apollo-Buran mission," Keel said. "We had grown accustomed to NASA's safety. After Challenger, we were terribly troubled.

A defective O-ring

A presidential commission traced 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 T-plus 73 seconds, the mixing of hydrogen and oxygen created the massive firestorm immortalized 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 T-plus 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 Onizuka 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 caused them to 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 explosion, 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 'Gs' 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 had no history of O-ring problems, with something, albeit somewhat minor, going wrong on 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 requires 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 evan 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 com­panion, 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 lights, without his dentures 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 farm house 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 as he stood in the cold in the glare of the lights, without his dentures or his thick glasses, and was hanged for murder.

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Co n stru c te d ju st for him 10 years ago as his execution date drew near.

Asked by the wardens if he had any last words, Bailey said, “No sir.” The trap door was sprung at 12:04 a.m.

With his face covered with a black hood and his legs bound at the ankles, his limp body twirled in the air.

He was pronounced dead 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.

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Presidential candidate escapes harm

By FILADELFO ALEMAN
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, 83 miles north of the capital, Managua, Radio Corporacion said.

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

But National Police Chief Cmdr. Fernando Callejas declared. "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, Callejas 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.

Celebrate a friend’s birthday with a special Observer ad.
Students recall explosion
By BRAD PRENDERGAST

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 on the school playground with a few other guys playing football," said Kevin Rini, a Stanford Hall resident from Cleveland. "When I went inside, I saw that every TV in every classroom was on. I asked 'What's going on?' and I remembered someone telling us that the Challenger had exploded."

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

Band

The campus about the situation in the North of Ireland," said Foley. Although the band is on a major U.S. tour, they discounted the price of this show, and tick-
eeters said they believed Botero and

Seventy percent were unde-
cid or did not respond. The poll had a margin of error of 4 percent.

Colombia's business leaders, who warn the growing scandal might lead to armed uprisings, urged President Ernesto Samper on Wednesday to step down temporarily while prose-
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Saying it would be "an act of cowardice" to resign, President Ernesto Samper suggested holding a referendum to decide whether he should leave office over charges he accepted drug money during his campaign.

In a televised address Wednesday, Samper said step-

"Colombians have the right, and above all the obligation, to participate in the solution to this problem," Samper said.

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Forbes' ad campaign narrows primary gap

By TOM RAUM

WASHINGTON

Plots by MCI 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 $625 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 launched.

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 bidders and ending with two, MCI and a unit of EchoStar Satellite Corp.

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.

MCI wins bid for direct delivery

By JEANNINE AVERSA

WASHINGTON

Pan Am makes attempt to reenter travel market

By Associated Press

NEW YORK

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

Former Pan Am executive Martin Shugrue and Miami real estate developer Charles 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 Michigan is pleased to announce gallon funding leading to the end of three summer internships at the Argonne National Laboratory for the Summer of 1996 with a follow-on research appointment for the Fall.

The applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents, be enrolled at the University of Notre Dame, must 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, 1509 Fegley Building, Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, Illinois 60439.
Infant death prompts charges

By EVANSTON, Ind.

Prosecutors are considering neglect charges against the parents of a baby allegedly beaten to death by his uncle.

Five-month-old Kyran Powers died Tuesday after a brutal beating at the hands of his un­cle Stephen Powers, prosecutors said.

Vanderburgh County Prosecu­tor Stan Lecov said he is ex­ploring possible charges against Kyran's parents, Tammy and David R. Powers, for leaving the child with his uncle. Stephen Powers, 20, was under a court-imposed protec­tion order barring contact with Tammy and David Powers.

David Powers left their three children in the care of Stephen Powers.

He now stands accused of killing the newborn boy in an act of abuse.

Stephen Powers, 20, had never been accused of abusing children, prosecutors said.

But shortly after the boy's death, investigators said they had evidence that tamper with­ed the newborn's parents and were banned from contact with her by court order.

Nonetheless, the trio continued to live together.

On Monday, police say, Tammy and David Powers left their three children in the care of Stephen Powers.

“We found a lot of cheerleaders for this activity, but no national conspiracy.”

A senior law enforcement official said. “However, we have man­aged to virtually wrap up a handful of unsolved arsons.”

Evidence is to be presented within months to federal grand juries where the arson fires occurred, said the official. He would not identify the loca­tions.

The regional approach is more in line with traditional Justice Department investiga­tions than dispensing grand juries with national responsibilities. The govern­ment usually brings the easiest cases first and tries to entice those convicted to finger accomplices and boises in return for leniency.

The department does not feel it wanted the grand jury, which heard more than 50 witnesses.

The law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was “found that some people were moving toward some bad stuff when they read about the grand jury. They might have been scared off by the grand jury.”

We maintained all along there is no national link,” said Patrick Mahoney, executive di­rector of the anti-abortion Christian Defense Coalition. “This was politically motivated to appease the Clinton adminis­tration’s pro-choice constituency and harass abor­tion protesters.”

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“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 identified as causing acute viral hepatitis. The ser­ies of hepatitis viruses vary from virus to virus, and from patient to patient, but many chronic carriers exist for 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 an indication.

He said more studies are needed on this virus.

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 hepatitis 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 selling blood.

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

In screening 1,400 approved blood donors, he said, the re­searchers found none infected with HGV in less than 2 percent.

Just how much of a problem HGV could pose for blood transfusions is not known, however. Alter said there is a good possibility that the virus poses no threat at all.

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 a case of chronic hepatitis.

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When students talk, no one listens

Imagine the following scenario: Student leaders propose an innovative housing rule. Administrators listen politely, smile and tell student leaders how important their input is to the University. Weeks later, student leaders are told that their innovative idea is being constructed on the Notre Dame campus, Bill Kirk of the Office of Campus Life. The leaders are told that their innovative idea is being tabled because of an “increase in complex student situations.” If Kirk means the sexual assaults, poor gender relations, date rape and other issues at play. We are told that “student voice” is important to the University. But in reality, it is a sham. When students talk, no one listens. Because we feel as if our voices don’t matter, that no one cares, we feel like our voices do not matter. Because it is a wrong ideology, a power structure that makes life interesting. For us, as Yogi would say, “It’s not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game.”

Seems like we’ve been talking a lot about race these 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 black, race remains one of the most important facts of life. It goes a long way in defining who they are and how they relate to the rest of the world. But from my observations, that does not reflect race’s importance to most Americans. I think race issues are primary only for segments of the black population, and for other groups such as Latins and some native American tribes. But race is not a big deal for me, aside from the fact that people at ND generally look like me. We are always more comfortable around people with whom we share similarities, for the same reason that we’re comfortable around those we know. Because we feel as if we’re unlikely to be rejected. This will probably sound strange to you, but where I went to college, I felt uncomfortable as a “practicing” Catholic and a pro-life, it wasn’t that I had some problem with the people around me, strange as they might be (anarchist downstairss, whose mohawks are green some days and orange on others; was sub-

Charles Roth

I would never deny the power that race issues have for those who relate well. But, as Yogi would say, “It’s not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game.”

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 situation 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.

Garry Trudeau

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
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?

**GOING CUCKOO AT NOTRE DAME**

By KRISTA NANNERY

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 Snite Museum opens their 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.” Chad Tomasaksi 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 Faola 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.”

This year’s 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 COTII majors...and bring your popcorn.
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Bulls rout Rockets

By DAVID GINSBURG

Associated Press

The Observer accepts classified every business day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pasteur Student Center, 141 Lafayette Hall, from 9 to 10 a.m. at Biggio Hall, from 10 a.m. to noon at Donaghey Hall, and from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Pasteur Student Center. Ads must be prepaid. The charge is 2 cents per character, including all spaces.

The Rockets shat a dismal 33 percent and were 3-for-18 from 3-point range. Clyde Drexler, named to the Western Conference All-Star team earlier in the day, was 3-for-10 from the floor and finished with 14 points.

"It's a game where we hope you learn from and don't let it happen again," he said. "We looked like a tired club." The Rockets made only 21 of 56 shots in the opening five minutes and finished with 42 percent shooting.

The Nuggets shot 62 percent in scoring a season-high 71 points in the first half and led by 23 at halftime and 93-62 entering the third period.

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Johnson steps to fore as UConn game.

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Wildcats hang on

By BOB BAUM
Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. - Ben Davis scored 18 points and Joe McLean added 16 Thursday night in the Miners first game since coach Don Hasskins suffered a heart attack.

Hasskins, 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.

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more successful endeavor, mainly because he has battled tooth and nail with junior defensive specialist Admore. While in practice, the learning curve from those sessions has benefited him greatly in the pressure cooker that is Big East defense.

Running the point involves more than making the pretty passes and taking care of the ball, though. Luckily for the Irish, Gottlieb is the Napoleon of floor generals in more than just stature.

Gregarious by nature, he has had no problem asserting himself on the court, something MacLeod wants him to do more of.

"When Doug barks out directions, people respond," said MacLeod. "The team respects his intensity and dedication. He's shown a lot of moxy out there."

"We all look to Hoov for leadership, but he's been defensed so hard that he has to look after his own game first, while Pat leads by example," says Gottlieb. "I'm the more vocal leader out there."

"At first I wasn't used to the starters, so it took some adjustment," he explains. "Now Ryan Hoover (Notre Dame's leading outside threat) knows that when I drive, no matter where I am, I'll get him the ball."

Setting up his teammates is only part of his job description, though, and Gottlieb has had to work on the other, less developed facets of his game, especially his ball-handling and shooting.

"When I'm in the game, I have to have the confidence to shoot when I'm open," he admits. "I think too much about not shooting. That's why I pass so well, because that's more of a reaction than anything."

Ballhandling has been a

Mountaineers to test Irish

By TIM SEYMOUR

Head coach John MacLeod of Notre Dame and Gale Catlett of West Virginia were under no delusions that their inaugural seasons 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 upsets, only to be turned away in the last minute.

For one school, the luck will change this weekend.

Catlett's 7-Mountaineers (2-6 Big East) travel west to visit the Irish on Saturday at 7:00 at the Joyce Center, hoping to parley 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 in overtime and dropped a 69-67 heartbreaker against Villanova before finally finding strong to knock off Syracuse.

We had a stretch where we played our 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 this week."

"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."

Five Mountaineers have cracked the double digit barrier in points per game, led by guard Cyrus Jones (14.4) and forward Damian Owens (14.2).

Such balance has been one of the struggles for the Irish throughout the season, as 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 reassert their mettle, both physical and mental.

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Saturday defense man Gary Friday, January 26, 1996 ___________________________________________ The Observer »

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Chang upsets Agassi to advance

By STEVE NILSTEN

Melbourne, Australia

Defending champion Andre Agassi ran out of miracles at last Saturday when home backhand Michael Chang overcame the Gauntlet 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 event, 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (7-1).

Chang, who will be seeking his first Grand Slam championship since he won the French Open at 17 in 1989, will play for the title with uncharacteristic 60 on for the first time in a Grand Slam event. He moved away a cricket with 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 won again 3-2.

But Chang broke back immediately when Agassi hit an easy smash long and then netted a backhand.

Serving at 3-5, Chang 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 3-0 with a strong serving and a double fault by Chang. But he held for 4-1.

Chang held and then broke for 4-3 as Agassi netted a forehand approach shot long.

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

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

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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 late game with West Virginia, the Hurricanes were 3-5 in the conference. But Miami's team consists of many great individual athletes who could burn the Irish if they are taken for granted.

"We haven't talked much about their 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 in double figures. Sophomore forward Octavia Blue leads her squad in The Observer/Dave Murphy Point guard Jeannine Augustin (11) will lead Notre Dame's half-court trap tomorrow as the Irish travel to Miami for a Big East match-up.

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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 the title of 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 MCG tournament.

"Coming here, you don't know what to expect," said Poor. "First season's tough, hard for Stacy and I. Since then, we've improved a lot, and I think we are really starting to gel now. This is the most unified team I've been on during my four years here.

"But everyone else has not changed since she first arrived 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

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 declared this weekend a roster move, switching freshman Nicole Mustilli from the foil to the epee team. In her first meet last week in Northwestern Mustilli was 22-1. Mustilli placed third in a national youth competition at Penn State in Northern Illinois.

The move enabled Auriol to balance out the epee and foil teams. Mustilli teams with Notre Dame's only women's epee All-American senior captain Claudette de Bruin.

Even with the move, the foil team stays strong with senior captains Mimi Kalogeris and freshmen Myriah Brown and Sara Walsh, who was undeated last week at Northwestern.

"It will be interesting to see how Nicole performs. It will be an interesting experience for her," said Auriol. "She's 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 in Ohio State, ranked seventh in the nation last year, and Northwestern, nineteenth last year.

Both teams have balanced squads. The Buckeye's strength lies in 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 big meets.

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 see its potential.

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.

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Women's Tennis

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.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

The working Poor

By DYLAN BARMER
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 led head coach Muffet McGraw to name Poor a team captain for the second consecutive year.

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 (13-5-11) 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 31 goals in the last five games. "It's been a real wake up call," said Irish coach John MacLeod. "He can just flat out pass."