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Ex-Flanner resident dies of cancer

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
Assistant News Editor

Gary Paschall, a former Flanner Hall resident who entered Notre Dame as a freshman in the fall of 1994, has passed away.

Paschall died at his home in Wichita Falls, Tex., finally succumbing to the bone cancer that he had been battling for several years.

Father Bill Seech, rector of Flanner, recalled Paschall with fondness. "He was quiet, very friendly, and hard working," Seech said.

"What he wanted the most was to have a year here at Notre Dame, and he wasn't able to get that. That was a real shame."

Paschall was forced to withdraw from the University midway through his first semester as a freshman because of his health. He made an attempt to return to school following Christmas Break of that year, but was only able to stay for another month.

"We'll miss him," said Ron Fodor, one of Paschall's roommates.

Paschall had one year to fulfill his degree before entering the University of Louisville medical school as a freshman in 1994. However, his cancer diagnosis forced him to return to school for a second year with the understanding that most of the credit would transfer.

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Hurley has studied and researched violent sexual deaths at both the FBI Academy in Virginia and the University of Louisville Southern Police Institute.

During his 20-year tenure with the South Bend Police Department, Hurley was able to spend some time as a homicide investigator before taking a position with Notre Dame Security in 1988.

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the virus is now responsible for a third of all deaths among black men ages 25 to 44, said Dr. Julius Ward, the CDC's chief of AIDS surveillance. He pointed to the link between sex and drugs as another reason for the growth of AIDS among blacks.

At least 41,930 people died of AIDS in 1994, up 9 percent from 18,500 the previous year. Analysts of the CDC said the remains the leading killer for that age group, the CDC said.

In 1994, AIDS caused 32 percent of deaths among black men ages 25 to 44, up from 28 percent the year before, and 20 percent among young white men, about the same as in 1993, according to the CDC.

AIDS caused 22 percent of deaths among black women of the same age group in 1994 and 19 percent in 1993, compared with 6 percent among young white women in 1994 and 5 percent the year before.

The death rate from AIDS for young black men in 1994 was 177.9 per 100,000, almost four times greater than the rate for their white counterparts, 47.2. The rate for black men rose 3 percent from the previous year, while the rate for white men remained stable, the CDC said.

The toll among women is growing. The rate for young black women jumped 30 percent, from 4.4 in 1993 to 5.7 in 1994.

The CDC expects death rates for blacks and women to continue climbing as the proportion of AIDS cases grow. But cases and deaths among white men are leveling off. "The disparity in the burden of AIDS epidemic will be increasingly borne by black communities in the country," Ward said.

Highway won't run over 105-year-old

TAMPA, Fla. — A 109-year-old man ordered out of his house so the state can expand a freeway through his land can stay for now, as an appeals court ruled in an emergency order Thursday. Julius James, who inherited the property from his slave ancestors and has lived there all his life, had been told by state transportation officials that he had to leave.

On Thursday, an appellate court granted him a temporary restraining order that allows him to stay. James, who said he did not want to leave his property, said he had not been told in advance of the state's plans to widen the highway.

James was one of 21 people whose homes were found in the path of the highway expansion project. The state says it will cost $30 million to move them.

The court ruled that the state must provide "compensation and access to the highway" for the homes. It also ordered the state to provide "adequate alternative housing" for the residents.

James said he had lived on the property for 80 years and was not willing to move. He said he was not seeking compensation but that he wanted to keep his home.

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Court limits doctor's concealed guns

ALBANY, N.Y. — Sometimes four concealed weapons just aren't good enough. A New York court has ruled that a state law that allows people to carry four firearms is unconstitutional.

The ruling is the latest in a series of court cases that have challenged the state's gun laws. The case is one of several that have been filed in recent years, and it is the first to reach the state's highest court.

The court ruled that the state's gun laws are unconstitutional because they are not consistent with the state's Constitution. The court said that the state's laws are too broad and too vague to be enforceable.

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ConflItng schedules cancel Adams lecture
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Gerry Adams, leader of the political party Sinn Fein in Northern Ireland, will not be coming to campus this spring because of a scheduling conflict, the second time this year that arrangements with Adams by Notre Dame student organizations fell through.

Adams was originally scheduled to visit Notre Dame in November, but was forced to cancel when President Bill Clinton announced plans to travel to Northern Ireland that month. At that point, efforts by the Office of Student Activities and Student Union Board were made to reschedule Adams’ visit for a date in the spring.

Following a report released by Sen. George Mitchell (Maine) on Jan. 31 that said Sinn Fein should be allowed to remain a part of peace talks in Northern Ireland as the cease-fire continued, Adams announced his intentions to resume his U.S. lecture tour. Adams’ lecture agent informed the OSA and SUB that Adams would be available during the week of March 11.

Because Notre Dame students will be on spring break that week, OSA and SUB were forced to decline and withdraw their offer to have Adams speak at Notre Dame.

In a letter submitted to The Observer yesterday, Kevin Klau of the OSA and Julie Wallman of SUB stressed that their decision not to invite Adams to campus was due to the scheduling conflict and not because of the end of the cease-fire and the bomb explosion in London on Feb. 8, an event for which

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eas, the pair seemed to make an honest effort to accomplish their goals.

Sullivan and Mitchell demonstrated determination to create a more visible student government on campus. They took upon themselves the task of carrying over the Haggar renovation towards the end of last semester that had been started by the previous administration. "I think that they did an excellent job in renovating Haggar, and I am looking forward to the renaming," said Saint Mary's junior Kristin Meek.

"Twenty percent of the Saint Mary's community will be polled some time next week regarding the renaming process of the Haggar College Center snack bar. The names being considered are The Athenium, The Bridge and Crossings," Sullivan stated.

According to Georigannna Rosenbush, director of student activities at Saint Mary's College, both Sullivan and Mitchell have shown true leadership in completing projects from the previous administration. "They had developed manuals for Board of Governance, reconstructed the constitution to make it more readable and inclusive," Rosenbush said.

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Sullivan Field, BOG Notre Dame student representative also commends Sullivan and Mitchell on their outstanding job of upholding platform issues. "Sarah (Sullivan) demonstrated excellence in running BOG, she really kept the board together well."

The mid semester break up of Residence Hall Association generated tremendous response from the student body. "Our BOG board was unified that night. RHA really showed them that there are a lot of issues on campus that need to be dealt with. Apathy is not a way to solve a problem. This derailed the proposal from BOG but the problems were solved and everything was put back on track," Sullivan said.

"The problems with RHA should only show that negative things will happen and that there are ways to make it through," said Mitchell, who described her position as a hard-working learning experience. "I am happy with the unity in student government and impressed with the enthusiasm I see in Joan Turbid and Beth-Ann Miller (president and vice-president elect) and I am looking forward to working with them for the next two months," Sullivan said.

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mates. "He was a really nice guy and a good friend," Erle Kohn, another roommate, echoed that sentiment.

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Berry: 'Universe is a communion'

'Eco-theologian' discusses role of future education

By MARGARET LENNON
News Writer

Unless educators begin to teach today's generation the necessity of preserving the earth, the current rate of devastation to the planet will continue, according to Fr. Thomas Berry, a self-described "eco-theologian."

"When the mast was first set on the horizon, every living being on this continent might have shuddered as to what was coming," Berry said. The difficulty from the beginning is that "we might have come and learned to take the spirituality of the continent but we came as predators instead."

Berry feels that what is happening now is not just affecting humans, but the chemistry and actual creation of the entire planet. "The beautiful world outside had to exist before the beautiful world inside could," he said. "The tragedy now is not just pollution, but a soul loss, an imagination loss resulting from when the children cannot see the stars."

Describing his own generation's relationship to the non-human world as "austere," Berry focused on the culpability of government, business, education, and religion and their history of considering non-human things valuable because of their use to humans.

"But that trend is now a crossing point. In the future, Berry believes, every life situation division will be "between those who work with the natural world and those who devastate it."

In order for humans to be present on the planet in a "mutually enhancing way," Berry says, we must understand the universe is a communion of subjects, not a collection of objects and those subjects have rights.

In many ways, ecologists don't have a chance in the U.S. today because, as Berry says, "our Constitution only guarantees life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to humans."

The solution, Berry said, is two-fold. First, universities must teach people how to build "a new mode of intimacy between humans and the non-human world." Thus far, nearly 200 universities worldwide have agreed to find their teaching on how to deal with these issues.

Secondly, Berry emphasized the necessity of every human being taking responsibility because "what was once an inherent dynamism of divinely inspired process - now nothing will happen that we are not involved in."

The challenge that all people face is to be able to identify not only with humankind, Berry said, but with the entire universe of which humans are a part.

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Photojournalist feels ethics must be upheld

By MIKE JACCARINO
News Writer

The nature of a picture, once an historical image capturing the truth of reality at its moment of occurrence, has been irretrievably altered, according to John Long, a photojournalist of twenty-five years with the Hartford Courant.

With allusions to the past, Long spoke candidly last night about the dangers which have arisen in his field.

According to Long, the use of electronics in altering the nature of a photograph has become increasingly prevalent throughout photojournalism.

The debate over ethics in photojournalism arises over the use of electronic machines, which can accomplish what in the past took days of painstaking dark-room work.

According to Long, there is a pact between the reader and the newspaper which guarantees that any picture appearing in a publication is a fair and accurate window into the reality of history.

"When photojournalists begin to alter images, the power, authority and value of those photographs is lost," he said.

That shift from documentation to journalism to impressionism is a trend from which photojournalists will emerge with their credibility lost forever, according to Long. "The American people are losing faith in photographs as documents of history," he said.

Throughout his lecture, Long employed a parade of slides to illustrate the difference between past and present in the field of photojournalism.

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The Observer Broker: Candace John Long, a photojournalist, spoke the question of ethics in photojournalism.

"Once that shutter clicks and a moment in time is captured, it is in violation of the ethics of photojournalism to run the picture any other way but the way it stood at that moment. That moment is sacrosanct in photojournalism," he said.

Long also felt that the most important part of a photo-grapher's contents before that picture is taken also constitutes a breach in the ethics of photojournalism.

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Experts suspect sabotage in train wreck

Railroad calls in FBI to further investigate site

By MARGARET TAUS
Associated Press

A runaway freight train traveling up to 50 mph slammed into a railroad office building, injuring nine men, and authorities said today that sabotage was suspected.

“...There appears to have been some tampering with the train.”

The FBI is investigating the scene.

The incident occurred near Turning Northern Santa Fe in Illinois.

The train was a passenger train, and other cargo, originated in Minneapolis and was bound for St. Paul.

The train made a routine stop in St. Paul, eight miles before the accident.

The train was inspected and treated and released.

The train stopped just five feet from the building.

The impact of the cars hitting the building pushed one man through the floor, covering him with rubble, Johnson said, and he was sure everybody would have been killed had the train not hit the locomotives before plowing into the building.

“It was the most incredible thing you could ever imagine because you knew you were going to die but then it stopped just before you did,” he said.

The injured man was taken to St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center. Seven were Canadian Pacific employees. Two were on the Burlington Northern train.

The train was inspected and determined normal. It was made a routine stop in St. Paul, eight miles before the accident site, but another train go by, he said.

Canadian Pacific officials said 44 rail cars and six locomotives derailed, including cars and engines that were knocked off the tracks by the incoming train. Cars were twisted in every direction, some upside down, on top of each other. The impact knocked the rails off their bed and wiped out a steel pedestrian bridge over the train yard.

Big sheets of plywood spilled out of railway cars like decks of cards, and ground poured onto the frozen gravel beneath the wreckage. Cleanup crews were siphoning diesel fuel out of the tanks and off the ground.

“...It’s amazing there was not any explosion and fire. That’s a miracle,” said Mike McDonough, a Canadian Pacific electrician.

The train, with two locomotives and 89 cars, hit some of the six CP locomotives parked outside the CP office building in the freight yard in southeast St. Paul. Then dozens of cars from the GN train derailed, some slamming into the building.

The train was traveling 40-50 mph. Mike Johnson, a freight car inspector for Canadian Pacific, said he was in the lunchroom with five others getting ready for a night’s work when they heard a switchman issue a radio warning about the runaway train. That was about three to five minutes before it hit.

“Everybody ran out,” he said. “I didn’t know what way to go.” He said he just bent down and covered his head, and the windows exploded.

The train was inspected and nothing unusual was detected before it left the Northtown yard, according to Russack. After leaving Northtown, the train made a routine stop in St. Paul, eight miles before the accident site, so another train go by, he said.

The railroad calls in FBI to further investigate site.

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Questions of motive dominate Salvi trial

By KATHARINE WEBSTER
Associated Press

DEDHAM, Mass. — In a voice "like a preacher," John C. Salvi III shouted Thursday, "You should pray the rosary," as four journalists wrote notes about six men he identified as "snipers" in the shooting of a woman who worked at a clinic where abortions are performed.

The former hairdresser has testified Thursday he asked the four men to take their problems to police. "I work, sometimes with metal," he added.

Exchanged gunfire with Salvi, said the gunman's eyebrows lowered, his mouth shut and his eyes unblinking.

"In the first cross-examination of the trial, Salvi's lawyer suggested the client was motivated by his anti-abortion views. "We want to destroy the facade of a conspiracy against Roman Catholics. The shootings, the defense claims, were motivated by his anti-abortion views."

Kevorkian trial narrows jurors

By BRIAN AKRE
Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — The assisted-suicide trial of Dr. Jack Kevorkian opened Thursday with a judge questioning the 60 prospective jurors herself to keep the lawyers from delving into such matters as religion.

Kevorkian, 67, is accused of aiding in the 1993 deaths of two people who inhaled carbon monoxide in apartments he rented. He was charged under Michigan's now-expired ban on assisted suicide, which carries up to four years in prison.

Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper questioned the jury panel herself after a few days of wrangling over defense attorney Geoffrey Fieger's bid to ask prospective jurors such questions as "Does your religion forbid suicide?"

Cooper said last week she would allow such questions but reversed herself on Monday after an appeals court ordered her to explain herself.

Police find lead in string of Indiana Amish attacks

By NANCY ARMOUR
Associated Press

NAPPANEE, Ind. — At least 10 or 15 attacks in January, Amish men on bicycles have been beaten and robbed on their way home from work, sometimes with metal pipes and tire irons.

The Amish are seen as easy prey because their pacifist beliefs prevent them from fighting back and they are reluctant to take their problems to police. Police think they have finally cracked the case with the help of an Amish man who stepped forward out of fear someone would eventually be killed. But questions and concerns remain.

The attacks began in early January, when an Amish bicyclist was strung by a car. Police said it may have been intentional. Two days later, an Amish man riding his bike was attacked and robbed of $280. "It was very unexpected," said a woman who spoke on condition of anonymity."We always thought things like that happen in the big city... We were scared because we didn't know what to expect if we went on the road.

The Amish are a Christian sect that generally shun modern conveniences such as electricity, cars and telephones. Many farm, use horse-drawn buggies and follow a simple life. They don't like drawing attention to themselves and avoid bright clothing. The Amish are also reluctant to be interviewed or photographed and will rarely give their names to a reporter.

They're very vulnerable because of their religious beliefs. They don't fight back," said David Kolbe, the Kosciusko County prosecutor. Attacking the Amish is "analogous to doing it to children.

Police began receiving anonymous calls, with each caller telling a similar story: An Amish man on his way home from work had been followed by a car carrying at least two people and was assaulted with a pipe or tire iron and robbed.

The attacks usually occurred on Thursdays or Fridays — payday at the recreational-vehicle plants where many Amish work. Between $100 and $300 was stolen from each person, Kolbe said.

Though they knew about the attacks, police could do little because none of the victims would give his name. The Amish man who spoke should be left to God and don't see the legal system as a way to resolve their problems.

"As a police officer it bothers me quite a bit," Detective Sgt. Tom Brindle said. "I also know how the law works. If a person is not willing to back law-enforcement and report the crime, then law enforcement can't do anything about the crime.

Finally, an Amish man reported being chased by a car filled with people, one of whom was waving a tire iron.
Theater district bomb bears trademarks of IRA

By JOSE MONEGRO

Associated Press

Investigators into the plane crash that killed 189 people last Thursday when they located two of the plane's "black box" recorders on the rugged ocean floor 12 miles off the north coast of this Caribbean nation where the Alas Nacionales Flight 301 went down, carrying mostly Dominican tourists returning from Caribbean holidays. All aboard were killed.

The investigators hoped to determine the exact depth of the recorder and chart any other debris from the downed Boeing 757 before sending a robot to recover the recorder.

Initial mapping could take two days, said U.S. Embassy spokesman Oscar Bolcan, who was told of the find in a telephone call from the captain of the $105-foot search vessel, Seaward Explorer.

President Joaquin Balaguer, meanwhile, declared Thursday a day of national mourning, and churches across the country held services to honor the crash victims.

Flight 301 crashed into the Atlantic Ocean minutes after takeoff from Puerto Plata's International airport. The plane was leased by Alas, a small Dominican company, from Birgenair, a Turkish company that has said it was responsible for all Alas operations.

Investigators so far have been hampered by a lack of evidence. Rescuers recovered only 72 bodies from the sea and could find no airplane scraps bigger than a suitcase.

Dominican civil aviation authorities leading the probe have said there was no warning the plane was in trouble, but ground controllers say the crew might have been trying to turn the plane around and return to Puerto Plata.

Information stored in the flight data and cockpit voice recorders is crucial to the investigation — and includes details such as the jet's pitch, speed and direction, and conversations among the crew and with ground controllers.

Search party finds 'black box'

By PETER MUELLO

Associated Press

The body of a young boy was found under mounds of garbage in the shantytown of Cadale de Dios, or City of God, in Rio. In nearby Sitio do Pai Joao, civil defense workers pulled two more bodies from the red mud that buried shacks.

Twelve people were still missing in Cadale de Dios, civil defense officials said. Residents said there were twice that many. About one-fifth of Rio's 6 million people live in its 660 slums, but few have an address.

Heavy summer rains caused 100 deaths in similar tragedies in 1966, 1967 and 1988.

Mudslides to blame for deaths of at least 71

By RICHARD M. RODRIGUEZ

Associated Press

The British and Irish governments have demanded a new cease-fire. Protestants, the majority in Northern Ireland, largely favor British rule.

The IRA draws its support from a minority within the Roman Catholic community, about 40 percent of the population.

From 1970 to 1994, the IRA killed more than 1,700 people. Pro-British paramilitaries killed about 900 people, mostly Catholics.

British soldiers and police killed about 350.
**Editorial**

**Congratulations and advice to new student leaders**

An Open Letter to the incoming Student Government To Seth Miller, Megan Murray, Jen Turkul and Beth Ann Miller:

First of all, congratulations on your victories. Your hard work and sagacity serves as an example to the student body. The success of your campaigns clearly demonstrate the depth of your commitment to your school.

But realize your new jobs are not passes to campus wide power, perks, and a post-graduation job. The path you have chosen will be a difficult one, filled with too many vital issues dogging both student bodies for you to ignore - Gender issues, multi-cultural issues, gay and lesbian student concerns, and the need for a visible instrument of student voice from one end of Notre Dame, Indiana to the other.

- Return activism to student government. For too long student government has been a hibernating bear: large and powerful and sometimes awake long enough to curtail the student's protest. So when, and only when, just lethargic and stumbling through the motions. Take a stand in office, in fact, take a whole bunch of stands. There are too many issues begging both student bodies for you to ignore - Gender issues, multicultural issues, gay and lesbian student concerns, and the need for more student input. At Notre Dame in particular, the need for a student member of the Board of Trustees should not be overlooked. At Saint Mary's, there is a need for a stronger, clearer identity, whether students care to admit it or not. And for both schools, work for better relations between their students and their administrations. The list goes on. Make sure it starts to get smaller.

- Don't let trivial issues bog you down. Small improvements can be achieved without much fanfare. Whose idea, get right down to it, does Harry Caray Day, an ATM machine or a dining hall cup patrol really mean all that much? While such efforts are worthwhile, they should not become hallmarks of your administration.

- Smash the student government myth. As the election of Dave Hungeling and Matt O'Shaugh she showed, many students on this campus find the very idea of student government useless and absurd. They believe that members of student government are just as incompetent as members of the administration. The editors of "Right Reason" note that the liberals here at ND "haven't even been able to coordinate a response." ("Right Reason" Feb. '96) My response, as a liberal, would be that there is really no reason to be given. How does one respond to a newspaper that casually regurgitates dogmas as absolutist "Truth" and indulges in petty little tracts about the kind of music that should accompany the grand scheme of God's medieval plan? I am anxious awaiting the next issue of this conserva­tive tabloid. Perhaps there will be an article on the polemic ordering of the Universe and how it was right to burn Galileo.

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- Make communication more than just another club. Be vocal. Remember students want to get involved - they just need a little motivation. Keep students abreast of all events on campus. The Observer, the Scholastic, or the WEFI, everyone who will listen.

These are just a few suggestions we offer as you step into your new roles. This coming year holds a lot of uncertainty for both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's and also promises to be the busiest of your lives.

Good luck, you're going to need it.

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**Letter to the Editor**

**Right Reason reveals ignorance**

Dear Editor,

The campus of Notre Dame has now been graced by yet another issue of "Right Reason." Once again, I have been instructed in the rigors and aptitudes necessary for a good Catholic gentleman. These instructions include changing my beliefs to embrace the free market and to embrace an end to free-thinking at a University. The editors of "Right Reason" note that the liberals here at ND "haven't even been able to coordinate a response." ("Right Reason" Feb. '96) My response, as a liberal, would be that there is really no reason to be given. How does one respond to a newspaper that casually regurgitates dogmas as absolutist "Truth" and indulges in petty little tracts about the kind of music that should accompany the grand scheme of God's medieval plan? I am anxiously awaiting the next issue of this conservative tabloid. Perhaps there will be an article on the polemic ordering of the Universe and how it was right to burn Galileo.

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"An idea that is not dangerous is unworthy of being called an idea at all." - Oscar Wilde
I remember when Uncle Bud didn’t come to the door

"You," Bud said glacially, and blew out a long stream of cigarette smoke.

Poor man’s Chapter 11.

I think of my uncle this time of year, because it was eight years ago this month that he ended his own life with a single bullet from a .357 Magnum pistol. He left no note behind, only a handwritten letter stuffed under the door, expressing how depressed he was.

"I was at home," my father told me later, "I wasn’t sure anywhere I was, but I was alive."

Margaret was the beauty parlor, and I’d learned only how to charge but here, but I don’t remember why I was at home to start with, and not at work.

"But I was here, and the phone rang, and I answered it. It was a lady from his office, telling me that Bud did not come into work that day. He had been there at four days before, and had left at his regular time. But he did not come back the next morning. They had called his building, a number of times and got no answer. Someone had gone to his house and found that his house was burnt down and his car was there, but no one came to the door.”

On the way to his house. His car was there. The lights were on in the house. There was crack in the drapes wide enough that I could see almost everywhere, enough to tell that there was no one there, that the house was unoccupied.

I’d heard parts of it before, about the time when a little girl came walking down the street, carrying a baby and a box of beer, i.e., a .45. It wasn’t hers, of course, the baby, Bud told me. "She was only about twelve herself, a bit of a flirt. She had to rare way to carry it."

And I’d been fooled with the family next door. All of them lived in these big country houses, a few story-houses, all ram-shackle things. And each family would steal their firewood from the other houses, they were all about to fall down."

Anyway, this boy told some of them, "This is going to shut her dead for stealing the wedding ring," I don’t remember any more, but he was coming running up to tell her, she shifts that baby onto her hip, clamps the cigar in her mouth, and throws it her pocket, and puts out a pistol. And she twirls it around her finger, and looks him in the eye and says, yes, you tell him better make a sure shot, cause he ain’t got no place to run.

Not long after Bud’s funeral, my Great-grandmother sent me a Polaroid snapshot of the grave and a note. We still are in shock over Bud. I made this picture for you. It was the next day after the funeral and the wind was so strong the caretaker had laid the flowers down. You can’t tell, but they were beautiful.

I don’t believe I’ve ever seen so many employees at a funeral before — it looked like a hundred men. I put the note and picture in the family Bible, along with a clipping of the obituary they’d printed in the paper. It cheered me up for a while, knowing how it would have made him laugh. "Died at his own hands," it said, "after a short illness."

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Unque perceptions of Mardi Gras celebrations

It is carnival season in Louisiana as Fat Tuesday is not far away. And in the rice plains of Louisiana where I live, Mardi Gras is still celebrated as it was meant to be—revelers chase through a long stream of cigarette smoke.

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Meanwhile, in New Orleans, Mardi Gras is a more lavish affair with elaborate floats, beads, and insane numbers of hurr… -

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Parental influence affects issue of coresidentiality

Dear Editor,

Numerous letters and articles have been written in the Observer regarding coresidentiality. Most often student input has been on the pro side and various arguments have been presented extolling the positive values that coed living will bring to student life.

In these missives the University Administration is usually berated for pursuing a policy described as old fashioned and which in two words means a non-trusting attitude toward the students of this institution.

Perhaps another reason for this is that the current policy has been characterized by "misplaced idealism" on the part of the Administration.

I suggest that there is another dimension to this question which is very rarely, if ever, discussed. This dimension relates to parental influence.

I think it is fair to say that in most cases the decision to attend Notre Dame is a family one with a great deal of parental approval.

There are, of course, many obvious reasons for this, viz., academic reputation, Catholicity, parents went here, etc.

Perhaps another reason for parents going on the pro side is that they have been embedded in the above, but never specifically, i.e., of course, by Mom and/or Dad is the fact that there are no coed dorms at our school.

If this is true it would appear to me that student complaints to the Administration about the lack of coed dorms on campus will be fruitless.

MORTON FUCHS, Ph.D.

Professor of Biological Sciences
ACCENT ASKS

How did your parents meet?

“My mom went on a blind date with some guy and met my dad on the date.”

Sunday Patterson
Sophomore, Lyons

“My parents met at a party in the woods.”

Matt Duddy
Junior, Alumni

“My parents met in Laos, my mom is French and my dad was in the Air Force.”

Pat Ertl
Junior, Morrissey

“My dad went to Notre Dame and my mom went to IUSB and they met at a dance.”

Sara Burke
Freshman, Pangborn

“They were camp counselors together at an overnight camp.”

Chris Trenta
Junior, Fisher

What is the Typical Meet Dillon and Angela Morrissey and their children Sorin and Regina. (Angela and Regina could pass for sisters couldn’t they?) Sorin is a fifth generation Domer and a descendant of the Morrissey. Dad was a football player back in the 60s and lives for Notre Dame football. The family has never missed a game since dad graduated back in ’67. Check out the pants and you’ll understand. Sorin has obviously caught the plaid bug, too. Dillon grew up in northern Illinois. He was born and raised to be a member of the Fighting Irish Football squad. While other kids were dreaming of leaving the Midwest, Dillon dreamed of thriving in the Midwest, namely at Notre Dame. He never quite made a name for himself as a football player at Notre Dame, but nevertheless he had his moments. Today, he is a lawyer in Chicago, making sure he never strays too far from his beloved Notre Dame.

Dillon met his wife Angela one rainy Wednesday at the library. He once described her as "His golden dome during a long, dark night." Angela, a New York native, swooned instantly over the towering youth. Regina has followed in her mother’s footsteps and is a student at Saint Mary’s College. Father Hesburgh and Patty O’Hara are her godparents.

The Morrisseys own a cockerspaniel named Domer. Although they live in a suburb of Chicago, they still insist on bringing Domer and their 36 ft. long green motorhome to every game. "Irish Mobile" is emblazoned on each side of the camper and it is equipped with Dolby surround sound speakers to facilitate the incessant playing of the fight song.

Each member of the Morrissey family has their own, personal Jeep Cherokee, Eddie Bauer Edition.

"At a bar, my dad walked up to my mom and said, ‘I’m going to marry you’ and he did!”

Kathy Pain
Senior, LeMans
Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Family?

The Tradition Continues

The McCarthy family hails from a suburb right outside of Boston. Pat, head of the McCarthy clan, used to be in the Irish Guard. Son Kevin, at 6'4, is continuing the tradition. Mom Mary Kate is the type of mother who knits matching hats, scarves and mittens for her children and all of their roommates. Even Lou, the cocker spaniel, has a couple of McCarthy scarves. Mrs. McCarthy also sends fantastic care-packages and makes great cookies. At least twice a year, Pat and Mary Kate fly out for a football game and take everybody (kids and roommates) out to Mac's or CJ's. The McCartys throw great tailgaters. (Get there early for the cookies.)

Pat and Mary Kate met nearly forty years ago, when young Patrick fell off a swing set at the wholesome young age of eight. Mary Kate rescued the ill-fated Patrick from the ground with a kiss on the knee. At the rip old age of ten, she was an older and more mature woman. Since that fabled day, the couple has not spent more than two days apart.

Daughter Meghan, a Walsh resident and English major, is a cheerleader and during away games, when the McCartys are back in Boston, everyone on the block comes over to see Meghan and Kevin on TV. She is famous for her air tumbling expertise.

As an early graduation present, Kevin (the tall one in the skirt), a Sorin resident and chemical engineering major, received an Eddie Bauer limited edition Jeep Cherokee. You'll usually find it parked in the first spot behind the bookstore. Look for the Domer '97 plates.

What is...Football?

You know, they sent their kids to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's because of The Academics. They never even heard of football. Edna and Zach Arrerds have made the long trip from Washington D.C. in their Jeep Cherokee to visit their children for the first time at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. The duo are two of the most highly touted astro-physicists in the world.

Zach and Edna met twenty five years ago at a Star Trek convention in New York City. Zach commented on young Edna's pocket protector. Edna politely smiled at Zach's feeble attempt to pick her up, but little did he realize that she was politely trying to keep from laughing at the string of cheese Zach was sporting on his lower lip along with his thick eye-wear. When Zach caught a glimpse of himself in Edna's equally thick glasses and realized how foolish he looked, he took refuge behind the Vulcan exhibit. Apparently she, did not want to let go of this suave young man, for she chased him behind the exhibit, only to trip on a life-size Klingon. They were joined together by clumsiness. They caught each other in a Vulcan death grip of love, and married shortly after the incident at the Star Trek Convention.

The two began their careers, hoping to go where no couple has ever gone before: space. Sadly this dream was denied because of their terrible allergies. So they raised their children in their image to be over-achievers, with an uncanny ability to trip over objects.

Their son Peter rebelled against them to become a film director. He went to NYU, only to be banned from the film department for breaking too many cameras. He transferred to Notre Dame last year to live closer to his sister, who is a student at Saint Mary's. Neither had ever heard of Notre Dame, let alone the game of football, but opted to attend these fine schools for all of things...academics. After his disastrous stab at film, he changed to a double major in mechanical engineering and PLS. Peter is really looking forward to showing his parents UNLOC this weekend.

Daughter Zoe has never set foot on Notre Dame's campus.

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HIV victim, boxer Morrison describes lifestyle

B Y K E L L Y K U R T

was bulletproof, and I'm not," Morrison said, "I'm not so wrong in my life."

By KELLY KURT

Boxer Tommy Morrison has endorsed mandatory HIV testing. He said he did, indeed, have the virus that causes AIDS.

"I honestly believed I had a better chance of winning the lottery than contracting HIV," he said. "I've never been so wrong in my life."

On a second test confirmed that he did, indeed, have the virus that causes AIDS. The boxer has endorsed mandatory HIV testing.

"I of an uncertain future and expressed misery," he said. "And that's misery. Living this lifestyle can only lead to one thing."

Morrison entered the news conference composed and confident, the same air he took into the ring. But his face reddened and his voice cracked as he spoke of an uncertain future and expressed misery, for his family and for women with whom he had relations.

"I hope I can serve as a warning that living this lifestyle can only lead to one thing," he said. "And that's misery."

The announcement of Morrison's positive test Monday prompted boxing officials to call for mandatory HIV testing. But the national Centers for Disease Control have received no reports of HIV transmission through athletics, spokeswoman Michelle Bondi told The Observer.

But anytime bodily fluids are exchanged there is a risk of transmission, said the CDC and other experts. The virus that causes AIDS can live outside the body for a short time after being expelled through bodily fluids.

"They'd be crazy not to," he said. "I'm not bang heads in the fight. I didn't bang heads with her. The fight wasn't really a clinching fight, more at a distance. There was a lot of blow-by.

"My prayers go out to them nightly," he said. "And that's misery."

Morrison said he endorsed mandatory HIV testing. He said he had no symptoms and had received no notice from previous sex partners to indicate he might have the disease.

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"It's puzzling. I don't feel sick. I don't look sick," he said. "I'm just hanging in there."

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One of the plays Notre Dame will have to contend with is the Huskies' suffocating 2-2-1 press, the most devastating full court defense in the conference. UConn has forced opponents into 420 turnovers this season while dictating a frantic pace.

This could pose problems for the Irish, who have had their share of difficulties hanging onto the ball. In conference games, Notre Dame has turned it over 39 more times than opponents.

"The biggest thing is just to concentrate on our passes," said Manner.

"We've watched the films, so we understand where the spots are that you can't pass it, and we have to make sure that everyone goes to meet the ball."

The most effective way to beat a press, however, is to prevent it from forming, something that matches well with Notre Dame's new up-tempo philosophy.

To compensate for problems in the half-court offense, the Irish have emphasized the transition game in recent weeks.

This strategy, though, could backfire against the run-and-gun Huskies, who average 85 points per game.

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"I love Bob Lisanti," gushed Mainieri. "He's the kind of guy that you'd follow into battle anytime. With Bobby, it's like having a coach on the field." Mainieri is determined to be cautious with Lisanti, however, in light of last season's injury. "We don't want to overdo it with his back," said Mainieri.

I think that Jeff Wagner is going to be an outstanding player at Notre Dame. He should prove to be a very capable backup to Lisanti." Wagner, a 6'3" powerhouse from Louisville, Kentucky, is just one of several freshman who will most certainly be seeing a good deal of playing time this season. Switch-hitting Allen Greene, an outstanding athlete from Seattle, will platoon with junior Bret Poppelton in left field, freshman Chris McKewen, a hard-throwing 6'4" lefty from Arlington Heights, Illinois, may see time out of the bullpen, and Floridian Paul Turco looks to have won the starting shorthand job.

But the true strength on this Irish squad lies in the upper-classmen, as five seniors and twelve juniors fill out the Irish roster. Besides Lisanti, the Irish will look to leadership on and off the field from seniors George Restovich (DH/1B/C), Rowan Richards (RF), Rich Sauget (HP), and staff ace Craig Allen, who is also returning for a fifth year.

Richards will shift from center field to right, a position which Mainieri feels is better suited to his skills, and Allen (4-1, 5.53 ERA in '95) will anchor the staff which will look to improve on its 4.53 ERA from last season.

We need Craig Allen to be healthy," mused Mainieri. "We need him to pitch as well as he can. But I have all the confidence in the world in the rest of our staff."

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1996 Baseball Lineup

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By DAVID GINSBURG
Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Tim Duncan scored a career-high 33 points on 12-for-14 shooting as No. 8 Wake Forest tightened its grip on first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference by beating Maryland 85-78 Thursday night.

The victory gave the Demon Deacons (17-3, 9-2 ACC) their first sweep of the Terrapins since the 1992-93 season. Tony Duncan had 14 points and 15 rebounds in the first half, but Maryland easily eclipsed his previous high of 27 points against Furman earlier this season.

Johnny Rhodes scored 27 and Keith Booth had 16 for the Terrapins (12-9, 5-6).

It was the second straight conference loss for Maryland, which played without starting point guard Duane Simpkins, who earlier in the day received a three-game suspension from the NCAA.

Maryland led 52-47 early in the second half, but Rutland made a pair of 3-pointers and Duncan had four points in a 10-0 run that gave Wake Forest the lead for good.

It was 60-54 before Maryland used a 7-2 spurt to close to 62-61 with 9:44 to go. Duncan then made two free throws and Rusty Ruine hit a jumper to make it 66-61.

Maryland again cut the deficit to a point, but La Salle sank a 3-pointer and Duncan followed a Terrapin turnover with a three-point play to put the Terps ahead 72-65 with 5:04 left.

The Demon Deacons never let the lead shrink below four points the rest of the way. Duncan scored 10 points to stake Wake Forest to a 29-16 lead midway through the first half, but Maryland battled back with a 13-2 run to get within two points.

After Duncan made two straight baskets, Booth sank a pair of free throws and Lauren Profit added a dunk to spark an 11-4 surge that gave the Terrapins a 40-39 halftime edge — their only lead in the opening 20 minutes.

Duncan had 16 first-half points on 7-for-9 shooting. Rhodes had 11 points and six rebounds for the Terrapins.

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Purdue chases third straight Big Ten title

By RUSTY MILLER
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Porter Roberts had 14 points, including a 3-pointer that gave Purdue the lead for good. Purdue (20-4) won its sixth in a row and tied second-place Penn State for good.

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Mile Miller gave Purdue the lead by Brandon Brantley and free throw at the 3:45 mark to re bounded a missed Miller free throws and Roberts.

Ahead 54-51, Miller hit two for good.

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Rangers deny Gretzky coming to Big Apple

By KEN RAPPOPORT

NEW YORK

Wayne Gretzky is not coming to the New York Rangers any time soon. And likely never at all.

"Nothing is happening — no trade is imminent," Rangers general manager Neil Smith said before Thursday night's game with the Montreal Canadiens. "I don't foresee a trade for Gretzky for the New York Rangers."

But while the Rangers are new out of the chase, the Chicago Blackhawks, St. Louis Blues and Toronto Maple Leafs are reportedly interested in the Great One.

"He will be traded," one management source told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Smith said he had called a news conference to "put the rumors to rest" about the most prolific scorer in NHL history coming to New York this week from the Los Angeles Kings.

"I've been flooded with calls and I haven't had the chance to return them, which is not usually the way I do business," Smith said. "This was my first opportunity to say to you that the Rangers have no trade possibilities with Gretzky."

As for a trade Gretzky down the road, Smith said: "I never say never.

He said he wasn't disappointed about not making the deal.

"Not for me," he said, "but I'll do anything and find other options for the Rangers to get better.""}

Gretzky is in the final year of his contract. He becomes a free agent after this season, and the Kings would lose him without compensation.

The Rangers appeared an obvious attraction for Gretzky.

He would have teamed with Mark Messier and Kevin Lowe, all pasts from his days in Edmonton, where he led the Oilers to four Stanley Cups.

Barry Melrose, who coached Gretzky for three seasons with the Kings and now serves as an analyst for ESPN, thinks Los Angeles is certain to a trade.

"He hasn't been happy there for some time," Melrose said.

Gretzky, 35, has expressed a desire to win another Stanley Cup and play in the Olympics before he retires. That would mean he would have to play at least two more years after this season, and probably play for a team other than the Kings.

When Gretzky was traded from Edmonton to LA in the summer of 1988 in a deal that stunned the hockey world, he inspired the Kings to a higher level of play. By 1993, Gretzky had led the team to the Stanley Cup Finals for the first time.

Since then, though, not many good things have happened to the Kings.

Owner Bruce McNall's financial problems, a change in management to upgrading the Kings roster. Otherwise, Gretzky said he wanted to go to another team that had a chance to win the title.

Gretzky's actions were not only uncharacteristic, they were a III-timed as far as the NHL was concerned. They came right before the All-Star Game, at a time when the league was hoping to showcase itself.

Even though Gretzky is on the deterministic of an unparalleled career, the price tag will still be pretty high for the most luminous name in hockey.

Woodson signs record contract

By JAIME ARON

IRVING, Texas

The Dallas Cowboys took care of their top offseason priority Thursday by making Darren Woodson the highest-paid safety in NFL history.

Working against a 3 p.m. free agent deadline, the Cowboys avoided having to designate Woodson as their franchise player by working out a six-year deal worth $18 million, with a $5.4 million signing bonus.

"We know what he's meant to the three Super Bowls we've won and we know what he means to our future," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.

"There was no way possible that we weren't going to do what it took to keep Darren Woodson," Dallas is hard against the salary cap, but team vice president Stephen Jones stayed up all night to make some room. He got there by restructuring the contracts of numerous players, including Kevin Smith, Erik Williams and Leon Lett.

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Irish battle for first Big East crown

By JAMES BELDEN
Sports Writer

This weekend's Fighting Irish track squads will travel to Syracuse to challenge the Big East powers in their inaugural Big East Championships. It may be hard to believe, but these championships may provide the Irish with tougher competition than the Big East Basketball tournament.

"You might think I'm on drugs or something, but track and cross country are the best sports the Big East has year-in and year-out," Piane said. "It's a fantastic conference."

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Paula Kivinen, in her third year on the track and field team, has her eyes set on breaking the school record in the high jump again this year. The record stands at 5'3" for outdoor track, and 5'2" for indoor track, which was set by Kivinen during the indoor season last year.

At Huntington College, Kivinen jumped 4'10", good enough for first place. "I wanted to hit five feet," Kivinen said. "But I'm happy with my performance because it was a great way to begin the season."

Senior Stacy Davis earned the team's other first place finish on Saturday for an indoor meet that will begin the score keeping of their 1996 season.

The Belles will travel to the University of Chicago Saturday for an indoor meet that will begin the score keeping of their 1996 season.

"The University of Chicago and North Central are always good teams," Kivinen said. "Several other Division II teams will be there to give us tough competition as well. I hope that the meet will help us as a conditioning to see where we are and what we need to work on."
Michigan jeopardizes playoffs

By MIKE DAY
Sports Writer

Fighting an uphill battle is a difficult task, but it's made even harder when you're riding up a tricycle.

Likewise, the Notre Dame hockey team already has their work cut out for them in their battle to reach the CCHA playoffs, but the fact that they encounter No. 5 Michigan and No. 4 Michigan State this weekend only compounds things.

"Being in our position, it's tough to go out and make a move against teams like Michigan and Michigan State," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin. "But these are the teams you're going to be playing in the playoffs, so you have to be ready."

Preparation should not be a problem for the Irish. After playing Michigan off their feet for two periods before falling 4-1 last Friday at the Joyce Center, Notre Dame is confident that they will more than hold their own against the Wolverines tonight at the Palace of Auburn Hills in Detroit.

Despite the fact that the large majority of the 20,000 fans will be pulling for the Wolverines, the Irish are listed as the home team at the so-called "neutral" site.

"Playing at the Palace is really something special," said sophomore goaltender Matt Eisler. "Last year, I was nervous at the beginning, but once we got into the game, the excitement just kind of carried me through."

It's a gross understatement to say that Eisler will have his hands full trying to contain the Michigan offense on Friday. The unit averages nearly six goals per contest, and their explosive trio of Kevin Hilton (54 points), Brendan Morrison (51), and Jason Botterill (54 goals) gives opponents the heebie jeebies.

"They are a free-wheeling offensive team with a lot of big guns," said Poulin. "They have a lot of weapons that can beat you at any time. To make things worse, they have one of the top goalies (Marty Turco) in the league."

As if the Wolverines weren't enough to contend with, the Irish will visit East Lansing on Saturday for a showdown with the first place Spartans (23-7-0).

While the Irish will receive a great lift with the return of senior defenseman Davide Dal Grande, they will have to receive some help at the offensive end to keep up with the talented Michigan State squad.

Senior center Jamie Ling (13 points), freshman right wing Brian Urick (23), and junior left wing Tim Haberstich (21) have been solid over the last three weeks, but someone else will have to step up if the Irish are to pull off what would be the league's biggest upset of the season.

"There's not much getting around the fact that we have to score more to have any chance of being successful," said Poulin. "Notre Dame (8-20-3) has fallen to the point that we will have to pull off what would be the league's biggest upset of the season."

"We know that because of the position we are in, we can't afford to come home empty handed," said senior defenseman Jeremy Coe. "It's just a matter of going out and playing 60 minutes of consistent hockey and avoiding the occasional mental breakdowns."

Thus, the uphill battle begins.

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No. 9 Vols fall to surging Irish

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Writer

After taking a small break, the women’s tennis team is back, and making their presence known. The No.16 Irish upset the No. 9 Volunteers last night, in grand fashion. With this victory, Notre Dame’s record improves to 7-1.

“Basically, the whole team played really well,” stated Assistant Coach Maureen McNamara. “Everybody just stepped up and showed that they wanted it.”

The No. 9 Vols fall to surging Irish

By TIM SEYMOUR
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame’s ‘Who-gets-to-earn.

Allen poses ‘ultimate challenge’

By TIM SEYMOUR
Associate Sports Editor

Come late Saturday afternoon, Irish forward Derek Manner may have won this one honor he didn’t earn. Manner is the lucky winner of Notre Dame’s ‘Who-gets-to-guard-consensus-all-American-Bay-Allen’ award as the Irish travel to Storrs to take on No. 3 Connecticut, winner of 22 consecutive contests, for a televised 1:30 p.m. tip on Saturday.

“I guess you could look at this as the ultimate challenge,” laughed Manner. “I didn’t get a chance at him the last time we played them in 85-64 (UConn win in December), so this is my opportunity.”

It’s an opportunity that few relish. Allen, only a junior, is one of the front-runners for National Player of the Year honors, averaging 23 points while shooting 50% from the field and 49% from beyond the arc.

At 6-5, 200-pounds, Allen is the epitome of the silky swingman, a player who can score inside or out.

“He’s pretty much a complete all around player,” said Manner. “You can’t forget about him even for a second, because he can be quiet for a while and then just explode.”

At 6-6, Manner has the height to counter Allen, something that was missing in the matchup earlier this season when 6-1 Ryan Hoover shadowed him.

But as the Irish are aware, stopping one of the country’s most explosive scorers takes more than just one person.

“It’s important that we all carry out our defensive assignments and be aware of where Allen and (fellow backcourt mate Doren) Sheffer are,” said guard Keith Kurowski. “We’re going to try and switch on and off and keep fresh legs on him.”

Despite Allen’s heroics this season, including a 29 point effort in a victory over No. 4 Villanova, the Huskies have ascended into the country’s elite based on a complete team effort.

UConn shoots an incredible 48% from the field, while its top six players each average more than seven points per game.

“(Allen) is one of the best players in the country, but Connecticut is where it is because the entire team has some fireworks as contributed,” explained guard Marcus Young.

The freshmen once again had another impressive showing in yesterday’s match. Hall moved inside for the win. It definitely made us more confident for the singles.”

Experience key to success for Irish

By DYLAN RARMER
Sports Writer

While present conditions in South Bend may not compel you to grab that dusty old mitt of yours off the shelf and go outside for a game of catch, over thirty Notre Dame students will be knee-deep in baseball this weekend.

And they will be up for much more than just a friendly game of catch.

The Irish baseball team begins their 1996 campaign this weekend with a two-game series at #13 Georgia Tech, kicking off their second season under head coach Paul Mainieri, who led the oft-injured Irish to an impressive 40-21 record last season.

This year’s version of the Irish, with the notable exception of Mr. Everything Ryan Topham (.335 BA, 18 HR, 79 RBI), will bear striking resemblance to last season’s squad, returning more than a dozen monogram winners, including the entire pitching staff.

“Expect big things this season,” commented Mainieri. “What I’m hoping for is that, collectively, all of the players that have a year under their belt and are more comfortable because of that experience, will be better, and that we will be better as a whole team as a result.”

Mainieri definitely has reason for such hope, especially with

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vs. Kentucky, February 18, 10 a.m.

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Men’s Tennis
vs. Wisconsin, February 18, 3:30 p.m.

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