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Ten Years After

Shuttle disaster remains on the minds of both faculty, students

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
Associate News Editor

It was a moment in time indelibly etched in the memories of all who watched or heard of it. When the space shuttle Challenger burned up in flames in the high Atlantic sky on the morning of Jan. 28, 1986, America stood in shock, completely horrified.

This Sunday marks the tenth anniversary of the disaster that killed all seven crew members aboard, including a schoolteacher, Christa McAuliffe, from a sleepy town in New Hampshire. And as the country pauses to remember the victims of the tragedy, the question is raised: What went wrong?

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The Challenger catastrophe came at a moment when NASA had the complete confidence of all. "NASA gave us pride. It had made the United States the winner in the race to the moon," said Tim Keel, a researcher of the Challenger disaster and a staff member of the Hesburgh Library.

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



The Observer/ Mike Ruma
Library staff member Tim Keel studies a copy of the Presidential Commission on the Space Shuttle Challenger Disaster.

Conference holds development of leadership as goal

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

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

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

Last night, the conference opened as Mabey delivered the keynote address, "Women in leadership: a special legacy." Mabey serves as the executive director of the women's leadership program at Mount Saint Mary's College in Los Angeles.

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

The "Play of the Mind" launches a three-year program funded by the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) grant, which is intended to develop collaborative leadership on campus. Mabey described the conference as a "cutting-edge endeavor" through which Saint Mary's will "create a national model for other colleges."

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

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Play of the Mind

schedule of events

today

6:30 p.m. Opening presentations
"Exploring Saint Mary's Cultures"
Carrol Auditorium

tomorrow

9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Six sessions
on "Encompassing leadership"
Regina North Lounge
8p.m. Open microphone
Clarissa Dalloway's Coffeehouse

sunday

9:45 a.m. Closing Liturgy
Church of Loretto

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A matter of reflection

Two students observe one of the many currently controversial murals in the Golden Dome which portray Columbus' landing in the "New World."

The Observer/ Mike Ruma

Senior Bar hosts Black '47

By MARY KATE MORTON
Associate News Editor

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

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

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

"Both Black '47 and the Northern Ireland Awareness Group felt that a Notre Dame show would be a natural fit," said President Brian Foley. "Given

the band's strong social message and their Irish style, we feel that this is one of the better events sponsored by the Group in the past few years."

Black '47 has a strong tradition of tackling social issues in their music and actions and especially of addressing the tumultuous years of violence and political turmoil in Northern Ireland. Many of their songs center around the various stages through which the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland have passed in the 20th century. Their latest album, Green Suede Shoes, includes Bobby Sands MP, a song 15 years in the making. According to band leader Larry Kirwan, "With the advent of a fragile peace in the North of Ireland, the song finally, and painfully, evolved."

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

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

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INSIDE COLUMN

The rules of the game

It's here at last. The nation's most watched and enjoyed sporting event. But unlike Notre Dame football games, you can't find a good party by walking around green field. Super Bowl Sunday can and will be an unforgettable experience if you obey the following guidelines:

Caroline Blum
Saint Mary's Sports
Editor

- This year you must watch the second half.
- Watch Kevin Greene try and fit a helmet over his shaggy hair.
- Drink beer.
- Pretend you are from Dallas or Pittsburgh.
- Relax. Over four million other students are blowing off their work tonight too.
- Place an overly-large wager on the game. If it looks like you're going to lose the bet, go into hysterics and start crying.
- Dance your hiney off at the quint party in Sorin. Guaranteed to be the best Super Bowl party on campus.
- Pay attention to Deion Sanders. He's going to try to look like a 'damn fool out there.'
- Eat chicken wings. With hot sauce.
- Root for the Steelers. They're baaaaad.
- Clear out all the furniture in your room, open up all the windows, put on your winter coat, and invite your entire section in. Stand up while you watch the game and have the Notre Dame Victory March playing in the background. If you want to get really crazy, have the clown of the section put on a neon-orange glove and hold his hand up during commercials. (Hey, is it football season already?)
- Pretend you're from San Francisco and cuss at the Cowboys. If they make a good play or score a touchdown, throw objects at the TV and scream at the top of your lungs.
- Watch the commercials. You wouldn't want to miss a new crave like three frogs croaking the name of your favorite beer.
- Don't fear. Diana Ross will sing the National Anthem instead of Kathie Lee Gifford this year. (Will the nightmares ever stop?)
- Take a look, or two, at Troy Aikman in tight silver pants.
- Ok, ok, and the Dallas Cowgirls in barely anything.
- Dance around to the half-time show.
- Buy a keg of Budweiser and a keg of Bud Light and have your own Bud Bowl.
- Pay attention. Dallas and Pittsburgh have won four Super Bowls each, so the winner will tie the 49ers for the most Super Bowl wins in history. Does that scream excitement or what?
- Start the wave. When it really gets going, sit down and insist that the wave is meaningless and stupid.
- Always look like you're having fun. You wouldn't want the whole world to think that you were a bore when Ed McMahon comes to your room with that one million dollar check.
- After you've watched the greatest Super Bowl of your life, get ready for your second wind. A special one-hour *Friends* is on afterwards.

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Utah carries out first execution by firing squad in 19 years

POINT OF THE MOUNTAIN, Utah
A child killer who said he would rather die at the point of a rifle than fastened flat on a gurney awaited the nation's first execution by firing squad in 19 years early Friday.

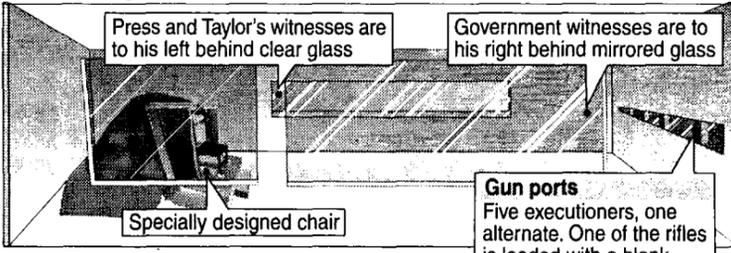
John Albert Taylor, 36, was shot at 12:01 a.m. at Utah State Prison by anonymous marksmen firing the same type of deer rifle used to execute Gary Gilmore at the same institution in 1977.

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

Under Utah law, Taylor was offered the choice of lethal injection or firing squad. Utah is the only state to have the firing squad. Taylor said he chose the firing squad because it would be a costly inconvenience to the state and because he feared "flipping 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.

John Albert Taylor's execution

Death by firing squad, for the 1989 rape and strangulation of an 11-year-old girl



- Methods of execution
- No death penalty
 - Electrocution
 - Gas chamber
 - Lethal injection
 - Hanging
 - Firing squad



Source: The Salt Lake Tribune, NAACP Legal Defense Fund

AP/Tonia Cowan

Peres discusses peace talks with Kohl

MUNICH, Germany

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres briefed German leaders Thursday on peace talks with Syria, but said he stopped short of asking for German troops to help enforce any peace deal. "It's not on my agenda," Peres said. "First, we have to have peace." The Israeli newspaper Maariv reported this week that Peres was proposing a U.S.-led international force to police the Golan Heights should Israel return the territory to Syria, and was planning on asking Chancellor Helmut Kohl to contribute troops. After meeting with Peres, Kohl said the matter "is not an issue to be discussed 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.



Arson masks murder of two elderly

BARRINGTON HILLS, Ill.

Marvin and Kay Lichtman's brick mansion was like a museum, full of crystal, dolls, tapestries and works by artists like Rodin and Remington. On Thursday it was a burned-out shell. Marvin Lichtman lay dead, and his wife of more than 40 years was also believed slain. Police suspect someone killed the elderly couple and then set a fire that burned nearly as hot as a crematorium's — so hot that a partial skull was all that remained of the victim investigators believe was Mrs. Lichtman, 75. Investigators said robbery might be the motive and were checking into reports the self-made millionaire and his wife kept large amounts of cash in the three-story home in this well-to-do suburb northwest of Chicago. But "the extent of the fire has hampered our ability to see what, if anything, is missing from the home," said Gary Del Re, commander of the county Major Crimes Task Force. Lichtman, who was 78, made his fortune as owner of Gateway Supply Co., a plumbing and heating supply business he operated from 1950 until his retirement in 1984. Lichtman was a "prince" who shared his wealth, giving \$5,000 to a local police officer who had cancer, neighbor Katherine Tworck recalled.

Misprint ups value of Nixon stamp

WASHINGTON

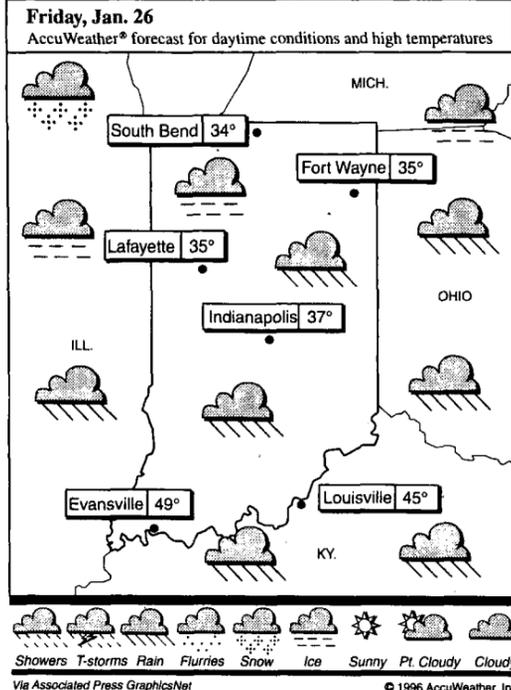
Now, aren't you sorry you didn't run out and buy some Richard Nixon commemorative stamps? Some of the slow-selling 32-cent stamps may be worth as much as \$8,000 apiece because of a misprint, according to Linn's Stamp News. The newspaper for stamp collectors reports that the printing error was found on 160 stamps purchased by an unidentified northern Virginia resident. On the stamps, Nixon's portrait is split like an image on a television with a faulty vertical hold and his name is printed upside-down. Such errors can occur when stamps must be run through more than one press to print a second color. If one or more sheets gets put in the wrong way, the printing error occurs. The most famous such case is the upside-down Curtiss Jenny plane printed in 1918. More recently an upside down candlestick stamp was discovered in 1986. The Nixon stamps were issued in April following a tradition of honoring former presidents in the year following their deaths. The stamps have not proven widely popular, however.

New toll-free code coming soon

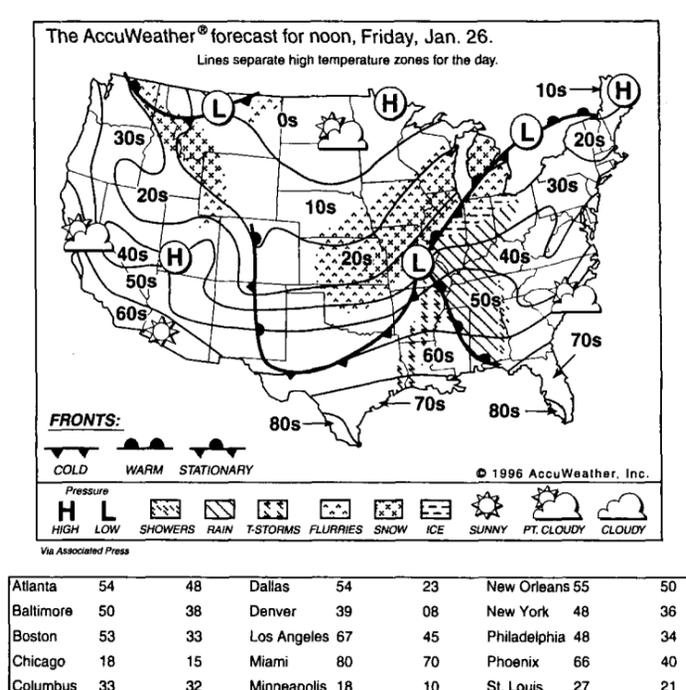
WASHINGTON

Coming soon to a telephone near you: 1-888. The 888 prefix goes into use March 1 for toll-free calls. It will not replace 800 numbers, but rather will be an additional code. The Federal Communications Commission adopted a plan Thursday for introducing the second toll-free exchange. The agency's top telephone regulator, Gina Keeney, cautioned that the 800 and 888 codes will not be interchangeable. "Let's say you dial 1-800-555-5555," she said. "If you dial 1-888-555-5555 that's going to be a different place. The new 888 number is comparable to an area code." The FCC is adding the 888 code because the pool of available 800 numbers is expected to run out by the spring. The agency said just 600,000 such numbers remain available. By using the 888 prefix, telephone companies will have about 7.5 million new numbers to sell, the FCC said. Beginning Feb. 10, AT&T, MCI, Sprint and other telephone companies that provide toll-free service can begin taking reservations from companies for specific 888 numbers.

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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 forcing service members with the AIDS virus out of the military.



Clinton

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 legisla-

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

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

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

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

The defense authorization

bill adds \$7 billion in military spending beyond what Clinton requested.

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

The bill also provides 2.4 percent military pay raises and other perquisites for uniformed forces at a time when Clinton has dispatched thousands of U.S. troops to Bosnia.

To avoid another veto, Republicans agreed to delete provisions that would have required construction of a U.S. missile defense system by 2003 and restricted the president's power to place troops under U.N. command.

A requirement that Clinton go to Congress for approval of even small-scale troop deployments was turned into a non-binding resolution reflecting nothing more than congressional wishes.

Hillary Clinton retreats in preparation for trial

By JOHN KING
Associated Press

LEBANON, N.H.

Hillary Rodham Clinton left the tangled Whitewater affair behind for a few hours of nostalgic retreat into happier campaign memories, on the eve of her unprecedented appearance before a federal grand jury.



Hillary Clinton

"It's not a first I'm proud of," Mrs. Clinton told WMUR-TV.

Under oath, Mrs. Clinton will explain to a grand jury Friday what she knows about long-missing Rose Law Firm billing records that suddenly turned up in the White House residence.

But Thursday was devoted to a morale-boosting political trip to New Hampshire.

She spoke first to an enthusiastic crowd of political supporters, then to an admiring troop of Girl Scouts who peppered her with questions about how difficult it was to balance her professional, personal and political lives.

"Some days it feels good and other days it is kind of hard," she said when asked how she likes being first lady, lamenting that "the political climate in our country today is kind of difficult."

Mrs. Clinton couldn't escape the Whitewater controversy completely. "No," she said flatly when asked by a reporter if she was nervous about testifying. In interviews with several New Hampshire media outlets she pledged to cooperate fully with the grand jury.

In Washington, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Mrs. Clinton was prepared to "go there and satisfy 23 real Americans that she's telling the truth."

For most of the afternoon, Mrs. Clinton enjoyed a respite from questions about her work as a high-powered Arkansas attorney.

Instead, it was Mrs. Clinton, political wife and first lady, on display, with only a few indirect hints of how controversial a public figure she has become.

Addressing a supportive crowd at Keene State College, Mrs. Clinton gave a reprise of her husband's State of the Union address and fondly recalled earlier campaign trips to New Hampshire. Bill Clinton labeled himself the "Comeback Kid" after he placed second in the state's presidential primary, and Mrs. Clinton said: "Today, you make me feel like the come-home kid."

In Lebanon, she was questioned not about Whitewater but about her favorite childhood authors, her school and career path, and how she manages to be an attentive mother. Without referring to her own powerful administration role, she told the Girl Scouts not to be afraid to embark on non-traditional career paths.

"I think the important thing for women's lives today and for girls thinking about their own future is to work for the opportunity to make whatever choices are right for your life and not be constrained by what other people think you should do," Mrs. Clinton said.

And when a young girl asked what the proper response was when a boy insulted her hair or looks, Mrs. Clinton offered an answer that reflected her response to Republican critics. Don't get too upset, she said, because "half the time the people who are saying it don't even know much about you. They are just saying it to try to get your goat."

There were a dozen television cameras on hand for her remarks, and photographers jostled for pictures. Three Republican hopefuls campaigning in the state got scant attention, by comparison.

The enthusiastic reception at Keene was guaranteed in advance — the 600 tickets were distributed by the Clinton-Gore campaign.

Many in the crowd wore Clinton campaign buttons and others had buttons with a photograph of Mrs. Clinton and the caption: "I'm Keene on Hillary."

"It's ridiculous that she has been subpoenaed," said Kim Murdoch, a sophomore and Clinton's campus campaign coordinator. "I think it wouldn't be such a big deal if it wasn't an election year."

Low tobacco tax increases use

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 of 15.1 percent. Nevada had the highest smoking rate, 30.3 percent, but only

the 22nd-highest tax, 35 cents.

Rounding out the low-taxing 10 were Georgia, with a 12-cent tax and 21.7 percent smoking rate, and Alabama, where the tax was 16.5 cents and 20.2 percent smoke.

The study "gives decision makers and policy makers at the state level the information to act in an informed way," said Michael Eriksen, director of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health.

There are now 46.8 million adult smokers in the United States.

Tobacco use kills more than 400,000 people each year and costs \$50 billion annually in health care, according to the CDC.

The agency was careful not to draw conclusions about the data, but in Washington Thursday, anti-smoking groups seized the opportunity to call for more tobacco controls.

"States which have not moved to curb tobacco consumption by raising excise taxes are paying the price, both in revenue and lives," said Dr. Michele Bloch, chairwoman of the Tobacco Control and Prevention Subcommittee of the American Medical Women's Association.

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Shuttle

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"But the accident caved in an entire institute and the belief in the can-do spirit of NASA that had been exemplified by the Apollo 13 rescue 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, thus 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 Mach 2 with the mixing of gases, aerodynamic stress caused the break-up of the orbiter."

After the firestorm

Photographs revealed that the cabin, where the crew was located, broke away completely intact, and evidence indicates that the crew did not die in the firestorm: The manual oxygen tanks worn by crew members Michael Smith, Ellison 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 de-

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

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

"The astronauts were experiencing 200 '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 a 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 forbids the launching of any shuttle when the temperature is below 41 degrees.

In the end...

But the most tangible effect of the Challenger disaster was the collection of memories that

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

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

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

To commemorate their patriot, 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.



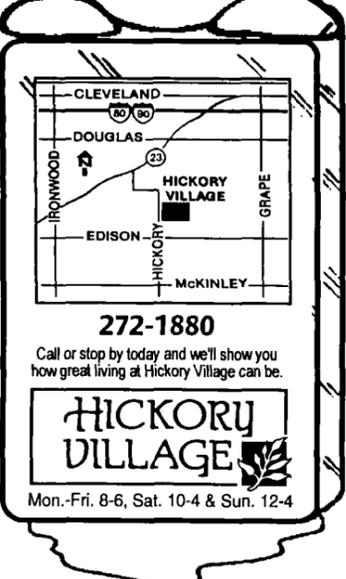
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Students recall explosion

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
Associate News Editor

The Challenger explosion occurred on Jan. 28, 1986, at 11:39 a.m., a time when children 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 some girl turning and saying, 'The spaceship exploded.'"

• "I was in my science class when one of the teachers came down the hall and told us. Everyone was in shock," said Tim Bellaire, of Chester, N.J. "The whole day was weird. It didn't feel right."

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

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

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enough to work in collaboration with others to make change for the future of this institution," he said.

What sort of campus problems need to be addressed?

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

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

Band

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the campus about the situation in the North of Ireland," said Foley. Although the band is on a major US tour, they discounted the price of this show, and tickets will be \$4.

"The band felt it was important to share their message and music with a receptive audience and so are charging one-third of the price," stated Foley. "In that sense, they were willing to make the financial sacrifice."

Samper considers resignation

Columbian president faces bribery charges

By CHRIS TORCHIA
Associated Press

BOGOTA, Columbia
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 stepping down would promote a "dangerous situation" and a vote would let the nation decide his fate.

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

Samper's support has eroded rapidly since his jailed ex-campaign chief said this week the president was aware the Cali drug cartel funded his 1994 election bid with millions of dollars.

The U.S. State Department denied a report today in The Washington Post that Washington was canceling the visas of six top military officials for alleged links to drug traffickers. The officials included Gen. Camilo Zuniga, head of the armed forces, the newspaper said.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said today no

visas are being canceled nor does the U.S. have any such plans. He added, "There is a political crisis under way and we are going to await the results" of legal inquiries.

U.S. Ambassador Myles Frechette said earlier that the United States was considering revoking a "great number" of visas. A lawyer for Fernando Botero, Samper's 1994 campaign manager, alleged Wednesday that Samper himself solicited drug money.

"Of course, it was Samper who made the order," attorney Fernando Londono said. "Only two people on the campaign had that power, Samper and Botero, and it wasn't Botero."

In a poll by Bogota's El Tiempo newspaper, 62 percent said they believed Botero and 20 percent believed Samper. Eighteen percent were undecided or did not respond. The poll had a margin of error of 4 percent.

Colombia's business leaders, who warn the growing scandal will hurt the economy, urged Samper on Wednesday to step down temporarily while prosecutors investigate.

"He is seriously weakened in the exercise of his authority," a group of 15 national business associations said in a statement. "It's clear... that he has wanted to hide the truth from the coun-

try and the justice system."

A referendum, even if approved, may not end Samper's woes; it would likely take months to organize and would not affect the government's probe into his campaign.

Some critics said the vote would be unconstitutional, and an ex-president warned it might lead to armed uprisings.

"A popular vote of that kind would engender a confrontation close to civil war in which it's possible the armed forces would have to intervene to restore peace," said Alfonso Lopez Michelsen, who was president from 1974 to 1978.

Meanwhile, Samper's support within his own party and government continued to slip. On Wednesday, a leader of his ruling Liberal Party urged him to step down, and Francisco Posada, his ambassador to Venezuela, resigned.

Ambassador Carlos Lleras de la Fuente, in Washington, told a Colombian television news program that he was also considering resigning. Last year, Colombia's envoys to Great Britain and France stepped down because of the crisis.

Botero, a former defense minister who was arrested in August, said he became increasingly frustrated because he felt he was being made a scapegoat.

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Forbes' ad campaign narrows primary gap

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press

WATERLOO, Iowa

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, hit with negative ads from his rivals and questions about his ability to compete with President Clinton, complained Thursday that the GOP race seemed at times like "running for the mud-wrestling championship."



Dole

Dole also conceded that his campaign's own polling showed his numbers slipping against millionaire publisher Steve Forbes. But he predicted Forbes' rally would fizzle.

Dole said a negative advertising campaign by his rivals, and particularly by Forbes, seemed to be cutting into his lead — as shown by recent polls.

In fact, polls have shown Forbes closing the gap with Dole in many states, including Iowa, with its GOP caucuses on Feb. 12.

An Iowa Project poll of 300 likely caucus goers released Thursday found Dole supported by 26 percent and Forbes by 18 percent. All other candidates were in single digits in the Jan. 22 survey, which had a 6 percentage point margin of error.

Dole said he was not too concerned.

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

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

"It gives him an advantage, I

think, in the short term. I think in the long term, at least I hope in the long term, it backfires," Dole told reporters.

"I think people in Iowa ... know me pretty favorably here. I don't think they're going to believe all this stuff. But some do."

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

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

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

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

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

Forbes has accused Dole of voting for tax increases, of voting to raise his congressional pension and of conspiring with Gramm to engineer a 1990 budget agreement that included a large tax increase.

"Millions of dollars of negative advertising — it's terrible. I might not even vote for myself," Dole joked.



A little hockey, eh?

Senior Tim Kusserow challenges varsity hockey player Tim Harberts to a version of the game that is more his speed in the Gorch Game Room of the LaFortune Student Center.

The Observer/Dave Murphy

MCI wins bid for direct delivery

By JEANNINE AVERSA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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

With a bid of \$682.5 million, MCI came away the winner of a Federal Communications Commission auction.

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

"This new venture is a perfect marriage of MCI's sales and marketing skills, customer base and billing capabilities

with News Corp.'s expertise in entertainment and information programs," MCI Chairman Bert Roberts said.

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

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

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

the high-powered satellites needed for the service launch.

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

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

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

Pan Am makes attempt to reenter travel market

Associated Press

NEW YORK

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

Former Pan Am executive Martin Shugrue and Miami real estate developer 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.

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Task force studies clinic violence

By MICHAEL SNIFFEN
Associated Press

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

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

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

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

"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 empaneling grand juries with national responsibilities. The government usually brings the easiest cases first and tries to entice those convicted to finger accomplices and bosses in return for leniency.

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

The law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said evidence 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."

He proclaimed the investigation to be the government's worst violation of free-speech rights since the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover had his agents harass civil rights and Vietnam war protesters in the 1960s.

"Murder is not free speech," said Ann Glazier, director for clinic defense for Planned Parenthood. "And anti-abortion violence hasn't disappeared."

She said her group, which runs 1,000 clinics nationwide, recorded in the last week an attempted arson in Oregon and a blockade of a clinic in Pennsylvania.

"There have been five people murdered and seven wounded since 1993 and millions of dollars in arson damage. These aren't random acts," said Vicki Saporta, executive director of the National Abortion Federation.

Scientists discover new strain of hepatitis virus

By PAUL RECER
Associated Press

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 *Science*, a large team of scientists report that a virus identified as hepatitis G, or HGV, was isolated from the blood of patients with chronic hepatitis.

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

Dr. Harvey Alter of the National Institutes of Health, a coauthor of the study, said that although the virus "is a newly discovered agent, it probably has been around a long time."

Alter said that sophisticated laboratory techniques capable of detecting the virus are only now becoming available. No antibody test of the type used to identify other hepatitis viruses has been developed for HGV, he said.

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

Five distinct viruses, called Hepatitis A through E, have

been identified as causing acute viral hepatitis. The seriousness of infection varies from virus to virus, and from patient to patient, but many chronic carriers never experience 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 worrisome to a patient. He said more studies are needed on this question.

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

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

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

In screening 1,400 approved blood donors, he said, the researchers found traces of HGV in less than 2 percent.

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

Infant death prompts charges

Associated Press

EVANSVILLE, 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 say.

Vanderburgh County Prosecutor Stan Levco 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 protective order banning contact with Tammy Powers.

Stephen Powers, 20, had never been accused of abusing the children, prosecutors said. But both he and David Powers had been charged with battering Tammy R. Powers 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.

He now stands accused of beating 5-month-old Kyran after the baby would not stop crying. The baby died Tuesday at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis.

John Martin, David Powers' brother-in-law, said the couple had adequate warning that Stephen Powers was disturbed.

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EDITORIAL

When students talk, no one listens

Imagine the following scenario: Student leaders propose an innovative idea. 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 either not feasible, unworkable or simply impossible to implement. Soon a committee is formed to gauge opinion, study the issue and produce a report. But the report doesn't really matter because regardless of its contents, administrators have made up their minds and will never agree. Student leaders graduate soon after, leaving no one to follow up on their innovative idea.

Does this sequence of events sound familiar? It should, especially to members of the Campus Life Council debating the merits of coresidentiality. Despite the recommendation of a 1988 task force that coresidentiality be considered for any new dorms constructed on the Notre Dame campus, Bill Kirk of the Office of Student Affairs, recently rejected a CLC proposal in favor of the issue. Kirk's reasoning: a new living structure would be too complicated and even "foolish" at this time. Now, the CLC is studying the issue further, but few are under any illusion about the outcome.

The fact is, sexual segregation doesn't work. Granted, the single-sex dorm system has created years of valuable experiences and a wealth of tradition. But sometimes tradition masks problems—namely, ignorance and disrespect between the sexes. At no time was this more obvious than last year's hall note incident. Strangely, Notre Dame men and women can function well together in other parts of the world, but not in South Bend.

Londomers have been living together in flats for years, as well as students in Australia, Innsbruck and even the Peace House. All seem to be well adjusted despite their coresidential experiences.

But Kirk and Student Affairs continue to ignore the benefits of a change, instead arguing that co-ed dorms are inappropriate because of an "increase in complex student situations." If Kirk means the sexual assaults, poor gender relations, date rape and parietal violations that are now common, coresidentiality could be a solution to these "situations" rather than the problem.

Others fear the end of the traditions. Be it interhall athletics or SYRs, there is no reason those customs can't continue. Coresidentiality could increase constructive interaction between the sexes and tear down many of the gender barriers and myths that characterize the Notre Dame family.

Whether or not you support coresidentiality, there are larger issues at play. We are told that "student voice" is important to the University, but strangely, if student hadn't brought up coresidentiality this year, the issue would never have been raised, let alone debated or implemented. Other student concerns are treated similarly; in other words, repeatedly ignored.

We are told that students are the heart of Notre Dame. But in reality, no one has less control over the future of this institution. If student opinions are going to continue to be meaningless, the administration should just cut the charade and tell us right now. Otherwise, we're just wasting our time.

I AM NOT A POTTED PLANT

Time to let race issues die

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 columns). I heard one commentator remark, surprised, that "race is still the central issue in American politics."

It cannot be denied that for many blacks, race remains one of the most important facts of life. It goes a long way to defining who they are and how they relate to the rest of the world. Granted. 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 perhaps a few smaller groups such as Laotians and some native American tribes.

Why is race 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-lifer. It wasn't that I had some problem with the people around me, strange as they might be (the anarchist downstairs, whose mohawk was green some days and orange on others, was sub-

poenaed by the FBI for threatening to kill President Bush). The problem was that I sometimes felt pre-judged (because of my beliefs) by people who had never met me.

My experience was, of course, different from that of blacks — for one, I could have decided to remain silent, while race is immutable — but it helps me to imagine how blacks must feel, here or elsewhere. Once you feel as if people are prejudging you, comfort is no longer a natural response to other people, even with your friends.

I would never deny the power of latent racism, lurking in the subconscious, or simply hidden behind a smiling facade. But race as a transcendental issue is dead, or dying — and rightly so — because no one believes that race ought to be how you judge other people.

Race is not dying away as a reality. Race is only one way of grouping people, and people will always be members of different groups. Group loyalty in a dorm, or in a family, or in a university, is one of the things that makes life interesting. Diversity is generally a good thing (and, I should add, we could use more of it at ND).

But, as Yogi would say, there's groups and then there's groups. The problem is that it's easy and natural to put too much emphasis on membership in one group, and to neglect one's membership in the larger

group -- humanity.

Race-awareness becomes an ideology when it is used as the lens through which the rest of the world is understood. For instance, when someone says, "pale-skinned savage white devils have been the cause of pain and misery for all indigenous peoples and cultures," a race-based ideology is clearly driving that view of history. Because it is a wrong ideology, it fails to account for the pain and misery caused by the Mongol clans invading Europe, or by Turks invading the Balkans, or by Arab use of African slaves, or by the thousands of wars and conflicts between non-whites which occurred prior to any contact with whites.

As the world gets bored with that species of liberalism which I would call consumerism, the old, failed ideologies try to fill the vacuum. Ethnic nationalism, mercantilism, and fascism are all on the comeback trail. We must fight them back — no, shame them back — into the sordid lairs from which they crawled. It's the same with race-ism.

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 impossibility here. Catholicism and Christianity claim to transcend race: "in Christ there is no east or west." Whatever differences we have in perception, whatever differences we have in background, should pale in comparison to the ideas we share, the most important ideas possible: God, good, salvation, sin, resurrection.

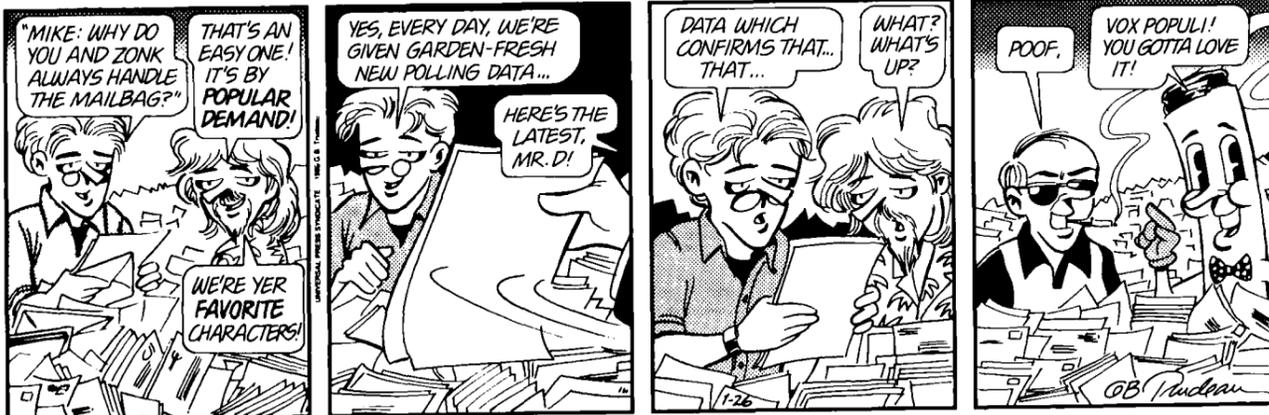
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QUOTE OF THE DAY



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

—Bernard Malamud



If you were trapped

With the resurgence of the typically gray South Bend weather, depression often becomes a common phenomena. Admit it, The Bend has its charm, but if we get anymore weather like this, we might as well be in Alaska. When you hear people say things like "I saw the sun today," you know you need an escape. To get our minds off those chilly temperature readings, campus is offering at least two activities this weekend to ease those winter blues. And if those fail, well, just warm your thoughts by imagining yourself on a desert island. Accent asked a whole bunch of important people what they'd take with them (movie, book, person) if they were stranded on a desert island equipped with a television and VCR. (Lou Holtz was unable to answer our questions because he was recruiting and "probably had more important things on his mind." More important things than sun and relaxation?) The current temperature in Tahiti? 85 degrees and sunny.

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



GOING CUCKOO AT NOTRE DAME



By KRISTA NANNERY
Accent Editor

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

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

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

McMurphy enters the asylum, assuming they will let him out when they discover he is not nuts. Unfortunately, that is not the case. Nurse Ratchet,

played by Misty Goad, rules the roost with an iron fist and is determined to remain in total control. McMurphy realizes he's going to have to be smart and thus befriends everyone and begins to plan his escape. He also manages to liven up the place in the process, throwing a party before he attempts his break-out.

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

In the past, The St. Edward's Hall Players were well funded. This year however, financial matters proved tight. The players petitioned the Club Coordination Council and formalized 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.

on a desert island...



FATHER EDWARD MALLOY

University President
Book--the Bible
Person--A sage
Movie--"A Man For All Seasons"

CHRIS PETTRUCELLI

Women's Soccer Coach
Book--"Ball Four" by Jim Bouton
Movie--"The Outlaw" with Josie Wells
Person--"Eve, my wife."

PATTY O'HARA

Vice President of Student Affairs
Book--"A Tale of Two Cities"
Movie--"Rainman"
Person--David Letterman

CINDY DAWS

Soccer Player
Book--A joke book
Movie--"Just Cause"
Person--Demond

MARY PAT NOLAN

Saint Mary's Director of Admissions
Book--Leon Uris' "Redemption" ("It's the next item on my list of books I don't have time to read.")
Person--Harrison Ford
Movie--"Casablanca"

DENNIS MCCARTHY

Student Body Vice President
Movie--"Escape From Alcatraz" with Clint Eastwood
Person--Martha Stewart ("Because she could make the island feel like home!")
Book--"Swiss Family Robinson" ("The book would be practical because Martha and I would want to start a family.")

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Book--"Where the Sidewalk Ends"
Movie--"The Fox and the Hound"
Person--Mike

RALPH MCINERNEY

Professor of Philosophy and author of the Father Dowling mystery series
Book--"I am tempted to give Chesterton's answer about the book, namely, 'How to Build a Boat,' but in the interests of originality I will say 'Treasure Island'--which cannot be reread too often."
Movie--Father Dowling reruns
Person--Ben Gunn ("Because, while half mad, he has salted away enough goat meat to fuel lots of re-readings of 'Treasure Island.'")

JONATHAN PATRICK

Student Body President
Movie--Best of "Gilligan's Island"
Book--"du Lac"
Person--MacGyver ("He'll find a way to get me home.")

RON POWLUS

Football Player
Book--"Misery"
Movie--"Rocky II"
Person--Kathy Ireland

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Observer Editor-in-Chief
Book--"Private Parts," Howard Stern
Movie--"The Empire Strikes Back"
Person--Marcel, the monkey from "Friends" and "Outbreak"

JAMEY SOTIS

ND Leprechaun
Book--The Bible
Movie--"A Charlie Brown Christmas"
Person--Jesus



Student Film Festival Offers Artistic Repose

By JOEY CRAWFORD
Assistant Accent Editor

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 venues, 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 in some major projects. Andy Cris (1994) recently worked on the set of "Sense and Sensibility." Caroline Brock (1991) was the location manager for Clint Eastwood's film "A Perfect World." Chad Tomasko 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 Faiola 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 COTH majors...and bring your popcorn.



COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Johnson steps to fore as UConn streaks to their 17th straight win

By JEFFREY BAIR Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

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

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

Ray Allen had 14 points on 5-of-15 shooting and Kirk King had 11 rebounds for Connecticut, which outrebounded the Panthers 42-32.

Garrick Thomas had 16 points for Pitt, which lost its fourth straight and its fourth in five games since upsetting Georgetown on Jan. 9. The Panthers took No. 1 Massachusetts into overtime Tuesday but lost 79-71.

Pitt (8-7, 3-4) failed on four consecutive opportunities to tie the score midway through the second half when Connecticut had leads of 53-52 and 55-52.

Andre Howard, a member of Pitt's heralded freshman class, missed two shots during that stretch.

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

After missing the Huskies' 70-point win over Central Connecticut State Tuesday, 7-foot center Travis Knight appeared to favor his broken left thumb in warmups and had four first-half turnovers.

A doctor will insert a pin in the thumb Friday to stabilize a chipped bone. Knight, who is right-handed, should be able to play against Virginia.

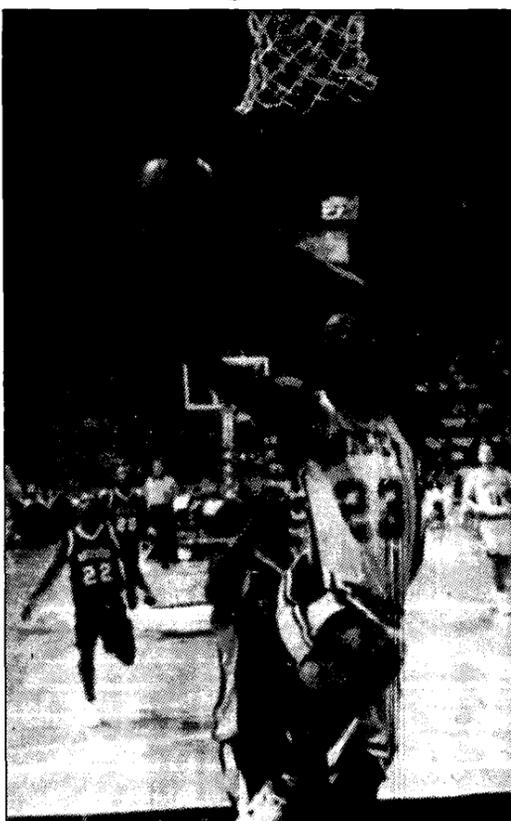


Photo courtesy of UConn Sports Info

Rudy Johnson tallied 16 points as the Huskies improved their season mark to 18-1.

The Panthers looked sloppy early but rallied and led 17-12 at 12:31 behind Thomas' 11 points, including three 3-pointers.

Connecticut responded with a 14-4 run, including Doron Sheffer's 3-pointer to take a 22-21 lead at 7:08.

Pitt appeared to be most effective when using a full-court press and two point guards, Kevin Willard and Jerry McCullough. They and other Pitt guards forced Sheffer into eight turnovers.

NBA

Bullets rout Rockets

By DAVID GINSBURG Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md.

The Washington Bullets dressed nine players and were without Chris Webber and Mark Price as they prepared for their second game in two nights.

To make matters worse, the competition Thursday was the two-time defending world champion Houston Rockets.

A blowout seemed certain, but it was the Bullets who administered the beating. Brent Price scored 19 of his 25 points in the decisive first half and six other Washington players reached double figures in an improbable 120-85 rout.

"They played great and we played horribly. I'm not real happy about it, but it happens in this league," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said.

"If they played like that every night, they'd have one of the best records in the league," Rockets center Hakeem Olajuwon said. "They played like a championship team — they worked together and shot the ball very well."

The Bullets made 15 of their first 19 shots and never trailed in handing Houston its most lopsided loss since a 38-point blowout in Portland last Feb. 6. It was the most points scored against the Rockets this season.

"This was a great win for us," Brent Price said. "It says a lot about our team, the way we stepped up after finding out that Chris and Mark weren't playing. Of course, it

helped that we were home."

Calbert Cheaney scored 20 points and Gheorghe Muresan had 17 points and 13 rebounds for the Bullets, who had lost two straight and five of six.

Tim Legler had 16 points and Juwan Howard 14.

Price made half of the Bullets' franchise-record with 12 3-pointers. He also had nine rebounds and eight assists in 41 minutes.

Olajuwon eclipsed the 21,000-mark in career points, scoring 22 on 10-for-23 shooting, but it wasn't nearly enough to prevent the Rockets from suffering their fourth loss in five games. Olajuwon has 21,010 points since joining the NBA in 1984.

The Rockets shot 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 nine points.

"It's a game where we hope we learn from it and don't let it happen again," he said. "We looked like a tired club."

It was Houston's fourth game in five days.

Led by Price, the Bullets shot 62 percent in scoring a season-high 71 points in the first half. Washington led by 23 at halftime and 93-62 entering the final period.

The Rockets made only 21 of 56 shots in the opening three quarters. Washington, on the other hand, sank 10 of its 16 3-point shots during that span.

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I heard Late Night Olympics has a 4 mile run. Anyone interested? (joke)

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wildcats hang on

By BOB BAUM
Associated Press

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



Olson

The Wildcats (14-3 overall, 4-2 Pac-10) beat the Beavers (3-12, 1-5) for the 12th straight time and the 23rd time in their last 24 meetings.

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

The game wasn't decided until Davis sank two free

throws with 11.2 seconds to play.

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

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

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

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

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

Vetter added 14 points for the Beavers.

Associated Press

Brandon Jessie scored 18 points and No. 10 Utah beat Texas El Paso 68-54 Thursday night in the Miners first game since coach Don Haskins suffered a heart attack.

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

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

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

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

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

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Utah, Cincinnati survive scares, Virginia Tech beaten badly

Cincinnati 71 DePaul 61

behind the arc.

Danny Fortson, shackled most of the game by DePaul's sagging defense, led a decisive spurt in the closing minutes as No. 5 Cincinnati pulled away to a 71-61 victory Thursday night.

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

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

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

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

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

Darnell Burton hit seven 3s and tied his career high with 24 points, and Damon Flint added 18. Bryant Bowden led DePaul with 17.

DePaul, which hasn't beaten Cincinnati in four years, came out inspired and ran off a 13-3 lead.

The Blue Demons calmly passed through Cincinnati's traps, worked for open shots and hit them — 6-of-8 in the first five minutes.

DePaul also accomplished its main goal defensively: stopping Fortson, who managed just five points in the first half.

But Cincinnati once again showed its offensive balance by turning its 3-point shooters loose.

The Bearcats hit just one 2-point field goal in the first half. The rest were 3-pointers — seven in all.

Twenty of Cincinnati's 32 shots in the half came from

Burton and Flint alternated 3-pointers in an 11-2 spurt midway through the half that gave Cincinnati a 21-20 lead. DePaul took a 33-31 lead into intermission after Marcus Singer hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

DePaul's lack of depth showed late in the first half and again in the second.

Juan Gay and Charles Gelatt, two top players off the bench, missed their seventh consecutive game because of academic suspension, and 3-point specialist Peter Patton has been slowed by a sprained ankle the last six games.

Coach Joey Meyer had even less to work with after forward Brian Currie, the Blue Demons' third-leading scorer, picked up his third foul with 6:26 left in the first half. Jermaine Watts, the second-leading scorer, fell and strained his left wrist less than a minute later, but played the second half.

Currie fouled out and Bowden played the final seven minutes with four fouls.

GW 64 VT 47

Kwame Evans scored five of his 13 points during an early second-half spurt which shut the door on a Virginia Tech comeback bid as George Washington upset the eighth-ranked Hokies 64-47 Thursday night.

The Colonials (10-4 overall, 4-1 Atlantic 10) never trailed, jumping out to an 18-8 lead with 9:21 remaining in the first half, then stretching that to 12 points three times over the next 5 1/2 minutes.

Virginia Tech (12-2, 5-1) mounted only one serious threat, going on a 10-0 run and pulling to 27-25 on a short jumper by Ace Custis with 35.6 seconds remaining in the half.

However, George Washington scored the final basket of the half.

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Wyche diagnosed

Special to the Observer

NOTRE DAME, Ind. University of Notre Dame freshman guard Antoni Wyche was diagnosed with a case of pleurisy in his right lung this afternoon after he suffered breathing problems during a practice session.

Pleurisy is an inflammation of the wall of the lung and Wyche is not expected to miss any action because of the condition. He is being treated with medication and will be examined again on Friday morning. Wyche was transported from Notre Dame to St. Joseph's Medical Center.

Gottlieb

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elementary maneuver, has a certain panache when executed by him.

And don't think he doesn't know it.

"I believe that I can pass as good or better than anyone else in the country," he says in a straight-forward manner. "That's something I've known since high school."

"Sometimes Doug throws passes that people aren't ready for, but they are the right passes," explained classmate Phil Hickey, a recipient of several of Gottlieb's 80+ assists this season.

Recently, though, the rest of the Irish have started to catch on. In the waning moments of Notre Dame's victory over Rutgers, Gottlieb was able to penetrate and slip a pass through two defenders to an expectant Derek Manner, turning a crucial possession into an easy bucket.

Such plays are beginning to become the rule rather than the exception, according to Gottlieb.

"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 one portion 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 my shooting. That's why I pass so well, because that's more of a reaction than a thought."

Ballhandling has been a

more successful endeavor, mainly because he has battled tooth and nail with junior defensive specialist Admore White in practice. The learning curve from those sessions has benefitted 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 defended 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."

Actions, though, speak louder than words, and Gottlieb's distribution skills show that he is no passing fancy.

Mountaineers to test Irish

By TIM SEYMOUR
Associate Sports Editor

Head coaches 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 at the last minute.

For one school, the luck will change this weekend.

Catlett's 7-9 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 to overtime and dropped a 69-67 heartbreaker against Villanova before finally finishing strong to knock off Syracuse.

"We had a stretch where we played the four toughest teams in the league," said Catlett. "Now the players have gotten a chance to catch up with themselves, and we've had good preparation time."

"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.

While the Mountaineers have struggled away from home this season, the Irish have been

more physically active at the Joyce.

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

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

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

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

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

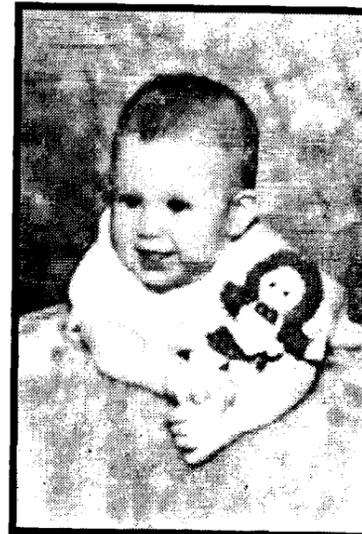
Health is also a concern for the Irish. Only freshman Gary Bell is out of the lineup, but both Derek Manner and Marcus Young are still attempting to regain their pre-injury form.

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



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Notre Dame hopes to build momentum heading into the home stretch of the CCHA schedule.

"We take a lot of pride in our defense, so the Michigan game was pretty frustrating," said senior defenseman Garry Gruber. "They were in a bit of a zone, and we couldn't do much about it. Hopefully, things will be different this

weekend."

Gruber, junior Brian McCarthy, freshman Benoit Cotnoir, senior Jeremy Coe, junior Ben Nelsen, and the rest of the unit have struggled to maintain consistency for three periods. They will have to elevate their game to contain a Cadet offense, led by Joe Sharrock (28 points) and Ian Winer (28 in 17 games), that averages 4.36 goals per game.

It's anyone's guess as to who will start for Notre Dame at goaltender. Senior Wade

Salzman floundered against Michigan after putting together a string of solid games against Ohio State and Illinois-Chicago. Sophomore Matt Eisler, who started 12 of the team's first 14 games, should also see extensive time between the pipes.

"Wade has played well for us in the opportunities he has had," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin. "We haven't given him or Matt Eisler a lot of support behind them. That is an area that we will have to improve in these final 13 games."

The Irish offense, led by senior center Jamie Ling (24 points) and freshman right wing Brian Urick (17), will have their hands full against an Army corps trained to defend the net in addition to the country. The unit is the top scoring defense in the country, giving up just 2.09 goals a contest.

Ling, who recorded two assists and the game winning goal in Friday night's 5-4 victory over UIC, is just four points away from reaching 150 for his career. He will become just the 13th player in Notre Dame history to achieve that feat.

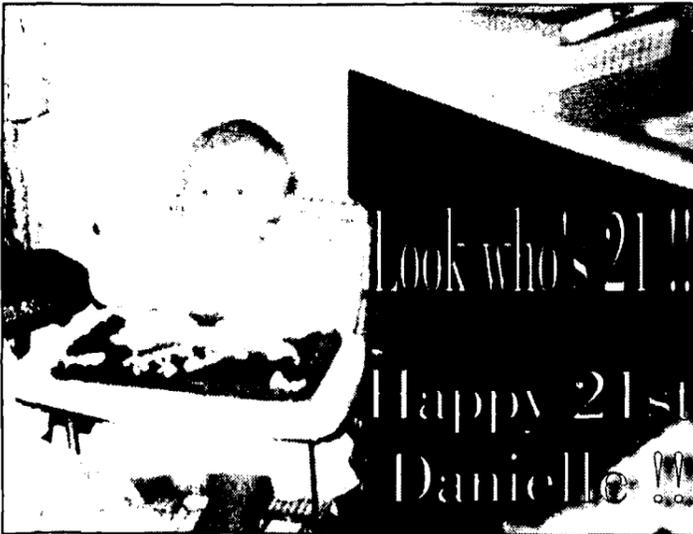
"Even when we have had problems, he has been consistent for us all season long," said Urick. "He has set me up with some easy scoring chances, and it has helped me adjust. Now we need to carry it over against Army."

Opportunity has knocked. Now it's up to the Irish to kick open the door.



The Observer/Brent Tadsen

Terry Lorenz and the Irish need to step up the defensive intensity.



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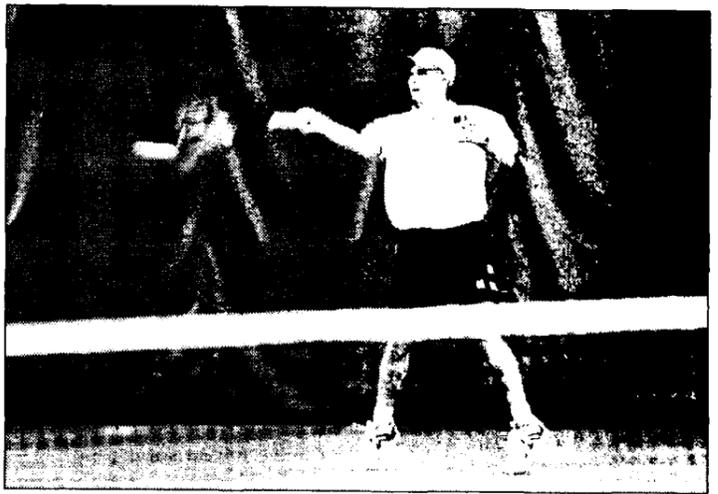
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■ MEN'S TENNIS



The Observer/Eric Ruethling

Ryan Simme returned in yesterday's match, winning 7-6, 6-4.

Notre Dame netters starting out strong

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

After blanking the Ohio State Buckeyes 7-0, the Notre Dame men's tennis team continued their winning ways with a convincing 5-2 win over the No. 23 Minnesota squad.

"This win has got to help our confidence a lot," head coach Bob Bayliss commented. "I am really concerned with the first half of our schedule. In our first ten matches, eight will be in the top twenty at the end of the season."

Included in that group will be No. 17 Kentucky, No. 10 Louisiana State, and No. 3 Georgia.

In yesterday's match, senior captain Mike Sprouse defeated last year's midwest and Big Ten champion Lars Hjarrand. Sprouse took three sets to overcome his opponent, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

"Mike played a very courageous match today as he beat a great player," praised coach Bayliss.

Also contributing in a big way was Jakup Pietrowski, who won in straight sets (6-3, 6-4) at the number two singles slot. Coach Bayliss remarked, "Jakup stepped up to the plate today, and came up with a big victory. He served big, returned well, and was more aggressive than he has been in the past."

Another courageous performance was turned in yesterday by junior Ryan Simme. Before his 7-6, 6-4 victory, Ryan had not played a set, as he had just

begun hitting the ball two weeks ago. In the third singles slot Simme defeated Eric Donley, as strong player who will probably crack the top ten in the midwest this season.

Simme had surgery on his foot in October, and was forced completely out of action until January.

"The foot felt pretty good today, it has been getting better and better everyday. It felt great and was a lot of fun to play in competition again," noted Simme.

Simme, with the aid of trainer Mike Bean, spent a lot of time recuperating in anticipation of yesterday's somewhat unexpected return.

In the number five singles match Senior J. J. O'Brien defeated a very talented freshman in straight sets 6-3, 6-1.

"Today J.J., a veteran, played a young player and that was exactly what it looked like. He just schooled him all day," lauded Bayliss.

The two singles losses were tough to swallow as freshman Brian Patterson and senior Jason Pun dropped their matches, in the No. 4 and No. 6 singles slots respectively.

"We felt we could have won those two matches," Bayliss observed. "I just told them today just will not our day today, but we will win those matches later on down the road."

On the doubles side Sprouse and Pun won a very tough match over the Golden Gophers No. 2 and 3 players, Ben Gabler and Eric Donley, 9-7.

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■ AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Chang upsets Agassi to advance

By STEVE WILSTEIN
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia
Defending champion Andre Agassi ran out of miracles at last Saturday when human backboard Michael Chang overcame a rib injury 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 the winner of the other semifinal between Boris Becker and Mark Woodforde.

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

"If you're No. 1 in the world, it doesn't mean that you're safe anymore," said Chang, the No. 5 seed. "Obviously you have to

be out there playing your best tennis."

Agassi hit lazy drop shots that floated into the net, and he slugged wild shots that soared at times 10 feet wide or long. He made no effort for some balls that might have been within his reach, as if he had nothing left after so many comebacks.

Chang, despite the rib injury, had fresh legs as he advanced to the final without losing a set in any of his six matches.

He hit serves at up to 122 mph, but many of his aces were much slower, well-placed slices that caught Agassi by surprise.

Agassi struggled all match to hold serve, never more than in the ninth of the second set, which went to deuce 11 times before Agassi finally held with the second of his three aces.

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

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

In the second, trailing 3-0, Agassi looked as if he were about to turn things around after he stopped for several minutes to watch two swallows circle near him, then shooed 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 broke again to 3-3.

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

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

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

■ VOLLEYBALL

ND assistant moves on

By BETSY BAKER
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Being part of Notre Dame was something I wanted to do for a long time," Schlick commented.

"But my whole family lives out there and after I finished

my degree, I started thinking about returning."

Schlick came to Notre Dame from Arizona State in 1991. During his five seasons with the Irish, Schlick helped compile a 143-37 record, including four appearances at the NCAA tournament.

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

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

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

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

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

"The program there was ranked number one in the nation in 1984 and '85. There's definitely a strong tradition," Schlick noted.

"I hope to reestablish it and get it back on its feet."

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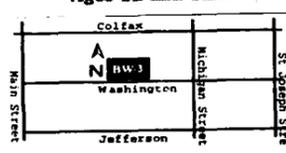
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Point guard Jeannine Augustin (11) will lead Notre Dame's half-court trap tomorrow as the Irish travel to Miami for a Big East match-up.

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

scoring with 14.8 points per game. She also pulls down an average of 6.7 rebounds per game, which leads the team. Along with Blue, Miami will primarily look for Desma Thomas and Jennifer Jordan to provide much of the team's offense.

"We're going to go with a half court trapping defense," said Augustin.

The Irish coaches and players hope this defensive style will successfully contain Miami's talented athletes.

Another key to an Irish victory this weekend is intensity. The Irish have struggled lately to maintain a high level of intensity for two consecutive halves. Head coach Muffet McGraw and her staff have done an excellent job motivating the Irish during the halftime break of their two previous games. In both cases, the Irish struggled early but dominated in the second half.

"Sometimes we come into a game, and we're just not ready mentally. But in the second half we get stronger," explained Augustin. "Coach pretty much lays it on the line."

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

Poor

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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 MCC tourney.

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

While her work ethic 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:

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

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 captain Mindi Kalogera and freshmen Myriah Brown and Sara Walsh, who was undefeated last week at Northwestern.

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

Possibly the toughest chal-

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

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

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

Notre Dame faces Tri-State University at 8:00 am Saturday morning and ends with Lawrence University with the match starting at 4:00 pm.

■ 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 test for the Irish.



Lord

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

The team is riding high after their victory at the Federated Insurance Court Classic.

In addition, this weekend marks the return of senior Sherri Vitale will be back at

the no. 5 singles spot for the Irish, she was absent at the last match due to her taking the GMAT.

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

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

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

The two doubles teams have not played each other yet this year.

Also the Irish are looking for continued support from the freshmen, who thus far have done their fair share.

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

"We have two really great freshmen on the team this year, and they will definitely help us go far," Vitale stated.

Velasco, the no. 4 singles seed, has yet to lose a match this whole year.

"This match, I am going to try to work the net, and be aggressive," stated Velasco. "This should definitely be a good warm-up match for all of us, because Northwestern is coming up next week. I definitely think that we will do well and win this weekend."

Crabtree summed up this weekend's match best by saying, "This match will be a tough regional match for us. Granted Illinois lost seniors this year, they will still be tough. They are not as good as they were last year, but I still know that they will be extremely hard to beat."

Following this weekend, the Irish have a home match against another regional rival from Illinois, Northwestern next Thursday.

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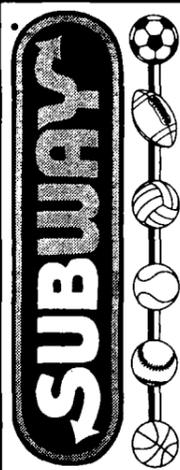
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Running the Show



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

By TIM SEYMOUR

It was about midway through practice that the recognition showed in Notre Dame forward Pat Garrity's eyes. Practice had been arduous, and Garrity had not been getting good looks at the basket.

Giving it one more try, he cut straight down the middle of the 2-3 zone, and waiting for him in the perfect spot was the ball, zipped in from the corner.

After the easy hoop, Garrity wheeled

Gottlieb is passing's version of the human highlight film. Open court look-aways. Driving wrap-arounds. Even the bounce pass, basketball's most

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towards the wing, where teammate Doug Gottlieb was running back on defense. The expression on his face revealed that once again, Garrity comprehended exactly what Gottlieb could do for him.

Other Irish players have had that same look recently as they continue to adjust to their new floor leader. Though Gottlieb, a freshman fromustin, CA, has only been with the squad for three months, his mark is already apparent.

And that can only mean good things for Notre Dame's future.

"Doug's been very, very effective, and for a freshman, he's handled the point guard spot well," said Irish coach John MacLeod. "He can just flat out pass."



Freshman point guard Doug Gottlieb has taken the driver's seat in the Irish offense.

Irish set to battle Army

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Opportunity knocks.

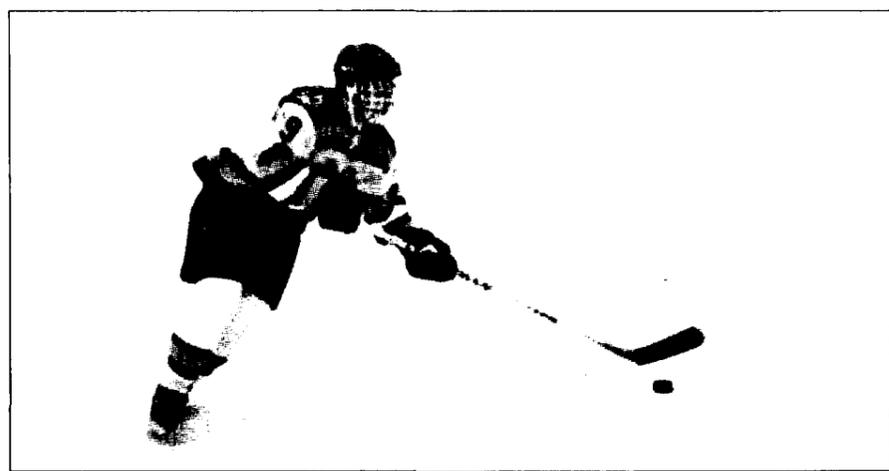
Coming off a humiliating 11-1 loss to Michigan and in the midst of a race for the last seed in the CCHA playoffs, the 6-14-3 Notre Dame hockey team finds itself in an interesting situation this weekend.

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

night's conference showdown with Bowling Green.

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

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



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Men's Basketball
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vs. Army
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Women's Tennis
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