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SMC holds Madrigal Dinners



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Performers prepare Wednesday for their upcoming performances at the Madrigal Dinners. Today, Saturday and Sunday, Saint Mary's Regina Hall will host medieval-style singing, dancing and food.

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

For the next three nights, Regina Hall will be transformed into a medieval festival.

Saint Mary's will host its 31st annual Madrigal Dinners today, Saturday and Sunday. The dinner usually lasts about two hours and includes various forms of entertainment, with singers, actors, jugglers, musicians, and a large meal.

The performers include students from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, along with Notre Dame alumni and students from other area schools. This year's program will present 22 singers who are students in the South Bend area.

Nancy Menk, Saint Mary's music professor and choir director, said that the choir has been working hard.

"We have about 10 rehearsals, twice a week starting after October break. We start learning the notes, the music, and then gradually incorporate movement," she said. "I think the choir sounds better than ever this year."

The singers will be performing madrigal-style pieces and period carols along with many songs traditional to madrigal dinners, such as "The Boar's Head Carol," "The Holly and the Ivy," "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and several wassails.

Other performers at the dinner include two trumpet players, two jugglers, a Royal

Consort of musicians and four actors. Saint Mary's professor Mark Abram-Copenhaver writes the script every year, which includes lines for a jester, a wench and a herald. He also plays the Master of the House, a medieval master of ceremonies.

Sandy Rhein organizes the instrumental music and plays the harpsichord throughout the dinner. The Royal Consort is composed of students from the Andrews University Early Music Ensemble. They travel from Michigan each year to perform at the dinner.

Notre Dame graduate Will Bennett travels from Virginia every year to juggle during the dinner.

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Business students send troops letters

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

For thousands of U.S. troops stationed in Iraq, the holidays can be a lonely time, but students from the Mendoza College of Business are working to change that situation.

The Notre Dame Accounting Association is conducting a drive to send care packages to soldiers with connections to the University, including graduates and family members of students.

NDA vice president Mike Milligan said the drive allows students to give back to the military personnel who defend the nation. "We can show our appreciation for the sacrifices they're making for us," he said.

Margot O'Brien, the accounting club's faculty advisor, sent an e-mail appeal to all undergraduates in the college asking for their contributions to the project.

"These men and women are very far from their families and any kind of normalcy," O'Brien wrote. "Let's make their Christmas a little merrier."

Suggested food items include simple snacks that will not melt, including beef jerky, cookies

and chips. The NDAA is also looking for donations such as magazines, newspapers, DVDs and Christmas music that will help the troops feel connected to the United States.

O'Brien also asked that students compose letters to the troops on various topics, ranging from Irish sports to current events to messages of gratitude.

"We want to keep them up to date about things going on here in the U.S. and around the world," Milligan said.

Members of the NDAA will be collecting items and letters from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and Monday in the atrium of the Mendoza College.

Milligan said the group also welcomes monetary donations, which would allow further purchases for the care packages. The students will ship the items Tuesday, so they can be in the

hands of American troops by Christmas.

Milligan encouraged students and faculty members to be generous in support of their countrymen.

"Hopefully there will be enough for the troops to share," he said.

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"We want to keep them up to date."

Mike Milligan
vice president of the
Notre Dame
Accounting
Association

FYS plans to keep mailing midsemester grades home

By MATTHEW SMEDBERG
News Writer

The First Year of Studies will continue mailing midsemester report cards to students' home addresses, said Eileen Kolman, First Year of Studies dean, despite the Registrar's decision this year to only post final grades for students on Irishlink.

"FYS collects and sends students their midsemester grades because freshman may not be as able to gauge their standing in their classes," said Holly Martin, an advisor for first-year students. "The grades enable them to make sensible decisions about dropping classes and making their work habits better."

Martin said that upperclassmen are assumed to be able to make those judgments, though professors have the option to give a student a deficiency report in serious circumstances.

Martin said that freshmen advisors could not release grades to parents.

Upperclassmen do not regularly receive midsemester grades. These students may, however, receive a deficiency report from the Registrar if their professor judges by the middle of the semester that they are in serious danger of failing

the course. Both freshmen midsemester grades and deficiency reports are mailed to the student, not to his or her parents.

Freshman Kaitlin Shorrock said she was not concerned about her grades being mailed home. "I plan on ... printing out my final grades from Irishlink so they can see them too," she said.

Student grades and educational records are addressed to students rather than parents for legal privacy reasons, said associate registrar Lora Spaulding. She added, however, that federal law requires that parents be able to submit a special request, in which they must show that the student is claimed as a dependent on their tax forms, to see student's grades. The request must be cleared by the registrar and the Office of the General Counsel before information will be released.

The University sent an e-mail to students earlier this year announcing that grade reports could no longer be mailed. "The process was, in many ways, redundant," said Spaulding. "If a student needs a hard copy of his or her grades ... our office can provide that easily."

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DIVERSITY DISCUSSION



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Amy Gutmann, the provost of Princeton University, spoke Thursday on "Why Diversity Matters." Gutmann's visit was sponsored by the Provost's Distinguished Lecture Series. She'll speak again today at 3 p.m. in 220 Malloy Hall on "Identity and Social Justice: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly."

INSIDE COLUMN

Where's the concern?

In the two months since I arrived in Italy to study abroad for the year, I have been exposed to many cultural differences. But these differences from the United States go beyond the lack of huge shopping malls or better ice cream and coffee.

Claire Kelley

Photographer

The most sadly obvious difference to me this past month was the unified outpouring of public emotion as Italians mourned the 19 soldiers who were killed in Iraq Nov. 12 — a stark contrast from the way the Bush administration tries to avoid the issue of the growing number of American casualties and seems desensitized to the value of human life.

In November, the Italian people and politicians showed their grief at public ceremonies held to honor the dead — Italy's worst military loss since World War II. The bodies were brought to Rome and were placed in the Vittorio Emanuele monument in Piazza Venezia.

Hundreds of thousands of people brought bouquets of flowers and waited in line in silence to pay their respects. Many of the shops and restaurants in Rome turned off their lights or closed during the duration of the funeral on Nov. 18, which was declared a national day of mourning.

Outside Pascucci's, the sandwich bar where I eat lunch every day, Patrizia, the woman who works there, hung a multicolored peace flag (peace is the Italian word for peace), which has become an international sign of opposition to the Iraq war and all that it stands for. When I told her that I supported this gesture, she hugged me and I could see in her eyes the sadness of a citizen in a country that cares deeply about the horror of the fatalities of this war in Iraq.

Around the world, while families of those who have died in Iraq suffer, the bubble of the Bush administration remains completely removed not only from the pain of war but also the protests that are reflecting public opinion around the world. Bush avoids addressing reports of American deaths like those in the helicopter crash on Nov. 2 with brief public relations statements or he just says a few vague words about "freedom" or "combating evil" like he did during his Thanksgiving photo-op.

What is our country coming to when our president not only gives false reasons for entering a war, but also tries to use simplistic rhetoric with little meaning behind it to justify loss of human life?

In Europe, as protests continue both in London and outside my window here in Rome, I realize how lucky these people are to be able to express their emotion and opinion without the restriction and manipulation of their governments. The more I learn about the Bush administration the more I realize that the saying is true — "If you're not outraged, you're not paying attention."

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CORRECTIONS

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WILL JULIUS JONES SET THE SINGLE SEASON RUSHING RECORD THIS WEEKEND?



Natasha Sarkisian
sophomore
off-campus

"Who's Julius Jones?"



Daniel Lentz
sophomore
Alumni Hall

"I hope someone tackles the Orangemen."



Vijay Ramanan
sophomore
Alumni

"He has to because we can't have someone named Vegas in the record books."



Janice Ong
freshman
Pasquerilla West

"No doubt."



Cara Burditt
freshman
Pasquerilla West

"Is Chris Thomas hot?"



Theresa Kane
freshman
Pasquerilla West

"You betcha."



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Students make Christmas cards in LaFortune Thursday evening. This project was sponsored by the sophomore class council.

OFFBEAT

Lover faces charges for tongue biting

WICHITA, Kansas — Young lovers can sometimes lose their heads, but a young man in Wichita lost part of his tongue, police said.

Police were called to a loud fight about 9 p.m. Monday, at a home on the east side of the state's largest city.

Officers gave this report: After the argument, the boyfriend tried to give the girlfriend a makeup kiss. Instead, she bit off a large part of his tongue.

Police recovered the piece, and it was re-attached at a

Wichita hospital.

The young woman faces charges of aggravated battery. Police said the boyfriend faces simple battery charges.

Student puts repellent on teacher's cookie

SAMMAMISH, Wash. — A sixth grader sprayed non-poisonous dog repellent on a cookie intended for her teacher and has been expelled, officials say.

The situation developed when the pupil brought some store-bought chocolate chip cookies to school Monday for a party at Elizabeth Blackwell

Elementary School in this suburb east of Seattle, Lake Washington School District spokesman Peter Daniels said.

She handed one cookie to her teacher, who took a bite. About half a dozen other students bit into cookies that apparently had been hit with overspray and — like the teacher — coughed at the bitter taste and strong odor and spat out the crumbs, Daniels said Wednesday.

No injuries or illnesses were reported.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The ND Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will present Handel's *Messiah* today at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$6 for reserved seats at the LaFortune Box Office.

Head over to Carroll Hall tonight at 7 p.m. for the annual tree lighting ceremony and performance by the Glee Club.

Classics professor Peter McQuillan will speak on "Native and Natural: Aspects of Right and Freedom" today at 3 p.m. in Flanner Hall room 424.

The Irish music group Paddy's Racket will perform today at 10 p.m. at Legends. The Gaelic Society will offer dance lessons at 9 p.m.

Come watch as The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare company performs "Much Ado About Nothing" today at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults.

Spend the day in Chicago shopping for Christmas gifts. This trip is sponsored by Flipside and leaves Notre Dame at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Come cheer on the men's basketball team as they take on Central Michigan Saturday at 9 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Compete in the NDEExpress pool tournament today from 9 to 10 p.m. in the basement of LaFortune.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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Daschle testifies in Janklow case

S.D. representative is standing trial for manslaughter charge

Associated Press

FLANDREAU, S.D. — Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle joined another pillar of South Dakota politics in the courtroom Thursday as he testified at the manslaughter trial of Rep. Bill Janklow.

The defense called Daschle to bolster its contention that Janklow, a diabetic, had not eaten the day he collided with a motorcyclist. The defense contends a diabetic reaction caused Janklow to miss a stop sign before the deadly Aug. 16 crash.

Daschle said he was on stage with Janklow for about an hour at a Korean War veterans event the day of the crash.

"I didn't see him eat" or drink anything, Daschle said in his testimony, which lasted less than five minutes.

The senator added that he and Janklow — the state's lone representative in the House — are friends. "I think he's a very truthful person," Daschle said of the Republican.

Janklow, 64, is charged with second-degree manslaughter, running a stop sign, reckless driving and speeding in the crash that killed Randy Scott, 55, of Hardwick, Minn.

Janklow faces a maximum 10 years in prison if convicted of the manslaughter charge. A guilty verdict would also prompt the House ethics committee to investi-

gate.

Three other people also testified Thursday they didn't see Janklow eat anything the day of the crash.

Leslie Simdorn, a former Janklow intern, said Janklow did not eat any of the barbecue available at the veterans event out of concern he may spill on his clothes.

"He did ask [chief of staff Chris Braendlin] for a hot dog," said Simdorn, who said she did not see him eat one. Braendlin testified Wednesday that Janklow hadn't had anything to eat all day.

Simdorn, and earlier Braendlin, said a heckler approached Janklow after the event and they exchanged words. Then Janklow went to his car without eating, Simdorn said. "He was pretty agitated."

An emergency medical technician said Janklow didn't appear to be suffering from low blood sugar after the accident, but he said Janklow did accept a Coke and some candy at the scene — two items that diabetics do not usually take unless they are low on sugar.

On Thursday, an accident reconstruction expert testified that Janklow was going 63 mph or 64 mph at the time of the crash — less than the Highway Patrol's estimate of 71 mph.

Engineer Robert O'Shea said he used evidence from the state and information taken from an electronic sensing device in the car — data that state troopers were not able to download.

O'Shea also said the motorcyclist could have been traveling 65 mph — faster than the 59 mph estimated by the Highway Patrol.

Brady bill supporters regroup

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Veterans of the antigun wars gathered Thursday to mark the recent 10-year anniversary of former President Clinton's signing into law the Brady bill, which requires background checks of prospective gun buyers.

"We had a huge need: gun deaths were high," said Sarah Brady, who became a leading gun-control advocate after her husband, then-White House press secretary James Brady, was shot in an assassination attempt on former President Reagan in 1981. "We had a simple message: Keep guns out of the wrong hands."

The federal law that mandates background checks requires the National Instant Check System — the FBI background check system firearms dealers are required to use — to search all avail-

able databases.

Since Clinton signed the Brady bill on Nov. 30, 1993, 1 million illegal gun buyers have been stopped from buying a gun at a gun store, according to the Brady Campaign. Among those not allowed to purchase the guns were convicted felons, fugitives and drug addicts.

While there was much to celebrate for 400 guests, a re-emerging theme was that gun-control advocates must prepare to fight the same old battles.

The ban on assault weapons is set to expire in September 2004, and House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, has said that he will not call for a vote on the renewal of it. Sarah Brady said she hopes

President Bush will put pressure on Republican leaders to bring the assault weapons ban up for a vote.

Gun-control advocates also want to fill loopholes in the law. They want background checks to be imposed on the sale of firearms by private collectors operating at gun shows, flea markets and other public places. Private collectors are not affected by the Brady law.

Jim Brady, who uses a wheelchair as a result of the shooting, recalled how tough it was going up against the National Rifle Association, which he called the "evil empire," but when Clinton signed the legislation, he gave real hope to victims of gun-related crimes.

"We had a simple message: Keep guns out of the wrong hands."

Sarah Brady
wife of James Brady

Madrigal

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Menk is not surprised by the level of dedication. Many in the community make the dinners a yearly tradition as well, she said.

"Will Bennett is amazing — he comes all the way from Virginia, every year, just to do this," Menk said. "Some businesses even use it for their holiday office parties for their employees. It's just a long-standing tradition in the town," Menk said.

Although the music is gen-

erally the main purpose of a madrigal dinner, the dinners also focus on the food itself. Food services employees set up the hall all day on Thursday and spend many hours preparing and serving the food.

"The meal is served family-style, with prime rib, potatoes, carrots, Waldorf salad, and cherries jubilee cheesecake," Menk said. "We used to serve figgy pudding because it's a traditional madrigal dessert, but everyone hated it. Everyone loves the food."

The food service workers, scene shop crew, music department office and madri-

gal singers prepare for the dinners the entire week, although most say they enjoy the preparations.

"Our 10 rehearsals last an hour and a half, and during the actual week of the dinner we put in a lot of hours working on songs, lighting and placing — we don't dance, but we do move around a lot," junior Kathleen Douglass said. "Madrigal Dinners [are] a lot of hard work, but at the end of every performance night, I become more and more in the Christmas spirit."

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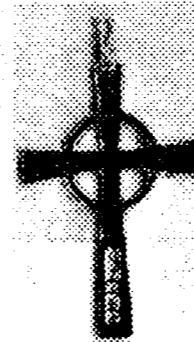
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NIGERIA

Summit splits over Zimbabwe exclusion

Associated Press

ABUJA — A 52-nation summit of Britain and its former colonies headed Thursday toward a split over Zimbabwe, which has been suspended from the group because of concern over human rights violations.

The leaders of Britain and Canada insisted the body, known as the Commonwealth, stand firm. But African leaders showed strong signs of going the opposite direction — three of them insisting that the bloc should lift its year-old ban on Zimbabwe and its president, Robert Mugabe.

Two countries, Malawi and Zambia, pledged to campaign outright on Zimbabwe's behalf when the summit opens Friday.

"We don't think isolation is the best way if you want change in any country," Mozambique President Joachim Chissano, who chairs the African Union, told reporters at the summit site, the Nigerian capital of Abuja.

Critics accuse Mugabe of numerous attacks on civil liberties and human rights — including at-times violent crackdowns on the opposition and independent media.

A government program to seize thousands of white-owned farms, coupled with erratic rains, have driven Zimbabwe's agriculture-based economy toward collapse. Cash, food, gasoline, medicine and other vital commodities all are running short.

The Commonwealth ouster came after Mugabe was accused of bullying and cheating his way to re-election in 2002.

Hardening of an African-Western divide over Mugabe came as he presided over an annual conference Thursday of party loyalists at home, nearly a half continent away.

Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and some other Pacific nations had threatened to boycott the summit if Mugabe showed, and conference host President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria made clear last week Mugabe was not welcome.

The Commonwealth wields the prestige of inclusion, and the shame of exclusion, as its main instruments for change in member nations.

Pakistan is the Commonwealth's other suspended member, following President Pervez Musharraf's removal of an elected government four years ago in a bloodless coup.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, heading to Nigeria, left no doubt he would be happy to see Mugabe out entirely.

"I would like to see all regimes that oppress their people change," Blair told reporters. "But you have got to accept the limits of what you can and cannot do."

In the meantime, Blair said, world leaders — and Zimbabwe's neighbors in particular — have a responsibility to press for reform.

Ultimately, Blair said, "The key thing is to maintain the suspension of Zimbabwe from the Commonwealth — as that will send a strong signal of disapproval at what is happening in Zimbabwe."

Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, meanwhile, rejected Mugabe's participation in future summits unless "changes" occur and "normality can be re-established."

"I would like to see all regimes that oppress their people change."

Tony Blair
British prime minister

IRELAND

Clergy child abuse detailed

Associated Press

DUBLIN — Roman Catholic bishops, releasing a damning report on their handling of child sex-abuse scandals, apologized Thursday and promised to improve systems for protecting children.

The 332-page report, the fruit of two years of work by psychologists at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, detailed the damage the scandals have done to victims, the church and wider society in this overwhelmingly Catholic nation.

"This study makes painful reading, not least for a bishop," said Archbishop Sean Brady, president of the Irish Bishops Conference and leader of Ireland's 4 million Catholics. "It tells of mistakes made in responding to those who came to the church seeking sensitivity and compassion."

More than 100 Irish clergy have been convicted of sex offenses in the last decade. The scandals toppled a government in 1994 after the Irish attorney-general delayed extradition of a priest wanted on sex abuse charges in neighboring Northern Ireland.

A compensation tribunal formed earlier this year is expected to pay up to \$700 million to thousands of claimants who allegedly suffered abuse in church-run schools, workhouses and orphanages from the 1940s to 1980s. The government agreed to foot most of the bill because it had ultimate responsibility for supervising the institutions.

The report, which was commissioned by the church, made 19 recommendations for protecting children, handling complaints from alleged victims, and training and supporting priests to prevent future abuse.

Brady pledged that the church would pursue "the greatest possible protection for all children in the future."

Researchers surveyed 1,081 citizens by telephone. They

conducted face-to-face interviews with seven victims of molestation and eight clergymen convicted of sex-abuse crimes.

They communicated by mail with scores of church officials, including 35 bishops — and concluded that church leaders were guilty of bad management.

The report recommended that priests operate under a professional code of conduct and receive much more formal support and training throughout their careers, while bishops should be required to have professional management training.

"Truly effective management by the church is absolutely necessary. The path to restoration of confidence has to be systematic and transparent," said an author of the report, Prof. Hannah McGee. "It is by necessity going to be a slow process where trust, to be reinstated, will have to be earned."

The survey found that 77 percent think the church hasn't responded adequately to the scandals, although 72 percent also feel that priests have been "unfairly judged" in general.

Overall satisfaction with the church stood at 44 percent. While 66 percent said they sought moral guidance from the church, just 32 percent did on matters of sexual morality.

The report said the scandals had dented people's faith in religious practice. Some 36 percent said they prayed or attended Mass less frequently, and 41 percent wouldn't automatically trust a newly arrived priest.

Some 65 percent said they would be happy if their child became an altar server, while 56 percent would be happy if their son wanted to become a priest.

The findings had a margin of

error of 3 percentage points.

"Clearly in relation to clerical sexual abuse we failed many young people over too long a period. For what has happened we are truly sorry," Bishop John McAraeve said at a press conference unveiling the report.

The report concluded that victims and priests both suffered because of the church hierarchy's incompetent management.

"Some [priests] reported attempts to conceal their identity in public to avoid being identified as clergy as a consequence of the issue. They reported a loss of public credibility and trust and a sense of low morale. Fear of a false allegation of abuse was also a concern," the report's executive summary said.

"In retrospect, both those abused and their family members described a great sense of guilt because they had chosen to report the abuse to the church rather than civil authorities. Many felt that other children may have been protected from abuse if they had chosen to report it to civil authorities instead," it said.

"For what has happened we are truly sorry."

John McAraeve
bishop



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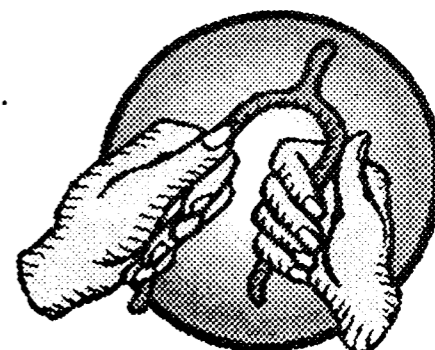
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israel accuses Syria of terrorism

JERUSALEM — Israel brushed off signs Syria is ready to resume peace talks, saying Thursday the Damascus government continues to back militant groups like one Israel says was behind a suicide bombing attempt on a school.

Soldiers and police caught the would-be Palestinian bombers in a West Bank mosque on Wednesday, the military said. Interrogation disclosed the target was a vocational high school in the northern Israeli town of Yokneam, the military said. It said the attackers were members of Islamic Jihad, whose leaders are in Syria.

Had the attack been successful, a senior army officer said Thursday, Israel would have considered taking military action against Syria. Israeli government officials declined to comment on the remarks.

Polish prime minister in crash

WARSAW, Poland — Prime Minister Leszek Miller was hospitalized with back injuries after his official helicopter crash landed Thursday in a forest on the way to Warsaw.

Several government aides and six bodyguards were also injured when the Soviet-made Mi-8 chopper with 15 people aboard went down near Pilawa, about 15 miles south of the capital, officials said.

Miller was undergoing tests and would be hospitalized for about a week, said Grazyna Rydzewska, a doctor at Warsaw's Interior Ministry hospital.

"The premier's condition is good," Rydzewska said. "He has two broken vertebrae but without dislocation or pressure. His condition does not raise any serious concerns."

NATIONAL NEWS

Bikers charged with racketeering

LAS VEGAS — Dozens of Hells Angels motorcycle gang members have been indicted on racketeering and other charges stemming from a deadly casino brawl and other violent crimes in the West, authorities said Thursday.

In Las Vegas, 42 Hells Angels members were indicted on racketeering and firearms charges stemming from the 2002 brawl between the motorcycle gang and rival bikers at a Laughlin casino.

Thirty-four of the men have been arrested and the others are being sought, U.S. Attorney Daniel Bogden said Thursday.

A federal grand jury indicted them on Tuesday; the document was sealed until Thursday to allow authorities to make arrests.

Cancer innovation announced

SAN ANTONIO — A first-of-its-kind genetic test will soon be available to help women with breast cancer make one of their most crucial decisions: whether to undergo the rigors of chemotherapy.

Genomic Health Inc., a Silicon Valley biotech company, said it has identified nearly two dozen genes that, taken together, can predict with a high degree of accuracy the likelihood that tumors will return in women whose breast cancer was caught at an early stage.

LOCAL NEWS

Democrats let tax reform slide

INDIANAPOLIS — House Democrats allowed a property-tax reform bill to advance Thursday without additional tax breaks for homeowners and farmers, a move expected to bring the Legislature's mini-session to an end Friday.

The House planned to approve the bill Friday and send it to Democratic Gov. Joe Kernan, who is expected to sign it into law. Although it was written by Republicans who control the Senate, it contains many provisions sought by both parties, including tighter controls on spending by local governments.

AFGHANISTAN

Rumsfeld visits torn region

Violence continues as defense secretary says he sees progress being made

Associated Press

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld took a ride Thursday on Afghanistan's bumpy road to recovery, finding modest signs of progress alongside grim reminders the country remains torn by violence and crammed with weaponry.

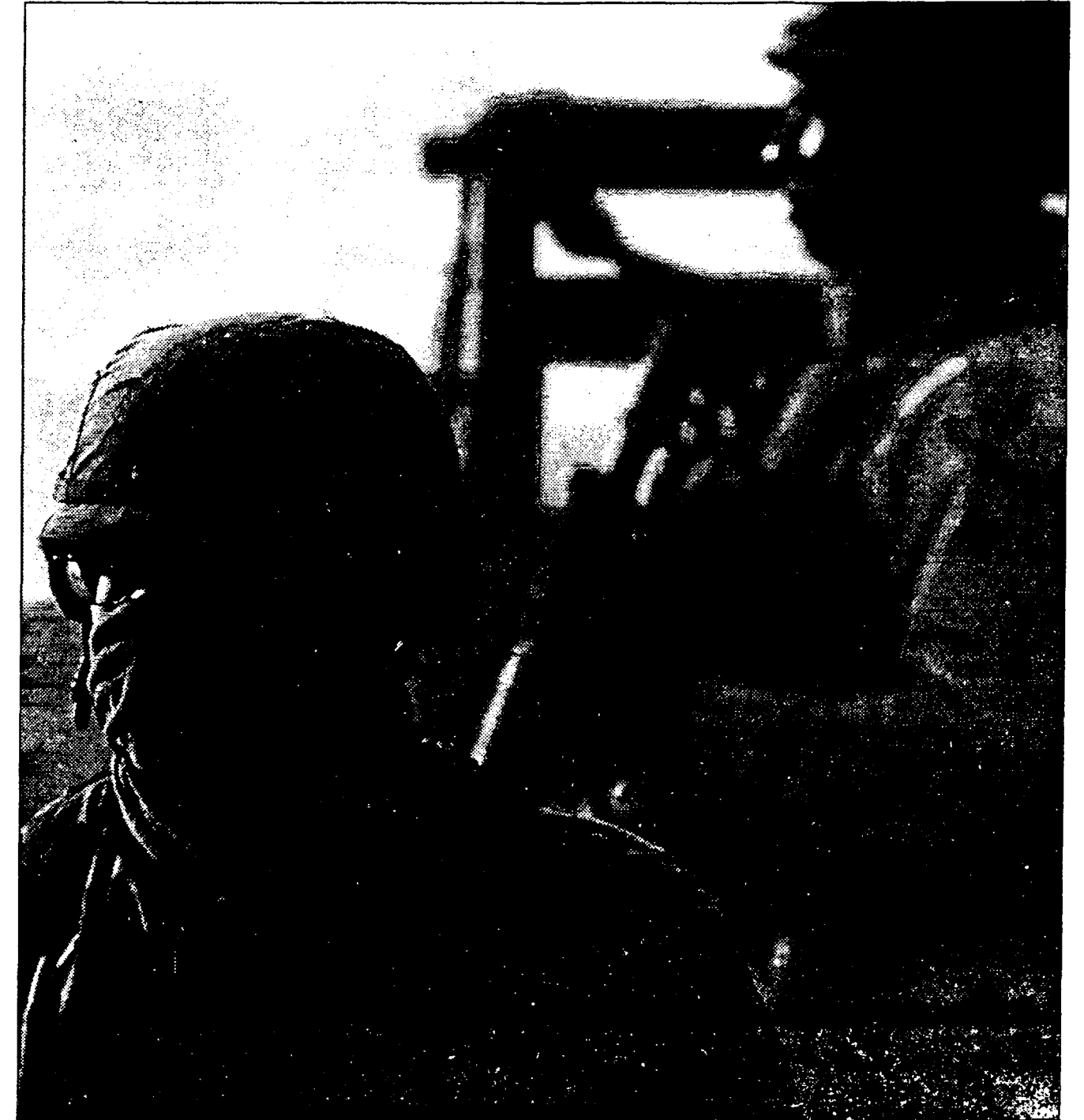
Rival Afghan warlords, responsible for much of the violence, are disarming only slowly, according to a British military commander, and there has been a Taliban resurgence two years after that group's rule ended. Suspected militants ambushed a convoy of government census workers in the southwest on Thursday, killing one and wounding others.

Rumsfeld, making his fourth trip to Afghanistan since the Taliban's fall, met for the first time with northern Afghanistan's two major warlords, welcoming them warmly. Afterward, he said he was satisfied they were moving toward disarmament of their rival armies — a step considered critical to extending the central government's authority beyond Kabul, the capital.

"Each of them has initiated that process," Rumsfeld told reporters. "It's under way and that is a very good thing. At what pace it will proceed I guess remains to be seen, but we're pleased that they've agreed to do so."

Underscoring the country's fragile security, even in Kabul, a rocket exploded in a field near the U.S. Embassy two hours after Rumsfeld met with President Hamid Karzai in another part of the city. No one was injured in the explosion, blamed on Taliban fighters or their ally, renegade warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

Attacks by pro-Taliban and pro-al-Qaida militants



Airborne forces secure the scene where an ammunition loader burns after it was hit by an improvised bomb or a land mine Thursday.

have increased in southern and eastern Afghanistan, forcing U.N. and relief agencies to cut back their work.

Here in the poor and desolate north, where the war tides first turned against the Taliban in November 2001, Rumsfeld raced through a dusty haze in a caravan of SUVs to a British Army compound, where he met with Abdul Rashid Dostum and Atta Mohammed, the two major northern Afghanistan warlords.

Their collaboration with U.S. special forces after the American invasion in October 2001 made it possible to dismantle the

Taliban relatively quickly. But the warlords are now seen in Washington and Kabul as an impediment to unifying the country, which has yet to establish a national army or national police force.

Col. Dickie Davis, the British commander of a "provincial reconstruction team" that is attempting to use both civilian and military tools to improve security and quell factional rivalries, told Rumsfeld that Dostum was "dragging his feet."

So far, Dostum has given up the military units he trusts least, while maintaining most of his heavy artillery and armor, Davis

said.

Rumsfeld told Davis he could understand Dostum's reluctance to surrender the foundation of his power.

"I don't think his position is unreasonable," Rumsfeld said.

At a joint news conference later in Kabul with Karzai, Rumsfeld said he had made it clear to Dostum and Mohammed that the United States sees the disarmament and disbanding of regional armies as "an important step for this country" if it is to gain political stability and prosperity to avoid becoming a haven once again for terrorist groups like Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida.

U.S. prosecutor found murdered

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A federal prosecutor was found stabbed to death in a Pennsylvania creek Thursday after failing to show up at the trial of a rapper and another man accused of dealing heroin.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan P. Luna, 38, was discovered face-down in the water behind the parking lot of a well-drilling company in Lancaster County, Pa., about 70 miles from Baltimore, police said. A car was near the body, police said.

"Let there be no doubt. Let there be no doubt that everyone in law enforcement, local police, state police, the United States Marshals Service,

ATF, FBI, are united," U.S. Attorney Thomas DiBiagio said. "We will find out who did this and we are dedicated to bringing the person responsible for this tragedy to justice."

Luna was prosecuting Baltimore rapper Deon Lionnel Smith, 32, and Walter Oriley Poindexter, 28, who were accused of dealing heroin and running a violent drug ring from their Stash House Records studio. Smith recorded under the name Papi Jenkinz.

Authorities did not say whether the two men are under suspicion in the slaying. They were behind bars at the time.

Luna and the defense attorneys negotiated through the afternoon

Wednesday and reached a plea bargain on the drug charges at the end of the day, said U.S. District Judge William D. Quarles Jr., who presided over the case. The men entered their guilty pleas around noon Thursday.

Smith pleaded guilty to distribution of heroin and possession of a weapon for the purposes of drug trafficking. Poindexter pleaded guilty to distribution of heroin to a government witness.

Luna got a phone call at his home Wednesday night and left the house about midnight, said a federal law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity. His wife reported him missing, and the FBI later began looking for him.

Penn State outraged by blackface

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — A black student organization at Penn State called on the chairman of the university's College Republicans to resign over photos on his personal Web site of a white man in blackface and another photo with a Ku Klux Klan reference.

Black Caucus president Tiffanie Lewis on Thursday said the pictures were inappropriate for the leader of a student organization and urged the resignation of Brian Battaglia, chair of the College Republicans.

"It's not an isolated incident. We believe that it's part of the contentious racial climate at Penn State," Lewis said.

The pictures on Battaglia's Web site were among dozens of pictures from a Halloween party Battaglia hosted at his off-campus home.

One shows a white man in blackface, with the caption: "Apparently Takkeem was released long enough to come to our party. We thank the local police department." The caption was a reference to Undergraduate Student Government vice president Takkeem Morgan, who paid a fine last month after pleading guilty to criminal mischief regarding a stolen bicycle.

A second photo shows a white man wearing a pillow case as a hood with the caption: "He took a break from cross burning to drink a cold one."

Battaglia removed the photos from his Web site Thursday, but said it wasn't because of the Black Caucus' request. He added that he might post them again.

In a written statement, Battaglia decried the reaction as that of the "radical left."

"Their viewpoints, which posit that any action or speech that gives discomfort to a vocal minority should be cause for censorship, persecution, or demands for public apologies, are the greatest threat to liberty in our time."

Penn State spokesman Bill Mahon, in an e-mail to Battaglia, called the photos "an embarrassment to the entire university," and said Battaglia and other College Republicans should apologize.

Texas executes man convicted of murder

Inmate is second to be executed in as many days in Texas

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A former mechanic with an extensive criminal record was executed Thursday night for fatally beating an 80-year-old woman he'd known since childhood.

Ivan Murphy, 38, was the second convicted killer executed in as many nights in Texas, and three more of the state's inmates are scheduled to die next week. Texas has executed 24 inmates this year, more than any other state.

"This is a celebration of life, not death," Murphy said while strapped to the death chamber gurney. "Through Jesus Christ we have victory over death."

He thanked Pope John Paul II and others for prayers, love and support. "I want to thank everybody around the world and Father, let your will be done."

As the drugs began taking effect, he gasped several times. He was pronounced dead 10 minutes later.

Murphy was condemned for the 1989 slaying of Lula Mae Denning at her home in Denison, about 70 miles north of Dallas and just south of the Texas-Oklahoma border.

Denning's son Perry Denning said Murphy's comments were nothing but "religious babble" because he never admitted he was guilty.

"Just howling in the trees, just wind in the trees. Without true remorse, it means nothing."

Murphy smiled and nodded to friends who witnessed his execution but never acknowledged his victim's relatives.

Prosecutors said Murphy and an accomplice went to Murphy's old neighborhood to rob Denning.

According to Murphy's statement to police, she invited them in and offered him ice cream because she knew him.

"She died in her own chair in her own living room. It was horrible," said former Grayson County District Attorney Robert Jarvis. "They took either her cane and or a sawed-off shotgun they brought with them and just beat her as she sat in her chair."

The accomplice was sentenced to life in prison.

Murphy insisted in a recent death-row interview that he was innocent.

"I wasn't there," he said. "No way I can be associated with this crime. I know I got framed."

Investigators found Murphy's fingerprint on the bowl that contained the ice cream. Jewelry taken from the victim was linked to Murphy and traces of the woman's blood were found on his clothes.

Murphy had convictions in Oklahoma on counts including theft and grand larceny. A week after Denning was killed, he was arrested in Hugo, Okla., on two counts of shooting with intent to kill.

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**Ivan Murphy
executed murder
convict before his
death Thursday**

FAO Schwartz files for bankruptcy

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Unable to pump up holiday sales or find a buyer, the owner of FAO Schwarz toy stores filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Thursday, less than eight months after emerging from an earlier bankruptcy.

The announcement came three weeks before Christmas, and unless a buyer emerges soon, the chain — including the landmark store on New York's Fifth Avenue where shoppers are greeted by a giant teddy bear playing with blocks — may be hosting its last holiday rush.

It's possible new investors can revive FAO Schwarz in some form, possibly trading on its cachet as a toy boutique for the affluent, but analysts said the toy stores begun by Frederick August Otto Schwarz in 1862 may simply cease to exist.

"It wouldn't be the first time an iconic brand hasn't been able to survive changes in the mar-

ketplace," said Sean McGowan, a toy analyst at Harris Nesbitt Gerard.

FAO Inc., based in King of Prussia, said it was starting inventory clearance sales at its 142 FAO Schwarz, Zany Brainy and The Right Start stores nationally.

Efforts announced last month to sell the 15 FAO Schwarz stores and The Right Start chain of 38 stores will continue through Dec. 15, the company said. FAO said those businesses will be liquidated if they can't be sold, and the Zany Brainy business was already being liquidated.

Chris Byrne, an independent toy consultant and editor of Toy Report, said FAO Schwarz once had its own niche, tempting Americans with the

finest imported toys from Europe. But other stores now carry many of the same games and gizmos, and discount stores often sell them for much less.

"People have a warm feeling about FAO Schwarz, but not so warm that they are going to pay 20 percent more for toys," he said.

FAO emerged from an earlier bankruptcy in April. But the company reported an \$18.8 million loss for the quarter ended Aug. 2 as sales kept sagging.

The Fifth Avenue store is a tourist attraction, prominent as a location in movies including "Big," starring Tom Hanks, and "Home Alone 2," starring

Macaulay Culkin. Wal-Mart passed Toys "R" Us as the nation's largest toy seller in 1998.

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IN BRIEF

Westar exec indicted on fraud

WASHINGTON — The former chief executive of Westar Energy Inc. was accused Thursday of plundering Kansas' largest electric company of millions of dollars and using the money to renovate his mansion and buy a Ferrari while the utility nose-dived.

A 40-count federal indictment charged David Wittig and former executive vice president Douglas Lake with conspiracy, fraud and other crimes. Wittig, 48, was convicted this year of bank fraud unrelated to Westar business.

During their tenure from 1998 to 2002, Westar's debt soared to \$3 billion and stock shares tumbled from a high of \$44 to \$9.

"The indictment alleges that through theft, fraud and outright intimidation, Wittig and Lake concocted a scheme to loot the company of tens of millions of dollars," acting Deputy Attorney General James Comey said at a Justice Department news conference with the U.S. attorney for Kansas, Eric Melgren.

U.S. works to cut off terrorist funds

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A spate of U.S. raids on Iraqi smugglers signals a new strategy to deny the guerrilla insurgency one of its chief recruiting assets: money.

If U.S. military strategists are correct, in just over a month, the insurgency will face a financial crisis when old Iraqi dinar notes bearing the face of Saddam Hussein will be worthless. The military wants to deepen the crisis by launching raids on black marketers thought to be funding the guerrilla movement.

"If we can stop the money, we can stop the insurgency," a coalition military official in Baghdad told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity. Because many strikes are carried out by hired attackers, he said Thursday, the United States is going after the "paymasters."

The insurgency's need for funds was highlighted by coordinated attacks in Samarra, where bands of guerrillas laid in wait at two banks awaiting the delivery of dinars — setting off firefights with U.S. troops that claimed dozens of Iraqi lives.

Bush relents, repeals tariffs

Decision eases international trade tensions, disappoints domestic steel workers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Thursday scrapped import tariffs he had imposed last year to help the battered U.S. steel industry, defusing a threatened trade war with Europe and Japan but creating political problems for Bush in such key battleground states as Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The president declared that the 21 months the steep tariffs had been in place had given the U.S. industry a chance to consolidate and modernize and were no longer needed as a result of "changed economic circumstances."

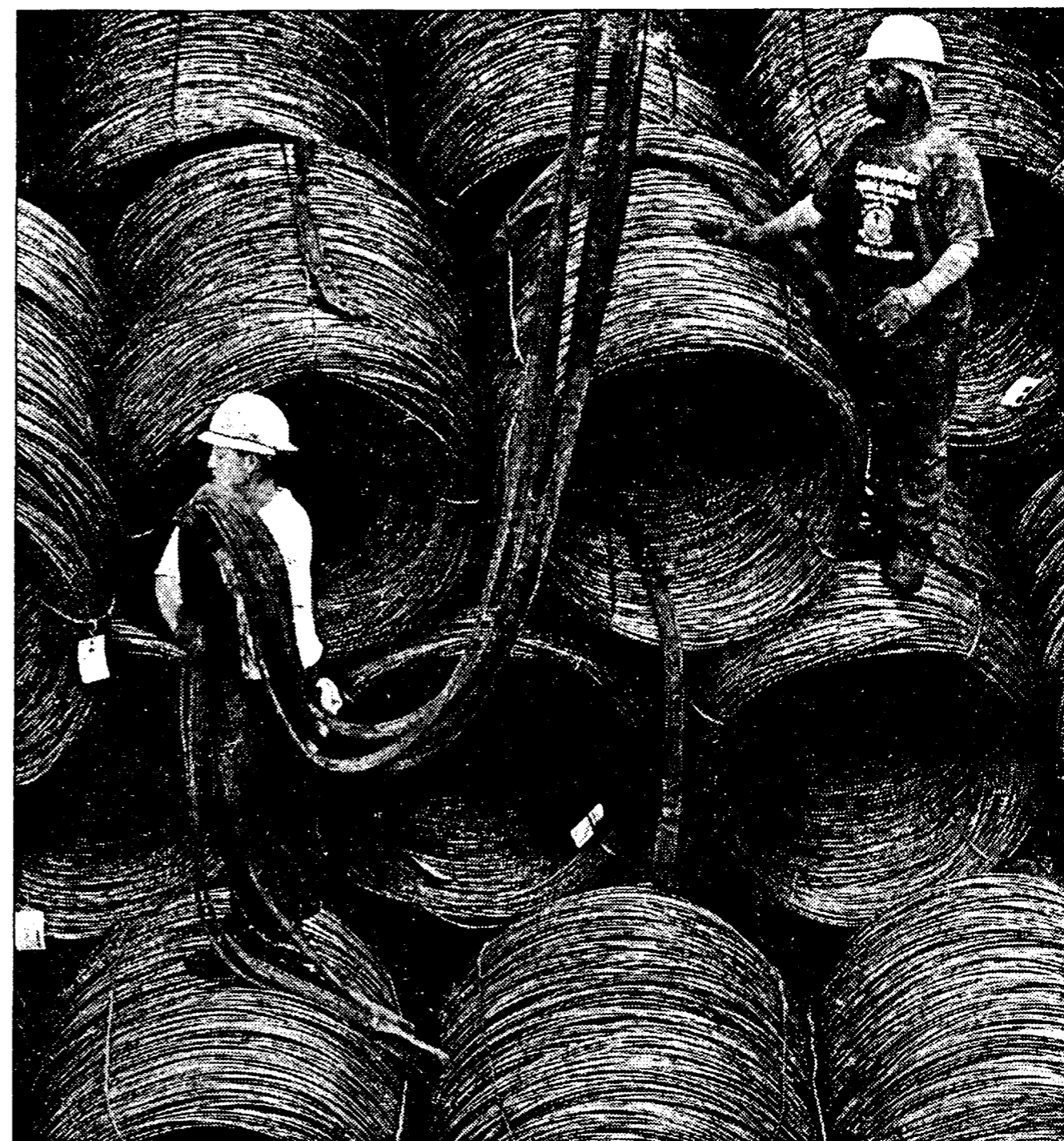
However, the decision prompted an angry response from the steel industry and its political supporters, who accused Bush of breaking a campaign promise and turning his back on an industry that was still in need of protection from unfair foreign competition.

Leo Gerard, president of the United Steelworkers of America, called the Bush's action "clear evidence of capitulating to European blackmail and a sorry betrayal of American steelworkers and their communities."

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said the administration had "shattered any credibility it ever had with the steel industry in West Virginia and across the country."

The steel tariffs carried high political stakes in Rust Belt and Midwestern states where the margin between Bush and Democrat Al Gore was slim in 2000, and where the president is determined to prevail in 2004.

Bush scored points with the sanctions in steel-producing states such as Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia — which hold 46 of the 270 electoral votes at stake in 2004. But the tariffs



Stevedores unload rolls of coiled steel at the Poland Street Wharf in New Orleans on Dec. 3. U.S. steel workers were angered by the repeal of protective steel tariffs.

angered small manufacturers and their workers in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, which account for 37 electoral votes.

Adding to the political pressure, the 15-nation European Union had drawn up a \$2.2 billion retaliation list targeting a wide range of products from other key election states Bush is hoping to win next year such as Florida, California, Louisiana and the Carolinas.

Within minutes of the president's announcement that the tariffs were to expire at midnight Thursday, the EU said it was withdrawing its \$2.2 billion list of targeted prod-

ucts.

Japan, South Korea and other countries that had joined in a successful challenge of the tariffs before the World Trade Organization had said they would also drop their retaliation threats if the tariffs were eliminated.

"These sanctions ... were there as a tool for compliance," said EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy. "They've complied and the sanctions will disappear."

Bush's action was criticized by Democrats campaigning for his job.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean said that despite Bush's claims "the steel industry needs addi-

tional breathing room to get back on its feet." Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said Bush's action demonstrated a "callous disregard for the workers and the communities whose jobs and livelihoods have been decimated by unfair competition." Former Gen. Wesley Clark said Bush needed to "listen to the 2.6 million manufacturing workers who've lost their jobs" while he has been in office.

However, Republican free-trade supporters and industries hurt by the steel tariffs praised Bush's decision, saying it had averted a debilitating tit-for-tat fight with some of America's biggest trading partners.

IRS scrutinizes compensation deals

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service is auditing two dozen companies to make sure they followed the rules for compensating executives, scrutinizing corporate perks such as stock options and the use of private jets and luxury apartments.

The examinations will focus on more companies and possibly mean auditing the personal tax returns of some corporate leaders, said Keith Jones, the agency's director of field specialists.

"Executive pay packages have become much more complex. We're taking a close look at these vehicles to make sure they fully comply with the

law," IRS Commissioner Mark Everson said.

The IRS started its inquiries this summer to find out whether companies were following the rules for fringe benefits and other forms of paying top officers. The review came as corporate bankruptcies exposed the lavish lifestyles of some executives.

The audits, geared toward companies with \$10 million or more in assets, intensified this fall. The IRS, which is not identifying the companies, plans to use its findings from the first batch of audits and expand the investigations.

The agency identified eight areas of scrutiny. The list includes rules regarding the business and personal

use of fringe benefits such as private jets and vacation homes. Golden parachutes, or benefits packages granted to executives when they leave a company, are under review. The IRS is examining deferred compensation programs and stock options to make sure they are taxed appropriately.

Also being studied are laws that cap deductible compensation at \$1 million, arrangements that transfer compensation among family members and employee leasing programs.

Jones said the IRS views the audits part of the government effort to increase its oversight of corporate America in the wake of a series of business and accounting scandals.

"This is a corporate governance issue," Jones said.

TV may have fueled Jackson arrest

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — More than a year ago, Michael Jackson let a television crew into his bizarre world for a TV documentary he no doubt hoped would boost his fading career.

Instead, "Living With Michael Jackson" may have triggered the child molestation case that threatens to destroy Jackson and his multimillion-dollar music empire.

Exactly what happened is a matter of dispute, but interviews with several sources close to Jackson and the accuser's family reveal one consistent thread: The documentary set in motion a series of events that led to the pop star's arrest last month.

The TV special, broadcast worldwide last February to an audience of millions, offered images of Jackson's fairy-tale estate, Neverland, his lonely trips to Las Vegas and his lavish spending habits. It also showed him talking about sleepovers with children at Neverland and holding the hand of a cancer-stricken boy — the boy who is now Jackson's accuser.

Those close to Jackson's defense team allege that around the time the TV special aired, the mother demanded a fee for her son's appearance. When Jackson refused, they say, the relationship between the family and Jackson soured.

In an alternate version, those close to the mother's side say she did not ask for payment. Instead, they say Jackson began acting strangely just before the special aired, telling the family they were in danger and would have to pack their belongings and leave their home.

According to this account,



Singer Michael Jackson is shown here after being booked on charges of child molestation. The aging star's troubles may have been triggered by a TV documentary airing last February.

Jackson barred the family from Neverland, after which the mother hired an attorney — the same lawyer who had represented a boy in a molestation claim against Jackson 10 years ago.

The sources spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity but are in a position to know each side's version of events.

Jackson attorney Mark Geragos called the latest accusations "the big lie" and said the singer denies molesting the boy, now 13. The Santa Barbara County district attorney's office said it expects to file formal charges the week of Dec. 15.

Everyone is in agreement on one thing: Jackson's relationship with the boy began with a good deed. Jackson was told by

Jamie Masada, a comedy club owner who runs a camp for underprivileged children, that a child hospitalized with cancer wanted to meet him.

Jackson, who supports many children's charities, obliged and formed a relationship with the boy and his mother. The boy visited Neverland as his condition improved and gradually became part of Jackson's large entourage.

In the TV documentary, which was filmed over an eight-month period and aired in this country on ABC, Jackson defended his habit of letting children sleep in his bed as "sweet" and non-sexual. In one scene, the boy, his head sometimes resting on Jackson's shoulder, told the interviewer he had been a guest for sleepovers at Neverland.

Flu season kicks off early; 11 dead

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Tissues are disappearing so rapidly from teacher Irma Natoli's desk that she's resorted to handing out paper towels to sniffing seventh- and eighth-graders struggling with flu symptoms.

"We've gone through boxes of them," said Natoli, who teaches at Morningside International Academy, a Fort Worth school for sixth- through eighth-graders. "They are constantly going to the bathroom for toilet paper and to wash their hands."

As a nasty flu outbreak spreads across the country, schools are reporting more empty seats as parents keep children at home to recuperate or to protect them.

The flu is being blamed for the deaths of at least six children in Colorado, three in Texas and one each in Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Children are particularly susceptible because their bodies have not previously been exposed to the virus that infects the nose, throat and lungs, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Children's Medical Center Dallas has seen more than 500 children with the flu since October. On Thursday more

than two dozen were in the intensive care unit, Dr. Jane Siegel said.

"Most of those children require IV fluids ... and most have significant enough lung disease so they're on a ventilator," she said.

In a typical year 36,000 Americans die from the influenza virus, but flu researchers expect a higher death toll this year.

The flu season usually stretches from October to May, peaking in December and January, but this year cases were reported in some Western states as early as September.

Texas was the first state this season where the flu was considered widespread, the CDC's most severe ranking. Nine other states —

Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Arkansas, Tennessee and Pennsylvania — have since been classified as having widespread flu outbreaks.

More than 6,300 flu cases have been reported in Colorado, more than in the previous two years combined. North Dakota has tallied 292 flu cases so far, compared to just two this time last year.

Many states, including Texas, do not calculate the number of flu cases because they are not required to report such cases to the CDC.

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Public land grazing rules to be loosened

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, departing from Clinton-era restrictions on managing rangeland, is proposing new rules aimed at helping livestock owners whose cattle range on public lands.

The new rules would give the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management two years, instead of one, to make grazing decisions needed to maintain healthy ranges, according to agency documents obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

"This proposal recognizes that ranching is crucial not only to the economies of Western rural communities, but also to the history, social fabric and cultural identity of these communities," Interior Secretary Gale Norton said in a prepared statement.

Norton plans to announce the proposal in a speech Friday to a convention of livestock owners in Albuquerque, N.M. She describes the proposal as an attempt to improve grazing management and help continue public lands ranching in the rural West.

"This proposed rule will help public lands ranchers stay on the land," Norton said in remarks prepared for her speech to the convention. "It will do that by creating a regulatory framework that lets ranchers succeed based on sound business judgment and sustainable ranching prac-

tices." But the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group, said Thursday that it expects the proposal to mark a return to practices that have allowed decades of overgrazing and other unsustainable grazing practices. The group said "the clear and short deadline of one year for action is the first step to halt grazing damage."

The new rules also would require more studies and monitoring any time the Bureau of Land Management evaluates whether health standards for rangeland are being met and reward livestock owners by letting them split ownership with the BLM for permanent improvements such as fences, wells and pipelines.

BLM Director Kathleen Clarke, whose agency manages 261 million acres, said in remarks prepared for Friday that the proposed changes are "a major step forward" toward better rangeland management and will "improve the agency's working relationships" with permit-holders.

About 160 million of those acres are authorized for grazing by some 18,000 permit- and leaseholders, but what is grazed is typically less because of drought, wildfires and business decisions.

"This proposed rule reflects our agency's commitment to continue livestock grazing as one of the legitimate uses of the public lands," Clarke said.

Sniper defense questioned

Associated Press

CHESAPEAKE, Va. — Prosecutors complained Thursday that Lee Boyd Malvo's lawyers have not produced enough evidence to support an insanity defense in the Washington sniper spree.

Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Robert F. Horan Jr. told the judge that he is contending with "an insanity defense that's like a puff of smoke."

Prosecutors stopped short, however, of asking Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush to disallow such a defense.

Lawyers for the 18-year-old Malvo, on trial for his life in the shooting death of an FBI analyst, contend he was brainwashed and turned into a killer by John Allen Muhammad. Muhammad, 42, was convicted last month in the case, and the jury recommended a death sentence.

While the jury in Malvo's case was out of the courtroom, prosecutors said none of the mental health reports provided so far by the defense have said anything about Malvo being insane.

Horan said one report concludes only that Malvo is "severely impaired in his ability to determine right from wrong" — insufficient evidence for an insanity defense under Virginia law.

"He doesn't say he was insane. He says he was 'severely impaired,'" Horan said.

Horan argued that letting Malvo's attorneys proceed with the insanity defense would let them introduce evidence allowed only in the sentencing



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Lee Boyd Malvo, one of two accused snipers now on trial, is led into court. Prosecutors are now challenging his defense.

phase of the trial, should there be a guilty verdict.

Defense attorney Craig Cooley responded that Virginia law does not define insanity but that he has experts prepared to say Malvo could not tell right from wrong.

The judge said she expects to question many of the mental health experts outside the jury's presence to determine what their testimony will be before allowing the jury to hear it.

Also Thursday, a clinical psychologist testified that Malvo was cheerful during a daylong neuropsychological evaluation in August, a mood he called "really quite odd."

"It was almost a goofy affect, if you will, which seemed quite out of step with the seriousness of the situation," said David Schretlen, who teaches at Johns Hopkins University.

"My conclusion is that Mr. Malvo produced an abnormal neuropsychological examination."

Schretlen said on cross-examination that he found no evidence of psychosis.

A forensic social worker testified that Malvo was obsessed with racial inequality and insisted he be called "John Lee Muhammad" and be acknowledged as Muhammad's son.

Malvo also defended Muhammad, said Carmeta Albarus, who has talked with Malvo in jail over about 70 hours since March.

"He said, 'They want to use me to kill my dad,'" Albarus said. She said Malvo's concern about racial inequality and injustice surprised her. Like Malvo, she also is originally from Jamaica, where she said racism is not a problem.

Also Thursday, the judge ordered attorneys stop talking to the news media after The Washington Post published a letter written by Malvo months before the sniper spree that left 10 people dead in and around the nation's capital.

The judge had refused to let defense attorneys show or read the letter to the jury, ruling it hearsay.

Prosecutors told the judge they did not leak the letter.

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Return purpose to Core program

Among undergraduates at Notre Dame, horror stories abound about taking the University two-semester Core class, required for all Arts and Letters majors. Over the past few years, the Core class has earned a reputation among students as a pointless requirement.

Because of concerns expressed by students and faculty, the University is currently considering four proposals for changes to the Core program. One option would change Core to a one-semester sophomore year course based on readings chosen by the faculty member. A second proposal would keep Core as a two-semester course, with one sophomore year semester focused on general readings and a semester during senior year focused more closely on students' interests. Others options would change the Core readings to classical texts only, or allow faculty members to choose their own reading lists, while maintaining the two-semester requirement.

Originally, the Core program aimed to help students think more broadly about a range of topics and integrate ideas they learned in Arts and Letters classes in a discussion-based format.

But somewhere in its history, the Core program has lost its focus. As a result, Core classes have earned a negative reputation among most students and many sophomores enter the class expecting to have a bad experience. They dread the year-long requirement and often view Core as a waste of two classes. Even some students who say they like the class admit they didn't learn anything. How is a program like this beneficial to students if so many feel apathetic about it?

The University should be commended for recognizing that the Core class needs reform, but specific changes are needed to make

the class beneficial to students and faculty. In reforming the Core program, the University must combat student negativity by clearly defining the goals of Core. Because students do not understand the purpose of the class, they are confused about how to approach it and what to expect from it. To help promote a better attitude among students towards the Core course, the University must clarify the contribution that it believes Core could make to undergraduate education — and then make sure Core actually fulfills what its planners want it to do.

Next, because many students view Core as waste of two classes, the current two-semester requirement should be dropped in favor of a single semester, giving students more freedom to take other electives that they find more relevant. This change would also reduce the strain on faculty, who contend that teaching Core takes time away from research and other teaching. And to make the Core classes themselves relevant, faculty should also be allowed to choose at least some of their own reading material. Then, students can take Core classes with professors who teach subject material in a student's realm of interest. At the same time, faculty must also be provided with clearer guidelines about how to teach the Core course to ensure the program's central focus — whatever that may be — remains. The majority of class time should be used for student discussion rather than lecture, and Core teachers must be able to stimulate discussion among their students rather than use the class as a personal soapbox.

Arts and Letters officials often defend Core by saying it is essential to a liberal arts education. It therefore is ironic that a class designed to help students learn new perspectives is in desperate need of a fresh image itself.

The Observer Editorial

The Bush-bashing bandwagon

It's no secret that, for a large number of Americans voting in the Democratic primary, this one's personal. Bush stole the 2000 election, he wants to destroy the environment, he only cares about oil, the tax cuts only help the rich, he doesn't care about our allies, he had no postwar strategy for Iraq and he lied to the American public the entire time. The list, while just a sampling of the trendy political attacks thrown about by pundits on the left, goes on.

In many cases, unfortunately, hatred for the man himself clouds a levelheaded analysis of the issues. The pao-pao platter of criticisms is not necessarily mistaken but does require a greater explanation and discussion of the issues than one might find listening to Rush Limbaugh or Michael Moore.

For many, Bush was the worst president in history before he even took office. Already enraged over what they considered a rigged election, many Democrats developed a personal disdain based on everything from his perceived lack of intelligence and Texas swagger to his ties with big business and the rotten oil industry.

Over the last two years more have jumped on the bandwagon as Bush trampled their own personal objection of choice with hardly a look back. As a result, a crowd that once murmured "I don't agree with some things, but he's not that bad" changed its tune to "I fear for my children with Bush in power."

Like that of numerous conservatives during the Clinton years, the hatred-fueled mindset for many liberals has shifted from sensible to pathological. A comparison of haters of the last two presidents does not

expose either group as superior in reason, particularly when Clinton and Bush regularly "stole" issues from the opposition. Look up "welfare reform" or "Medicare" if you don't believe me.

The progress of the Democratic campaign for presidential nomination is a telling symptom of just how serious it has become.

When many Democrats sat thinking about which senator who voted for the war would ultimately gain the nomination and challenge the incumbent, the ex-governor from a tiny Northeastern state carried out a brilliant grassroots campaign and now stands at the front of the pack.

How can one account for the success thus far of Howard Dean, who has yet to offer a compelling policy proposal that will be politically viable and stands little chance of breaking the Republican gridlock on the South? What about the man has Democrats believing again?

To put it plainly, Dean is essentially the anti-Bush. His fortune to be the "Washington outsider" sheltered him from the wave of compliance with Bush that every other candidate must overcome, and he's taking full advantage at every step along the road. His vehement attacks on every aspect of Bush policy resonate with the Democratic core so profoundly that every other candidate must follow his lead.

Dean has successfully framed every campaign issue presented to him as an opportunity to tell registered Democrats how everything Bush has done since his inauguration has been wrong, and how he'll do differently. And the crowd goes wild.

To be fair, Dean has made a number of proposals for how to run the country differently, even when his speeches remind viewers of Captain Ahab's relentless hunt for the white whale. His passion alone is enough to match that of the Bush-haters, and the ensuing love affair is hardly an oddity.

Ask yourself, if you're reading this and want nothing more than for Howard Dean to win the nomination and eventually send Bush back to Texas with his tail between his legs: Were you initially attracted to his radical idea of repealing every tax cut made by Bush or Dean's criticism of the tax cut in general? Were you swayed by Dean's alternative proposal for how to handle the situation in the Middle East, or by his ardent opposition to the Iraq war itself?

Now, after that moment of introspection, consider how a general election might shape up. Of all realistic candidates still in the race for the nomination, Dean is clearly the most left-leaning. He does have a few token moderate stances under his belt, but the majority of his proposals make Bill Clinton look like his old rival Newt Gingrich.

His policy stances may not matter to many of those who consider him the cure to Bush's plague, but the centrist 20 percent of the electorate that does not routinely side with one party and may still have unresolved feelings towards the president will more than likely reject his unabashed liberalism, and his message will fail to persuade southerners who favor a president with similar values instead of an outsider dangling a lure of free health care in front of them.

While only a portion of the Democratic party actually hates Bush to the extent that they lack foresight into the eventual general election, independent thinkers on the left should strongly consider employing some political "stratagem" when favoring a candidate for the nomination.

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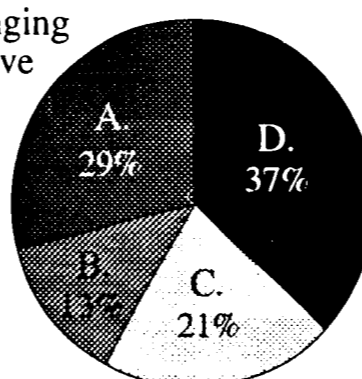
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OBSERVER POLL

The University is considering changing the Core course. Which alternative do you prefer?

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| A. Class based on classical text. | 29% |
| B. 1 semester class sophomore year. | 13% |
| C. 1 semester class sophomore year and a senior capstone class. | 21% |
| D. No core class. | 37% |

*Poll is based on 114 responses.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The President has only 190 million bosses."

Hubert Humphrey
vice president

Solutions, not charity

Back in Portland, Oregon, there is a billboard that always appears this time of year.

It features the visage of a man with a grizzled beard, hunched over a bowl of soup. Since the particular not-for-profit organization that runs this ad accepts car donations it usually features the clever motto "Help us Drive Away Hunger."

John Infranca

Dissident
Poetry

I suppose the implication is that the man with the bowl of soup is having his hunger "driven" away. Somehow I doubt that, as he has been appearing in theseads for nearly four years now.

On the streets I have heard this agency referred to as the "Jesus jail."

For many, they are a last resort in the worst of winter and unfortunately, few homeless people they "help" actually transition off of the streets and into permanent housing. It seems more time is spent saving souls than solving deeper issues. Yet I often wonder how many who see that ad, or how many among those who respond to it, know this.

Conventional wisdom says that one should not give money to individuals who seem homeless and beg on street corners. We are told they might use the money for alcohol, cigarettes or other vices.

And so we succumb to one of the last acceptable prejudices, confident that

we would be far wiser to give our money to some social service agency that feeds individuals living on the street. Or we think our money might be better spent providing toys at Christmas to children experiencing homelessness.

Both can be wonderful expressions of charity, but neither is a solution to the systemic issues that cause homelessness.

In a cartoon I saw a number of years ago, one character was reading the newspaper and announced, "Did you hear there is a new program to feed the homeless?" The other responded, "When will people stop feeding the homeless and start building them homes?"

In Portland there is a saying often heard on the street: "If you starve it's your own damn fault." If you time it right, you can eat seven meals a day on the street; I am sure this is not unique to Portland.

Providing a meal is an obvious and comparatively easy way to respond to a clear consequence of poverty; it is not a solution. Solutions require far greater creativity.

We live in a post-welfare reform world in which the burden of proof is on disadvantaged individuals to establish themselves as worthy of any form of assistance. We are told those who are poor must begin to take responsibility for themselves, as if for the last few decades they have been attended to like the British monarchy.

Amid all of this there are few

demanding not-for-profit organization that have begun taking greater responsibility for working towards ending, rather than just treating, the social ills they are purporting to respond to.

Part of this can be attributed to donors who feel content merely writing a check and sending it off to some agency that has been around for a while and does "good," instead deeply investigating the effectiveness of such agencies.

What I am implying here is not that more not-for-profits should pursue the course many already have of modeling themselves after corporations, with intricate charts of organizational structure and a "professional" approach that often becomes impersonal. This leads too many agencies to become mired in bureaucracy or in an outdated model that renders them unable to truly respond to the needs of those whom they are designed to serve.

What I am suggesting is that we as individuals, as well as potential donors and volunteers, ask the deeper questions of whether the agencies we support are really addressing the issues and working to eliminate the problems they purport to be concerned with.

If they are working with homeless individuals, these questions might include how many people they transitioned into permanent housing in the past year, how many they are still housing and what work they are doing to compel efforts to address the root causes of homelessness, namely, the lack of low income housing and gentri-

fication.

What relevance do these issues have for those of us immersed in higher education? For many who will seek work in the social service field and for others who will one day be in a position to donate to such causes the interest is more long term. But for the hundreds of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students who will be participating in the Urban Plunge and other programs this Christmas break, the concern is more timely.

Anyone who volunteers or visits social service agencies should do so with a discerning eye; those agencies and the people whom they serve deserve nothing less.

There are many effective and admirable agencies out there doing good work. There are also many that might be doing little more than keeping themselves employed. It is the duty of anyone truly concerned with responding to a world filled with poverty and other social ills to learn how to distinguish between the two.

Eliminating homelessness, poverty and other injustices is simply too important a matter to leave in the hands of those without the vision to actively pursue doing so.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remembering Jack Powers

Notre Dame lost a treasure last week (Nov. 28) when former American Studies professor John "Jack" Powers died. Powers was a passionate man. And his passion was intense for Notre Dame, journalism and his students.

He came to the University as a freshman after serving in World War II and stayed in South Bend the rest of his days. He worked nearly four decades at The South Bend Tribune and taught into his seventies at his alma mater before retiring two years ago.

His writing and editing class was a journalistic boot camp. This tough old man with a booming voice laid down the commandments of precise writing. We were never to write "over" when we meant "more than," label snow "the white stuff" or use the term "decimate" unless something had been cut by exactly one-tenth.

And he had no patience for prose that was clichéd, cluttered, wordy or vague, mocking, to our delight, both it and its authors. He broke our writing down, then showed us how to build it back up.

But if Powers was part drill sergeant, he was also part grandfather. He cared deeply about his students and made a point to get to know them well. He scheduled one-on-one lunch dates at LaFortune and loved bringing classes to his home for an end-of-the-year bash.

He offered career advice and came to graduations and kept in touch with his students long after they'd finished his course.

JJP, as he signed his notes, was an ardent women's basketball fan, a strong supporter of Saint Mary's and a vigorous defender of independent campus media.

He was a defender of all good journalism, because he'd lived it for 40 years and knew what it could mean to a community. And he inspired dozens of students to follow in his footsteps.

Powers only taught one small class a semester, and it's too bad more students didn't get to know him better.

Those of us who did will never forget him.

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Notre Dame and Saint Mary's alumni
Dec. 4

Monologues are the wrong way to show women respect

In her Dec. 2 column, Kamaria Porter speaks of the horrible reality of violence against women, and introduces the planned V-Day celebrations that will include the "crowning event on our campus [that] will be a performance of the Vagina Monologues on Valentine's Day."

Why must a Catholic college's education about violence against women include a showing of the Vagina Monologues as a "crowning event"? The Vagina Monologues is a one-woman monologue-show that includes sexually graphic material and content that is offensive to God and to a serious Catholic.

In order to discover for myself, from a first-hand source, what the past controversy has been about I read some of the lines in the play.

Upon checking out a copy of the play, (since its Web site is justly blocked on our server), I found unbelievable lines that spoke of graphic lesbian sex, reduced women to mere objects, were littered with expletives and were offensive to me as a Christian. In fact, excerpts of the script cannot even be printed publicly in campus literature.

Many people support this "crowning event" without realizing how vulgar and crude the content of it is. Aren't lines like the ones I saw, with which the entire script is littered,

objectionable to Catholic teaching and morality? The play is clearly against Catholic teaching found in the Catechism, which states, "sexuality is ordered to be the conjugal love of man and woman" and that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered."

Shouldn't a university that wants to justifiably call itself

"Catholic" support Catholic teaching and morality and forbid academic departments to show offensive, pornographic, explicit and disgusting plays in the name of "academic freedom" and education? With every freedom comes responsibility, and a greater one to those universities that wish to call themselves Catholic.

Perhaps here at Notre Dame, one can ask herself whether Our Lady on the Dome would promote the showing of a pornographic and morally objectionable play. It is quite obvious that the answer to this question is "no."

I urge the administration to put a halt to this "play" immediately. The means do not justify the end, and an end to violence against women must be promoted in a different way.

John Sikorski
freshman
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Dec. 4



Much ado about Not-S

Arrest, death and love mixed with hilarious plot twists fills the H

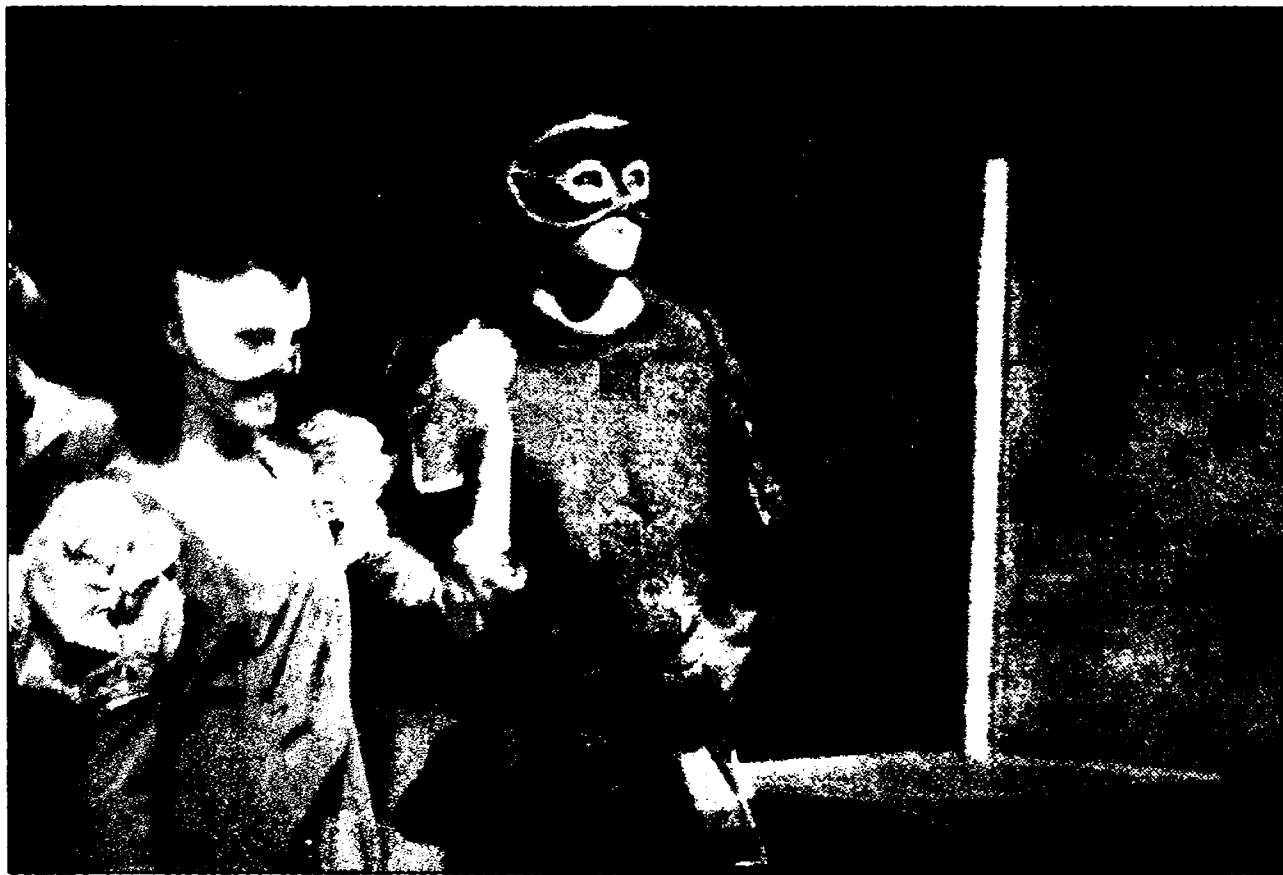
By JONATHAN RETARTHA
Scene Writer

Guys hooking up their best friends with beautiful girls. Local authorities making arrests. People passing out thought to be dead. Fights to the death. No, this is not a preview of this weekend's round of Christmas SYRs, but rather the action taking place in the Hesburgh Center for International Peace Studies this weekend as Notre Dame's very own Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company



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Senior Julianne Plazas plays Ursula, a friend of Beatrice, played by Krysta Dennis.



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Kaila Crowley as Hero walks hand in hand with senior Sean Nelson, who plays the infamous Don Pedro, as the two celebrate their engagement.

presents the classic comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing."

The plot involves several storylines, intertwined with each other. The first deals with Claudio, a soldier returning to Italy from battle with his fellow soldiers Benedick and Don Pedro. They return to the estate of Leonato, a prominent figure in society. Claudio falls instantly in love with Leonato's daughter, Hero, but feels he is not worthy enough to gain her love. Don Pedro, the hopeless romantic, devises a plan to help Claudio gain the love of Hero at a masquerade ball. Don Pedro's plan succeeds, and the two prepare to be married in a week's time.

The second storyline revolves around Don John, the bastard brother of Don Pedro, who will do anything to ruin the wonderful romance his brother has created. With the help of his friend Borachio, Don John plans to end the engagement by having Borachio sleep with Hero's serving woman, Margaret, in Hero's room in order to make Claudio and Don Pedro view it from afar and believe it is Hero who is being unfaithful.

Finally, the third facet of the play centers on Benedick and Leonato's niece, Beatrice. The pair has a long history of being at odds with each other and verbally abusing one another with their sharp wit. After the engagement of Claudio and Hero is arranged, Don Pedro plans to set up Benedick, a self-proclaimed bachelor for life, with Beatrice and make the two fall in love.

What ensues is a hilarious tale of tricks and lies that is brought to life by the students in the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company, or NSR as they are commonly called. The acting Company has been around for many years now, but in different waves of involvement. They have had spans of many strong years, and lengths of time when no performances were staged at all. The Company has been enjoying seven years now of very strong participation, receiving talent from all years and studies.

This is the first year in which a play from the past seven years is being repeated. In the past, they have put on such classics as "The Taming of the Shrew," "Hamlet," "Henry IV," "Othello," "Romeo and Juliet," "The Comedy of Errors," "The Tempest," "Twelfth Night" and "Macbeth."

The group is funded by Student Government as well as from private donations. On the average, they receive between 80 to 100 students at tryouts for their fall and spring productions, and for "Much Ado About Nothing," they selected 18. What makes NSR so unique is that it is staged, directed, and acted by students. AnaMarie Ortiz serves as the director for this fall's production, with Ishira Kumar and Sarah Miller serving as Stage Managers.

There are also students involved behind the scenes with sound design, performance coaching, set design, lighting, and choreography. Ortiz made the decision to design the production in a way that does not specify the time or place in which the events of the play occur. Therefore, the sets are very simple, with two flats painted with trees and two as stone walls. The set design crew uses these few sets to their utmost potential, however. The flats painted as trees have cut out squares in them, so that when Beatrice and Benedick are forced to hide in order to overhear other characters talking about them, they are still visible and can participate in the scene with hysterical facial expressions. The costumes are also very traditional Shakespearean era outfits. In addition, music from the era is played in between scenes and before the play begins.

"Much Ado About Nothing," is one



Freshman Kaila Crowley as Hero and freshman Krysta Dennis plays Leonato, Hero's father about all the plans for Hero's marriage.

Shakespeare is famous for his witty one-liners, and every other line delivered by Krysta Dennis reflects the Bard's love for language. Bird and Dennis bring incredible depth to these lead roles, and the chemistry between Benedick and Beatrice is undeniable.

of Shakespeare's most complex comedies, because it involves many serious subplots and scenes. The performances by the students are incredible because of the way they all delve deep into their characters and provide each with a unique voice and personality.

Mario Bird plays Benedick, the suave bachelor who falls hard for Beatrice, played by Krysta Dennis. Bird presents an incredible transformation in the two halves of the play. In the first half, he is the swinging single with a sharp tongue, channeling Frank Sinatra, or another member of the Rat Pack. He is tricked into believing that Beatrice is secretly in love with him, and, once he falls for her, he turns into a reserved, quiet character who cannot even devise the wit to write a simple love letter. Dennis, on the other hand, plays the classic shrew in her love-hate relationship with Benedick. Shakespeare is famous for his witty one-liners, and every other line delivered by Dennis reflects the Bard's love for language. Bird and Dennis bring incredible depth to these lead roles, and the chemistry between Benedick and Beatrice is undeniable.

Mike Dolson plays Claudio, who

Not-So-Royal Shakespeare

Hesburgh Center this weekend for 'Much Ado About Nothing'



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nis as Beatrice talk with freshman Andre Valdivia, who marriage, while many problems arise.

falls hopelessly in love with Hero, played by Kaila Crowley. Dolson presents another deep character that is forced to endure many emotional waves. The first is in his whirlwind romance with Hero, in which he encompasses the classic giddiness accompanying any romance of that kind. Dolson's second challenge is to display the incredible pain experienced by Claudio when he believes he is seeing his love being unfaithful the night before they are to be wed. This is especially difficult because the entire scene of the apparent betrayal takes place off stage, and is only recounted by other characters. Therefore, with no visual cues, Dolson delivers an incredible performance derived completely from the heart. As if that was not enough, Claudio is made to believe that Hero has died, and Dolson presents the image of a broken, collapsed man without using any words at all, as he weeps by the supposed grave of his past love. In a play filled with so much mirth and trickery, Dolson acts as if he is performing in one of Shakespeare's great tragedies in this powerful scene. Crowley also has great chemistry with Dolson, and is sincere in her love for Claudio, as well as in her desire to help bring Benedick and Beatrice together.

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David Tull plays Don John, the bitter brother of Don Pedro who sabotages the wedding plans. His character is most definitely a flat one utilized as 'the bad guy' in the play. Therefore, he does not undergo the types of changes in character that many of the leads undertake. However, while many flat characters in plays can be forgotten or unused, Tull sets himself apart from the other characters with his own unique style and attitude. What makes the role of Don John demanding is that the reasons for his bitterness are vague at best. It is difficult to tell if anyone involved in the play has wronged him, other than the fact that his brother gets all the glory. Tull's ability to establish himself as the bad guy without any formal explanation is a credit to the skill in which he gets into his character.

Chez Brooks-DeVita plays Don John's henchman Borachio, and fits the mold of a traditional evil sidekick perfectly with his low, menacing voice. Brooks-DeVita also adds depth to what is traditionally a flat character by originally being sinister in his attempt to thwart the marriage plans, and then becoming remorseful when he hears of Hero's apparent death due to grief.

Sean Nelson plays the role of Don Pedro, the Cupid figure of the play.

He brings to the role a sincerity that makes the audience believe in the friendships he has with Claudio and Benedick, and in his true desire to see both of them happy.

Andre Valdivia plays Leonato, the father of Hero. Valdivia brings a great personal touch to the role by broad-

ening the extremes that Leonato must encompass in his character. In the first half of the play, he is overtly jovial and a bit senile, and shows an innocence that portrays him like a grandfather figure. Once Hero has been accused of betrayal, however, Valdivia explodes in a stubborn rage that shocks the audience. He becomes furious over the accusations and stubborn in his belief that Claudio falsely accused Hero. Valdivia stands out in his emotional performance.

The most scene stealing roles, however, go to the watchmen of the town, played by Al Klein, Martin Schroeder, and Connor Woods. The zany, eccen-

tric Dogberry, played maniacally by Jeff Eyerman, deputizes the three.

Shakespeare constructed his plays not for the opera houses or concert halls, but for the masses of his day - those who loved crude and sexual humor, along with rollicking physical comedy. Ortiz has captured this vision perfectly in providing hysterical slapstick comedy to these roles. The four watchmen are almost like cartoon characters as the fight with each other and make a valiant attempt to capture Borachio. Eyerman is as crazy and goofy as Jerry Lewis or Jim Carrey in every single scene. These four roles are absolute testaments to the creativity and vision of the director, as well as to the creativity of the actors involved.

For a program with a limited budget, truly the Acto defines "Much Ado About Nothing." All of the students involved have a focus, determination and love for Shakespeare that makes their production such a success.

"Much Ado About Nothing," is a treat for anyone with any background in Shakespeare, big or small. The cast delivers the lines clearly and acts in a way that brings the language to life visually, even if the words are not easy to understand.

"Much Ado About Nothing" plays at the Hesburgh Center for International Peace Studies Friday and Saturday at 7:30, and Sunday at 2:30. Tickets can be purchased at the LaFortune Box Office or at the door, \$5 for stu-

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Sophomore Brandon McGirr as Antonio talks with Leonato, played by freshman Andre Valdivia.



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Senior Mario Bird plays the large role of Benedick, who talks with Claudio, played by junior Mike Dolson, about his problems with the women.

NHL

Prusek's 29 saves leads Senators over Lightning

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Martin Prusek made 29 saves for his third straight win, and Jason Spezza had two goals to lead the Ottawa Senators to a 4-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday night.

Prusek has allowed just two goals in his three wins while filling in for Patrick Lalime, who is sidelined by the flu.

Bryan Smolinski and Antoine Vermette also scored for Ottawa.

Dave Andreychuk scored for the Lightning, who have lost three straight. Tampa Bay is winless in its last six games (0-4-2) and has scored just six goals in the span.

Prusek stopped Shane Willis' wrist shot from the low slot during a three-man rush in the final seconds of the second period. Willis took a pass from Vincent Lecavalier, and his shot hit Prusek in the upper body.

Ottawa built a 13-3 advantage in shots in the first period as the teams traded power-play goals.

Smolinski put the Senators ahead 11:38, and Andreychuk tied it at 13:36.

Andreychuk, who has 615 career goals, snapped a 14-game scoreless streak and raised his career power-play goal total to 262.

Prusek made several strong saves in the first period, including two chances from close range by Martin St. Louis.

Predators 4, Blue Jackets 2

Rem Murray, Scott Hartnell, Greg Johnson and Scott Walker scored goals, and Tomas Vokoun stopped 37 shots in the Nashville Predators' victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on

Thursday night.

Ukrainian emigre Nikolai Zherdev, the Blue Jackets' first-round draft pick who flew out of Russia on Sunday, scored his first NHL goal and had another one disallowed.

Zherdev was met with a standing ovation when he skated to the bench during a break late in the game.

Rick Nash added his 17th goal for the Blue Jackets — matching his total as a rookie last season. Zherdev picked up the assist.

Nashville extended its franchise-record winning streak to six, and won for the fourth straight time on the road.

The Predators are 10-2-0-0 in their last 12 games.

They are one of the early surprises in the NHL with a record of 14-10-1-0. The Predators didn't win their 14th game last season until Jan. 18.

Maple Leafs 6, Bruins 0

The Toronto Maple Leafs have had plenty of players help keep their winning streak going.

Ed Belfour made 25 saves in recording his second shutout of the season and Toronto won its seventh straight game, beating the Boston Bruins Thursday night.

"When you win seven in a row, you are getting contributions from different guys each night," Leafs defenseman Ken Klee said. "When guys like [Joe] Nieuwendyk and [Mats] Sundin are out on the ice, you know good things will happen."

Nieuwendyk scored two power-play goals for the Maple Leafs, who are on their longest winning streak since taking 10 straight in 1993-94.

Five of Toronto's seven victories have come on the road.

Coyotes 3, Sabres 2

Branko Radivojevic scored with 4:03 remaining and Brian Boucher made 34 saves to help lift the Phoenix Coyotes to a victory over the Buffalo Sabres on Thursday night.

David Tanabe and Chris Gratton also scored for the Coyotes, who are unbeaten in their last four (3-0-1).

J.P. Dumont and Daniel Briere each scored their ninth goal of the season for Buffalo.

The loss snapped the Sabres three-game home winning streak and dropped them to 3-4 in their last seven games.

Briere's power play goal at 11:52 of the third tied the score at 2.

Gratton, who was acquired from the Sabres in exchange for Briere prior to the trade deadline in March, scored his fifth goal of the year in the second period, just 1:15 after Dumont tied the score at 1.

Rangers 4, Islanders 2

Brian Leetch and Anson Carter scored during a five-minute power play in the second period and the New York Rangers sent the New York Islanders to their seventh straight loss with a victory Thursday night.

Leetch also scored earlier in the period to record his 24th career two-goal game. He has never had a hat trick.

Mike Dunham made 37 saves, allowing goals to Janne Niinimaa and Alexei Yashin in the second half of the third period.

Dunham was helped by two Islanders goals being waved off because the whistle blew before the puck entered the net.

Martin Rucinsky sealed it for



Reuters

Ottawa Senators goalie Martin Prusek made 29 saves for his third straight win, as the Senators beat the Lightning 4-1.

the Rangers, when he took a pass from Bobby Holik and finished a two-on-one with 5:17 left.

But the turning point came 9:28 into the second when Islanders captain Michael Peca caught Rangers forward Jamie Lundmark with a leg-to-knee hit that knocked Lundmark out with a sprained knee and sent Peca to the dressing room with a game misconduct.

The Rangers took advantage when Leetch scored his second of the game and fifth this season 55 seconds after Peca was sent off.

Petr Nedved made a pass from the right-wing boards across the slot to Leetch, who wristed a shot from the left circle past the glove of Rick DiPietro.

Peca has gone 12 games without a goal and has been mentioned in trade rumors.

The Islanders have been outscored 26-7 during their losing streak, and have managed only five goals in six games.

The Islanders closed within 3-2 when Yashin snapped in a shot from the slot with 7:58 remaining.

Yashin hadn't scored in 12 games.

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NBA

Iverson scores 35 to help Sixers defeat Bulls

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Kirk Hinrich chased and pressured Allen Iverson all game, always with a hand up or trying to get him to run into a trap.

Iverson got the message early.

"I felt they were trying to get someone else to beat them," he said.

But these are the Bulls and, new coach or not, things rarely go as planned.

Iverson scored 35 points and sank the winning jumper with 47 seconds left, lifting the Philadelphia 76ers to an 83-82 win over the Chicago Bulls on Thursday night.

Iverson, who scored 85 points his previous two games, took the pass from Eric Snow and dribbled down to the baseline where he made a fade-away with Hinrich's hand right in his face.

"During my seven years here, I've seen him that shot a lot, so thank God he hit it tonight," Sixers coach Randy Ayers said.

The Bulls had one last chance with 1.6 seconds left, but Linton Johnson's inbound pass, intended for Hinrich, knocked off the backboard instead, making Scott Skiles a loser for the first time as Bulls coach. Skiles had won in his Bulls' debut.

Jamal Crawford led the Bulls with 22 points, Eddie Curry had 16 points and 10 rebounds and Hinrich had 14 points.

Hinrich and Iverson matched each other one quick step for another, with the tattooed veteran often frustrating the rookie out of Kansas.

Iverson led the Sixers back from a halftime deficit with a 14-point third quarter, hitting a couple of jumpers over a flailing Hinrich. Hinrich was whistled for two fouls on Iverson, finally throwing his hands in the air and complaining to the Bulls' assistants.

"I've never played a tougher guy, especially when he's hitting his jump shots," Hinrich said. "He just runs and runs

and uses his picks. He's just really tough."

Hinrich eventually settled down against Iverson in the fourth.

The Bulls wiped out the Sixers' five-point lead with 3-pointers by Hinrich and Crawford. Hinrich made another 3-pointer later in the quarter and finished 5-for-9 from the floor.

Hinrich had a nice dish to Curry near the basket for a layup and an 82-79 lead with 2:06 left.

Aaron McKie hit a baseline jumper, making it 82-81 before Iverson went on to win it.

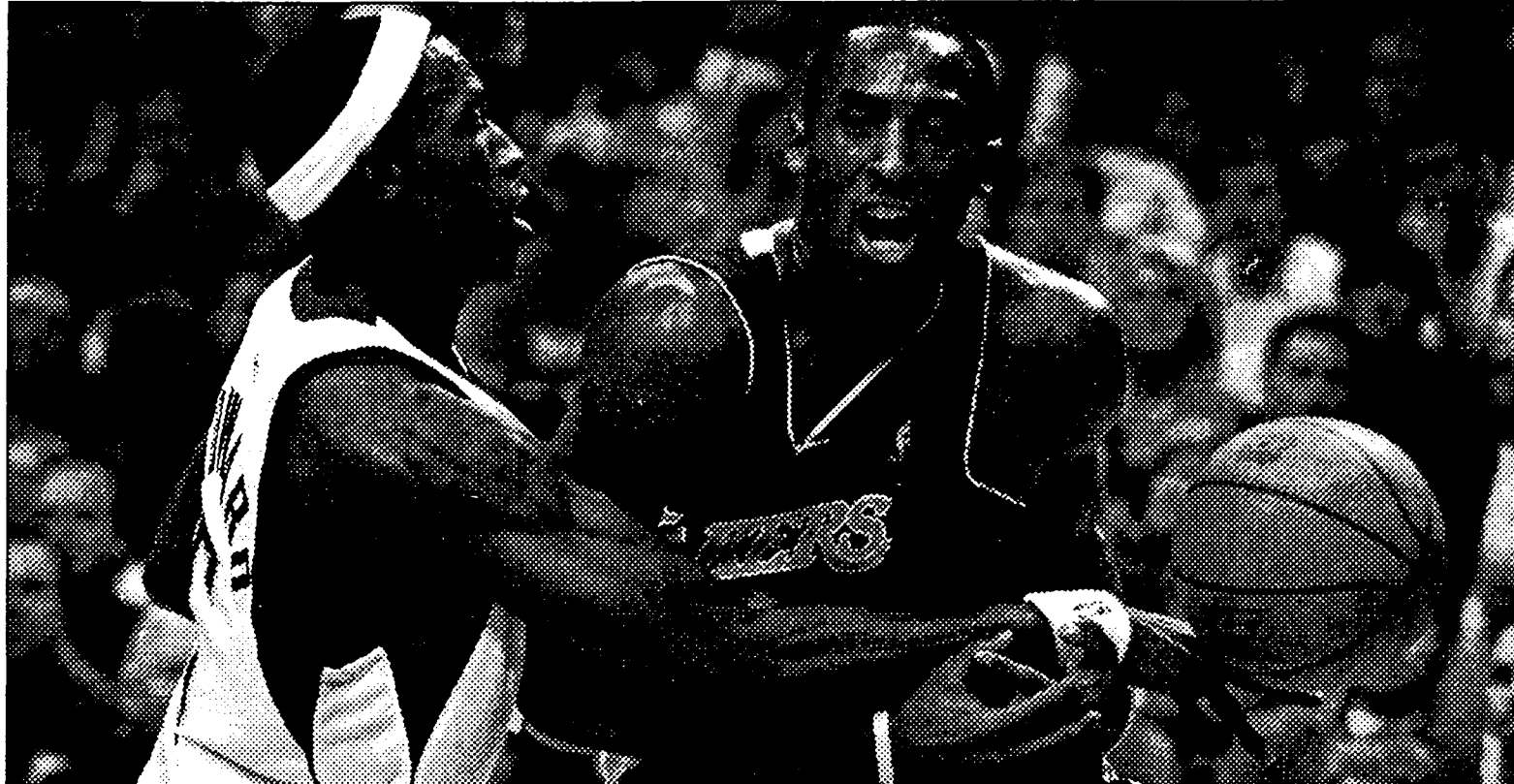
Lakers 114, Mavericks 103

Kobe Bryant scored 15 of his 32 points in the third quarter, helping the Los Angeles Lakers cruise past the Dallas Mavericks Thursday for their eighth straight victory.

The last four have been especially impressive. In addition to beating the Midwest Division-leading Mavericks, the Lakers beat Eastern Conference-leading Indiana by 22 and reigning champion San Antonio twice by a total of 20 points.

The Lakers' 46th win in their last 51 games against the Mavs gave Dallas its first loss at home, ending a 10-0 start. Los Angeles and Sacramento, both 10-0, are the last teams unbeaten at home.

Shaquille O'Neal had 25 points and 19 rebounds, and Gary Payton had 17 points and eight assists. Karl Malone, who came an assist shy of a triple-double last time against Dallas, had 11 points, nine rebounds and six assists.



Dallas' Juwan Howard fouls Los Angeles' Kobe Bryant early in their teams' game Thursday night. The Lakers, who have the best record in the NBA, defeated the Mavericks 114-103. EPA

Playing without Dirk Nowitzki (sprained ankle) for a fourth straight game, the Mavericks started by taking the first jumper they could every time down court. They missed 10 of the first 11 shots and quickly found themselves down 14-2.

The Lakers stretched it to 25-8 late in the first quarter and were hardly tested again.

Steve Nash scored 12 of his season-high 30 points during a second-quarter rally that got Dallas within five, but Los Angeles was back in control by halftime. Bryant took over from there, nailing a 3-pointer then putting in a reverse layup after catching a teammate's blocked shot.

Mavs coach Don Nelson was

ejected midway through the third after picking up his second technical and didn't miss much. Bryant made that foul shot, then a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession and the Lakers quickly got the lead up to 18. The closest Dallas got after that was 104-96 with 2:03 left.

Michael Finley overcame an 0-for-9 start to finish with 19 points for Dallas, while Antoine Walker had 24 points and 12 rebounds. Antawn Jamison had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and rookie Josh Howard had nine points and 14 rebounds.

Despite trading for Walker and Jamison, the Mavericks still can't bridge the gap with the Lakers. Los Angeles won

105-93 in the first meeting, which was the season opener. They'll meet again next Friday at the Staples Center. Nowitzki could be back by then.

Next up for Los Angeles is a home game against Utah, which likely will be an emotional game for Malone as he faces his former team for the first time.

The only emotion for the Lakers this night was laughter.

In the first quarter, O'Neal sent a layup by Walker flying into the seats. Finley got so flustered trying to get a shot around O'Neal that the ball went over the top of the backboard. Howard shot the ball out of bounds when he found himself one-on-one with O'Neal.

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MLB

Bonds appears before grand jury

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds appeared before a grand jury focusing on possible tax and drug violations by a California lab that supplied nutritional supplements to some of the nation's top athletes.

The six-time National League MVP entered the grand jury room Thursday accompanied by attorney Mike Rains.

Bonds has attributed his muscular development over the years to intense weight training, proper diet and a regimen of nutritional supplements. He repeatedly has denied using steroids and argues that his evolution as a home run hitter has been steady.

Grand jurors were now able to ask the San Francisco Giants' slugger under oath whether his growth has been entirely natural. The panel is looking into possible violations by the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, or BALCO.

Athletes that already have appeared before the grand jury include track star Marion Jones and her boyfriend, 100-meter world record-holder Tim Montgomery, four Oakland Raiders and Olympic champion swimmer Amy Van Dyken.

An appearance before the grand jury, or being subpoenaed to testify, does not mean an athlete is a target of the probe.

Two people have been named so far as targets of the grand jury — BALCO founder Victor Conte, and Greg Anderson, Bonds' personal trainer.

Bonds, 39, became a BALCO client just before his record-setting 2001 season and has praised Conte for giving him a personalized nutritional program.

Anderson's home was raided by the Internal Revenue Service and a drug task force Sept. 5, two days after a similar raid at BALCO.

Bonds weighed 185 pounds as a rookie in 1986 and now is a muscle bound 230. He holds the season record for home runs and is gaining on Hank Aaron's career mark.

"Go look at the back of my bubble gum card," he said after winning a third straight MVP award last month.

Bonds has praised Conte for giving him a personalized nutritional program. Bonds posed with Conte and Anderson for this past June's issue of Muscle & Fitness magazine and heaped praise on both.



Barry Bonds appeared before a grand jury Thursday that focused on possible tax and drug violations. Bonds has attributed his muscular development over the years to weight training. Reuters

Reds give Miley one-year contract

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Dave Miley's loyalty was rewarded Thursday when the Cincinnati Reds decided to keep him as their manager for at least one more season.

The Reds gave Miley a one-year contract with a club option for another year, removing the interim tag from his title.

Miley, 41, replaced Bob Boone last July 28, when the Reds made an abrupt about-face in their first season at Great American Ball Park. General manager Jim Bowden also was fired, and the club went on a payroll-cutting spree of trading stars to contenders for minor leaguers.

Miley, who has spent 24 years in the organization as a player, coach and minor league manager, led what was left of the club to a 22-35 record. He got high marks from players for guiding the clubhouse through a tough time.

Miley was one of four candidates considered in a slow-moving search. First-year general manager Dan O'Brien also interviewed former Chicago White Sox manager Jerry Manuel, Pittsburgh Pirates director of player development Brian Graham and Tampa Bay Devil Rays bench coach John McLaren.

The Reds are the last major league team to fill a managing vacancy. The Boston Red Sox introduced Terry Francona as

their manager earlier Thursday.

Miley's job will be trying to put together the pieces of a team that lost 93 games in its first season in the new ballpark. The bullpen and the infield were decimated by the midseason trades, and injuries sidelined every starting outfielder.

The Reds are expected to slash their payroll, which was \$57 million on opening day, as they rebuild around young pitchers acquired in the trades.

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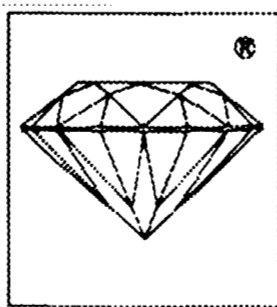
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MLB

Francona hired as new Red Sox manager

Associated Press

BOSTON — Success-starved fans, prima donna players, swarms of media and bad karma that has surrounded his new team since 1918 — Terry Francona figures he's prepared for just about everything a Boston manager can face.

"Think about it for a second: I've been released from six teams. I've been fired as a manager. I've got no hair. I've got a nose that's three sizes too big for my face, and I grew up in a major league clubhouse," Francona said.

"My skin's pretty thick. I'll be OK."

The Red Sox hired Francona on Thursday, more than a month after letting Grady Little go for failing to get the last five outs Boston needed to vanquish the New York Yankees and reach the World Series. Francona, 44, was given a three-year deal with an option for a fourth; financial terms were not disclosed.

The son of a ballplayer, Francona played 10 seasons for five major league teams — he signed with a sixth but never made it back to the majors — and was Michael Jordan's manager at Double-A Birmingham during the bas-

ketball star's aborted attempt to play baseball.

"I had a lot of experience, early on, dealing with the biggest star," Francona said.

The Red Sox also interviewed Los Angeles third-base coach Glenn Hoffman, Anaheim bench coach Joe Maddon and Texas first-base coach DeMarlo Hale. But Francona was established as an early front-runner, and his hiring was delayed only by the team's pursuit of pitcher Curt Schilling.

The Red Sox traded four players to Arizona for Schilling last week, but he wouldn't waive his no-trade clause until signing a new contract that guarantees him \$37.5 million over the next

three years. Schilling said one incentive for him to sign in Boston was word that Francona was "a slam dunk" to be the new manager.

But he insisted that he did not make Francona's hiring a condition of the deal, and the Red Sox didn't promise it.

"I think Schill just wants to pitch opening day," Francona joked. "I love Schill. I don't think he's responsible for getting me the job."

Francona managed Schilling over four losing seasons in Philadelphia from 1997-2000, never winning more than 77



Terry Francona pumps his fist during a press conference after he was named the Boston Red Sox's 44th manager in club history. He replaced Grady Little, who was fired after last year. Getty

games. Getting fired didn't dampen his obvious enthusiasm or his belief that he could be a successful major league manager.

"I always felt like if I put the players and the organization first and myself second, things would work out," he told reporters. "And you know what? I'm sitting here in front of you guys today. I feel like it's worked out."

Little averaged 94 wins over two seasons and took the Red Sox to the playoffs this year for the first time since 1999. They

came back from a 2-0 deficit against Oakland, winning three in a row to take the best-of-five, first-round series and play the Yankees for the right to go to the World Series.

Boston led New York 5-2 in the seventh inning of the decisive seventh game, but Little opted to go with tiring ace Pedro Martinez instead of a recently rehabilitated bullpen. Martinez blew the lead, the Yankees won 6-5 on Aaron Boone's 11th-inning homer off Tim Wakefield and Little was let go after the season.

Red Sox management insisted that Little's fate wasn't determined by one loss. Instead, the Boston brass had grown frustrated by his lack of preparation and willingness to wing it rather than trust the statistical analysis it thought was the solution to the team's 85-year championship drought.

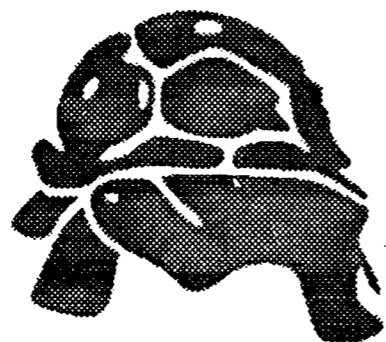
Even Little's detractors said he was deft at handling a combustible clubhouse, dealing with Manny Ramirez when he called in sick for a key series and keeping Pedro Martinez happy and productive. Francona said he wasn't afraid to be a players' manager, but that he also knows he needs to lay down the law at times.

"The players will know that I care about them more than anybody ever cared about them before. And they will know that I respect them, hopefully more than anybody's ever respected them before," he said. "But I will also ask more of them than anybody's ever asked of them before."

Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said Francona seemed to strike the right combination of clubhouse charmer and dugout tactician.

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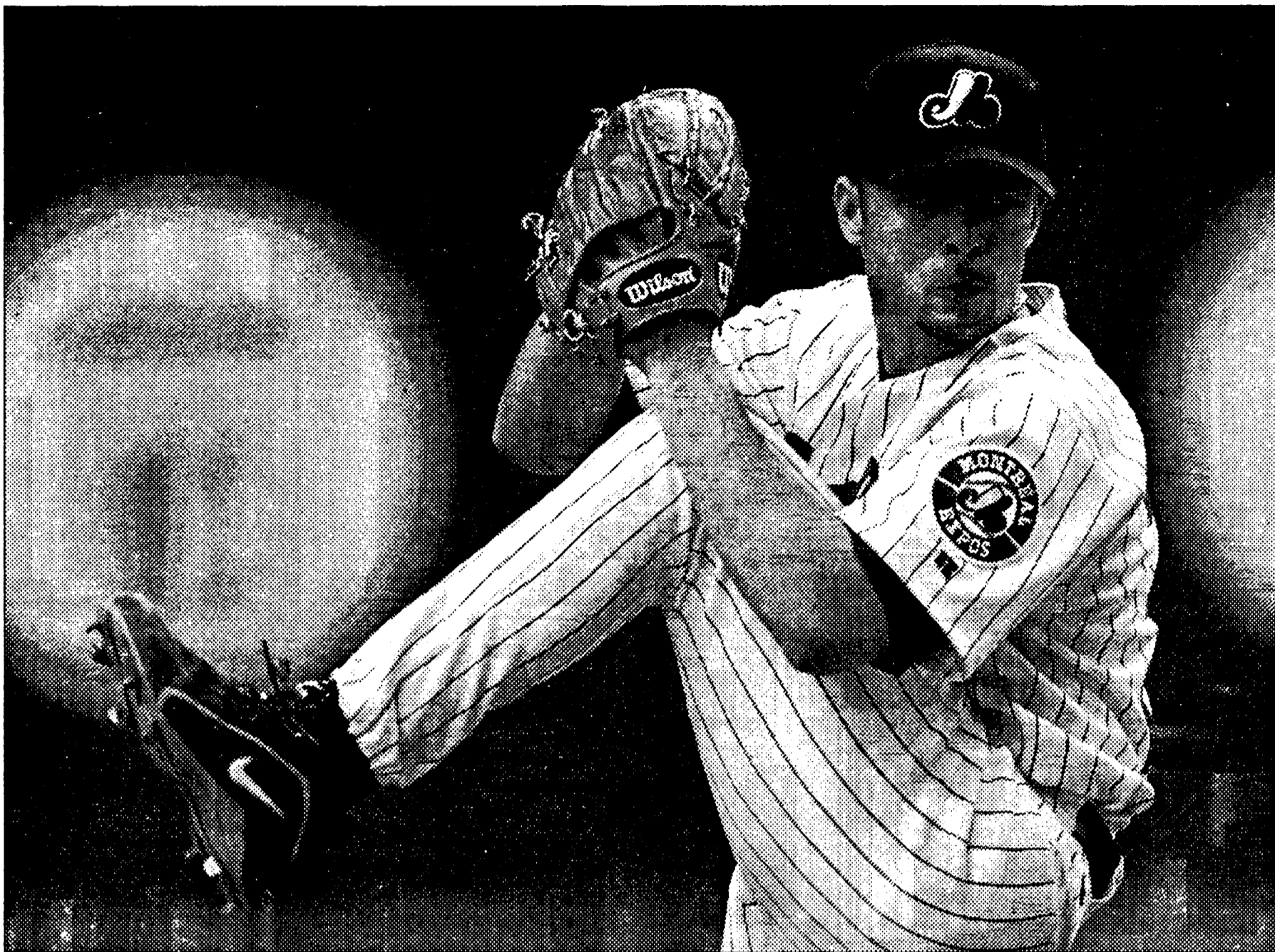
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9 Kentucky (1)		Minnesota	9
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MLB



Javier Vazquez prepares to deliver a pitch against the Philadelphia Phillies last season. The Montreal Expos traded Vazquez to the New York Yankees for first baseman Nick Johnson and two other players.

Yankees trade for Vazquez, solidify rotation

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees didn't take long to respond to Boston's latest challenge.

Less than a week after the Red Sox upgraded their pitching staff, the Yankees added another ace to their collection, acquiring hard-throwing Javier Vazquez from the Montreal Expos on Thursday for first baseman Nick Johnson, outfielder Juan Rivera and left-hander Randy Choate.

Vazquez joins a starting rotation that already includes Mike Mussina, Jose Contreras, Jeff Weaver and possibly Andy

Pettitte, a free agent negotiating with the Yankees and Houston.

Jon Lieber, coming off an elbow operation in August 2002, and David Wells, a free agent who had back surgery Tuesday, also are possibilities.

The deal is contingent on all the players passing physicals — Vazquez will return from vacation in the U.S. Virgin Islands for his exam.

Just last Friday, the Red Sox completed a deal for Curt Schilling, who joins Pedro Martinez and Derek Lowe in Boston's rotation. Last season, the Red Sox battled the Yankees until

the 11th inning of Game 7 of the AL championship series.

"I didn't think they were just going to sit there and stand pat," Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said. "With their resources and their ability to attract top talent, I knew they were going to spend it, and they're bringing in some good players. ... We knew they were going to get someone. That's one of the reasons why it was important for us to kind of go out there first and try to build our club the way we want to."

Vazquez fills one of the rotation slots that became

uncertain with the retirement of Roger Clemens and the free-agent status of Pettitte and Wells. Vazquez went 13-12 with a 3.24 ERA for the Expos last season, ranking third in the NL in strikeouts with 241 in 230 2-3 innings.

Johnson, 25, has been a solid hitter with a keen eye for the strike zone, but he's been unusually brittle and could have difficulty staying healthy on the artificial turf in Montreal and San Juan — where the Expos likely will again play 22 games.

He hit .284 with 14 homers, 47 RBIs and a .422 on-base percentage.

NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Philadelphia	10-10	.500	5-5	-
New Jersey	7-11	.389	4-6	2
Boston	7-11	.389	3-7	2
New York	7-12	.368	5-5	2.5
Washington	6-11	.353	3-7	2.5
Miami	5-13	.278	4-6	4

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	15-4	.789	8-2	-
Detroit	14-6	.700	6-2	1.5
New Orleans	13-8	.684	7-3	2
Toronto	10-8	.556	6-4	4.5
Milwaukee	9-9	.500	5-5	6.5
Atlanta	6-13	.316	3-7	9
Chicago	5-13	.278	2-8	9.5
Cleveland	4-15	.211		

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Dallas	12-6	.667	7-3	-
Denver	12-6	.667	8-2	-
Utah	10-7	.588	6-4	1.5
Houston	10-7	.588	5-5	1.5
Minnesota	10-8	.556	6-4	2
Memphis	9-8	.529	6-4	2.5

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
LA Lakers	15-3	.833	9-1	-
Sacramento	12-4	.750	9-1	2
Seattle	9-6	.600	5-5	4.5
Portland	9-7	.563	6-4	5
Golden State	8-8	.500	5-5	6
LA Clippers	6-8	.429	4-6	7

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NBA

San Antonio at Orlando 8 p.m., ESPN
Minnesota at Sacramento 10:30 p.m., ESPN

IN BRIEF

McNair, Kears return to Titans' practice

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee defensive end Jevon Kearse practiced for the first time since spraining his left ankle Nov. 16, while receiver Drew Bennett participated in his first practice since straining a calf muscle on Oct. 26.

Quarterback Steve McNair, who didn't practice at all last week, took some snaps as he split work with backup Billy Volek. He sat out the last drill with ice on his injured right calf.

Coach Jeff Fisher said Kearse's progress from Wednesday was very encouraging because he was able to change direction while running without hurting himself.

"If he doesn't have a setback as a result of what he did today, then he'll have a chance to play," Fisher said of Kearse.

Bennett was the No. 2 starting receiver when he was hurt in the

second half of a 30-17 victory at Jacksonville. Fisher said whether he plays Sunday against Indianapolis (9-3) remains a big question.

"We're concerned about Drew's ability to play a whole game right now, play a full-speed snap, so we don't know for a fact that he's going to be back," he said.

FBI investigates NFL hate mail threats

CLEVELAND — The FBI is investigating hate mail sent to black NFL players and other black men during the past year.

A memo sent Nov. 18 to all NFL teams by the league's security department said all the threatening letters came from the same person and were postmarked Cleveland; Youngstown, Ohio; and Erie, Pa.

"The memo went out to head coaches who were asked to share the information with security personnel and players," NFL spokesman Greg

Aiello said Thursday. "The memo mentioned only six instances. ... It's an ongoing FBI investigation."

More than just football players were targeted.

Special agent Robert Hawk of the FBI's Cleveland office said more than 30 "racially hateful letters" were sent to "high-profile people in their respective communities — professional athletes, business leaders, civic leaders, community leaders or organizations."

Hawk confirmed that six of the letters were sent to pro athletes.

"The majority of the letters have been sent to high profile leaders in the communities," he said.

Hawk said the contents of the letter "complain about the relationships between black men and white females." Hawk also said the letters direct black males to end relationships with white women "or they're going to be castrated, shot or set on fire."

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to use momentum at this weekend's tournament

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

The Belles enter this weekend's Roundball Tournament with confidence running high and more importantly a chance to prove themselves against some fierce opponents.

After an overpowering 77-26 victory against Andrews University this week, the Belles (2-3) are ready to continue their dominance at home as they welcome Washington University (4-1), Calvin College (2-2) and Illinois College (0-4) for the tournament.

The competition looks to be strong most notably from national powerhouse Washington University. Washington won four consecutive Division III titles

from 1998-2001 and hasn't shown any signs of letting up.

"We had a big win against Andrews but we need to make some improvements for this weekend," Saint Mary's coach Suzanne Bellina said. "We're going to face some difficult teams and we have to be ready to play our best."

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Suzanne Bellina
Belles coach

The Belles have looked ready to make a statement ever since their disappointing 0-2 start of the season. Wins against Manchester and Andrews have been encouraging for the team but they're still searching for a victory against a powerful opponent.

Against Andrews, the Belles rested their starters for most of the game in anticipation of this

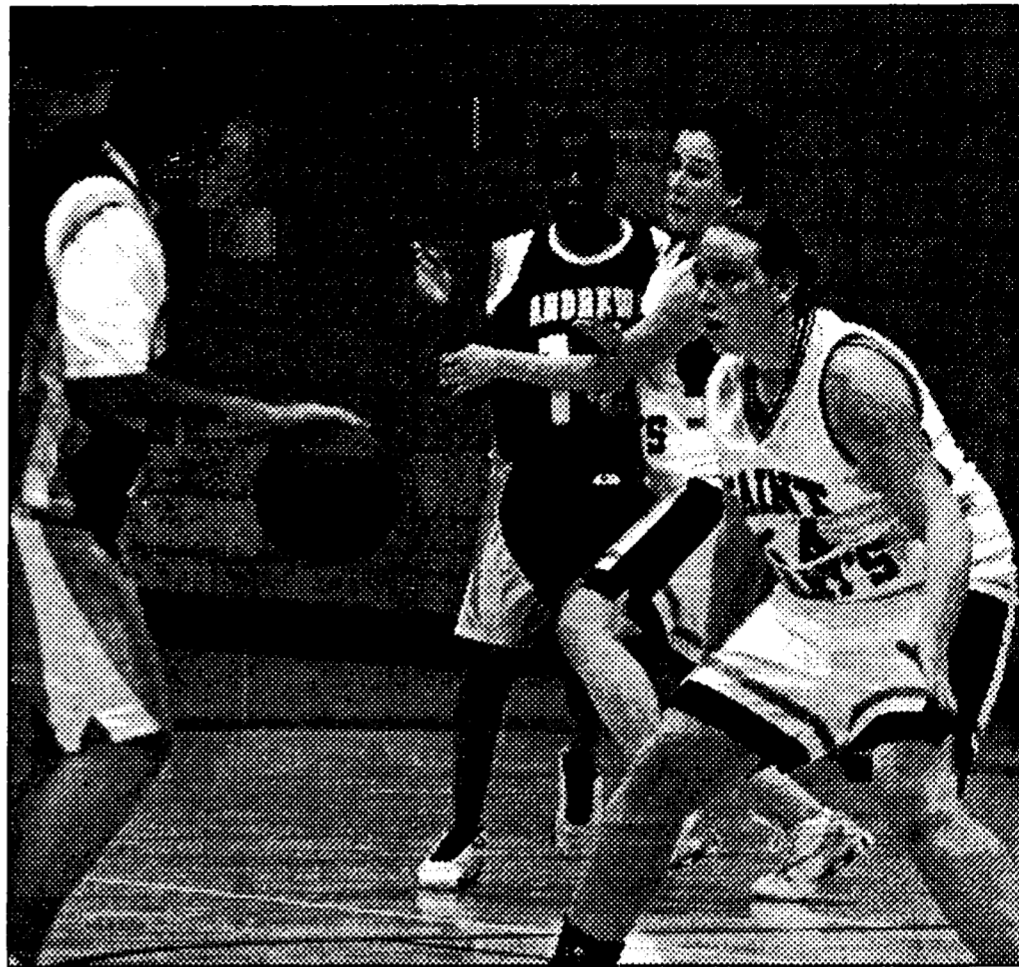
weekend's tournament. Positive contributions from the bench allowed the Belles to dominate the game even with star players Emily Creachbaum and Katie Boyce only playing five minutes each.

"We're going to be relying on our starters to play their hearts out," Bellina said. "We need everybody on the team to contribute if we want to win this tournament."

The first game of the tournament is today at 6 p.m. when the Belles face Illinois College. Washington University and Calvin College play next at 8 p.m. The championship game will be played on Saturday at 3 p.m.

"This will be a turning point in our season," Bellina said. "We want to make a statement and this tournament is the place to do it."

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After blowing out Andrews earlier this week, Jessica Binhack and the Belles will play in this weekend's Roundball Classic.

SMC SWIMMING

Time off may pay dividends for Belles this weekend

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

A newfound energy is lighting up the pool for the Belles.

After a three-week break since their last meet, Saint Mary's swimming coach Greg Petcoff has seen a new intensity and sense of camaraderie among the girls as the Gene Davis Invitational nears.

With a loss to Albion before Thanksgiving break, Saint Mary's has been anxious to prove themselves. Despite many strenuous workouts leading to this meet, the girls' drive has persisted through and even thrived on the hard work.

"The team has become more energetic and this is a good indication of the team

ready to go," Petcoff said. "It is a good sign of inner confidence."

This confidence is especially important as the invitational will be a test of what is to be expected at the end of the season.

"It gives the girls a bit of rehearsal of the championships because it is an overnight meet," Petcoff said. "It will prepare the girls to compete their best for more than one day."

This consistency will be especially important for the team as they will be

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Greg Petcoff
Belles coach

contending for first place at the invitational. To attain this goal, Saint Mary's will have to overcome home favorite Lawrence University, who took second last year.

Other challenges will come from Carthage College, who defeated the Belles earlier this

season, and Gustavus Agastus. Despite the weight of his team's opponents, Petcoff expects season best times from every swimmer, especially from standouts Caitlin Fitzpatrick, Megan Ramsey and Kelly Nelis.

But, the highlight of the competition will be the 800-yard freestyle relay during which the girls will have their sights on the meet record of 8 minutes, 14 seconds.

This feat has become more likely as momentum is at a high among the girls. Petcoff anticipates the Belles will be more of a force than other teams might expect.

"We will be a challenge for first place," Petcoff said.

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the first half. She also had seven assists and three steals.

"It was fun. It's been a long time since I've hit that many outside shots," Duffy said. "My teammates were looking for to get the ball, which is a little bit different, and I was able to knock them down."

Duffy almost single-handedly kept the Irish ahead of Wisconsin in the first half by drilling four of six 3-pointers. Meanwhile, she continued to annoy Wisconsin's guards with her intensity on defense.

"I think defensively when you're playing that hard it's easier to come down and execute on offense, which sounds funny," Duffy said. "When you're getting steals and rebounds, it's easier to come down and be in the flow offensively."

In practices leading to the game, McGraw was worried about the height advantage Wisconsin had over her team. Early in the game, Wisconsin took advantage of their size by feeding the ball to 6-foot-5 center Emily Ashbaugh, who scored eight of her team's first 11 points and left the Irish defense searching for answers.

But the Irish held Ashbaugh to only one field goal for the remaining 14 minutes of the first half. The Badgers Ebba Geisba added nine first half points by knocking down 4-of-6 shots.

Notre Dame took over the game in the second half by get-

ting the ball into their post players. Starting with LaVere's first six points of the second half, the Irish fed the ball to a high post player, who then passed inside to a player cutting to the low post. This high-low offense worked for much of the second half, as the Badgers struggled to stop easy scoring opportunities for Notre Dame.

Forward Jacqueline Batteast added nine points and led the team with 10 rebounds, while playing more as a decoy than a scorer. She had four assists and found open teammates on numerous occasions.

The Irish travel to Washington for a game Sunday against the Huskies. McGraw said her team is making great strides in practice, which will help them during games.

"I think we've been working really hard and we're starting to see the benefits of practicing hard and what it can do for us," McGraw said.

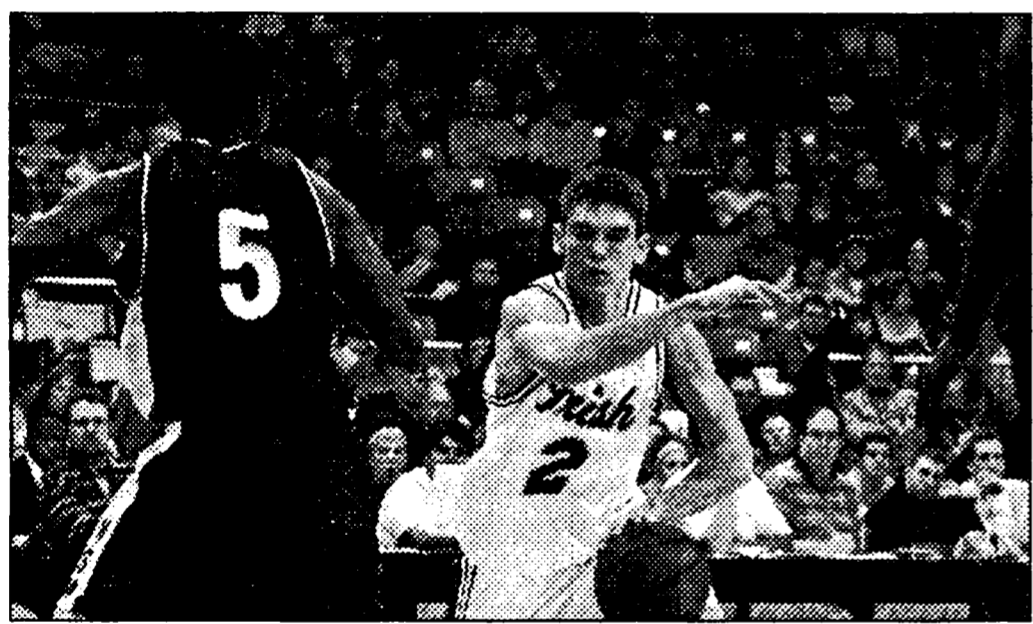
Notes:

◆ Notre Dame's win over Wisconsin was the team's first victory against a Big Ten school since the 2001 national championship game against Purdue. Since that game, the Irish have lost five times to Big Ten foes.

◆ Notre Dame improved to 42-2 since the 1994-95 season in non-conference home games.

◆ Wisconsin guard Kandace Evans had seven turnovers for the Badgers. The Irish had only 10 turnovers a team.

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Chris Quinn looks to drive against Mount St. Mary's.

Cornette

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talked with Irish coach Mike Brey about using his versatility as an agile big man to his advantage — something the junior believes he hasn't done yet this season.

For example, in Notre Dame's first three games, Cornette has taken 15 3-pointers, but made just three of them. Last season, he took 19 all season.

"My game has been one-dimensional lately," he said. "I've been just hanging by the line shooting 3-pointers and that's not the player I want to be, that's not the type of game I have."

Cornette said he's not afraid to hoist 3-pointers — he made 4-of-5 in an exhibition game this year — if he has an open look. But he also said he has to concentrate more on driving to the basket or penetrating and passing.

"Coach still has confidence in my shot, I just have to pick and choose my spots," the 6-foot-9 forward said. "I've got the versatility where I can hang around the 3-point line, drive and finish

the layup and rebound well. I think I can continue to do that more. ...

"You're still going to see me out by the 3-point line, but I won't be hanging there settling for a shot."

Cornette hasn't and said he won't blame his shooting woes on his bum knee. He said his knee swelled up before Notre Dame's Dec. 5 exhibition and the pain started to become more unbearable. But in recent days, the swelling and pain decreased, leaving Cornette with a dull ache he says he can play through.

However, that doesn't rule out the possibility of knee surgery in the off-season. If the pain persists, Cornette anticipates having surgery to alleviate the pain before next year.

He's just glad he doesn't have to miss any of this one.

"I feel like I'm in rhythm now and I don't want to lose my touch with this team," he said. "Being out four weeks takes you out of a lot, and I didn't want to come back and still be shaky about what I was going to have to do."

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HOCKEY

Irish hope to continue winning ways

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The CCHA knows how good the Irish have been so far this season. Now, the rest of the college hockey world is taking notice as well.

The No. 14 Irish take their six game unbeaten streak (4-0-2) on the line as they travel to Western Michigan this weekend for their final two CCHA games of 2003. Notre Dame will not play another conference game until Jan. 9.

Notre Dame enters the series with 16 points and tied for the CCHA lead with Ohio State. This is the latest in a season that the Irish have held the top position in the conference standings.

"We've got a very, very tight focus now," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "We've got two games before Christmas. After the national development team game [Nov. 14] I told the team I needed the next 22 days from them. We've had great intensity, great focus and great preparation."

"Practice has been as good as I've ever seen since I've been here."

The team's recent play has resulted in their first national ranking since Oct. 21, 2001. The Irish are currently ranked 14th in both the USA Today/American Hockey Magazine and the U.S. College Hockey Online polls.

"When you start the year, certainly your goal is to have [high rankings and a high conference standing]," Poulin said. "And when you get them, you can get afraid of how the team is going to react. It's good to be nationally ranked because we're playing well. We've played our way into the national rankings."

"We've earned every bit of it, and that's what's really important."

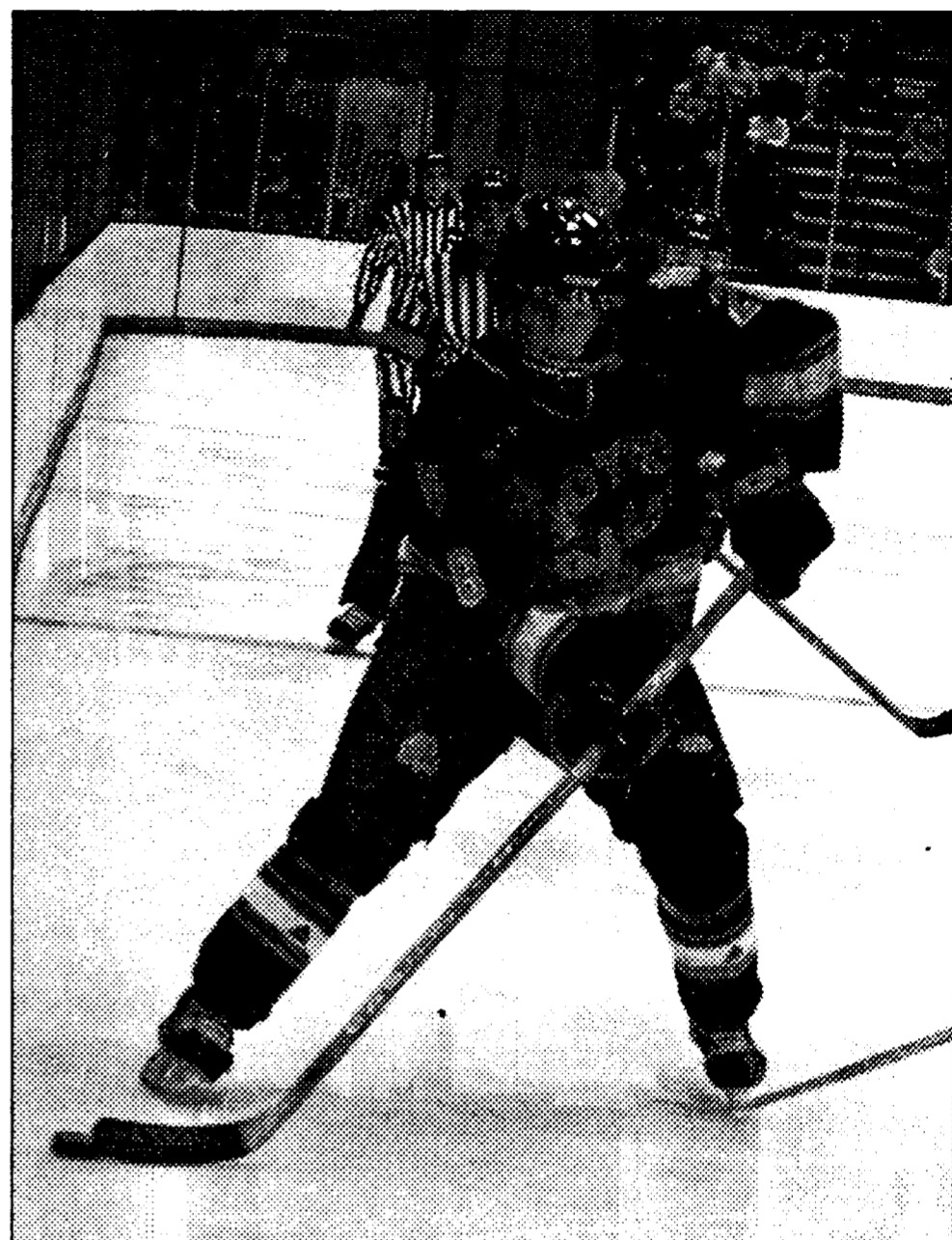
Notre Dame (8-3-2, 7-3-2 in the CCHA) has played its way into the national rankings partly due to one of the best defenses in the country. Bolstered by the play of a senior-laden defense and terrific play from goaltenders David Brown, Morgan Cey and Rory Walsh, Notre Dame's 1.97 goals-against-average is tops in the CCHA and ranked third nationally.

Two young cogs in Notre Dame's defense, freshmen defenseman Wes O'Neill and freshmen goaltender Brown, were ranked No. 1 and No. 2 among collegiate defensemen and goaltenders, respectively, in the recently-released Central Scouting Report for the 2004 NHL draft.

Brown helped lead the Irish in a two-game sweep of Northern Michigan last weekend, stopping 44-of-47 shots as Notre Dame won 5-1 and 4-2. He was rewarded for his efforts by being named the CCHA Rookie of the Week.

Brown was also named Rookie of the Week for the weeks of Oct. 15 and Nov. 2.

Special teams have also played a big role in Notre Dame's success this season, particularly on the penalty kill. The team has given up just six goals in 52 chances, including just one power-play goal on the road.



Tim Wallace looks to score against Lake Superior Nov. 21. The Irish travel to Western Michigan this weekend.

"Teams build and thrive on the power play," Poulin said. "This team we're playing this weekend has done very well on the power play, so it's important for us to be good with our kill."

"When you kill a power play, you give yourself momentum but you also take momentum away from them. That's why it's so important."

Western Michigan (6-7-1, 3-5-2) is led on offense by senior captain Dana Lattery, who has five points (three goals, two assists) in his last three games and currently has a five-game goal-scoring streak.

The Broncos played three games last week, defeating Bowling Green 4-3 in overtime on Nov. 25 and splitting with Colgate over the weekend. Their most recent game

was a 4-1 loss to Colgate last Saturday.

Notre Dame travels to Kalamazoo to visit the Western Michigan Broncos this weekend. Face-off is set for 7:35 p.m. Friday and 7:05 p.m. Saturday.

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earn the conference's automatic bid.

The Irish and the Cardinals are joined in the bracket by 15th-seeded No. 18 Illinois and unranked Murray State. By obtaining one of the 16 seeds, the Illini earned the right to host the regional. Notre Dame plays first at 6 p.m. Friday night, followed by Illinois/Murray State.

The winners face off Saturday for the right to travel to Honolulu, Hawaii.

Notre Dame is 11-12 in NCAA tournament action, and reached the Sweet Sixteen in 1994, 1995 and 1997. In 1993, the Irish made an appearance in the quarterfinals. Last year, the Irish earned the 16th seed, hosting the first and second rounds before falling to Michigan State in round two.

But this year Notre Dame has other plans.

They have had a whole week to prepare for the Cardinals, and practice has focused on solely the Louisville game at hand.

"Obviously at this level you have to play well," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "The key for us is aggressive serving; we have to serve really tough because I really think that Louisville's weakness is in their passing, in their ball control. So I think we need to take them out of system. But along with that, our block needs to be strong and our digging behind it needs to be good, too."

In order to accomplish this, the Irish will look to senior sisters Jessica and Kristen Kinder. Jessica leads the team in aces (33), and is second in digs (3.25 per game). Kristen, a first team all-Big East selection, leads the offense, as she is one of the best at diversifying the potent offensive attack.

As far as their nation-leading block ranking, the Irish look to two sophomore Laurens. Lauren

Brewster leads the Irish, averaging 1.81 blocks per game, while Lauren Kelbley averages 1.24 blocks per game.

Another key to the Irish's success, libero Meg Henican, leads the Irish defense with 402 digs on the year.

Emily Loomis is a large part of the balanced Irish offense, as she leads them in kills, averaging 3.58 per game. Brewster, meanwhile, averages 3.52 and Kelbley averages 3.28. All three were named to the All-Big East team. Kelbley and Brewster were named to the first team, while Loomis earned second-team honors.

But that is over, and the Irish know they are in for a fight tonight against Louisville. "I think for sure that we go into the match and we know its going to be tough, we can't look past Louisville," Brown said. "We go in really focused, and really knowing what we need to do to win one match and the you take it from there."

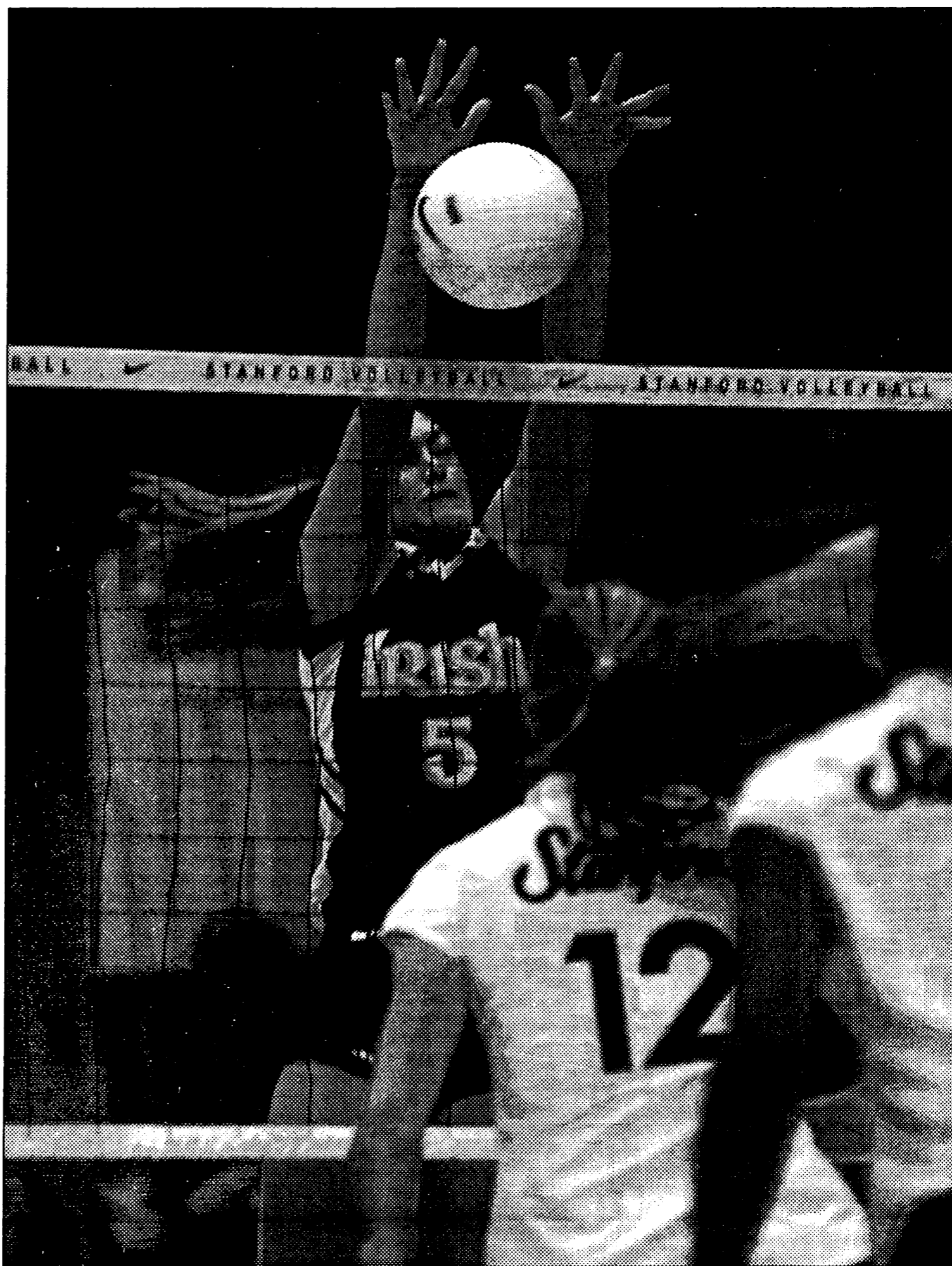
Because they only have one freshman, defensive specialist Danielle Herndon, the Irish bring NCAA experience that they didn't have last year with Kelbley and Brewster as freshmen. They are prepared to play some of the best teams early in the tournament, the first being Louisville.

"I don't mind it, I really don't," Brown said. "We have to play at a high level, so we might as well do it early [in the tournament]."

And, despite the fact that they have lost four of their last six matches, including their last two, the Irish are confident and ready to play again.

"I think that it's an exciting time of year and you want to just look forward to everything," Brown said. "I think we all believe that the best is yet to come and we're excited about the way we've trained, and how we've prepared. Things are looking good, I think."

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Senior Jessica Kinder goes up for a block against Stanford Nov. 29. Kinder and the Irish travel to the University of Illinois today to face No. 19 Louisville in the NCAA Tournament.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Duffy not playing like sophomore

Someone forgot to tell Megan Duffy Thursday that she only made seven of 35 3-point attempts as a freshman one year ago.

Oops.

The sophomore guard knocked down six-of-10 3-pointers and had 25 points against Wisconsin to lead her team to an 82-64 victory, all the while showing the Badgers what a complete basketball player looks like.

She scored. She played suffocating defense. She got steals and she lead her team on both ends of the court.

Duffy didn't play like a young sophomore, but more like an experienced senior against Wisconsin last night. She wasn't looking to score when the game started, but took the open shots the Badgers gave her. When Wisconsin stepped up their defense on Duffy, she simply passed the ball inside or started ball movement on the perimeter. Rarely did the guard force anything — shot or pass — and she ended the game with just one turnover. The fact that Duffy poured in 25 points isn't what made her performance so outstanding. A lot of players can put up big points totals on any given night.

What made Duffy's performance special were all the other things she did well. In the second half, Duffy applied full-court pressure on her opposing guard, but never let her intensified defense affect her offense.

With 13:36 left in the game, and her team up 59-43, Duffy dove into the Wisconsin bench in an attempt to deflect a pass. Not only did she hit away the pass, but the ball bounced off the intended Wisconsin player's arm and went out of bounds to give Notre Dame possession.

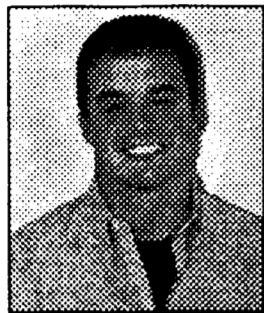
After having the best scoring first half of her career by tallying 19 points, Duffy started the second half by dishing out an assist to forward Courtney LaVere in the first minute. A few seconds later, Duffy found LaVere again for another assist which gave the Irish a 43-34 lead. She also inbounded the ball to a wide-open Jeneka Joyce who promptly knocked down a 3-point shot to increase the Irish edge to 71-52 later in the half.

The defense, assists and scoring were all in a day's work for Duffy. She worked hard in the offseason to improve her shooting and her overall skills. That work has already paid off in the first week of December this season, as the Dayton, Ohio, native is not playing like the decent freshman she was a year ago.

She's playing like a guard that is as good as nearly anyone in the nation. A guard that leads by example and makes any sacrifice necessary for her team.

And a guard that will be turning heads in the Big East when conference play begins in a few short weeks.

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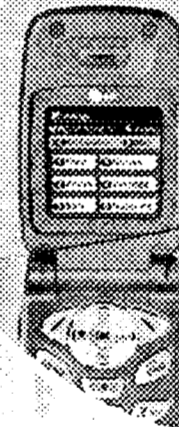
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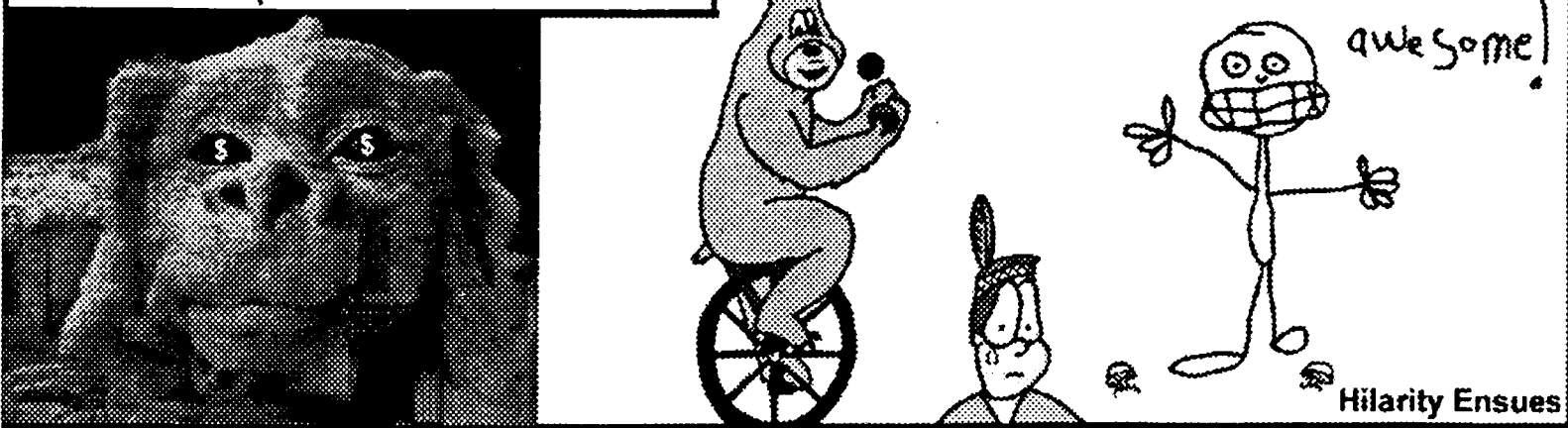
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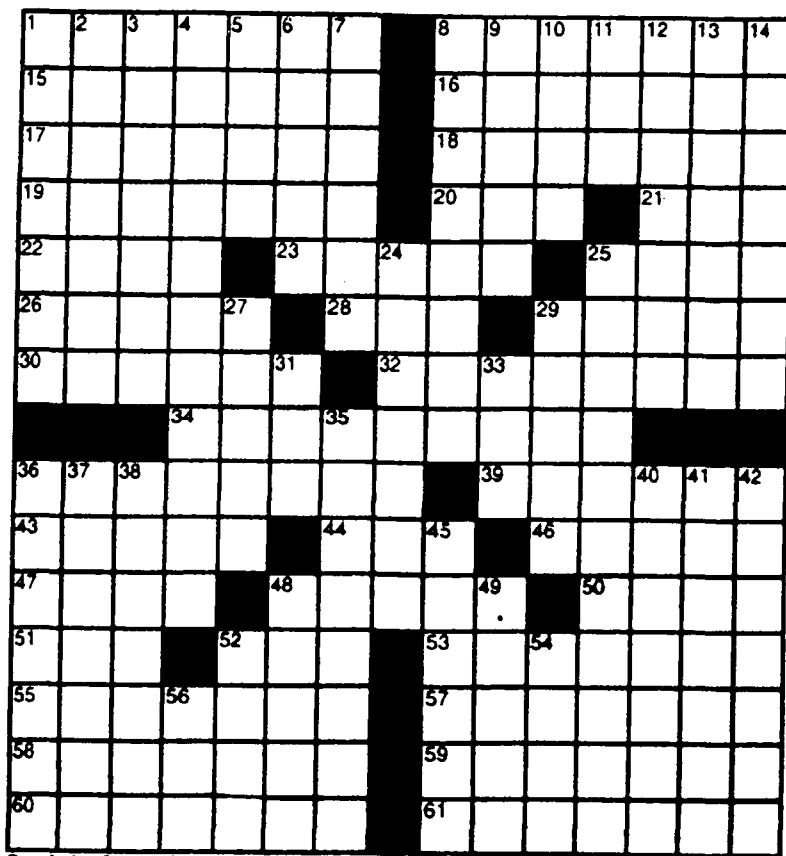
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- ACROSS**
- 1 In the shadows, perhaps
 - 8 Some buzzers
 - 15 It's beyond the three-mile limit
 - 16 Japanese dish
 - 17 Little sound
 - 18 Call names
 - 19 Affix
 - 20 Buttonhole, in a way
 - 21 1979 disaster area: Abbr.
 - 22 Dipped
 - 23 Rip Van Winkle's state
 - 25 ___ Club
 - 26 Not différente
 - 28 Frontier justice
 - 29 Big wheel
 - 30 Move, as diners in a restaurant
 - 32 Paunch
 - 34 Gender bender
 - 36 U.S.S. Arizona Memorial locale
 - 39 Dry goods dealer, in Dover
 - 43 Asserts
 - 44 Be laid up
 - 46 Catcher
 - 47 "The Cosby Show" actor
 - 48 Carpentry items
 - 50 Makes see red
 - 51 They have strong ties: Abbr.
 - 52 Source of some strange visions
 - 53 Draw
 - 55 Work on an open-and-shut case?
 - 57 Secure
 - 58 Crew members
 - 59 Wyoming's highest peak
 - 60 "Glory be!"
 - 61 Clytemnestra's slayer
- DOWN**
- 1 "Baby, It's Cold Outside" songwriter
 - 2 Draw attention away from
 - 3 They contain cones
 - 4 Get serious
 - 5 Author Dinesen
 - 6 ___ Circus (old Vatican area)
 - 7 Brazzi's "South Pacific" co-star
 - 8 Fitting room comment
 - 9 Later
 - 10 Eurasian diving duck
 - 11 Trash trackers: Abbr.
 - 12 Dock
 - 13 Catch in a net
 - 14 Hit the spot
 - 24 It's given without warning
 - 25 Monkey business
 - 27 Disraeli and others
 - 29 Some breakers
 - 31 Cross-shaped character



Puzzle by Sherry O. Blackard

- 33 "First Blood" director
- 35 Opposite of depresses
- 36 Was able to fit something in
- 37 Be due a refund, perhaps
- 38 Some rodeo participants
- 40 Balcony barrier
- 41 St. Anthony, notably
- 42 Takes exception to
- 45 "Get a move on!"
- 48 Late bloomer
- 49 It may be used to play a raga
- 52 Tibetan for "superior one"
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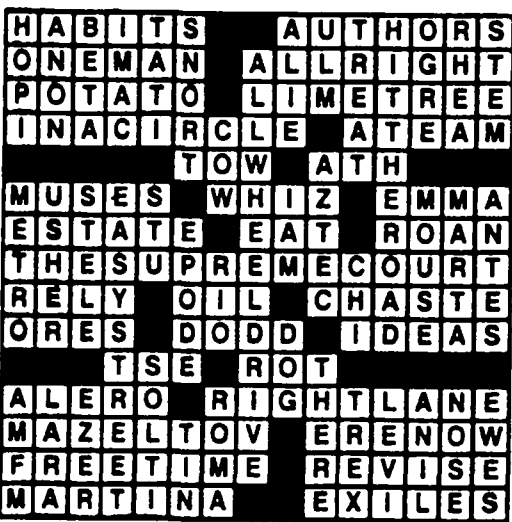
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Happy Birthday: Your outlook coupled with your knowledge will lead you in a positive, progressive direction. You will attract potential partners who can make a difference to your position in society. If you are quick to recognize an opportunity and to take action, the year ahead will be full of rewards and self-satisfaction. Your numbers: 5, 18, 21, 27, 32, 34

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may have a problem with your lover if you forgot to do something you promised to do. Channel your energy into making things better, not worse. Don't get angry without due cause. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You need to pick up some additional knowledge. Go to the source to get the most current information. You will be able to ask for a raise or put your name up for a promotion. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Too much too fast. Take your time; you don't have to make decisions now. Don't let others push you into doing things you would rather not do. Blow-ups in your domestic scene are apparent. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You should take some time out and re-evaluate your emotional situation. You may want to confide in someone you respect and trust who will give you a better understanding. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Moneymaking opportunities are present. Make your decision quickly if you don't want to miss out. Problems with equipment may set you back if you have neglected regular maintenance. ****

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Disharmony in your personal life will make it difficult for you to accomplish things. It is best to pamper yourself and not worry about what you are supposed to be working on. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Legal problems may surface if you forgot to tend to some small but important details. You will have to backtrack if you wish to clear these matters up once and for all. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let someone take advantage of your good nature. You must not allow others to railroad you into spending money or making promises that you'd rather not be involved in. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may get your dander up due to a misunderstanding. Find out more information before you decide to disown the party involved. Chances are you are wrong and owe an apology. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your deep need to learn all you can about something you have recently become interested in will lead you into a relentless search for truth. You may even question your own direction in life. ***

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Dynamic Duo

Sophomores Duffy and LaVere combine for 47 points against Badgers

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

When Wisconsin focused on containing Notre Dame's inside offense, guard Megan Duffy made them pay with her outside shooting. When the Badgers tried to shut down the Irish perimeter shooting, Courtney LaVere took over in the paint.

The sophomores combined for 47 points and Notre Dame (3-3) played outstanding defense en route to an 82-64 victory over Wisconsin (2-3) at the Joyce Center Thursday night. The win snapped a two-game losing streak for the Irish.

"I was really pleased with our defensive intensity," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "I thought our effort was tremendous. We had a great inside-outside game. Megan had a terrific first half and Courtney had a great second half. Offensively, for the rest of the

team, things weren't really going that well and these two picked up the slack."

LaVere sparked a Notre Dame second half surge that saw the Irish push their lead to as many as 20, at 68-48, with 9:49 remaining. LaVere made her first three shots in the second half, all in the first minute, to extend Notre Dame's halftime lead of 36-29 to 41-32.

McGraw had her team pressure the Badgers more in the second half and the Irish also started using more full court press. The moves worked, as Notre Dame outscored Wisconsin 46-35 in that half.

"We wanted to pressure them more in the second half," McGraw said. "We primarily played man-to-man in the second half. We felt we just needed to come up and guard them and then we used the full court pressure."

Duffy played outstanding throughout the game, offensively and defensively, and surpassed her previous career-high in points (14) by scoring 19 in

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Megan Duffy looks to pass in the Irish win against Wisconsin. Duffy had four 3-pointers in the first half.

ND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Irish open NCAA tournament

By HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

It doesn't matter that it is arguably the toughest subregional in the country. It doesn't matter that three of the four teams are ranked nationally.

All that matters is who wins the match at hand, because the loser goes home.

The No. 21 Irish are set to take on No. 19 Louisville after finishing the regular season 23-6 last weekend with a 3-0 loss to No. 5 Stanford. Meanwhile, the Cardinals are coming off a 3-2 loss at the hands of Ball State, to finish their season 24-5. Louisville is 2-11 against Notre Dame all-time, the last match a 3-0 victory for the Irish.

Notre Dame makes its 12th consecutive NCAA appearance, by way of an at-large bid. Louisville, meanwhile, makes its 14th tournament appearance, as they won the Conference USA tournament to

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cornette hopes to shake off injury

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Bothered by a knee that caused nagging pain, Jordan Cornette crossed his fingers and went to the Irish training staff for a more thorough examination.

Cornette had knee surgery back in high school, and he worried the Notre Dame trainers would recommend he have surgery again — meaning the junior forward would have to spend at least a month on the sidelines to recover. But fortune was on Cornette's — and Notre Dame's — side. Although he'll have to wear a knee brace, Cornette will still be able to play for the Irish, including Saturday's home game against Central Michigan.

"It's nagging, but it's to the point where I don't think it's going to be detrimental to my game," Cornette said. "I just have to get used to playing with the knee brace on, and it kind of masks a lot of the pain. Once I get comfortable with that, I should be fine."

The Irish (2-1) will be looking



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer
Jordan Cornette takes a shot against Mount St. Mary's Nov. 29. Cornette is hoping to overcome knee injuries for the Irish.

to bounce back from their 71-58 loss at No. 24 Marquette Monday night. In that game, Cornette grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds but only scored

three points before fouling out late in the game.

Since then, Cornette has

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ND SWIMMING

Men in first, women third after first day

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame men's and women's swimming teams each impressed in the opening day of the Notre Dame Invitational, with the men currently in first place and the women tied for third.

The Irish men, who have 682.50 points, were led by victories by Jamie Lutkus in the 200-meter individual medley, and a win by the 200-meter freestyle team. Tim Randolph, Frank Krakowski, Tim Kegelman and Louis Cavadini combined to win the event in 1 minute, 22.41 seconds, just edging out Big East foe West Virginia's 1:22.66.

Lutkus won his event with a time of 1:52.93, but was not the only Irish swimmer to perform well, as the six top finishers were all members of the Notre Dame team. Dave Moisan gave Lutkus a battle,

finishing just behind his teammate with a time of 1:52.49.

The women's team was bolstered by Meghan Perry-Eaton's victory in the three-meter diving board, as the Irish collected 270 points on the day, good enough for a third place tie with Denison. After day one, Bowling Green is the leader with 401 points, followed by West Virginia with 272.

Perry-Eaton continued her undefeated season with an easy win on the diving board, collecting 516.60 points. Her next closest opponent, New Mexico's Becca Barras, was second with 473.20.

Despite having to compete with a squad depleted by illness and academic commitments, the swimming team performed well, including a third place finish in the 200-meter freestyle relay.

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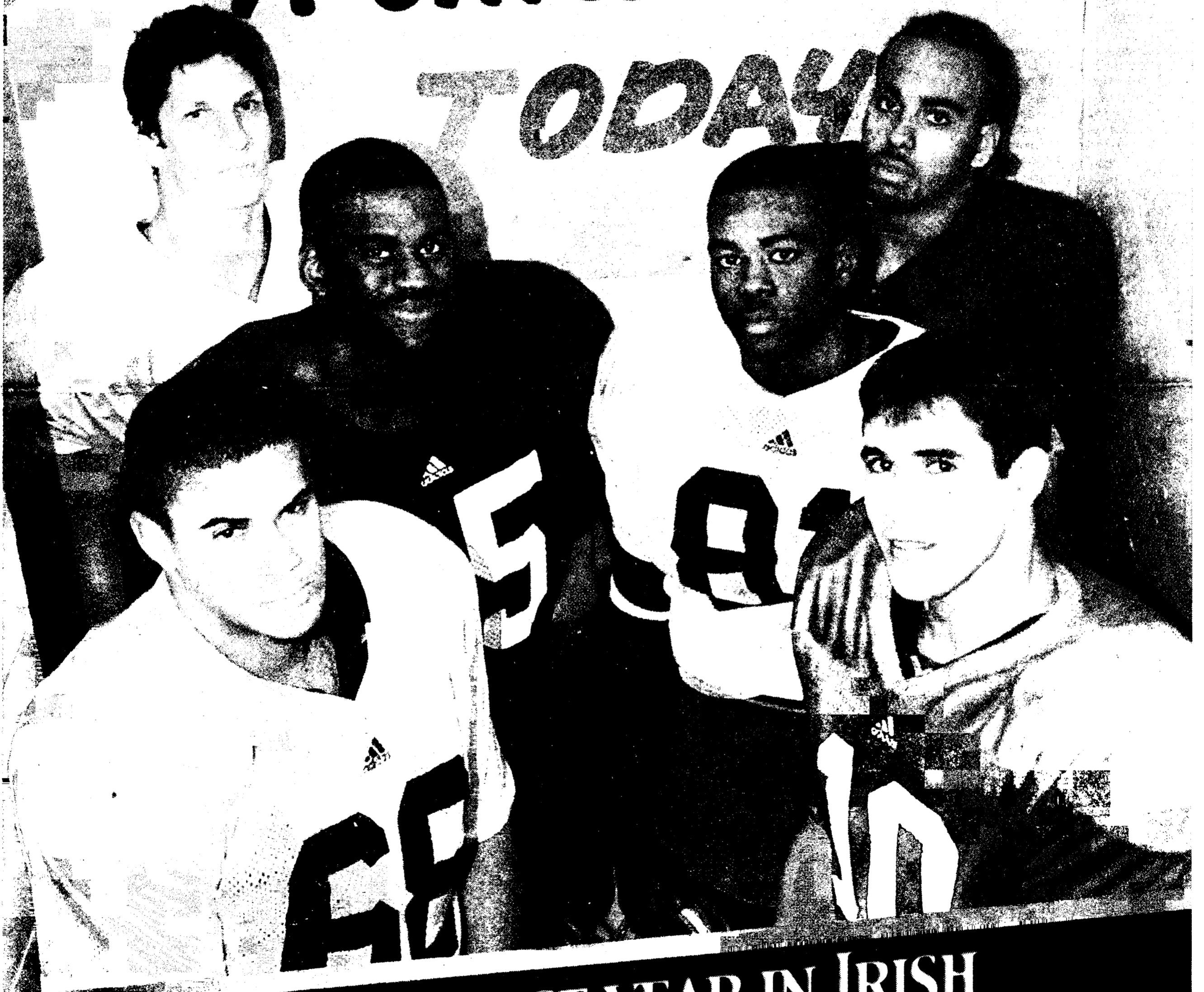
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IN THEIR FIRST YEAR IN IRISH
UNIFORMS, THESE SIX FRESHMEN HAVE
ALREADY MADE AN IMPACT

Jones deserves Irish rushing record

Julius Jones could have taken the easy way out.

When he was dismissed from Notre Dame for academic reasons two summers ago, he could have transferred to another school where the expectations would have been lower.

He could have tried to jump early to the NFL through the supplemental draft.

Or he could have left football behind altogether, disappearing into the obscurity that is the land of disgraced and forgotten athletes.

But Jones was determined not to let himself off the hook that easily. He felt he owed it to himself, his family and his Irish teammates to return to Notre Dame one day and reclaim his spot in the Irish backfield.

"I think people have had an eye on me coming back to Notre Dame to see what I would do," said the Irish running back about the high expectations surrounding his return to South Bend.



Chris Federico

Sports Writer

Now 209 carries and 1,214 yards later, Jones stands only 223 yards shy of Notre Dame history and silencing his doubters once and for all — that is the margin by which he trails the Notre Dame single season rushing record, set by Vagas Ferguson in 1979.

Saturday in Notre Dame's last game of the season against Syracuse, Jones will have that mark in his sights, and nobody deserves the record more than the Irish fifth-year senior.

He deserves it, because Irish fans need something to cheer about and remember from coach Tyrone Willingham's sophomore season, when the Irish struggled to reach .500 and failed to earn a bowl berth for the second time in three years. Jones breaking that record could be the lone bright spot in an otherwise dismal season that started tragically and finished with a little flicker of hope.

He deserves it, because he kept his Irish teammates focused on winning when things had gotten their worst in the season. After a 23-10

loss at Purdue as the Irish dropped to 1-3 on the season, a visibly frustrated Jones made his feelings known — he did not want to go out a loser, and he did not want his return to Notre Dame to be tainted in that way.

He deserves it for those times this season when his hard running and determination almost single-handedly kept the Irish in the game: his 19-yard touchdown run against Washington State that put the Irish on top for the first time, his

record-breaking 262-yard day against Pittsburgh that sealed the Irish upset and his 221-yard, two-touchdown day that saved an embarrassing loss to Navy and kept Notre Dame's 40-year winning streak over the Midshipmen alive.

He deserves it for his family, for his mother and father that saw him through the toughest of times and for older brother and NFL running back Thomas who kept him on the right track and saw through his return to Notre Dame.

He deserves it, because

Most importantly, Jones deserves this Notre Dame record as a reward and trophy for all he's accomplished in his comeback with the Irish.

everything he's accomplished this season, he's done with the utmost humility and respect for the program. When he wasn't getting many carries at the beginning of the season, he never criticized his coach's decisions, as he unselfishly waited for his turn to prove himself on the field.

Most importantly, Jones deserves this Notre Dame record as a reward and trophy for all he's accomplished in his comeback with the Irish. After his dismissal, Jones realized his mistake and worked harder than ever to prove that he belonged as part of the Notre Dame family.

"Yeah, I had something to prove," Jones said. "I had something to prove to everybody, that I could go to school here and play football here, and I think I've done that. When I get that degree, I think everything will be complete."

Jones now has that chance to prove himself. He is on track to graduate from ND in the spring, and Saturday, he can secure his place alongside the family of ND football greats by surpassing Ferguson's 24-year old mark.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily of The Observer. Contact Chris Federico at cfederic@nd.edu

game hype



Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

"I'm going to leave it all out on the field."

"We will see Syracuse's best football team, and they will be playing their best football."



Julius Jones
Irish running back

"We feel pretty good going into Syracuse; we just have to play our brand of football."

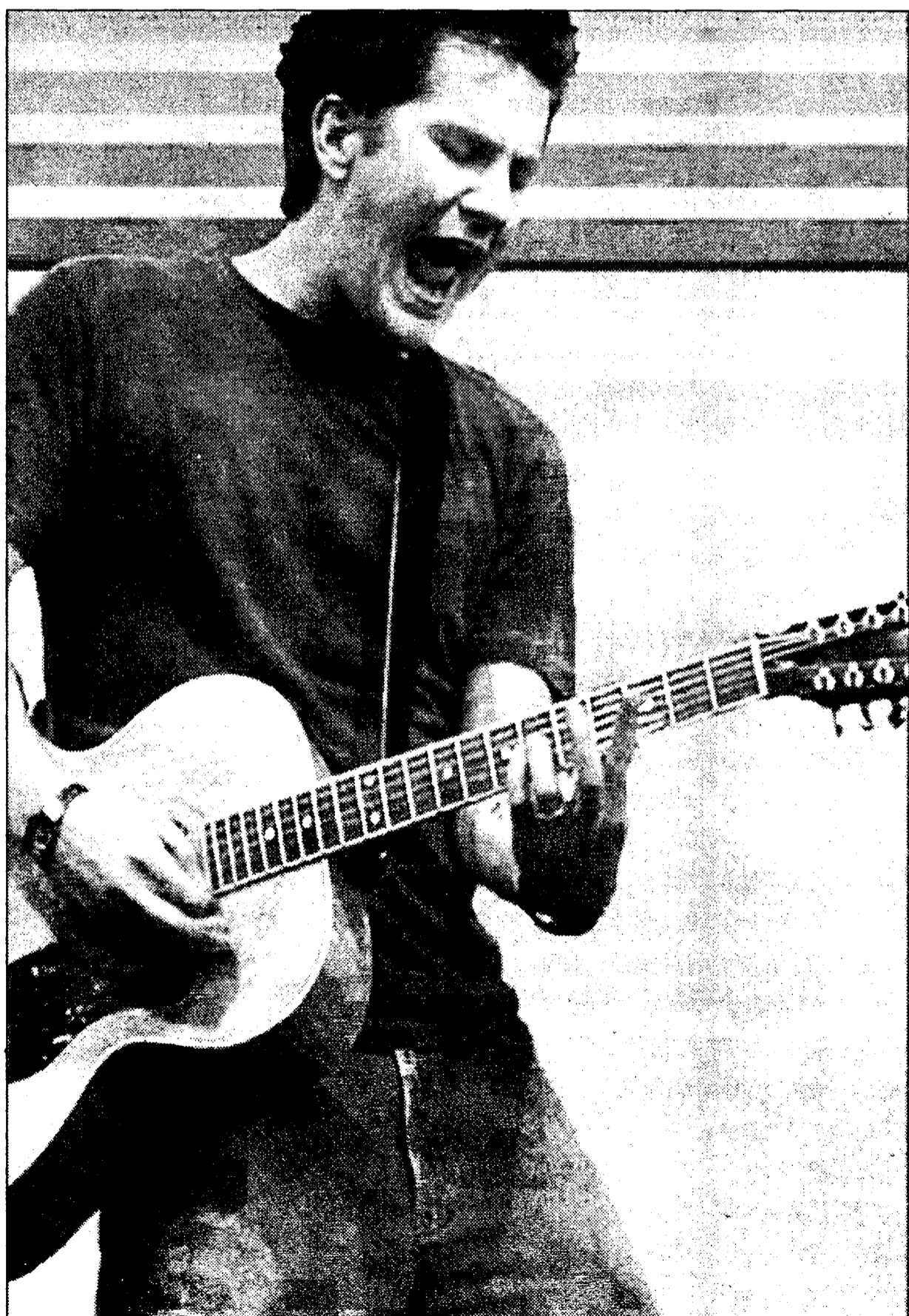


Bob Morton
Irish center

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Thrown into the fire

Six freshmen see the field for the Irish and gain valuable experience

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

No matter what they might have accomplished in high school, the 20 freshmen on Notre Dame's roster had one thing in common in fall camp.

They had no clue what was going on.

The offensive players were handed a massive playbook and told to know it all. The defensive players were expected to guard much more physical offensive players than they faced in high school. And on top of that, there was this thing called college they had to get acclimated to.

Playing was the last thing on their minds. Surviving was the first.

"It's tough for everyone," wide receiver Chinedum Ndukwe said. "You go from being the main dude to not playing so much."

Yet as the Irish prepare for their final game of the season at Syracuse, a whopping six freshmen logged significant minutes during the 2003 campaign. By comparison, last year, only two freshmen cracked the playing field.

The decision coaches make to give a freshman limited minutes now to help him gain experience at the cost of a year of eligibility is a difficult one. Yet Irish coach Tyrone Willingham believes the playing time the Notre Dame six — Ndukwe and fellow receiver Jeff Samardzija, quarterback Brady Quinn, defensive lineman Victor Abiamiri, offensive lineman Ryan Harris and safety Freddie Parrish — will greatly benefit the Irish in the future.

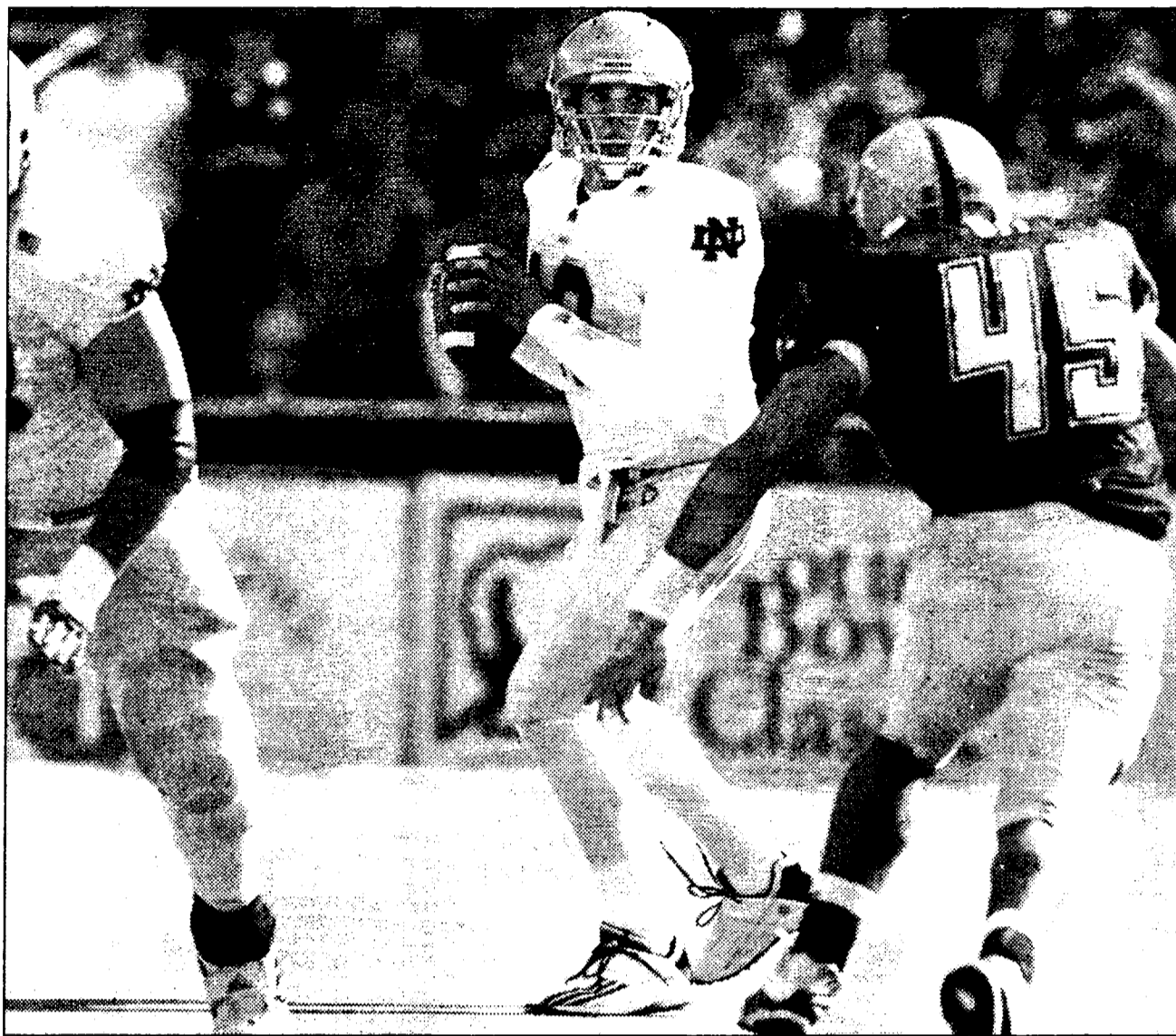
"There's nothing like playing in the game, there's nothing like being a part of the team, having that buildup for a game and that preparation for a game," Willingham said, "that can help you going into next season."

Different reasons

Why a freshman ends up playing depends on a multitude of factors. Take Quinn, for example. He came to Notre Dame expecting to challenge for the backup quarterback job with Chris Olsen behind Carlyle Holiday.

But when Olsen transferred, and Holiday's ineffectiveness hampered an already inept Irish offense, the coaching staff tabbed Quinn as the Irish starter for the rest of the season — just one of a handful of true freshmen across the nation to line up behind center this year.

"I had no expectations of where I would be at the beginning of the year," he said. "I just had to take my role and



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn looks downfield at Boston College Oct. 25. Quinn is one of six Irish freshmen to see the field in 2003.

deal with it."

Then there's Harris. Most famous at the beginning of the year for appearing on an MTV reality television show, Harris expected he wouldn't see any playing time because his weight wasn't where the coaching staff wanted it to be. And anyway, freshman offensive linemen rarely play their first year.

So imagine how surprised he was when the coaches told him the first college game he would play in — against Pittsburgh — was going to be a start.

"The coaches never told me [during recruiting] I would play, and even when I got here after camp, they said, 'We want you to get bigger,'" said Harris, who joined Brad Williams and Mike Rosenthal as the only Irish freshmen to start on the offensive line. "But playing this year has been an unbelievable experience for me."

The coaches consider Abiamiri one of the year's best success stories. Forced to come to Notre Dame when a recruiting violation by a Maryland coach made him ineligible to become a Terrapin, Abiamiri entered Notre Dame as one of the most highly-touted high school recruits the Irish landed.

He had played sparingly earlier in the season, but when Justin Tuck couldn't play against Michigan State, Abiamiri seamlessly stepped in and made seven tackles. Later, when Kyle Budinscak suffered a season-ending injury, Abiamiri moved to the other end of the line and has started the last four games — joining current Baltimore Ravens defender Anthony Weaver as the only freshman to start on the defensive line since 1991.

The early playing time has brought these players significant accolades. Rivals.com named Harris a freshman All-American and Abiamiri earned honorable mention freshman honors. Meanwhile Quinn, despite battling through growing pains at quarterback, solidified his grasp on the starting job and appears to be Notre Dame's quarterback of the future.

Scant playing time

The flip side of starters Quinn, Abiamiri and Harris, however, is Samardzija, Ndukwe and Parrish. All three made their collegiate debuts at their respective positions in Notre Dame's season opening win against

Washington State. But from there, they drifted off the playing field during regular downs and mainly only entered the game as special teams players.

Samardzija, for example, caught seven passes in Notre Dame's first four games but hasn't caught a ball since. Ndukwe caught one ball in Notre Dame's season opener, but had to wait nine games to catch his second pass. And Parrish, after seeing playing time as safety against the Cougars, is now mostly a special-teams extraordinaire.

But the year of eligibility blown on what others might see as insignificant playing time is worth it, Ndukwe says.

"I don't regret it at all," he said. "I got valuable experience being out on that field, and I learned the offense so much more than I would have if I had been on the scout team. I'm glad for this."

That doesn't mean that it was easy to sit on the sidelines. Ndukwe often sought the counsel of senior receiver Omar Jenkins, who played as a freshman but never caught a pass, and safety Quentin Burrell, who never left the sidelines as a freshman, to help him adjust to the idea of not playing every day.

"A lot of people start going through a stage where you start doubting yourself," Ndukwe said. "You really can't do that. A whole bunch of people have been there before you, and you just have to adapt yourself and keep doing what you're doing and wait until next year."

Coaches' decision

Playing a freshman could give the team an added boost at a key position, as it did when coaches started Harris at tackle, which allowed Dan Stevenson to move to his more natural guard position. All the offensive line did in Harris' first start was pave the way for Julius Jones' 262-yard school record day against Pittsburgh.

Or it could end up that a player who coaches originally thought would play a lot, like Ndukwe, gets stuck behind more experienced players and is left on the special teams unit.

It's a difficult decision coaches have to make every week. Should he play? Or should he save that year of eligibility? Or will he graduate in four years and maybe not want to play football anymore?

"You start with the belief that this

young person, if you're putting time into him, will have the ability to help the program at that time," Willingham said. "Of course, there are a lot of adjustments that young people go through the first year in college that can influence that or change that as you go through the year."

But what the coaches won't do, at least at the beginning of the season, is tell freshmen they are or aren't going to play. There does come a point where a coach might pull a player aside and tell him he is going to sit out the entire year — but that point doesn't come until at least midway through the season. After all, Harris didn't play until the fifth game of the season.

"What I tried to do is maintain as much of an entire team focus about playing as soon as possible," Willingham said, "because the one thing I don't want to do is have a freshman not develop in that first year because he says, 'I'm not going to play.'"

Future dividends

Every freshman that played this year looks back on the season with some regret. Ndukwe wishes he could have played more. Quinn wishes he could have executed more. Harris wishes he could have won more.

But nobody wishes they wouldn't have played at all. The game experience is too helpful.

"There's not enough tape and tape recorders to tell you, there's not enough words to explain, not enough paper to write," Harris said. "In one game you learn so much and you continue to learn. It's something that's coming down to game experience. You can't practice for every single situation."

The last time so many freshmen played in their inaugural college year was 1999, when five freshmen played in Notre Dame's season opener. Back then, that crew said they gained confidence by playing limited minutes, and three years later, Notre Dame started the season 8-0.

The current crop of Irish freshmen believes they, too, can accomplish similar success.

"All of us are confident in our abilities next year, and next year, we want to start putting in the effort to get the national titles," Harris said. "Those of us who played have the experience."

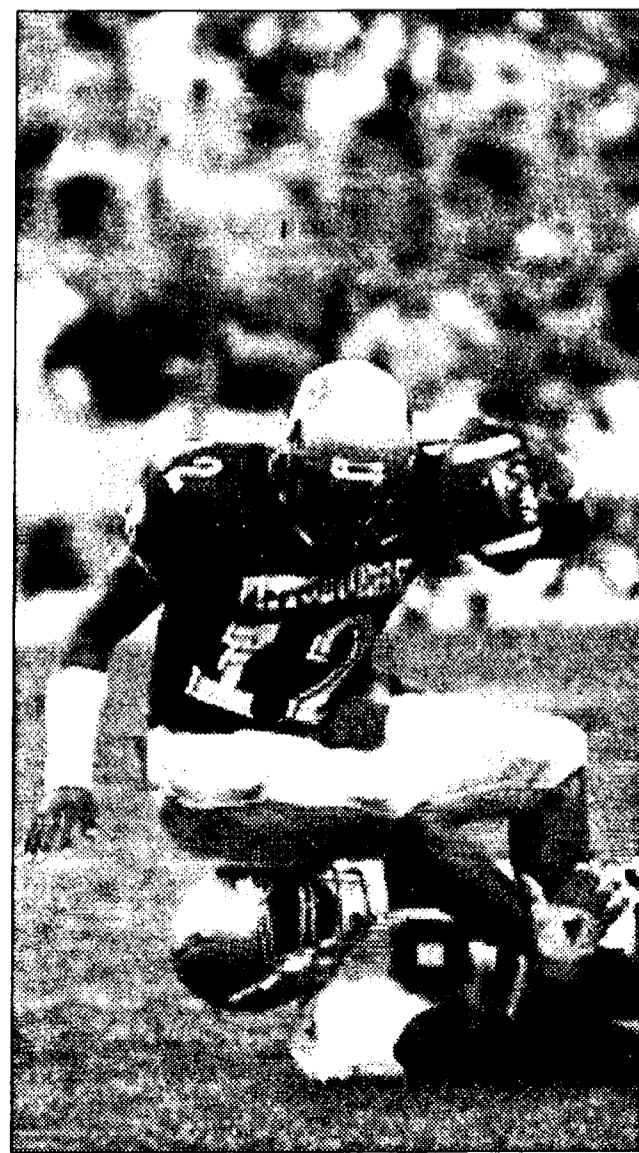
"I," Ndukwe added, "can't wait for the future."

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BUG DAVISSON/The Observer

Notre Dame offensive lineman Ryan Harris blocks against Navy.



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Notre Dame defensive lineman Victor Abiamiri registers a sack at Pittsburgh.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 5-6

AP: NR

Coaches: NR



Tyrone Willingham
head coach

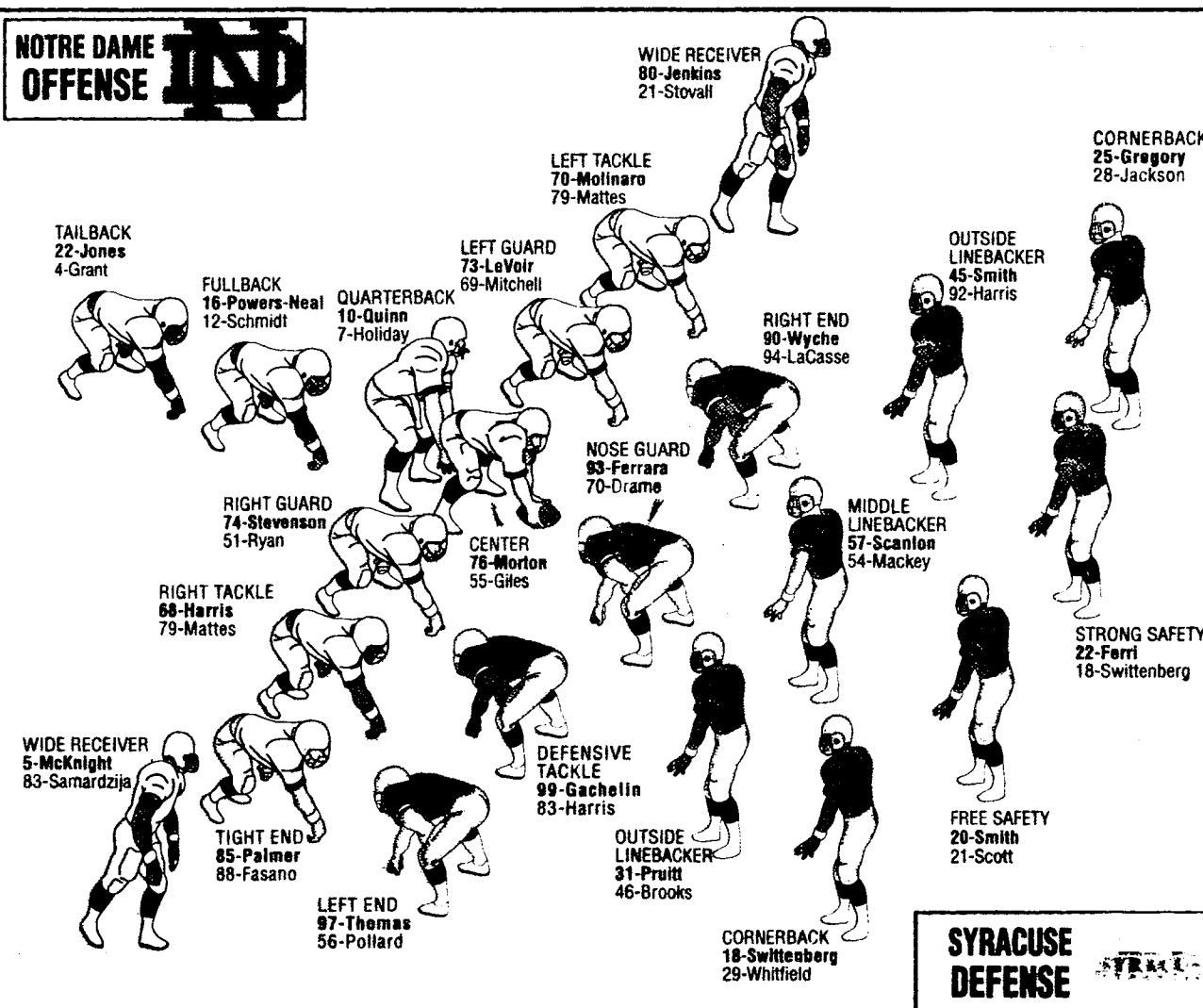
Tyrone Willingham
second season at
Notre Dame
career record:
59-45-1
at Notre Dame:
15-9
against
Syracuse: 0-0

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Jared Clark	TE	6-4	230	SR
2	Freddie Parrish	DB	6-1	195	FR
4	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	211	JR
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-2	207	SO
6	Carlos Campbell	CB	5-11	194	JR
7	Carlyle Holiday	QB	6-3	214	SR
8	Matt Krueger	QB	5-10	180	SR
9	Jason Beckstrom	CB	6-1	186	SR
9	Pat Dillingham	QB	6-1	209	JR
10	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	210	FR
11	Marcus Wilson	RB	5-11	199	JR
12	Josh Schmidt	K/P	5-11	184	SR
13	Nicholas Setta	TE	6-6	259	SR
14	Gary Godsey	CB	5-9	177	SR
15	Preston Jackson	FB	6-2	227	JR
16	Rashon Powers-Neal	FB	5-9	183	JR
17	Stan Revelle	QB	6-3	180	FR
18	Geoffrey Price	P	6-4	211	SR
18	Ronnie Rodamer	WR	6-1	205	SR
19	Glenn Earl	FS	6-1	192	JR
19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	K/P	6-1	202	FR
20	Travis Thomas	RB	6-1	200	FR
21	Maurice Stovall	WR	6-5	221	SO
22	Julius Jones	RB	5-10	210	SR
23	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-2	190	FR
24	Dwight Ellick	CB	5-10	177	JR
25	Nate Schiccato	RB	6-3	224	SO
26	Garron Bible	FS	5-10	197	SR
27	Lionel Bolen	SS	6-0	206	JR
28	Cole Laux	FB	5-10	229	SR
28	Tom Zbikowski	DB	6-0	185	FR
29	LaBrose Hedgemon	DB	5-10	180	FR
30	Mike Richardson	DB	6-1	188	SO
31	Jake Carney	DB	6-0	180	SO
32	Jeff Jenkins	RB	6-0	211	SR
33	Courtney Watson	ILB	6-1	234	SO
34	Vontez Duff	CB	5-11	194	SR
35	Ashley McConnell	FB	6-0	240	FR
36	Isaiah Gardner	DB/DB	5-10	190	FR
37	Matt Mitchell	RB	5-9	184	SO
39	David Hoyte	SS	6-0	226	FR
39	David Bemenderfer	ILB	5-11	195	SR
40	Nate Schomas	WR	5-10	165	SR
41	Mike Goolsby	LB	6-3	243	SR
42	Ambrose Wooden	WR	6-1	190	FR
43	Anthony Salvador	LB	6-2	226	SO
44	Justin Tuck	DE	6-5	246	JR
45	Carl Gioia	P	5-11	165	FR
46	Corey Mays	ILB	6-1	238	JR
47	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-2	210	FR
48	Jerome Collins	OLB	6-4	250	SR
49	Derek Curry	ILB	6-3	228	SR
50	Cedric Hilliard	NG	6-2	295	SR
51	Jamie Ryan	OT	6-5	290	SO
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	215	FR
54	Zachary Fitzgerald	OL	6-4	271	SO
55	David Fitzgerald	C	6-3	281	JR
56	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-1	205	FR
57	Dwight Stephenson	LB	6-3	237	FR
58	Paul Jancha	LS	6-1	245	SO
59	James Bent	OL	6-2	253	SO
60	Darrell Campbell	DT	6-4	288	SR
62	Scott Raridon	OT	6-7	300	SO
64	Casey Dunn	OT/OG	6-4	255	JR
65	Sean Milligan	OG	6-4	291	SR
66	Derek Landri	NG	6-2	265	SO
68	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	270	FR
69	Ryan Mitchell	OL	6-4	280	JR
70	Jim Molinaro	OT	6-6	301	SR
71	David Kowalski	OG	6-2	249	SR
71	James Bonelli	OG/OT	6-6	282	SO
72	Jeff Thompson	C/OG	6-4	287	JR
73	Mark LeVair	TE	6-7	309	JR
74	Dan Stevenson	OG	6-5	297	JR
75	Chris Frome	DE	6-5	264	SO
76	Bob Morton	C	6-4	299	SO
77	Greg Pauly	DT	6-6	291	SR
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	280	FR
79	Brian Mattes	OT	6-6	250	SO
80	Omar Jenkins	WR	6-2	204	SR
81	Chinedum Ndukwe	WR	6-3	190	FR
82	Matt Shelton	WR	5-1	172	JR
83	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-4	190	FR
84	Mike O'Hara	WR	5-10	174	SO
84	Rob Woods	WR	6-2	205	SO
85	Billy Palmer	TE	6-3	251	SR
87	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-4	242	SO
88	Patrick Nally	TE	6-3	243	SO
88	Anthony Fasano	TE	6-4	253	SR
89	John Carlson	TE	6-6	230	FR
90	Brian Beidatsch	DL	6-4	283	JR
91	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	165	SO
92	Kyle Budinscak	DE	6-4	270	SR
93	Dan Santucci	DE	6-5	270	SO
95	Victor Abiamiri	DL	6-5	245	FR
97	Travis Leitko	DE	6-6	264	SO
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-2	290	FR
99	Jason Sapp	DE	6-3	256	SR

NOTRE DAME 2003 Schedule

Sept. 6	WASHINGTON ST. - W
Sept. 13	at Michigan - L
Sept. 20	MICHIGAN ST. - L
Sept. 27	at Purdue - L
Oct. 11	at Pittsburgh - W
Oct. 18	USC - L
Oct. 25	at Boston College - L
Nov. 1	FLORIDA STATE - L
Nov. 8	NAVY - W
Nov. 15	BYU - W
Nov. 29	at Stanford - W
Dec. 6	at Syracuse



COACHING

QUARTERBACKS

IRISH RUSHING

IRISH PASSING

NOTRE DAME

Even though their schedule has let up some, Willingham had the Irish believing they can win again. He can gain some momentum for next year by running off four straight wins to end the season with a victory over Syracuse.

When the run is working for the Irish, Quinn can be an effective quarterback, as was seen against Stanford with the two long touchdown passes. On the season, he's only completed 46 percent of his passes with eight touchdowns and 13 interceptions.

Jones has been a force on the ground for the Irish in the second half of the season. He has three 200-yard games and is 224 yards shy of setting the Notre Dame single season rushing record. The run blocking of the offensive line has really improved.

The pattern this year for the Irish is that their passing game has gone only as far as the running game has carried it. Last week, Notre Dame was effective with the pass as it dominated on the ground. The Irish receivers have struggled to catch passes at times.

SYRACUSE

Pasqualoni is one of the winningest active coaches with his 134 career victories, but the Orangemen have struggled in the last few seasons. With a loss to Notre Dame, his job as the Syracuse head coach could be in jeopardy.

Anderson has been an efficient signal caller for the Orangemen. He has thrown only five interceptions in 283 attempts this season, and he has 10 passing touchdowns. He has also been an effective runner for 2.9 yards a carry and five touchdowns.

The Orangemen have been solid in their defense of the run this year, ranking 49th in the country in 145 yards a game. Syracuse has only allowed 11 rushing touchdowns on the season and has held opponents to 3.8 yards a carry.

The Orangemen have struggled at times in defending the pass, as they yield 224.3 yards a game through the air. They have picked off 15 passes on the season, but they have also allowed 21 passing touchdowns. They rank 67th in the country in pass defense.

ANALYSIS

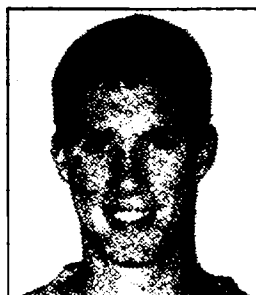
These two teams are experiencing opposite fates right now, as the Irish have run off three straight victories, while the Orangemen have lost their last three. Pasqualoni has been a winner through the years, but his team has struggled of late.

Quinn has been too up-and-down this season to be a quarterback to be feared. He still needs a lot of help from the running game to be effective. Anderson can hurt opponents through the air and on the ground.

If Notre Dame plays like it has in recent weeks, the Irish should have the edge here. Jones will have his work cut out for him to get the rushing record, as Syracuse has allowed 224 yards once this year — to Virginia Tech.

The Notre Dame passing attack will not flourish on its own, as the Irish need to use a strong running game to set up the pass with play action. Syracuse has been vulnerable through the season, but it has also held teams like Miami to 80 yards passing this year.

Irish experts



Andrew Soukup
Editor in Chief

Notre Dame is hitting its stride at the end of the season — about 11 games too late. While Julius Jones has a shot at setting a single-season record, he won't get it. But when he plays his final game in a Notre Dame uniform at Syracuse, Jones — and the rest of the Irish — will walk off the field winners.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 24
Syracuse 17**



Joe Hettler
Sports Editor

Notre Dame will take its momentum from the Stanford win into their season finale. The team wants to reach .500 and they'll get there behind another strong performance by Julius Jones and a stingy defense. The Irish defense contains a decent Syracuse unit and the scoring explosion continues for the offense.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34
Syracuse 17**

HEAD

Syracuse Orangemen

Record: 5-6

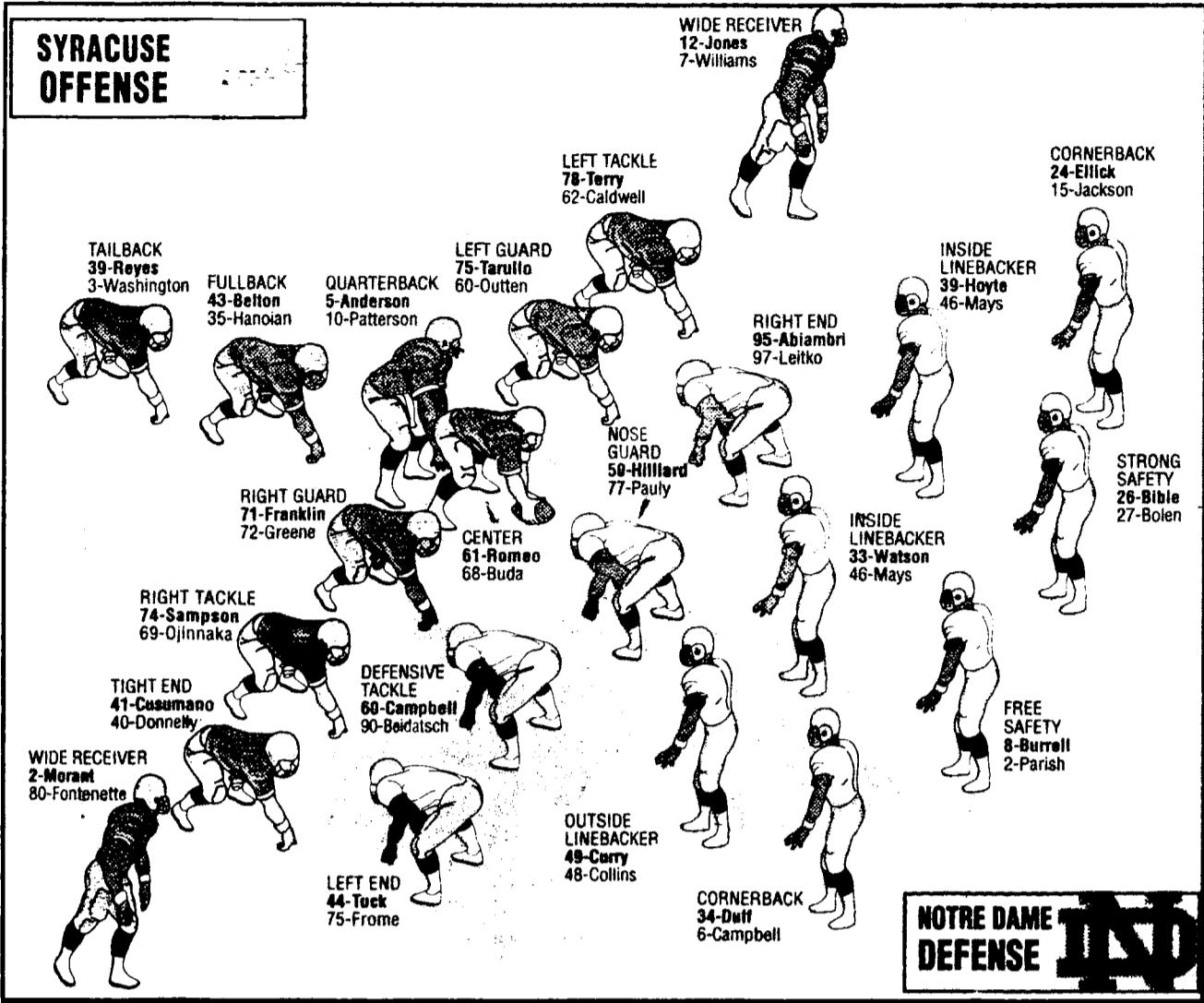
AP: NR

Coaches: NR

Paul Pasqualoni
12th season at
Syracuse
career record:
134-70-1
at Syracuse:
100-53-1
against Notre
Dame: 0-0



Paul Pasqualoni
head coach



Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Damien Rhodes	RB	6-1	204	SO
2	Johnnie Morant	WR	6-4	223	SR
3	Tim Washington	RB	5-9	208	SO
4	Terrell Lemon	CB	5-10	168	SO
5	R.J. Anderson	QB	6-1	231	SR
6	Nicholas Massaro	WR	6-1	200	JR
7	Rashad Williams	WR	5-6	165	SO
8	Darryl Kennedy	QB/FB	6-1	231	SR
9	Kyle Bell	WR	6-3	185	FR
10	Perry Patterson	QB	6-4	247	SO
11	Matt Hale	QB	6-4	220	FR
12	Jared Jones	WR	5-11	203	JR
13	Marcus Clayton	CB	5-8	180	FR
14	Jamel Riddle	WR	5-7	175	SR
15	Modibo Sidibe	CB	5-10	177	JR
16	Xavier Gaines	QB	6-4	196	SO
17	Landel Bembo	WR	5-9	165	FR
18	Troy Swittenburg	SS	5-9	204	JR
19	Collin Barber	K	6-1	214	JR
20	Anthony Smith	FS	6-0	182	SO
21	O'Neil Scott	FS	6-0	200	JR
22	Diamond Ferri	SS	5-10	221	JR
23	Alexander Ridore	RB	5-6	179	JR
24	Jeremy Sellers	S	6-1	198	FR
25	Steve Gregory	CB	5-11	187	SO
26	Justin Sujansky	PK	5-9	191	JR
28	Tanard Jackson	DB	6-0	175	FR
29	Thomas Whitfield	CB	5-9	190	SO
30	Vincenzo Giruzzi	LB	6-3	220	FR
31	Kellen Pruitt	LB	6-3	226	SO
32	Todd Lisi	SS	6-0	202	JR
34	Lenny Carter	DB	5-10	170	FR
35	Greg Hanoian	DB	6-2	270	JR
36	Reggie McCoy	FB	6-1	190	FR
37	Ricky Krautman	PK	5-9	185	FR
38	Bryone Evans	FB	6-0	240	FR
39	Walter Reyes	RB	5-10	205	JR
40	Joe Donnelly	TE	6-3	253	SR
41	Lenny Cusumano	TE	6-1	260	SR
42	Luke Cain	LB	6-0	233	SO
43	Thump Belton	FB	6-0	245	SR
45	Kelvin Smith	LB	6-2	231	SO
46	Cory Brooks	LB	6-1	240	SO
47	Brendan Carney	P/K	6-5	188	SO
48	Stephen McDonald	FB	6-0	236	SO
49	Christopher Caulderon	RB	5-8	160	SO
50	Jameel Dumas	LB	6-2	220	SR
51	Tony Jenkins	DT	6-3	270	FR
52	Jameel McClain	LB	6-2	240	FR
53	Jeremy Snyder	DB	6-0	195	JR
54	Jerry Mackey	LB	6-1	222	SO
55	Adam Namoury	LB	5-11	205	SO
56	Julian Pollard	DE	6-4	259	JR
57	Rich Scanlon	LB	6-1	243	SR
59	Carroll Madison	OL	6-2	315	FR
60	Justin Outten	OG	6-1	281	SO
61	Nick Romeo	C	6-1	300	SR
62	Brent Caldwell	OG	6-3	284	SO
65	Chris Thorne	OG	6-4	384	SO
67	Marvin McCall	OL	6-3	300	FR
68	Chris Buda	C	6-2	304	SR
69	Quinn Ojinnaka	OT	6-5	281	SO
70	Kader Drame	DT	6-5	285	SO
71	Steve Franklin	OG	6-3	311	SO
72	Jason Greene	OG	6-5	310	SO
73	Cornelius Campbell	DT	6-4	272	FR
74	Kevin Sampson	OT	6-4	308	SR
75	Matt Tarullo	OG	6-5	318	JR
76	Dave DeAmato	LS	5-11	215	SR
78	Adam Terry	OT	6-8	314	JR
79	Eugene Newsome	OT	6-6	329	FR
80	Andre Fontenette	WR	6-2	232	JR
81	Timothy Lane	WR	6-2	210	SO
83	Shadeed Harris	DT	6-3	282	SO
84	Brandon Darlington	TE	6-5	247	SO
85	Joseph Kowalewski	TE	6-3	255	SO
87	Kevin Alexander	CB	6-0	165	SO
88	Alex Shor	TE	6-6	257	SO
89	Rotimi Paul	WR	6-2	180	SO
90	James Wyche	DE	6-5	260	SO
91	Kevin Kopko	LS	5-11	261	SO
92	Tommy Harris	LB	6-2	249	SO
93	Christian Ferrara	DT	6-4	295	SR
94	Ryan LaCasse	DE	6-2	260	SO
96	Justin Opalenski	DT	6-3	265	FR
97	Josh Thomas	DE	6-7	282	SR
98	Lee Williams	DL	6-2	235	FR
99	Louis Gachelin	DT	6-1	287	SR

ORANGEMEN RUSHING ORANGEMEN PASSING SPECIAL TEAMS INTANGIBLES

<p>Run defense has been a specialty of the Irish this season. Notre Dame ranks 25th in the country in that category, giving up only 116 yards a game on the ground. The Irish allow opponents less than three yards a carry.</p>	<p>Injuries and inexperience have plagued the Irish secondary this season. Duff was shaken up last week against Stanford, but he should be healthy for the Orangemen. The Irish rank 49th in passing defense, but they have only been able to intercept 10 passes this year.</p>	<p>Duff almost broke another punt last week-end against the Cardinal. He averages 10.8 yards a punt return and 21.6 per kick return. Fitzpatrick has struggled with kicking returns and the Irish rank 99th in the country this year in net punting.</p>	<p>The Irish are trying to build some momentum for 2004, and they can do that by beating Syracuse for their fourth consecutive win to end the season. The Irish also have the added incentive of trying to help Jones set the Notre Dame single season rushing record.</p>
<p>Reyes is one of the better rushers in the country, averaging over 105 yards per game on the ground. Anderson also adds a threat to run the ball. The Orangemen mix in some option along with several other formations to keep the defense off balance.</p>	<p>Like Notre Dame's, the Syracuse passing attack has left much to be desired this year, ranking 92nd in the country with 177.7 yards per game. Morant is a dangerous receiver, pacing the Orangemen with 696 yards on 40 receptions.</p>	<p>The Syracuse punt return team has three touchdowns this year, and Clayton averages over 10 yards per return. Barber is 11-for-15 this year on field goals, but his long is only 42 and he is 1-for-3 from over 40 yards.</p>	<p>Syracuse is stumbling into the finish line in 2003, dropping their last three games. The most embarrassing of those being a 24-7 defeat at the hands of Rutgers last week. Pasqualoni will be fighting to save his job at Syracuse.</p>
<p>The Orangemen have a good power running game and Reyes is one of the better running backs in the country. The Irish should be prepared for Syracuse's option sets, as Notre Dame played one of the nation's premier option attacks already this year in Navy.</p>	<p>The Orangemen will likely look to run first to set up the pass. Anderson is the type of quarterback that won't hurt his team much. Syracuse likes to utilize the running back as a receiver out of the backfield. This will likely be a pretty even matchup.</p>	<p>Both teams have struggled on punting and punt coverage, as they both net less than 33 yards per attempt. Both teams have explosive returners in Duff for Notre Dame and Morant and Clayton for Syracuse.</p>	<p>Neither the Irish nor the Orangemen will be bowl eligible in 2003, but they are finishing their respective seasons on much different notes. The Irish are trying to end on a positive kick with four straight wins, but the Orangemen are trying to avoid four straight losses.</p>



Matt Lozar
Associate Sports Editor

Tyrone Willingham has this team focused on one goal — winning the last four games and building confidence for the Irish to take into 2004. It's going to be very difficult for Julius Jones to get the record, but Willingham will do everything he can to get him the mark. The defense will contain Syracuse's offense and continue its recent dominance.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27
Syracuse 20



Chris Federico
Sports Writer

The Irish are playing their best football of the season right now, even if their opponents have been subpar. But if this same team started the season, the Irish would be talking about a bowl in 2003. Willingham caught some flak last week for "running up the score," but he will not worry about what the critics say this weekend if Jones has a chance for the record. He'll come up about 75 yards short, however.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27
Syracuse 17

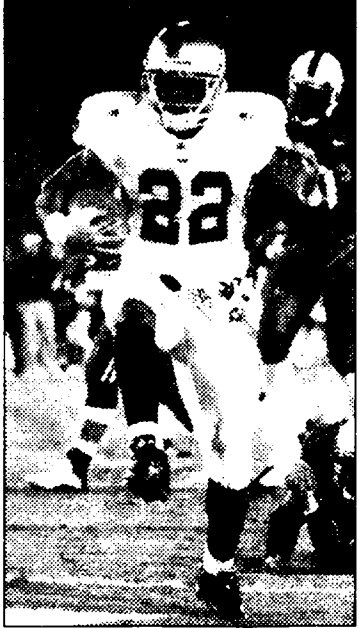

Sizing up the Irish and the Orangemen

AVERAGE PER GAME	NOTRE DAME'S OFFENSE VS SYRACUSE'S DEFENSE	SYRACUSE'S OFFENSE VS NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSE
total yards gained	343.2	361.9
total yards allowed	369.4	328.7
rushing yards gained	165.9	184.2
rushing yards allowed	145.1	116.3
passing yards gained	177.3	177.7
passing yards allowed	224.3	213.4
kick return yards gained	70.2	65.5
kick return yards allowed	76.5	63.3
punt return yards gained	34.6	29.7
punt return yards allowed	45.3	28.5
yards per punt	37.7	40.0
punts blocked	2	3
turnovers lost	22	15
turnovers recovered	22	24
yards penalized	54.7	58.0
yards penalized	48.9	45.8
points scored	21.0	25.6
points allowed	26.3	25.2

KEY MATCHUP

SYRACUSE
RUSHING DEFENSE

NOTRE DAME
RUSHING OFFENSE



During their current three-game winning streak, the Irish have returned to smashmouth football and run the ball right at their opponents. Establishing the running game early Saturday will allow the Irish to control the pace of the game and give Brady Quinn single coverage on the receivers. If the Orangemen stop the Irish running game and force Quinn to beat them, that takes the Irish away from their recent winning formula.

by the numbers

yards Julius Jones needs to set the Notre Dame all-time single season rushing record, currently held by Vagas Ferguson, set in 1979

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losing seasons in the last four years for the Irish. A loss Saturday would be the first time in school history the team has three losing seasons in five years

40

years in between games between Notre Dame and Syracuse. The Orangemen defeated the Irish 14-7 on Thanksgiving Day in 1963

“Notable Irish”

Teresa Hansen
Home Town:
Beaver, PA
Major:
Economics and Peace Studies
Year:
Junior, Class of '05
Quote:
Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has”-Margaret Mead-
Background:
Years ago, Teresa partnered With Dr. Jim McGinnis of The Institute for Peace and Justice to create a novel venture that would serve to promote principles of peace and non-violence in all levels of Education. During her junior year of high school, this initiative took the initial form of Peace Camp for elementary school students in her area. Now, the expansion of that curriculum is being used across the United States. Teresa has traveled to Kentucky, Illinois, and New Jersey to train students responsible for putting on some version of the Peace Camp.
Today, Teresa is the Hall President of Badin and a member of the CSC student advisory board VOICE. Service has remained an important facet of Teresa’s life, as she has worked for the YWCA’s *Family Violence Prevention Program*, through a summer service internship, and was a retreat leader for the Sophomore Road Trip through Campus Ministry. This past summer Teresa worked with refugee boys and prisoners through the *Maryknoll Mission of the Faithful* and the CSC.



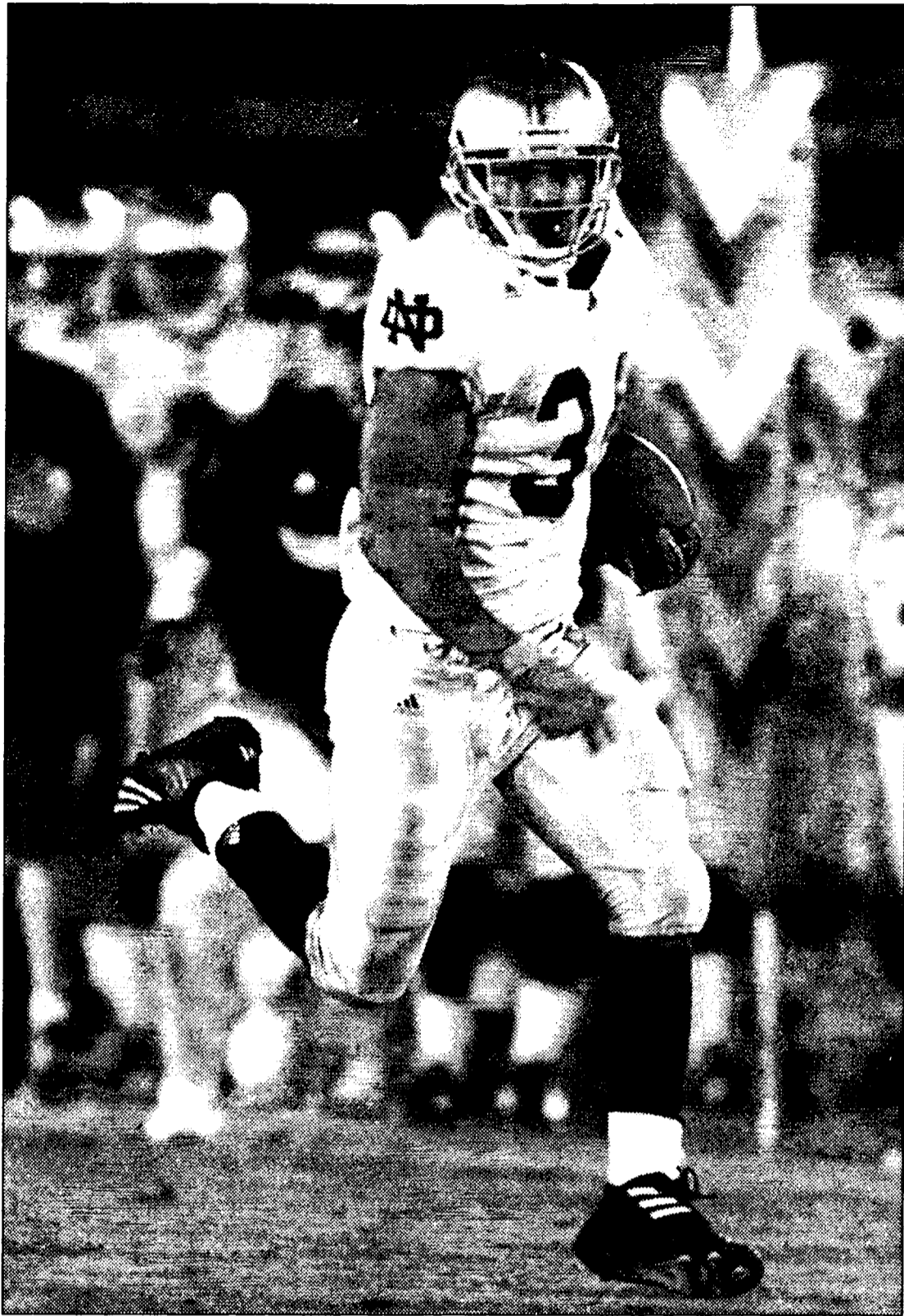
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Christopher Heim
Major:
Architecture
Year:
Fifth-year, Class of '04
Quote:
“Legends live on in the shadows, they have left their stamp, and we do the same”.
Background:
Chris submitted his watermark design for the Legend’s competition and was later notified that his design had won the competition. His found his inspiration for the design with the that “Legends leave their mark”. This idea was transformed in a lighthearted way. The logo is a ring of water left by a glass on table, with the ubiquitous shamrock forming in the middle.
Chris has definitely left his mark on campus during his five years here, designing multiple tee-shirts for Morrissey Hall and many student organizations, as well as the window etching above the entrance to Morrissey. Chris contributes his time as the President of AIAS-ND, the campus chapter of the national organization for Architecture students.
While Chris thought that his design would be used only for a sign outside of Legends, he is surprised and honored to see the widespread use of his watermark by Legends.

LEGENDS
OF NOTRE DAME

Fourth straight win would do a lot for Irish



Irish comeback Vontez Duff returns a punt against Stanford in Notre Dame's 57-7 win. A win Saturday lets the Irish finish 2003 at 6-6.

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A win Saturday could go a very long way to making the 2004 season successful.

Defeating Syracuse gives Notre Dame its fourth straight win to finish the 2003 season after starting a disappointing 2-6. The win brings the Irish back to even at 6-6 and will allow them to remember throughout the off-season that the last time they walked off the field, the Irish won.

It's important not only for the players returning next year, but also for the seniors donning the blue and gold for the last time.

"It'll be really big for the seniors to go out with a victory," Notre Dame linebacker Courtney Watson said. "As far as next year, it's all about momentum going into the next season; heading into the next season, with a win, it'll have a different feel for you."

These seniors, like Watson, are the ones who bought into Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham's message of not giving up on this season and trying to get something positive from all of their hard work when all that was left to play for was pride.

The Irish, especially the young players with seasons ahead of them, easily could have mailed in the 2003 campaign after three embarrassing losses by more than

30 points. But Willingham went to his seniors to lead this team and keep them focused on what the head coach has focused on since day one — winning.

"I think it's pretty easy to focus when the goal is to win," Watson said. "This has always been a team that prides itself on winning ballgames. Sometimes you can lose sight of that during a bad season when things aren't going your way."

"Inside, the character of this team just wants to win. That's starting to come to the surface."

Another characteristic from the 2002 season starting to show up is the scoring ability of the defense. At Stanford last weekend, the defense reached the end zone twice and continued its impressive play of late by holding the Cardinal to 20 yards rushing.

It took 11 games for this defense to put points on the board, and it looks to build off that production not only at Syracuse, but next year as well.

"It felt real good. If we could have started off earlier in the season, then who knows what could have been," Irish safety Quentin Burrell said. "We just need to keep moving forward and build on that."

"We've got one more leg and just want to let you know that things next year are going to be like what we are doing now."

It seems kind of backwards that a team could be more successful after a 6-6 season than after a 10-3 year. Last season, the Irish lost three of their last five games and were embarrassed in their last two. That feeling stuck with them throughout the off-season.

But the task at hand is for Notre Dame to finish its goal of winning four straight to close the year and complete the mission the

coaches set out after the loss to Florida State.

"We didn't get off to a good start. But the most rewarding part has been the way that our guys have hung in there. They have never stopped working," Willingham said. "They have never stopped being focused on winning, and I think we've been fortunate that we've done that these last three ballgames and hopefully we can continue to work and believe in ourselves and teammates and hopefully good things will happen."

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Reyes leads diversified Orangemen offense

Syracuse will show Notre Dame defense a number of different formations

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Syracuse running back Walter Reyes has over 1,000 yards rushing this season, and he's just one of the problems facing the Notre Dame defense when the Orangemen play the Irish in the Carrier Dome Saturday.

"I think it's one of the most physical teams we've seen," Irish defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "Their fullback is a great blocker. They do a great job with their running game. They set [up the offense] with the run and the play-action passes. The quarterback is mobile, extremely mobile, so he presents a problem with his ability to scramble."

"They're totally different than anything we've seen."

The Orangemen (5-6) have one of the better rushing games in the country and use the fleet-footed play of quarterback R.J. Anderson to keep opposing defenses off-balance. Anderson is the second-leading rusher on the Orangemen and runs the option. He averages a modest 177 yards a game passing but has thrown twice as many touchdowns (10) as interceptions (5).

Anderson also has five rushing touchdowns.

Anderson has played solidly for Syracuse, but clearly the focus of the offense is Reyes. The junior, who is also the cousin of Ohio State tailback Maurice Claret, has rushed for over 1,000 yards in his first two seasons as a starter. He is ranked eighth on Syracuse's all-time rushing list and is seventh in terms of receptions by a running back.

"He's a heck of a back," Baer said. "He reminds me of Julius [Jones] a little bit. He's

not quite as fast, but it's hard to tell."

Reyes has 1,158 rushing yards on the season and averages 4.9 yards a carry. His 15 rushing touchdowns also lead the team.

The 5-foot-10, 209-pound running back was held to only 40 yards on 18 carries in Syracuse's 24-7 loss to Rutgers last weekend.

But this week Baer expects Reyes and the Orangemen offense to play better against the Irish defense. Syracuse's offense has scored 34 points or more in a game five times this season.

"Last week, it just looks like they couldn't get it rolling, and I don't know what happened because they're certainly

explosive," Baer said. "They're going to be difficult just because of all the different things they can do."

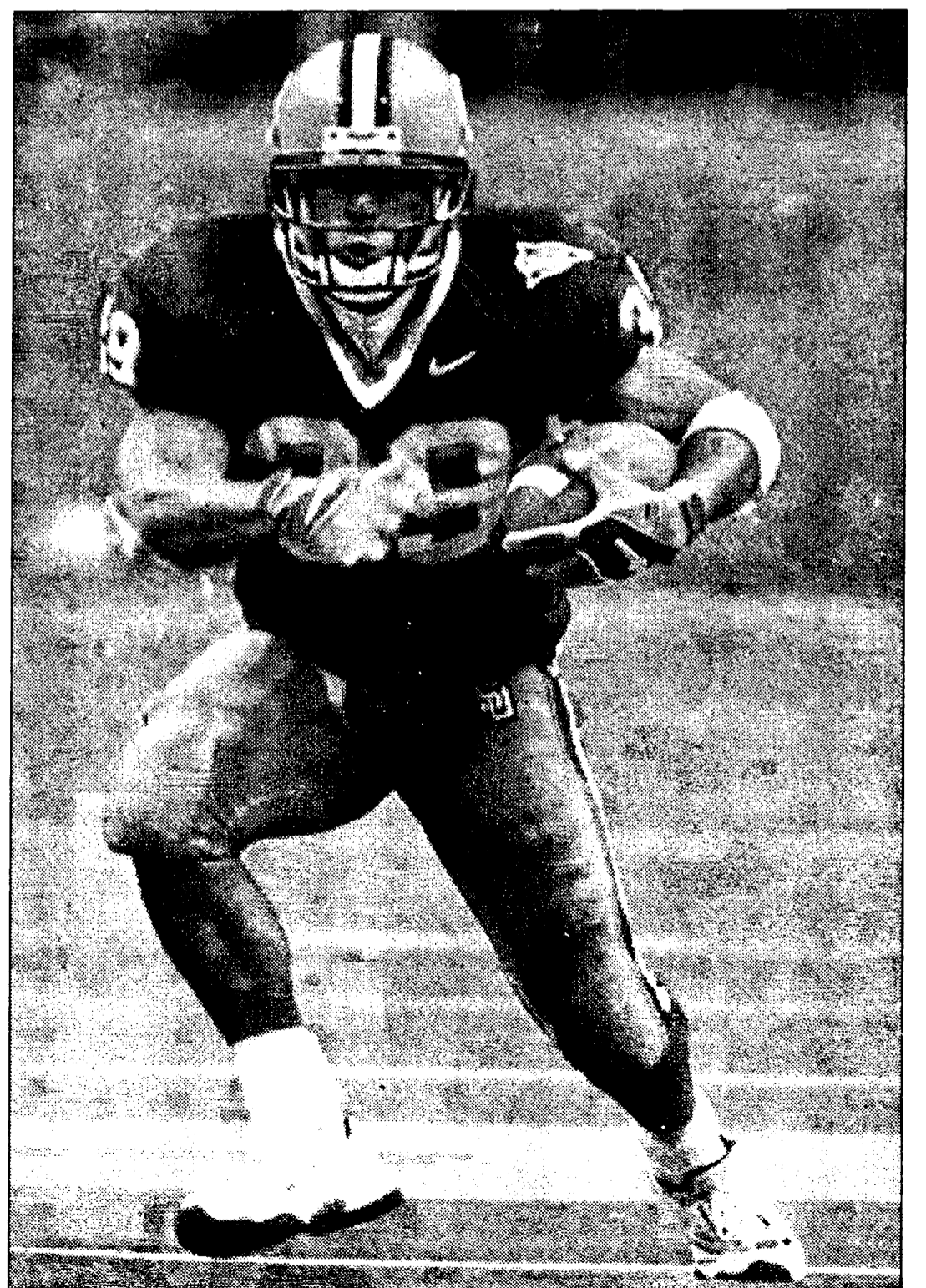
The Syracuse offense shows numerous formations, which is the main reason they cause problems for opponents' defenses. The Orangemen run the option, a two-back set, and spread the field with four-receiver formations. Notre Dame defensive lineman Darrell Campbell said the Irish must stay disciplined in their defensive assignments for the option and force Syracuse to throw the ball.

"The game plan is still the same — stop the run and make them one-dimensional on the pass and get after them that way," Campbell said. "Basically, they're an offense that incorporates so many different formations you have to be very disciplined, especially if they have the option in that package."

Baer said the best starting point was to limit Reyes' production, then focus on stopping Anderson and the passing game.

"We have to defend the run first and make sure [we're] sound against the option," Baer said. "The option puts you in bad positions. So I think that's where we start. You try to force them into as many passing situations as you can."

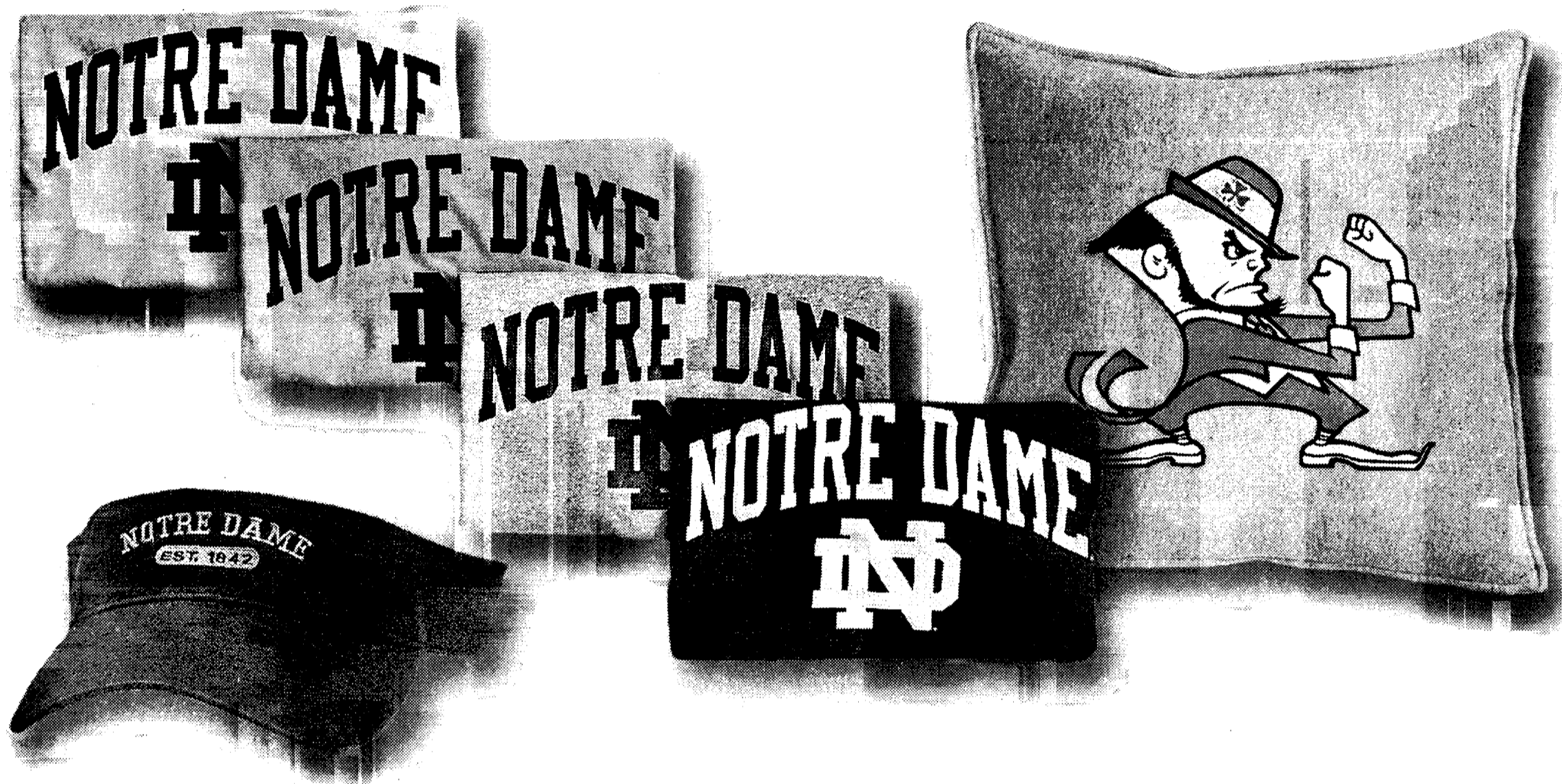
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Syracuse running back Walter Reyes cuts back in the Orangemen's 34-7 win over Toledo Sept. 27.

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