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Off-campus parties prompt neighborhood outcry

University listens to residents' concerns

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Frustrated with the effects of late-night student parties spilling onto their property, South Bend residents in neighborhoods heavy with student housing are voicing their concerns to the city and the University.

Officials from Notre Dame, Indiana State Excise Police, St. Joseph County Police, South Bend Police and Notre Dame Security/Police joined various city government representatives in two meetings this week to listen to the residents' concerns, said Jackie Rucker, director of community relations for the University.

At the meetings, held Sept. 2 and Tuesday, Rucker and Bill Kirk, associate vice president for Student Affairs, heard complaints of students binge drinking, urinating and defecating on neighbors' property, running down the streets naked and screaming and shrieking until 4 or 5

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Peashway Street is one of several areas that has been the site of increased resident complaints to Notre Dame about student neighbors.

Game revives rivalry

By KATE GALES
News Writer

The Irish will kick-off their home opener against Michigan this weekend in a game that brings together college football's two winningest programs and brings back a flood of memories for fans imbued in the storied rivalry.

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Two years ago, students rushed the field after coach Tyrone Willingham and standout cornerback Shane Walton led the Irish to a 25-23 victory over the visiting Wolverines. Last year, offensive behavior by Michigan fans in Ann Arbor — as well as a 38-0 pounding — left Notre Dame fans with a sour taste in their mouths.

"I went to last year's Michigan game, and [their

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Serving with honor

ND grad, Iraq veteran to bear flag at game



By JOE HETTLER
News Writer

Standing on the roof of the Sadoon Police Station in Baghdad, Iraq May 25, Danielle Green heard the first rocket hit a nearby building. Instincts and training told her to lunge for her

M-16. She grabbed her weapon and tried to switch the gun from safety to fire to defend herself.

But Green never got the chance.

A second rocket zoomed and exploded into Green's left side. Her body went numb, except for the neck and head. As she tried to sit

up, Green realized half her left arm was almost completely mutilated.

"There was ringing in my ears and I couldn't even hear the other seven rockets go off," Green said.

Soon, members of her platoon arrived, performed first

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Accident victims released

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

Though both Saint Mary's students involved in Wednesday's car-on-bicycle accident escaped with no serious injuries, it is uncertain whether the bicyclist, Theresa Klear, will be able to make her freshman debut as a Fighting Irish Band member.

Klear, 18, was struck by sophomore Ashley Harrison's car as she biked across State Road 933 from the entrance to Saint Mary's. Harrison, 19, was driving southbound on 933 at the time and had a green light at the intersection Saint Joseph County Police spokeswoman Jaimee Thirion said.

Harrison confirmed that she had a green light, but Klear, who is suffering some memory loss from the incident, asserted that the traffic signal indicated that she could still cross.

"I remember that I saw the light flashing for me to go, and a group of runners was going in front of me, so I tried to get across behind them," Klear said.

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Candlelight vigil honors 1,000 fallen soldiers

By K. AARON
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News Writer

Carrying candles that cast a soft haze over the photographs of the fallen, members of the Notre Dame community held a vigil Thursday night to honor the 1,000 troops killed in Iraq.

The attendees ranged in opinion and spanned generations.

"I think this is great that so many members of the South Bend community are here on

campus," said Stephanie Gharakhanian, co-organizer of the event.

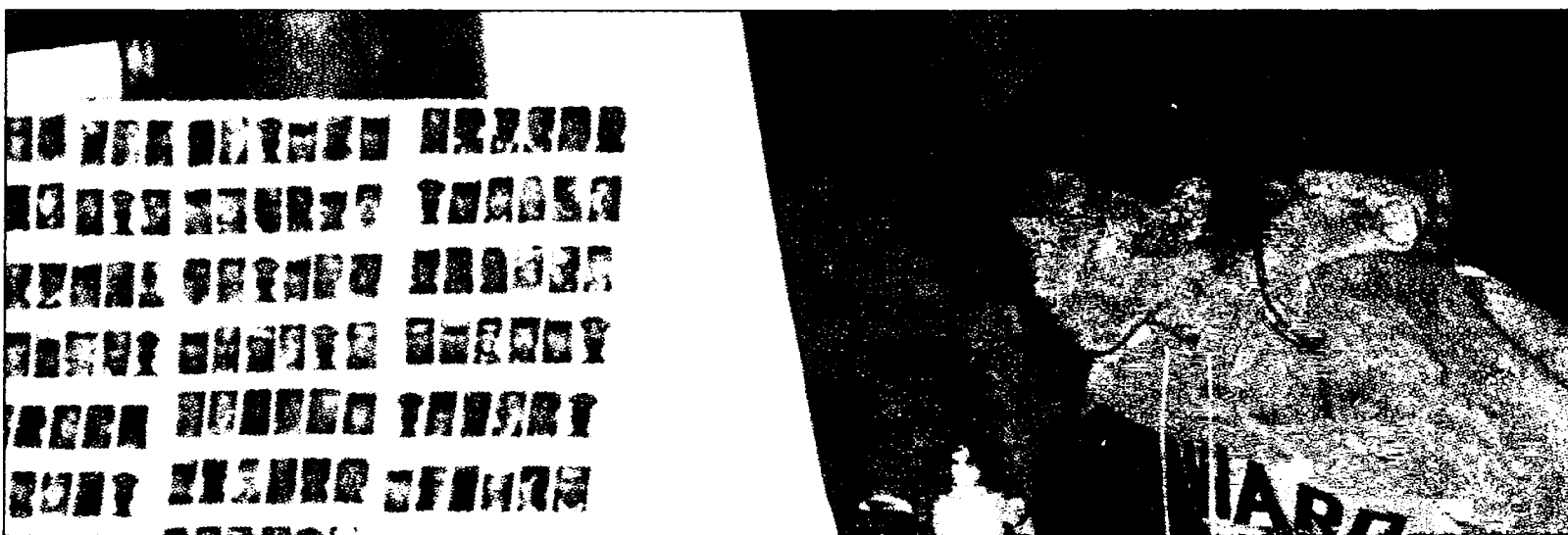
"It shows that we are united in a cause like this."

Though united in outward appearance, the crowd differed in internal motives.

Some sought neutrality.

"We're not here to say that the war was right or wrong," said Gharakhanian. "We're here to remember those who've fought for us. No matter who you are, 1,000 deaths is a tragedy."

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Howard sophomore Erika Meyer holds a candle while looking at photos of the troops killed in the Iraq War. Members of the South Bend and Notre Dame communities took part in the vigil.

INSIDE COLUMN

Nowhere else

"Notre Dame knows how to do football."

My boyfriend's mom asked about ND football weekends, and this is how he responded to her question. Even though he goes to Purdue and has only been to one ND football game here, he could sum up my descriptions with those words.

Michelle Otto

Photographer

I spent Labor Day weekend at Purdue with my boyfriend and his family. Not only did I spend the weekend getting to know his parents a bit more, but I was also reacquainted with the college football experience by going to their game. And what I encountered at Purdue made me realize that the Notre Dame football Saturday belongs in a world of its own — a world of purity that I cannot explain.

When we showed up for the game on Sunday, Purdue's stadium area was overwhelmed with commercial vendors selling food, competing radio stations blaring music, and what overall seemed to me to be mass chaos. I stood there in a kind of confused astonishment thinking to myself, "Where's the dorm BBQ stands and the bag-pipers?" The place felt contaminated by an alien invasion as I visualized the simplicity of our campus surrounding a football game.

As we look towards our first football weekend of the season, I look forward to much more than the game. I cannot wait for the hoards of alumni and fans that simply stand around South Quad chatting and playing football starting at 9 a.m. I cannot wait for burnt hot dogs and hamburgers from dorm concessions stands. I cannot wait for the "concert on the steps" and the subsequent "march out" that leads us all, like the Pied Piper, into the Stadium. This is only a sampling of the events that I can count on when a football weekend arrives.

Each of these events is what makes the ND football experience different; they are traditions. While at Purdue, I waited for my boyfriend to tell us about their traditions; to say, "Well, we can go to this while we wait", or "There's always this to do", as ways to entertain us tourists. Besides trying to track down the giant Boilermaker and catch a ride on it, though, I was not aware of many customs comparative to what I see here.

I don't mean to knock the Purdue football experience at all; I had a great time. But what I learned from it was that there is something unique about the place that the ND campus transforms into on home football weekends; it is something simple and special that causes people to say that we know how to "do" football.

As for my boyfriend, he may appreciate the ND football experience, but he is still a Purdue fan. After all, I only gave half his quote earlier. The statement above was followed by the comment, "... but they don't know how to play it" ... which earned him a slap in the stomach.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR PREDICTION FOR THE FOOTBALL GAME THIS WEEKEND?



Caitlin Rohn
senior
Welsh Family

"Notre Dame 58, Michigan 0."



Chris Khorey
freshman
Siegfried

"Our defense will keep it close, but the lousy offense will probably not score. We'll pass on third and one at least once."



Matt Buckle
sophomore
St. Ed's

"It's gonna be 0-0."



Stephanie Garza
senior
Lewis

"The tailgating will be fun."



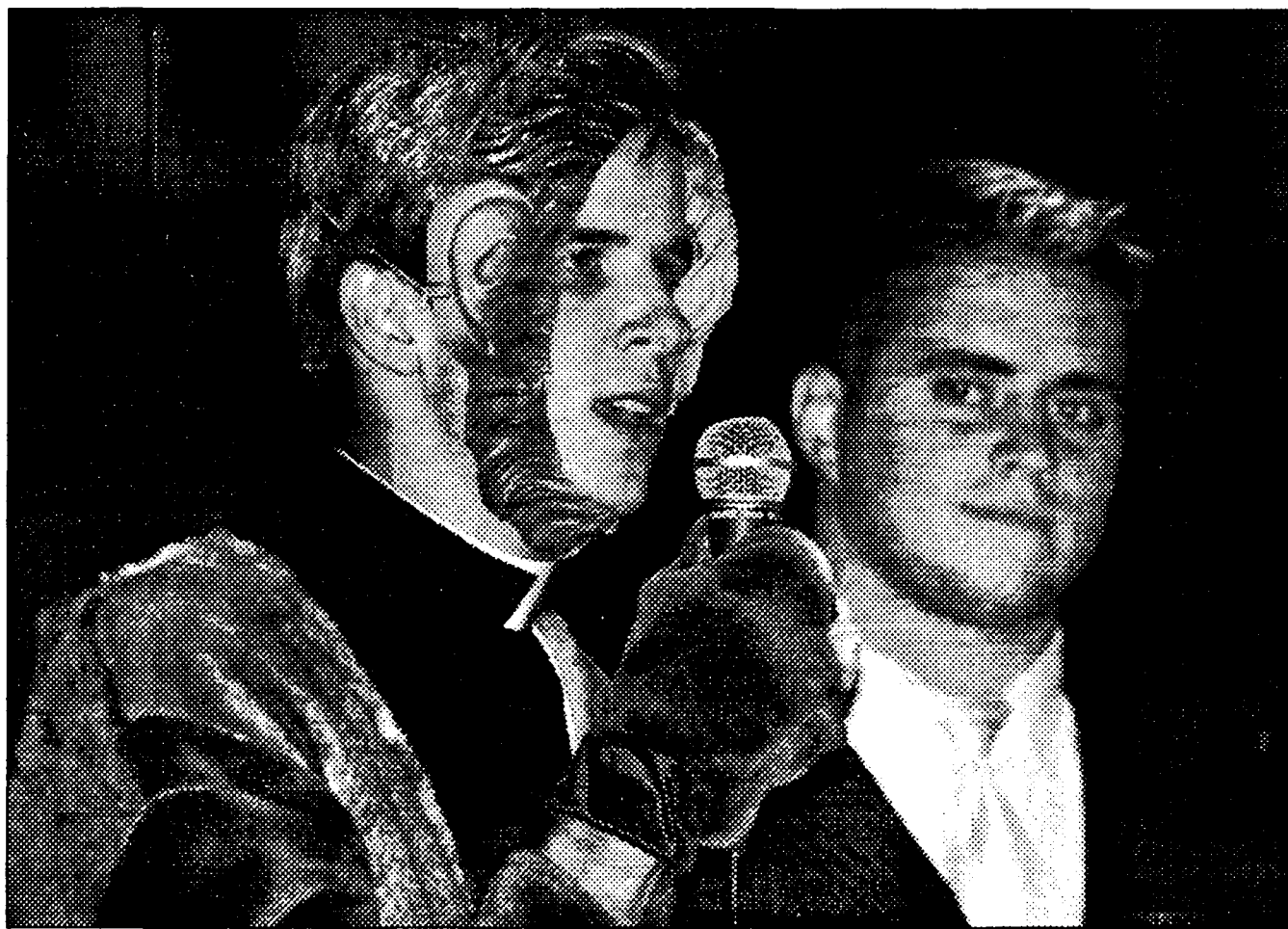
Yowceph Haddad
sophomore
St. Ed's

"I think the Chiefs are going to win the Super Bowl."



Jon Van Wyck
senior
off-campus

"Michigan just doesn't have the horses that we do. We'll be fine."



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

"Monkey Malloy" and "Regis Philbin" join forces to track down Touchdown Jesus, who was boycotting Taco Bell, in a skit played out during the traditionally irreverent Dillon Hall Pep Rally Thursday night. "Paul Hornung," "Joe Montana," "Rudy" and Olympic gold medalist Mariel Zagunis also came to the duo's aid.

OFFBEAT

Pitchfork robber gets away

AIKEN, S.C. — A robber who used a rusty pitchfork to stick up a bank got away — and so far, finding him has been like looking for a needle in a haystack.

The man, wearing sunglasses and a mask, entered Security Federal Bank Tuesday morning and threatened employees with the 4-foot-long pitchfork. The man took an undisclosed amount of money.

The robber dropped the farm tool as he ran from the bank through a wooded area to a golf course behind the bank, police

said.

Bloodhounds tracked the robber to a fast food restaurant parking lot, where police say the man got into a white van driven by a woman.

Painted tree pains city officials

WILMINGTON, N.C. — A print shop owner is on the spot with city officials who say her dots are a don't.

The officials don't approve of the polka dots she's painted on an oak tree outside her store.

Elle Puritz said she was just trying to protect the tree, as well as spread

some good cheer, when she repainted the plain white trunk red, then added dots.

City officials say the splashy paint job violates sign ordinances.

The trunk of the roadside tree had been painted white years ago to make it more visible to cars. When Puritz bought the property in January, she decided to spruce it up.

She chose red paint close to the color of her building, and an arborist gave her sealant to put in the paint to stop it from oozing.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The first Pep Rally of the year will take place today from 6 to 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. for students through Gate 11 of the JACC; 5:30 p.m. for general public through Gate 10. The football team arrives at 6:30 p.m.

The Class of 2005 will be holding a fund-raiser to benefit the Red Cross this weekend. Kelly green bracelets imprinted with the phrase "God Country Notre Dame" will be sold at the class's concessions stand in front of Alumni Hall before the Michigan game to commemorate the Red Cross's efforts in disaster relief on 9/11/2001. Proceeds will go to the local Red Cross chapter, and national efforts to aid in the wake of Hurricane Frances.

Cappy Gagnon, Connie McNamara, Ted Mandell and Father Edward Malloy will be signing their books in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore this afternoon from 2 to 6 p.m.

Pianist Jacqueline Schmidt, tenor Paul Appleby and cellist Noelle Thorn will perform classical repertoire in the first Concert at Noon today in the Penote's Concert Hall in the new DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are free.

The Saturday Scholar Series kicks off Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. James VanderKam and Father Richard O'Brien will present "The Dead Sea Scrolls and Christian Origins" in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

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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Scholar Series kicks off home game weekend

By KEN WALSH
News Writer

Burgers, brats and books — this unlikely combination can be found before home football games for the third-year running, thanks to the return of the Saturday Scholars series.

Before kick-off, professors from a spectrum of disciplines within the College of Arts and Letters will gather with students, staff, faculty and alumni to give lectures and facilitate discussions on a variety of topics.

Mark Roche, dean of Arts and Letters, said that a main reason for creating the series is the concern that alumni coming back for football weekends see the beautiful campus and their old friends, but fail to recognize the intellectual conversation that is the heart of the University.

"In a certain sense it is a special outreach to the alums. Students have plenty of opportunities to take courses with these people with the selections on campus," Roche said. "The alums are here and we want to remind them what is attractive about Notre Dame."

Although the lectures are open to everyone, current student interest seems questionable.

"Everyone I've talked to thinks the one on 'The DaVinci Code' sounds really interesting, but I've never gone in the past. I don't think the timing works out too well," said senior Melanie Vrable.

Senior Kathleen Kincaid agreed, adding that the series seems to pose too much of a time conflict with pre-football game festivities.

Sociology professor Maureen Hallinan,

who will lecture on the differences between Catholic and public schooling system systems, disagreed.

"The lectures are scheduled for football Saturdays precisely for the convenience of those people who come to the games," she said. "They take place at a convenient time in the morning, before most game festivities begin."

"It would all depend on how interesting the topic was," senior Laura Fanning said.

She would be willing to forego pre-game activities if the lecture at hand seemed more than mildly interesting she said.

The speakers will represent those at the forefront of their field, said Roche.

"We have a good number of faculty members who are not only extraordinary scholars, but also work on topics that are interesting to our audience," Roche said.

Scheduled topics include The Dead Sea Scrolls, an analysis of "The DaVinci Code," Joseph P. Kennedy's film career, the life and teachings of theologian and preacher Jonathan Edwards, the difference between Catholic and Public schooling and marital conflict and its effect on children.

All sessions begin three-and-a-half hours before game time and will consist of a 30 to 45 minute lecture, followed by a discussion group in which all in attendance are invited to participate.

The series will take place in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center and is free of charge.

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Campus gears up for football

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

Football Saturdays at Notre Dame, deeply rooted in the University's tradition and reputation, don't just happen — it takes a lot to put the 'fight' in the Fighting Irish.

Months of preparation are involved in creating these renowned weekends, when fans flock to campus from all corners of the world. From the students in the dorms to the chefs at the dining hall to the bookstore staff, everyone in the community has a hand in making a home game the spectacle it is.

Along with the enormous flow of spectators comes the need for enormous amounts of food. The dining hall staff arrives at 6:30 a.m. to take on the task of feeding an expected 4,500 diners for brunch. They also prepare 2,000 lbs. of hamburger patties and 1,000 lbs. of brats to supply the student-run concession stands.

The food service responsibilities continue postgame with the special candlelight dinner in South Dining Hall, which is prepared for a flood of up to 3,000 students and guests.

"Candlelight is special. We dim the lights and try to set the mood," said Tony William, SDH unit chef. "It is not your normal, everyday [dining hall experience]."

Because a trip to Notre Dame wouldn't be complete without a piece of Kelly green paraphernalia, more than 100,000 tourists are expected to converge upon Hammes Bookstore.

"There are so many people you can't see the floor," said event and commission relations manager Hedge Harridge.

Complete with 60 open registers and a pianist playing traditional Notre Dame songs in the background, the bookstore is ready for the onslaught. Extra merchandise has been packed into backrooms and two rented trailers.

The bookstore will also feature special events, including a book signing by University President Father Edward Malloy and a performance by the Notre Dame cheerleaders.

"Some folks have saved up money. This is their Disney World," said Harridge. "They want to bring home souvenirs; we want them to have an amazing experience."

Amidst all the excitement, safety cannot be ignored. Notre Dame Security/Police began preparing for the home football games over the summer by hiring 35 South Bend and 35 county police to patrol the stadium.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and subsequent legislation, the stadium and packages entering it are thoroughly searched.

Beginning at 5:30 a.m., the NDSP will be working 12-hour shifts, and for the first time have taken on the task of parking the thousands of guests, when once an outside company was paid to do the job.

"With 80,000 people you are going to have some problems," NDSP director Rex Rakow said. "We have a good staff to anticipate problems and react to them."

Each game, NDSP ejects approximately 60 people for alcohol-related issues, thrown objects and fighting.

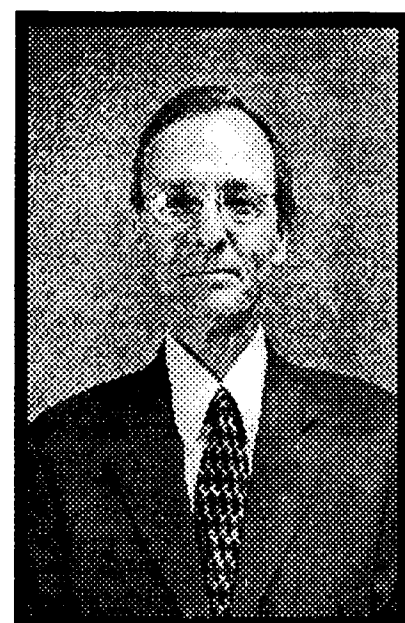
The Notre Dame usher team, the yellow-clad staple of home games, is composed of 857 members that hail from 15 different states. Many travel to campus for the weekend, and 550 of them are unpaid volunteers.

While many ushers are veterans of the trade, 50 to 60 are hired each year. Head usher Cappy Gagnon said he selects new members based on their expressed love for the ideals of Notre Dame.

"My team of ushers are Ambassadors for ND," said Gagnon.

While their actions might not get their names down in the books with all the Notre Dame football greats, the dedicated workers certainly have a hand in writing history.

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"The Dead Sea Scrolls and Christian Origins"

James VanderKam

Rev. John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology

"The Dead Sea Scrolls and Christian Origins," with James VanderKam, Rev. John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology. The 900 scrolls discovered in caves near the shore of the Dead Sea offer a window into the conditions in Israel before the birth of Christianity. This lecture will describe the Dead Sea Scrolls and provide a new context in which to understand the Old and New Testaments.

VanderKam's research in the last decade has focused on the Dead Sea Scrolls, and he is a member of the editorial committee that is preparing the editions of the remaining unpublished scrolls. His prize-winning book, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Today* (Eerdmans Publishing Co.) has been translated into six languages.

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Valerie Sayers, Professor of English
Robert Coleman, Associate Professor of Art History
"The Da Vinci Code: An Assessment"



10/2 - Purdue

Donald Crafton, Professor of Film, Television, and Theatre
"The Movie Mogul: Joseph P. Kennedy's Film Career"



10/9 - Stanford

George Marsden, Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History
"Another Kind of Founding Father: Jonathan Edwards and the American Heritage"



10/23 - Boston College

Maureen Hallinan, William P. & Hazel B. White Professor of Sociology, Director of the Center for Research on Educational Opportunity
"America's Largest Private School System: A Look Inside Catholic Schools"



11/13 - Pittsburgh

E. Mark Cummings, Notre Dame Chair in Psychology
"Children and Marital Conflict"

3-1/2 hours before kickoff at the auditorium in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. For more information, visit <http://saturdayscholar.nd.edu>



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Green

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aid and rushed her to a hospital across the river. She had her left hand and half her forearm amputated in the nearby Iraq hospital before recovering at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

"I had a feeling I was going to get hurt when I went to Iraq," said Green, from an Army hospital in Washington D.C. "It's documented. But I knew I wouldn't die there. If I died, I would die here on American soil. Once I got out there all the fear and anxiety [that I had] left. I was out there in the heat of battle."

In Germany, Green was comforted by a familiar face — Tim Woods, a Notre Dame graduate and the son of David and Eileen Woods. The Woods were neighbors with Irish head basketball coach Muffet McGraw.

"[Tim's] a doctor and he was in Germany. He looked at the chart and he must have remembered me from playing basketball," Green said. "So his mom and dad happened to be in Germany. ... I saw them and it made me realize Notre Dame alumni and friends are all over the world."

Almost three-and-a-half months after her injury, Green,

a former standout player on Notre Dame's women's basketball team, is upbeat and happy. She isn't sure when she'll leave the hospital for good, but doctors expect no long-term health problems.

Back on American soil, Green will be part of this weekend's flag ceremony before the Michigan football game.

"I'm pretty excited," Green said Tuesday. "I'm just honored that Notre Dame sees me as being worthy of doing something for the University. I consider myself a pretty calm person so right now I don't feel the emotions, but I'm sure when I'm down there on the field — I'm pretty shy too —

it's just going to hit home and I actually might break down a little bit, but I hope I don't."

Green played for Notre Dame's basketball team from 1995-2000. She saw limited playing time as a freshman and sat out her sophomore season with a torn

Achilles tendon. But her career took off in 1998, when she began playing on a regular basis. For the next three years, Green would be a mainstay in the starting lineup. She finished her career with 1,106 points, good enough to put her 17th on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list. She averaged 9.5 points and 4.5 rebounds per contest during her career and was the top defender on each

Irish team.

In Green's final three seasons, she helped the Irish reach the NCAA Tournament.

"She was a defensive stopper," McGraw said. "She's been a big contributor to our program."

But it wasn't Green's abilities on the court that impressed McGraw the most.

"She's somebody that's always been really disciplined," McGraw said. "She's always been a fighter. She's been through a lot in her life, a life of adversity. I think she's lucky to be alive, but she's handled it so well. I'm certainly amazed and admire how she's handled it."

After graduating with a degree in psychology in 1999, Green became a physical education instructor for a Chicago elementary school. She also helped coach ninth and 10th grade basketball.

But after two years as a teacher, Green needed a change.

"I just wanted some adventure in my life, some excitement," she said. Green, who participated in ROTC during high school, enlisted in the armed forces in September 2002.

"I talked to my dad about it and I prayed about it," Green said. "I didn't want to be 37, 38 saying, 'Man, when I was 25, 26 I had the chance [to enlist in the military]. So I just felt like I needed to seize the moment.'"

A year after enlisting, Green received the news she hoped never would arrive — she was heading to Iraq.

"It started hitting home that,

'Hey, I'm about to leave home and I may not come back,' she said. "It really gave me some jitters."

Green admits she thought about getting pregnant or pretending to go "crazy." But her conscience prevailed, and she couldn't lie to herself or the Army.

"For some reason I have a conscience, my conscience eats at me," Green said. "All these ideas that came to my mind, ethically it wasn't right. When you sign on the dotted line, you have signed an oath to serve protect and defend your country."

"After a while those words started echoing in my mind and I just knew I had to do what I had to do."

Green arrived in Iraq in January and began running HumVee missions with her unit's commander. She was the gunner — the person who sits with half her body out of and half her body in the vehicle. It is the most dangerous position of HumVee operations. But Green didn't mind being a gunner with the commander because she rarely went out for missions.

That changed when Green was moved to a different HumVee unit. Once there, she began running missions all day, for eight to 12 hours.

"If the vehicle is going to get hit the gunner's probably going to be the first one, but I

was thrilled to death that I was the gunner with the commander," she said. "He's in charge of entire company so I felt like I was big stuff since I was riding with him. I really didn't feel like I was in that much danger because the commander's team usually doesn't go on a whole lot of missions, so my first couple of months in Iraq was relatively peaceful."

After being moved to second platoon, Green was injured while running a routine mission. But she has no regrets. She doesn't see her efforts as extraordinary.

"I can't really say I felt I made a difference," Green said. "A lot of people look at me as a hero, but I can't even look at myself as a hero. I was just

doing what I had to do. If I had a choice about going over, I wouldn't have gone over there. But I didn't have a choice."

Green now hopes to fully recover from her injuries, and become a counselor for the armed services or at the high school level. Regardless of what her future holds, Green knows what her goal will be.

"I want to do something where I can talk to people and make them feel good about themselves and the directions and decisions they're going to make in life," she said. "I feel like that's my niche in life."

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"A lot of people look at me as a hero, but I can't even look at myself as a hero. I was just doing what I had to do."

Danielle Green
Army officer

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. fights to restore control

BAGHDAD, Iraq — American warplanes struck militant positions in two insurgent-controlled cities Thursday and U.S. and Iraqi troops quietly took control of a third in a sweeping crackdown following a spike in attacks against U.S. forces.

More than 60 people were reported killed, most of them in Tal Afar, one of several cities which American officials acknowledged this week had fallen under insurgent control and become "no-go" zones.

Nine people, including two children, were reported killed in an airstrike in Fallujah against a house which the U.S. command suspected of being used by allies of the Jordanian-born terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Bin Laden deputy speaks in tape

CAIRO, Egypt — Osama bin Laden's chief deputy claimed the United States was on the brink of defeat in Iraq and Afghanistan in a videotape broadcast Thursday that appeared to be a rallying call for al-Qaida ahead of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"The defeat of America in Iraq and Afghanistan has become a matter of time, with God's help," Ayman al-Zawahri said on the tape, which was broadcast by the pan-Arab television station Al-Jazeera. "The Americans in both countries are between two fires, if they continue they bleed to death and if they withdraw they lose everything."

A bearded Al-Zawahri, wearing eyeglasses, a white turban and a black vest over a white shirt, spoke looking into the camera.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hurricane Ivan threatens Fla.

KEY LARGO, Fla. — Tourists and residents throughout the Florida Keys were sent packing Thursday to avoid the wrath of Hurricane Ivan, even as millions of disaster-stricken residents struggled to pick up the pieces from Hurricanes Frances and Charley.

Forecasters said Ivan could reach the island chain as early as Sunday, making it the third hurricane to strike Florida in a month. The last time three hurricanes hit Florida in single season was 1964.

Part of Montana capitol evacuated

HELENA, Mont. — At least five Western and Midwestern governors received envelopes in the mail Thursday rigged to ignite when opened. In Montana, the envelope prompted the evacuation of part of the state Capitol.

The envelopes, rigged with matches set to ignite when opened, were sent to the governors of Montana, Idaho, Nebraska, Washington and Utah. There were no reports of injuries.

All the letters appeared to have come from a maximum-security prison in Nevada, where another letter also turned up at the office of the state corrections director.

LOCAL NEWS

City to hire more police officers

BENTON HARBOR — The federal government has granted \$1 million to hire an additional eight police officers in the city, which saw two nights of rioting last year, according to the office of U.S. Rep. Fred Upton.

Police Chief Sam Harris said the money will "give our department the boost that it needs, putting more officers on the streets to keep this community safe."

Harris said his department was understaffed when the riots broke out in June 2003 in Benton Harbor, a city of 11,000 residents about 32 miles north-northwest of South Bend, Ind.

The grant, announced Wednesday, is from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

Nine dead from car bombing

Muslim militants explode bomb outside the Australian Embassy in Indonesia

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Suspected Muslim militants detonated a car bomb Thursday outside the Australian Embassy in Jakarta, killing nine people and wounding 173 in a bloody strike at a key U.S. ally in the war in Iraq.

The blast — the first major attack attributed to Jemaah Islamiyah in more than a year — could influence elections in Australia, where the prime minister is running on a pro-American, anti-terror platform.

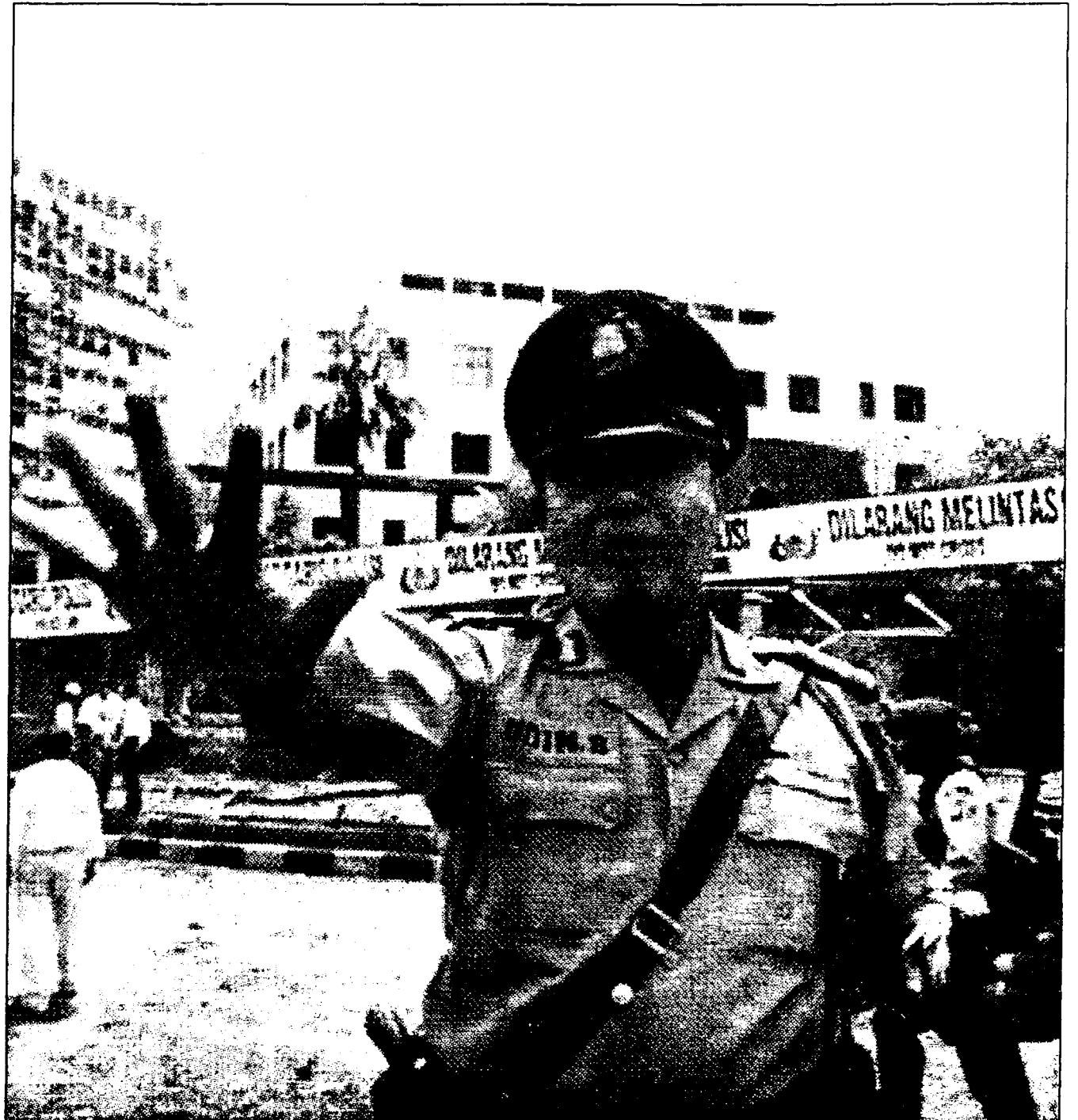
The bombing also comes just ahead of Indonesia's presidential elections and two days before the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. The explosion left body parts and bloody corpses strewn across the busy thoroughfare and shattered windows in buildings 500 yards away. It gutted the Greek Embassy on the 12th floor of an adjacent building, slightly wounding three diplomats.

Police said Jemaah Islamiyah, a Southeast Asian terror group linked to al-Qaida, apparently was behind the blast and the bomb was likely the work of Azahari Husin, a reputed Jemaah Islamiyah member who has been on the run for three years.

No one in the heavily fortified Australian Embassy was killed, although several Australians and Chinese were wounded.

The bombing came less than a week after the United States and Australia upgraded long-standing travel warnings to their citizens in Indonesia, citing an increased risk of terror attacks on Western targets.

Jemaah Islamiyah has been blamed for the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people, including 88 Australians, and the Aug. 5, 2003, suicide bombing at the J.W. Marriott hotel in



An Indonesian police officer keeps crowds away from the scene following a blast near the Australian Embassy in Jakarta, which killed at least three people.

Jakarta that killed 12 people.

Australia, a key supporter of the U.S. war on terrorism, sent 2,000 troops for last year's invasion of Iraq and still has more than 850 military personnel in the country. The Iraq war is deeply unpopular in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan condemned the bombing in a statement issued in Pennsylvania, where President Bush was campaigning.

"This is yet another attack against civilized people everywhere," the statement

said. "We condemn this outrageous act. The president reaffirms our solidarity with the governments of Indonesia and Australia in fighting the global war against terrorism."

Islamic extremists are believed to have tried to influence the outcome of elections elsewhere. They blew up commuter trains in Spain just before elections in March, killing 191 people. Days later, voters elected a Socialist administration that made good on its campaign pledge to withdraw Spanish troops from Iraq.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard has faced criticism over sending troops to

Iraq — a decision his opponents say has made Australia more vulnerable to terror attacks.

"This is not a nation that is going to be intimidated by acts of terrorism," Howard said after Thursday's bombing.

Analysts were divided on how the bombing would affect Australia's Oct. 9 election. Howard is considered stronger on national security than Labor challenger Mark Latham — who has pledged to bring the troops home before Christmas — and could benefit from the perception that Australia is under attack.

Killings in Sudan labeled genocide

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration for the first time on Thursday called attacks in Sudan's Darfur region by government-backed Arab militia against black Africans "genocide."

The designation by Secretary of State Colin Powell came as a U.S. proposal in the U.N. Security Council to impose sanctions against Sudan encountered opposition. Powell told Congress that Sudan's government is to blame for the killing of tens of thousands and uprooting of 1.2 million people.

In recent interviews with 1,136 refugees in neighboring Chad, the State Department found a "consis-

tent and widespread pattern of atrocities committed against non-Arab villagers," according to a department report. It added that about a third of the refugees who were interviewed heard racial epithets while under attack.

Powell said that as a member of the 1948 international genocide convention, Sudan is obliged to prevent and punish acts of genocide.

"To us, at this time, it appears that Sudan has failed to do so," he said.

Powell's announcement came as the United States was pressuring the U.N. Security Council to impose sanctions on Sudan's oil industry, among other measures, if the government does not take steps to improve security in Darfur.

Such sanctions are opposed by China and Pakistan, Security Council members that import Sudanese oil.

The Bush administration has not seriously considered sending troops to Sudan. The African Union, a continent-wide security group, has dispatched 125 monitors to Darfur who are protected by 300 African Union troops.

U.N. envoy Jan Pronk urged Sudan last week to allow more than 3,000 troops into the region to stop violence and to prevent the conflict from escalating.

In Abuja, Nigeria, where Darfur peace talks are under way, Sudanese Deputy Foreign Minister Najeib El-Khair Abdel Wahab criticized Powell's action.

Accident

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The accident was reported at 4:45 p.m. to Saint Mary's security, which responded immediately. Saint Joseph County Police and the Notre Dame Fire Department also responded. Harrison was taken to Memorial Hospital and Klear was taken to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Harrison reported no injuries, and said she was released around 7 p.m. Her car, however, was not so lucky, and is currently under repair for "a cracked windshield and dent."

Klear experienced a major concussion and reportedly blacked out after impact.

"My last memory is the car being two feet away from me," she said. "I couldn't even tell you what color it

was."

Her knee was also badly scraped and her body is covered in abrasions, she said. After undergoing extensive testing at the hospital, Klear was released to the care of her parents.

The security office is holding her bike as evidence, so there is no word on its condition.

"I don't look to be using it for quite a while though," she added.

Klear knew of no legal action in the works, but said she just wants everything to "turn out okay."

For the freshman falto, her immediate focus is being able to march onto the field Saturday.

"I'm just trying to get myself together so I don't miss this game," she said.

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Vigil

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Others found injustice.

"Well, the vigil is meant to celebrate the lives of those who have died for this war and to add our presence to the hope that there won't be any more deaths on any side," said local resident Ellyn Stecker. "I opposed this war from day one, and still do."

Still others supported the war.

"I just want to honor the fallen," said Stephen Little, first-year graduate student. "If it weren't for them, not only Americans but many people around the world wouldn't enjoy the freedom they have today."

Mostly, however, participants felt it necessary to pay their respects and pray.

"I guess I just feel terrible about everything that's happened in this war," explained Dale Gibson, from the Notre Dame class of 1968. "I want to show respect to all the men and women who have given their lives."

"People don't realize, they think [the war] is so far away," said Denise Mroczek, a Mishawaka resident. "I wish

everyone had good news like us."

Mroczek found out on Thursday that her nephew was not one of the seven marines killed in Fallujah earlier this week. After four days of worrying, her son heard on National Public Radio the names of the deceased, and his cousin, Austin Mroczek, was not included.

"We felt joy but it was just devastating that seven other families weren't as lucky as we were," she continued.

"He's supposed to come home in two weeks, let's hope he does."

After expressing their thoughts, the candle-bearers all fell silent and stood in a semi-circle before the Grotto, singing "America, the Beautiful" and "Notre Dame, Our Mother."

Michael Peterson, co-organizer of the vigil, then offered a conclusion.

"With that, we extinguish the flames," he said. "But we do not extinguish the memory, the tragedy."

Attendees of all different opinions then turned to each other, exchanged the sign of peace, and took their separate paths.

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Complaint

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a.m.

"It's not just noise — we're concerned for their safety," Rucker said. "If they are so intoxicated that they're doing what they're doing, they could also be prey for harm."

Incidents were concentrated on East Washington Street, Peashway Street, Notre Dame Avenue and the area bordering the Turtle Creek apartment complex, she said, adding that many residents of retirement age or with young children feel forced to move out rather than tolerate the disruptions.

District 4 City Council representative Ann Puzzello, who convened the meetings for her constituents, said all attendees — including the police — were so eager to list their complaints and tell their stories that time ran out before a definite plan of action could be put in place.

"No real heavy conclusions were reached," she said, except to schedule another meeting for the end of the month, when she anticipates a much higher turnout now that the situation has become public.

Kirk said he hoped the next meeting would provide time to strategize more productively and give students and landlords a chance to contribute to a solution.

"I hope students will realize that they're in control here," he said. "They've got

their freedom. The question is do they want to keep it. ... I could see real ramifications for the students and the city."

The University can punish off-campus students who break local, state or federal laws, Kirk said, and often uses a system of progressive discipline when dealing with offenses like noise violations.

"We start with something that gets their attention, then the sanction gets progressively worse," he said. "They should take responsibility for themselves before police have to do it, but I don't know if I'm optimistic about that."

Both the frequency and intensity of parties have increased significantly in recent years, peaking in the fall and spring, officials and residents said. And while Turtle Creek has been a lingering concern — "it gets lost in the cracks" between county and city jurisdiction, Kirk said — the problems at houses have flared more recently.

"We have no idea why," Rucker said.

"It's one thing when there's a party on game days or on Saturday," Puzzello added.

"But it's another when there's one on five, six nights of the week."

Six-year Washington Street resident Anna Bolger reported waking up to \$567 worth of damage to her car, kegs and trash strewn in the street and parties singing the Notre Dame fight song at 3 a.m., all within the past year.

"We called the police a couple times, but they [came] and [left] right away and the party went on," she said.

A few blocks down the street, senior Mike Rowaldi contested the complaints.

"The police were out to get us right away," he said of the \$250 noise violation he and his four housemates incurred on the first night they moved in.

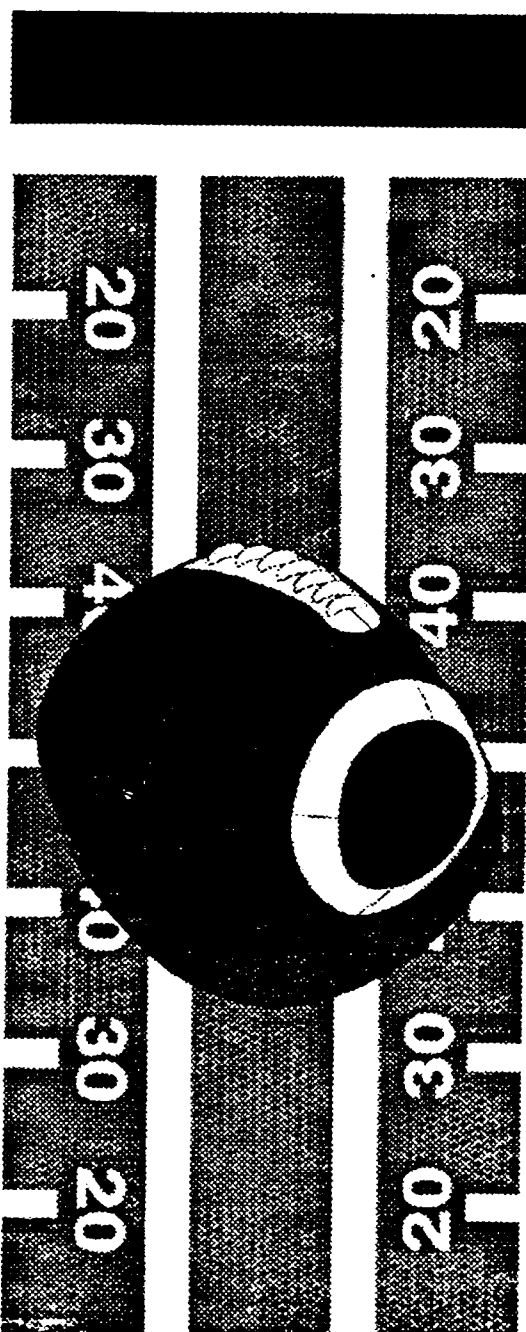
But he considered the possibility of additional sanctions from the University worse than pressure from the police.

"Once you're off campus, you're renting a home, and the fact that you're a student is irrelevant," he said. "It's between you and the police, you and the community, not you and the University."

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MARKET RECAP

Stocks			
Dow Jones	10,289.10	-24.26	
Up: 2,004	Same: 153	Down: 275	Composite Volume: 1,367,407,000

AMEX	1,244.89	+5.86
NASDAQ	1,869.65	+19.01
NYSE	6,544.31	+10.22
S&P 500	1,118.38	+2.11
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,170.96	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,538.00	-20.40

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+2.28	+0.45	20.17
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+3.21	+0.62	19.93
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.07	+0.02	27.28
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+0.71	+0.07	9.93
SIRIUS SAT RADIO (SIRI)	0.00	0.00	2.71

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	+0.69	+0.34	49.88
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.86	+0.36	41.99
5-YEAR NOTE	+1.55	+0.52	34.13
3-MONTH BILL	-0.25	-0.04	16.08

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+1.84		44.61
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-1.00		400.40
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.875		94.175

Exchange Rates			
YEN			109.48
EURO			0.8173
POUND			0.5584
CANADIAN \$			1.2869

IN BRIEF

Health care costs continue to rise

NEW YORK — Health care costs continued to surge this year as family premiums in employer-sponsored plans jumped 11.2 percent, the fourth year of double-digit growth, according to a new study.

The cumulative effect of rising health care costs is taking a toll on workers: There are at least 5 million fewer jobs providing health insurance in 2004 than in 2001, according to the survey of 3,017 employers by the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Health Research and Educational Trust.

This year, 63 percent of employers offered health benefits to workers, down from 68 percent in 2001. The change is primarily driven by a decrease in the number of small employers, those with 3 to 199 workers, that offer coverage.

Hurricane fears make prices surge

NEW YORK — Oil prices surged Thursday on fears of hurricane damage and lower-than-expected crude oil and gasoline inventory data released by the government.

"The market is obviously concerned about the storm," said Tom Kloza, director of Oil Price Information Service, adding that the crude stock statistics helped trigger the rally.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, crude futures rose \$1.84 to settle at \$44.61 a barrel.

Ed Silliere, vice president of risk management at Energy Merchant LLC in New York, called the market movement "exaggerated," noting that the bullish data led traders to cover short positions — essentially bets that crude prices would fall — and that the storm led to nervous buying.

Trailer company adds jobs

BRAZIL, Ind. — Great Dane Trailers has nearly finished the hiring for about 200 new jobs as it increases production at a western Indiana plant.

Managers have hired people for all but about 50 production jobs from among the 200 new positions that the company announced for the factory in May, said Mike Steed, the plant's human resources manager.

The hiring comes as business has improved for the maker of refrigerated, freight and platform trailers.

Stocks mixed as oil prices rise

Investors remain cautious as unemployment claims and wholesale inventories drop

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks were mixed Thursday as investor enthusiasm over a sharp drop in initial unemployment claims was offset by rising oil prices and a disappointing wholesale inventories report. Technology shares benefited from a pair of outlook upgrades and strong earnings from National Semiconductor Corp.

Investors grew more cautious through the session as oil prices climbed, topping the \$44 per barrel mark after weeks of declines. A barrel of light crude rose \$1.84 to settle at \$44.61 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

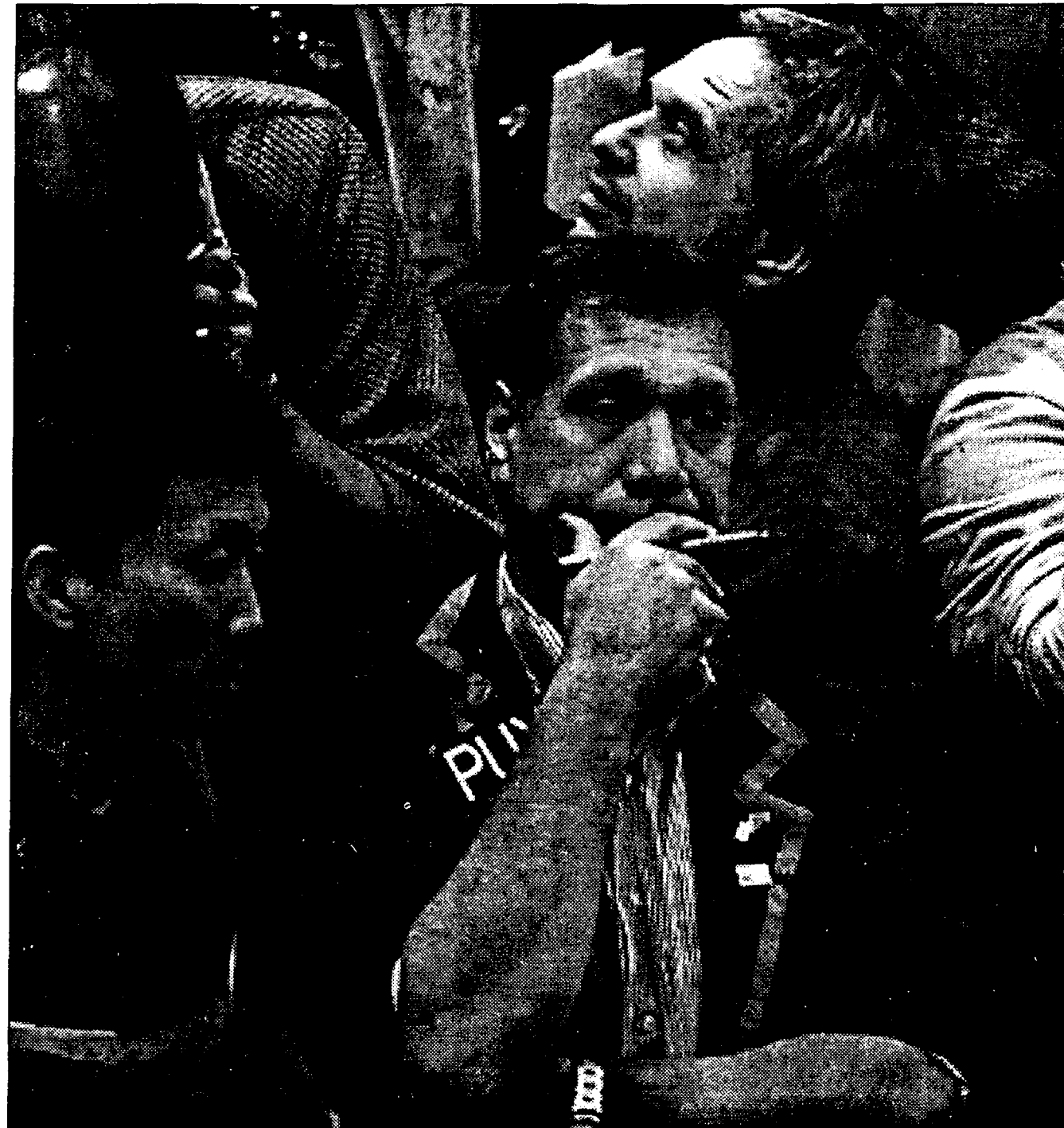
Wall Street was also disappointed by the Commerce Department's report on wholesale inventories, which rose 1.3 percent in July, double what economists had expected. Wholesale sales rose by only 0.5 percent — which means that business and consumer spending has trailed off and more products are sitting in warehouses.

"We're starting to see some real evidence of softness in consumer spending," said Russ Koesterich, U.S. equity strategist for State Street Corp. in Boston. "I don't think the economy is falling off a cliff. It's chugging along at a moderate pace, but will it be enough to keep corporate profits where they need to be? That's the question."

Improvements in the nation's job picture could help spur consumers. The Labor Department reported 319,000 new unemployment claims for the past week, down 44,000 from a week ago. It was the largest drop in first-time claims since December 2001.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 24.26, or 0.2 percent, at 10,289.10.

Broader stock indicators



Trader Mark Plantery watches the boards of the S&P 500 Futures trading pit. Stocks were mixed despite Alan Greenspan's improved assessment of the economy.

were markedly higher. The tech-focused Nasdaq composite index was up 19.01, or 1 percent, at 1,869.65, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 2.11, or 0.2 percent, to 1,118.38.

The economic data will likely weigh heavily on the Federal Reserve as it prepares to meet Sept. 21 to discuss another hike in the nation's benchmark interest rate, which currently stands at 1.5 percent. The improved jobs picture increases the chances that the Fed will raise rates by a quarter percentage point, even though raising rates in the midst of an election can sometimes weigh on the presidential incumbent.

While Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan was optimistic

about the economy's strength in his congressional testimony Wednesday, Wall Street took a more cautious view, waiting to see how the summer's economic slowdown will affect third- and fourth-quarter earnings.

"The takeaway we're getting from the Fed is that the economy's growing, but it's uneven," said Hans Olsen, managing director and chief investment officer at Bingham Legg Advisers. "Add to that the lack of direction in the market, and the next catalyst for the market won't be the Fed meeting or interest rates. It'll be company earnings, and whether there's been enough top-line movement to have an impact on the

bottom line."

Tech stocks, battered this summer after a series of disappointing earnings reports, were buoyed by a rare spate of good news. Nokia Corp. jumped \$1.06 to \$13.77 after the Finnish maker of cellular phones raised its sales and profit outlooks for the current quarter. The company cited stronger demand for multi-function mobile devices.

Shares of Texas Instruments Inc. surged 10 percent on news it expected third-quarter earnings to come in above the middle of its previous estimate range. Investors shrugged off the chip maker's warning that sales could fall below its past outlook due to low demand.

EDS set to cut thousands of jobs

Associated Press

DALLAS — Electronic Data Systems Corp. could cut 15,000 to 20,000 jobs — 10 percent of its work force — over about two years to help reduce costs by about \$3 billion, chief executive Michael H. Jordan said Thursday.

"The next two years, there are going to be a lot of change in EDS," Jordan said at an investor conference in New York. "But that will, as I said, take 20 percent out of our cost structure — \$3 billion out. That's the way you do it."

EDS runs computer systems for other companies. It has struggled with money-losing contracts, a

downturn in corporate technology spending and debt downgrades.

The company has made most of the 5,200 job cuts it announced last year, and has about 120,000 employees remaining, including 55,000 in the United States.

Jordan commented about job cuts only briefly in response to a question. He gave few details.

Jeff Baum, a spokesman for Plano, Texas-based EDS, called Jordan's figures an estimate.

"There isn't a hard and fast plan," Baum said in an interview. "That's an estimate, and it ultimately depends on how well we transform the business. It could end up being less than that. We might add people in other

places as we bring new business on."

Baum said it was impossible to tell where cuts might be made. He said, however, that the company was likely to grow faster outside the United States than at home.

Jordan has said the company is trying to improve productivity to reduce the cost it charges for its services, making its offers more competitive with rivals such as IBM Corp.

EDS has recently lost about 7,000 employees with the sale of a software division and the loss of a contract to run computer systems for the U.K. Inland Revenue agency.

Baum said the layoffs Jordan mentioned are unrelated to the loss of contracts.

HERE & Happening

Notre Dame vs Michigan Book Signings

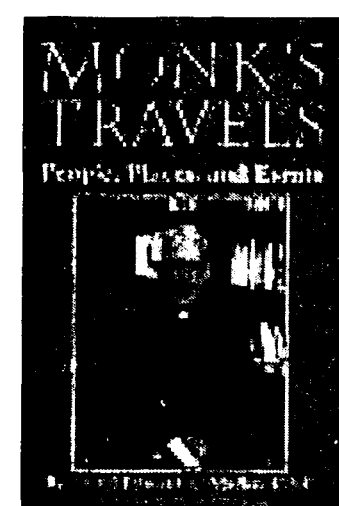
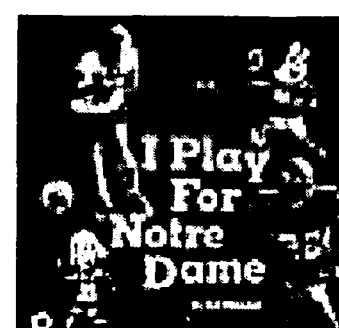
Friday, September 10

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Connie McNamara
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Fr. "Monk" Malloy
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Liturgical Choir

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Lobby

Saturday, September 11

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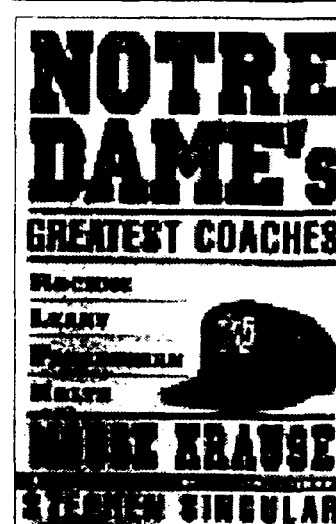
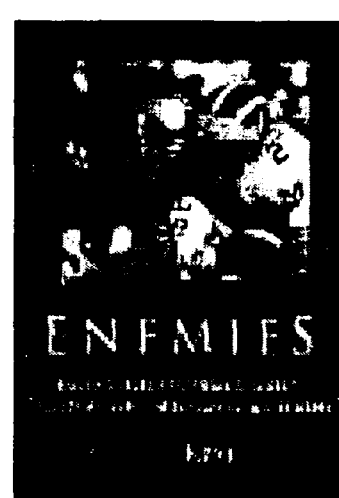
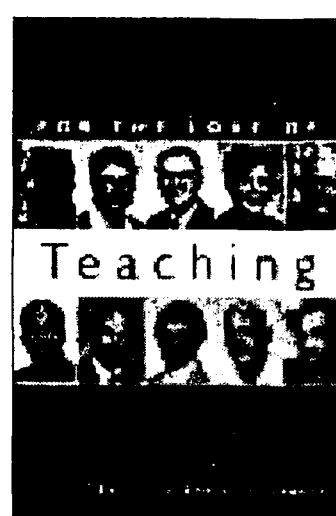
Natural Enemies
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The Golden Dream
Gerry Faust
11:30 – 12:30 pm

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MEXICO

Officials create plan to clean up environment

American, Mexican officials collaborate

Associated Press

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — With 5 million discarded tires littering the background, the United States and Mexico announced an accord Thursday to clean up the mountains of rusty cars, smashed school buses and rotting rubber that are a blight on the border.

Environmental officials from both countries said the first step of the massive clean-up would be to start burning the tires for fuel in cement factories.

"The environmental challenges that we face do not respect political boundaries," said Richard Green, a regional administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. "We experience them together, and we must address them together."

Mexico's secretary of environment and natural resources, Alberto Cardenas-Jimenez, said Grupo Cementos de Chihuahua and officials of Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, have agreed to dispose of 800,000 used tires in each of the next five years.

Ciudad Juarez will pay the cement-maker 31 cents for every tire burned and in turn, Cementos de Chihuahua will use the tires as fuel, investing \$2.5 million in equipment at the

Samalayuca cement factory, 25 miles south of Ciudad Juarez.

Though the United States is not involved in funding the project, it worked with Mexican authorities in coming up with the plan. The agreement will only make a dent in the estimated 5 million used tires at the city's collection center. Two million more are scattered in dry gullies and clandestine dumping sites throughout the city, where residents simply throw out tires to avoid paying the \$1 fee the city requires to get rid of them.

"These tires have become breeding grounds for disease, carrying mosquitoes, and when they burn, they release hazardous waste to the air and soil making it a grave environmental and health problem for the people of Juarez," said Alma Leticia Figueroa, director of Ciudad Juarez's Ecology and Civil Protection Department.

Figueroa said each month firefighters put out about 1,000 fires started by people often trying to get rid of both trash and tires.

In addition, as part of the accord, tires from Tijuana and Mexicali, also popular dumping grounds, will be sent to nearby cement factories to be used as fuel.

The tires will be burned in ovens that have been approved by Mexican environmental authorities, assuring no pollutants are released in the air, said Gonzalo Bravo, a Mexican organizer of the environmental forum.

ISRAEL

Hard-liners escalate Gaza rhetoric

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A group of prominent Israeli hard-liners urged soldiers Thursday to disobey orders to dismantle Jewish settlements, widening the bitter divisions over Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank.

In new fighting, eight Palestinians, including a 9-year-old boy, were killed in a string of clashes in the West Bank and Gaza.

Meanwhile, Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz ordered a closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip during the upcoming Jewish holidays, preventing thousands of Palestinian workers from entering Israel.

A ministry spokeswoman said the order would go into effect Friday morning and last until early October. Military sources said humanitarian cases would still be permitted into the country.

Since fighting erupted four years ago, Israel has restricted the entry of Palestinians to varying degrees, imposing strict closures during holidays and other times of high alert. In April 2002, a Palestinian suicide bomber blew up a Passover gathering, killing 29 people.

The call to soldiers and other security forces to resist evacuating settlements appeared to signal a significant escalation in the debate over withdrawal.

Sharon says exiting Gaza, where 8,000 Jewish settlers live among 1.3 million Palestinians, will boost Israeli

security. He hopes to complete the pullout next year.

But hard-liners, including members of his own Likud Party, have grown increasingly vocal in their opposition to the withdrawal.

The hard-liners accuse Sharon of caving in to Palestinian violence, and fear that the initial pullout will lead to further withdrawals from West Bank land.

The petition published Thursday in the Besheva weekly contained some of the harshest language yet against Sharon's plan.

It called the pullout a "crime against humanity" and urged security forces to disobey orders to evacuate settlements.

"We call public officials who are being asked to lay the groundwork for the ethnic cleansing of Jews from their homeland, and on all of the officers, troops and policemen, to listen to the voice of their conscience and not take part in acts that will sully them," it said.

The petition was signed by 185 people, including former lawmakers, academics, military officers and retired officials. The newspaper is oriented toward a religious nationalist audience, including Israel's 240,000 settlers in the West Bank and Gaza, a Besheva spokesman said.

The Yesha Council, an umbrella group representing Jewish settlers, said it had no connection to the ad. Yesha spokesman Josh Hasten said the group continues to support only nonviolent and legal means of resistance.

Among the names on the petition were Ben Zion Netanyahu, father of ex-Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and Yossi Ben Aharon, Netanyahu's bureau chief.

Associates of the hardline Netanyahu, who is currently finance minister, said he was not connected to the petition. Speaking on condition of anonymity, they said Netanyahu would go along with the pullout plan, despite his strong reservations.

Government officials declined to comment on the petition, saying only that they hope settlers will respect the law.

Officials at Israel's Shin Bet internal security service have expressed concerns in recent months that extremists might oppose the withdrawal with force.

Much of Thursday's fighting occurred in Gaza, which has experienced a surge in violence since Sharon announced his withdrawal plan.

Palestinian militants are eager to show that they are pushing Israel out of Gaza, while Israel wants to avoid any appearance of fleeing under fire.

In northern Gaza, Israeli tanks blocked major roads Thursday as troops tried to prevent the firing of home-made rockets from there at Israeli settlements.

On the outskirts of the sprawling Jebaliya refugee camp, one gunman was killed and three were wounded when an Israeli attack helicopter fired two missiles.

Later Thursday, soldiers fired from a tank-mounted machine gun toward a group of Palestinians in the area, including gunmen, stone throwers and bystanders, witnesses said.

Thirteen Palestinians, including a 9-year-old boy, were killed by large-caliber bullets, doctors said. The army said it was unaware of the incident.

Palestinian medics said a 25-year-old man was killed by machine-gun fire.

The army said it fired at a vehicle traveling toward troops on an unauthorized road.

Troops also entered the West Bank town of Jericho, exchanging fire with three Palestinians. One gunman was killed and two were wounded, the army said.

Thousands of people, including gunmen, participated in a funeral procession in a refugee camp near Ramallah.

During the procession, the dead man's 4-year-old son was repeatedly thrust onto the corpse being carried aloft on a stretcher.

The child was clearly terrified, screaming amid the loud bursts of gunfire.

After the funeral, an angry crowd surrounded an army jeep and threw stones at it. The jeep sped off, running over and killing a 17-year-old Palestinian, witnesses said. The army confirmed the jeep hit someone.

"We call public officials who are being asked to lay the groundwork."

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RUSSIA

Officials claim Chechens were among school raiders

Identification draws stronger connection to rebel groups

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Ten of the militants who seized a school in southern Russia have been identified and six were from Chechnya, security officials said Thursday, drawing a strong connection to the Chechen insurgents who have been fighting Russian forces for years.

None were Arabs, despite the government's contention that Arabs were involved in the hostage-taking last week in the North Ossetian town of Beslan, which ended in gunfire and explosions that killed more than 350 people, many of them children.

According to the officials, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, the other four militants came from Ingushetia, which is sandwiched between North Ossetia and Chechnya and was targeted in brazen coordinated attacks against police that killed 90 people in June. The presence of Ingush raiders threatens to inflame long-standing tensions between Ingush and ethnic Ossetians, who are the majority in the republic.

President Vladimir Putin and Russian investigators have said about 10 of the roughly 30

attackers were Arabs, but authorities have not publicly provided evidence of the assertion. Officials who spoke Thursday made no mention of Arabs being among the militants.

Russian officials repeatedly have cast the military campaign in Chechnya as part of a war against international terrorism — a battle they say Western countries have hindered by granting asylum to Chechen figures and questioning Kremlin policy in Chechnya.

To push the point that Russia is a victim of international terror — and not just of violence spawned by the Chechen conflict, which critics say Kremlin policies have aggravated —

"This will bring our people together because we have been through something very similar."

Rudolph Giuliani
former NYC mayor

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov met with Rudolph Giuliani, mayor of New York City when al-Qaida suicide attackers struck the World Trade Center in 2001.

"When our Western partners urge us to rethink our policy and tactics in

Chechnya, I would advise them not to interfere in Russian internal matters — which they do by granting asylum to terrorists who are directly to blame for the tragedy of the Chechen people," Lavrov said after the meeting.

He did not name specific countries, but Russia was particularly angered by Britain's granting of refugee status to Akhmed Zakayev, an envoy for Chechen rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov,

and by U.S. asylum for Ilyas Akhmadov, who Maskhadov named his foreign minister while he was Chechnya's president in the late 1990s.

In comments published Thursday in the newspaper Vremya Novostei, Lavrov said: "Granting asylum to people involved in terrorism — and Russia has documented evidence of this — not only causes us regret but also effectively undermines the unity of the anti-terrorist coalition."

"We are far from accusing the leaders of major countries ... of deliberately preserving this double standard," he said. "But the inertia is still very strong."

Giuliani said that when Americans mourn the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on the third anniversary Saturday, they will also think about victims of "this most current act of terrorism," referring to the school seizure.

"Even though these are things that you hope and pray don't happen and you realize that are very tragic, this will bring our people together, because we have been through something very similar," Giuliani said.

In Washington, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said President Bush has asked his top advisers to determine how authorities would handle a similar attack on an American school to ensure adequate coordination in the "unlikely but

possible" chance of such an event in the United States.

"How the government and the various entities within the Russian government responded to the incident is not known at this time," Ridge said in an interview Thursday with Associated Press reporters and editors. "Preliminary reports suggest there wasn't the kind of coordination and leadership and direction and somebody being in charge."

North Ossetia's Deputy Health Minister Teimuraz Revazov said Thursday the death of a victim overnight brought the toll among hostages to 329. Security officials have said 11 members of their ranks were killed, and prosecutors have said 30 attackers died.

Putin told the nation Saturday the school attack was meant to inflame the North Caucasus, an ethnic patchwork that includes North Ossetia, Chechnya and several other mostly Muslim republics. He promised to create a new system of security in the region along Russia's southern flank.

At the Kremlin Thursday, Interior Minister Rashid Nurgaliyev told Putin that directors have been appointed for anti-terrorist commissions in republics across the region, including Chechnya.

Few details were given about how the commissions would work, but the announcement showed the Kremlin's concern

that inefficiency and corruption had undermined security and that violence could spread in the North Caucasus.

Each commission will be headed by a senior Interior Ministry officer with the regional political leader as his deputy in many cases and a special task force of 70 men, Nurgaliyev said.

He said the commissions will coordinate police, security and military forces in an effort to prevent terrorist attacks.

Russia has been beset by terror in the past two weeks, suffering three attacks that have killed more than 400 people.

The attacks — the downing of two airliners apparently by explosions, a suicide bombing outside a Moscow subway station and the school seizure — prompted officials to offer a huge cash reward for information leading to the killing or capture of top Chechen rebel leaders.

Russia brushes off criticism that its policies in Chechnya and the brutality of its troops there feed resentment that boosts support for the insurgents, focusing instead on claims the militants are trained by international terrorist groups, including al-Qaida.

Putin won support from German leader Gerhard Schroeder for his portrayal of Russia as a victim of international terrorism.

In a joint declaration, the two placed the recent attacks alongside Sept. 11 and the Madrid bombings and said the school raid marked "a new dimension of the threat posed to all humankind by international terrorism."

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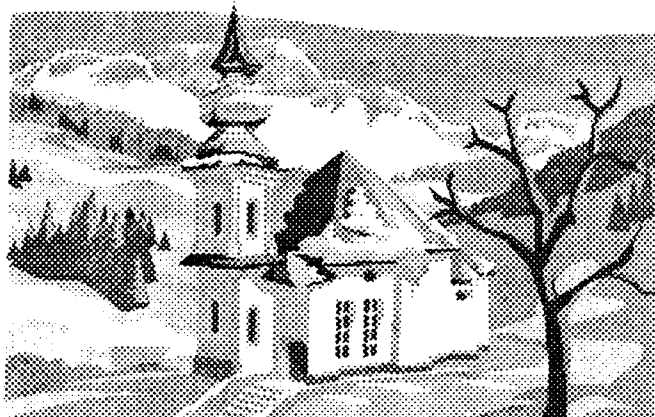
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fans] were jerks," said Mark Bescher, a 2004 graduate back on campus for the big game. "Now it's our turn — and we're going to win."

The 2002 victory is also clearly remembered by older students.

"I'm excited [for the game]," senior Mary Kate Castellani said. "It would be really great if they win, but if not, that's fine — it's just fun to go to games. [In 2002] I was in the first couple rows, and we were the first ones on the field. It was awesome."

The mood on campus has lightened considerably since last Saturday, when a heart-breaking loss to Brigham Young University left the Irish in a hole for the critical early-season games.

"I'm definitely very excited," said sophomore Angelo Suozzi. "I just hope we come out with more intensity than against BYU."

For his classmate Kristen Aland, the answer is simple.

"We're gonna muck 'em up," she said, paraphrasing a popular shirt slogan. "Napoleon Dynamite was hunting wolverines in Alaska last summer, and we're going to be hunting them right here

in South Bend on Saturday."

The positive attitude was pervasive.

"Despite our loss last weekend and low campus morale, I think we could pull off a great win against Michigan this weekend," said sophomore Gina Tesi. "I mean, we're Notre Dame!"

Junior Brian Barry, however, was less excited.

"Honestly, on the record, 'Go Irish,'" he said. "Really, I'm only going to the game because they're my peers and I want to go out and support them."

The 0-1 start has him questioning the football program's potential in 2004.

"It's a big thing when there's a chance — but, well, maybe I'll be surprised," he said.

The future was uncertain but hopeful for most students on campus.

"I think that we've got a chance, but a lot has to go right for us," said Suozzi. "I'm also psyched just to be in the stadium."

Regardless of the outcome, the 2004 game is sure to be like most Notre Dame/Michigan match-ups — one to remember, for better or for worse.

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GRENADA

Hurricane ravages Caribbean

Associated Press

ST. GEORGE'S — Hurricane Ivan left Grenada a wasteland of flattened houses, twisted metal and splintered wood as it bore down on Jamaica with deadly winds and monstrous waves, forcing a half million people to flee their homes. The death toll in the Caribbean stood at 23 and was expected to rise.

Ivan, a Category 4 hurricane with winds of 145 mph, was forecast to make a direct hit on Jamaica Friday afternoon. The hurricane devastated Grenada on Tuesday, tossing sailboats against the shore, tearing apart buildings and setting off frenzies of looting.

"The destruction is worse than I've ever seen," said Michael Steele, a 34-year-old resident whose home was destroyed. "We're left with nothing."

U.S. officials ordered people to evacuate from the Florida Keys after forecasters said the storm — the fourth major hurricane of the Atlantic season — could hit the island chain by Sunday.

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Respect the team

Emotions are running high over Irish football — and not just because one of the school's biggest rivals invades Notre Dame Stadium this weekend. On the opposite end of the spectrum from the rabid loyalty inspired by Michigan weekend, dissatisfaction is growing as coach Tyrone Willingham's 5-10 record in the past 15 games marks Notre Dame's worst stretch in over 40 years.

With the season just a week old, those emotions have turned from the usual excitement, anticipation and enthusiasm to criticism, bitterness and frustration. That combination of negative sentiment could easily turn into a negative reaction toward the players against Michigan Saturday. And a slow start by the Irish, an early Michigan lead or a lopsided halftime score will only fuel the fire.

But no matter the score on Saturday, these emotions should not translate into boos. A game — even a tough one — is not the time to yell or complain. It is a time to support the players representing this great University on the football field.

The booing issue became apparent during the embarrassing 37-0 loss to Florida State last year, when Irish suffered their third loss by more than 30 points and their second consecutive home blowout loss. Students, fans and alumni showed their frustration by raining boos on the field and trickling out of the

game long before the players' traditional raising of the helmets to the student section.

Everyone who pays for a seat in the Stadium has bought the right to boo. And if the players on the field aren't giving a full effort, they should be told loudly and clearly that they aren't doing justice to the Notre Dame name.

But, just like the team's struggles, the fans' FSU display should be considered an extreme exception. These aren't professional athletes being paid millions of dollars to do their job. These are 18 to 22-year old competitors who are still college students first and athletes second.

Booing them should never become a habit.

Yes, the pressure to succeed at Notre Dame and match the storied history of years past is as high as anywhere in the country. Clearly results shouldn't take a back seat to settling for effort.

But if the effort is there, deriding college football players on every down for not being perfect — or even for not performing to expectations — shouldn't be the mindset Saturday afternoon.

We are ND.

So are they.

Show them respect.

The Observer Editorial

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To be a Domer

One of the most common questions that people ask me, a new sophomore transfer student, is, "Why'd you transfer?" The genuinely curious who ask expect a simple answer to this simple question. They probably expect me to respond, "I've always wanted to come here," or, "I didn't like my last school." Yet, while all these brief answers are true to some degree, they do not adequately do the University of Notre Dame and its student body justice. Thus, in order to fully and ultimately answer this question in a way that accomplishes this task, I would like to tell you this story.

Two days ago I was sick. I had a fever, headache and stuffy nose that kept me not just from attending class, but staying awake for more than one hour at a time. I climbed into bed for what I expected to be a long day of a solitary struggle against my health. After all, when I had been this sick at Boston College last year, no one seemed to notice my absence, let alone visit. In fact, I felt like a nuisance for being slower and in my roommates' way all day. I honestly expected nothing, especially since this is only my third week at Notre Dame and I hardly know anyone here.

It was not long before a wonderful friend of mine, whom I met a mere few weeks ago, knocked on the door. "Are you still sick? You were pretty congested yesterday." Dumbfounded, I mumbled a response about my less than stellar condition. "Well, can I get you something? Let me go

get you some soup! Give me your ID!" Still surprised, I handed it to her. "I'll be back!" she declared. And that was that.

Less than an hour later, she returned with another new friend of mine with two large cups of chicken noodle soup and two biscuits. "The dining hall lady was something else," one told me. "She wanted a note from the rectress, but I told her 'My friend can't walk to the rectress!' so then they went and got us some cups." I thanked her profusely, still not believing the sacred treasures that they just handed to me. "Are you kidding? It was no trouble. Now eat and get some rest, and we'll be back to check on you later."

To most students at this university, this is a typical story. Yet, as a former student at another institution, I insist to you that it is a story typical only of this community.

"Nowhere else but Notre Dame" is a statement not just true of the packed football games or challenging academic coursework. This declaration accurately speaks to the amazingly thoughtful, compassionate and selfless people that make up this community. Thus, fellow students of Notre Dame, it is my pleasure to articulate to you why I transferred: you and your spirit. I cannot tell you how lucky I felt that day — and feel every day — to be a member of this family.

Amanda Golbabai

sophomore

Lyons Hall

Sept. 8

Winning or democracy?

I rushed to finish a paper before 5:00 on Wednesday so I could attend the College Democrats vs. College Republicans debate. As I stood outside Stonehenge, I heard well-versed people deliver representations of their candidates' platforms. I heard arguments about Iraq, Al-Qaeda and the economy. And I heard Democrats around me scoffing when a Republican took stage, Republicans laughing under their breath at the arguments of the Democrats and people proudly clapping when they heard something with which they agreed.

I left after 15 minutes, and not because the pizza ran out. Rather, I couldn't take the debate any more.

Dialogue is about compromise, not winning. Wednesday's debate, like any debate, was about the rah-rah spirit that produces alliances mirroring those we have for sports teams. When we watch Notre Dame play football against Michigan this weekend, for example, we're not at all interested in the reasons why Michigan fans like Michigan. No, we just hate Michigan. Why? Because they are Michigan. It doesn't matter why they're Michigan fans; they're just utterly, inexplicably, undoubtedly wrong.

That makes sense when it comes to sports; they're all in fun. But treating politics like sports is as preposterous as asking Michigan fans why they are Michigan fans. When we lose interest in the reasons people are voting for Bush or Kerry, when we start to hate the Bush supporters and the Kerry supporters, we kill democracy. Should we come from polarized ends, or should we come from the middle, acknowledging that we don't have all of the information and recognizing that our purported opponents could have something valuable to say? Should we attack the candidates or discuss the logic behind their ideas?

Over 200 years ago in Philadelphia, a group of middle-aged men struggled bitterly, compromising on various issues, and they came up with our Constitution. Dialogue is at the core of democracy. Mudslinging isn't revolutionary, and it doesn't inspire change. We deserve better than to turn politics into sport.

Catherine McGeeney

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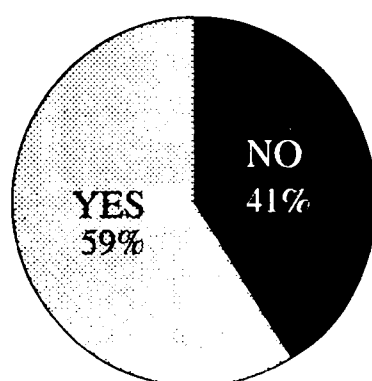
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Democracy consists of choosing your dictators, after they've told you what it is you want to hear."

Alan Coren
author

How much for your life?

Joe, a poor driver, is about to lose his license. Should his state let him keep it, and continue dangerous driving, if he can buy additional license "points" from a good driver without infractions? Should Joe's money give him rights to put others at risk?

Consider a similar case: market-based programs allowing violations of air-toxics regulations, provided mercury emitters buy "pollution rights" from distant and cleaner companies having emissions credits.

On one hand, President Bush and states like Indiana support "pollution trading." They say it gives toxics-polluters flexibility, lets them decide when to control their emissions, is cheaper than toxics-reductions, allows "market-neutral" decisions and offers polluters carrots rather than sticks.

On the other hand, physicians say even trace mercury, a developmental and neurotoxin, harms children most. Their health is not a tradable commodity. The Centers for Disease Control argue one in 12 women already has mercury blood levels damaging to unborn children, and 322,000 U.S. newborns annually face health problems from fetal mercury exposure.

Who is right?

Market solutions are defensible, as Adam Smith recognized, if participants have full information and pay full-compensation costs for their transactions. But U.S. facilities emitting 48 tons of mercury annually do not compensate their victims. And creating toxic "hot spots," tradable mercury-pollution "rights" further exacerbates unequal protection — especially in South Bend.

Industry-reported Toxic Release Inventories (TRIs) place South Bend in a national top-three locales for hazardous chemical releases. In a "clean-air-non-attainment" county, its average cancer risks are 100 times above Clean Air Act mandates. TRI risks to children are 10 times those of adults, but are underestimated. They include only dangers from South Bend-released toxins, not from upwind polluters like Gary and East Chicago.

TRI data show South Bend air — toxics releases of hundreds of thousands of pounds annually. The largest volume emissions are: styrene, toluene, methyl isobutyl ketone, xylene, n-hexane, chlorine, ethylene and glycol ethers. All are carcinogens or developmental, reproductive, neuro-, immuno-, cardiovascular, liver, gastrointestinal, kidney or respiratory toxicants. AM General, alone, annually releases 537,303 pounds of toxins here.

Yet South Bend polluters receive city-tax abatements. Honeywell, Federal Mogul and Steel Warehouse, for example, have total-city-tax breaks of \$6,100,000, \$530,692 and \$587,465. Employing 668, 565 and 457 people, respectively, these three companies get \$7.2 million in total property-tax abatements — or \$3,600 per

worker.

Lower-employment polluters get bigger breaks. Koontz-Wagner (Ameritech Drive), Nimet, Lock Tube Joint (LTJ) (Walnut Street), Interplastic and Kokoku, for example, have multiyear-city-tax breaks totaling \$850,000, \$186,000, \$240,000, \$122,510 and \$45,000. Employing 32, 60, 39, 30 and 38 people, respectively, these five companies receive \$1.5 million in total-city-tax abatements — or \$7,500 per worker.

Why? Tax abatements/subsidies can stimulate employment and economic development. They can bring employers to an area. Requesting tax breaks, South Bend polluters promised jobs in return.

But 2002 South Bend tax data show polluters often break their job promises. Honeywell, for example, promised 28 new jobs, produced zero, then eliminated 199 positions. Yet the city neither reduced nor revoked its 10-year \$6.1-million abatement. Nimet promised nine new jobs, produced none, then cut 13 positions. Its six-year, \$186,000 abatement was neither reduced nor revoked. LTJ promised five new jobs, produced none and eliminated six positions, yet kept its 10-year-\$240,000 abatement. Interplastic promised 23 new jobs, produced none, cut 18 positions, yet kept its 10-year, \$122,510 abatement. Kokoku created no new jobs, lost two positions, yet kept its five-year-\$45,000 abatement.

Economists, like Sam Nunn, say abatements are cost effective if every average annual abatement of \$487 produces at least one \$25,000 after-tax-wages job. Many South Bend abatements do not.

To compensate for polluter property-tax abatements, South Bend residential tax rates are the state's highest — double those, for example, of Evansville. Local families pay for industry's free ride, for disproportionate shares of national air-pollution-related health costs, \$14 billion annually, according to the CDC. Children pay, through poorer health and cities' typically taking abatement monies from public-school funding.

Maybe the South Bend economy needs city-tax abatements? Yet government (2000-census) economic-health and nonagricultural-employment statistics rank it 124 of 331 American metropolitan regions. Its employment-and-

economic-health indicators surpass those in 63 percent of U.S. cities.

While tax breaks make sense, they seem less sensible in already highly polluted areas like South Bend. Who wants jobs that give their children cancer? No one, says University of California statistician Bill Freudenburg. Studying 50 states over 10 years, he showed that locales, ranked highest for alleged "healthy business climate" (hefty polluter-property-tax abatements and weak pollution-control regulations), had the lowest average-income and new-job growth. Those ranked lowest, for alleged "business climate," had the highest average-income and new-job growth.

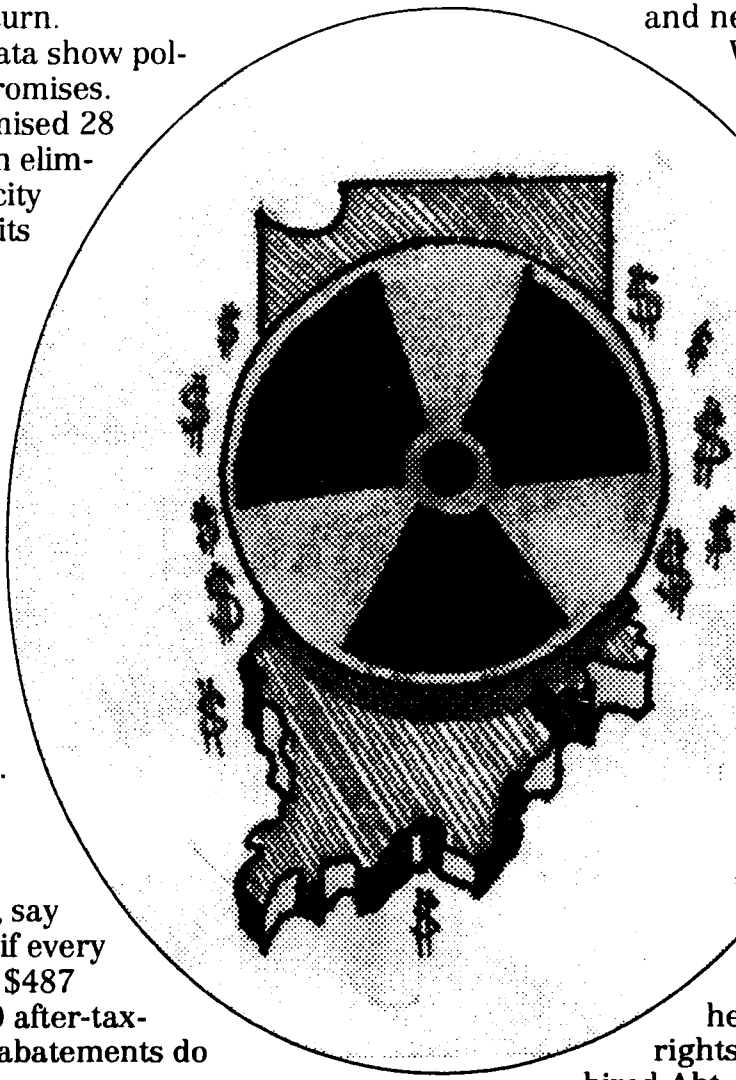
With the nation's highest-per-capita polluter-tax-abatement subsidies, Louisiana created America's "cancer alley." As Louisiana State's Paul Templett shows, when industry tax breaks increase, per-capita income decreases, while health-and-welfare gaps, between rich and poor, increase. Can we learn from Louisiana?

Are governments using economics, or subsidized crony capitalism (masquerading as free-market incentives), to evaluate tax breaks? Network (the National Catholic Justice Lobby) and U.S. Catholic Bishops recommend rejecting President Bush's "Clear Skies" Plan. It forbids much toxic-pollution enforcement; relaxes public-health standards, triples allowable mercury emissions after delaying regulations eight years and allows violations of health protections by buying "pollution rights." It also fails the economics test: Bush hired Abt Associates to compare Bush's and

Kerry's air-pollution plans. Abt showed Bush's plan has \$108 annual net benefits and prevents 14,000 annual air-pollution deaths. Abt said the Jeffords-Kerry plan has \$142 billion annual net benefits and prevents 22,000 annual air-pollution deaths. You decide.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

God, country, Notre Dame

It is hard to imagine, for us seniors, that this Saturday will mark the somber three-year anniversary of the day that shook our world. Not being from a traditional Notre Dame background, as a two-week old freshman, I didn't quite know my place at this great University. Was I, too, part of the storied "Fighting Irish" of Notre Dame — or just a spectator?

However, soon after the 8,000-strong Mass out on South Quad only hours after the tragic events, I realized I was indeed part of a great legion of people.

The resolve and reflection experienced from that day forward with the entire campus woke me up to the true meaning of the phrase that binds all of us here together: "GOD, COUNTRY, NOTRE DAME" is no slogan; it signifies our solemn duty, our faithful commitment and our common creed.

As we, the Class of 2005, march on to do great works and to fight the good fight, let us not forget that day that wrapped us up in a shield of unity. Let us not forget those who lost their lives or those who still mourn for lives lost. Nonetheless, during these trying times, let us stand firm in our loyalty to God, Country and Notre Dame; in doing so, we are all players on the field, standing strong together in solidarity and strength. Together, we cannot be beaten, broken or deterred from doing what is right for our faith, for America and for the University of Our Lady.

Darrell Scott
senior class president
off-campus
Sept. 9

Muslims, Christians called to prayer

In response to the on-going debate surrounding Professor Tariq Ramadan, it seems important to clarify some aspects of Islam that have been misunderstood by fearful individuals with viewpoints similar to Kathleen Sappey. In her previous editorial, Sappey suggested that had Ramadan been allowed to teach at our University, "we should all get our prayer rugs out" in expectation of his attempts to convert us. Well, this year, I showed up to Dillon Hall and discovered that the RA who lived in my room last year had left a carpet that, except for one stain, was in great condition. I put a rug to cover the spot and it ended up being placed exactly where I place my ladder to climb out of my bed. Consequently, every morning the first thing my feet hit is this rug. Due to its similarity to an Islamic prayer rug, this contact upon my waking every morning has encouraged me to submit myself to prayer as my first matter of business every day. For those unaware, "Islam" is the Arabic word for submission.

Although I am not familiar with Ramadan's views, if he truly is a moderate muslim, as suggested by University in their hiring of him, then his faith bears no threat to our own. Moderate Muslims emphasize righteous living and submission to God. "Dhimmis," or members of Abrahamic faiths that deny Muhammad as a

prophet — e.g. Jews and Christians — are not encouraged to convert to Islam by moderate muslims. From the very beginning of Islam's history, muslims have encouraged unity amongst those who claim the God of Abraham as their God. We should not fear an encouragement to pray to our God. If we truly believe the faith we profess every time we say the creed, then what have we to fear by communicating with those who also encourage submission to the Lord our God? I suggest an openness when confronting religions other than our own. As Christians, we believe a special revelation concerning the nature of God's supernatural existence has been shown to us. Members of other faiths have similar beliefs of special revelation into the nature of the Divine. God's radiant glory is far beyond anything our eyes can perceive. This is made clear multiple times in the Old Testament. If this is true, let us — whether Christian or Muslim — respectfully admit our humility and submit ourselves to prayer every morning, asking for deeper understanding of our Creator.

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Dillon Hall's pep rally finds humor in everything from



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Above, Dillon rector Father Paul Doyle crowd surfs after participating in a skit. He traditionally joins the residents of his hall by assuming a role in the rally. Below, RAs from Dillon perform a dance to a medley of Jackson Five hits.

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Nothing at Notre Dame is sacred when it comes to the Dillon Hall pep rally. No alumnus, no dorm, not even Touchdown Jesus. The dorm traditionally puts on its annual pep rally each year before the first home football game, and it is an event that allows the campus to laugh at the daily life at Notre Dame, as well as to make fun of our adversaries, this year being Michigan.

If you have been on campus for the past week, you have probably heard about the Dillon Hall pep rally, whether from "Teen Wolf" running into your class playing music or a mob of Dillon boys running through your dorm. The men of the hall spend a great amount of effort promoting their event, and it helps to create a sense of unity among the members.

The Dillon Hall pep rally opened as most Notre Dame pep rallies do, with cheerleaders, the Pom squad and speakers, but that is where the similarities end. Following the speeches from the football players, the rally becomes more of a comedy show than an attempt to boost spirits. The rally usually has a loose plot that ties the skits together, but the main purpose of the rally is to get the campus laughing and ready for the game on Saturday.

Members of Dillon Hall write, set-up and usually assume the roles of well-known campus figures as they perform in the skits.

The rally's format is essentially that of a radio show, but it only adheres to that loosely. It opened

with a humorous video diary documenting the behavior of Michigan fans. Naturally, it was an unflattering portrait that included people listing their favorite nasty nicknames for Notre Dame and its players, beating up leprechauns and revealing their secret jealousy for the Fighting Irish.

The plot of the rally revolves around, the fact that Touchdown Jesus, the beloved mural on the side of the Hesburgh Library, turns up missing. This occurrence delights Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr, as he blames Michigan's poor record in South Bend on the ever-watchful eye of the mural. Father Monk Malloy, dressed as a monkey, must assemble a dream team of Notre Dame graduates in order to find Touchdown Jesus. He eventually gets Regis Philbin, Rudy Ruttiger and Joe Montana as the core of his team, and appearances from Gold medal winner Marial Zugunis and the disgraced Paul Hornung.

The quest to find Touchdown Jesus takes the group around the Notre Dame campus, mocking the game "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?"

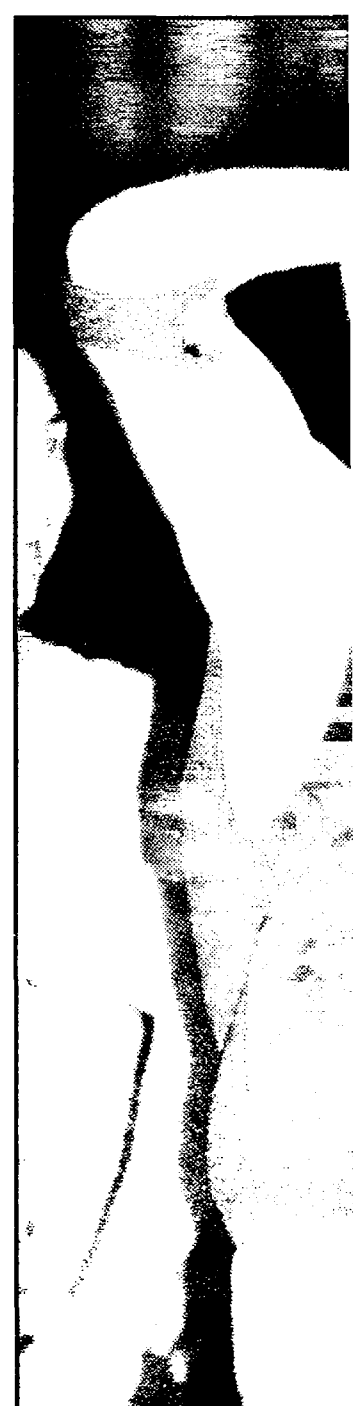
Few groups on campus emerge unscathed from the rally. Flipside, engineers and Latin Expressions have their moments. Dorms like Knott, Siegfried, Zahm, BP and Lyons all have jokes made at their expense. Even slightly less obvious targets like the NDSP, the dining hall workers and the grounds crew can't escape being made fun of.

A game show called "Where in the World is Jesus of Nazareth?" proves to be the turning point



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Touchdown Jesus, the beloved mural on the Hesburgh library, was brought to life in the Dillon pep rally. His supposed disappearance formed the basis of many of the skits performed during the evening.



Men of Dillon Hall dress in costumes for a wild party. The pep rally is a tradition of life, and the various costumes are a key part of the event.

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for finding Jesus. After Father Paul Doyle, Dillon's rector, must exit his post as the show's host in order to do his traditional stage dive, the show takes on a "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" feel thanks to Regis taking over as host. Notre Dame's finest must face Michigan's "finest," including Chris Webber, Jim Abbott and a dumb new football recruit. Rudy wins the game by default, and Jesus is revealed to be boycotting Taco Bell, referencing the ongoing student campaign doing that led a boycott in support of better wages for migrant workers. Only after a Jackson Five medley, a dance routine and a change of heart by Michigan's coach are things finally resolved.

True to Notre Dame football tradition, three-fourths of the way through the game, Officer Joe McCarthy of the NDSP made his standard announcement. This time, though, the message wasn't about drinking and driving, but instead told fans to stay fired up because Michigan wouldn't be able to take the heat.

Along with the skits, there was a spirited appearance by Crackhead, the Dillon Hall alumnus famous for breaking plates on his head to music during the pep rally.

The Dillon Hall pep rally gives the campus a chance to have a laugh at its own expense, as well as that of their football rivals, before the football season moves into high gear and people start to get serious about the games.



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ess up as questionably attired "Zahm boys" having
o rally makes jokes about many aspects of student
dorms on the Notre Dame campus are no exception.



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Above, hosts acting as newscasters keep the action of the pep rally moving with jokes. Below, two Dillon Hall members assume the roles of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr and his new recruit. The rally boosts school spirit for the upcoming football season.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Benson, Mets halt Marlins' winning streak at nine games

Associated Press

MIAMI — Kris Benson looked like a money pitcher Thursday, helping the New York Mets put an end to three streaks.

Rejuvenated after skipping one turn in the rotation, Benson gained some leverage in ongoing contract talks by pitching a shutout into the seventh inning, and struggling New York cooled off the Florida Marlins, 4-0.

The Mets snapped an 11-game losing streak while stopping the Marlins' franchise record-tying nine-game winning streak. New York also ended a run of 10 consecutive losses to Florida.

"Kris gave us exactly what we needed — a bunch of zeros on the board," Mets manager Art Howe said.

Benson (11-11) had been idle since Aug. 29 while nursing a sore shoulder. He can become a free agent after this season and has been talking with the Mets about a multiyear deal.

"As far as negotiations are concerned, it has been pretty quiet," he said. "I think they've been waiting to see that my arm's not going to fall off when I go out and pitch, which is smart.

At the same time, I knew nothing would happen ... so hopefully things will pick up and we'll be able to get things done in a hurry."

Benson limited Florida to five hits and a walk in six-plus innings. He improved to 3-3 since joining New York, with an ERA of 6.43.

"One start off did wonders," he said. "I came into today with a lot of confidence knowing that I had some rest, and my arm felt great."

Pittsburgh 3, Houston 1

A pitcher needs to be nearly flawless to have a chance of beating the Houston Astros these days. Oliver Perez was that and more.

Perez ended the Astros' 12-game winning streak with the most dominating start of his

short career, striking out 14 in the Pittsburgh Pirates' 3-1 victory Thursday in the first game of a doubleheader.

"It's the best game of my career," said Perez, who started against Houston only because the Pirates were rained out Wednesday against Milwaukee. "When I found out [he would oppose Houston], I said, 'That's fine.'"

The Astros had scored at least five runs in each game of a winning streak that matched the franchise high and was the longest in the NL since Atlanta won 15 in a row in 2000. Houston, which averaged nine runs during its streak, began the day with a slim lead in the NL wild-card race.

Perez (10-8) allowed three hits, an unearned run and walked one over eight innings in joining Bob Veale as only the pitchers in the Pirates' 118-season history to strike out 200 in a season. After his career-high 14 Thursday, Perez has 212. Veale struck out 200 or more four times, last doing so in 1969.

Houston 9, Pittsburgh 2

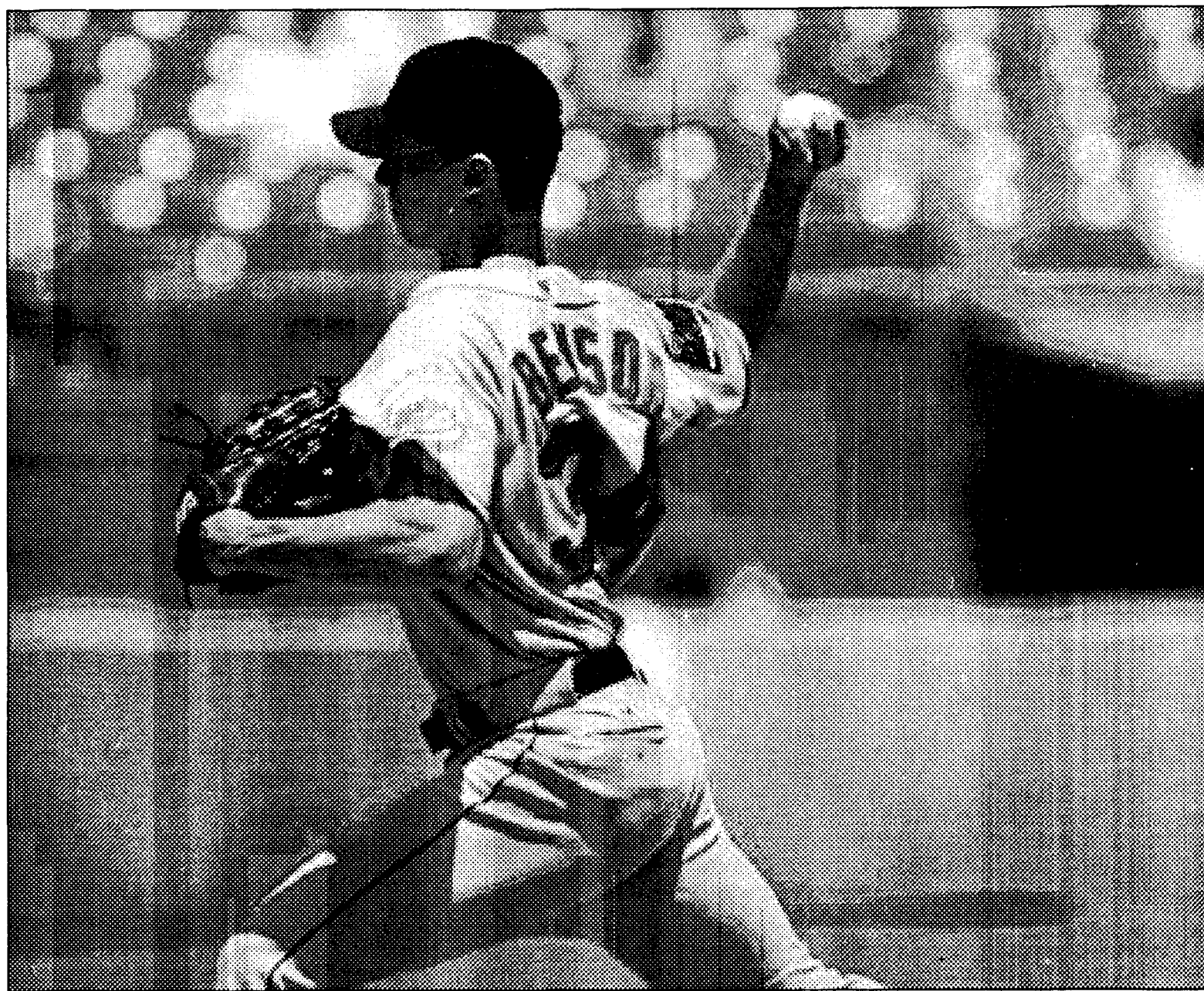
Because Josh Fogg didn't resemble Oliver Perez, the Houston Astros again look a team that's going to be hard to stop in September.

Jeff Bagwell, Brad Ausmus and Lance Berkman drove in two runs each and the Astros shook off Perez's dominance in the opener, beating Pittsburgh 9-2 Thursday night for their 13th victory in 14 games and a doubleheader split.

In the first game, Perez ended Houston's 12-game winning streak with the most dominating start of his short career, striking 14 in a 3-1 victory — the Astros' only loss since Aug. 26.

The Astros averaged nine-plus runs during their franchise-record tying winning streak and quickly returned to form by scoring nine in the second game.

The Astros won their 16th in 18 games and 21st in 25 games



Met Kris Benson throws a pitch against the Marlins Thursday afternoon. Benson yielded five hits and one walk in six-plus innings to help New York break Florida's nine-game winning streak.

and are tied with the Giants for the NL wild-card lead, despite trailing by seven games only three weeks ago.

"We needed the second game in a big way," Craig Biggio said.

Fogg (9-10) didn't offer nearly the challenge Perez did, giving Houston a gift run with a balk while allowing eight runs and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings.

"The win's important to us because we're in the pennant race," manager Phil Garner said. "The second thing is we want to keep driving, and to keep driving you want to keep winning. You don't want any letdowns."

Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 2

Wes Helms' swing is starting to come around after knee sur-

gery two months ago.

Helms hit a grand slam and Brady Clark had four hits against his former team, leading the Brewers over the Cincinnati Reds 7-2.

"My timing was off," said Helms, who didn't play in Milwaukee's last four games. "That's why I work so hard before the game with [hitting coach] Butch [Wynegar]. We're wearing him out. All the hard work is paying off, especially in my situation. I'm pulling the ball with authority now and not getting sawed off on inside pitches."

Doug Davis (11-10) tied his career high for wins with his first victory in seven starts since July 30.

He allowed six hits and two runs with no walks in six innings.

He was 0-1 with a 2.81 ERA and five no-decisions since his last win.

Davis also had 11 wins for Texas in 2001.

"It was frustrating, but I didn't feel any pressure," Davis said. "I thought I was pitching well, and the team was playing well behind me. We just weren't scoring any runs."

Wily Mo Pena homered for the Reds, who have lost four straight and nine of 10.

The score was 2-all when Bill Hall drew a leadoff walk from Gabe White (1-2) in the fifth. Hall stole second and scored on Clark's double to left.

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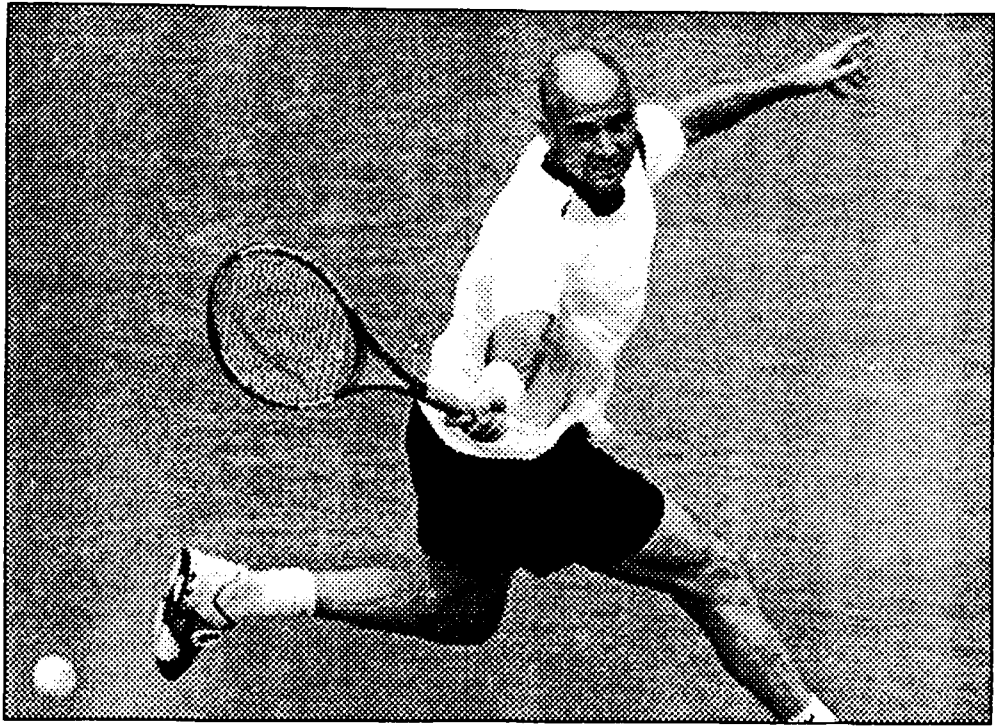
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Does Tony Pena still think the Royals can win the division? Wouldn't surprise me...



AP
Andre Agassi makes a return volley against Roger Federer in the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York Thursday.

U.S. OPEN

Federer edges Agassi in five sets

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andre Agassi sat alone, starting blankly at an Arthur Ashe Stadium doorway, the silence punctured by the rustling leaves on nearby trees.

Soon, he'd walk through that exit, his U.S. Open done with a 6-3, 2-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 loss Thursday to top-ranked Roger Federer in a quarterfinal suspended by rain early in the fourth set the night before and

wrapped up in the worst of swirling winds.

In those idle moments on a lobby bench, there was plenty for the 34-year-old Agassi to contemplate. The immediate past: How did that match slip away?

And the future: How much longer do I want to put in the work it takes to compete?

"My game plan is to play until I can't do it," Agassi said. "I certainly want to be able to assess my level of play, and at

some point my level of play will dictate my decisions. But as of right now, I'm trying to win tournaments, and I believe that with that focus, I can still do that."

The eight-time major champion certainly gave Federer all he could handle, stretching a man 11 years his junior to the limit. It wasn't gorgeous tennis, but it couldn't possibly be with gusts approaching 40 mph.

Picked up by the chair umpire's microphone, the wind provided a thunderous bassline to a soundtrack that included the ruffling of shirts and empty cups clattering in the stands. Towels flew off changeover chairs, and a let was called when a silver hot dog wrapper slid by Federer's feet during a rally.

With a point here and there making the difference, Federer was superb, breaking Agassi in the next-to-last game and displaying the win-the-big-ones instinct he's developed.

The Wimbledon and Australian Open champion has won 10 straight tournament finals; he's 15-0 against top 10 players since November.

Federer's first U.S. Open semifinal will be against another player never this far at Flushing Meadows: No. 5 Tim Henman, who beat No. 22 Dominik Hrbaty 6-1, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.

On the other side of the draw, 2001 Open champion Lleyton Hewitt overwhelmed Tommy Haas 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 to set up a semifinal against defending champ Andy Roddick or No. 28 Joachim Johansson, who played at night.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yankees win both games of doubleheader, extend lead

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The rain stayed away — and so did the fans — but the runs came early Thursday for the New York Yankees.

The Yankees scored five times in the first two innings, Mike Mussina pitched eight sharp innings for his first win in more than 10 weeks and New York beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 10-5 in the first game of a doubleheader.

Alex Rodriguez, Gary Sheffield and Hideki Matsui each drove in two runs for the Yankees, who have won four in a row and entered the day two games ahead of Boston in the AL East. The Red Sox played at Seattle late Thursday night.

With the threat of heavy rain in the forecast and a mid-afternoon start time, only a few hundred fans were in the stands when the doubleheader started. A nearly empty Yankee Stadium more resembled a Montreal Expos home game with the fans' individual cheers and shouts clearly audible — as well as each crack of the bat.

The teams played two games because Wednesday's doubleheader was rained out.

The first game Wednesday was supposed to be a makeup of Monday's doubleheader that was changed to a single night game when the Devil Rays were unable to get to New York in time for Game 1 due to Hurricane Frances.

Mussina (10-9) allowed one run, four hits, struck out six and walked none to win for the first time since June 27.

He had lost five straight decisions, the longest slump of his career.

New York 10, Tampa Bay 5

The New York Yankees turned a long day into a productive one — at the plate and in the AL East standings.

Gary Sheffield and Tony Clark each drove in two runs during a seven-run second inning, and New York completed a doubleheader sweep of the sinking Tampa Bay Devil Rays with a victory Thursday night.

"Doubleheaders are so tough to win," manager Joe Torre said. "I don't care what time of year it is, everything has to break right. I think we realized that we're at the time of year now that we have to win every game."

The Yankees won all four games in the rain-shortened series and have won five in a row overall.

They extended their AL East lead over Boston by at least a half-game, the first time

they've increased the margin since Aug. 23.

The Red Sox, trailing by three games, played at Seattle late Thursday night.

"You can't worry about Boston unless you're playing Boston," Derek Jeter said. "The bottom line is they can't catch us if we're winning."

Mike Mussina threw eight sharp innings in a 9-1 victory in the opener, which started with just a few hundred fans in the stands. Yankee Stadium filled up a bit more for the nightcap, with the paid attendance announced as 41,230.

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The first game Wednesday was supposed to be a makeup of Monday's doubleheader that was changed to a single night game when the Devil Rays were unable to get to New York in time for Game 1 due to Hurricane Frances.

It was still uncertain when or if the unplayed game would be made up.

Chicago 7, Texas 3

After Mark Buehrle snagged the liner headed back at his face in the first inning, it was just another routine outing for the Chicago White Sox left-hander against Texas.

He beat the Rangers again.

Buehrle (14-8) threw a three-hitter for his second complete game of the season, leading the White Sox to a 7-3 win over slumping Texas on Thursday night.

"I had everything working ... my curveball, my breaking pitches. My cutter was probably the best it's been all year," he said. "I had movement on my pitches, was hitting my spots and getting ahead in the count."

Two of the hits allowed by Buehrle were homers, and his streak of 18 straight innings against Texas without giving up an earned run ended.

But he improved to 6-0 with a 2.56 ERA in nine career appearances (six starts) against the Rangers. On his tremendous catch, Buehrle didn't even see the ball go into his glove.

"I couldn't tell you where it was going," he said.

Rangers leadoff hitter Eric Young hit a liner right back at Buehrle, who put his head down and his glove up.

"That's a good reaction not to get hit in the face," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said. "He covers his position better than a lot of people. That's why he didn't get killed."

Paul Konerko and Joe Crede homered for the White Sox,

who have won six of seven.

Texas lost for the ninth time in 11 games, dropping six games behind AL West-leading Oakland.

Kansas City 26, Detroit 5

Joe Randa wore himself out.

He had six hits and tied a major league record by scoring six times Thursday, helping the Kansas City Royals break a club mark for runs in a rout of the Detroit Tigers in the first game of a doubleheader.

Randa had five singles and a double, but he wasn't in the starting lineup for the second game.

"He's awfully tired from running the bases," Royals manager Tony Pena cracked.

Randa also had two RBIs in a game in which the Royals matched an American League record by putting 13 straight runners on base in an 11-run third inning.

It was the most runs allowed by the Tigers in a nine-inning game — Detroit allowed 24 runs twice. Randa also became the first AL player to have six hit and six runs in the same nine-inning game.

"I'm just glad we can get right out there for the second game," said Rondell White, who homered for Detroit. "After a game like that, you want to be back on the field as fast as you can."

The Royals had 26 hits against five Tigers pitchers. Angel Berroa had a three-run homer and career-high five RBIs, and Alberto Castillo knocked in a career-best four runs.

Zack Greinke (8-9) got the win, allowing three runs in five innings as the Royals improved to 11-7 against the Tigers this season.

"They've got a real good team, but we play our best baseball against them," Pena said.

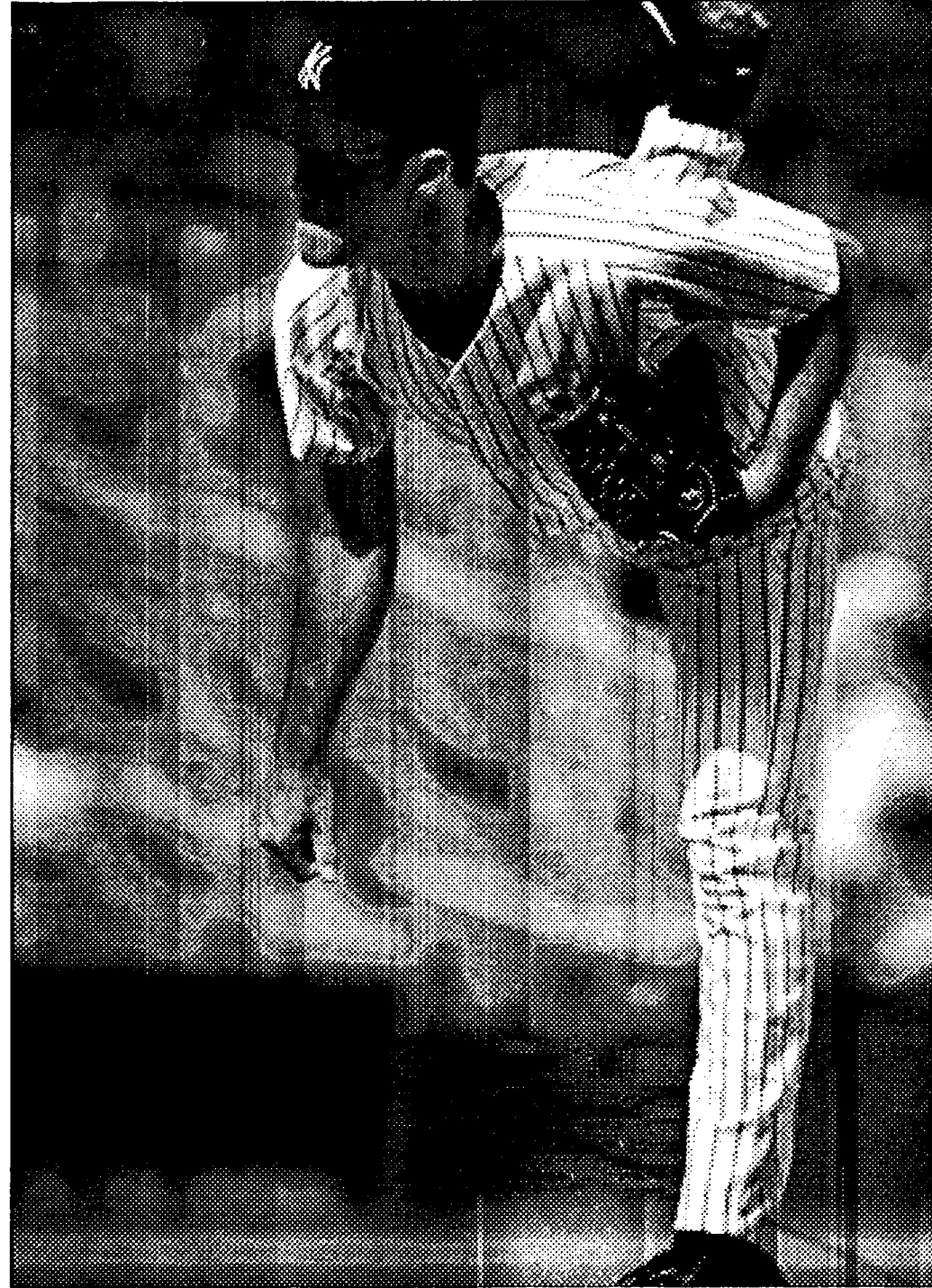
Jason Johnson (8-13) dropped to 0-5 in his last seven starts, allowing 11 runs — nine earned — in 2 1/3 innings.

Kevin Seitzer was the last Kansas City player with six hits in a game, on Aug. 2, 1987, and Shawn Green was the last major leaguer to score six times, on May 23, 2002.

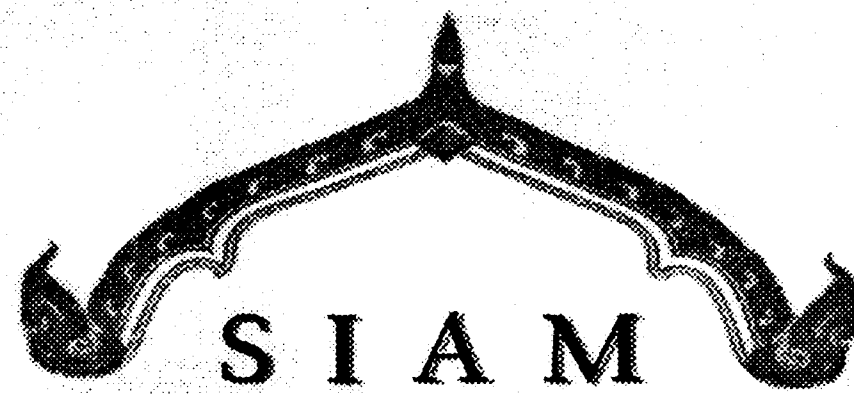
The previous Royals' record for runs scored in a game was 23, against Minnesota on April 6, 1974.

The major league record for a nine-inning game is 29 runs by the Boston Red Sox against St. Louis on June 8, 1950.

The Royals added five more runs in the sixth, including their first homer of the game, a three-run shot by Berroa.



Yankees pitcher Mike Mussina delivers a pitch against the Devil Rays Thursday. New York won both games of a doubleheader.



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West coast baseball teams all in contention

All five California teams in race to reach playoffs

Associated Press

Come October, bouncing beach balls, the wave, designer shades and SPF30 sunblock could be standard fare at ballparks.

From the Golden Gate down to Disneyland, from Chavez Ravine to San Diego Bay, there's a buzz along the California coast.

Because for the first time, all five of the state's major league teams are in playoff contention deep into the season.

"Baseball is alive and well on the West Coast," Anaheim Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

The Los Angeles Dodgers have been atop the NL West most of the season, with San Francisco and San Diego never far behind.

Oakland has set the pace in the AL West, with Anaheim keeping up the pressure. The wild card possibilities increase the suspense.

"It's huge, it's exciting," said the Padres' Dave Hansen, formerly of the Dodgers. "It's definitely good for the state."

California dreamin', for sure.

Unlike past years, none of the state's teams have been reduced to playing spoiler in September.

"What's exciting is that there's some really good baseball being played out here, and the fan support has been outstanding," said Scioscia, a longtime Dodgers catcher.

The Padres' Rich Aurilia, who formerly played for San

Francisco, noted that either the Giants, Dodgers or Padres usually were competing for playoff berths at this time of year — but not all at the same time.

"And Oakland and Anaheim, the past few years, have really picked it up. So it's weird to see five teams in the race, all either leading or within three or four games," Aurilia said. "It's a good time to be a baseball fan in California."

Spinning turnstiles back that up.

The Dodgers, Giants and Angels are on track to top 3 million in attendance, as should the Padres, who already have drawn record crowds to new Petco Park.

The A's expect to draw about 2.2 million, same as when they made the playoffs last season but lost in the first round for the third consecutive year.

Even in laid-back Southern California, where it's fashionable to arrive in the third inning and be back in the fast lane by the seventh, it seems more fans have been in their seats from the first pitch to the last.

"I think the reason we've been doing so well is because the fans have been showing up and supporting us," Dodgers pitcher Jose Lima said.

The Athletics' Eric Byrnes, a Giants fan when he was growing up in the Bay Area, sees the same thing.

"This does have a lot of fans excited," he said.

The schedule should make the regular season's final days that much more exciting — most of the remaining games match California teams against each other.

The A's, featuring a fine starting staff headed by Mark Mulder and Tim Hudson, face the Vladimir Guerrero-led Angels in six of the last 10 games, with the final three closing out the regular season in Oakland.

The Dodgers and MVP candidate Adrian Beltre meet the Barry Bonds-powered Giants six of their last 10, including a three-game series on the final weekend.

The upstart Padres, with Mark Loretta helping lead their surge, play the Giants six times in the final two weeks and have seven games left against the division-leading Dodgers.

"There's a lot of great baseball left to be played in California this season," Scioscia said.

Maybe too many intense games are coming up, Lima joked.

"Right now it's getting a little out of hand," he said. "These next few weeks probably will be huge for everybody."

Not everyone is thrilled about the jam at the top. San Francisco assistant general manager Ned Colletti believes even three's a crowd.

"At the end of the day, I don't think, 'It's great that there are five teams in California in the race.' I wish two of them weren't in the race, actually," he said, alluding to the Giants' NL West counterparts in Southern California.

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	88-52	.629	6-4	-
Boston	84-54	.609	9-1	3.0
Baltimore	64-74	.464	7-3	23.0
Tampa Bay	59-79	.428	1-9	28.0
Toronto	58-81	.417	5-5	29.5

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	79-60	.568	7-3	-
Chicago	71-68	.511	7-3	8.0
Cleveland	69-71	.493	4-6	10.5
Detroit	64-74	.464	3-7	14.5
Kansas City	50-89	.360	4-6	29.0

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	81-58	.583	5-5	-
Anaheim	79-59	.572	5-5	1.5
Texas	75-64	.540	1-8	6.0
Seattle	51-87	.370	3-7	29.5

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	81-58	.583	6-3	-
Florida	72-63	.533	9-1	7.0
Philadelphia	71-69	.507	5-4	10.5
New York	61-78	.439	0-10	20.0
Montreal	59-80	.424	3-7	22.0

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
St. Louis	93-46	.669	8-2	-
Houston	77-64	.546	10-0	17.0
Chicago	74-62	.544	5-5	17.5
Pittsburgh	64-76	.457	3-7	29.5
Cincinnati	63-76	.453	2-8	30.0
Milwaukee	61-77	.442	5-5	31.5

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	80-58	.580	5-5	-
San Francisco	77-64	.546	6-6	4.5
San Diego	74-65	.532	4-6	6.5
Colorado	60-78	.438	5-5	20.0
Arizona	42-97	.302	3-7	38.5

College Football Polls

AP

team	rank
1 USC (51)	1
2 Oklahoma (10)	2
3 Georgia (4)	3
4 Florida State	4
5 Miami	5
6 LSU	6
7 Texas	7
8 Michigan	8
9 Ohio State	9
10 West Virginia	10
11 Florida	11
12 California	12
13 Kansas State	13
14 Tennessee	14
15 Virginia	15
16 Iowa	16
17 Utah	17
18 Auburn	18
19 Missouri	19
20 Clemson	20
21 Wisconsin	21
22 Minnesota	22
23 Maryland	23
24 Oregon	24
25 Purdue	25

Coaches

team	rank
1 USC (47)	1
2 Oklahoma (10)	2
3 Georgia (3)	3
4 LSU (1)	4
5 Miami	5
6 Florida State	6
7 Michigan	7
8 Texas	8
9 Ohio State	9
10 West Virginia	10
11 Florida	11
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NFL



Indianapolis running back Edgerrin James is upended by New England linebacker Teddy Bruschi during the fourth quarter. New England defeated Indianapolis 27-24 Thursday night.

Brady leads Patriots to a 27-24 victory

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — As usual, Tom Brady was uncannily accurate as the New England Patriots moved within three wins of setting the NFL record for consecutive victories.

Still, New England's 27-24 win over Indianapolis on Thursday night wouldn't have happened if its defense hadn't awakened in the second half after being shredded for 255 yards by Peyton Manning and Edgerrin James before intermission.

Brady threw for 335 yards and three touchdowns — one each to

Deion Branch, David Patten and Daniel Graham. Corey Dillon, obtained from Cincinnati to revive the Super Bowl champions' running game, carried 16 times for 86 yards.

But the Patriots' defense bailed them out after a horrible first half, although the 446 yards they allowed were more than they gave up in any game last year.

Three times they stopped the Colts after turnovers, the second time after Branch fumbled a punt and Asante Samuel was called for pass interference to put the ball at the 1. But Eugene Wilson knocked the ball loose from James

and rookie Vince Wilfork recovered with 3 minutes, 43 seconds left, avoiding what looked like a sure touchdown.

Then Willie McGinest sacked Manning with the Colts at the Patriots 18, forcing Mike Vanderjagt to try a 48-yard field goal instead of a chip shot. Vanderjagt, who had made 42 in a row, kicked it wide right with 24 seconds left.

"It seems all of our games with them come down to a late play, but our defense made just enough plays to win," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said.

This game was a repeat

of last season's AFC championship, a toughly played 24-14 New England win that spurred the NFL to tighten up on holding and bumping by defensive backs.

But the first flag on a defensive back didn't come until four minutes into the third quarter, when the Colts' David Thornton was called for holding one play before Brady hit Patten for a 25-yard TD to give New England a 20-17 lead.

The win was the 16th straight for New England, including the last 12 regular-season games plus two playoff games and the Super Bowl last season.

IN BRIEF

Kahne wins Busch pole

RICHMOND, Va. — Impressive rookie Kasey Kahne started what he hopes will be an uplifting weekend Thursday night, winning his first pole of the season in 22 tries in NASCAR's Busch Series.

Kahne, 24, a five-time runner-up in the Nextel Cup series this season, turned a lap at 127.678 mph on the three-quarter-mile Richmond International Raceway, edging Kyle Busch for the top position.

Kahne is hoping it's only the start at Richmond, where Friday night's Emerson 250 is just a warmup for Saturday night's Chevy Rock & Roll 400.

Kahne will start that Nextel Cup race ninth in the points, trying to stay in the top 10 and keep his spot in the sport's 10-race playoff.

"Getting the pole is definitely a big deal to me," he said.

"If it will help our Cup race on Saturday — it wouldn't hurt it. I think it will help a little bit with what

the track does. I'll know that."

Busch, meantime, has his own points goal — closing a 95-point deficit to Busch leader Martin Truex Jr. in the series' last nine races.

Busch got off to a good start with a lap at 127.179 mph.

"We didn't quite get it the way we needed to to have a pole-winning run," Busch said.

"That's all right. Kasey Kahne, he ran an awesome lap. I didn't think we were going to be able to beat him anyway."

Truex will start seventh, only three rows behind.

"It's nice to outqualify your main competition, but I just kind of go about it every week the same way," Busch said. "We've got to do our job."

Busch won here in the spring and will drive the same car Friday night in the Emerson 250.

This is the third of four races here this weekend.

The first two were Thursday night.

Warner eager to make Giants debut against Eagles

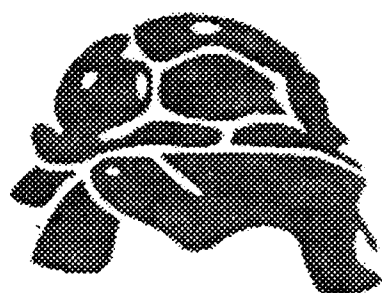
PHILADELPHIA — Kurt Warner traded in his clipboard and baseball cap for a helmet, a football and a new uniform.

Frustrated and humbled by injuries and inactivity, the two-time NFL MVP will start his first game since last year's opener when the New York Giants visit the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

Warner hasn't won a game since beating the Eagles in the 2001 NFC championship game to send the St. Louis Rams to the Super Bowl. The stakes are much lower this time, but Warner wants to impress his new teammates.

"It's just exciting to be back on the field," said Warner, who has lost his last eight starts, including a loss to the New England Patriots in the 2001 Super Bowl.

"I'm very confident I can play at the level I've played in the past," he said.

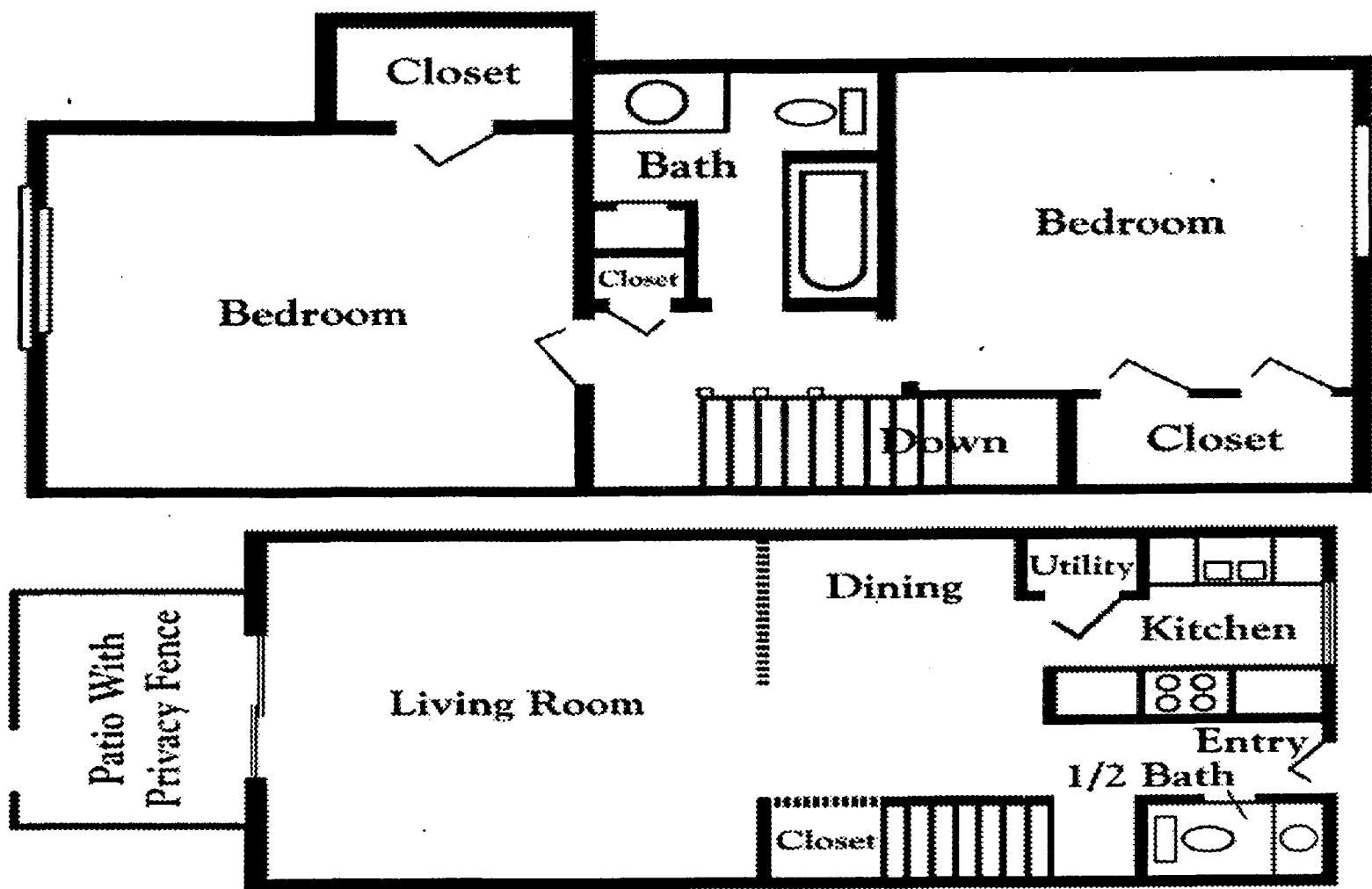


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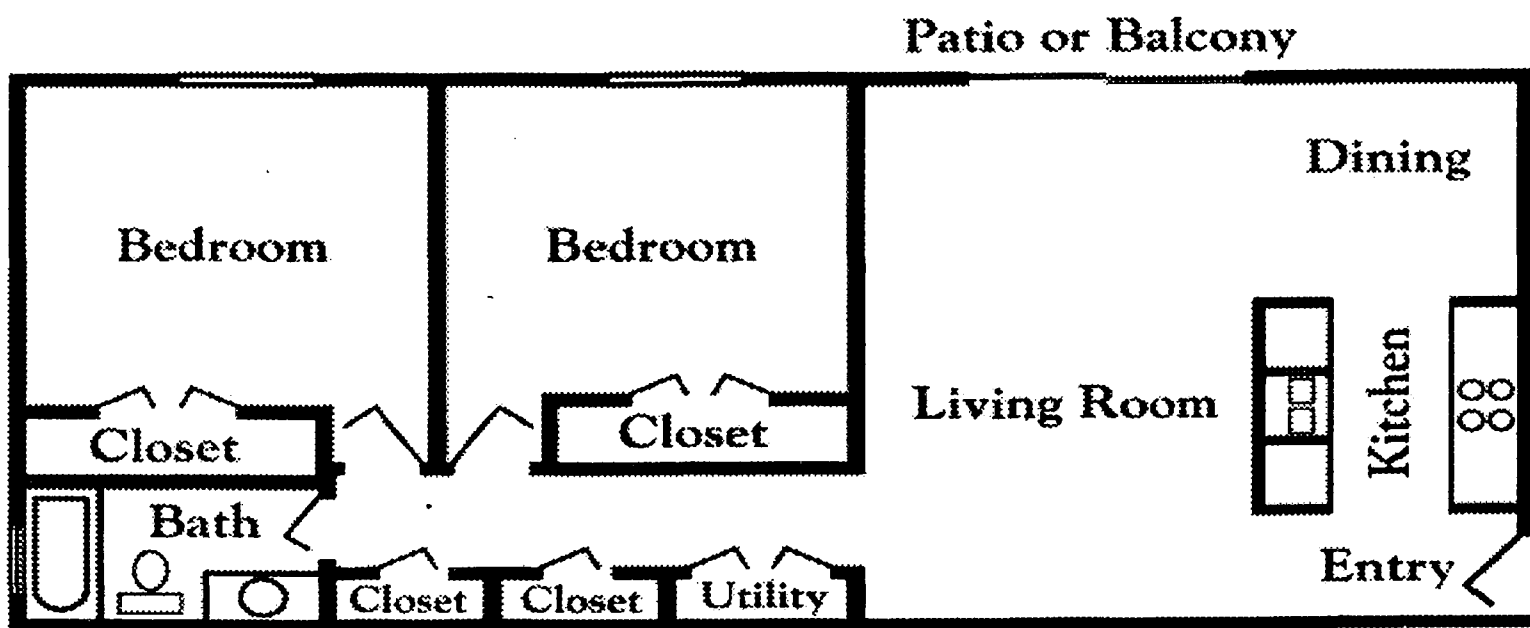
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SMC SOCCER

Saint Mary's travels to Adrian for opener

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

After months of training and practice, the only person who may be more excited than the Belles to start the season is their coach, Caryn Mackenzie.

"This is our first conference game, and we're all fired up to go out there and show what we can do," Mackenzie said. "We feel we're prepared to play; I think I'm as excited as the players are to start the season and see where this team's talent takes us."

Saint Mary's hopes to show its strengths the team travels to Adrian Saturday at 12 p.m. for their first contest against a MIAA conference team. The Belles should be favored against an Adrian team that went 1-18 last year, including two losses to Saint Mary's. Adrian only returns two seniors, while the Belles feature a strong mix of upperclassmen.

"We're a very heavy senior team with seven seniors, and I think those players will play a big role in providing leadership," said Mackenzie.

One of those players is captain Jen Concannon, who scored two goals in the Belles' 3-2 overtime win against the University of St. Francis (Ind.) on Tuesday and will look to lead the offense this Saturday. Although Mackenzie recognizes Concannon as a dominant force on the field, she is quick to stress how skilled the entire team is.

"Across the board, this is one of the most talented teams in Saint Mary's history. From the seniors all the way down to the freshmen,

it's a good mixture of upperclassmen and underclassmen."

Perhaps the only thing more impressive than the team's talent is the amount of unity it has displayed.

"The best thing I could say about this team is that they've had so many coaching changes, and to see the cohesion among the team, on the field and amongst themselves, is just phenomenal," Mackenzie said. "It definitely speaks volumes about the kind of people they are."

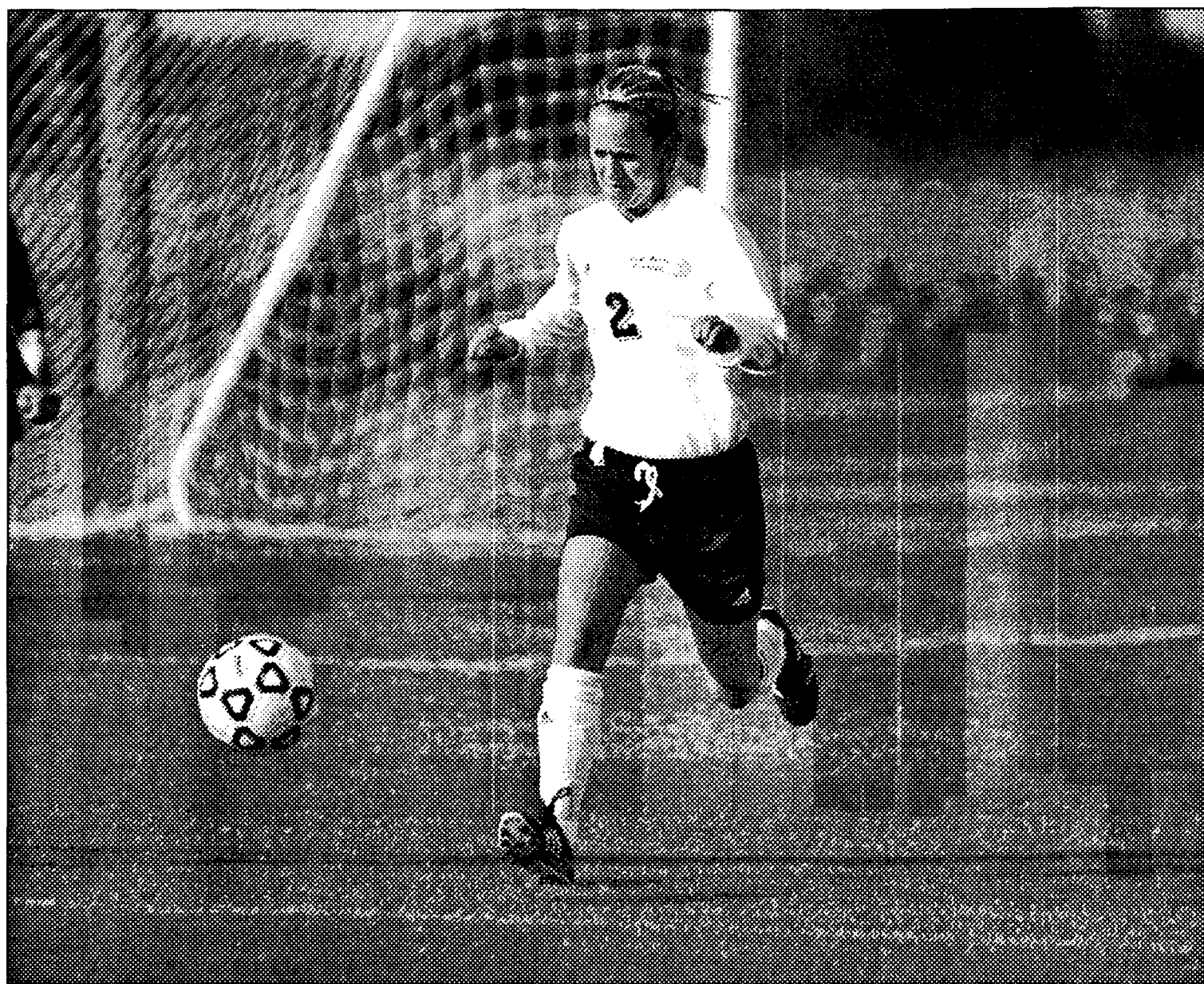
It has been that type of unity that has also allowed the Belles to welcome a new coach so easily. After coaching at Adams High School in South Bend for the past 10 years, Mackenzie made the jump to the college level for the first time to lead Saint Mary's this year.

"As my first experience with a college team, it's just been phenomenal," Mackenzie said. "They've embraced the changes I've made, and they've all been very excited about it. I think I'll learn as much from them as they'll learn from me."

With such a talented team, the Belles have set the bar high for this year, looking to capture the MIAA title. Although Saint Mary's is cautiously optimistic about Saturday's game, they know their task won't be easy. Mackenzie feels her team's talent and unity give them a great chance.

"We've got a lot of potential, and I'm going to really enjoy seeing what we can put together as a team this year," she said.

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Observer File Photo

Belle Katie Noble brings the ball up the field in a 4-0 victory over Kalamazoo College last October. Saint Mary's will travel to Adrian for its first conference game this season.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles set to battle conference rivals

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles will play two games against conference opponents today in the Saint Mary's Triangular.

Calvin faces off against Saint Mary's beginning at 4 p.m. Then four hours later Tri-State gets its chance to play the Belles to end an intense day of volleyball action.

Calvin currently resides in third place in the MIAA with an overall record of 5-1 and a conference mark of 1-0. Meanwhile, Tri-State is in the same position as the Belles, still searching for its win as they come into tonight's match 0-6 and 0-2 in conference play. Only Saint Mary's has a worse record, having already dropped three games to conference teams.

Last year during the Triangular, the Belles found much success as they went on to defeat both Kalamazoo and Tri-State University. However, this season they are coming into the contest still winless and facing a tough opponent in Calvin.

"Our main focus is to just go into the game and fun," Rupright said.

During the 2003 regular season, the Knights defeated the Belles in a nailbiter. In five tough games, Calvin barely slipped by Saint Mary's, winning 15-13. In their two matches versus Tri-State, Saint Mary's went undefeated, sweeping them in both matches.

If the girls come out ready to play tonight, they will have a very good shot at capturing their first victory of the year, especially having performed exceptionally well against the Thunder in recent games. Once again, team communication and getting off to a fast start will be very important.

"Since the season started, we have had more games than practices," said Rupright. "We haven't had time to fix the problems that we need to."

Following Friday's games, the Belles will get a break, not having to play again until Tuesday against Bethel.

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Cal-Poly

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against Fresno State and then play matches Saturday against Sacramento State and tournament-host Cal-Poly.

After playing a pair of matches against No. 2 Nebraska last weekend, this might be a relative break in the schedule. None of this weekend's opponents are in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Top 25.

But Brown isn't taking anything for granted.

"It's going to be tough for us this weekend," she said. "We've got to make the most of it."

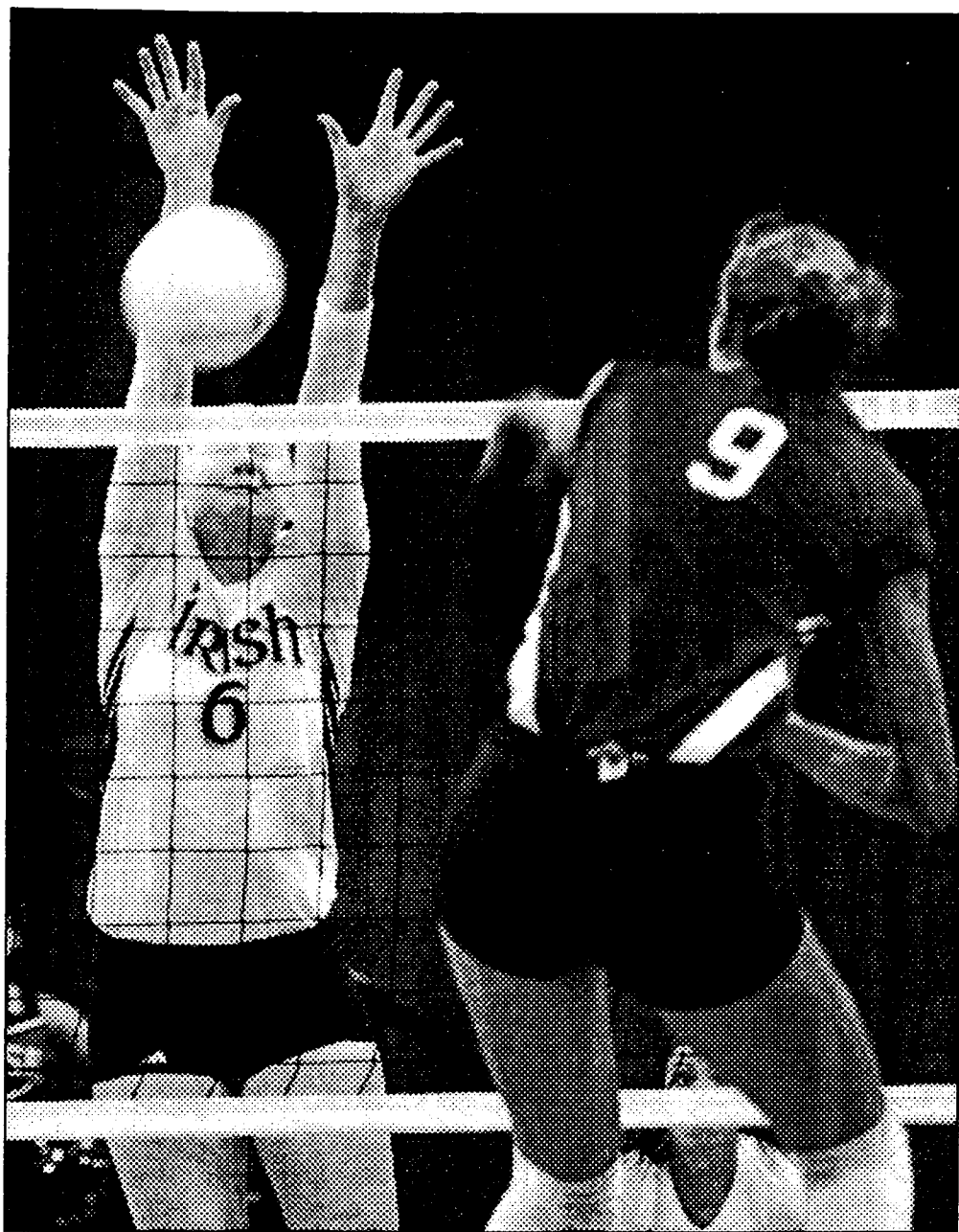
The Irish have to face defending national champions Southern California next week and would love to build up some momentum going into their showdown with the Trojans.

"Obviously we're not peaking right now," Brown said. "But we're working hard to develop this team."

There is little history between the Irish and their tournament opponents. Neither Fresno State nor Sacramento State have ever played Notre Dame. Cal-Poly has faced the Irish only once, a 3-0 Notre Dame victory in 2002.

Sacramento State might be considered the best threat to knock off Notre Dame as it has five starters back from a 23-12 team that won the Big Sky tournament in 2003. The Hornets then advanced to the NCAA Tournament where Stanford ousted them by a score of 3-0.

Fresno State also made some noise in 2003 by going 21-7 and finishing second in the



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer
Notre Dame's Lauren Kelbley blocks a Nebraska shot during the Huskers' 3-2 victory over the Irish Saturday.

Mountain West Conference. The Bulldogs return four starters including honorable mention All-American outside hitter Kristen Fenton who finished twentieth nationally in kills per game last year with an average of 5.21.

Cal-Poly, coached by former Irish assistant Steve Schlick, is the only team in the invitational

that had a losing record in 2003 as the Mustangs went 13-16 and finished eighth in the Big West. Middle blocker Nicole Bertotti returns to help bolster a squad that finished ninth nationally with a 3.14 blocking average.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish set to open season in Toledo

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is set to kick off its 2004-05 campaign.

Coach John Jasinski, who signed a contract extension in the offseason to continue coaching the Irish, will lead a strong Notre Dame team into the Inverness Intercollegiate Tournament in Toledo, Ohio this weekend. The field will feature 13 teams, including Michigan State and host Toledo.

The event will be held at the prestigious Inverness Club, which has previously played host to four U.S. Open championships. The Irish, who were last season's Big East champions, begin the season ranked 92nd in the Golfweek/Sagarin Index. The Irish hope to improve from that initial ranking this season.

With the lineup they have, strong improvement is a definite goal. The Irish return all eight monogram winners from last year's team, including all five golfers who competed in the NCAA Regionals.

Three freshmen, Mike King, Eddie Peckels and Greg Rodgers, will also join the

team. Rodgers and Peckels both were ranked in the top-50 as high school golfers.

Despite their skills, the freshmen may struggle to see competition this season. Juniors Tommy Balderston and Eric Deutsch and sophomore Cole Isban all garnered All-Big East selections last season.

Senior Steve Colnitis and junior Scott Gustafson, who was an all-Big East selection two seasons ago, captain the team.

The Irish did a lot of work over the summer, and that work should pay dividends this season. Isban came within two strokes of qualifying for match play at the 2004 U.S. Amateur Championship. Deutsch and Gustafson finished 1-2 in both the Minnesota State Amateur Championship and the Twin Cities Amateur Championship. The Irish hope to begin building on those successes this weekend.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Friday, with two rounds being played that day. Play will resume Saturday at 2 p.m. for the third and final round.

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Meet

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2003 NCAA championship meet.

Also, Connelly has decided to give less-experienced runners a chance to compete so the Irish will not have their top eight runners in the race.

Two key runners who will be absent from the race include senior Lauren King and junior Molly Huddle.

King has captured All-American honors three years in row while Huddle finished seventh at the United States Olympic Trials.

Instead, sophomores Katie DeRusso, Jennifer Richard and Brianne Schmidt along with freshmen Kathleen Coverick and Alyson Parker will have a chance to gain valuable experience.

"We've got some kids that, with time, are going to contribute," Connelly said.

After a disappointing eighth-place finish in last season's Great Lake Regional — the qualifying tournament for the NCAA championship meet — the men's cross country team will take another shot at the NCAA championship this season.

With the loss of senior Todd Mobley, the Irish will rely on upcoming juniors and sophomores to carry the load.

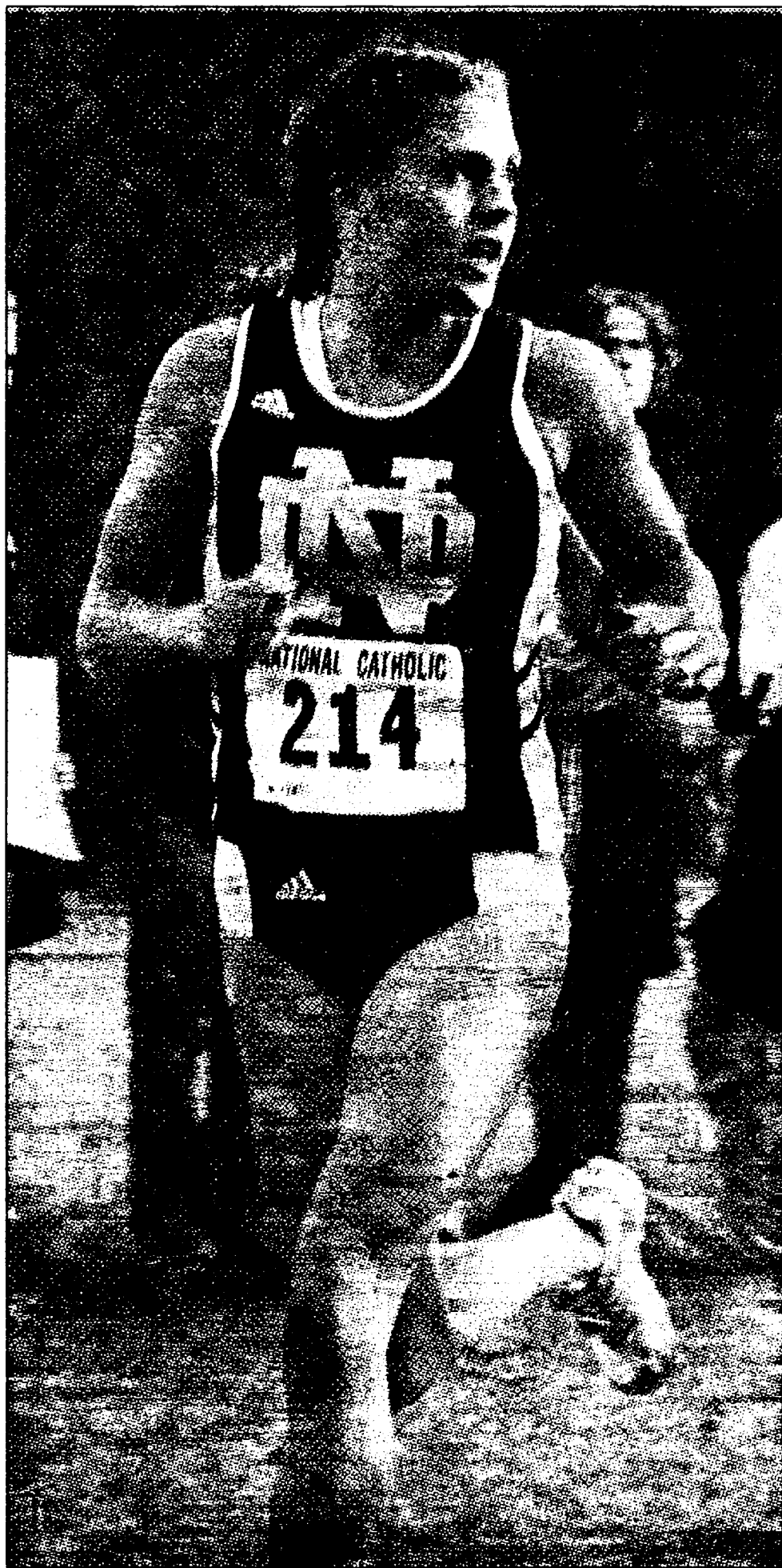
Like the women's team, the men will not be sending their top runners to the Crusader Invitational.

Veterans from last season like seniors Eric Morrison and Sean O'Donnell will miss the invitational along with juniors Kaleb VanOrt and Tim Moore.

However, the seven Irish runners competing today have fared well previously at the Crusader.

Among them are junior Austin Weaver who finished fifth in the Invitational last year and A.J. Andrassy who placed eighth.

With neither the men's or women's team sending their best runners, the Valparaiso Invitational serves to build



Observer File Photo

Irish runner Kerry Meagher participates in the National Catholic Invitational last year at Notre Dame.

the team in preparation for the more critical races.

"The big focus is on the Big East, regionals and nationals," Connelly said. "That's the main focus."

The women will race today at 5 p.m. and the men start at 5:45 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish travel to Mich. for meet

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will be back in action this weekend, traveling to compete in Ann Arbor, Mich., in the prestigious Lady Northern Invitational.

This will be the second straight weekend in which the Irish have competed, as the team comes off of a third-place finish at the Notre Dame Invitational.

At the Invitational, they set the best mark ever by a Notre Dame women's team in competition at Warren Golf Course, beating the previous mark by 24 strokes.

Notre Dame will join the entire Big Ten Conference in the field of 12 and the group will be led by two top 25 teams, No. 5 Ohio State and No. 19 Michigan State. This weekend will be the first time Notre Dame has competed in the Invitational.

"It's a pretty prestigious event to be invited to," coach Debby King said.

With that prestige, as well as the strength of the field in mind, King has set modest goals for the weekend.

"We're shooting for sixth or better," King said. "At the same time, you always believe in the back of your mind that you can win; you don't go into a tournament without thinking that."

We're aiming to break 305 each round and let the chips fall."

The tournament will run all day Saturday and Sunday. It will be conducted in the "six-count-four" format, meaning six golfers will compete for each team, with the top four scores counting for the final team score.

Senior Karen Lotta, who broke the Warren Golf Course single-round record on her way to a second-place finish last weekend, will lead the team this weekend, along with junior co-captain Katie Brophy, sophomore Noriko Nakazaki, junior Lauren Gebauer and sophomore Stacy Brown.

In what says great things about the depth of the Irish team, four of the remaining five golfers are competing for the final spot. Senior Casey Rotella and junior co-captain Suzie Hayes were both fighting for the last spot, along with freshmen Jane Lee and Alejandra Diaz-Calderon.

King will choose one of them to join the team in Ann Arbor shortly before the team leaves. Because of the depth of talent on the team, King's job gets difficult before these tournaments.

"It's going to be tough to get the top five or six of our ten players each weekend," she said.

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Unfortunately, it is on the road for us."

Last season when the two teams faced each other, Arizona State took an early lead in the first half. The Irish needed a late rally in the first half and a goal in the second half to secure the win. Waldrum is hoping his team can continue its dominance on the field and not allow Arizona State to take an early advantage like last year. After the Irish face the Sun Devils, they travel to Lubbock, Texas to play Texas Tech. At Texas Tech, the Irish must adapt to playing on a much smaller field than Alumni Field. Most fields are 75 by 115 yards, but Texas Tech plays on a 68 by 100 yard surface.

Waldrum is looking at this trip as an opportunity for his team to improve.

"I scheduled this trip because it is important to get the team in environments they are not used to in order to prepare them for the playoffs," Waldrum said. "But it is going to make us a better team at the end of the season."

The team's confidence has shown in several of its lopsided victories against the nation's top programs. Notre Dame's 5-2 win against No. 4 Santa Clara exemplifies both the talent and determination that the Irish possess. These qualities, in conjunction with a can-do attitude, make for a solid squad capable of competing with any team.

"We respect everybody we play, but we went into the games confident," Waldrum said. "There is no reason to fear anybody."

Although the team remains self-assured, this weekend the Irish will face solid opponents in Arizona State and Texas Tech.

Leading the Irish into the weekend will be Jen Buczkowski, Kim Lorenzen and Annie Scheffer. The three are expected try and make up for

the loss of injured senior Mary Boland, whose expected return is unknown.

Waldrum said Notre Dame will continue to rely on its talent and confidence to come out on top.

"When we have confidence, we are one of the best teams," Waldrum said. "And everybody in the country looks at us that way."

Already, the team has shown glimpses of its talent, with two players earning player-of-the-week honors.

In impressive victories against No. 4 Santa Clara and No. 13 Stanford, junior forward Katie Thorlakson showcased her offensive capabilities, completing the first hat trick of her career against Santa Clara. Thorlakson received the Big East offensive player of the week honor for her stellar performances.

This is the second consecutive week she has earned this accolade, a first for an Irish player.

Waldrum praised Thorlakson for

her team-oriented attitude.

"She is a very competitive player who wants to score goals for the team," Waldrum said. "But she really wants the team to be successful and that is what makes her special."

In addition to Thorlakson's honor, fifth-year defender Melissa Trancredi also earned the Big East Defensive Player of the Week honor this week. Trancredi received this honor after the Irish allowed only two goals and 11 shots against two highly-ranked opponents.

Despite the success the team has found early this season, the Irish are aware of the challenges each opponent brings. After an early exit in last year's NCAA tournament, the team has been inspired to avenge the loss.

"There is still the disappointment of our second round loss last year lingering in the minds of several players," Waldrum said. "But I think that is what has been carrying us into the games confidently."

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"When we have confidence, we are one of the best teams."

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Irish defender Jenny Walz attempts to clear the ball away from a Santa Clara forward during Notre Dame's 5-2 win over the Broncos Sunday.

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles do well at Heidelberg

Led by Gray, Saint Mary's finishes in fourth place overall

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The two latest editions to the Belles played pivotal roles have paid immediate dividends.

Last Friday, Saint Mary's competed in the 6K Heidelberg Invitational, finishing fourth, in a field of five teams.

The Belles were led by freshman Megan Gray and transfer student Meghan Murphy, finishing first and

second respectively for the team.

"I was excited [with how we did], but there is still a lot of hard work that needs to be done," Gray said.

Joining a team full of returning veterans might have been an awkward and intimidating experience for Gray and Murphy, but it was just the opposite.

Both newcomers say their teammates have been very welcoming.

"All the girls have been really helpful," Gray said. "We push each other in the workouts, but it is more about the team and not the individual."

To begin the season, coach Dave Barstis had the objec-

tive of being team-oriented rather than individual-oriented on his list of season goals. Barstis' wish is to have the top seven performers running within 45 seconds to one minute to each other.

He believes this team-oriented approach will help to both establish motivation throughout the race and to unify each member of the squad.

In the first meet of the season, the top seven runners finished within two minutes of each other. Gray, who finished first for the team and 13th overall, came in with a time of 24 minutes, 59 seconds.

Murphy finished second on the team and 19th overall in 25:37.

Also placing for the Belles were veterans Erin Nolan and Katie White, who finished third and fourth for the team.

The team finished fourth with a score of 77 points. Sienna Heights University won the invitational with a score of 12 points, followed by Ohio Northern and Shawnee State.

Today, the Belles will be competing in the Aquinas College Invitational. Last season, the team finished sixth out of 13 teams.

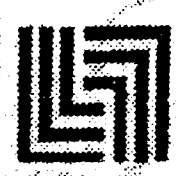
White was the Belles' top finisher at the Aquinas Invitational last year.

Despite the team's past success at this invitational, the Belles are simply approaching the meet as if it were a workout.

Each race is an opportunity to work out the mechanics of competing as one unit in preparation for the rest of the season.

"Nov. 13 is where we want to run well," Gray said. "We are just getting started."

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ness is a frequently-employed strategy, Clark is more concerned with the Irish than the team standing on the opposite sideline.

"My big thing is that I focus on us," Clark said. "I'm a great believer in this — it's always going to be what we do."

The Irish kicked off the 2004 campaign with victories against Oregon State and Boston University at the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic last Friday and Sunday, respectively.

After overcoming a quick 1-0 deficit for a 2-1 triumph over the Beavers, the Irish shutout the Terriers, 2-0, en route to Notre Dame's best start (2-0-0) in Clark's four years at the helm of men's soccer.

The Irish haven't started a season 3-0 since 1998 and 4-0 since 1987.

Oregon State didn't wait long to christen the scoreboard, finding the back of the net on a header 4:09 into the match.

"From our point of view, it was a very bad goal to lose, people not focusing on their jobs," Clark said. "It took us about 20 minutes before we calmed down. I thought we were pretty ragged, and we struggled for that opening period."

However, the Irish eventually gained control of the game, and defender Jack Stewart delivered the equalizer at the 36:11 mark, uncorking a rocket past OSU goalkeeper Jason Mariner to knot the game at 1-1.

The Irish struck again right

after halftime as forward Justin McGeeney headed home a cross from forward Nate Norman to stake the Irish to a 2-1 advantage and ultimately provide the game winner.

Playing without the first-game jitters that plagued in the Irish in the first half of last Friday's contest, Notre Dame broke a scoreless tie 33 minutes into the first half Sunday against Boston University and never looked back.

Once again, it was the All-American candidate Stewart who led the Irish charge, scoring his second goal in as many games.

Norman followed suit 15 minutes into the second half, lining a shot into the net from the top of the box for a 2-0 lead.

Standout goalkeeper Chris Sawyer recorded his first clean sheet of the season, stopping three shots in the shutout.

Sawyer, Stewart and McGeeney took home All-Tournament Team honors, though the Irish were edged by consensus No. 1 Indiana, 6-4, in total goals scored for the tournament title after both teams went undefeated (2-0) and aggregate goals were used as a tiebreaker.

"It was a solid performance," Clark said. "I thought we grew from the first performance to the second, which was positive."

Following this weekend's action, the Irish travel to Bloomington Wednesday for a much-anticipated bout with in-state rival and soccer heavyweight Indiana.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Home sweet home

Irish welcome three teams to Mike Berticelli Tournament

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame (2-0-0) hopes to build on a runner-up finish at last weekend's adidas/IU Credit Union Classic when it welcomes Evansville (1-0-1), Cal State Fullerton (0-2-0) and No. 1 Indiana (2-0-0) to Alumni Field to take part in the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament this weekend.

The No. 11 Irish square off against Evansville Friday at 7:30 p.m. before challenging Cal State Fullerton Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

The Purple Aces enter Friday's contest on the heels of a tournament victory at the Big Toe Invitational in Madison, Wis., last weekend.

"[Evansville] beat Wisconsin 2-1 in Madison ... that's a pretty good result," coach Bobby Clark said. "They're going to be a handful, we know that, and we've just got to find a way to beat them."

Cal State Fullerton, on the other hand, struggled in its season opening tournament, dropping a pair of 2-1 matches to California-Riverside and Oakland.

While catering to an opponent's weak-

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Irish midfielder John Stephens readies to clear the ball away during Notre Dame's 2-0 exhibition win over Northwestern Aug. 23.

CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Desert waits for the Irish

Notre Dame travels to face Arizona State in 100-degree heat

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Some like it hot.

Coach Randy Waldrum hopes the Irish will adopt this attitude as the team faces Arizona State University at 7 p.m. tonight in Tempe, Ariz. The weather is expected to be near the 100 degree mark at kickoff; Waldrum believes this will be great training for the rest of the season for games in warmer climates.

"Hopefully the trip to Brazil [last summer to play soccer] will help us out with the weather," Waldrum said. "But we are also going to have to focus on playing a team with great speed up front."

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Season opens at rival Valparaiso

Irish men and women begin year at familiar invitational tourney

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

After months of training this summer, the Notre Dame men's and women's cross country teams will open the season on familiar ground.

Both teams will compete today at the Valparaiso University Crusader Invitational where the Irish turned in impressive performances last year.

The women's team won the 2003 Crusader Invitational with the men's team coming in second overall.

Ranked fourth in a preseason poll, the Irish women have a positive outlook and high expectations with the majority of their team returning.

A 10th-place finish in the NCAA championship last year only adds to the team's high expectations coming into 2004.

"We return most our team of our team from last year that finished 10th in the NCAA's," women's coach Tim Connelly said.

"The expectations are to be a minimum top-10 team if not better."

At the Crusader Invitational, the Irish women should face a tough challenge from Wisconsin.

The Badgers are one of several teams at the tournament who qualified for the

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame heading west

Team travels to California for Cal-Poly Invitational

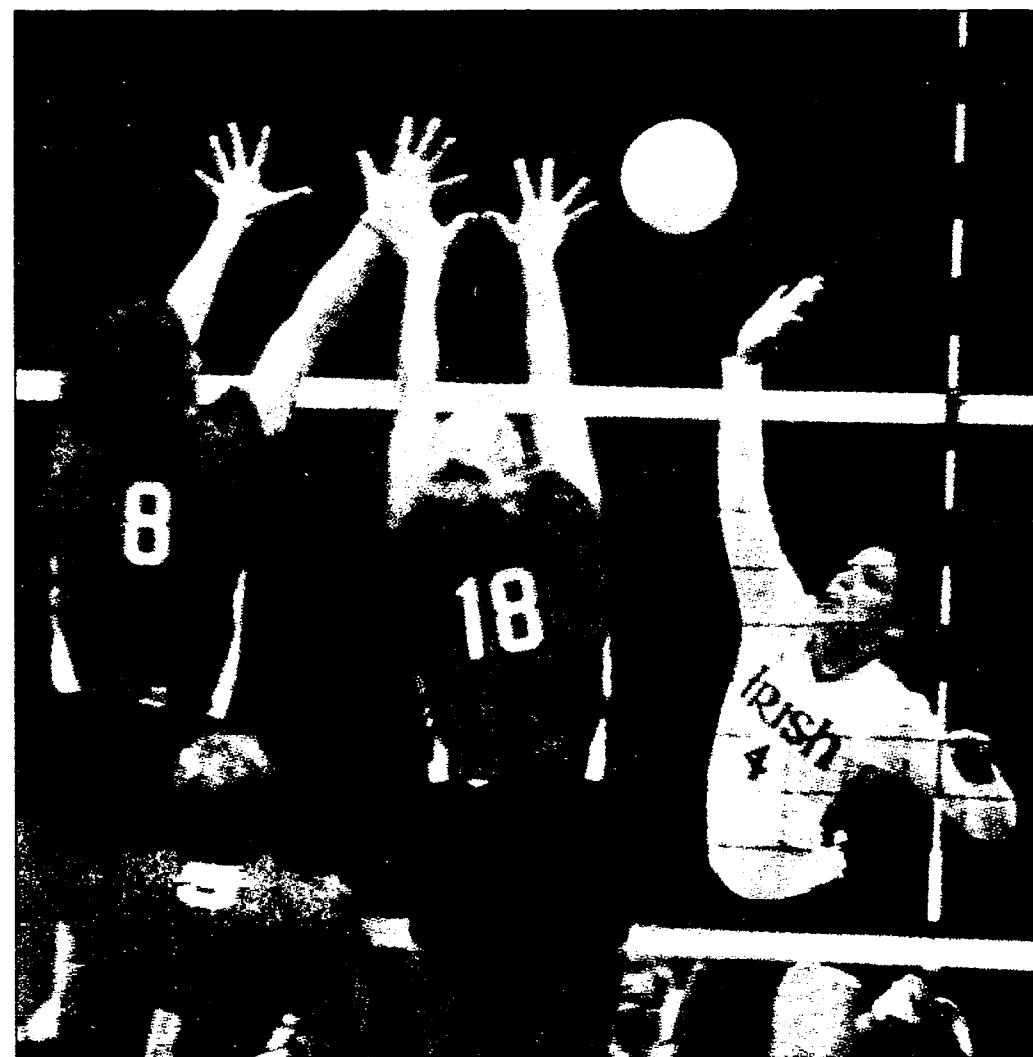
By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Despite being defeated three times in their first four matches, including the first loss to Valparaiso in 24 years, Irish coach Debbie Brown knows there is a lot of volleyball still to be played.

"We were really down after the Valparaiso match," she said. "But we still have to hold our heads up. There's a lot of promise on this team."

The Irish will get a chance to raise their spirits this weekend as they travel to San Luis Obispo, Calif., to participate in the Cal-Poly Best Western Royal Oak Invitational. Notre Dame will open play this afternoon

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Irish outside hitter Meg Henican tries to tip the ball past a Nebraska block during Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to the Huskers Saturday.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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The Belles placed fourth at the Heidelberg Invitational.

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The Irish open their season on the road at the Lady Northern Invitational.

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Notre Dame plays in the 15-team Inverness Tournament in Toledo, Ohio, this weekend.

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The Belles hope to get their first win of the season at the Saint Mary's Triangular.

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The Belles travel to face MIAA rival Adrian this Saturday at noon.

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The Patriots defeated the Colts 27-24 after Mike Vanderjagt missed a potential tying field goal.

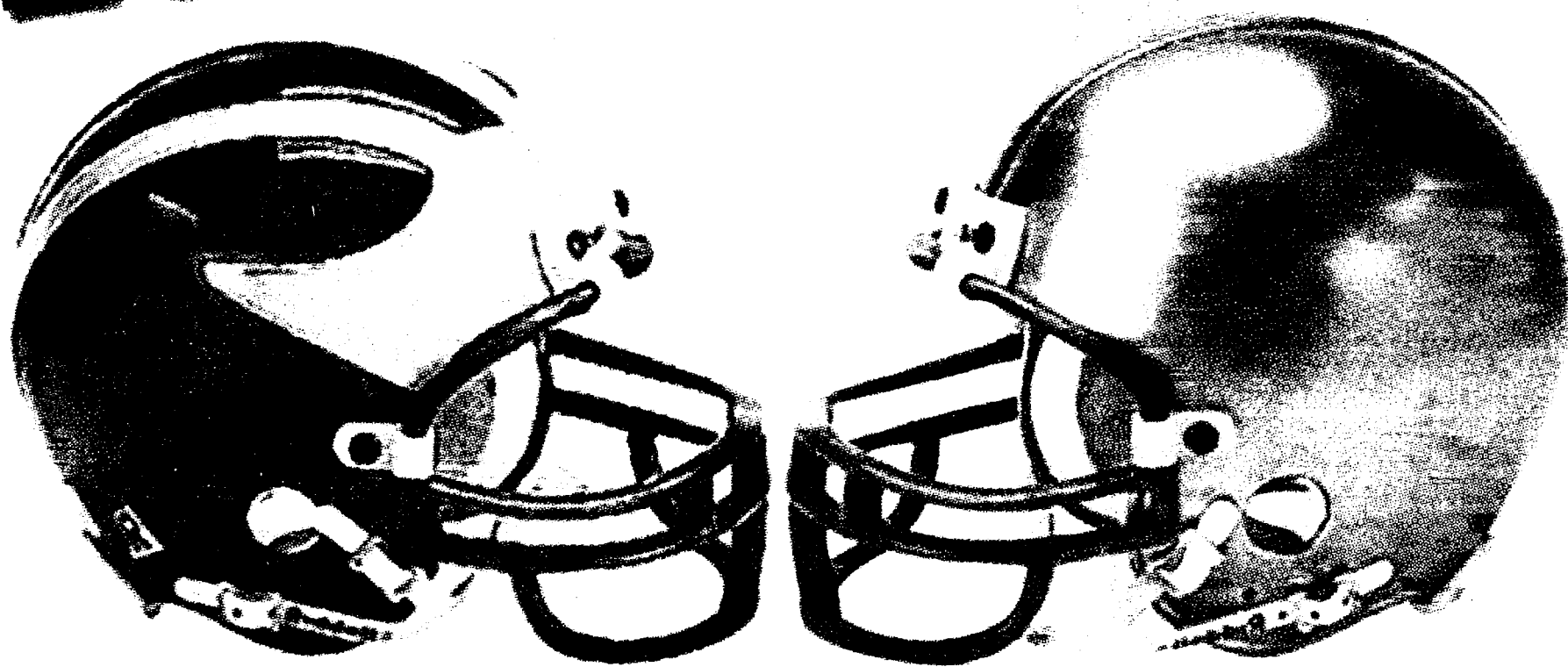
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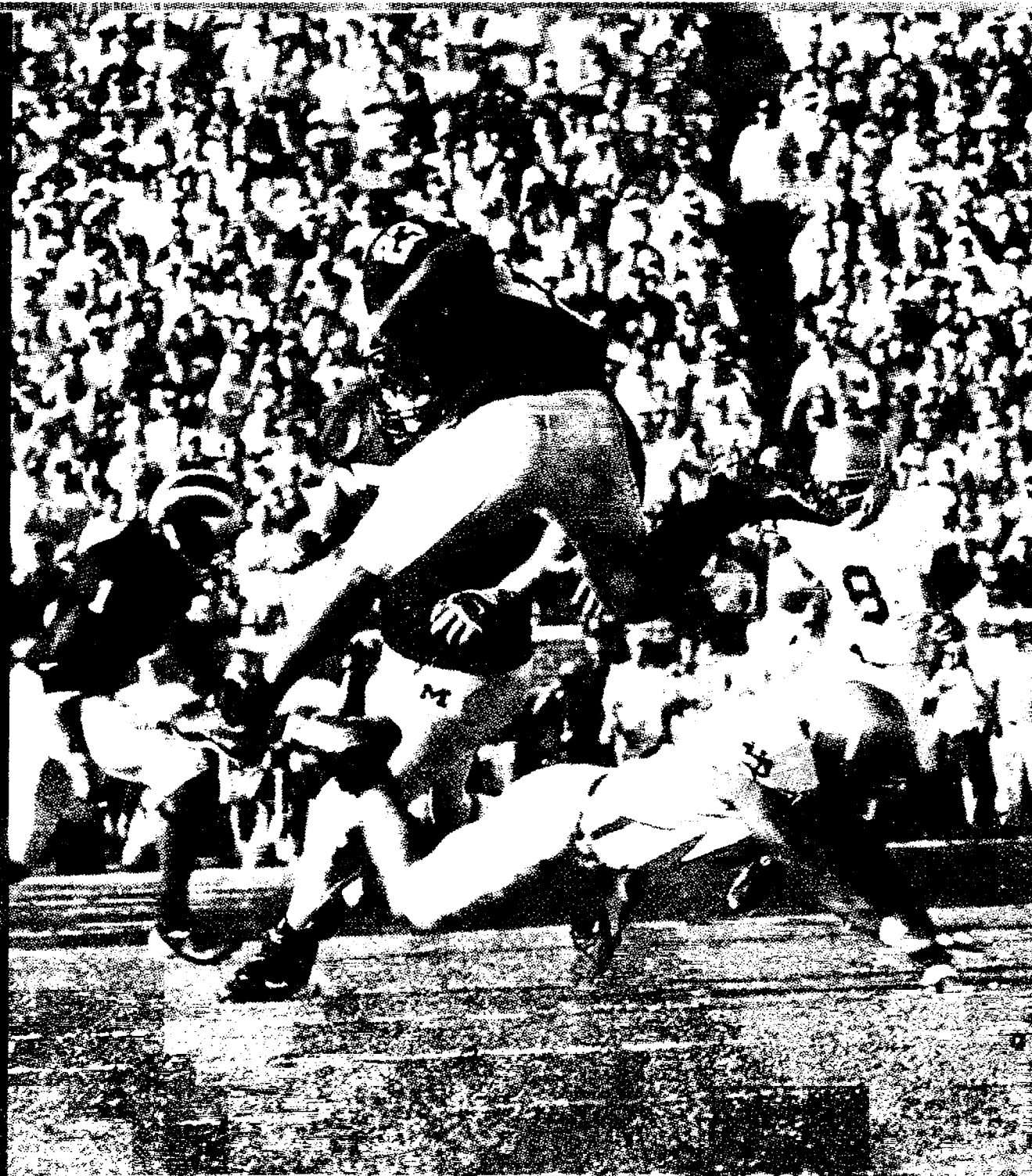
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Chance at REDEMPTION



After a 38-0 drubbing at the hands of Michigan in 2003, Notre Dame spent a whole year preparing for payback ...



... but after a 20-17 loss to Brigham Young last week, how prepared are the Irish heading into their rematch with the No. 8 Wolverines?

BYU loss was still just one game

Between the bashing of Tyrone Willingham and his coaching staff and criticizing every aspect of the Irish team — from the non-existent running game to the vulnerable defensive backfield to the disappointing performance from the offensive line — one important aspect of Notre Dame's 20-17 loss to Brigham Young went undetected by most.



Joe Hettler

Sports Writer

It was only one game.

Maybe it's luck the NCAA doesn't take playing performance into account when determining rankings or records. Whatever the reason, the Irish are what they are — an 0-1 football team.

And while it may not be the simple, it's also not exactly clear how good or bad this team is going to be in 2004 — even after last Saturday's horrible performance.

Maybe Notre Dame was looking ahead to Michigan. All offseason the coaching staff pounded into the players' brains the number 38, signifying the blowout loss at

The Big House in 2003. It's not unreasonable to believe the team, no matter what they told themselves and each other, subconsciously had the Wolverines in mind heading into Provo.

Maybe this year's BYU team is a lot closer to the 2001 squad (12-2), than the 2003 group (4-8). The Cougars defense will likely end the season ranked in the top 20 for the second straight year, and their kicking game did a tremendous job keeping Notre Dame's unproven offense starting inside the 20-yard line nearly every drive. It's hard to get any type of ball movement when beginning at your own 7-yard line.

Or maybe everyone who watched Saturday's game is right by saying Notre Dame is just that bad. So bad, that the loss left fans wondering if this team made any improvement in any area since the Syracuse debacle in December.

Regardless of their poor performance, it's unfair to make outlandish judgments

about this team just yet. Save those for later in the year — even later this weekend — if the Irish continue to struggle.

Remember, sophomore quarterback Brady Quinn is still just a youngster as far as college football players go. Offensive lines take some time to mesh together and become a cohesive unit. And young defensive backs can't just become good, they must learn through experience.

But most people aren't buying those excuses anymore. Maybe that's justified. Willingham's first eight games were victories. Since then, the Irish are an embarrassing 7-11.

But in Willingham's third year at Notre Dame — when he faces his greatest, and most important, challenge of making the Irish win, and win now — it's unfair to dismiss him and the team after just one game, no matter how poorly they looked.

Give them enough time to improve and correct their mistakes.

Give them another game to prove they're better.

Give them Saturday to right

Regardless of their poor performance, it's unfair to make outlandish judgements about this team just yet. Save those for later in the year — even later this weekend — if the Irish continue to struggle.

the ship.

Notre Dame doesn't have to beat Michigan this weekend. But they must compete with the Wolverines through four quarters to give Irish fans hope. After the BYU loss, few believe this team can win seven or eight games in 2004.

That's because Notre Dame fans have the least patience of any sports fans in the country. You must win and win now. After eagerly anticipating a much-improved 2004, the Irish looked like the 2003 team in almost every aspect of their opening game.

Hearing the coaches talk all offseason about the great improvements the offense and defense were making from 2003, it's hard to fathom Notre Dame could be as bad as they were last weekend. Were the coaches just blowing smoke? Did they simply misjudge this team's ability to execute during an actual game? Or are they right about this team's potential, but it didn't show in week one?

The answers to those questions may not be clear now.

About 5:30 p.m. Saturday, they will be.

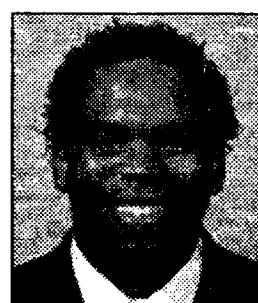
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game hype



Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

"Our backs are against the wall, and this game means everything to us."



Derek Curry
Irish
linebacker

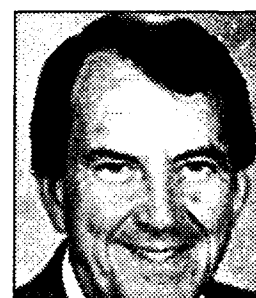
"We understand, I think, that we're both part of two of the great, the greatest traditions in college football."

"I think there's still hope for us as the underdog."




Kyle Budinscak
Irish
defensive
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"[Michigan wide receivers] are definitely a big play threat."



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The wait's over

Irish have been ready for a rematch with Michigan since last year's 38-0 loss

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Michigan's been on their minds for months.

It showed in their performance for the rest of the 2003 season, the off-season workouts and the rescheduling of the Brigham Young game.

After losing that "tune-up," Saturday is even more important.

Last weekend's 20-17 loss at BYU quelled all of the pre-season optimism in just three and a half hours and inflamed talks about this program being at its lowest point in more than 40 years.

Sitting at 0-1 with a more talented opponent than last week and one of their biggest rivals staring them in the face, the Irish are already facing a gut check in week two.

"This is always our biggest game of the year, especially early on," Kyle Budinscak said. "After last year, with the embarrassment we had, and this past Saturday with us coming out and not coming away with a victory, our backs are against the wall."

"This game means everything, and we are going to come out there like nobody's business, I can promise you that."

Embarrassment of 38-0

Last year's game at Michigan presented an opportunity to show the Return to Glory wasn't a fluke.

The Irish were a week off a comeback win over Washington State and had the chance to let a national television audience see the blowout losses to USC and North Carolina State ending the 2002 season.

Even a close loss would have shown Willingham's team could play with the best and that the eight-game winning streak wasn't the aberration.

It turned out to be the worst loss since 1985 and worst shutout since 1956.

"Indescribable. It was an embarrassment. A letdown you can't even explain," Budinscak said. "There are people you don't want to talk to. It's hard to talk to people even close to you after a game like that."

"Something I don't want to experience again, and we came pretty close again Saturday [against BYU]."

Chris Perry ran for 133 yards on 31 carries and scored four total touchdowns. John Navarre picked apart the Irish secondary going 14-of-21 for 199 yards and one touchdown. Steve Breaston averaged over 21 yards per punt return, setting up numerous scoring opportunities.

"I think it was embarrassing," Ryan Grant said. "Anytime you don't perform on that type of stage, that's embarrassing."

After the game, the press conference with Willingham was intense and much shorter than usual, even for a loss.

He started out by saying, "There is nothing positive we can take from this game."

When asked if his team was embarrassed today, Willingham promptly said, "Next question," and looked away.

It was over in less than five minutes.

The disappointing performance also set the stage for three more losses by 25 or more points and the third losing season in five years in South Bend.

"It did [have an effect], because it really just shot a lot of our hopes down for the rest of the season," tight end Anthony Fasano said. "It was early in the season, but it was a big loss for us, especially to lose the way we did."

Starting quarterback Carlyle Holiday never found any rhythm, especially with the Wolverines shutting down the running game, yielding just 75 yards on 25 carries. Brady Quinn replaced him in the fourth quarter and wasn't able to avoid the plagues affecting the rest of the team. Quinn went 3-of-10 and threw one interception.

It even got so bad that the crowd started chanting, "Houston's better," in reference to Michigan defeating the Cougars 50-3 the previous week.

"It was horrible," linebacker Brandon Hoyte said. "You lose 38-0, it's not supposed to be positive. We'll see this Saturday how much we've learned."

Confidence after last week?

That feeling of embarrassment lasted through the rest of the season, but also through the off-season.

During conditioning drills, the team would do 38 push-ups, 38 sit-ups, 38 wind sprints or a 38-second run. Willingham wanted his team to remember how bad it felt to walk off that field.

"It's something to keep our minds [on] when we're working all summer," Derek Curry said. "When you're working for a goal, it's easy to let things slip by when you don't have something to focus on."

For most of the off-season, Michigan was going to be the first game for an Irish team

frothing for revenge.

But then the BYU game was moved.

And then the unthinkable transpired — the Irish lost to BYU.

Suddenly, before the game that had been circled on their schedules for the past year, the Irish unexpectedly lost, leaving the only support coming from inside the locker room.

"That's always a concern when you're in a situation where you're starting a season without being successful in the first ballgame," Willingham said. "As long as they don't try to do more than they are capable of doing and try to do too much ... but just be confident and do the things and play within yourself, will be my key and good things will start to happen."

So where's the confidence coming from?

It's coming from the team believing all the work put in during the off-season will pay off.

"I feel as for as the off-season, I feel we put in the time and effort," Hoyte said. "I think it's just getting the job done."

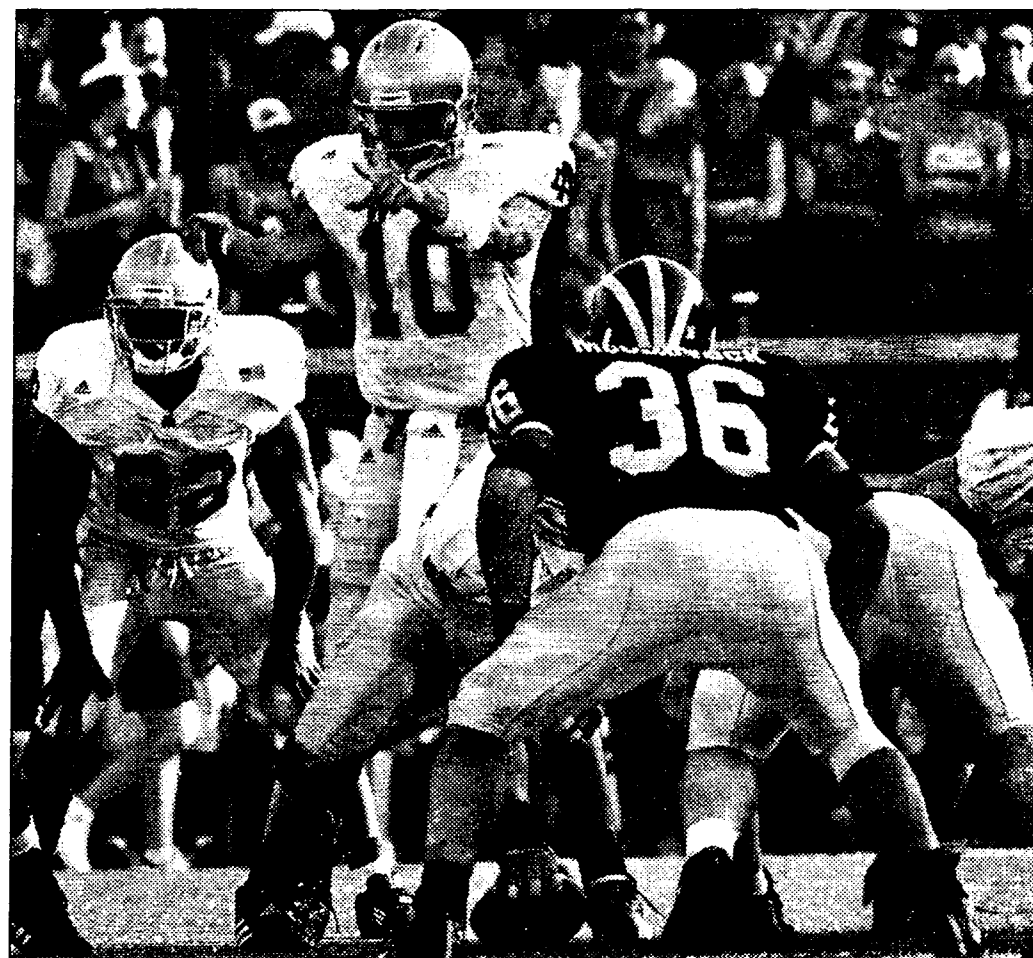
It's coming from the Irish believing they are better than what they showed last week in Provo.

"I don't take anything away from what BYU did. They are a good team and played their butts off the whole night," Grant said. "But looking at the film, I really don't think it was them beating us. We were beating ourselves on the little things. That's something we need to work on."

"We didn't step up and didn't perform."

It's coming from knowing that just two years ago, the Irish beat the Wolverines.

"I think a lot of guys that were a part of the team that beat Michigan two years ago," Holiday said. "Those guys have to take it upon themselves and let the younger guys believe they can win and beat top-caliber teams, experience victories instead of losing confi-



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn gets the offense set in last year's blowout loss at Michigan.

dence and settling for losses all the time."

Saturday's importance

Not being in a conference, Notre Dame doesn't have the luxury of overcoming early season non-conference losses by performing well in the conference and earning a major bowl bid.

That's why dropping to 0-2 is deadly as an independent.

"From my standpoint, I don't want to be 0-2. I don't want to lose this game," Grant said. "I didn't want to lose last week's game. That's over, and I can't have it back. But I don't want to lose this game. I know I'm going to do everything for this team to not lose this game."

Very few people are expecting anything from this team against such a big-time opponent as Michigan. Willingham likened the Irish to the role of the underdog in Tuesday's press conference.

That's a role this team currently must play, but the Irish feel the talent level isn't that of an underdog, which leads to

them believing a win Saturday is a realistic possibility.

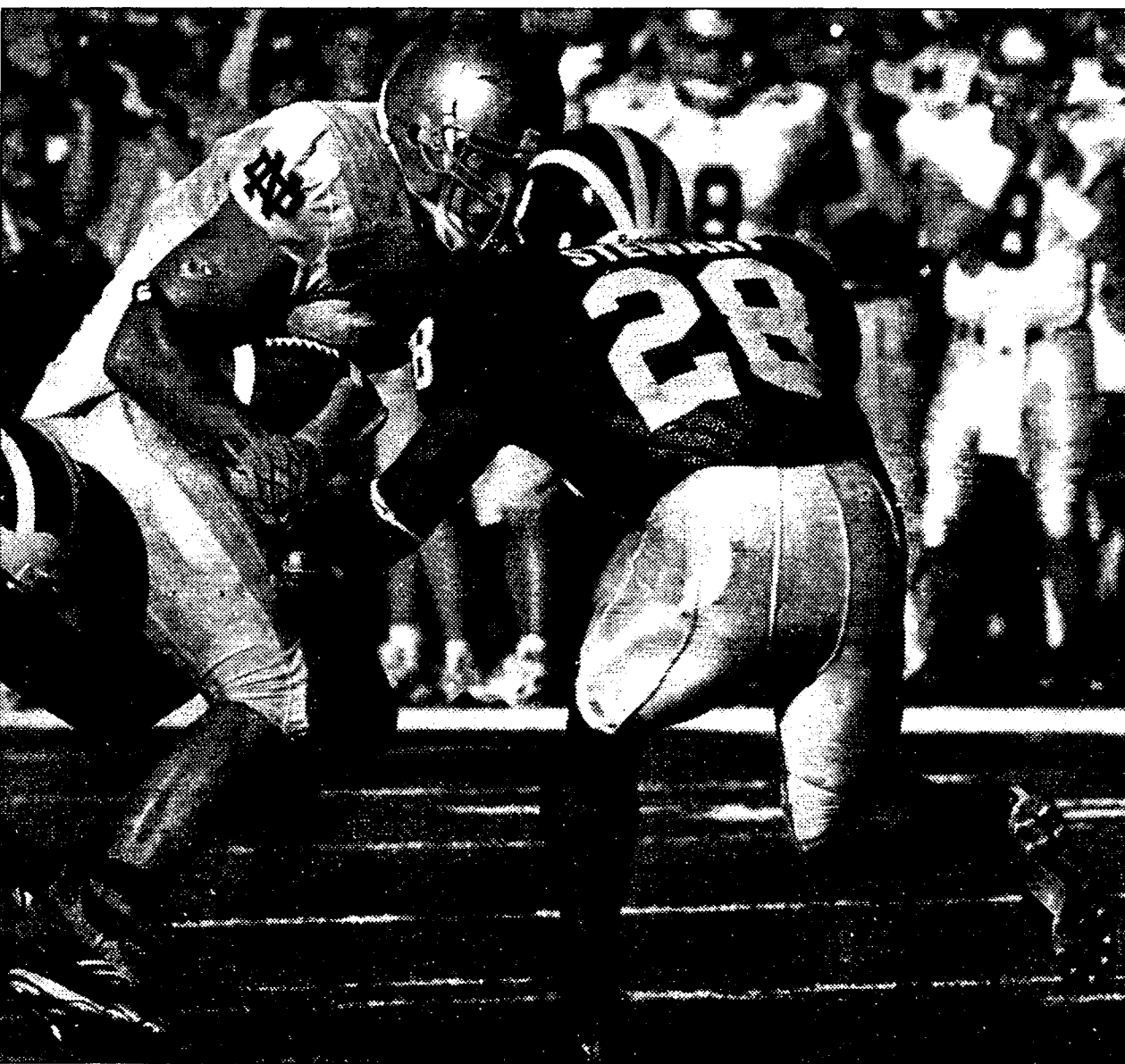
"We are going to surprise a lot of people next week. Next week is going to be a great test," defensive end Justin Tuck said. "If we play our football game, we can play with anybody in the country, and we didn't do that last weekend. We are going to try and redeem ourselves against Michigan."

With a lot of fans, students and alumni already writing off this season — and possibly Willingham's Notre Dame career — Saturday is the perfect opportunity to start getting that support back.

"I know me personally, I would love to beat [Michigan]," Holiday said. "I've been looking forward to the game for awhile."

"I think anytime you have the opportunity to defeat a team like this, especially at home, and get everyone back supporting you, it's a big thing."

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Irish tight end Jared Clark tries to run past Michigan's Jacob Stewart in last year's 38-0 Notre Dame defeat in Ann Arbor.

by the numbers

points scored against Notre Dame last season at Michigan. Also, number of repetitions the Irish did to remember the loss.

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number of points Notre Dame scored last season against Michigan

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Tyrone Willingham
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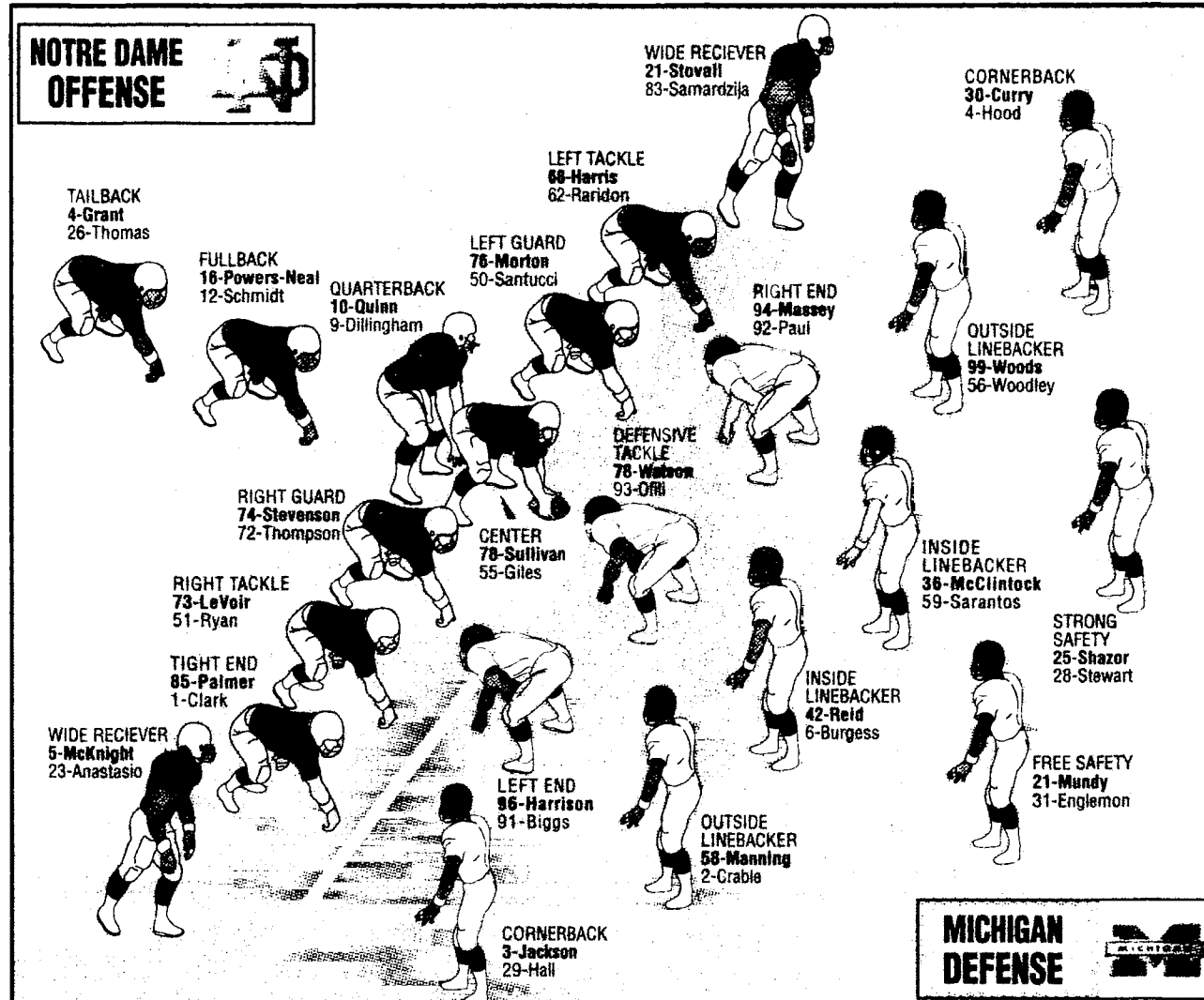
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3	Darius Walker	RB	5-11	200	FR
4	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	218	SR
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-1	215	JR
6	Carlos Campbell	CB	5-11	195	SR
7	Carlyle Holiday	WR/QB	6-3	215	SR
8	Marty Mooney	QB	6-2	210	JR
9	Quentin Burrell	FS	6-0	195	SR
10	Tom Zbikowski	DB	5-11	203	SO
11	Pat Dillingham	QB	6-2	205	SR
12	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	224	SO
13	Marcus Wilson	RB	5-11	202	SR
14	Josh Schmidt	FB	6-1	232	SR
15	David Wolke	QB	6-4	205	FR
16	Preston Jackson	CB	5-9	180	SR
17	Rashon Powers-Neal	FB	6-2	243	SR
18	Stan Revelle	QB	5-11	195	SR
19	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	190	SR
20	J.J. Warren	QB	6-1	184	SO
21	Darren Bragg	QB	6-2	185	FR
22	Chinedum Ndukwe	DB	6-2	223	SO
23	D.J. Fitzpatrick	K/P	6-1	200	SR
24	Isaiah Gardner	DB	5-11	195	SO
25	Maurice Stovall	WR	6-5	227	JR
26	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	186	SO
27	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-1	202	SO
28	Dwight Ellick	CB	5-10	185	SR
29	Nate Schiccatano	FB	6-2	242	JR
30	Wade Iams	DB	5-8	170	FR
31	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	212	SO
32	Lionel Bolen	DB	6-0	210	SR
33	John Lyons	RB	6-1	192	SO
34	Tregg Duerson	DB	5-10	170	FR
35	Cole Laux	FB	5-10	240	SR
36	Mike Richardson	DB	5-11	190	JR
37	Jake Carney	FS	6-0	192	JR
38	A.J. Cedeno	DB	6-0	191	SO
39	Jeff Jenkins	RB	6-0	216	FR
40	Justin Hoskins	RB	6-0	195	FR
41	Terrill Lambert	DB	5-10	190	FR
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43	Matt Mitchell	CB	5-9	190	JR
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47	Mike Goolsby	LB	6-4	242	SR
48	Anthony Vernaglia	LB	6-4	220	FR
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50	Justin Tuck	DE	6-5	261	SR
51	Carl Gioia	K/P	5-10	185	SO
52	Rich Whitney	DB	6-3	205	JR
53	Corey Mays	LB	6-1	243	SR
54	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-3	230	SO
55	Jerome Collins	TE	6-4	258	SR
56	Derek Curry	LB	6-3	235	SR
57	Dan Santucci	OL	6-4	292	JR
58	Jamie Ryan	OL	6-5	310	JR
59	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	225	SO
60	Dan Hickey	OL	6-3	224	JR
61	Joseph Boland	LB	6-3	224	JR
62	David Fitzgerald	OL	6-4	285	JR
63	Zachary Giles	C	6-3	281	SR
64	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-4	238	SO
65	Abdel Banda	LB	6-2	215	FR
66	James Bent	OL	6-1	271	JR
67	Dan Chervanick	DT/NG	6-2	265	JR
68	Casey Cullen	LB	6-2	212	SO
69	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	215	FR
70	Scott Raridon	OT	6-4	310	JR
71	Casey Dunn	OL	6-4	256	SR
72	Tim Gritzman	DE	6-3	210	FR
73	Derek Landri	NG	6-2	278	JR
74	John Kadous	OL	6-7	310	FR
75	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	289	SO
76	Darin Mitchell	OG	6-3	290	SR
77	Chauncey Incarnato	OL	6-6	280	FR
78	James Bonelli	OL	6-4	290	JR
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80	Mark LeVair	OT	6-7	310	SR
81	Dan Stevenson	OG	6-5	293	SR
82	Chris Frome	DE	6-5	271	JR
83	Bob Morton	OG/C	6-4	300	JR
84	Greg Pauly	DT	6-6	295	SR
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86	Brian Mattes	OL	6-5	292	JR
87	Chris Vaughn	WR	6-4	205	FR
88	Brandon Harris	WR	6-1	190	JR
89	Matt Shelton	WR	6-0	175	SR
90	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-5	215	SO
91	Mike O'Hara	WR	5-9	175	JR
92	Rob Woods	WR	6-2	205	JR
93	Billy Palmer	TE	6-3	256	SR
94	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-2	248	JR
95	Anthony Fasano	TE	6-4	256	JR
96	John Carlson	TE	6-5	248	SO
97	Brian Beidatsch	DL	6-2	295	SR
98	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	169	JR
99	Kyle Budinscak	DE	6-4	275	SR
100	Brandon Nicolas	DL	6-5	275	FR
101	Justin Brown	DL/LB	6-4	225	FR
102	Victor Abiamiri	DE	6-5	269	SO
103	Bobby Renkes	K/P	6-0	190	SO
104	Travis Leitko	DE	6-6	275	JR
105	Trevor Laws	DL	6-0	285	SO
106	Ronald Talley	DL	6-4	245	FR

NOTRE DAME 2004 Schedule

Sept. 4	at BYU - L
Sept. 11	MICHIGAN
Sept. 18	at Michigan State
Sept. 25	WASHINGTON
Oct. 2	PURDUE
Oct. 9	STANFORD
Oct. 16	at NAVY
Oct. 23	BOSTON COLLEGE
Nov. 6	at Tennessee
Nov. 13	PITTSBURGH
Nov. 27	at USC



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NOTRE DAME

Willingham is feeling the pressure to succeed after a season-opening loss in Provo, Utah to Brigham Young. He must turn the season around if he is to avoid losing his job. Willingham has 10 games to work with, starting with Michigan.

Quinn's numbers (26-of-47, 265 yards, 1 TD) were good against Brigham Young, but they didn't reflect how he struggled on third-and-long situations. He is making better decisions in his second season as the starting quarterback, but he must throw the ball deep.

Grant will play unless he reaggravates his hamstring in practice this week. Thomas fumbled twice in his collegiate debut against BYU. Wilson got the most carries, but only picked up 26 yards on nine carries, as the offensive line didn't open up holes.

Last week, Quinn was forced to the air, throwing 47 passes, and completing 26. He couldn't throw deep, however, and only converted 3-of-16 third-down plays. The tight ends showed they will be important to the passing game.

MICHIGAN

Carr has been on the Michigan sidelines for ever, coaching as an assistant for 25 years, the last 10 at the helm. He is a proven winner. Under Carr, the Wolverines have gone to eight consecutive bowl games.

Gutierrez was named the starter, but sat out last weekend due to a sore arm. Freshman Henne stepped in, throwing for 142 yards and two touchdowns. Henne will probably start again. He is the second true freshman to start in his first game at Michigan.

The Wolverines gave up just 33 yards rushing last weekend. Their defense is anchored by Reid, who is a Butkus Award candidate. Last season, the Wolverines were 22nd in the country in rushing defense, giving up 116.6 yards per game.

Jackson is the anchor of a solid secondary. He is joined by safety Shazor, who returned an interception 88 yards for a touchdown last weekend. Jackson was an All-American in 2002 at cornerback, and is third in Michigan history with 29 pass breakups.

ANALYSIS

Carr has been a coach on three national championship teams, winning one. Willingham is just trying to keep his job. Carr has the experience and is a proven winner, as he is the fifth-winningest active Division 1-A coach. He has the knowledge and experience needed to win.

Quinn has more experience than Gutierrez and Henne combined, a rarity for the sophomore. Although the Michigan quarterbacks are talented, Quinn's experience will help him to make good decisions and lead a struggling Irish offense.

Michigan should win the battle in the trenches. The Irish line has not yet proven themselves to be as good as anticipated. Players are still getting used to the position changes, and the Michigan linebackers are experienced and talented.

Michigan's secondary has proven itself. Last year, they gave up 180.54 yards per game, 15th in the NCAA. Notre Dame's passing game is still shaky, with the offensive line struggling and Quinn not being able to throw deep.

Irish experts



Matt Lozar
Editor in Chief

Everything is going against the Irish, but that's when funny things happen in sports. The stats show Michigan wasn't impressive last week, except for forcing seven turnovers. A freshman Michigan quarterback, Ryan Grant returning to the lineup and the typical breaks going Notre Dame's way lead to the upset.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 17
Michigan 13



Joe Hettler
AME

Harry Oliver had a better chance of making a 51-yard field goal against Michigan in 1980 than the Irish do of beating the Wolverines this season. But Oliver did make that kick, and Notre Dame could beat Michigan. However, the Irish need to play flawless and that seems unlikely after seeing the BYU game.

FINAL SCORE: Michigan 24
Notre Dame 10

HEAD

Michigan Wolverines

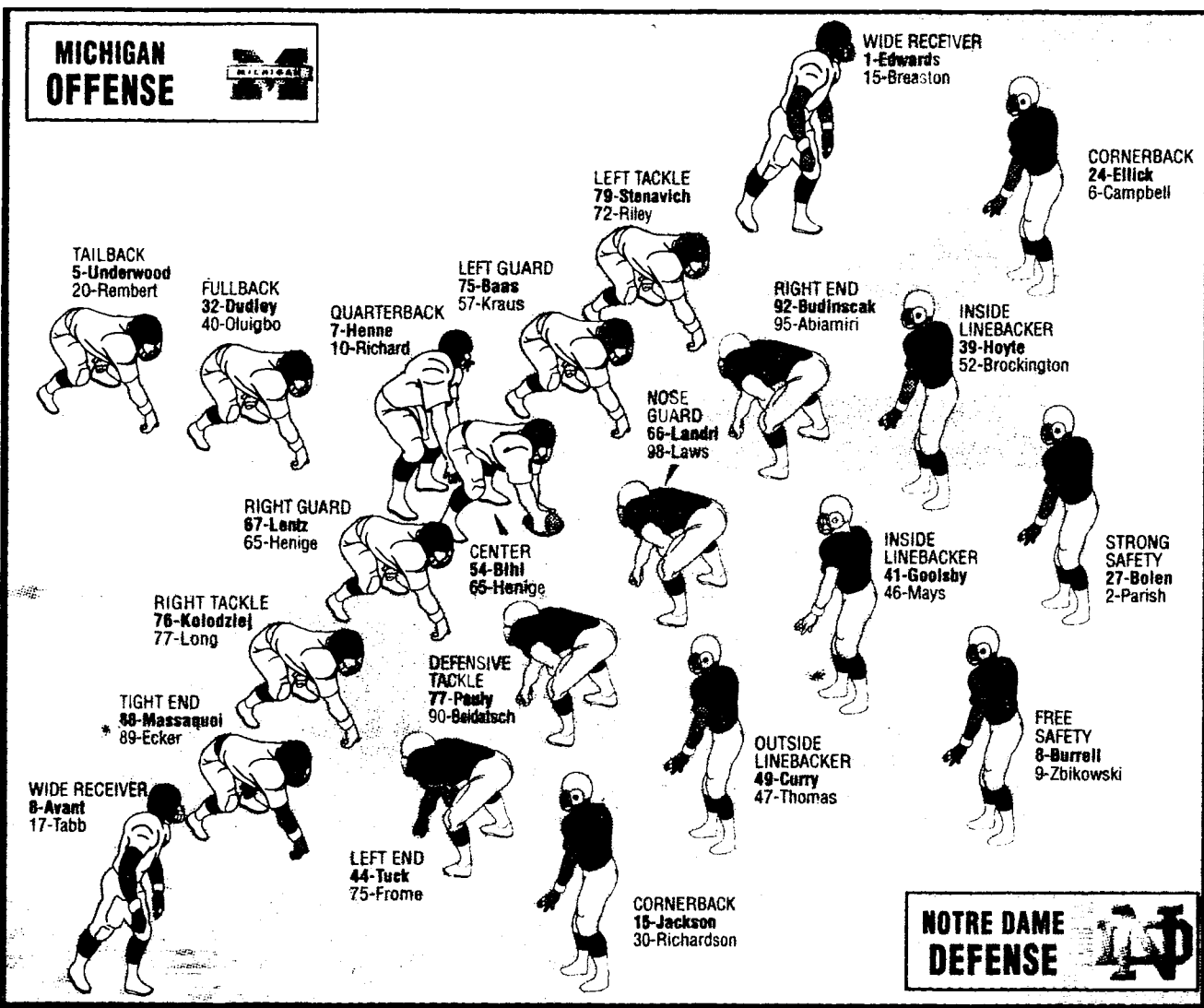
Michigan Wolverines

Record: 1-0
AP: 8
Coaches: 7

Lloyd Carr
10th season at Michigan
career record: 87-26
at Michigan: 87-26
against Notre Dame: 3-2



Lloyd Carr
head coach



MICHIGAN 2004 Schedule	
Sept. 4	MIAMI (OH) - W
Sept. 11	at Notre Dame
Sept. 18	SAN DIEGO STATE
Sept. 25	IOWA
Oct. 2	at Indiana
Oct. 9	MINNESOTA
Oct. 16	at Illinois
Oct. 23	at Purdue
Oct. 30	MICHIGAN STATE
Nov. 13	NORTHWESTERN
Nov. 20	at Ohio State

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Braylon Edwards	WR	6-3	208	SR
2	Salvon Cable	OLB	6-5	233	SO
3	Marlin Jackson	CB	6-1	196	SR
4	Darnell Hood	CB	5-11	191	JR
5	Charles Stewart	S	6-1	192	Fr
6	David Underwood	RB	6-0	216	SR
7	Prescott Burgess	ILB	6-3	232	SO
8	Spencer Brinton	QB	6-3	219	SR
9	Chad Henne	QB	6-2	217	FR
10	Jason Avant	WR	6-1	203	JR
11	Matt Wilde	QB	5-11	202	JR
12	Anton Campbell	S	6-2	192	SO
13	Troy Nienberg	PK	6-2	167	SR
14	Clayton Richard	QB	6-4	232	SO
15	Matt Gutierrez	QB	6-4	228	JR
16	Landon Smith	WR	5-8	166	SO
17	Jeff Kastl	QB	6-3	220	JR
18	Grant Mason	CB	6-0	194	SR
19	Morgan Trent	WR	6-0	178	FR
20	Steve Breaston	WR	6-1	174	JR
21	Chip Cartwright	ILB	6-1	229	JR
22	Adrian Arrington	WR	6-3	176	FR
23	James Bloomsburgh	PK	5-10	195	JR
24	Carl Tabb	WR	6-2	205	SR
25	Jermaine Gonzales	WR	6-2	194	JR
26	Willis Barringer	S	6-0	197	JR
27	Mike Hart	RB	5-9	194	FR
28	Ryan Munday	S	6-1	200	SO
29	Jamar Adams	S	6-2	201	FR
30	Kyle Plummer	CB	5-10	162	SO
31	Max Martin	RB	6-1	201	FR
32	Jerome Jackson	RB	5-11	198	SO
33	Ernest Shazor	S	6-4	229	SR
34	Alijah Bradley	HB	5-6	169	JR
35	Mike Carl	S	6-0	199	JR
36	Pierre Rembert	R	6-0	209	JR
37	Dan Moore	ILB	6-0	225	SO
38	Jacob Stewart	S	6-0	206	JR
39	Leon Hall	CB	5-11	191	SO
40	Markus Curry	CB	5-11	182	SR
41	Branden Englemson	S	5-11	195	SO
42	Craig Moore	PK	5-10	178	JR
43	Kevin Dudley	FB	6-1	236	SR
44	Keston Cheatham	S	6-1	171	FR
45	Scott Hamel	RB	5-10	200	JR
46	Jason Gimgel	K	5-9	180	FR
47	Joe Leoni	ILB	5-11	220	JR
48	Brian Thompson	FB	6-2	232	JR
49	Scott McClintock	ILB	6-2	243	SR
50	Chris Graham	ILB	5-11	204	FR
51	B.J. Opong-Owusu	S	5-11	195	JR
52	Garrett Rivas	PK	5-9	216	SO
53	Adam Finley	P	6-4	208	FR
54	Obi Oluigbo	FB	6-0	234	JR
55	Tim Bracken	HB	5-9	211	SR
56	Lawrence Reid	ILB	6-1	222	SR
57	Roger Allison	FB	6-1	228	FR
58	Jason Eldridge	RB	5-8	179	JR
59	Brad Cischke	WR	6-4	202	JR
60	David Harris	ILB	6-2	233	JR
61	James Presley	ILB	6-2	243	FR
62	John Thompson	ILB	6-0	214	FR
63	Jeremy Van Alstyne	DE	6-4	261	FR
64	Ross Mann	LS	6-1	235	SR
65	David Hull	DT	6-1	265	SO
66	Mark Bihl	OL	6-4	302	JR
67	Jeremy Read	ILB	6-1	230	SR
68	LaMarr Woodley	OLB/DE	6-2	263	SO
69	Adam Kraus	OL	6-6	301	SO
70	Roy Manning	OLB	6-2	246	SR
71	Joey Santos	ILB	6-3	225	SR
72	Turner Booth	OL/LS	6-2	264	JR
73	Jon Saigh	OL	6-5	275	FR
74	Derek Bell	OL	6-4	285	SR
75	Grant DeBenedictis	OL	6-5	290	FR
76	Leo Henige, Jr.	OL	6-4	326	SR
77	Paul Sarantos	DT	6-3	267	JR
78	Matt Lentz	OL	6-6	300	SO
79	Patrick Sharrow	OL	6-4	303	SR
80	David Schoonover	OL	6-3	288	FR
81	Jeremy Ciulla	OL	6-4	297	FR
82	Rueben Riley	OL	6-3	311	JR
83	Alex Mitchell	OL	6-5	340	FR
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85	David Bass	OL	6-5	323	SR
86	Mike Kolodziej	OL	6-7	324	JR
87	Jake Long	OL	6-7	335	SO
88	Gabe Watson	DT	6-4	333	JR
89	Adam Stenavich	OL	6-5	318	SR
90	Alan Branch	DT	6-6	345	FR
91	Chris Matsos	WR	6-0	208	FR
92	Doug Dutch	WR	5-10	191	FR
93	Mike Mandich	TE	6-3	252	JR
94	Kevin Murphy	TE	6-5	256	SR
95	Mike Massey	TE	6-3	222	FR
96	Jim Fisher	TE	6-5	250	SR
97	Tim Massaquoi	TE	6-4	247	JR
98	Tyler Ecker	TE	6-6	249	SR
99	Tim Jamison	OLB	6-3	228	FR
100	Rondell Biggs	DE	6-2	264	JR
101	William Paul	DT	6-3	261	SO
102	Alex Ofili	DT	6-4	290	SR
103	Chris Rogers	OLB	6-1	249	FR
104	Pat Massey	DE/DT	6-8	276	SR
105	Matt Studenski	TE	6-3	219	FR
106	Marques Walton	DT	6-0	301	FR
107	Larry Harrison	DT	6-3	299	JR
108	Will Johnson	OLB	6-1	282	FR
109	Max Pollock	OLB	6-1	217	SO
110	Pierre Woods	OLB	6-5	245	SR

WOLVERINES RUSHING WOLVERINES PASSING SPECIAL TEAMS INTANGIBLES

<p>Notre Dame stopped BYU's running game in its tracks last weekend, giving up just 22 yards on the ground, for an average of 0.6 yards per carry. The defensive line is solid, and the linebackers are experienced. The longest run they allowed was 11 yards.</p>	<p>Edwards is a deep threat who scored 14 touchdowns last season in 15 games. The 6-foot-3 senior caught six passes for 91 yards last weekend. Henne proved he can get the ball to his talented group of receivers Saturday.</p>	<p>Fitzpatrick kicked one field goal for 21 yards and was improved in the punting game, kicking for an average of 42.8 yards against BYU. However, one punt was partially blocked and the punt return game was shaky, as McKnight made questionable decisions.</p>	<p>Willingham needs a win, as does his team. They are playing at home and motivated from last year's 38-0 loss at Michigan. The pressure is on this team to win a game, and they will have 80,000 fans behind them to help.</p>
<p>Michigan's rushing game was solid, picking up 132 yards on the ground. Underwood led the way with 61 yards on 22 carries. The offensive line lost Pape to the NFL, but returned Bass, a second team All-American.</p>	<p>The Irish secondary is young, inexperienced and vulnerable. They gave up 265 yards to BYU last weekend, including a touchdown pass of 42 yards and a completion of 50. They were hurt by the big play.</p>	<p>Finley is a strong-legged punter who booted six punts for a 45.2 average last week. Breaston is a talented kick returner. However, the Wolverines were only ranked 112th in net punting last season. Rivas was solid last year, hitting 75 percent of his field goals.</p>	<p>Michigan is a solid team, but is playing with a true freshman quarterback at Notre Dame Stadium, one of the toughest places to play. Two years ago, they were upset in a game that no one thought the Irish could win. But Michigan knows that and is ready to prevent an upset.</p>
<p>The Wolverines have a solid rushing attack, but the strength of the Irish defense is the linebackers. Behind Goolsby and Hoyte, the Irish will contain the rushing attack of the Wolverines behind Underwood. The defensive line will also help stop the run.</p>	<p>Michigan has arguably the best receivers in the country in Avant and Edwards. Both are experienced and athletic. The Irish secondary is young and unproven. They will struggle against the Wolverines and their talent.</p>	<p>The Irish have struggled in the punt return game, but have been solid otherwise. Rivas is a solid field goal kicker, but only has a career long of 38. Neither team has a standout group at special teams, and both have their weaknesses.</p>	<p>The Irish will have the edge here because of two things — homefield advantage and the fact that their coach's job is in jeopardy. They will come out ready to play because they have been preparing for this game since the day they lost 38-0 last year.</p>

NOTRE DAME

MICHIGAN

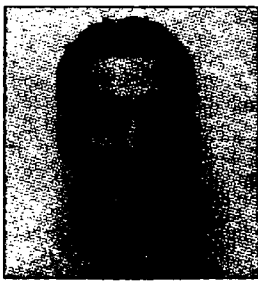
ANALYSIS



Heather Van Hoegarden
Sports Editor

After struggling at BYU, the Irish face a tougher team in Michigan. The Wolverine receivers will present a big problem for the unproven Irish secondary. They will win the game in the air but it will be close with a true freshman under center.

FINAL SCORE: Michigan 24, Notre Dame 17



Pat Leonard
Associate Sports Editor

The reigning Big Ten champs have not won at Notre Dame Stadium since 1994. That changes on Saturday. The Irish looked no better against BYU than they did against Syracuse last season. No improvement equals no chance.

FINAL SCORE: Michigan 48, Notre Dame 10



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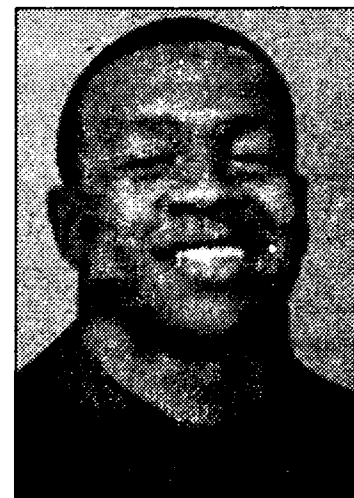
There's little doubt that the Irish are better than they showed against BYU. If Notre Dame's defense can rattle QB Chad Henne, they should be able to shut down the sub-par running game — David Underwood is no Chris Perry.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 20, Michigan 19

Sizing up the Irish and the Wolverines

AVERAGE PER GAME	NOTRE DAME'S OFFENSE VS MICHIGAN'S DEFENSE	MICHIGAN'S OFFENSE VS NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSE
total yards gained	276	274
total yards allowed	250	285
rushing yards gained	11	115
rushing yards allowed	33	22
passing yards gained	265	159
passing yards allowed	217	263
kick return yards gained	40	15
kick return yards allowed	122	37
punt return yards gained	11	57
punt return yards allowed	158	26
yards per punt	40.8	45.2
punts blocked	0	0
turnovers lost	1	1
turnovers recovered	5	2
total points scored	17	43
total points allowed	10	20
Notre Dame yards penalized	55	
Michigan yards penalized	10	

KEY MATCHUP

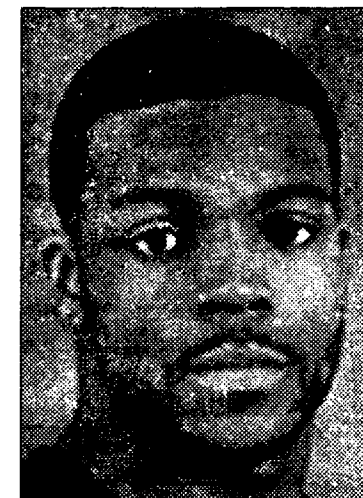


**NOTRE DAME
SECONDARY**

Last week, the secondary gave up two big plays of 50 and 42 yards that proved costly.

Quentin Burrell (above) and Tom Zbikowski, who saw most of the action against BYU, cannot get beat deep. Preston Jackson is listed as the starter at corner, with Dwight Ellick. Jackson scored a touchdown off an interception last week.

This unit will determine if the Irish can stick with the Wolverines. The best receivers in the country await the Irish, and the secondary must respond for an Irish win.



**MICHIGAN
RECEIVERS**

Braylon Edwards (above) is a deep threat who had 14 touchdowns in 13 games last season. The 6-foot-3 senior is an All-American candidate after being named honorable mention in 2003.

He is joined by junior Jason Avant, who earned All-Big Ten honors last season. The 6-foot-1 receiver caught 47 passes last season for 772 yards.

Michigan's receivers will give the Irish secondary quite the test, especially after the unit gave up 263 yards against Brigham Young last week. The Irish must prevent big plays.

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Irish cannot surrender big plays this week

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame held Brigham Young to 22 rushing yards last Saturday and lost.

The Irish made the Cougars punt on 10 of 16 possessions, Derek Curry recovered a forced fumble and Preston Jackson returned an interception 38 yards for a touchdown.

And the Irish lost.

"We played pretty well, but we gave up big plays," defensive end Kyle Budinscak said. "A couple of times on those big plays, we didn't get to the quarterback and we obviously didn't make plays on the ball."

BYU receiver Todd Watkins caught a 50-yard pass in the first quarter to set up a touchdown. Austin Collie beat Notre Dame safety Quentin Burrell to the spot for a 42-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter, and Watkins caught another 38-yard pass in double coverage to run out the clock and end the game.

"As a defense, we have to eliminate big plays," Budinscak said. "Otherwise, we played solid."

The 'otherwise' will not

matter against No. 7 Michigan.

The Wolverines boast 6-foot-3 All-American senior Braylon Edwards and juniors Jason Avant and Steve Breaston at wide receiver. Edwards (161 career receptions) is one catch away from passing former Michigan great Anthony Carter in receptions after catching six passes for 91 yards and two touchdowns against Miami of Ohio last Saturday.

"They have the best receiving corps in the country," defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "So it's important to keep the ball in front of you."

Even if the Irish contain senior running back David Underwood

as they did with the BYU backs, the defense has to be wary of the Wolverines' big play capabilities.

"I don't know if we can catch them," Baer said in a joking manner about Edwards, Avant and Breaston.

Michigan is expected to start freshman Chad Henne at quarterback. Henne threw for 142 yards and two touchdowns in his college debut.

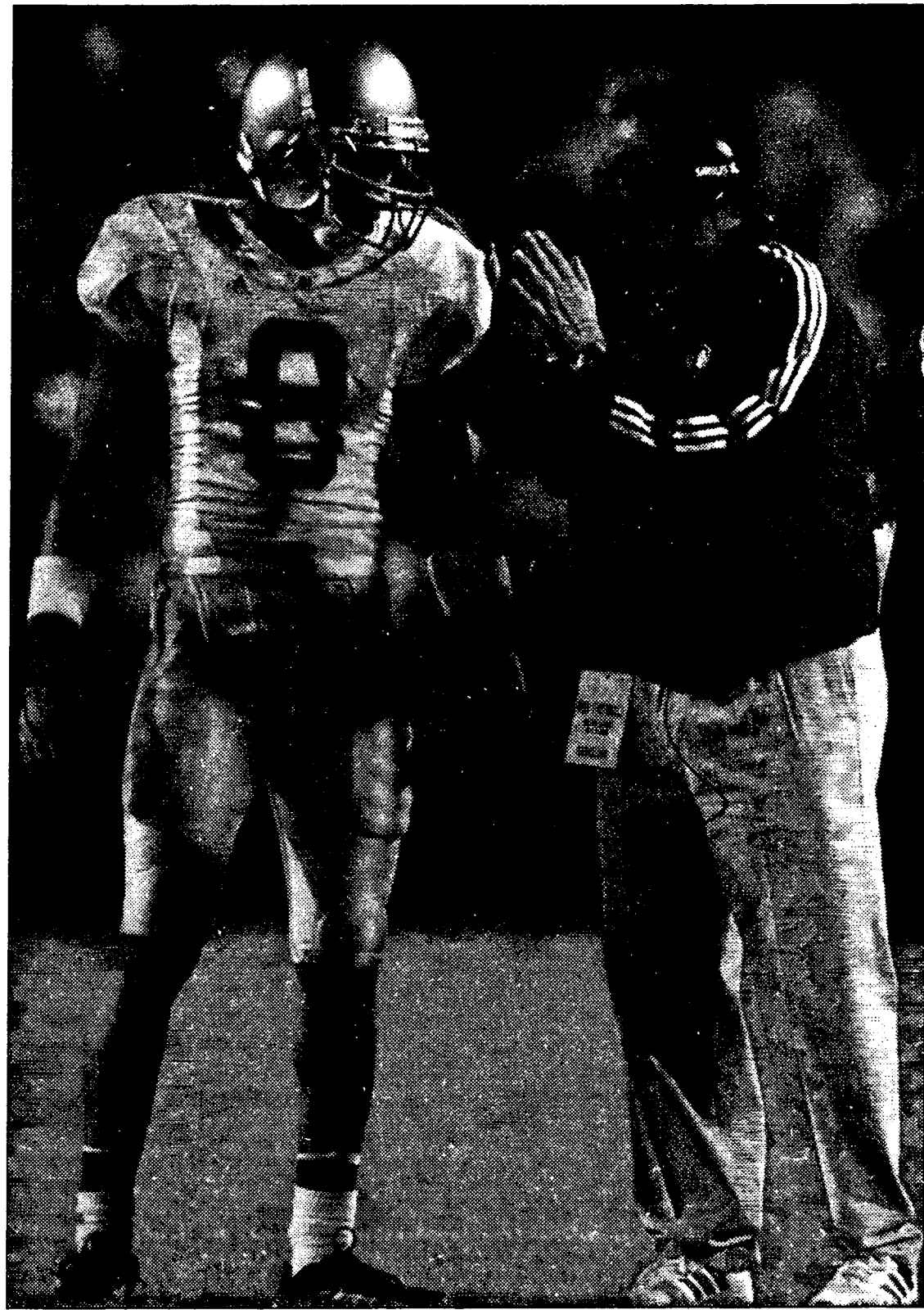
"It's kind of [a] hard [offense] to attack," senior linebacker Derek Curry said. "One thing we have to do is be aggressive. With a young quarterback, if you put pressure on him, it really brings out their true character on how they will respond." The aggressiveness of the Notre Dame defensive line was there often against BYU. "Those four and the rotation have the ability to really take control of the game," senior linebacker Mike Goolsby said. "I thought they played awesome and that's going to be the strength of our defense [this season] — our front seven."

But the BYU defensive line got to quarterback Brady Quinn, and the Irish offense could not recover. Notre Dame pressured BYU quarterbacks John Beck and Matt Berry last Saturday, but the Cougars still made big plays. This week, the Irish know where they need to improve.

"Definitely, the first thing we have to do is stop the run," Curry said. "Anytime you go into a game like this with their really good receivers, you have to stop the run so the only option they have is to pass ... but the back end has to make big plays."

The back end will have its hands full Saturday.

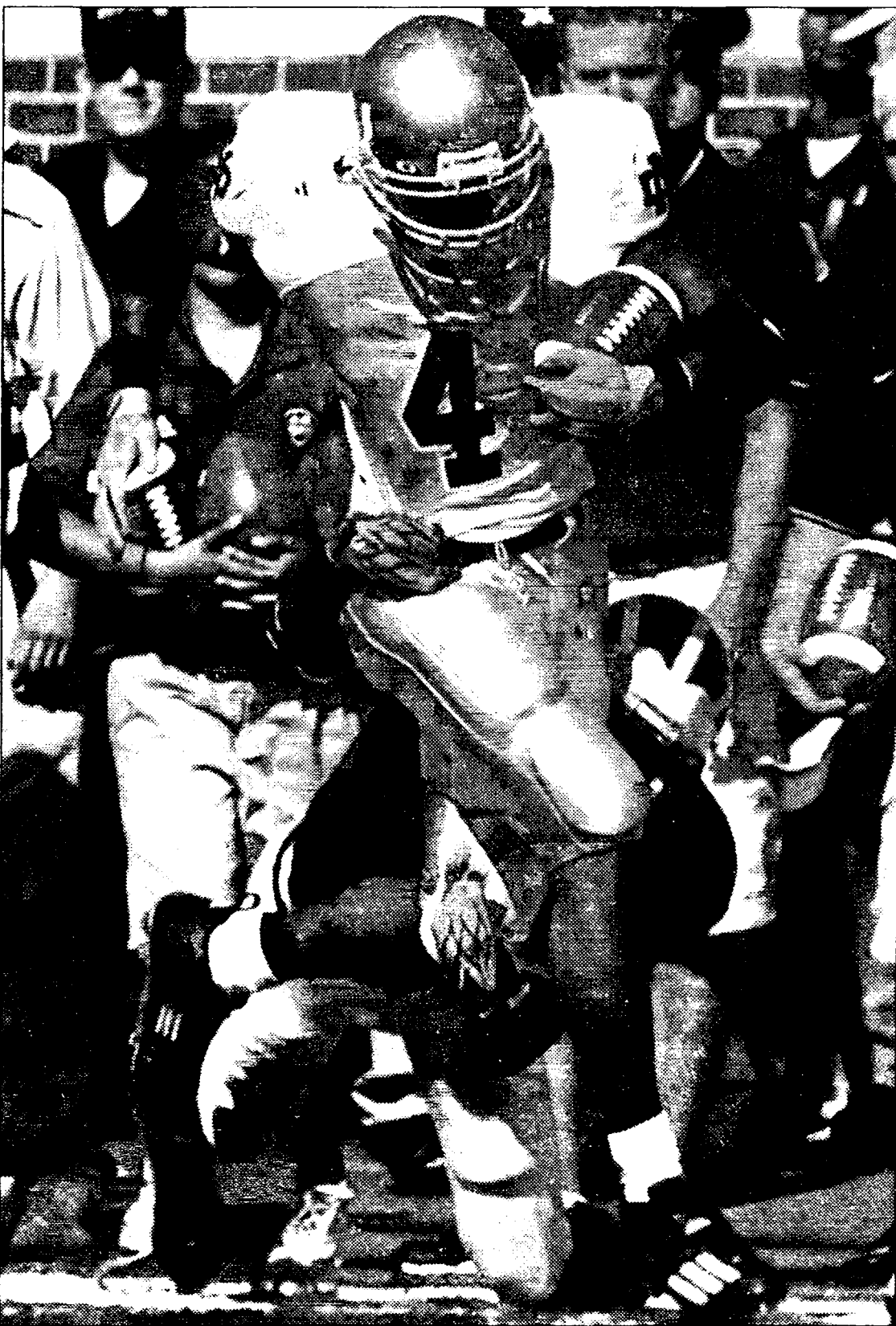
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Defensive coordinator Kent Baer talks to Quentin Burrell during the BYU game last weekend. The Irish defense must limit big plays this week.

Wolverines hungry for win at Notre Dame



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Ryan Grant breaks a tackle in last year's game against Michigan. Grant is likely to play this week after missing BYU with a sore hamstring.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Despite Notre Dame's 20-17 loss to unheralded Brigham Young Saturday night, Michigan coach Lloyd Carr is not underestimating the Irish.

"At times, somebody loses a game, and everybody wants to think the house is burning down," Carr said at a Monday teleconference. "Well, we're in an era in college football when you play on the road, it's very, very difficult to win. We know we're going into a great venue to play, and yet their fans, they are like it is for somebody when they come in [to Michigan Stadium]; they make it tough."

Carr knows the danger of the Irish when they play Michigan at Notre Dame Stadium. Two years ago, he was on the sideline to watch the Notre Dame student body rush the field after a 25-23 upset of his Wolverines.

Last season, Carr's squad got its revenge in a big way, defeating the Irish 38-0 — Notre Dame's worst shutout loss in 47 years — in front of a packed Michigan Stadium. Running back Chris Perry gained 177 total yards and scored four touchdowns in that performance and quarterback John Navarre passed for 251 yards.

Both Perry and Navarre graduated last year, however, in their place are senior David Underwood, who rushed for 66 yards on 21 carries and collected two touchdowns against Miami of Ohio in Michigan's home opener last week and true freshman Chad Henne, who was 14-for-24 for 142 yards and two touchdowns in that game.

Waiting in the wings is Matt Gutierrez, who was penciled in at the beginning of the season as Michigan's starter, but a sore arm kept him out of the game against Miami of Ohio. If Gutierrez — who never lost a game during his prep career at De La Salle (Calif.) High School — is healthy by Saturday's game, it could be a toss-up for who starts against the Irish. However, Carr implied this was not likely.

Returning from last year's team is a bevy of talented receivers, including Biletnikoff Award

candidate Braylon Edwards. Edwards caught six passes for 91 yards and scored two touchdowns in Michigan's opening game against Miami of Ohio.

After watching what 6-foot-3 Brigham Young wide receiver Todd Watkins was able to do to his team's secondary, Irish coach Tyrone Willingham recognizes the threat that Edwards, who is also 6-foot-3, and the other Michigan receivers present to the Notre Dame defense.

"The Michigan receivers may be as good as any group in the country," he said at a press conference Tuesday. "Of course, I watched a couple of catches Edwards had against Miami of Ohio and they were circus-type catches that just average guys don't make."

"You have to be very special to make those plays. So they are a very talented group."

For all the offensive firepower that Michigan might have this year, it might be its defense that is the unheralded part of the Wolverines.

Linebackers Lawrence Reid and Pierre Woods were named to the Butkus Award watch list this year, while defensive backs Marlin Jackson and Ernest Shazor were named to the Thorpe watch list. Shazor scored a touchdown off an interception return against Miami of Ohio.

All told, Michigan lost six of its defensive starters in 2003 to graduation — mostly on the defensive line. Reid, Woods, Jackson and Shazor all return from the team that shut out the Irish last season.

Facing a Michigan team that is without a doubt far more talented than the Cougar squad the Irish faced Saturday, Willingham accepts his team's underdog role at home Saturday.

"I can see that from your perspective that would be almost an insurmountable task," he said. "But if I am correct, there are always constant reminders of an underdog overcoming what some may see as not being possible."

"I would probably say that as of recently, within the last month or so, there was a basketball team [USA Basketball in the Olympics] that we thought was fairly talented — we'll say that."

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