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Performing Arts Center debuts

Opening is cheered by FTT

By MADDIE HANNA AND
MOLLY GRIFFIN
News Writers

Students and professors from the Film, Television and Theatre Department donned costumes in celebration of their new home Friday as they, the marching band and onlookers paraded to the grand opening of the new Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

"This is where our students are going to learn in a way they never have before," said Peter Holland, chair of FTT. "Every bit of the building is teaching space."

Holland, clad in Shakespearean garb, explained the history behind the PAC,

which he said was first discussed in the 1940s and then more seriously considered 16 to 18 years ago.

"It always takes a long time for a university to commit to a project this big. I think, crucially, what this shows is that the University believes in the arts."

John Haynes, executive director of the PAC, expressed his relief in finally opening the center.

"[The PAC] took 10 years of dreaming, and planning, and building and designing," he said.

The PAC is a \$64 million, 151,000 square-foot building that houses five different performance halls. It was under-

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Professors dressed in Shakespearean costumes paraded to the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center grand opening Friday.

Neighbors sue coach over fence

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame head football coach Tyrone Willingham has faced criticism about his gridiron offense and defense before, but now it is his wrought-iron fence that is coming under fire.

On Sept. 10, the Quail Ridge at Knollwood Homeowners Association filed suit against Willingham and his wife, Kim, at the St. Joseph County Circuit Court, contending that the fence under construction in their backyard is in violation of the association's covenants.

The lawsuit demands that the Willinghams stop the project and change their plans to comply with the neighborhood's bylaws.

Stephen Studer, attorney for the Willinghams, said the fence going up — described as 5-feet high, black, stylistic and imitation wrought-iron — is not against a community covenant, as it runs seven to nine feet within the property's perimeter. Landscaping will be added in the area between the fence and the legal border.

According to association rules, perimeter fences must be split-rail with chain-link unless a variance is granted by the architectural review committee.

Association attorney Shawn Ryan said the fence is still in violation of the covenant, regardless of its location.

"Whether it's three inches, three feet or three yards doesn't



Willingham

ROTC cadets conduct local field training



Photo courtesy of Ryan Larson

Sean Pearl, left, and Vanessa Hooper-Yan take an operations order from Platoon leader Patrick Robinson during exercises this weekend.

By DANIELLE LERNER
News Writer

The Notre Dame Army ROTC battalion trudged through the woods and slept under the stars this past weekend while conducting their semi-annual field training exercise.

The field training, or FTX, is a military training event intended to prepare juniors for a leadership camp the summer before senior year.

Over 80 cadets — freshman through juniors — and senior staff left Notre Dame at 1:30 p.m. Friday and returned Sunday.

Despite holding previous trainings in Fort Custer, Mich., this year's battalion kept it local in South Bend.

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Chili's gives to charity

Restaurant will donate all of today's profits to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

By PETER LEAHY
News Writer

While baby back ribs may be enticing, students have a better reason to stop by Chili's this month — supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

To raise money for children in need, the Mishawaka Chili's is donating 100 percent of today's proceeds to the hospital, a leading research institution and care provider specializing in treating cancer and other catastrophic illnesses.

Students who attend Chili's tonight will see their dollars go to a good cause.

Though the Chili's promotion is new this month, campus organizations such as Up Till Dawn have previously sponsored events to support the Memphis, Tenn. hospital.

Senior Carolyn Campbell, executive chair finale event coordinator of Up Till Dawn, said funds collected at Chili's will go towards helping families with expenses.

"Families coming to Memphis that have to relocate are provided with housing free of charge," Campbell said.

Families will also receive care for free and do not pay anything

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MSU offers mixed welcome

By SARAH BARRETT
News Writer

As students gathered on North Quad to eat free burgers and hot dogs and watch Saturday's game together, many fellow Domers trekked the two and a half hour car ride to Michigan State to sport their green shirts and support the football team in person.

And as students and alumna geared up for the game, many prepared themselves for an out-of-Notre-Dame experience and dealing with jeers from the opponent.

Notre Dame senior Gina Fenice traveled to East

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Junior Barrs Lang is hoisted above the crowd as students celebrate the Irish win in East Lansing Saturday night.

INSIDE COLUMN

The first sip

Friday will forever go down in history for me as a special day. On Sept. 17, I celebrated the first night I was ever able to drink.

Before I go on, I should probably explain why this occasion was so momentous for me.

I am a senior in college. I am 21, and have been, for five months now. So, you may be asking yourself what has taken me so long to take up a bottle of alcohol.



Angela Saoud

At the age of 17, I was diagnosed with Systemic Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis. Long story short, it means I have a chronic illness that tries to destroy the cartilage between my joints (read: not a pretty disease to suffer from).

And so at 17, I started a regimen of high-powered medications, including a pill form of chemotherapy, to slow down my immune system and keep my body functioning up to par.

In high school, it wasn't a big deal that I couldn't drink. But college was a different story. In an environment where parties include alcohol, I never really meshed.

I went to parties, stayed sober and helped my friends get home. In all my college years, I never had alcohol.

But three weeks ago, after years of waiting (and begging), I received word that I was allowed to go off my medication, opening the door to drinking. I had started the process of weaning off my medication over a year ago, in hopes that I could be off and drinking by my 21st. But my birthday came and went, and I continued on in my role as D.D., waiting for the day when I could give up the title.

Three weeks off the medication, without a flair up, I was ready to go. I put my drinking face on, hit a party and headed straight for the hard alcohol.

It only took two rum and coke's (mind you, there was quite a bit of rum – since my roommate and I had to get our \$3 worth of alcohol) before I understood what drinking was all about.

It's not that I wanted to fit in or see what I was missing. It's not that I felt pressured after all these years to finally get drunk. It was that I wanted to make up my own mind about something that I hadn't been able to do and previously was only described to me.

And while I don't advocate drinking on a regular basis, it was fun, and if you're 21, and responsible, go ahead and do it.

Yes, I staggered. Yes, I said some idiotic things. And yes, I had a bit of a headache when I woke up the next day.

Will I be drinking every weekend? Probably not. But would I trade that experience? Not for anything in the world.

Because while I may be a lightweight, but that's a label I'll take any day.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Angela Saoud at saou0303@saintmarys.edu.

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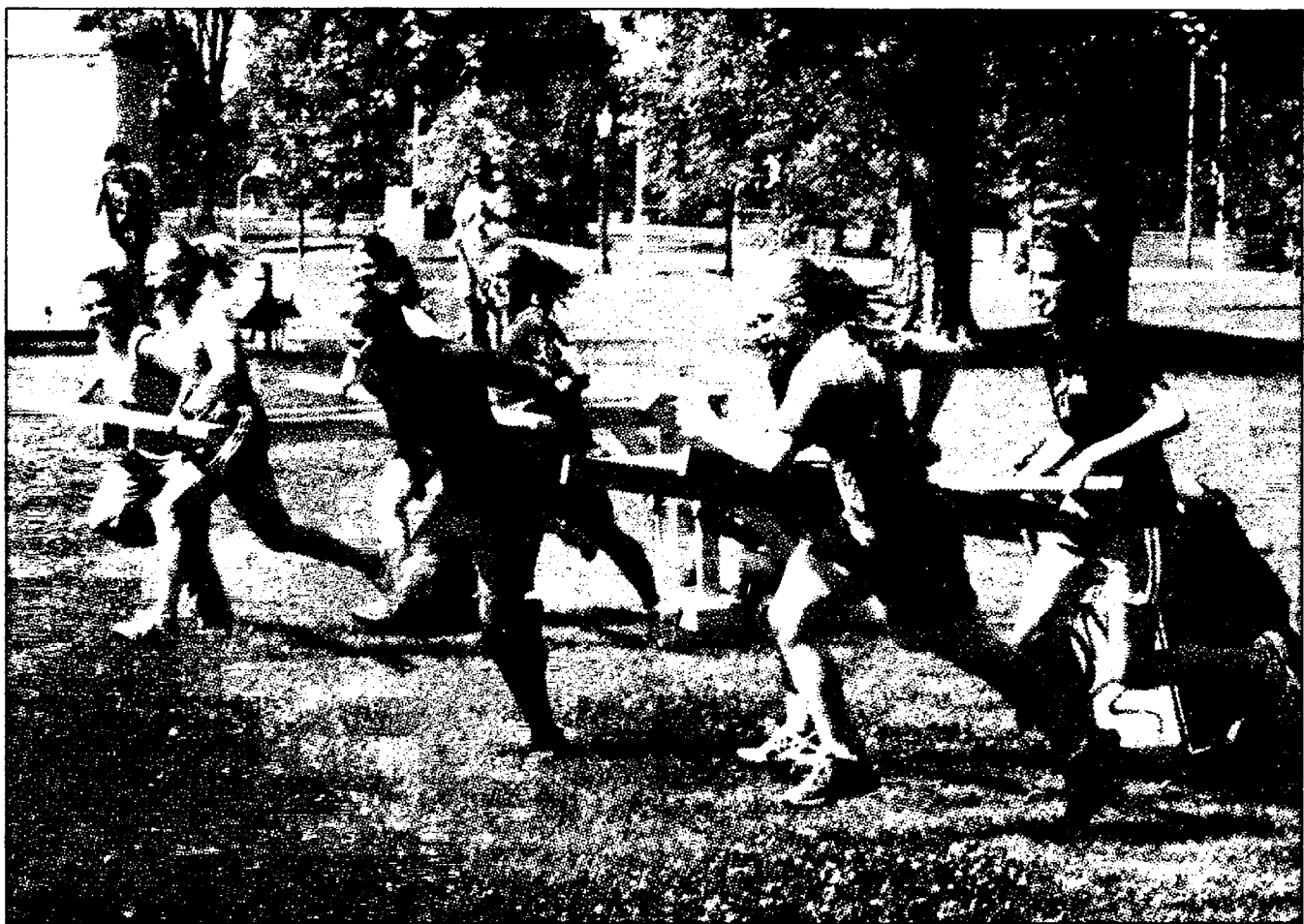
An article in the Sept. 17 edition of The Observer incorrectly stated that this year's football ticket price increased by 20 percent. The actual increase was 40 percent. The Observer regrets the error.

A graphic in the Sept. 14 edition of The Observer inadvertently omitted several countries from a list of Saint Mary's study abroad programs. The College offers programs in Ireland, Italy, Semester Around the World, Austria, Australia, France, Spain, Haiti, Jamaica, European Tour, South Korea, Honduras and Ecuador. The Observer regrets the error.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS THE BEST AND WORST PART OF THE FOOTBALL GAME?

					
Chris Ulad <i>sophomore Stanford</i>	Andrea Pherson <i>sophomore BP</i>	Pat Schafer <i>sophomore Siegfried</i>	Arlette Sanez <i>sophomore BP</i>	Vinh Nguyen <i>sophomore Stanford</i>	Jessica Maciejewsie <i>junior Pangborn</i>
<i>"The best moment was knowing that we're going to win by the second quarter."</i>	<i>"The worst was when Michigan State returned the kick for a touchdown when Ty wasn't there. The best was winning."</i>	<i>"The best moment was the strip fumble return, and the worst was when Ty went to the bathroom."</i>	<i>"Watching Ty's excitement running down and throwing down his head-phone's after Zbikowski's touchdown."</i>	<i>"Ty going to the bathroom."</i>	<i>"The best was when Zbikowski stripped the ball and ran for the touchdown. The worst was when MSU blocked the punt."</i>



ERIC SALES/The Observer

The women of Badin, right and McGlinn race during the Keough Chariot Race Saturday morning at McGlinn fields The race also included mud wrestling and jousting. A DJ and food were also available for the listening and eating pleasures of the event goers.

OFFBEAT

Alligator captured in hot tub

ROYALTON, Ill. — A worried neighbor's call to Animal Control led to a bizarre scene at a southern Illinois home: Four officers wrestling an alligator out of a hot tub, a house filled with animal cages, and the arrest of a man wanted by the military for desertion.

When Broy and another officer reached the home Monday, they spotted the 5-foot-long, 80-pound American alligator in a wooden enclosure attached to a garage. They called the Illinois

Department of Natural Resources and Royalton Police for a little help.

To get the alligator, Scott Ballard of the IDNR pulled on chest waders, stepped into the tub and grabbed the animal. Broy and two others then dragged Ballard and the alligator out to the ground and struggled to tape the alligator's jaws shut.

Suspects end up behind bars — at zoo

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Two Brazilian car theft suspects started their life behind bars while still on the run when they chose a cage in a Rio de Janeiro zoo to hide from police, officials said on Monday.

A zoo keeper said the pair were found hiding in an enclosure where deer and tapir are kept after police chased the fugitives into the zoo on Sunday.

"Apparently police thought that the bandits were going to take the animals hostage, but, thank God, that did not happen. They just wanted to hide," the keeper said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Rev. Carolyn Call, director of Saint Mary's Office of Civil and Social Engagement will give a lecture Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. on "The Psychology of Forgiveness: Implications for a Theology of Peace," in the LeMans Stapleton Lounge.

The Saint Mary's soccer team will play Albion College at Saint Mary's College soccer fields on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

President and chief executive officer of SRC Holding Corp. Jack Stack will give a lecture Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business on "A Stake in the Game of Business."

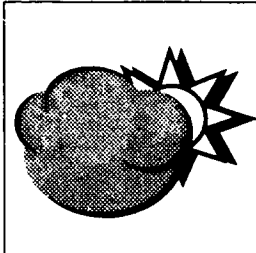
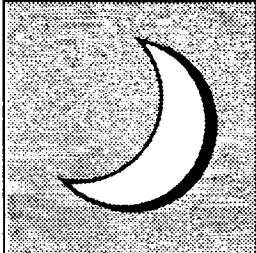
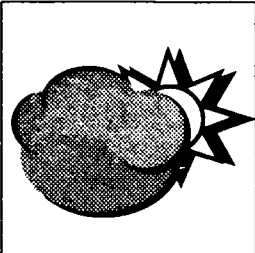
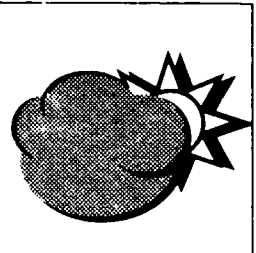
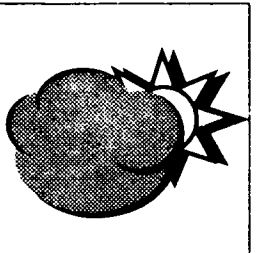
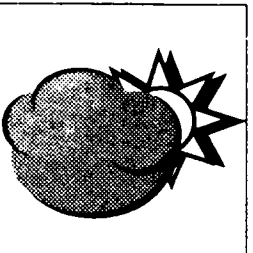
On Wednesday, David Corn, editor of The Nation and Rich Lowry, editor of National Review will hold the debate "Face Off: Election 2004," at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall.

The Hon. Ann Richards, former governor of Texas, will speak Thursday at 7 p.m. in O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

The film "Bon Voyage" will be shown Thursday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in The Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The Marcus Roberts Trio will perform Friday at 9 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

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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Guiterrez honored for new book

Special to The Observer

Father Gustavo Gutiérrez, the John Cardinal O'Hara Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, recently received the Yves Congar Award for Theological Excellence from Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla.

Father Gutiérrez, a native of Peru and member of the Order of Preachers, was honored for his work as a professor, theologian and author. His book, "A Theology of Liberation," is considered the foundational text for liberation

theology, a largely Latin American movement which calls attention to the Catholic Church's vocation to resist the oppression of the poor.

The Yves Congar Award for Theological Excellence, named for the late Cardinal Yves Congar, O.P., recognizes the contributions of contemporary theologians who work, write, teach and move tradition forward to meet current challenges.

Father Gutiérrez's other books, which have been translated from Spanish into several languages, touch on issues of spirituality and Latin American history. They

include, "We Drink from Our Own Wells: The Spiritual Journey of A People," "On Job: God-Talk and the Suffering of the Innocent," "The Truth Shall Make You Free," "The God of Life" and "Las Casa: In Search of the Poor of Jesus Christ."

Father Gutiérrez received the 2003 Prince of Asturias Award for Communications and the Humanities, which honors scientific, cultural and social work conducted internationally by individuals, groups and institutions whose achievements represent an example for mankind.

Dunn appointed as engineering fellow

Professor reaches elite level of membership, becoming 7th Notre Dame engineer honored

Special to The Observer

Patrick F. Dunn, professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering at the University of Notre Dame, has been named a fellow of the American Society of Engineers (ASME).

Fellow is the highest elected grade of membership in ASME and is conferred upon a member with at least 10 years of active engineering practice who has made significant contributions in the field. Dunn is the seventh member of Notre Dame's aerospace and mechanical engineering faculty to be named a fellow. The others are Hafiz M. Atassi, Frank P. Incropera, Thomas J. Mueller, John E. Renaud, Albin A. Szewczyk and Kwang-Tzu Yang.

Dunn is a graduate of Purdue University, where he also earned his doctorate in aerospace engineering and fluid mechanics in 1974. After receiving his degrees, he taught at both Purdue and Duke Universities and in 1978 joined the engineering division of the Argonne National Library.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1985,

Dunn served from 1998 to 2002 as director of the University's Hessert Laboratory for Aerospace Research, and in 1999 served as director of the College of Engineering's London Program. His research at Notre Dame has focused on the dynamics of aerosol formation, transportation and deposition.

Dunn is the author of "Measurement and Data Analysis for Engineering and Science" and "Uncertainty Analysis for Forensic Science" and he has published more than 125 papers on micro-particle interaction, fluid dynamics and other topics. Founded in 1880, ASME is a 120,000-member professional organization focused on technical, educational and research issues of the engineering and technology community. ASME conducts one of the world's largest technical publishing operations, holds numerous technical conferences worldwide, and offers hundreds of professional development courses each year. ASME sets internationally recognized industrial and manufacturing codes and standards that enhance public safety.

Kerry aide to speak on campus

Special to The Observer

Marco Trbovich, director of labor policy for Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaign, will deliver a lecture titled "The Power of Labor in Presidential Politics" at 8 p.m. Sept. 29 in Room C-100 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Sponsored by Notre Dame's Higgins Labor Research Center as part of the McBride Lecture series, the talk is free and open to the public.

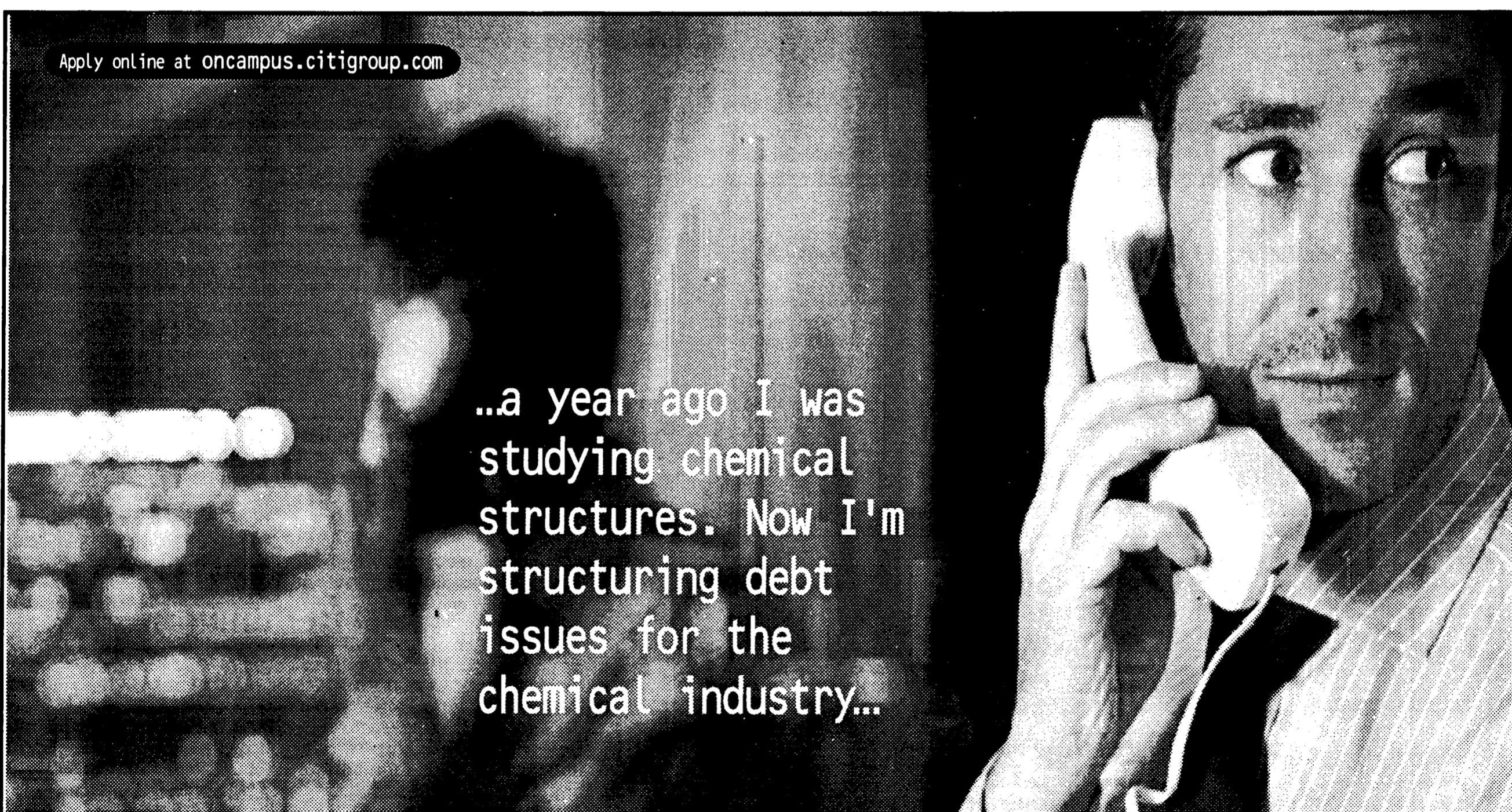
Trbovich is on leave from the United Steelworkers of America (USWA), where he serves as an assistant to Leo

W. Gerard, international president of the organization. A graduate of Indiana University, Trbovich previously worked as a journalist for United Press International and the Detroit Free Press. He also served as director of the Massachusetts Port Authority and as assistant director of transportation and development for a White House task force on youth employment. Before joining the USWA, Trbovich was a communications consultant, organizing campaigns in both the public and private sectors.

The USWA represents approximately 1 million workers and retirees in North America and is dedicated to

advancing the health and welfare of workers and their families through organizing, collective bargaining and political action.

Established in 1977 by the USWA "to better understand the principles of unionism and our economy," the McBride Lecture honors the fourth international president of the union, Lloyd McBride, who served from 1977 to 1983. The series was initiated in 1978 to give recognition to the work of a pioneer of the USWA, Joseph P. Molony, who served as vice president from 1965 to 1973. The invited speakers represent various aspects of journalism and the labor movement.



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written with a portion of a \$33 million grant from the late Edward DeBartolo in 1989, and was named in honor of his wife, Marie.

Holzman Pfeffier Associates of New York and Los Angeles designed the building and construction began in September 2001.

To ensure optimal sound, the building rests on seven different foundations to provide acoustic isolation between the various performance halls. The roof is also one foot thick in order to drown out the aircraft noise that results from the flight path over campus.

However, Haynes said the PAC's state-of-the-art technology is not its only draw.

"What it [the PAC] is really for is to touch you in some way," Haynes said. "That's what I'm looking forward to, to change Notre Dame and make it a place where arts and culture are a primary value. Success is not just putting the greatest artist on the stage but having the students respond to that, the community respond to that."

Ken Dye, director of bands, praised the PAC as "elegant [and] first class."

"It's a new era of music making," he said. "The acoustics are fabulous, better than any-

where in the world, better than the Sydney Operahouse. The DeBartolos made a gift, made it [the PAC] come to fruition."

Senior Lena Caligiuri, a theatre and English major, was impressed with the new PAC.

"We feel really lucky to have at least one year in this building," Caligiuri said. "It's just so far beyond the resources we have at Washington Hall."

Anna Marie Ortiz, another senior and theatre and English major, who wore an elaborate red and white lacy dress reminiscent of Marie Antoinette, said she enjoyed the opening celebration.

"Oh, I think it's a lot of fun," she said. I'm excited they decided to make an event out of it."

Visitors at the open house were able to view performances and films in the five major venues housed in the PAC:

♦ The Patricia George Decio Mainstage Theatre seats 350 and is intended for use as a traditional theatre space. It has a fly loft for backgrounds, as well as an orchestra pit for live music.

♦ The organ in the Chris and Ann Reyes Organ and Choral Hall was built by one man over two years from a 400-year-old Douglass fir, and the carvings were done by his sister. The venue seats 100 people.

♦ The Judd and Mary Lou Leighton Concert Hall is the most versatile of all of the spaces. This 900-seat venue

has adjustable acoustics and can be used for anything from rock concerts to single-person recitals.

♦ The Michael Browning Family Cinema is the only theatre in the state of Indiana with Dolby THX sound, which was developed by famed Stars War director George Lucas. THX is the most rigorous standard for film sound projection systems, making the sound both clear and loud. It seats 250 people, and is the site for the weekly ND cinema showings.

♦ The Regis Philbin Studio Theatre is called an "Experimental Theatre" or "Black Box." It is a small, 100-person theatre that is painted black and has no fixed seating. This allows shows to achieve a level of intimacy and flexibility that is missing from a traditional theatre, and the black space allows for more effective use of lighting.

The PAC contains four classrooms, and it has numerous facilities intended for student use including 14 editing bays, a recording studio, a design classroom and a student lounge. It also contains faculty offices, a costume shop, laundry facilities, rehearsal spaces and kitchen/catering areas on the main floor and in the basement capable of serving up to 500 people.

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Lansing, Mich. with a large group of her friends after winning tickets through the student union.

Fenice said although she had fun, it was no place like home.

"Notre Dame's tailgates are more family-friendly," Fenice said. "I felt like we were harassed quite a bit — although not unexpected — for wearing our green shirts."

Notre Dame senior Chrissy Rochel said she felt the State fans were not as reserved in their harassment as Notre Dame fans usually are.

"I still enjoyed numerous tailgates and the really cute frat guys," Rochel said, adding that the men were "much better looking than the guys at Notre Dame."

Notre Dame freshman Kristen Buzzitta said while the experience was different than her home football game experience, she thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie of the day.

"It was a different experience [to watch a game off campus] than it is here at Notre Dame, but everyone bonded and cheered together," Buzzitta said. "Complete strangers would see our Notre Dame T-shirts and invite us to join their tailgates."

As the hamburger line dwindled on campus, the slightly

smaller but ever noticeable sea of green stood out in the crowd of white-clothed State fans.

While fans at the stadium enjoyed themselves, cheering on the team, Rochel and her friends watched the game from a local bar and were not treated as warmly.

"When we scored people would throw ice at us," she said. "Everyone was yelling at each other. There were some people that would be nice and come up to tell us that we went to a great school, and that they were Notre Dame fans as well, which is always nice. It was by far a better experience than the horror stories I heard from my friends who attended the Michigan game last year."

The Notre Dame turnout at Michigan State was large — large enough to cheer the team onto victory.

And for most students who ventured north, it was a pleasant atmosphere.

"Overall, it was a positive experience and was really interesting to see a game from another campus," Rochel said.

Fenice believes with another check in the win category, nothing else really matters.

"We came out with the victory," she said. "[The MSU fans] didn't have a lot to say after the game — the score said it all."

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Chili's

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above what their insurance covers, Campbell said. Donations from fundraisers such as the Chili's event ensure the hospital can provide care

regardless of patients' financial status.

Today's event is part of the month-long effort dubbed Create a Pepper to Fight Childhood Cancer. Customers are encouraged throughout September to donate \$1 and color a Chili's pepper logo to try to reach the final goal of \$2

million for the facility.

The company raised \$50,000 in a similar effort two years ago but looks to improve upon this mark in honor of National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

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ROTC

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Notre Dame senior and army ROTC battalion commander Patrick Robinson was happy with the decision.

"Staying local provided more time for training and less time for transit," Robinson said. "This was more convenient and allowed us to come home earlier for recovery."

Armed with a compass, map and protractor, cadets set out Friday afternoon directing themselves through the fields of St. Patrick's Park for day land navigation training.

During night land navigation exercises at White Field, the cadets practiced pace counts and compass use in the dark.

Given sleeping bags and ponchos, the cadets were allowed only five hours to sleep, with each cadet waking for a one-hour shift of fireguard patrol.

"It was definitely an experience for lots of people who haven't done it," sophomore Ryan Larson said.

New to the FTX this year, the battalion went paint balling in Osceola for battle drill training. Battle training simulates real-life battle situations and forces cadets to work together in groups. The simulation aims to improve communication skills and monitor reactions to stressful situations.

In the past, the Army ROTC has used blank ammunition, but using paint balls gave a more realistic

feel, cadets said.

"It gave us down-range feedback rather than just making noise, plus it was more fun," Robinson said.

The pairing of junior leaders with freshman and sophomore cadets contributed to the experience.

"The exercise integrated all three classes, working together and getting direct feedback was the best improvement," Larson said. "It was also very helpful because you could see where you were shooting and if you had been shot yourself."

The past weekend left a good impression among cadets.

Saint Mary's junior Vanessa Hooper-Yan noticed a positive attitude throughout the battalion.

"In general, everyone was more motivated this time. Everyone wanted to be there," she said.

The FTX also succeeded in preparing juniors for camp.

"I definitely feel prepared for camp in the summer. I received really productive feedback and got a lot out of it," Hooper-Yan said. "I now know what I need to improve on."

Others feel this semester's training reflects the continuing development of the Army ROTC program.

"It is amazing how Army ROTC has developed over the years," Robinson said. "We acquire new leadership skills throughout all four years and this was definitely a unique leadership experience."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China transfers power peacefully

BEIJING — Hu Jintao became the undisputed leader of China as the country completed its first orderly transfer of power in the communist era on Sunday with the departure of former President Jiang Zemin from his top military post — giving a new generation a freer hand to run the world's most populous nation.

Jiang, whose term was to have run until 2007, resigned at a meeting of the ruling Communist Party's Central Committee that ended Sunday.

Analysts did not expect Jiang's exit to affect Beijing's stance on relations with the United States or Taiwan, economic reform or other key issues. Jiang and Hu are not known to have had any major policy disagreements and both support continued capitalist-style reforms and one-party communist rule.

Israeli helicopter fires on Gaza City

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An Israeli helicopter fired a missile at a car in Gaza City late Sunday, residents said, killing a senior Hamas militant leader, the latest Israeli attack in the territory it plans to leave next year.

Witnesses said parts of a dismembered body were pulled from the wreckage. Hospital officials said six were wounded, two seriously, all bystanders returning from a mosque.

Witness Omar Arfa, 52, who owns a fast food stand nearby, said the street was full of cars. "A spark came from the sky, then there was a huge explosion in part of street," he said.

The Israeli military had no official comment. But military sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said an Israeli attack helicopter carried out the attack.

NATIONAL NEWS

Antidepressants need warnings

WASHINGTON — Alarmed at a recommendation that antidepressants for children carry a strict new warning label, some parents are not letting their kids take the drugs as part of a clinical trial for young people who have attempted suicide.

Government health advisers said last week the labels on these drugs should have bold warnings surrounded by a black box to draw attention and say that, in some cases, the medication increases suicidal thoughts and behavior.

A study financed by the National Institute of Mental Health is designed to determine whether treatment — medication or behavioral therapy, alone or combined — can prevent future suicide attempts.

Kerry and Bush address terrorism

WASHINGTON — Playing on the fear factor, Vice President Dick Cheney suggested in a campaign speech there might be another terrorist attack on the United States if John Kerry were in the White House.

President Bush's opponents' are raising their own worst fears, including the potential for more wars during a second Bush term.

"That's fear-mongering," said Joseph Carafano, a 25-year Army veteran and former West Point professor who now is an analyst with the conservative Heritage Foundation.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana schools must pass test

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's statewide testing that begins Monday could be the last chance for some schools to prove to the federal government that they have improved several years of low scores.

Ten Indiana schools must significantly improve their Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress-Plus scores. Otherwise, the federal government might force them to reopen as charter schools, replace principals and teachers or surrender to state or private management.

IRAQ

Brutal violence escalates in Baghdad

As January elections in Iraq approach, about 300 people have been violently killed

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Militants sawed off the heads of three hostages believed to be Iraqi Kurds in a grisly videotape that surfaced Sunday, hours after Iraq's prime minister said January elections would be held on schedule and asserted that American and Iraqi troops were winning the fight against an increasingly bold insurgency.

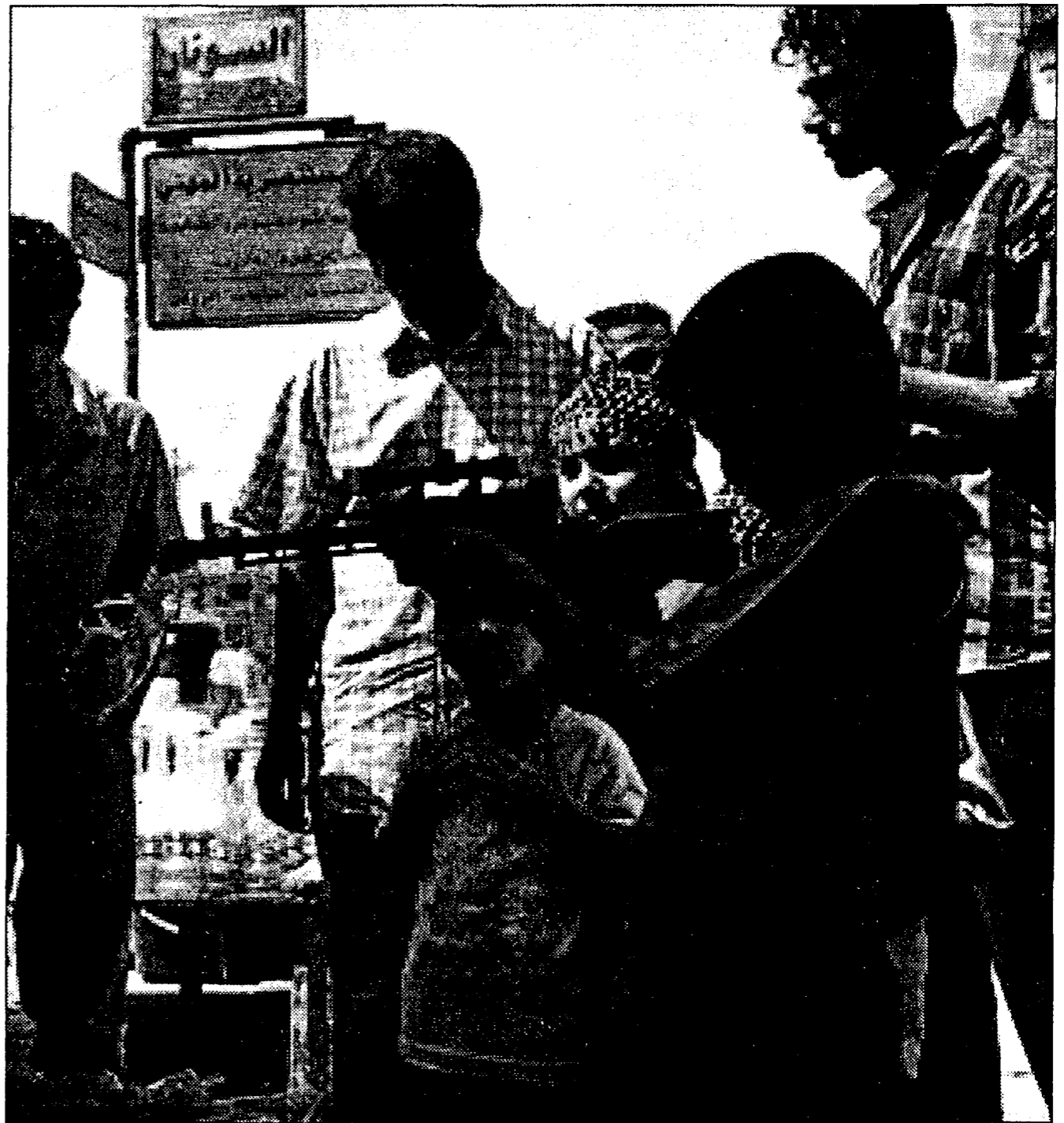
In another sign of continuing instability 17 months into the U.S.-led occupation of Iraq, a suicide car bomb killed three people in Samarra — a northern city that U.S. and Iraqi commanders have portrayed as a success story in their attempts to put down the insurgency.

Over the past week, about 300 people have been killed in escalating violence, including bombings, street fighting and U.S. air strikes. Last week, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan warned there could not be "credible elections if the security conditions continue as they are now."

But Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, who spoke with reporters after a meeting with British leader Tony Blair in London, said his interim government was determined "to stick to the timetable of the elections," which are due by Jan. 31.

"January next, I think, is going to be a major blow to terrorists and insurgents," said Allawi, who is heading to the United Nations for this week's General Assembly session. "We are adamant that democracy is going to prevail, is going to win in Iraq."

Allawi, a Sunni Muslim, has been insistent about holding elections on time because of pressure from Iraq's Shiite Muslim community and its most powerful cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, who fought for early elec-



Despite attempts to make democracy prevail with the upcoming January elections, violence has heightened in Iraq. Toy guns are becoming a popular attraction for children.

tions. Reneging on the vote would risk angering the generally cooperative Shiite religious establishment.

Shiites, who are in the majority in Iraq, are eager to translate their numbers into political power.

But alongside the increasing violence, several cities in the Sunni Muslim heartland north and west of Baghdad are out of U.S. and Iraqi government control, with insurgents holding sway, particularly in the city of Fallujah. That raises questions on whether balloting can be held there — and the legitimacy of elections held without adequate Sunni participation.

Republican and Democratic senators urged the Bush administration on Sunday to face the reality of the situation in Iraq and change its policies. A major problem, said leaders of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on CBS' "Face the Nation," was incompetence by the administration in reconstructing the country's shattered infrastructure.

"The fact is a crisp, sharp analysis of our policies is required. We didn't do that in Vietnam, and we saw 11 years of casualties mount to the point where we finally lost," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, a Vietnam War veteran who is co-chairman of President

Bush's re-election committee in Nebraska.

The decapitated bodies of the three slain Kurdish hostages were found on a road near the northern city of Mosul, said Sarkawt Hassan, security chief in the Kurdish town of Sulaimaniyah. He said the three were members of the peshmerga militia of the Kurdistan Democratic Party.

The videotape, posted Sunday on a site known for its Islamic militant content, shows three young men, two of whom hold up identity cards. Seconds later, each has his throat slit and his head placed on the back of his body.

Hurricane causes massive flooding

Associated Press

WHEELING, W.Va. — Hundreds of people evacuated their homes Sunday in parts of Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania as rivers and small streams were swollen beyond their banks by the torrential rain dumped by remnants of Hurricane Ivan.

The Ohio River inundated parts of Wheeling and other West Virginia river towns, as well as communities on Ohio's shore, and the Delaware River flooded parts of New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania.

In addition to flooding, hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses

were still without electricity Sunday, most of them in Florida and Alabama.

The hurricane and its remnants had been blamed for at least 50 deaths in the United States, 16 of them in Florida, and 70 deaths in the Caribbean.

The Ohio River crested Sunday at Wheeling at about 9.3 feet above flood stage, after submerging the city's riverfront park and amphitheater. It mostly covered the city's midriver Wheeling Island, which holds residential neighborhoods and Wheeling Island Racetrack and Gaming.

West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise spent

the night with evacuees on the gym floor at Wheeling Park High, one of several Red Cross shelter sites, after a brief tour of the area by road.

"I saw mobile homes uprooted and tossed downstream," he said. "I saw human lives uprooted."

Downriver, residents had been urged to evacuate parts of Moundsville, where the Ohio crested at 10 feet above flood stage.

A highway paralleling the West Virginia shore of the river was blocked in several places between Wheeling and Parkersburg, and the Ohio River bridge in New Martinsville was closed, state emergency officials said.

Fence

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change the definition of a perimeter fence," Ryan said. "The covenants do not specifically define perimeter, but common sense tells us that it would include a fence that is slightly set in to the property, like the one in question is."

The Willinghams approached the board in 2002 about the project, and since that time were granted a variance allowing the ornamental fence to be placed around the pool but not extend beyond the sides of the house. Studer said the suggested fence would have inconveniently bisected the backyard, and was not an acceptable alternative.

Studer said the purpose behind the fence was to keep neighborhood children and pets from accidentally falling into the pool and to alleviate privacy concerns.

"It's a very nice fence, and they've gone to great expense to create something upscale that fits in with the neighborhood," Studer said.

The rationale behind the Association's covenant is to protect the open appearance of the neighborhood, Ryan said.

The suit was signed and prepared for filing on Aug. 20, Ryan said, but the board waited until Sept. 10 to give the Willinghams the opportunity to make an

amended proposal.

No such proposal was presented, but construction on the fence was halted when the lawsuit was filed, Studer said.

"We stopped construction right away and asked that the board sit down and look at the plans," he said. "We don't think the board members have ever seen the location of the fence, and we want them to look at it to see that we're being reasonable."

Neighbors have played a vocal role in the conflict, but each party claimed to have the community's support on its side.

Ryan said complaints from residents alerted the board to the construction, while Studer said 12 of the Willinghams' neighbors wrote letters in support of the fence plans.

In actuality, the board has discussed changing the Association's covenant regarding fencing allowances, but amendments can't be made without the approval of two-thirds of residents.

"The board talking about changing the covenants and changes being approved are two different things," Ryan said. "The Willinghams just jumped the gun."

A hearing has been scheduled for Oct. 6, and while no meeting between the parties before then has been scheduled, attorneys for both sides said one is not out of the question.

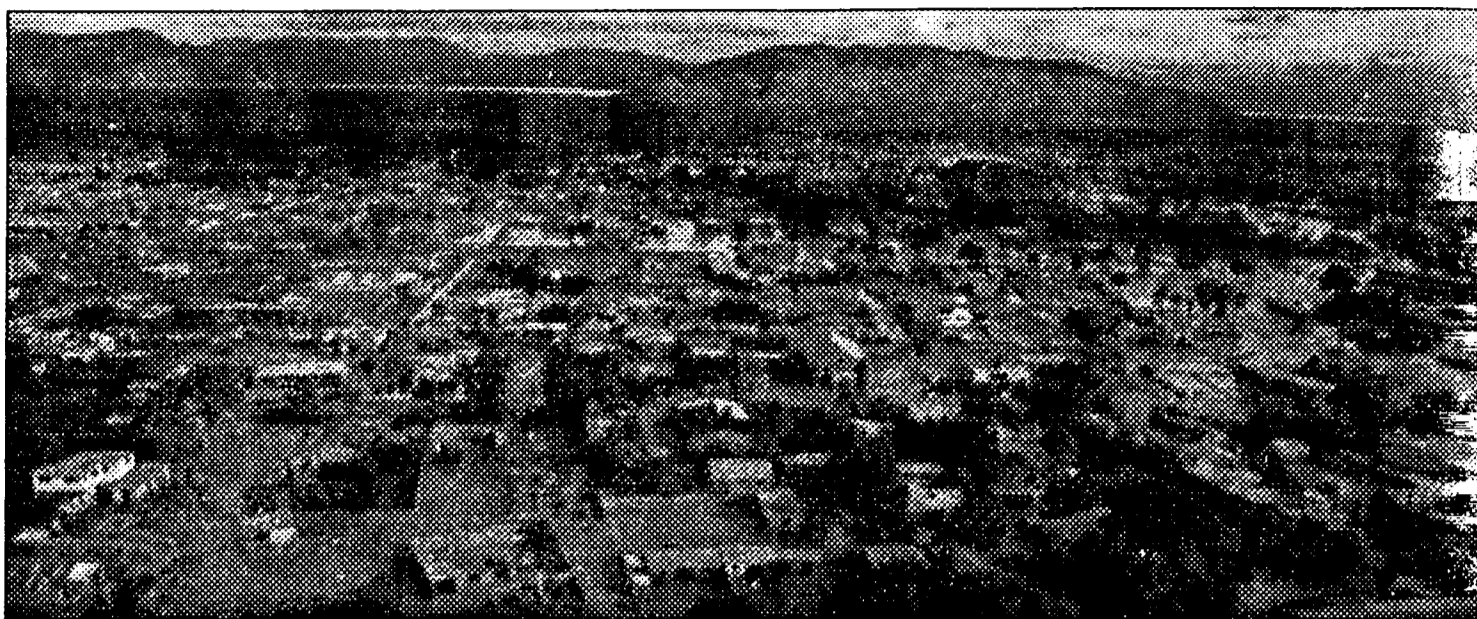
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HAITI

At least 50 dead in storm surge



After battering the neighboring Dominican Republic, Tropical Storm Jeanne killed at least 50 people in Haiti Sunday before it pushed off into the open sea. AP

Associated Press

ONAIVES, Haiti — Tropical Storm Jeanne killed at least 50 people in Haiti after battering the neighboring Dominican Republic with its lashing winds and deadly storm surge before it pushed off into the open sea on Sunday, officials said.

Floods tore through the northwestern coastal town of Gonaives and surrounding areas Saturday night, covering crops but not fully engulfing homes. Prime Minister Gerard Latortue and his interior minister toured the area in a U.N. truck, but were not able to reach many areas because of flooded roads.

Jeanne didn't appear likely to hit the storm-battered southeastern United States. It was expected to turn south over the next two days and head back out into the Atlantic, away from Florida and other states that have been battered by three major storms already this season.

At least 50 deaths were blamed on the storm in Haiti, said Brazilian Cmdr. Carlos Chagas, assistant to the U.N. force commander overseeing Haiti's peacekeeping and other missions.

Several others were reported missing and feared dead. Unlike the Dominican Republic, much of Haiti is deforested and unable to hold

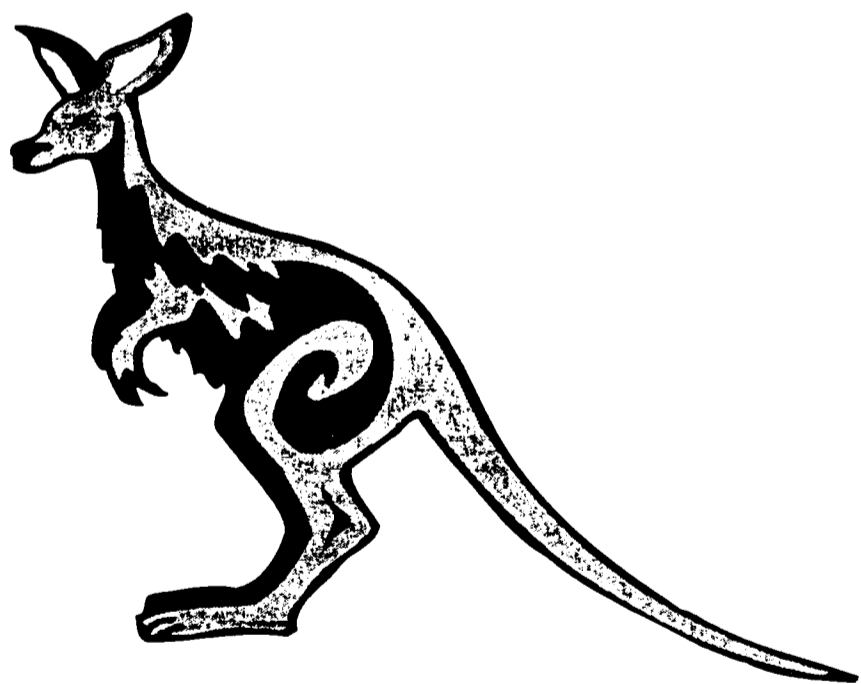
back flood waters.

"We don't know how many dead there are," Latortue said. "2004 has been a terrible year."

The prime minister also declared the city a disaster area and called on the international community to provide immediate humanitarian aid.

The deaths from Tropical Storm Jeanne come four months after torrential rains and floods killed more than 3,000 people along the Haitian-Dominican border. Six months ago rebels ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, which left hundreds of people dead and led to the arrival of more than 3,000 U.N. peacekeepers.

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IN BRIEF

United Airlines needs \$500 million

CHICAGO — Struggling to put together a new bankruptcy exit plan, United Airlines said Friday it is in talks with its unions about the need for an additional \$500 million in cost cuts.

The cuts at the nation's No. 2 carrier would come on top of \$655 million in yearly cost savings the company identified two weeks ago and \$2.5 billion in wage and benefit cuts it made a year ago. They also would be separate from United's tentative plan to end employee pension plans, which would save the company \$4.1 billion in payments due over the next five years.

Chief Financial Officer Jake Brace indicated Friday that those moves still are not enough in the face of sharp increases in jet fuel costs and competition from discount carriers — problems also plaguing other major airlines.

But the pilots' union signaled its growing impatience after 21 months in bankruptcy.

Three defraud bank of \$173 million

MIAMI — Three men were sentenced to prison for their roles in defrauding the Florida branch of Espirito Santo Bank of Portugal of \$173 million, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami said.

Dominick Parlapiano, director of a joint venture between the bank and two brothers from Key Biscayne, was sentenced Friday to 12 1/2 years, prosecutors said. Carlos E. Mendez, the venture's vice president, got nine years and technology specialist Otto Ambrosiani was sentenced to five years.

The three were ordered to pay full restitution to Espirito Santo and have agreed to testify against Eduardo and Hector Orlansky, who headed the venture called E.S. Bankest, prosecutors said. The three pleaded guilty in May to charges including conspiracy, wire fraud and bank fraud.

E.S. Bankest specialized in a business called "factoring." It bought a company's outstanding bills at a discount, then tried to collect the bill in full, pocketing the difference as profit. But Bankest inflated the value of the bills it bought, prosecutors said.

The venture paid for its purchases with loans from Espirito Santo, which raised the money by selling debt to its clients, an indictment said. Espirito Santo was left with \$173 million in debt after the scheme unraveled late last year.

Napster revived once again

Roxio Inc. buys the Napster brand name, plans on selling music over the Web

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Call it the kitty's third life.

Roxio Inc. bought the Napster brand name and feline logo at a bankruptcy auction two years ago and with the acquisition of another music service, pressplay, relaunched the once-renegade file-swapping pioneer as a legal music service last October.

Now in its latest reincarnation, Roxio has shed its CD-burning software business and plans to concentrate solely on selling and delivering music over the Web. It will adopt Napster as its corporate name, trading under a new ticker symbol.

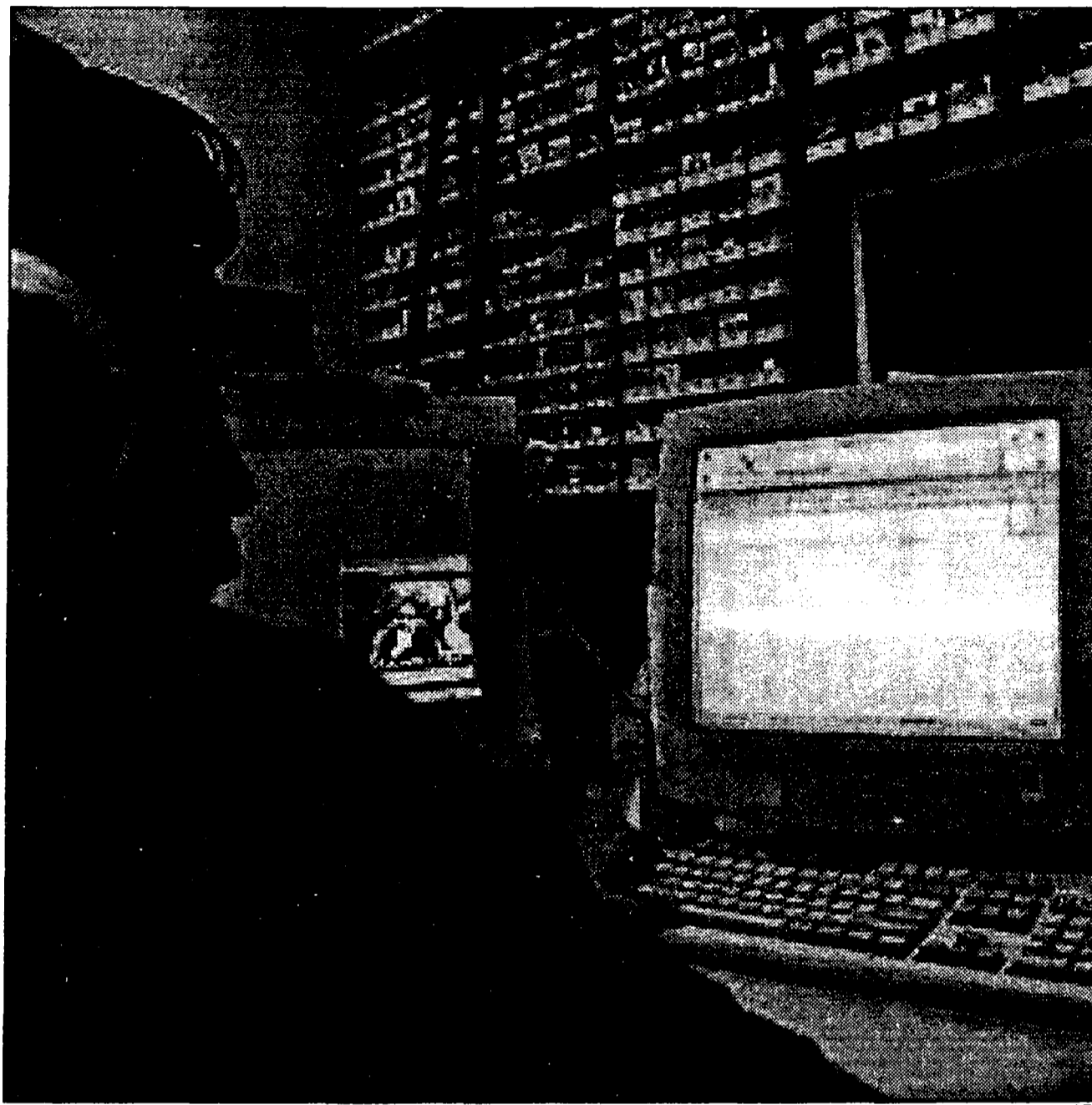
The pure-play move will mark Napster's birth as the name of a public company, but more importantly, arm the company with resources to help survive the rough-and-tumble as other deep-pocketed, powerful rivals enter the crowded online music space.

In the past two weeks, Microsoft Corp. debuted its online music service, and Yahoo Inc. acquired online jukebox provider Musicmatch Inc. EMI Group's Virgin is among those expected to soon join the fray, which already includes the pioneer of legitimate downloads and the current market leader, Apple Computer Inc.

Roxio's sale of its software business to Sonic Solutions for \$80 million in cash and stocks will give Napster a cash base of more than \$100 million once the deal closes, expected by year's end.

"One of the most important questions for our investors is, 'Does Napster have the staying power to stay and thrive?'" Having the cash answers that question," said Chris Gorog, chief executive and chairman of Roxio.

It will be more than enough to cover Napster



Software engineers process compact discs to stream online. Napster plans to have users pay \$9.95 a month for unlimited access to more than 750,000 songs.

until it becomes profitable, Gorog said, "and we're on a clear path to do that."

Roxio's revenues grew 24 percent to \$29.9 million in the April-June quarter compared with a year ago, though the company had a net loss of \$2.6 million, or 8 cents per share, dragged in part by the Napster unit's \$8.1 million loss.

But Gorog said Napster's sales are growing at a double-digit rate — it increased by more than tenfold to \$7.9 million that quarter — and he projected online music revenues will reach \$30 million to \$40 million this fiscal year.

Analysts say Napster has its work cut out.

Napster's key strategy is to ramp up its subscription service, which costs users \$9.95 a month for unlimited

access on their computers to more than 750,000 songs. With the debut of a "Napster To Go" premium service this fall — initially set to cost an additional \$5 a month — subscribers soon will also be able to transfer the tunes to compatible portable music players.

Napster must "deliver compelling marketing messages to educate consumers about the value of a subscription rather than a download model," said Mike McGuire, analyst with Gartner G2 market research firm. "The consumer has to see that it's a better way, not just a different way, to get their music."

The relatively easy concept behind the pay-per-download model will make it the more dominant of the two for at least the next cou-

ple of years, McGuire said.

Most music download services allow users to buy a song for about 99 cents, burn it to a CD an unlimited number of times and transfer it to some kind of portable device. You buy it; you own it.

With a subscription, songs are essentially leased. Once a customer stops paying, access to the music catalog disappears.

Napster offers both options, as does RealNetworks Inc.'s Rhapsody and America Online Inc.'s MusicNetAtAOL.

But Gorog and other subscription proponents say their model gives listeners more freedom to explore music and listen to thousands of tracks without having to invest a buck apiece.

IBM attempts to settle lawsuit

Associated Press

NEW YORK — IBM said Friday it is in talks to settle a mammoth lawsuit alleging a pension plan adopted by the firm in the 1990s discriminated against 140,000 older workers.

IBM agreed this week to settle a small part of the lawsuit, involving just a few thousand workers, in a case that has been closely watched by scores of large companies with similar pension plans.

After a judge ruled in favor of the workers in February, the company said an overall judgment involving its cash balance pension plan could cost more than \$6.5 billion. That

would be the largest pension judgment in history.

The Illinois judge in charge of the case had been expected to announce damages soon. But IBM on Friday asked him to postpone the decision on payments to other employees, saying the company is "in discussions regarding a possible resolution of some of the remedies, issues and/or claims in the suit."

The class-action lawsuit challenges IBM's cash balance pension plan.

Traditional pension plans reward workers for sticking with a company over time, increasing their retirement benefits at a much faster rate during their last years of service. Cash balance plans are

computed using a formula that awards benefits at a steady rate through a worker's tenure.

Opponents say cash-balance plans instituted when experienced workers are already nearing retirement age deprive employees of anticipated gains and leave them without enough working years to accrue cash balance benefits equal to what they would have received had the company kept a traditional pension.

The partial settlement, disclosed in court filings Wednesday, involves employees who worked for the company for less than five years — a very small portion of the 140,000 workers affected by the lawsuit filed in federal court in Illinois.

Madonna addresses Kabbalah conference

Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — Pop star Madonna called for world peace Sunday at a conference on Jewish mysticism, a highlight of her five-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Israel hopes the star — the biggest pop celebrity to visit in years — will revive tourism battered by four years of Mideast violence, and government officials were on hand at a Tel Aviv hotel to share the spotlight, the glory and the photographs.

Madonna, wearing a low-cut dress with a black and white leopard pattern, said she was hesitant to come to Israel "after seeing so many news reports about terror attacks."

"I realize now that it is no more dangerous to be here than it is to be in New York,"

she told the gathering.

Madonna was raised a Roman Catholic, but she has become an avid devotee of Jewish mysticism in recent years. She has adopted the Hebrew name Esther, wears a red thread on her wrist to ward off the evil eye and reportedly refuses to perform on the Jewish Sabbath.

Tourism officials hope the singer's well-publicized visit to Israel will calm fears that have kept many potential tourists away from the Holy Land, despite its religious and other attractions.

Israeli Tourism Minister Gideon Ezra said Madonna's visit was better than advertis-

ing for tourism.

"If she comes here and goes back and was happy with her visit, it means for a lot of people who were afraid to come here that they can come without any problem," Ezra said.

Speaking without notes, Madonna said the people she met during her five-day Holy Land trip "have one thing in common — we want to create peace in the world."

"We want to put an end to chaos and suffering," she said, "but most of all we want to put an end to hatred with no reason."

The singer said she was not representing a religion. Rather, she said, "I'm here as a student of Kabbalah. A Kabbalist sees

the world as a unified whole. A Kabbalist asks why."

While many Israelis welcomed the singer and her entourage, others were uncomfortable with the mission.

Over the years, observant Jews have considered Kabbalah a powerful, even potentially dangerous undertaking to be tackled only by the most qualified and learned men. Now, many Orthodox Jews reject the adoption of Kabbalah by non-Jewish pop figures as a desecration of the holy.

Early Sunday, Madonna went to the Givat Shaul cemetery outside Jerusalem to visit the grave of a famous Jewish mysticist.

Guarded by police, Madonna and husband, Guy Ritchie, walked past rows of tombstones to the grave of the Kabbalist sage Rabbi Yehuda Ashlag.

"A Kabbalist sees the world as a unified whole. A Kabbalist asks why."

Madonna singer

Pop star ties the knot again

Spears weds fiance in surprise ceremony

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Pop singer Britney Spears married her fiance, dancer Kevin Federline, in a surprise ceremony, her record label said Sunday.

"She did marry him yesterday," Jive Records spokeswoman Sonia Muckle said. She declined to provide further details.

The wedding was held Saturday evening at a private home in the Studio City area with 20 to 30 people attending, "Entertainment Tonight" said on its Web site.

Nicole King, a spokeswoman for BWR Public Relations, which represents Spears, did not return a message seeking comment.

Spears, 22, and Federline, 26, announced their engagement in June after dating since early this year.

It was the second marriage in nine months for Spears.

In January, she married childhood friend Jason Alexander in a surprise wedding in Las Vegas. That marriage was annulled 55 hours later.

Aspiring physician crowned Miss America

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Deidre Downs passed up medical school so she could compete for Miss America. Now she plans to spend her reign advocating for pediatric cancer victims.

"People don't like to associate cancer with children," she said Sunday. "Children with cancer need a voice, and I want to be that voice."

Downs, of Birmingham, Ala., outlasted 51 other women to win the pageant Saturday, impressing the judges with her smarts, beauty and singing prowess. Competing head-to-head against Miss Louisiana, Jennifer Dupont, Downs turned in a strong performance singing "I'm Afraid This Must Be Love."

The 5-foot-10 1/2-inch brunette graduated magna cum laude from Samford University

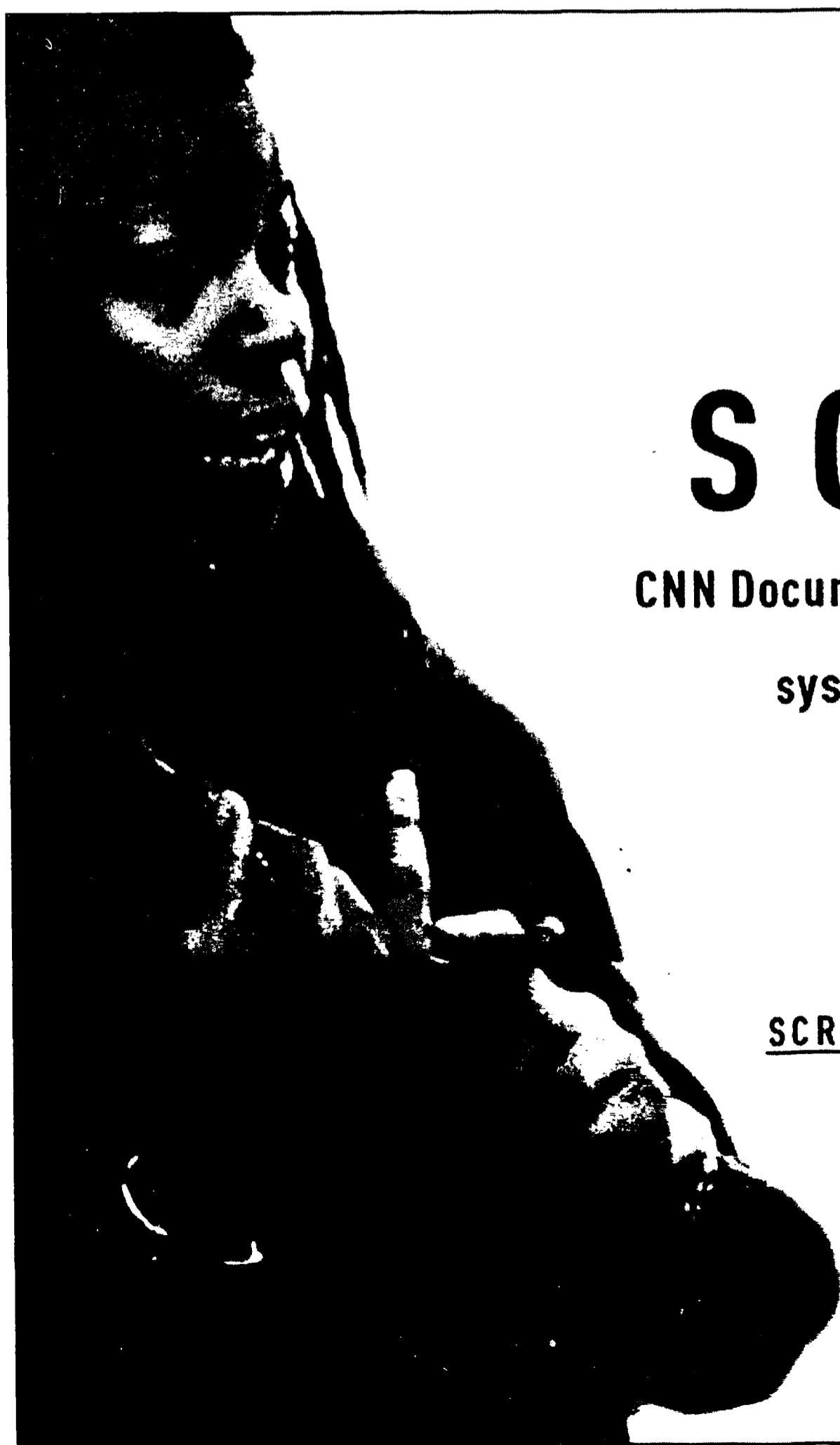
in Birmingham. A Rhodes Scholar finalist, she was accepted to the University of Alabama's medical school in Birmingham but delayed her entry after winning the Miss Alabama title — on her fifth try.

"I guess I was just a sucker for punishment," she said.

Downs paid her way through college using nearly \$50,000 in scholarship money won competing for Miss Alabama. She'll get

\$50,000 more for winning Miss America and could make several times that much in appearance fees during her yearlong reign.

Downs' victory capped a shorter Miss America telecast that showed more skin and fewer talent routines. Whether the changes succeeded isn't known yet. Nielsen Media Research ratings come out later this week.



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Kerry advertisement attacks war spending

Ad links cost of Iraq war to domestic problems

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrat John Kerry links the cost of the Iraq war to problems at home and vows in a new television ad to both “defend America and fight for the middle class.”

“Two hundred billion dollars. That’s what we are spending in Iraq because George Bush chose to go it alone,” Kerry says in the ad, to start airing Monday in 13 competitive states where he is on the air. “Now the president tells us we don’t have the resources to take care of health care and education here at home. That’s wrong.”

Suggesting that Bush ignored domestic ills while focusing on the war abroad, Kerry says: “As president, I’ll stop at nothing to get the terrorists before they get us. But I’ll also fight to build a stronger middle class.”

The \$200 billion estimate reflects the campaign’s calculation of funds already spent on combat and reconstruction in Iraq, and money anticipated to be spent through next summer, based on congressional reports.

The war has cost about \$120 billion, according to the White House Office of Budget and Management.

Bush has never said there’s no money for education or health care. Kerry’s campaign bases the claim on its interpretation of Bush’s budget proposals for education and reports of rising health care premiums.

Bush’s campaign said the ad was another Kerry flip flop, noting that in August 2003 on NBC’s “Meet the Press” Kerry said war spending should be increased “by whatever number of billions of dollars it takes to win.”

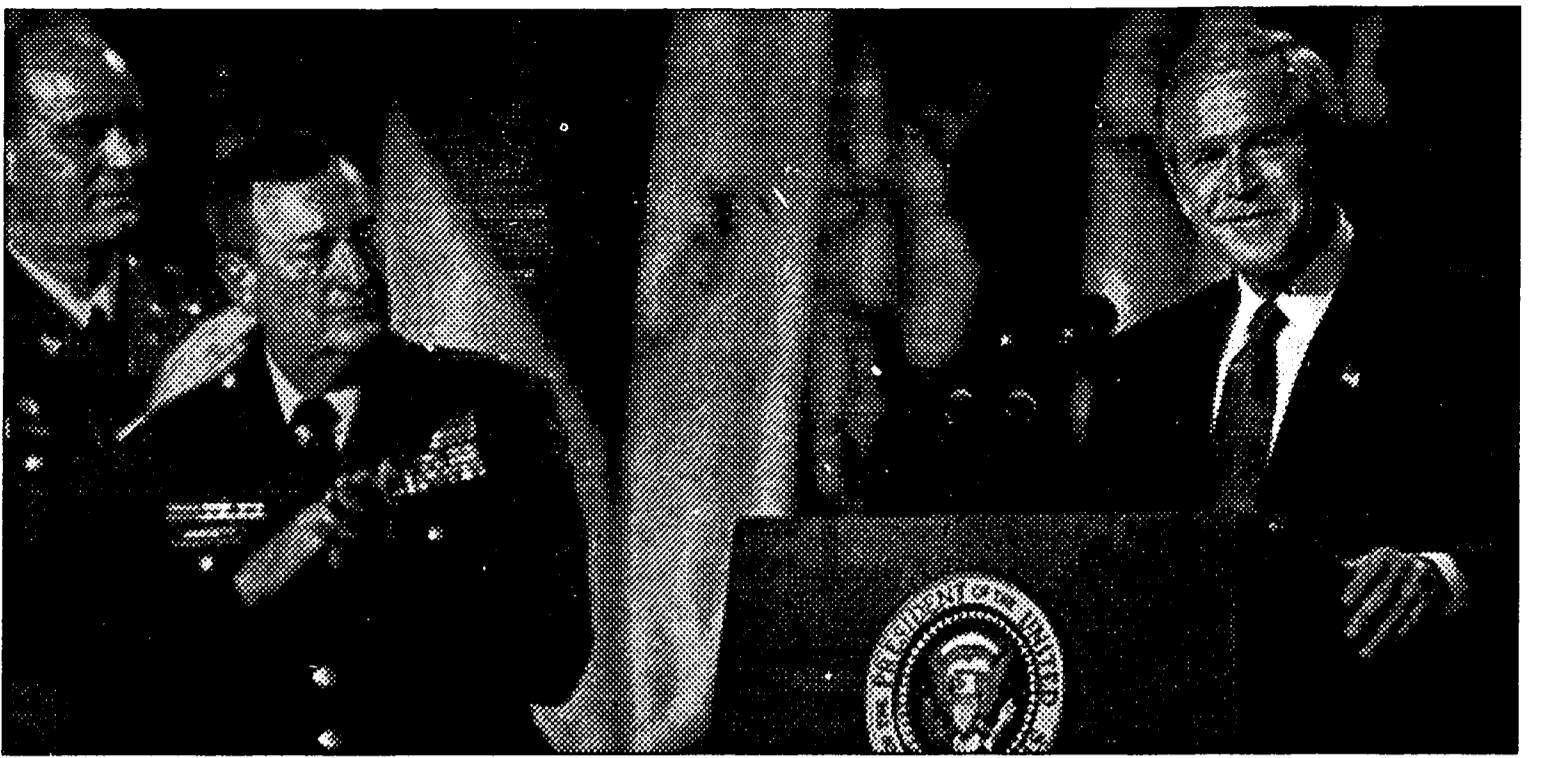
“After attacking the president for not spending enough on Iraq, John Kerry is now attacking the president for spending too much,” said Bush campaign spokesman Steve Schmidt. “John Kerry’s hypocritical attacks and continually shifting positions on Iraq are costing him the trust of the American people.”

Kerry spent Sunday in Boston, off the campaign trail. His economic plan calls for rolling back Bush’s tax cuts for people earning more than \$200,000 a year.

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**John Kerry
presidential
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Pentagon uncovers Bush letter



President George W. Bush smiles as he receives a standing ovation at the 126th National Guard Conference in Las Vegas on Sept. 14.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The latest records to surface from President Bush’s service in the Texas Air National Guard show that one commander took an unusual interest in the congressman’s son during his basic training.

The officer in charge of the unit where Bush took his basic training wrote to then-Rep. George H.W. Bush in 1968. The officer’s letter was not released Friday, but the elder Bush’s reply was: “That a major general in the Air Force would take interest in a brand new Air Force trainee made a big impression on me.”

Bush, who was elected president 20 years later, wrote that his son “will be a gung-ho member” of the Air Force, and its instructors had “helped awaken the very best instincts in my son.”

Democrats called the exchange proof of preferential treatment.

The letter and other material were the latest in a stream of documents released about President Bush’s service three decades ago during the Vietnam War. His critics say Bush received preferential treatment as the son of a congressman and U.N. ambassador. Critics have also questioned why Bush skipped a required medical

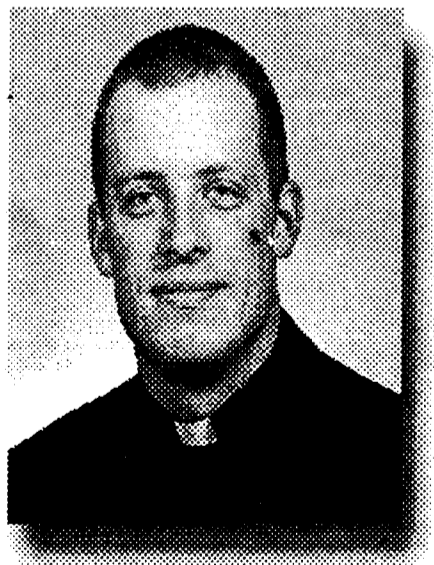
examination in 1972 and failed to show up for drills during a six-month period that year.

The Pentagon uncovered the documents during a search in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit by The Associated Press seeking all Bush’s records from the Texas Air National Guard. A federal judge ordered the Defense Department on Wednesday to hand over to the AP all newly discovered Bush records by next Friday.

The AP lawsuit also led to the release this month of previously undisclosed flight logs for the years Bush spent as a trainee and pilot, mostly on the F-102A fighter.

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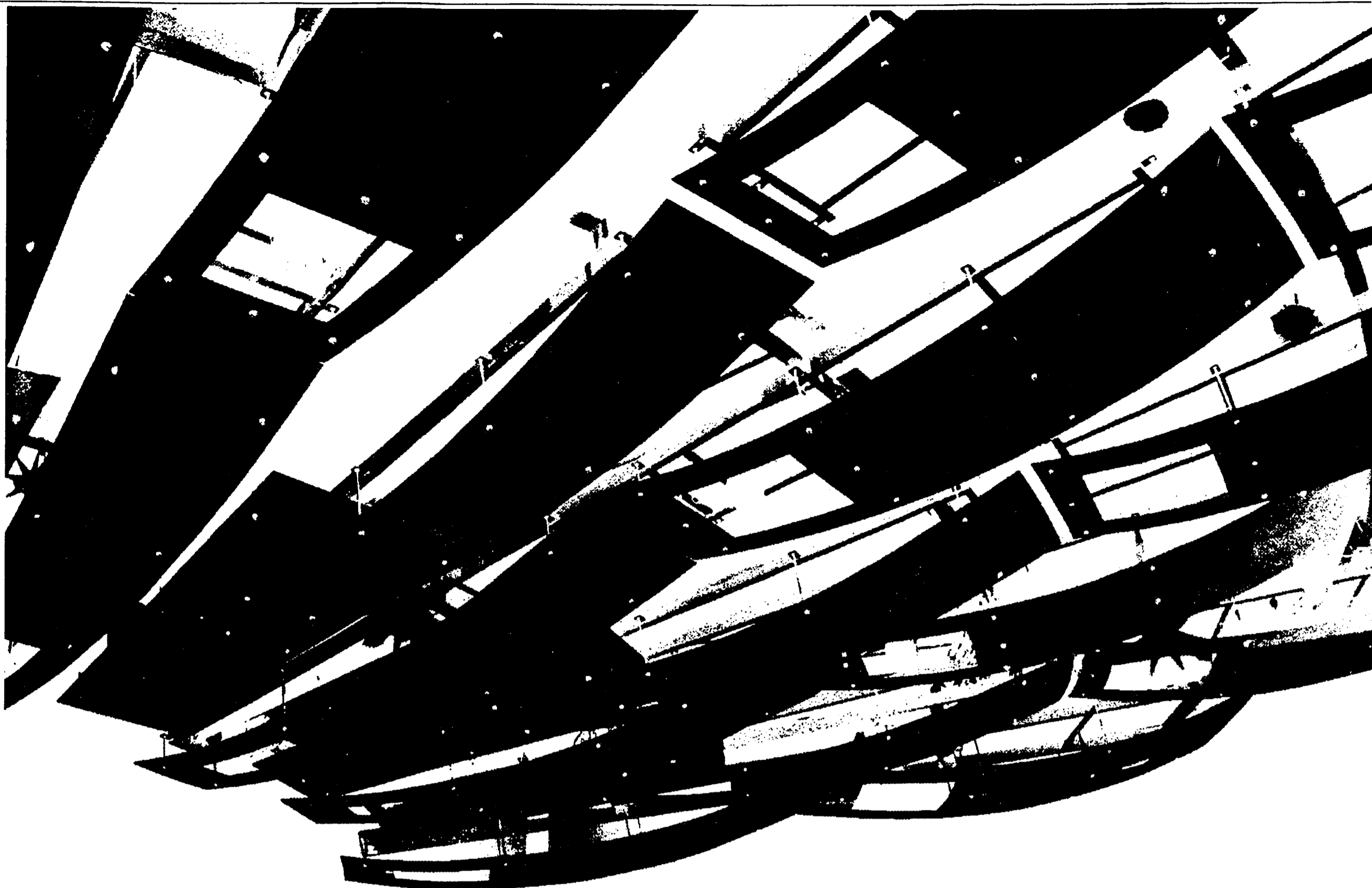
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Silly doctors, health is for kids

I am sick and tired of all this talk about being "healthy." In order to be "healthy," college students are constantly ordered to eat this, not eat this, do this exercise, play this sport and at the same time not stick this finger down this bathroom stall after this meal.

Joey Falco

Forty ounces of Falco

Where, then, do we draw the line

between eating healthy and eating disorder? How, then, are we supposed to exercise properly while balancing a full load of classes, jobs, clubs and designated hangover time? And why, then, if a known cause of obesity is late night snacking, does this University tempt us like a Biblical serpent with delicious hot dogs every midnight at a price that would allow a Kathy Lee Gifford sweatshop worker to have seconds?

Clearly, no warm-blooded, omnivorous human being enrolled at this University can possibly live up to the health standards placed upon us by the so-called "doctors" who specialize in this type of nutrition. It's kind of like being the short, chubby, uncoordinated, white younger brother of Michael Jordan — you're just never going to live up to anyone's expectations, and will probably just end up becoming one of those guys who tries to Roofie freshman girls in order to satisfy an inferiority complex. Obviously, this is not the sort of psychological treatment that nutritionists should be levying upon the minds of already-disturbed college students, and it has to stop now.

For example, a close examination of the fitness levels suggested by these "experts" reveals several inconsistencies with the Notre Dame collegiate lifestyle. The biggest problem, of course, is this thing that members of the medical profession refer to as "cardiovascular exercise," which apparently manifests itself in the form of jogging, aerobics, basketball or soccer. Unfortunately, it has been scientifically proven that the average Notre Dame student will never be able to participate in any of these activities on a regular basis.

Jogging has become an impossibility due to the exponential rise in swan

excrement around the lake paths. Aerobics require bright spandex clothing, which as we and the Princeton Review both know, will only result in all sorts of rude "Fine by me" comments on the walk over to Rolfs. Basketball may be fun for some people, but after being shutout in the first round of Bookstore by five drunk girls wearing pirate costumes, you wouldn't want to play the stupid sport ever again either. Interhall soccer will obviously entail playing against several Latino students, but the human shin can only take so many kicks before it loses too much blood to continue supporting the rest of the body. If we cannot possibly live up to their fitness standards, you would think that we could at least come close to matching their levels of healthy eating. Well, think again, because after subjecting myself to several days of cruel, torturous experimentation, I have discovered that the average Notre Dame student has a better chance of shot gunning a beer on the altar during a televised Basilica mass than staying within the 2500-calorie daily limit set by nutritionists for people our age.

If you don't believe me, take a look at the twenty-four hour period from Friday to Saturday afternoon on an average football weekend. Without going into too much detail, let's assume that a student (we'll call him Chip) decides to celebrate the beginning of the weekend by drinking a forty-ounce bottle of a fine malt liquor like Mickey's (523 calories). Still unable to quench his thirst, he consumes another bottle (523 calories) and then heads off to the pep rally to support his football team. Later that night, after a manly 1000-

calorie dinner in the dining hall, we can assume that Chip goes to a party and over the course of the night manages to drink ten cans of Keystone Light (104 calories each), a bottle of Guinness Extra Stout (153 calories), and while hitting on a girl across the street, three pina colodas (342 calories each).

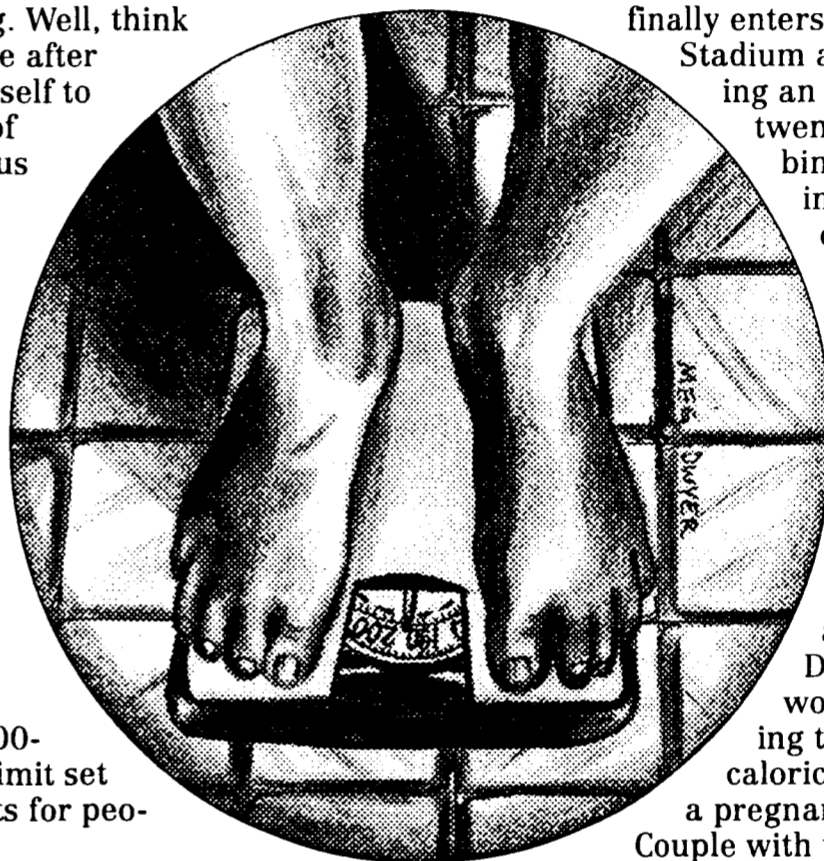
Bright and early the next morning, Chip finds himself outside tailgating for the Irish football game, and by ten he has already knocked back six cans of Keystone Light (104 calories each) and three doughnut sticks smuggled from South Dining Hall (316 calories each). Four hours, nine beers, a boxed wine chug, an Irish Car Bomb, three hamburgers, two hotdogs, a brownie and over 3,000 calories later, Chip finally enters Notre Dame Stadium after completing an amazing twenty-four hour binge that included the consumption of 8,825 calories.

As you can see, this completely average Notre Dame student, taking part in completely average Notre Dame activities, wound up ingesting the daily caloric equivalent of a pregnant polar bear.

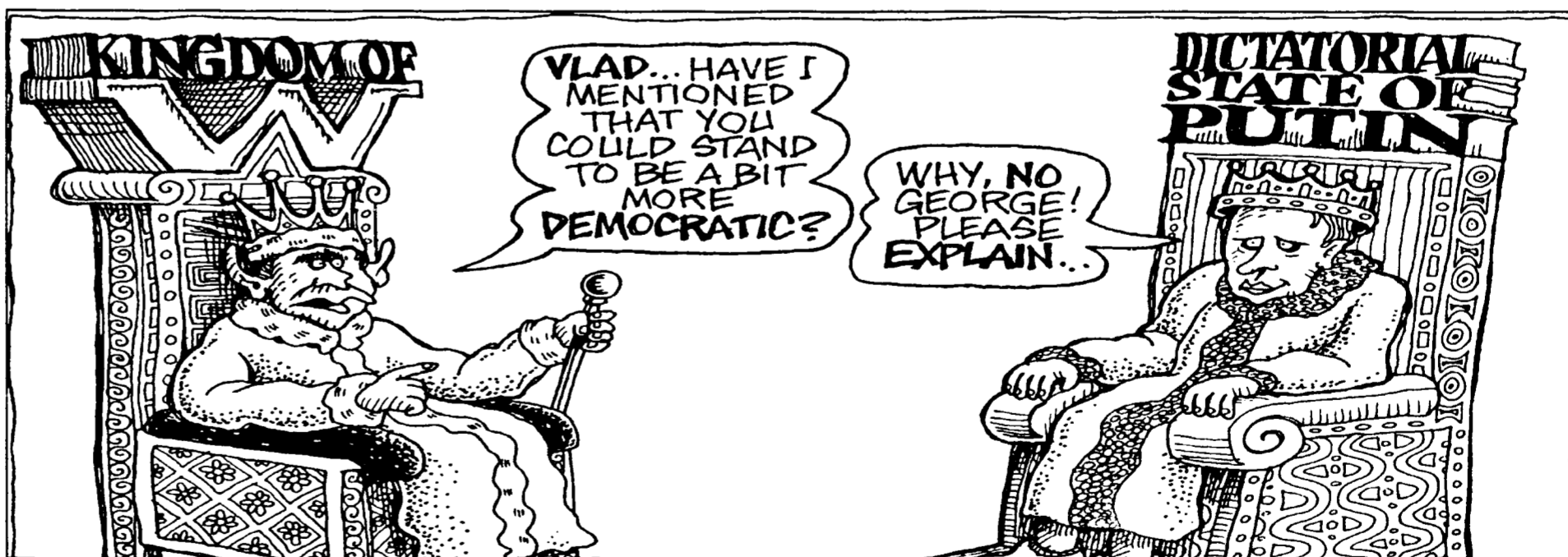
Couple with this the already-proven impossibility of consistent exercise on this campus, and the typical Domer like Chip is faced with quite a dietary dilemma: Does he still make it to quarter dogs on Sunday night?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly."

Langston Hughes
author

Who hijacked the culture of life?

Some whose long lives are still being transformed by the culture of life as it was taught and modeled by a few Catholic prophets in the '40s and '50s are puzzled by the reframing of the basic premises of that culture in the last 30 years. The political and legal wars waged over *Roe v. Wade* have taken their toll on the culture of life. War can destroy cultures as well as nations and individual lives.

Edward Manier

Guest Column

Political campaigns and legal disputes of all sorts characteristically oversimplify profoundly complex issues. The world of the 24-hour news cycle and instant blogging highlights clever sound bites and graphic imagery. Gov. Mario Cuomo, in a famous address at Notre Dame, sought to avoid the trivialization of the culture of life for partisan political purposes by urging that one could be "personally opposed" to abortion, while denying it should be criminalized.

That distinction misses the heart of the matter. For Catholic Christians, the heart of that culture is life lived in a community devoted to the imitation of Christ, crucified. Period. Full stop. In that context, and in the Abrahamic tradition more broadly, sexual reproduction is a sacred responsibility drawing two persons into

participation with the divine creative plan for human life on earth. The culture of life must be rooted in of a community of faith whose members all recognize the transcendent value of each human person and live accordingly.

One can learn much about the demands of such recognition by reading "The Irreducible Needs of Children, What Every Child Must Have To Grow, Learn and Flourish" by Dr. T. Brazelton and Dr. S. Greenspan, and "Parenting from the Inside Out, How a Deeper Self-understanding Can Help You Raise Children Who Thrive," by Dr. Dan Siegel.

The value of each child is transcendent, incalculable. The tasks of parenthood are not for moral cowards. They do not consist of transitory charitable episodes; they require dozens of years of continuous self-sacrifice. The lives of parents, those who fail as much as those who succeed, show us the real meaning of opening up a human marriage to acceptance of the divine will.

Brazelton, Greenspan and Spiegel should be required reading at every pre-Cana conference preparing young people for marriage and parenthood. They foreground truths about human development the abortion wars have shoved into the fuzzy background of a furious debate over the mythical point at which human life begins.

The political and legalistic formalisms crafted for the vicious in-fighting inspired by the abortion wars tell us nothing about human development or parenthood. Their slogans have no more real meaning than the chant of "We're number one!"

"*Roe v. Wade* has brought the holocaust to the United States!" "The morning-after pill is murderous." "Fetal stem cell research must be prohibited!" "All abortion for any purpose is murder and should be punished by criminal sanctions in criminal courts!" "Human life begins at conception!" And equally, "Individual choice is the most important human value!"

These epithets are war cries, calling us to the ramparts, to despise and deride those with whom we disagree. They destroy the spirit of agape love essential for any culture of life. They are all equally based on false premises, indefensible by anything but the method of authority.

The early stages of human life constitute a continuous process with many equally crucial stages in the human gonads, particularly the ovaries and the human uterus. Research by human developmental biologists suggests that the moment at which a human sperm enters a human egg is an event whose near-term result has been determined by

the microstructure of a developing egg in the last stages before ovulation.

University of Colorado developmental biologist Jonathan Van Blerkom, among others, has accumulated evidence that the failure of most fertilized eggs to develop past the eight-cell stage is traceable to inadequate cellular respiration caused by accumulating mutations in maternal genes for the mitochondria providing the energy for orderly cell division. If human life begins at conception; it often ends, by natural causes, quietly and unmourned, very soon thereafter.

It is a philosophic, legal and dramatic conceit to think human life is a concatenation of atomic points in time, the moments, as sportscasters love to tell us, at which the tide turns.

Dogmatic insistence that "life begins at conception" is blinded by the metaphor of life as a race, started with the crack of a gun. This metaphor has hijacked the mandate to nurture all stages of every human life. It has tricked us into hating the Samaritans who do not worship where we worship.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Republicans stack the vote

This Wednesday, the College Republicans voted unanimously against democracy.

During a motion to support outreach to the community, the College Republicans had the audacity to tell Rock the Vote commissioners that they would rather have citizens not vote than vote for their opposition. On the table was a program to register and educate ignorant voters in the area through the TRANSP0 citywide bus system. By distributing flyers, students through Rock the Vote would help South Bend commuters register and find their polling locations on Election Day. The goal was simply to help citizens learn where to exercise their civic duty. The motion failed.

The club rejected any funding or involvement with this initiative. Based on prejudicial assumptions regarding race and income, the College Republicans claimed they had no interest in helping these concerned citizens reach the polls. Any of the twelve bus routes, they alleged, would simply help Democrats in November. The College Republicans would rather citizens not know where to vote than to vote Democrat.

As a Republican, a minority and an American,

I am deeply offended by the position of this organization. In addition to their racial and economic profiling, College Republicans have decided against a fair election. This club would rather win with an unrepresentative minority than let democracy truly work.

If President George W. Bush is truly worried about Indiana on Election Day, the College Republicans have a lot more to worry about than this nonpartisan college group. Regardless, if you are a Democrat and want to vote in November, don't tell the College Republicans. They would rather you stay silent. Rock the Vote, on the other hand, will not stand for this position. We are committed to helping any and every citizen take part in the democratic process, regardless of party. A true win on Nov. 2 is not only for the political party that takes power, but rather for every American who fills out his/her ballot.

Philip Wells

junior
Dillon Hall
Sept. 18

Affording monitors

I'd like to share my viewpoint on your recent subject of hall monitors and cramped space.

As a parent of a female sophomore, I support the hall monitor. I assume there is no other reason for firing the monitors other than money.

Well, I would think the Notre Dame administration should and can find money for Our Lady's most treasure asset: the students.

Maybe Notre Dame can divert some money from athletics budget to reinstate the monitors or even build more dorms.

Or maybe raising \$100 a year on the kids' tuition: \$100 x 9000 students equals a lot of monitors.

Or divert some of the money from the \$3.50 Cokes sold at football concession stands.

I think the money is there to enhance student's life in every mundane way.

Parents pay tuition and expect their children to be safe, and have a good education.

By the way, when will Notre Dame convert some of the extra space in the 75 million dollars Performance Arts building to dorm space?

Joe Chan

alumnus
Class of '84
Sept. 18

U-WIRE

Cold War's threat replaced with terrorist reality

In an episode that made the Abu Ghraib prison debacle look like a game of drunken twister, militant Islamic terrorists have momentarily stopped hiding behind the Koran, instead hiding behind school children's bodies.

Tommy Purvis

California State-Fullerton Daily Titan

The school siege in southern Russia resulted in over 300 deaths, some children shot in the back as they fled for safety. As a result, Russia is destined to learn from the Chechen rebels what has not yet been learned in the United States.

Terrorism is not the enemy, terrorism is a tactic employed by the enemy. The enemy is militant Islam. Whether the battleground

is the Persian Gulf or Chechnya, the militant Islamic movement remains, and allowing it to spread will be deadly for both sides.

Extreme Islamic fundamentalists have hijacked Islam. Their goal: driving western influence from Muslim holy lands and areas of dense Muslim population in order to create militant Islamic governed nation-states. Killing a militant Islamic terrorist brings death to a person but allows an ideology to live.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has been pressured by U.S. officials to sit down at the peace table with Chechen rebels but has been unresponsive. Putin insists that Russia will conduct peace talks with Shamil Basayev, their most wanted terrorist, when

the U.S. does the same with Osama Bin Laden. The irony would be amusing if the threat was not so deadly.

The Cold War did not create militant Islam, but it did create al-Qaida. These Islamic militants are spread around the globe, including Chechnya. Shamil Basayev is a product of al-Qaida's efforts. After the school crisis, Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov declared that Russia reserves the right to carry out pre-emptive strikes against deemed threats. Ivanov, who has been in contact with U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, also feels that the U.S. administration is more receptive than most of Europe to Moscow's proposed pre-emption. Ivanov feels that Moscow and Washington see eye to eye in combating

terrorism. Islamic militants have placed their bet in the form of international terrorism. They have upped their ante with the attack of innocence in Beslan. The only nations capable, ready and willing to call their hand must respond.

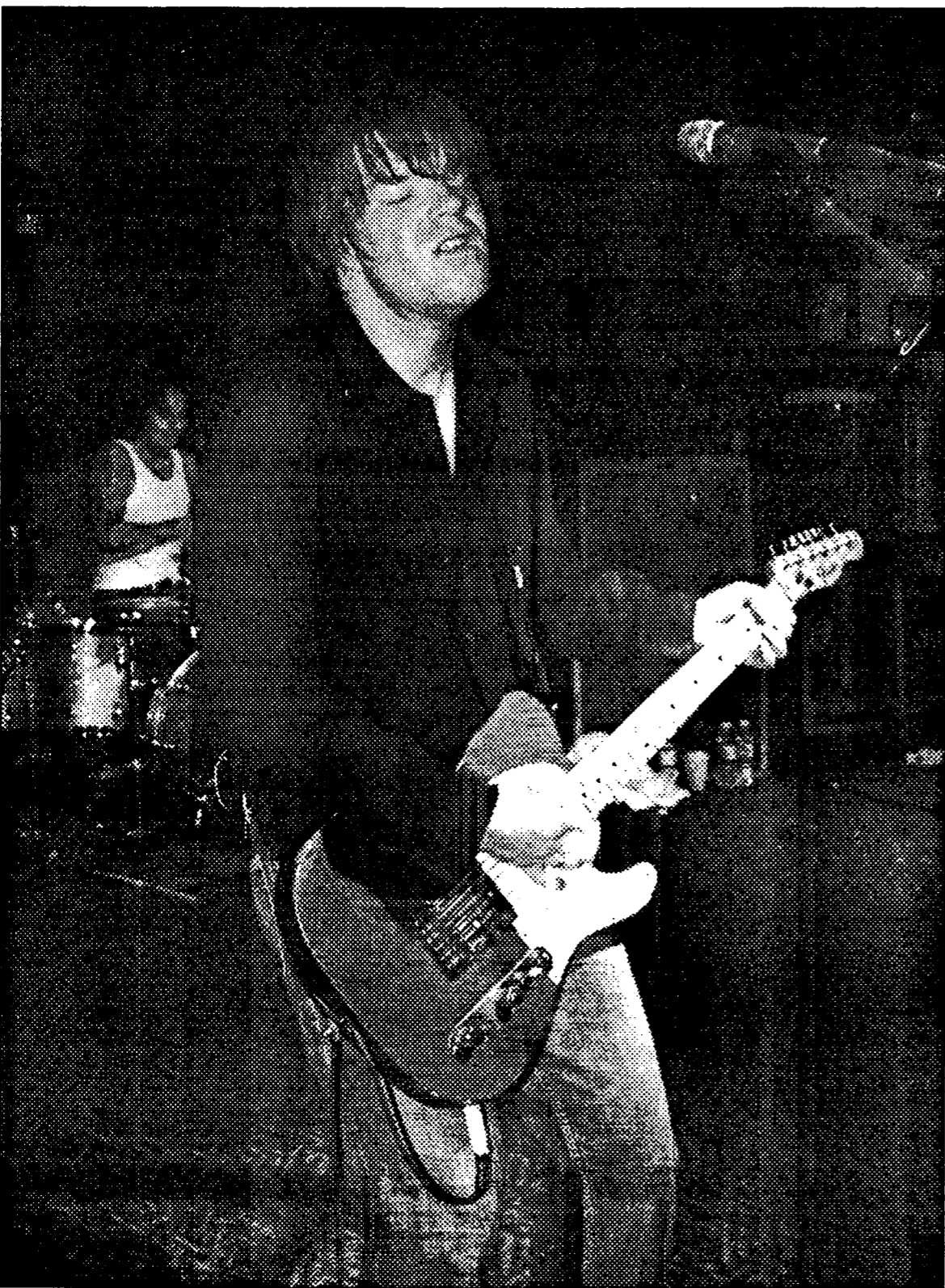
If John Kerry takes office, the Patriot Act will surely expire. And, as he has demonstrated this week, Bush isn't really a fan of renewing sunset laws, even if it's what Americans ask for.

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Fast movin

Pittsburgh favorite The Clarks rocks Leg



By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Assistant Scene Editor

The Clarks proved on Saturday night that much of its well-deserved success comes from its ability to put on a fabulous, energy-infused live show.

For an hour and a half, the Pittsburgh-exported rockers tore through a set list that included mostly fresh material from their latest album, "Fast Moving Cars," which was released this year. Longtime fans were also lucky enough to hear older favorites that have become concert staples from popular earlier albums like 2000's "Let it Go."

Even though members of The Clarks have not yet gained the recognition they truly deserve for their ability, they have a distinctively hardcore fan base. What they lack in fame, they make up for in listener loyalty. Devoted fans began lining up for the 10:30 p.m. concert immediately after the Irish defeated Michigan State, to secure spots at the front of the crowd.

"The Clarks always give a great concert," said sophomore Pete Lavorini. "They're from Pittsburgh so they're awesome."

Other early fans echoed the sentiments.

"The Clarks are awesome, and I've never been to a show in Pittsburgh that wasn't sold out," said senior Eva Garon.

While the Pittsburgh natives showed up in full force, cheering loudly at any mention of Notre Dame and even more at any mention of their home city, other fans had jumped onto The Clarks' bandwagon after hearing a live show. Law student John Moore saw them when they opened for another band and has been follow-

ing them since.

"I showed up at 5:30 to see the game so I could be front and center," Moore said. "Everyone who just randomly makes their way in is in for a treat."

Ahead of schedule fans were also in for a treat when lead singer and guitarist Scott Blasey took time before the show started, and before most of the crowd was admitted, to mingle and autograph shirts.

"It's awesome to be here," Blasey said. "I've never been here, and you grow up hearing about Notre Dame so to finally get to be here... Luckily it was a beautiful day today too, we walked around some and it's beautiful here."

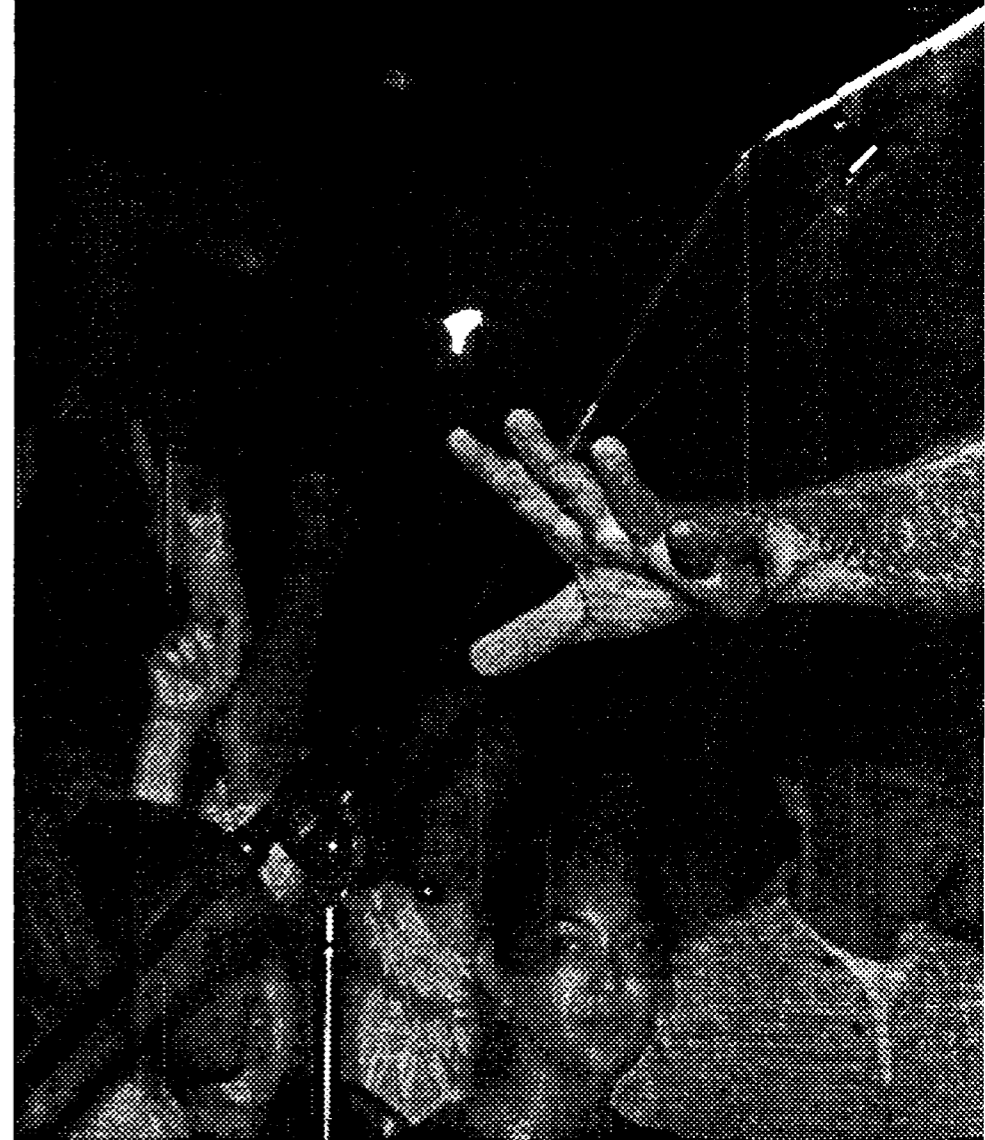
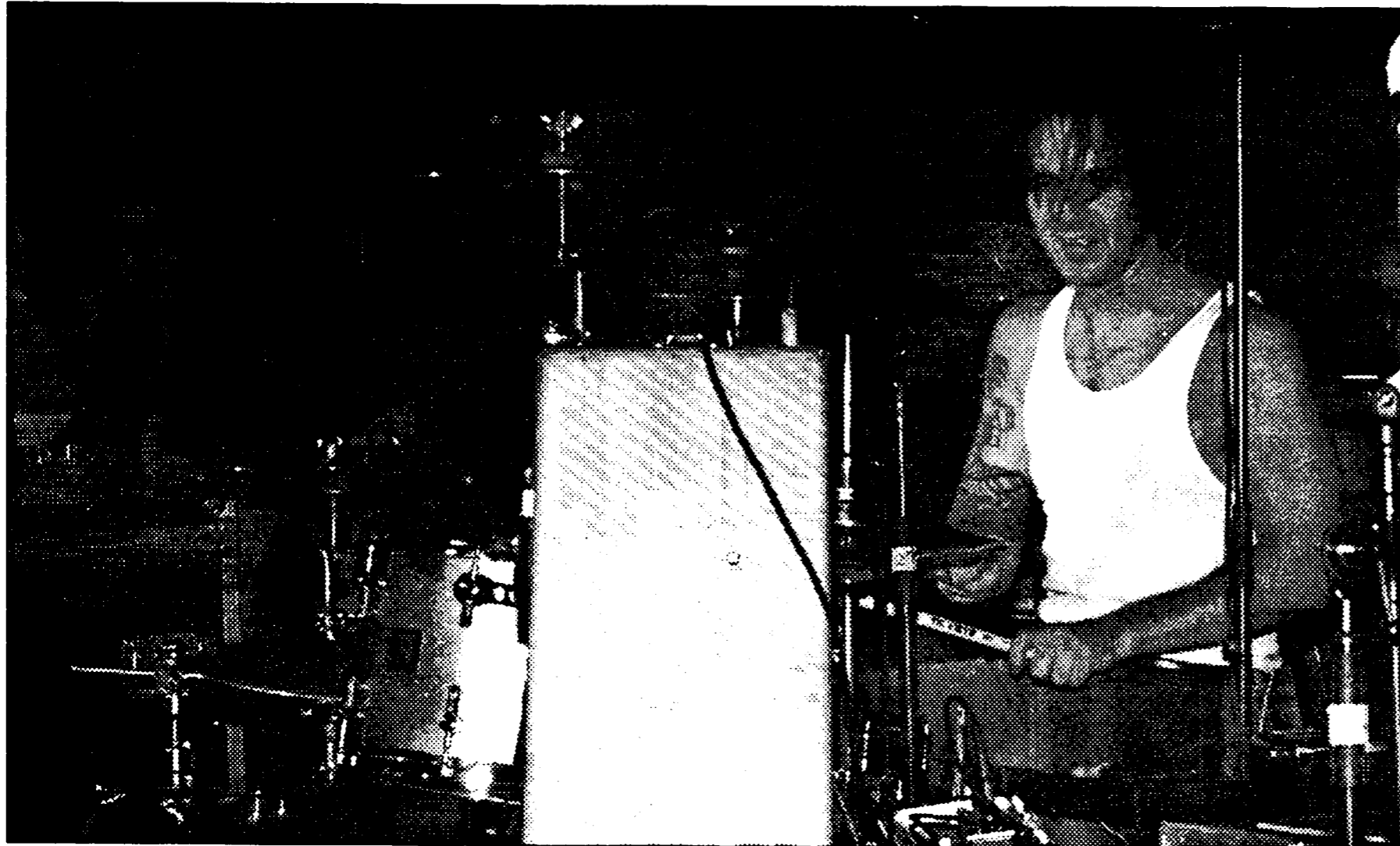
"It's awesome to be here... you grow up hearing about Notre Dame."

Scott Blasey
lead vocalist and guitarist

Blasey and the rest of the band burst into the show with their hit "Better Off Without You," which made it onto MTV's extremely mainstream Total Request Live when most of the crowd was in high school. The song demonstrated the band's mysterious ability to make things like breaking up sound like fun.

The Clarks kept up the cheery tempo for the entire show, pounding through new songs like the punk-driven "You Know Everything" and the infectious "Shimmy Low." The crowd clapped along to "Gypsy Lounge" and "Hell On Wheels," which the band performed on the Late Show with

CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer
Robert James, who plays electric and acoustic guitars as well as singing backup vocals, encouraged the crowd to clap along several times.



Left, drummer Dave Minark smiled throughout the concert. Middle, lead singer and guitarist Scott Blasey put down his guitar to dance along with the music for several songs from their latest album "Fast Moving Cars" as well as older favorites.

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ends after the Irish rock the Spartans

id Letterman. The first song to slightly slow the rapid pace at all was the title track "Fast Moving Cars." Once again, potentially depressing lyrics were woven into a bright melody: "And thinking I could right all these wrongs/And thinking till the pain is all gone" never ended so enjoyable.

One of the highlights of the show came when Blasey put down his guitar to sing and dance to concert favorite "Boys Lie" from 2's "Another Happy Ending" album. At that point in the show, Robert James on guitar and Greg Joseph on bass and drums were coming out toward the crowd as drummer Dave Minarik broke a drumstick from the end of the show. Another high moment came when Blasey turned soprano as the band roared through a cover of "Kiss" by Prince. Throughout the show, all the band had to do to excite an already energized crowd was mention a certain city in Pennsylvania, at which point everyone cheered louder without fail.

The Clarks always seems to genuinely love performing, with Minarik smiling almost the entire time and Blasey posing for fans' cameras during songs like "Let it Go," which was featured in the 2001 movie "Summer Catch." The band members also want their fans to have as much fun as they.

"Fun will keep you alive," Blasey told the crowd, taking time later to laugh and high-five front row fans.

After dancing along to "On Saturday," The Clarks bowed out to return backstage. A raucous "Here we go Steelers" chant quickly brought them back out to play a cover of Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On."

When one fan wrote a request on a piece of paper and put it onstage next to the set list, Blasey leaned over to read the handwritten note before offering congratulations to an engaged couple, much to the delight of those who heard.

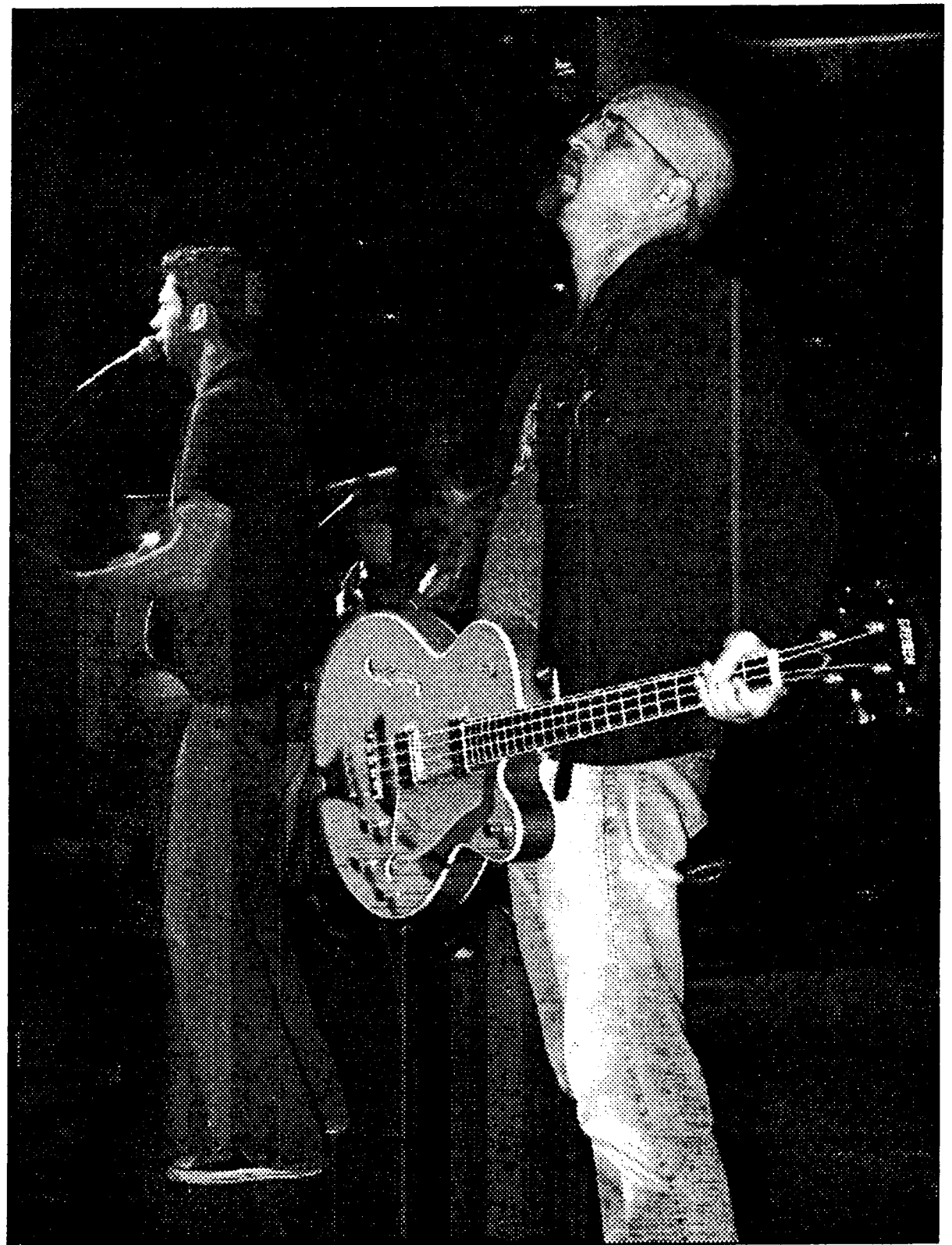
The band closed with the stellar Clarks classic "Cigarette," its first hit. Fans threw a cigarette and Pittsburgh Pirates hat onstage; Blasey picked up the cigarette and put the hat on, dancing around stage. The singer, who has a penchant for smoking during concerts and taking shots of Jagermeister from fans, politely declined a light from

a girl in the non-smoking environs of Legends.

After the show, the audience seemed only disappointed in the ineffectiveness of a "one more song" chant after a fantastic set.

"The Clarks are extremely down to earth and put their all into every show," said Pittsburgh native and senior Megan McCormick. "They may not be mainstream according to the music industry but fans from Pittsburgh love them and to them, they've already made it. They are one of the best live bands I've ever seen; sometimes they sound better in person than on their albums. The show was incredible."

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Greg Joseph, on bass guitar and vocals, was the lead vocalist for the song "Butterflies and Airplanes."



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like "Boys Lie." Right, excited fans crowded close to the stage to high-five the band members and sneak peeks at the set lists, which included new material from their

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yankees dominate Red Sox again, increase division lead

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees battered Pedro Martinez, chasing Boston out of town with their second rout in a row.

Gary Sheffield, Derek Jeter and Jorge Posada homered off an ineffective Martinez, and Mike Mussina gave the resilient Yankees another excellent outing Sunday as New York opened a 4 1/2 -game lead in the AL East with an 11-1 victory.

"They put us in the rearview mirror a little bit," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

Alex Rodriguez also connected in the second consecutive offensive outburst by the Yankees, who outscored their longtime rivals 25-5 the past two days after a deflating loss Friday night, when star closer Mariano Rivera blew a ninth-inning lead.

"We take a lot of pride in coming back with intensity," Rodriguez said.

It certainly showed. The Yankees' hitters lit up Derek Lowe and Martinez, and the pitchers shut down the highest-scoring team in the major leagues with a pair of dominating performances.

After taking two of three in the series, the Yankees have some breathing room — their largest lead over Boston since before games of Aug. 31. New York has 13 games remaining as it closes in on its seventh straight division title, while the Red Sox play 14 more.

"We just feel like we're the best team in baseball," Sheffield said.

The teams play another three-game set next weekend at Fenway Park. By then, the Red Sox might be too far back to catch New York, though they still have a 5 1/2 -game lead over Anaheim in the wild-card race.

"If we get to the playoffs, believe me, we're not going to be the ones who are scared," Martinez said.

Boston lost its first series since dropping two of three Aug. 13-15 against the White Sox. The Red Sox also lost consecutive games for only the second time since Aug. 7.

Serenaded with a haunting chant of "Pe-dro, Pe-dro," Martinez (16-7) lasted only five-plus innings and allowed eight runs, matching a season worst. He had pitched at least six innings in 18 straight starts since June 2 at Anaheim.

The Boston ace, who couldn't hold a three-run lead in the eighth inning of Game 7 in the

Cleveland 8, Kansas City 3

Kyle Denney was much more relaxed. The rest of the Cleveland Indians played with more of an edge, for a change.

One day after Cleveland manager Eric Wedge said his team was playing like it had run out of gas, Ben Broussard hit a three-run homer to help Denney earn his first major league win, over the Kansas City Royals on Sunday.

"The guys did a much better job, no doubt about it," Wedge said after Cleveland avoided getting swept in the three-game sweep and won for just the fifth time in 16 games.

"We've had a strong approach all season and got it back today," Wedge said. "We showed more energy. These players have to work for one another if they are going to win. They did that."

Shortstop Omar Vizquel thought Wedge's comments Saturday were effective.

"We showed signs of awakening," Vizquel said. "For one thing, we got more than three hits."

Broussard's 14th homer capped a five-run third inning off Denny Bautista (0-3) as Kansas City failed to sweep a team for the 57th consecutive series — since taking three straight from Texas on Aug. 26-28, 2003.

Denney (1-1) gave up one run and six hits in five innings to rebound from a poor major league debut.

Toronto 9, Tampa Bay 7

Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Toronto Blue Jays are battling for last place in the AL East — and it showed Sunday.

Vernon Wells homered in Toronto's five-run third inning and the Blue Jays beat the Devil Rays in an error-filled game.

Guillermo Quiroz had two RBIs for the Blue Jays, who moved two games behind fourth-place Tampa Bay in the AL East.

Aubrey Huff and Tino Martinez homered for the Devil Rays, who made three errors and are trying to avoid a last-place finish for the first time in their seven-year history.

"Let it go down to the last day if it has to," Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella said.

Minnesota 5, Baltimore 1

Johan Santana just keeps getting better, progressing deeper into his personal zone of pitching dominance.

Santana won his 11th straight start with another stellar performance, striking out a career high 14 in eight shutout innings

for the Minnesota Twins in a 1-victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday.

By winning his 12th consecutive decision, Santana (19-6) tied a Twins record set by Scott Erickson in 1991 and matched by Brad Radke in 1997.

"When he's out there, it's unbelievable," Radke said.

Santana struck out five of his last six batters, jubilantly jumping off the mound after Tim Lincecum Jr. went down swinging to end the eighth. He allowed seven hits and didn't walk a batter, extending his scoreless inning streak to 30.

"That's amazing, man," catcher Henry Blanco said.

Michael Restovich hit a two-run homer, and Luis Rivas and Blanco each had solo shots for the Twins, who can clinch their third straight AL Central title with a victory over the White Sox on Monday in the opener of a three-game series at Chicago.

"I'm just doing my job," Santana said. "I'm happy to be in this situation."

Bruce Chen (1-1) stayed with Santana for a while, but four of the six hits he allowed were homers — by Rivas in the third, Blanco in the sixth and Restovich in the seventh.

"There was nothing I could do," Chen said. "I tried to keep up with him, but he outpitched me."

Chen, a veteran of nine organizations and eight major league teams, was coming off his first career complete game — a five-hit, one-run performance in a win at Toronto on Monday. Brought up from Triple-A Ottawa on Aug. 25, Chen struck out seven and walked one in seven innings. In five starts for the Orioles, he has a 2.45 ERA.

Baltimore had its chances. Raines hit a one-out double in the first, but he was thrown out at third on perfect throws by center fielder Lew Ford and shortstop Cristian Guzman.

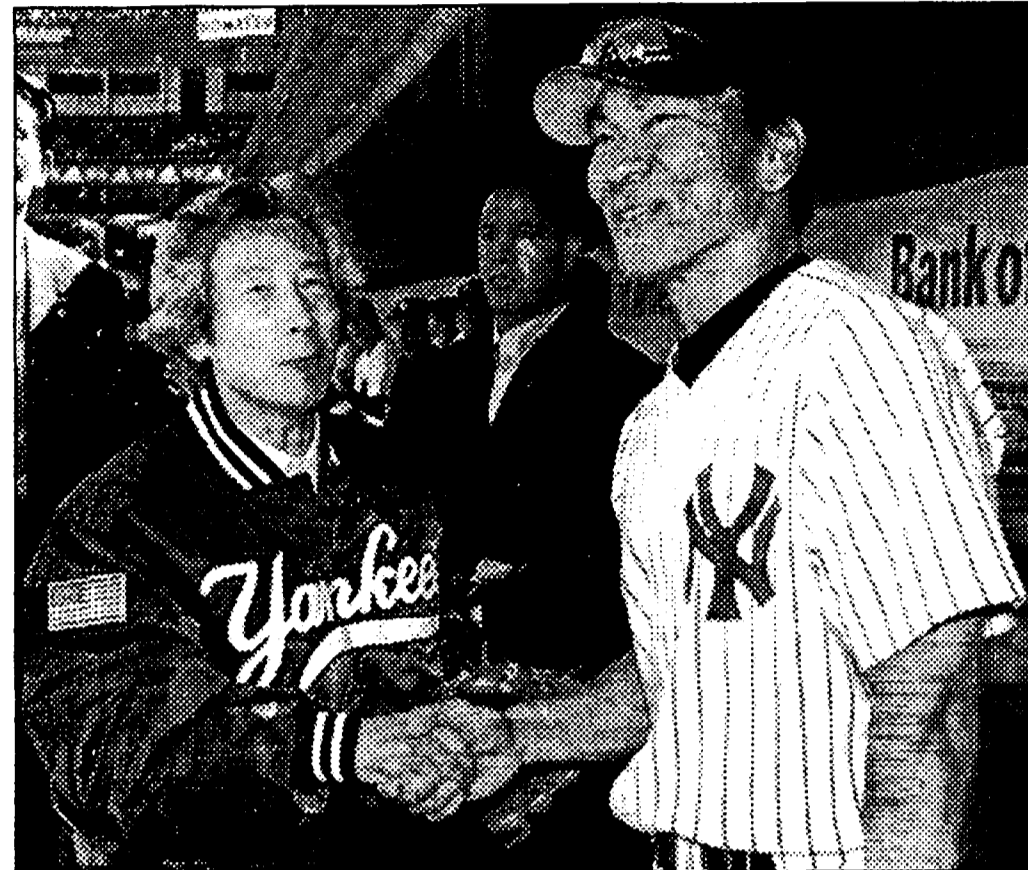
"He's the best pitcher I've faced this year," Raines said.

Miguel Tejada — the only Orioles starter who didn't strike out — led off the second with an infield single, but he was erased when B.J. Surhoff grounded into a double play. Larry Bigbie singled with one out in the third, but Santana struck out Brian Roberts and Raines to end it.

"With a guy like him, there is no plan," Tejada said. "You just try to touch the ball. He can get you out on any pitch."

Chicago 6, Detroit 1

Freddy Garcia is unbeatable



Yankees outfielder Hideki Matsui, right, shakes hands with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi before the team's game.

this season when he pitches during the day.

Garcia pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning in the Chicago White Sox's victory over the Detroit Tigers on Sunday. He improved to 8-0 with a 2.72 ERA in his nine day starts.

"I was throwing everything and they were working," Garcia said. "I like pitching day games."

Garcia (12-11) easily handled the Tigers and appeared headed for his first shutout of the season, but loaded the bases with one out in the eighth before being replaced by Arnie Munoz, who gave up a sacrifice fly to Dmitri Young.

"His velocity wasn't there (at first), but he ended up great," manager Ozzie Guillen said.

Garcia allowed one run and six hits, struck out eight and walked three in 7 1-3 innings, and was backed by homers by Paul Konerko and Carlos Lee.

Oakland 2, Seattle 1

Mark Redman sure likes wearing those gray pants.

Redman continued his run of success on the road, pitching 6 2-3 steady innings, while Eric Chavez and Erubiel Durazo each drove in runs to lead the Oakland Athletics over the Seattle Mariners Sunday.

Redman (11-12) had lost his two previous starts — both in Oakland, where he's 3-6 with a 7.81 ERA in 14 starts. He improved his road record to 8-6 with a 2.88 ERA in 16 starts.

"If you look at the numbers, it's a joke," Redman said. "I

guess I just have confidence the way I'm pitching on the road. Today, I just had a good game plan and I used all my pitches on both sides of the plate."

Redman outpitched Bobby Madritsch (5-3) in a showdown of left-handers, helping Oakland win two of three in Seattle to move three games ahead of Anaheim in the AL West.

"These last few weeks, guys are coming out a little more focused and ready to play," said Jermaine Dye, who had two doubles and a single.

Texas 1, Anaheim 0

Fighting to stay in contention, the Texas Rangers knocked the Anaheim Angels down a notch.

Rookie Chris Young held the Angels to five hits in six-plus innings, and Kevin Mench singled in the only run Sunday as the Rangers beat the suddenly punchless Angels.

Shut out by the Rangers for the second day in a row, the Angels fell three games behind AL West-leading Oakland and remained five back of Boston in the wild-card race.

Texas stayed five games back of the Athletics.

"You could tell when we came in here after the Oakland series, we weren't going to fold the tent," Texas manager Buck Showalter said after his team took two of three following a four-game split against the Athletics.

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NFL

Manning, Colts' offense impressive in win at Tennessee

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Peyton Manning had plenty of help from the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday. Steve McNair didn't get the same treatment from his Tennessee

Titans in the first game between the NFL's co-MVP quarterbacks.

Manning threw for 254 yards and two touchdowns, and Nick Harper intercepted McNair's pass in the end zone in helping Indianapolis rally for a 31-17 vic-

tory over Tennessee.

Edgerrin James also ran for two touchdowns and 124 yards as the Colts (1-1) avoided losing consecutive games in the regular season for the first time since the middle of the 2002 season — now a span of 26 games.

"Anytime you win down here, it's a good win," Colts coach Tony Dungy said.

The Colts outscored Tennessee 28-7 in the second half, forced two turnovers and sacked McNair three times in winning their third straight game in this series.

The Titans had plenty of chances to bury the Colts in a deep hole before a record crowd of 68,932 in this early AFC South showdown between the only teams to win this division since realignment.

"We never talked about 0-2," Manning said. "Tony never said, 'We can't be 0-2.' It never came up. We just said it's an AFC South game. It's a double-dipper. We have a chance to get up in the division and give the Titans a loss."

Seattle 10, Tampa Bay 6

Mike Holmgren caught himself before he got too critical of his Seattle Seahawks.

Mistakes or not, they are unbeaten after starting a season with consecutive wins on the road for the first time in 10 years, including Sunday's victory over the punchless Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"I wasn't particularly pleased with how we played offense, but I'll take that on my shoulders," Holmgren said after his defense forced three turnovers and set up the Seahawks' only touchdown.

"But we're 2-0. This is a tough place to play. I feel great about the win. I just wish we'd have executed a little better on offense."

With Shaun Alexander running at less than full speed, Seattle's high-octane attack was held to just 182 yards — 89 fewer than a sputtering Tampa Bay offense that has failed to get into the end zone in two games.

Marcus Trufant returned an interception 41 yards to set up Matt Hasselbeck's second-quarter touchdown pass to Koren

Robinson.

Rookie Michael Boulware put the finishing touches on the victory, intercepting Chris Simms to end the second-year quarterback's bid to pull off a comeback after a bizarre sequence of penalties that went against the Seahawks.

Simms, with help from two roughing the passer penalties and a pass interference call, moved the Bucs (0-2) from their 12 to the Seattle 26 in the closing minutes. Both roughing calls were on Chike Okeafor, the second wiping out an interception by Trufant.

"We have to be smart in those situations. No one was trying to do it on purpose," Holmgren said. "But that's too many on one drive for me. It got a little tense there."

Dallas 19, Cleveland 12

As many times as the Dallas Cowboys hurt themselves with penalties, turnovers and missed opportunities, the Cleveland Browns somehow outdid them.

In a game that featured five interceptions in a span of six possessions — most coming in the fourth quarter — Dallas did enough things right to beat Cleveland Sunday.

"It's not the kind of game I like to be involved with," Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said. "But, we got away with it."

Vinny Testaverde threw for 322 yards and a touchdown, but accepted much of the blame for not putting the game away. He missed open receivers, including several in the end zone, and put the Cowboys in trouble with three late interceptions.

Dallas (1-1) scored just two touchdowns and a field goal despite getting to at least the Cleveland 43-yard line on 10 of its 11 drives. The rest were squandered by Testaverde's pick-offs, a fumble by rookie Julius Jones, a missed field goal and two punts.

The combination of big yards — 441, the most since 1999 — and few points was similar to last week, when the Cowboys had 423 yards and 17 points. Difference was, Dallas lost last time.

"We did some soul-searching and made it happen," safety Roy

Williams said. "I can breathe a little easier and go to sleep easier."

Cleveland (1-1) came in off an impressive victory over Baltimore in the opener and was looking to go 2-0 for the first time since 1993. Dallas' highlights included a flea-flicker to Keyshawn Johnson, which set up a 1-yard TD pass to third-string tight end Jeff Robinson, and a 33-yard run by Dexter Coakley on a fake punt that set up a field goal. That drive didn't continue because of an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Johnson.

New England 23, Arizona 12

When a team wins 17 in a row, some of them are bound to be ugly.

New England's victory over the sputtering Arizona Cardinals on Sunday was one of those.

"What streak?" coach Bill Belichick said. "We're just trying to win a game."

That one-game-at-a-time approach has worked for almost exactly a year.

After a bye next week, the Patriots (2-0) can tie the NFL record of 18 straight victories with a win at Buffalo on Oct. 3.

Corey Dillon gained 158 yards on 32 carries, and Tom Brady threw two first-half touchdown passes to Daniel Graham.

Eugene Wilson intercepted Josh McCown twice, leading to 10 points for the Super Bowl champions. Brady was 15-of-26 for 217 yards. He was intercepted twice.

But big performances didn't add up to big points.

New England drove to the Arizona 2-, 10- and 2-yard line in the second half, but had to settle for short field goals by Adam Vinatieri each time.

"It's frustrating," Brady said. "Sometimes you come out of these games almost with a sour taste in your mouth, knowing you could have performed so much better."

With the exception of a costly fumble, Dillon had the kind of day he envisioned when he left lowly Cincinnati after last season.

"I didn't come here to rot away and take Ls," he said. "I wanted to be part of something that's a winning tradition, and this is it."

Wilson's second interception, on McCown's ill-advised pass into double-coverage, gave New England the ball at its 49 in the fourth quarter. Brady threw 27 yards to David Givens, one of his six catches for 118 yards. The drive stalled on fourth-and-1 at the 2, and Vinatieri's 24-yard field goal put New England up 23-12.

Givens got more playing time because Deion Branch was knocked out with a knee injury on the final play of the first half.

"A guys goes down, we have ammunition to back him up," Givens said. "We have five guys (receivers) who can all play."

Arizona managed just 167 yards, 117 through the air and 50 on the ground. For the second week in a row, the Cardinals scored just one touchdown. Coach Dennis Green, who made his reputation on offense, was disgusted.

"We're not on the same page, and that's a shame," he said, "because system-wise, style-wise this is probably the best offense in the National Football League right now. It's hard to believe that we developed it. It's hard to believe that we created it and we don't know how to run it."

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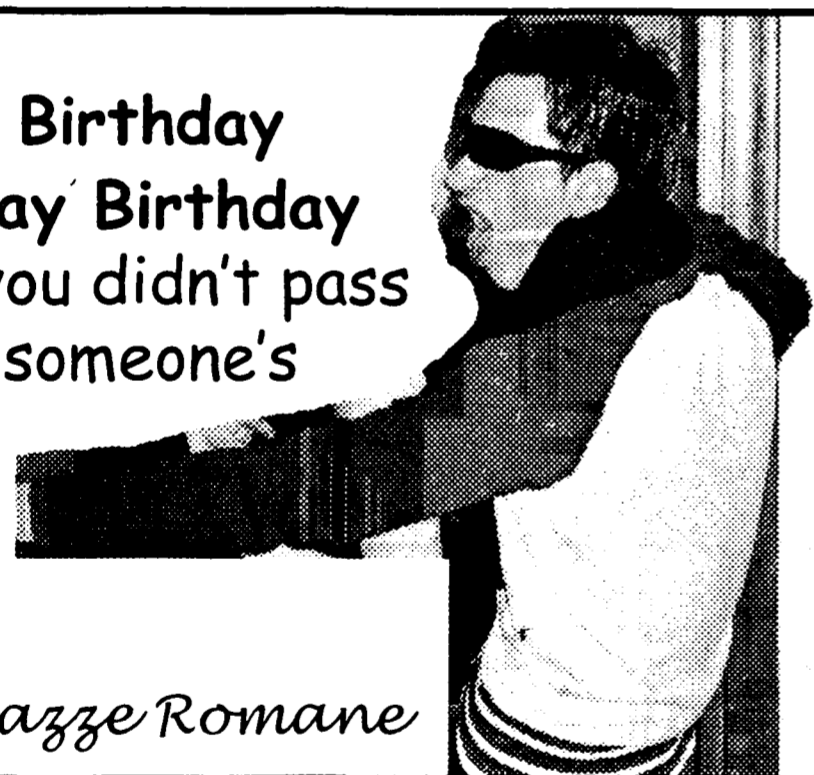
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NFL

Vick scrambles, Falcons win 34-17 in St. Louis

Associated Press

ATLANTA —Standing in his end zone, looking for a receiver, Marc Bulger had big plans.

"I was going for a home run," Bulger said.

Atlanta defensive end Brady Smith had other ideas, stripping the ball from Bulger and catching the fumble in the air for a touchdown to help the Atlanta Falcons beat the St. Louis Rams Sunday.

After the Rams rallied from a 14-0 deficit to tie the game at 17 in the third quarter, the Falcons outscored St. Louis 17-0 in the final quarter.

"That's one of my favorite takeaways of all time," Falcons defensive coordinator Ed Donatell said.

Bulger said: "I was a half-second away from letting the ball go. ... It could have been a touchdown the other way."

Instead, Smith beat Rams left tackle Orlando Pace and then

reached with his left hand for Bulger, knocking the ball loose before Bulger began to bring his arm forward in a passing motion.

"I wish they were all that easy," said Smith, who was credited with a sack, forced fumble and fumble recovery in addition to what he said was his first touchdown since high school.

"It's a dream play for a defensive lineman because usually you have to run 80 yards to get in the end zone. It was just right there."

The Falcons' front four had four sacks, including two by end Patrick Kerney. Cornerback Bryan Scott added another sack. Bulger wasn't sacked in the Rams' season-opening win over Arizona.

Led by quarterback Michael Vick's 109 yards running, the Falcons (2-0) outgained the Rams (1-1) on the ground 242-30.

Baltimore 30, Pittsburgh 13

The Baltimore Ravens rebounded from a stinging defeat by running over the hated Pittsburgh Steelers.

Jamal Lewis rushed for 62 yards and two touchdowns and Chester Taylor added a career-high 76 yards on the ground to lead Baltimore to a victory Sunday.

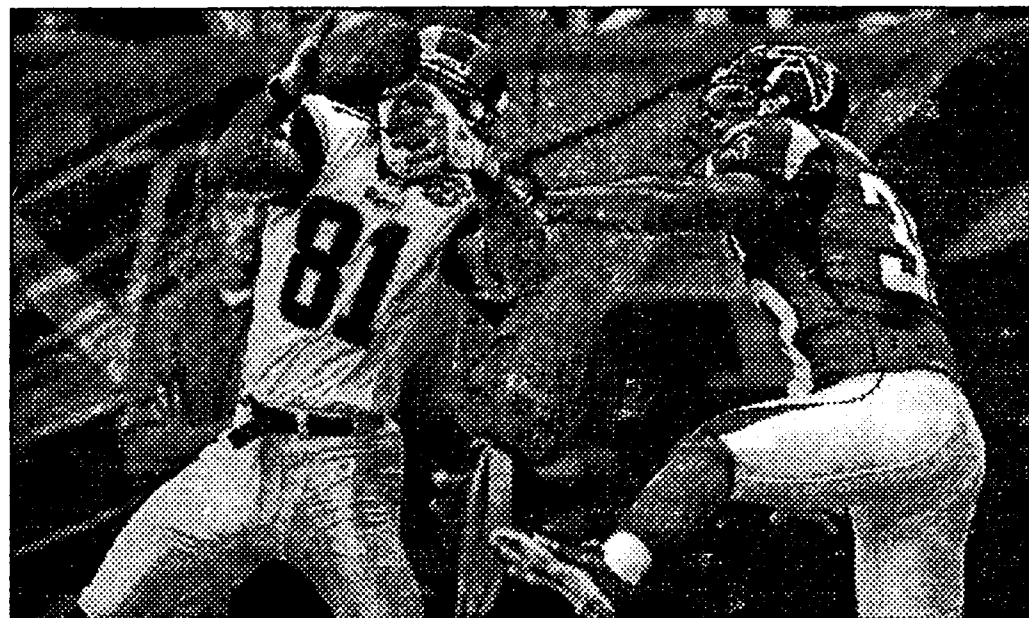
Eager to atone for a season-opening 20-3 loss in Cleveland, the defending AFC North champions dominated the team they consider their biggest rival.

"Anytime you can bounce back from a game like we had last week and win like this, it's huge," Ravens receiver Kevin Johnson said. "We are going to get where we need to go."

The destination is the Super Bowl, a trek that would have been more imposing if Baltimore (1-1) lost to Pittsburgh (1-1).

Detroit 28, Houston 16

Joey Harrington was the hap-



Rams wide receiver Torry Holt, left, catches a ball over the Falcons Jason Webster during their game at the Georgia Dome.

piest guy in Detroit when the Lions drafted Roy Williams.

It's easy to see why.

Harrington threw three touchdown passes, two thanks to Williams' spectacular catches, to

lead the Lions past the Houston Texans on Sunday for their first 2-0 start since 2000.

Williams, the seventh pick overall in April, had four receptions for 73 yards.

"He is a natural receiver who uses his hands as well or better than any receiver I've seen," Harrington said.

Chicago 21, Green Bay 10

Lovie Smith didn't take long to fulfill his No. 1 goal of beating Green Bay.

But the man who helped him do it wasn't around afterward to celebrate.

Mike Brown, whose 95-yard fumble return for a touchdown sparked the Bears' victory over the Packers on Sunday, was lost for what could be an extended period with a right Achilles' tendon injury in the waning minutes.

When Smith was hired as Bears coach on Jan. 15, he declared his top priority was knocking off the Packers, the two-time defending division champs.

"I've never been in a fight where some guy told me he was going to beat me up and he beat me up," Packers linebacker Nick Barnett said.

Not only did Smith declare the Packers his top prize, but said he knew just how to beat them. The last two times he'd faced Green Bay was as the St. Louis Rams' defensive coordinator and the Packers committed a combined 10 turnovers in those games.

Brett Favre threw two interceptions Sunday, but the killer was Ahman Green's fumble just before halftime.

On first down from the 2 just after the 2-minute warning, linebacker Brian Urlacher stormed into the backfield and stripped Green. Brown scooped it up and rumbled 95 yards down the Bears' jubilant sideline to give Chicago a 14-3 halftime lead instead of a 10-7 deficit.

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NFL

Rice's streak ends as Raiders pick up first win of season

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Reality hit Jerry Rice in the final minutes and his spontaneous reaction was somewhat shocking: He kicked a yard marker and hurled his helmet at the ground.

Rice didn't figure his team-first attitude would lead to the end of his NFL-record receptions streak.

But Ronald Curry's big day Sunday is a sign the Oakland

Raiders will no longer rely as much on Rice in their talented receiving corps. Rice's record streak of 274 games with a catch ended, and Curry caught five passes for 89 yards and a touchdown in the Raiders' 13-10 victory over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

"I expect to catch footballs," Rice said. "I never thought it would come to an end like this. But, you know, it's OK. It's all right. It happens. Life goes on.

I'll just start another one and get another 200."

Rice is still a starter, but has said he's willing to accept a lesser role for the Raiders (1-1) if it helps the team rebound from last season's 4-12 debacle. He didn't get a pass thrown his way until 2 1/2 minutes before halftime — and that was the only one.

The last time Rice didn't catch a pass was Dec. 1, 1985, at Washington. Rice was substitut-

ed almost every other play during Oakland's second-to-last drive. He came out with 2:37 left during a Buffalo timeout and threw his helmet to the ground, causing it to bounce over a metal bench.

He yelled in frustration and paced the sideline for several minutes, twice taking a seat alone on a bench.

Afterward, he joked about the whole thing.

"Oh yeah, I was working on

my kicking, just in case (Sebastian Janikowski) had a little trouble," Rice said of booting the 30-yard marker. "I'm a competitor. You get a little frustrated at times and I apologize for that. Otherwise, I just enjoy the game and I love being a part of it, and I want to contribute to the team. It didn't happen today."

Drew Bledsoe's first career game in Oakland wasn't much fun, either. Playing before Raider Nation for the first time in his 12th season, Bledsoe was sacked seven times and struggled for the second straight week to take advantage of good field position.

Three of the sacks came in the first half, when Bledsoe's 31 yards passing were only seven more than those of Bills punter Brian Moorman. In Buffalo's first two games, it has failed to score on five drives of 10 plays or more.

N.Y. Jets 34, San Diego 28

Curtis Martin and the New York Jets are off to a hot September start, thanks to another big day in sunny San Diego.

Martin scored on the Jets' first two possessions and became the team's all-time rushing leader, helping New York to a win Sunday over the Chargers, who lost quarterback Drew Brees to a concussion.

Martin scored on runs of 1 and 2 yards and finished with 119 yards on 32 carries. With 8,185 yards in seven seasons with the Jets, he broke Freeman McNeil's old team record of 8,074. Martin has 11,984 yards in 10 NFL seasons, good for 11th on the all-time list. Next up is Thurman Thomas with 12,074.

Chad Pennington threw two touchdown passes for the Jets (2-0), and rookie safety Erik Coleman had an interception and a fumble recovery.

The Jets are 2-0 for just the second time in 11 seasons.

"September ghosts, whatever, I don't buy into it," Martin said. "We just haven't been playing well in the beginning of the season. We've got the right attitude this year and we are playing better, period."

The Jets jumped to a 17-0 lead, then didn't fold when the Chargers finally got into the game.

The Chargers (1-1) were booed often during their home opener. Brees sustained a concussion late in the third quarter on a helmet-to-helmet hit by safety Jon McGraw, who was called for roughing the passer.

Brees finished that drive and was in for two more possessions, throwing a 33-yard TD pass to Reche Caldwell to pull the Chargers to 27-21 with 7:38 to play.

Brees was pulled for 41-year-old Doug Flutie with less than four minutes to go and the Chargers trailing 34-21. Brees wasn't happy about it, throwing his helmet on the sideline and having a heated discussion with coach Marty Schottenheimer.

Brees went from being impressive in a 27-20 win at Houston to being awful, throwing two interceptions and losing a fumble. By midway through the third quarter, he'd thrown as many interceptions as completions, finishing 8-of-19 for 146 yards.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Marlins keep wildcard hope alive, avoid sweep

Associated Press

MIAMI — With their playoff hopes fading and their pitching staff taxed by an onerous September schedule, the Florida Marlins received a boost from an unlikely source: their fifth starter.

Ismael Valdez pitched six innings to help the Marlins earn their 14th shutout of the season, and they averted a series sweep by beating the Atlanta Braves on Sunday.

Jeff Conine drove in all of the runs with a two-run homer and an RBI single.

"It all has to do with fighting," Valdez said. "It was a huge game for us. We needed this."

The defending World Series champions, clinging to slim hopes in the playoff race, won for only the second time in six games. They remained 4 1/2 games behind wild-card leader San Francisco and trail NL East leader Atlanta by 8 1/2 games.

"There's still hope," manager Jack McKeon said. "We're going out there and giving it our best shot. We still think we have a chance to win this thing. Who's to say we can't win seven or eight or nine in a row? We've done it before."

Florida fans haven't given up hope. The announced attendance was 41,525, the Marlins' largest home crowd since April 10.

The Marlins are scheduled to play their third doubleheader in 11 days Monday against the Chicago Cubs, one of four teams ahead of Florida in the wild-card race.

"They're all pretty much must-wins from here on," Conine said. He broke up a scoreless duel in the sixth against Russ Ortiz (14-9) with a two-run homer, then singled home an unearned run in the eighth.

Chicago Cubs 5, Cincinnati 1

With a little help from an umpire, the Chicago Cubs won for the sixth time in seven games.

Neifi Perez opened the ninth inning by reaching first base on a disputed call, and Moises Alou hit a tiebreaking two-run double that sent the Cubs on to a victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

"We know what's at stake," Alou said. "That was a big win for us."

Chicago, which remained a half-game behind San Francisco in the wild-card race, trailed 1-0 before pinch-hitter Ben Grieve's sacrifice fly off Paul Wilson in the eighth.

Perez opened the ninth against Danny Graves (1-6) with a bunt and reached when first-base umpire Jim Reynolds ruled that third baseman Ryan Freel's throw pulled first baseman Sean Casey off the bag for an error. Replays indicated Casey stayed on the bag, but he tried a swipe tag on Perez, anyway.

"I don't know if he was on the bag or not, but he never touched me," Perez said. "That's why (Reynolds) called me safe."

Reds manager Dave Miley was ejected for the third time this season when he threw his cap to the ground while arguing the call with Reynolds.

"Bad call," Miley said. "I didn't need a replay. I saw the replay, but I didn't need one. That was a huge call in the game. That was a big out in the game. The first out of any inning is a big one."

Aramis Ramirez then singled,

and Alou doubled up the left-center field gap for a 3-1 lead. Sammy Sosa was walked intentionally, and Michael Barrett hit a two-run double for his third straight hit.

"The umpire has the final say," Graves said. "If he says he's safe, he's safe. You can't let that affect you. I couldn't get the ball down at all. Every sinker I threw was up, and against a team like that, with a lineup that never ends, you can't afford to get the ball up."

Jon Leicester (5-0) pitched a perfect eighth, and LaTroy Hawkins finished for his 23rd save in 29 chances.

Glendon Rusch, starting because Matt Clement was pushed back to the second game of Monday's doubleheader at Florida, faced one batter over the minimum through six innings.

"He was a factor, because he gave us a chance to win," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said.

"He made some great pitchers," said Barrett, the Chicago catcher. "He was hitting his spots."

Wilson allowed five hits in eight innings, struck out six — including leadoff batter Corey Patterson four times — and walked none. He is 0-4 in 10 starts since beating Milwaukee on July 8, twice leaving games with leads that were blown by his bullpen.

Pittsburgh 1, N.Y. Mets 0

Humberto Cota homered, Ryan Vogelsong allowed two hits in seven innings and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the New York Mets to stop a five-game losing streak in the first game of a doubleheader Sunday.

Vogelsong (6-12) allowed just two singles, both in the fourth inning, leading the Pirates to their ninth victory in 21 games. He walked three, hit a batter and struck out three.

Salomon Torres pitched a perfect eighth, and Jose Mesa got three outs for his 40th save — becoming the sixth pitcher in major league history to have at least four seasons with 40 or more.

Todd Zeile reached an infield

single with two outs in the ninth off Mesa for his 2,000th career hit. The Mets stood on the dugout steps and applauded the milestone hit, before Zeile came out for pinch-runner Gerald Williams.

Cota had both of Pittsburgh's hits against Aaron Heilman (1-2) in the first seven innings. Cota, catching while Jason Kendall serves his three-game suspension, led off the third with his fifth homer. He also singled in the fifth, helping the Pirates improve to 4-1 against the Mets.

Pittsburgh 6, N.Y. Mets 1

The Pittsburgh Pirates are running an aggressive campaign to push for Jason Bay as the NL Rookie of the Year. The slugging outfielder's numbers might speak for themselves.

Bay hit a two-run homer — his 24th — to set a team rookie record and Dave Williams pitched six shutout innings to help the Pirates complete a doubleheader sweep of the New York Mets with a victory Sunday.

The Pirates won the first game on backup catcher Humberto Cota's home run and a combined three-hitter by Ryan Vogelsong, Salomon Torres and Jose Mesa.

Despite missing the first month of the season while recovering from offseason shoulder surgery, Bay is hitting .294 with 75 RBIs.

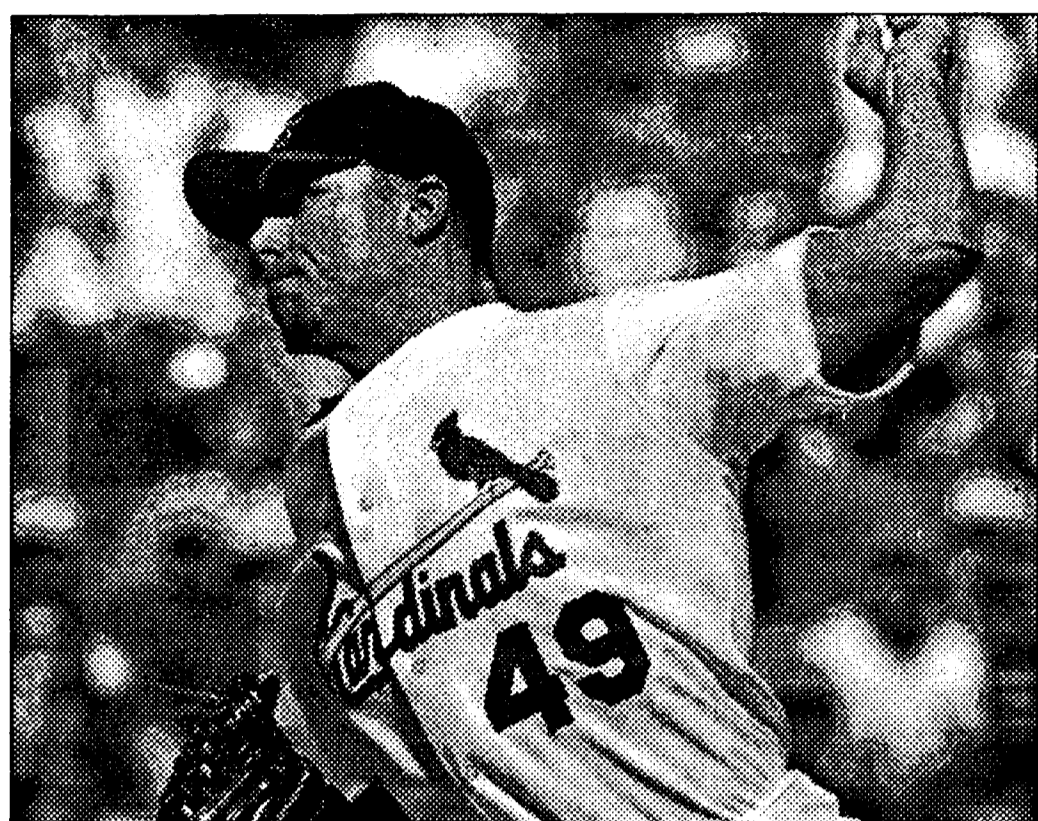
"He has my vote," Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon said. "He's been phenomenal, especially with the number of at-bats he's done this in."

With his 24th homer, Bay passed the club mark he shared with Ralph Kiner (1948) and Johnny Rizzo (1936).

"The closer you get to it, the more you think about it," Bay said. "You try not to think about it, but it was in the back of my mind. When I got back to the dugout, I kind of let out a sigh. I don't think it's sunk in yet."

"I'm really proud of what I've done. I can't explain it. Things have just gone really well for me. I just wanted to get settled in here and prove that I belonged. I think I've done that and now I just need to continue to get better."

Williams (2-1) held the Mets to



Cardinals pitcher Rick Ankiel delivers a pitch during a game against the Diamondbacks.

three hits over the first six innings. He walked two and struck out seven.

Former Pirate Kris Benson (12-12) had a streak of 18 shutout innings until the fourth. Jack Wilson led off with a double and Bay hit a 2-2 pitch over the left-center wall.

Todd Zeile got an infield single in the ninth off Mesa for his 2,000th hit.

Arizona 3, St. Louis 2

In Tony La Russa's version of the NL standings, the St. Louis Cardinals still have to win one more game to clinch the Central division title.

The Cardinals manager refused to acknowledge his team already had clinched the division, both before and after Sunday's loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

St. Louis ensured its third division title in five seasons on Saturday when the Cardinals beat Arizona 7-0, and San Francisco and the Chicago Cubs both lost.

Those results guaranteed that St. Louis will finish no worse than tied at 97 wins with the Cubs, who also would be guaranteed a playoff berth. Under baseball's rules, St. Louis would be awarded the Central title

because it won the season series 11-8 and Chicago would get the wild-card spot.

La Russa wants to clinch it on the field. He stormed out of his postgame news conference after angrily responding to a question about delaying the traditional champagne celebration.

"Yeah, we're celebrating," La Russa barked. "What the hell kind of question is that? That's a rule for the thing when you're tied at the end of the season. We've got another 14 games to go, man."

The clubhouse was unusually quiet and subdued after the game. The Cardinals start a 10-game trip Monday in Milwaukee.

"The formula says we clinched, we clinched," pitcher Jason Marquis said. "You've got to be happy about that. But it does seem a little depressed in here."

Drew Baur, one of the Cardinals' owners, said simply: "No shampoo today."

Before the game, even though T-shirts commemorating the achievement already were on sale outside the ballpark and public address announcer John Ulett referred to the clinching of a playoff spot, La Russa preferred to ignore the mathematics.

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NFL

Jaguars defeat Broncos, pull out another close victory

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars are accustomed to playing close games. Now they're finding ways to win them, too.

The Jags lost three games in the final minute last season and finished 5-11. They've won twice this season in the waning seconds.

Denver running back Quentin Griffin fumbled a handoff on the

23-yard line with about 30 seconds to play, allowing the Jaguars to escape with a 7-6 victory over the Broncos on Sunday.

Last week at Buffalo, Byron Leftwich connected with rookie Ernest Wilford for a 7-yard touchdown pass as time expired to give the Jaguars a 13-10 win.

"We're keeping the cardiologists busy in town," coach Jack Del Rio said.

Jacksonville (2-0) has played

outstanding defense both weeks. But the unit almost gave this one away down the stretch.

Carolina 28, Kansas City 17

DeShaun Foster showed the Carolina Panthers should be just fine without Stephen Davis.

Running around and through Kansas City's soft defense, Foster carried 32 times for 174 yards, including a team-record 71-yard burst, in leading the defending NFC Champion Panthers to a victory over the

Chiefs on Sunday.

The total was 4 yards short of the team record held by Davis, who is out indefinitely after spraining his knee in practice last week.

"I had no idea that I was close to the record," Foster said. "I just wanted to get 150 yards," he said. "You always have to step up when somebody goes down."

The Chiefs (0-2) were still within reach at 21-17 when Foster iced the game with his long gallop, which was followed immediately by a 3-yard TD run that gave the Panthers an 11-point lead with 10:35 left.

"It wasn't that big," Foster said. "I went to the left and made a little cut back right and it was open."

The play unfolded like a nightmare for the Chiefs, who showed no signs of making any improvement to one of the NFL's sorriest defenses.

New Orleans 30, San Francisco 27

The New Orleans Saints dodged a hurricane and the San Francisco 49ers and survived the loss of their biggest offensive weapon — Deuce McAllister.

Aaron Brooks rallied the Saints in the final two minutes, taking them 59 yards and hitting Donte Stallworth for a 16-yard touchdown and a victory over the 49ers on Sunday.

Ashley Ambrose intercepted Ken Dorsey's pass with :04 left to preserve the victory.

"It's very hard to win in this league," Ambrose said. "You have a lot of games that come down to three points or less. This was one of those games. You have to play a full 60 minutes because a lot of them are going to be settled in the last few minutes."

The 49ers got to the Saints 1 on Terry Jackson's long run with a short pass, but offensive

pass interference against Brandon Lloyd nullified the play. On the next play, Ambrose grabbed Dorsey's pass.

The Saints spent the week in San Antonio, practicing on three different fields while they worried about their homes. McAllister, who sprained his right ankle on the third play, spent the rest of the day on the sideline in an orthopedic boot. McAllister will have an MRI exam on Monday.

N.Y. Giants 20, Washington 14

The New York Giants' defense presented embattled coach Tom Coughlin with his first game ball. The gift wrapping was courtesy of the Washington Redskins.

Linebacker Barrett Green scored on a 16-yard fumble return and the Giants forced seven turnovers in a win on Sunday that was Coughlin's first since taking over as coach in January.

"Everybody on this defense felt we didn't perform well last week," Green said, referring to a 31-17 loss to Philadelphia. "This week we felt like we had to send a message to get this team going."

The seven takeaways were the most by the Giants in a non-strike game since 1986 against Washington in clinching the NFC East title. New York went on to win its first Super Bowl.

While few think these Giants are a contender, this was the best they have looked in a while. The win snapped a franchise record-tying nine-game losing streak. New York lost its last eight under Jim Fassel in 2003.

It also took some of the pressure off Coughlin, who has been criticized by players and media for his no-nonsense approach.

"We definitely needed a win with all that was going on around here," defensive end Michael Strahan said. "Winning helps heal some of that."



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Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points
1	USC (54)	3-0	1,613
2	Oklahoma (10)	3-0	1,562
3	Georgia (1)	3-0	1,458
4	Miami	2-0	1,437
5	Texas	2-0	1,358
6	West Virginia	3-0	1,169
7	Ohio State	3-0	1,117
8	Florida State	1-1	1,079
9	Auburn	3-0	1,064
10	California	2-0	1,034
11	Tennessee	2-0	1,031
12	Virginia	3-0	919
13	LSU	2-1	844
14	Utah	3-0	763
15	Purdue	2-0	652
16	Florida	1-1	646
17	Fresno State	3-0	635
18	Michigan	2-1	478
19	Minnesota	3-0	475
20	Wisconsin	3-0	381
21	Boise State	3-0	307
22	Arizona State	3-0	210
23	Maryland	2-1	208
24	Louisville	2-0	195
25	Oklahoma State	3-0	134

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	USC (48)	3-0	1,510
2	Oklahoma (12)	3-0	1,465
3	Georgia	3-0	1,370
4	Miami (1)	2-0	1,357
5	Texas	2-0	1,258
6	Ohio State	3-0	1,192
7	West Virginia	3-0	1,047
8	Tennessee	2-0	971
9	California	2-0	937
10	Auburn	3-0	929
11	Florida State	1-1	896
12	Virginia	3-0	796
13	LSU	2-1	795
14	Utah	3-0	752
15	Purdue	2-0	662
16	Florida	1-1	532
17	Fresno State	3-0	500
18	Michigan	2-1	476
19	Minnesota	3-0	435
20	Wisconsin	3-0	395
21	Boise State	3-0	346
22	Louisville	2-0	204
23	Maryland	2-1	193
24	Iowa	2-1	147
25	Oklahoma State	3-0	144

Women's Soccer Big East Conference

team	Big East	Overall
NOTRE DAME	2-0-0	8-0-0
West Virginia	2-0-0	7-1-0
Villanova	1-0-0	7-1-0
St. John's	0-1-0	6-1-1
Selon Hall	0-0-0	5-1-2
Syracuse	1-1-0	4-2-1
Pittsburgh	0-0-0	3-2-0
Rutgers	0-0-0	4-3-0
Georgetown	0-0-0	3-3-0
Boston College	0-2-0	3-4-0
Connecticut	0-1-0	3-4-0
Providence	0-1-0	3-4-0

GOLF



The European Ryder Cup team poses with the trophy after its victory over the United States at the 35th Ryder Cup matches at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township, Mich. Sunday.

Europe dominates US in Ryder Cup

Associated Press

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — The Ryder Cup won, Sergio Garcia and Lee Westwood raced to their boisterous fans and unfurled the European Union flag, the new symbol of dominance in these matches.

They came to Oakland Hills as underdogs. They celebrated as underdogs.

By now, everyone should know better.

Europe again proved to be the best in the Ryder Cup with its greatest performance Sunday, handing the Americans their worst loss in the 77-year history of the matches.

"I don't think we'll be the favorite next time," Phil Mickelson said. "No matter what the world rankings say, I think we'll be the underdog. And hopefully, we'll play like they have."

The final stroke of this Ryder Cup rout was fitting. Padraig Harrington rammed in a 25-foot par putt on the 18th hole for a point that counted only in the record books.

Europe 18 1/2, United States 9 1/2.

The score was astounding. The winner was familiar.

Europe has won the Ryder Cup four of the last five times, and seven of 10.

"These guys are grand," U.S. captain Hal Sutton said. "If you know anything about golf, and you watch these guys play this week, you would know that they are very good players."

And they sure know how to party.

Harrington, Paul McGinley and Darren Clarke wrapped themselves in Irish flags. Colin Montgomerie ventured into the throng for a group hug unlike anything he has ever felt.

"Bernhard, Bernhard, there's only one Bernhard Langer," the fans sang to the European captain.

"All I heard all week was

'USA, USA, USA.' I wanted to hear some of this," Langer said. "You work 12 months for this. I'm going to celebrate all night."

For the Americans, the hangover will last two years.

"I've been on the wrong end of this celebration the last two times," David Toms said. "I don't know what it is, but we've got to find the right formula."

The Europeans are not only winning, they are winning big.

"Obviously, our results would suggest that," Clarke said. "We come here with a big heart, full of hopes, full of expectations."

IN BRIEF

Purdue's Orton remains humble in midst of awards

INDIANAPOLIS — Purdue's early season success has been good to quarterback Kyle Orton.

After a career day against Ball State on Saturday, Orton took home three awards, the Walter Camp Football Foundation national offensive player of the week, Big Ten offensive player of the week and Cingular Wireless/ABC Sports All-America player of the week.

Orton was 23-for-26 for 329 yards and a career-high five touchdowns on Saturday. He also ran for a score in No. 18 Purdue's 59-7 win over the Cardinals.

In two games this season, he has thrown for 616 yards and nine touchdowns with no interceptions.

As the awards, and the Heisman talk, start piling up, coach Joe Tiller said, worrying about how the senior from Altoona, Iowa, will handle the attention is the furthest thing from his mind.

"His demeanor is different, such that I can't see that impacting him," Tiller said. "I'm not at all concerned about Kyle Orton or any hype surrounding his play as much as I would be concerned about hype surrounding our team."

Knight criticizes Olympic Team play and coaching

SAN ANTONIO — Texas Tech coach Bob Knight said Friday that the U.S. Olympic men's basketball team didn't win the gold medal in Athens last month because the players were too pampered on and off the court.

Knight, speaking to a gathering sponsored by the San Antonio Sports Foundation, said things would have been different had he been the team's coach instead of Larry Brown.

He recalled his own Olympic experience in Los Angeles with a squad that included Michael Jordan, Chris Mullin, Sam Perkins and Joe Kleine.

More than 70 players were invited to try out for the team, he said, and

the hopefuls were pared down to 12 over several strenuous months of auditions. He contrasted that to the 2004 team, whose players were assured roster slots.

The players that brought home a bronze medal from Athens did not practice together long, and he said for that reason they did not develop into a team whose players were toughened by a common struggle.

Hall of Fame budget is cut

SOUTH BEND — The City Council has moved toward cutting by \$200,000 the amount of money it gives to support the College Football Hall of Fame.

The cut came in a budget amendment introduced Councilman David Varner, who says it is time for the hall, operated by the National Football Foundation, to start supporting itself.

His amendment, which was approved 5-4 during Sept. 13's council meeting, would trim city spending next year by about 25-percent.

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SMC SOCCER

Saint Mary's can't net game-winner, ties 1-1

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

Sometimes, it's just one of those days. Saturday was one of those days for the Belles, who pulled

off a 1-1 tie with Alma College after two overtimes despite having numerous chances to put the game away. Saint Mary's took nearly 25 shots on goal throughout the game but was unable to convert time and time again.

"We played fairly well, but we just couldn't finish," sophomore goalie Nicole Leach said. "We didn't play bad at all. We just had some trouble getting it into the net. I guess it was just one of those days." The Belles came out slowly

against Alma, giving up a goal early in the first half to fall behind 1-0. Saint Mary's kept the ball in its opponent's zone for much of the first half, but was unable to get on the scoreboard.

"We tend to come out slow, and then take most of the first half to settle down and get into our groove," sophomore Caroline Stancukas said. "It was not a lack of an effort on our part - it was just a bad day."

The Belles entered the half trailing 1-0, marking the first time they have been trailing at the half all year. Coach Mackenzie and the players considered switching the team's defensive strategy for the second half from the flat-back four, the new system Mackenzie has implemented this year, to a system known as the sweeper/stopper defense, which the team used at times in the past.

"We thought about switching, but we don't really want to just back on something else just because the flat-back four isn't working," Stancukas said.

Saint Mary's appeared to shake its early sluggishness after the half, coming out strong in the second half and tying the game at 1-1 when Jen Concannon knocked in a corner kick from Carrie Orr for the equalizer.

The Belles used strong defense the rest of the way to

keep the game even.

"Our defense played well; the other team probably only had about five or six shots on goal during the entire game," Leach said. "We dominated them, no question. They were a good team, but we were obviously stronger. It was just one of those days where we couldn't quite get it in the net."

Despite the team's strong second half play, the Belles were unable to take the lead, and settled for a tie after two 10-minute periods of overtime.

"It was really a great effort by the team," Stancukas said. "We played as hard as we could through two overtimes, so people were going for up to 110 minutes. It was a real good effort all-around."

Although they remain undefeated in MIAA conference play, the Belles were disappointed to come away with only a tie.

"We just got unlucky as far as not getting the win; we had our chances," Leach said. "If some of the calls went our way, and some of the balls bounced our way, we could have easily won."

Rather than focus on their shortcomings, however, the team looks forward to the future.

"The first thing we said when we got off the field was, 'We can't wait to play them again on our home field,'" Leach said.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles lose in 4 games, drop to 1-7 on season

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles lost their second straight volleyball match on Saturday, falling to Adrian College in four games.

Saint Mary's finally came out strong, winning the first game but failed to capitalize and lost the next three.

The loss drops the Belles to 1-7 overall this season. They have lost five of their last six divisional matchups and currently reside in seventh place in the MIAA.

The match marked only the second time this year that Saint Mary's was able win the first game in the match.

In game one, they defeated the Bulldogs, 30-25. The Belles lost the second game, managing to score only 17 points.

Adrian College then made it three in a row by winning games three and four, 30-20 and 30-28.

It was the defense that struggled on the night and failed to hold back Adrian's offensive attack.

"Statistically speaking, and from game experience, I can confidently say that it was the defense," Saint Mary's Michelle Turley said. "Offensively, Adrian presented us with a stronger block than we are used to seeing, and our defense should've been stronger and more reli-

able than it was."

On the day, Elise Rupright and Turley played well on offense, registering 14 and 13 kills, respectively. The defense was lead by Michelle Gary and Amanda David, both of whom had 17 digs. Shelly Bender was third on the team with 11 digs of her own.

Saint Mary's has struggled from its first game of the season.

Their defense and overall communication continues to hamper the team's growth and effectiveness. These problems need to be addressed quickly if they have any hopes of advancing into the tournament.

"I think we are still in the process of trying to solidify a starting lineup," Turley said. "We have a lot of people competing for the same spot right now, and most days it just depends on whoever is playing better, but hopefully as the season continues to develop we will have a better indication of who those starters are."

The win moves Adrian College to 6-7 on the year and puts them in fourth place in the conference with an overall record of 3-1.

Saint Mary's does not take the court again until 7 p.m. Wednesday when it travels to the University of Chicago.

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Unbeaten

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spectacular, making six saves and also received some help when her defenders cleared two other Irish shots off the goal line. Notre Dame didn't help its own cause either, hitting the crossbar twice.

But the Irish roster seems to get deeper every game. Senior defender Kate Tulisiak scored the first point of her career when she intercepted a pass and then assisted on Cinalli's game-winning goal. Tulisiak missed much of the 2003 season with a back injury but is making the most of her senior-year comeback.

"It's an awesome feeling to be able to contribute to the

team like I was able to do tonight," she told und.com. "Last spring, I gained a lot of confidence just playing in games and the same goes with this summer."

"Our depth was a key tonight because of the tempo of the game," Waldrum said. "It was end-to-end, like an NBA game."

Syracuse gave the Irish a scare as well. After sophomore Jen Buczkowski's fourth goal of the season gave the Irish a 1-0 lead early in the first half, Notre Dame held the lead until Syracuse's Kelly Bailey sailed a crossing pass into the Irish net to even the score at one. The feat was a rare one as only two other schools in the last 37 games have come from behind to tie the Irish. But with 7:11 to play, Thorlakson took a pass

from Candace Chapman and knocked the ball past Orange goalkeeper Shannon Myers to provide the difference in the game.

Despite the win, Waldrum wants his players to remain sharp with a lead.

"We basically stopped playing until they tied it up," he said. "It was frustrating not to put them away when we had the chance."

Notre Dame is now one of only five teams remaining in the 308-team pool of Division 1

collegiate soccer with an undefeated record. This marks the ninth time in the last 13 years the Irish have been perfect through eight games.

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Senior Candace Chapman, center, pushes the ball up against Santa Clara Sept. 5. The Irish won a pair of close games this weekend.

Sixth

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finals, really only about 15 teams go in there with the mindset that they'll win it. The No. 1 on a top-15 team like that always gives you the ability to hid a bad round, and he's not at that point yet," Jasinski said about Isban, before including "The good thing is that he wants to be that guy, and all the intangibles are part of his game."

Despite this Jasinski is still very confident about the makeup of his team and its' prospects for the season.

"The neat part about our team is that we keep finding more and more guys who can contribute good rounds," he said.

One of those contributors is junior Eric Deutsch, who finished in a tie for 12th place with a 10-over par 220. In two tough tournaments, Deutsch has posted two top-20 performances, a good start by any standards. Deutsch, who is very close to teammate Scott Gustafson who was injured in a car accident Thursday took his friend's misfortune very hard. However, according to Jasinski, he showed great mental fortitude in his performance this weekend.

"He wasn't sure he'd be able to play," Jasinski said about Deutsch's initial reaction to the accident, "but he was able to turn that around and go perform. His attention to what the team needed was extremely good."

Gustafson is recovering from his injuries, and should rejoin the Irish team in three weeks to a month.

His absence will provide an opportunity for some of the team's younger players to be thrown into the mix a little bit more.

Two of those players were freshmen Greg Rodgers and Mike King, who finished tied for 37th place after finishing with 228s. Sophomore Shane Sigsbee, playing in his first event this season and turned in a 239 to finish in 72nd.

Despite the scare and the loss of one of his better players, Jasinski sees an opportunity for a positive to come from the accident.

"Our team chemistry hasn't been such where there's a big push to take the bull by the horns," Jasinski said. "Everyone knows [Gustafson] played a huge role, and now there's going to be pressure on some other guys, who could really step up in his absence."

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"The neat part about our team is that we keep finding more and more guys who can contribute good rounds."

John Jasinski
Irish coach

"His attention to what the team needed was extremely good"

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then my body started to feel it about half way through. I had never run an 8K before, so I was

wondering to myself how I was doing," Watson said. "I kind of came around with like a mile to go. Luckily my teammate, Vinny Ambrico, was right there and we worked together to pass the guy who was right behind [Moore]." The Irish led all 30 schools

with an impressive 19 points. Gonzaga came in second with 106 points and Xavier took third with 139 points. Rounding out the top 10 were Dayton, DePaul, Loras, Detroit-Mercy, St. Vincent, Holy Cross and St. Martin's.

Ryan Johnson, sixth, Austin Weaver, seventh, Daniel Driscoll, eighth and Dan Curren, ninth, also placed in the top 10 for the Irish.

"We started a little bit fast out of the gate because we know that the first mile at the ND Invite is going to be pretty quick, so we wanted to get a little taste of that," Watson said.

Notre Dame's impressive showing was not surprising considering the Irish have won the National Catholic Invitational for 10 years in a row, and 17 of the 25 races ever.

The women were equally impressive on Friday, continuing a streak of dominance in this event, winning the Invitational for the eleventh time in 13 years.

Moore wasn't the only Notre Dame runner to win individually. Junior, Stephanie Media finished first in the women's race with a time of 17:38. Teammate Sonni Olding finished second with a time of 17:40, in what was her first race as a Notre Dame runner. Olding, who was highly touted by coaches prior to the season's start, proved she deserved the praise with her finish.

"It was a low key meet for our whole team, so it's a good confidence builder for the team to do

really well," said Madia. "I haven't run, ever, with our new freshman, Sonni, and it was great to get to race with her and find out what it's like to be in a meet together. I think it was good practice for both of us."

Also finishing in the top 10 for the women were Jean Marinangeli, who finished in sixth place and Elizabeth Webster, who finished in eighth place.

While the women did not dominate their opponents to the same extent that the men did, their 28 points were good enough to defeat second place DePaul by a solid 59 points. Rounding out the top 10 finishers were Gonzaga, Bellarmine, Xavier, St. Thomas, Dayton, Detroit-Mercy, Holy Cross and Mercyhurst.

Notre Dame will need to continue running well this Friday, when it hosts the Notre Dame Invitational.

"We have a lot of work to do as a team, and the ND Invite is a whole new competition level, but I think it's always great to get a good race under your belt," Madia said.

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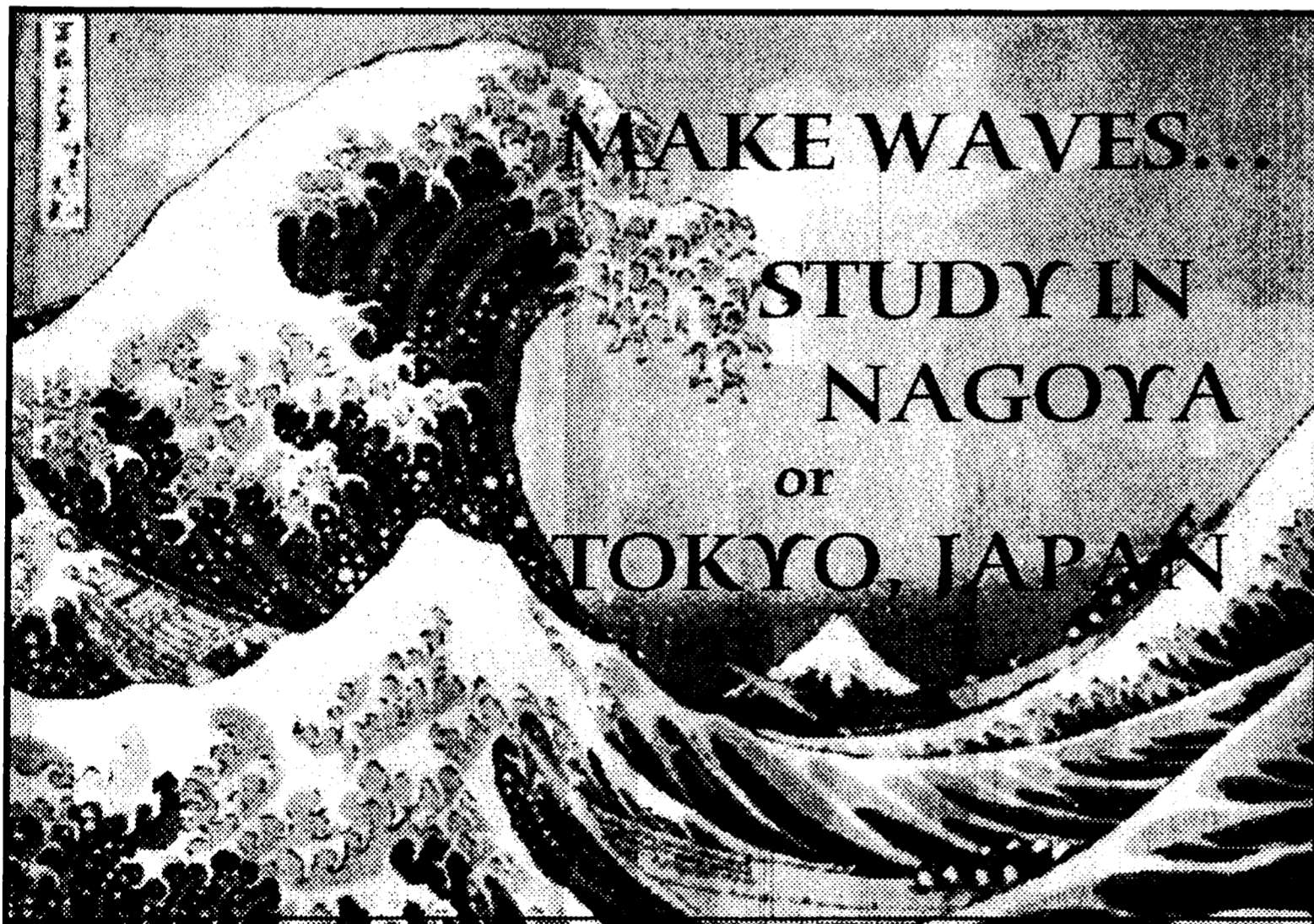
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish drop invitational final to South Carolina

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Many volleyball experts expected the Irish to lose to USC this weekend, but they weren't thinking of South Carolina.

The No. 2 Trojans withdrew from the Gamecock Invitational in Columbia, S.C. this weekend because of Hurricane Ivan.

In their absence, host school South Carolina defeated Notre Dame in four games, 30-28, 25-30, 30-22, 30-23 Sunday afternoon to win the tournament and deny Notre Dame the invite championship after the Irish beat Michigan State 30-22, 24-30, 30-21, 30-19 on Friday.

The loss to the Gamecocks came despite another fine effort from middle blocker Lauren Brewster.

The reigning Big East Player of the Week, Brewster had two excellent matches this weekend.

She led the team in five statistical categories against Michigan State while her six aces against South Carolina, with four coming on a single rotation in the third game, were the most by an Irish player since Angie Harris had a school-record nine against Syracuse in 1995.

Brewster's efforts put her on the all-tournament team along with teammate Ashley Tarutis.

The win over Michigan State was the first for Notre Dame over the Spartans since 1994.

Two aces by Adrianna Stasiuk, five kills from outside hitter Ellen Heintzman and a game-clinching ace by Meg Henican helped to serve up game one up for the Irish.

Michigan State darted out to leads of 14-8 and 25-12 in game two with seven kills from Kim Schram and 15 assists by Maggie Griffin.

Brewster helped the Irish

keep it close with her five kills, but Schram's final kill evened the match for Michigan State.

Notre Dame constructed an 11-6 lead in the third game before the Spartans trimmed the Irish lead to 13-12. Five kills each from Heintzman and Brewster enabled the Irish pull away for a 2-1 match lead.

The Irish never trailed in the fourth game as they out hit Michigan State .268-.062 and pulled away for the 30-19 victory.

The Irish jumped out to an early 13-5 lead in the first game of Sunday's championship match against South Carolina, but the Gamecocks would not go away.

They went ahead on a 17-4 run before Lynae Vanden Hull's final kill delivered the game one win to South Carolina.

The second game saw the Irish record 21 kills along with a .409 hitting percentage as Notre Dame led from the start and never looked back.

The Irish played their best game of the match, committing only three errors, to even the score at one game apiece.

In game three, it was the Gamecocks' turn to start quickly as they built a 6-2 advantage before Lauren Brewster's four aces propelled the Irish to a 9-6 lead.

The teams gave up little ground to each other during the middle of the game until South Carolina won seven straight points, behind two aces from Vanden Hull, to go ahead 25-17.

South Carolina led by as much as nine early in the fourth game, but the Irish fought back late to cut the deficit to only 25-22.

That would be as close as it got though as the Gamecocks ran away in the end to win the match and the tournament title.

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Hoyas

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and Wednesday, respectively.

"A lot of folk had been worried about getting goals," coach Bobby Clark said. "It was nice to see a few lads getting on the score sheet, and hopefully we'll get a few more games when we'll get some goals."

In yet another contest where the Irish dominated the peripheral stats, outshooting the Hoyas 22-5 and taking seven corner kicks to Georgetown's two, it was the Hoyas that struck first.

In the 34th minute, midfielder Danny McAnally slotted home a feed past the outstretched left hand of Irish goalkeeper Chris Sawyer from point blank range to stake Georgetown to a 1-0 advantage.

"It was a disappointing goal," Clark said. "To be honest, from our point of view, we shouldn't be allowing serves in, but goals happen."

The lead didn't last long.

Less than a minute after Georgetown (3-4-0, 0-1-0) broke the 0-0 tie, Yoshinaga's chip from the right edge of the box sailed over Hoya goalkeeper Andrew Keszler's head and into the left post side net to knot the game at 1-1.

"The nice thing is that we got the reply very quickly," Clark said. "That got us back in the game."

Following Yoshinaga's equalizer — his first career goal — the Irish continued to produce scoring chances, constantly

putting pressure on the Hoya defense until freshman forward Joe Lapira put the Irish in front for good at the 71:47 mark.

Taking a pass from forward Brian Murphy, Lapira beat the last Hoya defender before firing past an approaching Keszler at the top to the box for the eventual game-winning goal.

Yoshinaga picked up his second goal of the night, drilling a shot from 18 yards into the upper right corner to double the Irish lead with 14:07 remaining.

Forward Tony Megna finished off the Irish scoring deluge with his first goal of the season on a through ball from midfielder Ian Etherington just over three minutes after Yoshinaga found the back of the net, pushing the Irish advantage to 4-1.

Megna's tally capped off a three-goal, seven-minute Irish run.

"I thought in the second half we were brilliant," Clark said. "Once we went ahead — once we got the second goal — I felt it was just a matter of time, and if the game had gone on much longer, we would have possibly scored another couple of goals."

Notre Dame returns to action Thursday when it travels to Morgantown, W.Va. to battle West Virginia before visiting Villanova Sunday afternoon.

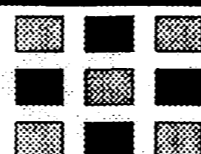
The Irish finish off their four-game stretch against Big East opponents when they welcome Boston College to Alumni Field Oct. 1.

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Midfielder Ian Etherington, right, makes a cut against a Georgetown defender in the second half Saturday night. Etherington recorded assists on goals by Alex Yoshinaga and Tony Megna.



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Belles place 26th of 31 at ND Invitational

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

Megan Gray led the way for the Saint Mary's Friday at the National Catholic Invitational held at the University of Notre Dame.

Gray, who was 30 seconds shy of her season's best run, finished 89th and was the fastest Belles runner.

Coach Dave Barstis opted to treat the run as a workout rather than prepare for the race as the team usually would.

Moreover, the team faced the challenge of running against Division I schools including DePaul and Gonzaga, among others. The team finished 24th overall out of 31 schools, but has come out of the race feeling better prepared for next week's conference meet.

The squad felt it was better off after having run the difficult race, and it improved on many of its goals for the team.

The Belles were mainly concentrating on improving their splits and running together as a team.

And run together they certainly did.

The top four finishers for Saint Mary's all completed the race within one minute of each other.

Another standout for the Belles on Friday was sophomore Katie White, who had her best team finish of the year and fell

shy of her best time by 16 seconds.

Most importantly, though, is the strength of the team that can be seen from the weekend's top finishers.

It is evident that any number of runners could step up for the Belles when they compete in their first conference meet next week. Gray and sophomore transfer Meghan Murphy seem to have added a depth to the team that will only help them in upcoming weeks. The two newcomers of the season simply add to the list of top finishers that could emerge from the team.

"I am not going to put it past these girls to get fourth or better at the conference meet," Barstis said.

The Belles certainly seem to be on the path to accomplishing that goal.

The first indication will come in less than a week when the Belles compete in the MIAA Jamboree at Hope College. The runners all plan on using Friday's race to their benefit, expanding on the improvements they made to prepare for the crucial conference meet this week.

The team walked away from the Catholic Invitational with an overall success and one more race under its belts, which will only aid them in taking on the conference beginning Saturday.

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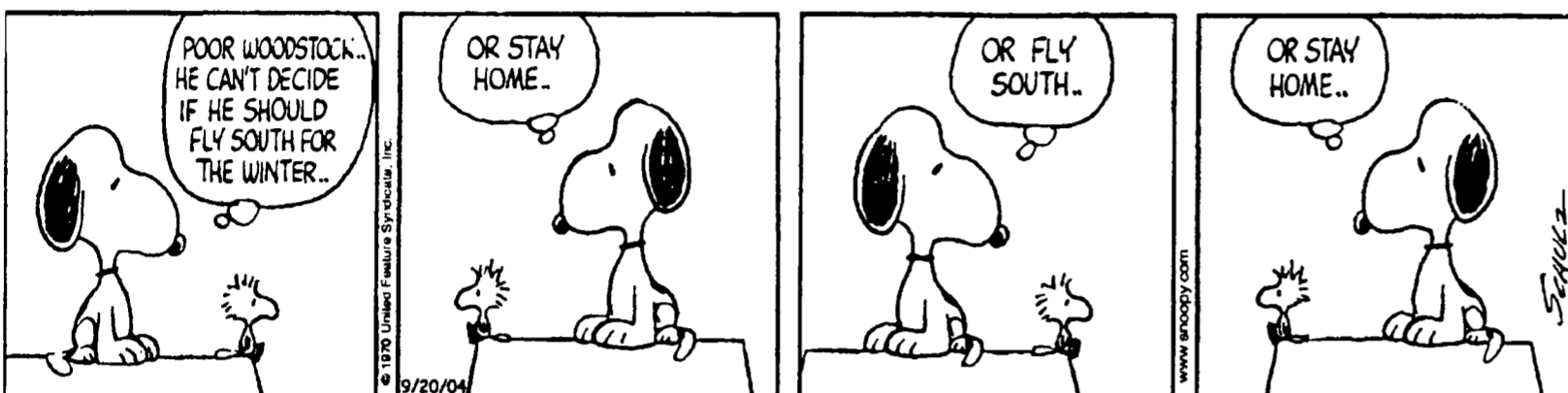
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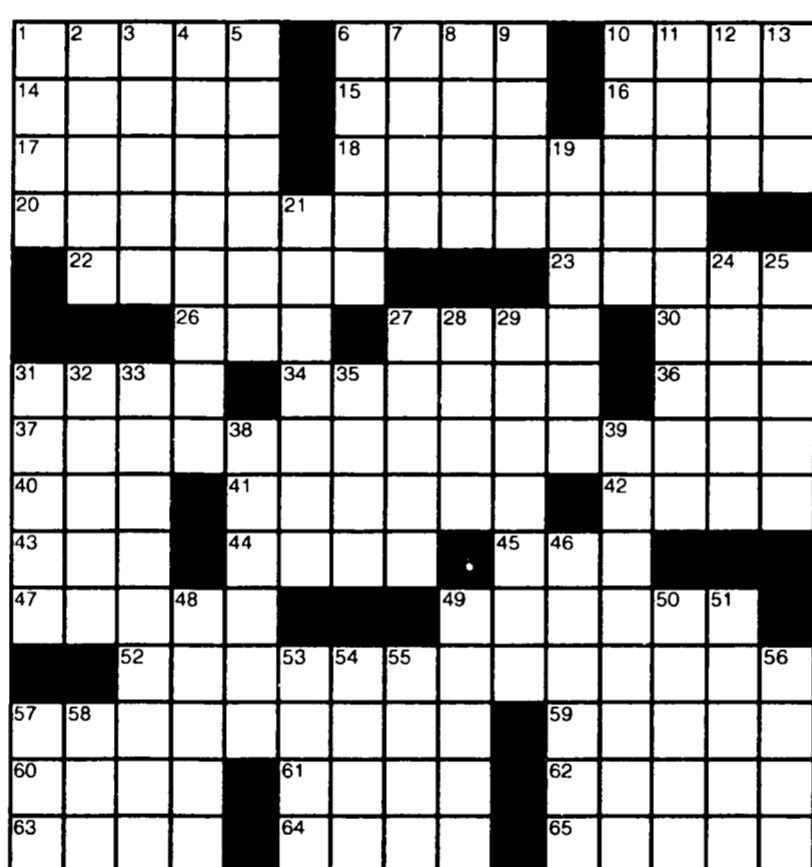
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ND SOCCER

Leaders of the pack

Freshman Yoshinaga nets first two career goals in victory

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

Now that's more like it. Freshman forward Alex Yoshinaga snapped a 235-minute Irish scoring drought with his first of two goals as No. 14 Notre Dame beat up on Big East rival Georgetown, 4-1, Saturday night at Alumni Field.

Prior to their four-goal performance against the Hoyas, the Irish had experienced some difficulty converting prime scoring opportunities.

Notre Dame (4-1-1, 1-0-0 in Big East) took 34 shots against Evansville last Friday before finding the back of the net and failed to score against both Cal State Fullerton and Indiana on 36 combined shots last Sunday

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Defender Ben Crouse brings the ball up field in Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over Georgetown Saturday night at Alumni Field. The Irish scored three times in a seven minute span to put the game away..

MEN'S GOLF



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Freshman Greg Rodgers follows through on a put at the Notre Dame Invitational.

Irish take sixth of fifteen at Invite

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

In the sporting world, good things can happen when a challenge is presented.

The Irish certainly challenged themselves this weekend, as they hosted the anticipated field for the 2005 NCAA Regionals in the Notre Dame Invitational.

It can easily be argued that the Irish, who were ranked 92nd in the Golfweek/Sagarin Index before the weekend, accomplished the former as well, finishing sixth out of a field of 15 teams, most of whom were ranked ahead of them.

The team finished with a total score of 892, 21 strokes behind tournament champions Kent State, but only four strokes out of third place.

Sophomore Cole Isban led the team this weekend, finishing in a three-way tie for fourth place. He finished with a three-day total of 216, a total that included a career best 2-under par 68 on Sunday. Irish coach John Jasinski was very pleased in the performance of his rising star, but says Isban still has a way to go before becoming a true No. 1 player.

"My definition of a No. 1 is fairly strict. In the NCAA

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Irish win pair of nail-biters to remain undefeated

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

After establishing itself as the team to beat through the first six games of its non-conference schedule, No. 1 Notre Dame carried that reputation through its first two games of Big East conference play as well.

The Irish (8-0-0) emerged unscathed from their first weekend as the top team in the nation, posting a pair of narrow one-goal victories on the road

by blanking Connecticut 1-0 on Friday and closing out Syracuse 2-1 on Sunday.

Both games were very close, and it took a clutch goal with under eight minutes to play in each contest to decide the game. Freshman Amanda Cinalli buried her fourth goal of the year in the upper right corner of the net with 6:26 to play against Connecticut to give the Irish their only goal of the game Friday.

On Sunday, Katie Thorlakson continued her torrid offensive

pace by notching her team-high sixth goal in the 83rd minute to give the Irish the lead over Syracuse. The goal was Thorlakson's third game-winning goal this season.

Meanwhile, the Notre Dame defense, led by Big East Defensive Player of the Week Melissa Tancredi, continued to suffocate opposing offenses, limiting both the Huskies and the Orange to only two shots on goal. The Irish have barely allowed any of their opponents to shoot, much less to score.

Their defense has allowed just 21 shots on goal in eight games.

It didn't take long for the Irish to face a stiff challenge from a conference opponent as the Huskies gave Notre Dame a dogfight in the Big East opener Friday night. In what turned out to be a defensive struggle, the Huskies did everything to keep the Irish out of the net. UConn goalkeeper Megan Jessee was solid and often

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ND CROSS COUNTRY



ERIC SALES/The Observer

Junior Tim Moore heads for victory at the National Catholic Invitational Friday.. Both the men and women finished first.

Both teams dominate Invite competition

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Talk about starting off the weekend on the right foot, literally.

The Irish came up big Friday, as both the men and women took home first place in the National Catholic Invitational, easily defeating the other schools in the field.

Seven of the top 10 finishers in the men's race were from Notre

Dame, including those in first, second and third place.

Junior Tim Moore, who placed first with a time of 24 minutes, 58 seconds, led the Irish in his first college victory. Freshman Jake Watson and junior Vincent Ambrico finished second and third, respectively. Watson, whose time of 25:06 was eight seconds behind Moore, placed second in his first college race.

"I was feeling pretty good, and

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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Belles struggle at ND Invitational, finish 26th in 31-team field.

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Irish finish second at Gamecock Invitational after losing tournament final to South Carolina.

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Belles unable to score game-winning goal in hard-fought match.

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Irish force six turnovers in road win.

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Zbikowski leads defensive effort in 31-24 Irish win

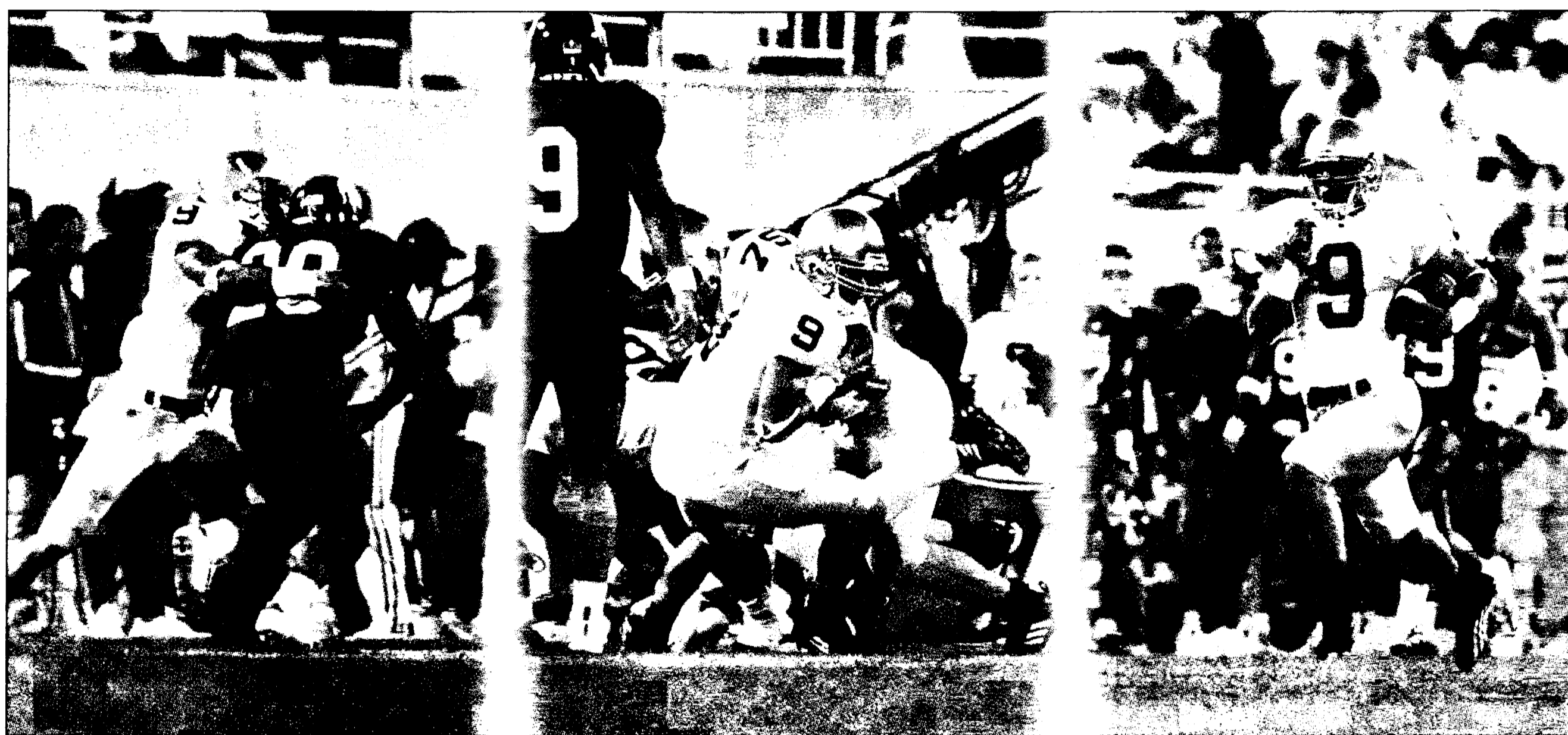


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Tom Zbikowski, left, hits Spartan running back Jason Teague and gets his hands on the ball. Middle, Zbikowski strips the ball from Teague and turns toward the endzone. Right, Zbikowski sprints on his way to a 75-yard fumble return for his first career touchdown, putting the Irish up 14-7.

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

EAST LANSING, Mich. — On a cool Saturday night on the hostile turf of Spartan Stadium, the Irish found the spark they had been missing—balance and boldness.

Tom Zbikowski seized the vacant role of defensive playmaker, Darius Walker and Ryan Grant combined for 164 yards on the ground and Brady Quinn completed 11-of-24 passes for 215 yards, including a touchdown to Matt Shelton and a key third-down conversion to Jeff Samardzija to give the Irish a 31-24 victory in East Lansing.

"When you have good defense, you stay close until something good happens," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "Our defense has done a great job in all three ballgames in keeping us in that position."

Notre Dame capitalized on six turnovers by Michigan State and despite allowing a rushing touchdown in the waning moments of the game and 341 yards of total offense, notched its second consecutive win against a Big Ten team.

"The fact is, we didn't finish like we wanted to, and it was a

sour feeling in the locker room," defensive end Justin Tuck said. "Even though we got the win, we didn't like how we finished. I guess as a defense, as a team, we're picky right now."

The Irish trailed 7-0 early when D.J. Fitzpatrick's punt was blocked in the end zone and picked up by Michigan State's Jerramy Scott for the first touchdown of the game. After the Irish were forced to punt again on the next possession, Zbikowski picked off a pass by Spartans quarterback Stephen Reaves, and returned it 22 yards to put the Irish in scoring position at the Spartan 13.

A 4-yard run from Walker and three consecutive runs Grant put the Irish at the goal line on third-and-goal. After Rashon Powers-Neal was stuffed on third down, Quinn faked a handoff and strolled untouched into the end zone for his first career rushing touchdown on fourth-and-goal.

With the scored tied at seven, Michigan State was deep in Notre Dame territory and looked

ready to mount a scoring chance. On second-and-10, Zbikowski stripped Spartans running back Jason Teague of the football and ran 75 yards for his first career touchdown to put the Irish up 14-7.

"I'm a team player just doing the best I can," said Zbikowski, who finished with a team-high nine tackles, including six solos. "I'm not going to go looking for it but if that opportunity arises, I have to make that play."

The Irish lit up the scoreboard again when Quinn found Shelton in the end zone for a 35-yard touchdown. Although the Irish would not score again in the half, Derek

Curry and Mike Richardson would both register interceptions to keep the Spartans out of scoring range, ending the half with a 21-7 lead.

In the second half, the Irish came out strong as Walker and Grant traded carries in a seven play, 75-yard march to the end zone.

"We're trying to develop a

group of running backs that compliment each other as far as their style," Willingham said.

With that drive, the Irish went ahead 28-7 on a 6-yard touchdown run from Grant.

"We just did what we came here to do," offensive lineman Bob Morton said. "We wanted to establish the run. We didn't do as well as we wanted to in the first half so we decided we were going to do it in the second half. We came out and that drive was the pinnacle of what we want to be."

Morton anchored an offensive line that gave Quinn the time to complete passes to five receivers during the game, and the running backs necessary blocks to produce significant yardage on the ground.

"It's easy on me," Quinn said of the 75-yard drive that consisted of all runs. "It's just dominating football with the offensive line and I give all the credit to them. They play hard, they play physical and they got the job done."

The defense capitalized on six turnovers, recovering three of the Spartans' five fumbles as well as picking off three passes in the first half.

But, down 28-7, Michigan State mounted a comeback behind its

new quarterback, Drew Stanton starting with an 89-yard kickoff return by DeAndra Cobb after Grant's touchdown.

With the score at 28-17, Corey Mays hit Jehuu Caulcrick on the 1-yard line, jarring the ball loose on momentum-killing play for the Spartans. Quentin Burrell recovered in the endzone for a touchback, and the Irish got the ball back, and scored a field goal two possessions later to go up 31-17.

"It was big," Tuck said of the goal line play. "We needed that. We don't get that one, this game is a lot more interesting than it was, so that's a big play. We just made up our minds that we weren't going to let them in — that was our mentality."

The Spartans would register a touchdown with 9 seconds to go on a four-yard rush by Stanton that capped an eight-play 63-yard drive, but it was not enough.

This finish left the Irish hungry for more, as they were not pleased.

"You just can't be satisfied," Tuck said. "You can never be as good as you can be."

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player of the game

Tom Zbikowski

The redshirt freshman safety forced two fumbles, recovered one for a touchdown and intercepted a pass in his third collegiate game.

stat of the game

6

Notre Dame forced six Michigan State turnovers — three fumbles and three interceptions — a season-high.

play of the game

Corey Mays's hit on Jehuu Caulcrick

Irish linebacker Mays hit Caulcrick at the Notre Dame 1-yard line to force a fumble and give the Irish the ball back, leading 28-17.

quote of the game

"The only thing better than two great legs are four."

Bob Morton
Irish offensive lineman

report card

- B-** **quarterbacks:** Quinn got the job done, but missed a few open receivers. He hit Shelton on the long ball twice, but tried to force the ball to Stovall in the end zone, resulting in an interception.
- B-** **running backs:** Walker and Grant complemented each other well, however neither had an outstanding game and Grant fumbled once. They combined for 164 yards with one touchdown.
- B** **receivers:** Shelton and Samardzija stepped up in the place of Stovall and McKnight, who were quiet all night. The duo caught seven passes between them, good for 188 yards in the air.
- B** **offensive line:** The offensive line struggled in the first half, but in the second half picked it up. They engineered a seven-play, 75-yard drive on the ground in the third quarter.
- C** **defensive line:** The line had trouble stopping the run, giving up 165 yards on the ground after stopping Michigan last week. They recorded two sacks, however, but overall did not play as well as they could have.
- B** **linebackers:** Mays made a big play at the goal line, Curry picked off a pass and Goolsby registered six tackles.
- A-** **defensive backs:** Zbikowski made big plays all night, with a two fumbles forced, a fumble recovery, an interception and a touchdown. The secondary picked three balls and prevented the big play.
- D** **special teams:** The kick coverage was poor, as shown by Cobb's 89-yard touchdown return. Fitzpatrick missed a 37-yard field and the Spartans blocked a punt for a touchdown.
- B** **coaching:** The Irish made adjustments in the second half offensively, and the defense made big plays when it had to. However, the offense still struggled at times, but has shown improvement.
- 2.63** **overall:** Notre Dame played well enough to get the victory, but acknowledged there are still improvements to be made on both sides of the ball.

adding up the numbers

total yards of offense for Notre Dame against Michigan State **388**

341 total yards of offense for Michigan State against the Irish defense

total receiving yards on three catches by Matt Shelton, a career high **123**

1 rushing touchdown by Brady Quinn on a quarterback bootleg — it was the first rushing touchdown of his career

Matt Shelton's average yards per touchdown catch **48.7**

213 number of yards gained by Darius Walker in his first two games of collegiate football

Tyrone Willingham's record against his alma mater Michigan State **4-1**

9 total turnovers between both teams. Michigan State turned it over six times, and the Irish three times



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Irish defensive tackle Trevor Laws makes a hit on Michigan State quarterback Stephen Reaves after batting down his pass in the first half. Laws was part of an Irish defense that caused six turnovers, three interceptions and three fumble recoveries. These turnovers led to 17 Irish points, in addition to the six the defense scored.

Defense makes the big play

EAST LANSING, Mich. — He hovered silently, waiting for the quarterback to make the decision — pitch or run.

And when Michigan State quarterback Stephen Reaves made the toss to Jason Teague, Notre Dame safety Tom Zbikowski went after the back and the ball.

The next thing everyone knew No. 9 ripped the ball out of Teague's arms and took off down the field. The former quarterback had the ball in his hands once again, putting six on the board for the Irish after his first career trifecta — the forced fumble, the recovery and the touchdown. But don't forget, this was after he recorded his first career interception earlier in the game.

And who says Notre Dame doesn't have a playmaker?

Zbikowski proved critics wrong with his opportunistic play against Michigan State, in his third career collegiate game.

"He's been tremendous," defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "He still has a lot to learn, but I like his attitude, that he's willing to learn, he seems to play hard."

For the safety who was one of the most highly-touted players out of high school and redshirted as a freshman, this was the game he knew he was capable of having. He showed why he was a USA Today All-American in high school.

Zbikowski did what his coaches and teammates knew he could do — make plays.

"I'm glad we got him in there," Baer said of the redshirt freshman.

But Zbikowski was just one of many Irish who made plays on defense. Corey Mays hit Jehuu Caulcrick at the goal line to knock the ball loose for Quentin Burrell and preserve the 28-17 Irish lead. Mike Richardson, seeing significant action for the first time this season, intercepted a pass, returning it 32 yards. Derek Curry also picked one off and took that one back 35 yards.

All in all, the magic number was six — six turnovers forced by the Irish defense. It saw the hesitations in redshirt freshman quarterback Reaves. It capitalized with three interceptions and also forced five fumbles, recovering three. The defense scored just six points themselves, but 17 points were put on the board after they got the ball back for its offense.

The defense was the key to the Irish win.

But they were almost the scapegoat.

The Irish went into the half leading 21-7, what seemed to be a comfortable lead. But the Spartans never gave up.

Spartan coach John L. Smith inserted Drew Stanton into the game after the half, and he started moving the ball. Stanton ran for 53 yards in the second half on just eight carries. He threw 12 passes, completing eight of them, good for 110 yards.

All of a sudden, the Spartans were back into the game.

Down 28-17, they had the ball on the Notre Dame 1-yard line. That's when Mays jarred the ball loose from Caulcrick, and the Irish got the ball back. But they fumbled it over to Michigan State, and the Spartans appeared to have life again with 3:39 to play in the game. That's when Stanton was hit by none other than Zbikowski, and Kyle Budinscak recovered, clinching the game for the Irish.

Without the big plays on defense, the game becomes much more challenging for Notre Dame.

The Irish defense gave up 341 total yards — 165 on the ground and 179 through the air. And that was without Stanton, who moved the offense

effectively in the second half, playing the entire game.

But the Irish know they have work to do.

"We've just got to keep getting better," Baer said.

But they got the job done Saturday night. They forced the turnovers when they needed to, and they scored some points of their own. This defense takes it personally.

And that's exactly what the Irish need to do and have done since the loss to Brigham Young.

Take things personally.

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"We've just got to keep getting better."

Kent Baer
Irish defensive coordinator

Shelton, Samardzija come to play

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — They used to be Notre Dame's best-kept secrets.

Wide receivers Matt Shelton and Jeff Samardzija have always been reliable players capable of moving the ball down the field. They were the ones making significant but subtle plays on the field.

But their talent isn't a secret anymore.

In Saturday's 31-24 victory over Michigan State, the two proved they were legitimate threats to opposing defenses.

Shelton cruised into the end zone after catching a 35-yard pass from quarterback Brady Quinn. The senior also caught a career-high three passes, good for a career-high 123 yards.

He has become the official deep threat on a team that was lacking one.

"Given the opportunity, I think I can just go out there and do it," Shelton said. "Brady's putting the ball in places where I can make a play. And I'm coming up with the play."

Give him the ball, and he's just about unstoppable.

Shelton evaded the Spartan secondary to catch a 53-yard pass from Quinn — the longest pass of the game — for a first down in the second quarter. When asked about his ability to make the big plays, Shelton shrugged his shoulders, saying that he is shruggled for opportunities to help the team.

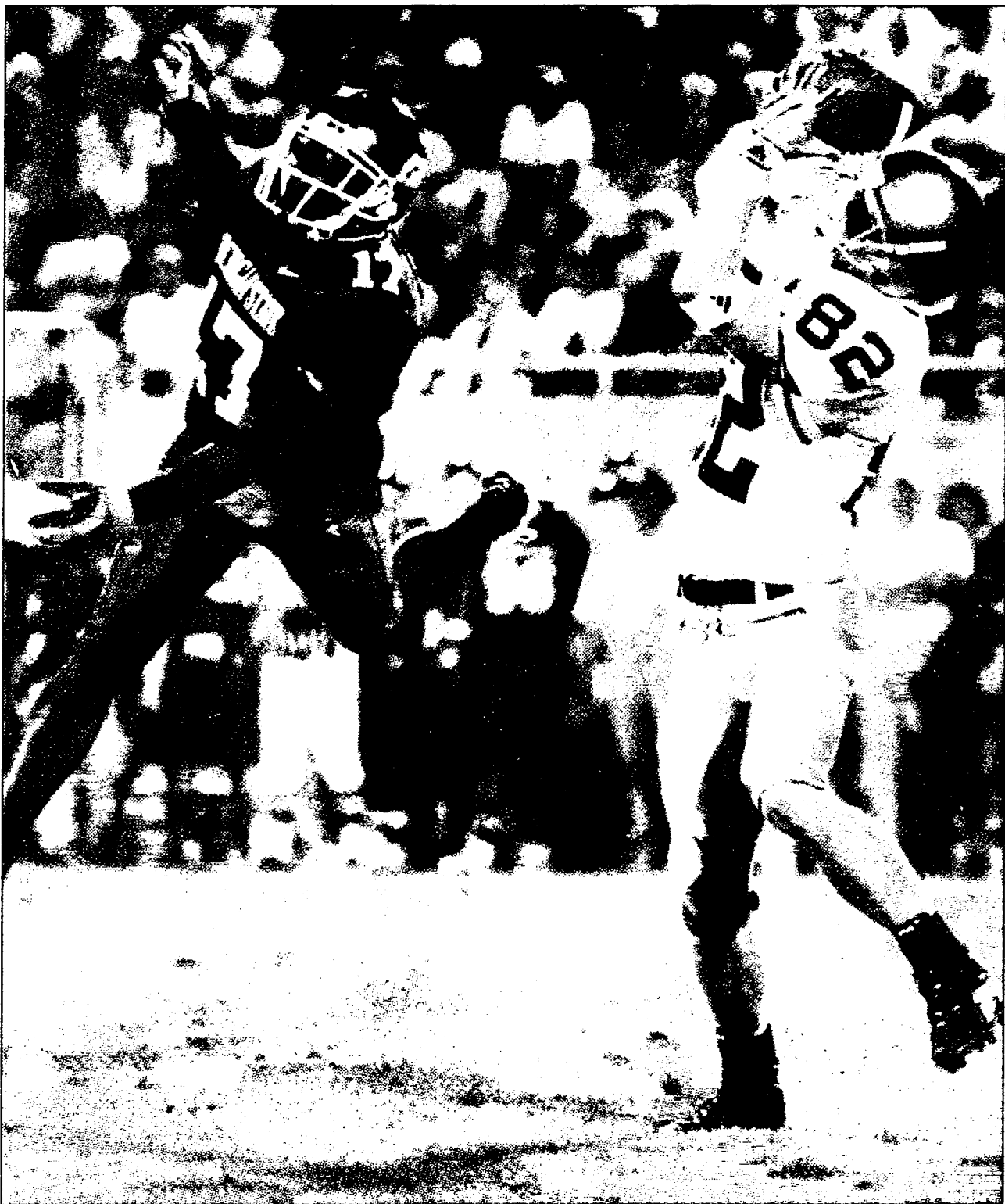
"God blessed me with some speed and hands to catch the ball every once in a while, and I do what I can," Shelton said.

While Shelton struck early with two of his catches in the first half, Samardzija sparked the offense late in the game, catching all four of his passes for 65 yards in the fourth quarter.

Quinn scanned the field, searching for the open Samardzija on several occasions, especially on third down. He found Samardzija three times to convert on third-and-long, extending the Irish drive each time. Samardzija says he thrives on these down-to-the-wire situations.

"I like being in that situation when the pressure is on, and if anybody's going to make a catch, it's going to be me," Samardzija said. "If they're going to want to put me out there on 3-and-5 or 3-and-6, that's great. That's just what I need to do for the team."

In just the fourth quarter, Samardzija



Irish receiver Matt Shelton makes a catch over Michigan State cornerback Roderick Maples Saturday night. Shelton caught three passes for 123 yards.

was able to break loose from the Michigan State defense, hauling in a 31-yard reception on third-and-four, putting the Irish in field goal range.

"It's very exciting to know that at any time, you can be the one getting a chance to make the play," Samardzija said. "When you see Brady open up like that [and make long passes], you only get big eyes and get excited knowing that you're going to make a play."

Even after such a successful weekend at Michigan State, both Shelton and Samardzija have already set their sights on the Washington game. Shelton said that, while individual efforts are impor-

tant, the team as a whole must focus on execution.

"Execution is the biggest thing we've been working on," Shelton said. "During BYU week, we didn't execute like we know we can and we should. The past two weeks, we've done much better, but we still haven't executed like we know we can."

And going into next week, Shelton said he will be ready for whatever comes his way.

"I'll take any plays I can get," he said.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	14	7	7	3	31
Mich. State	7	0	7	10	24

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Notre Dame 0
Jerramy Scott 0-yard blocked punt return with 12:18 remaining
Drive: 0 plays, 0 yards, 0 elapsed
Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 7
Brady Quinn 1-yard run with 4:42 remaining
Drive: 6 plays, 13 yards, 3:37 elapsed
Notre Dame 14, Michigan State 7
Tom Zbikowski 75 yard fumble recovery with 0:07 remaining
Drive: 1 play, 75 yards, 0:06 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 21, Michigan State 7
Matt Shelton 35-yard reception from Quinn with 8:52 remaining
Drive: 3 plays, 59 yards, 1:10 elapsed

Third quarter

Notre Dame 28, Michigan State 7
Ryan Grant 6-yard run with 5:39 remaining
Drive: 7 plays, 75 yards, 2:56 elapsed
Notre Dame 28, Michigan State 14
DeAndre Cobb 89-yard kickoff return with 5:28 remaining
Drive: 1 play, 89 yards, 0:11 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 28, Michigan State 17
Dave Rayner 23-yard field goal with 14:55 remaining
Drive: 8 plays, 31 yards, 3:38 elapsed
Notre Dame 28, Michigan State 17
Dave Rayner 23-yard field goal with 14:55 remaining
Drive: 8 plays, 31 yards, 3:38 elapsed
Notre Dame 31, Michigan State 17
D.J. Fitzpatrick 23-yard field goal with 0:57 remaining
Drive: 7 plays, 40 yards, 2:32 elapsed
Notre Dame 31, Michigan State 24
Drew Stanton 4-yard run with 0:09 remaining
Drive: 8 plays, 63 yards, 0:41 elapsed

statistics

total yards	
MSU	341

rushing yards	
MSU	165

passing yards	
MSU	176

return yards	
MSU	212

time of possession	
MSU	25:59

48-173	rushes-yards	35-165	
11-24-1	comp-att-int	15-34-3	
6-200	punts-yards	5-224	
2-2	fumbles-lost	5-3	
4-22	penalties-yards	3-20	
19	first downs	18	

Quinn	11-24-1	Reaves Stanton	7-20-3 8-12-0

Walker	26-98	Caulcrick	15-85
Grant	11-66	Stanton	8-49
Thomas	5-10	Teague	6-21
Quinn	4-1	Trannon	1-12

Samardzija	4-65	Teague	4-14
Shelton	3-123	Scott	3-71
Stovall	2-17	Brown	3-43

Zbikowski	9	Smith	12
Goolsby	6	Harmon	11
Landri	5	Hayes	6
Burrell	5	Herron, Jr.	6
Hoyte	4	Maples	5

Zbikowski earns national award

By KATE GALES
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EAST LANSING, Mich. — After his two outstanding plays in the first quarter helped Notre Dame to build a lead that would prove insurmountable to Michigan State, Tom Zbikowski was named the national Defensive Player of the Week by the Walter Camp Football Foundation Sunday. His interception stopped a potential Michigan State scoring drive with the Irish trailing 7-0, and he would strip Jason Teague of the ball later in the quarter and take it in for a 75-yard touchdown.

"That was truly a great play on Zibby's part," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "It is something we talk about and work on every week in terms of stripping the ball."

The redshirt freshman safety, who played quarterback and defensive back in high school, has stepped up as one

of the defense's major play-makers.

"I think he's pretty physical, he's really got a knack for getting after the football so we just have to keep him going," defensive coordinator Kent Baer said.

In the defensive backfield, Zbikowski proved vital to the Notre Dame offensive effort.

"We got the win, that's the most important [thing]," Zbikowski said. "Just being in the locker room we're not satisfied, we know there's a lot more improvement and we're going to keep that every single week."

Quinn runs it in

Quinn's touchdown in the first quarter, which came on a bootleg after a fake handoff to Grant, was the first rushing touchdown of his career. Quinn had most on the field fooled as he ran into the end-

zone untouched and handed the ball to the referee.

He would also connect with five different receivers during the game for 215 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

"Brady's seeing a lot of things and will continue to see a lot of things a lot better," Willingham said.

However, there were a number of incomplete passes that Quinn attributed to nervousness.

"You have to settle yourself down and be clutch in those situations," he said.

Vaughn sees first action

True freshman Chris Vaughn played in his first college game this weekend, registering one tackle and catching a seven-yard pass. His tackle came on special teams, where he played as a "gunner" for the first time in his

career. Vaughn said he was glad to get into the game.

"The last two weeks have been tough but I think they've definitely made me a better person and a better player," Vaughn said. "I wasn't looking to do anything but help the team win."

Where's Willingham?

Coach Tyrone Willingham was absent from the game at the beginning of the third quarter. He was seen running out of the tunnel approximately five minutes into the period, after Michigan State's DeAndre Cobb returned a kickoff for a touchdown.

After the game, Willingham declined to comment on his whereabouts.

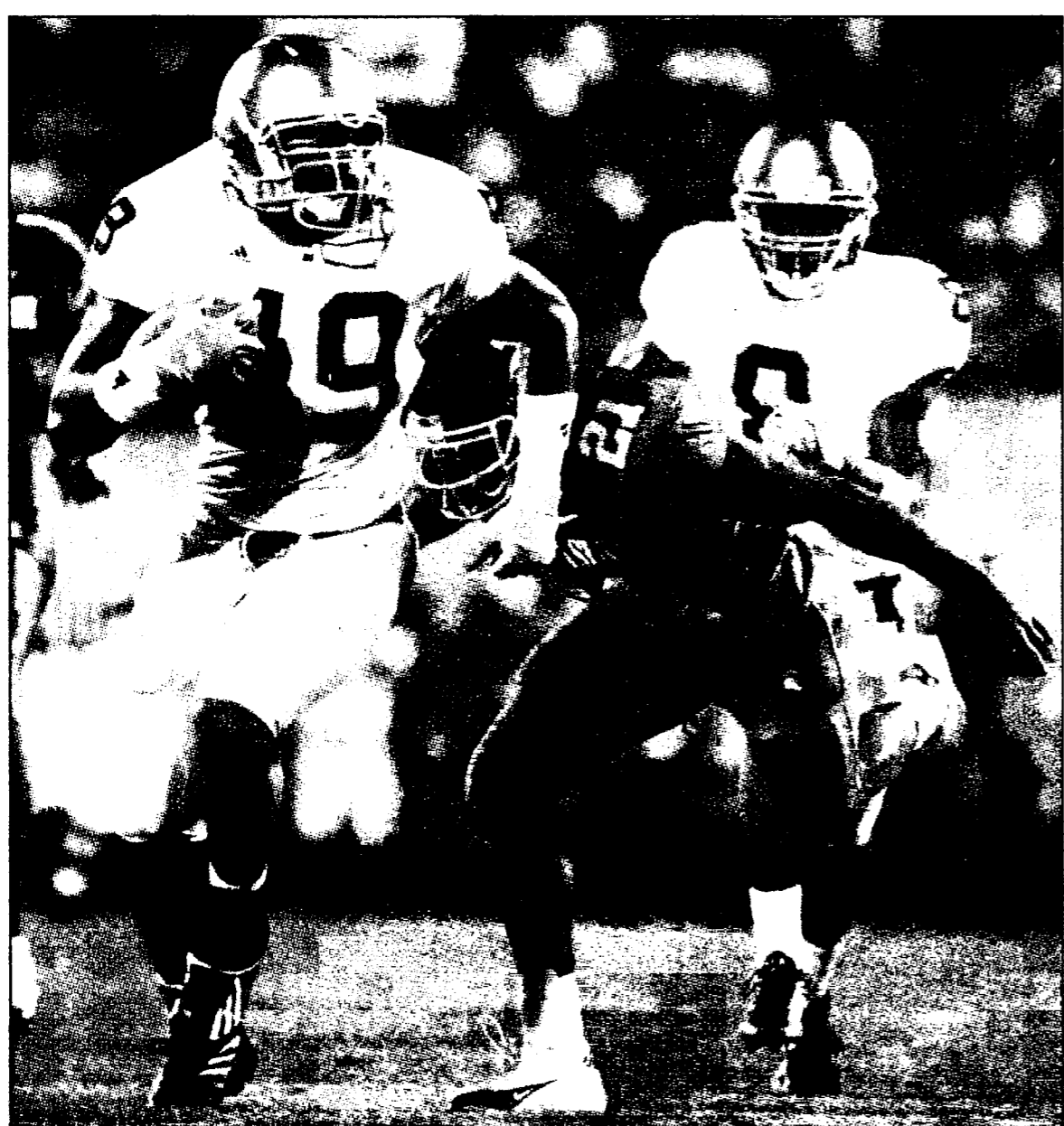
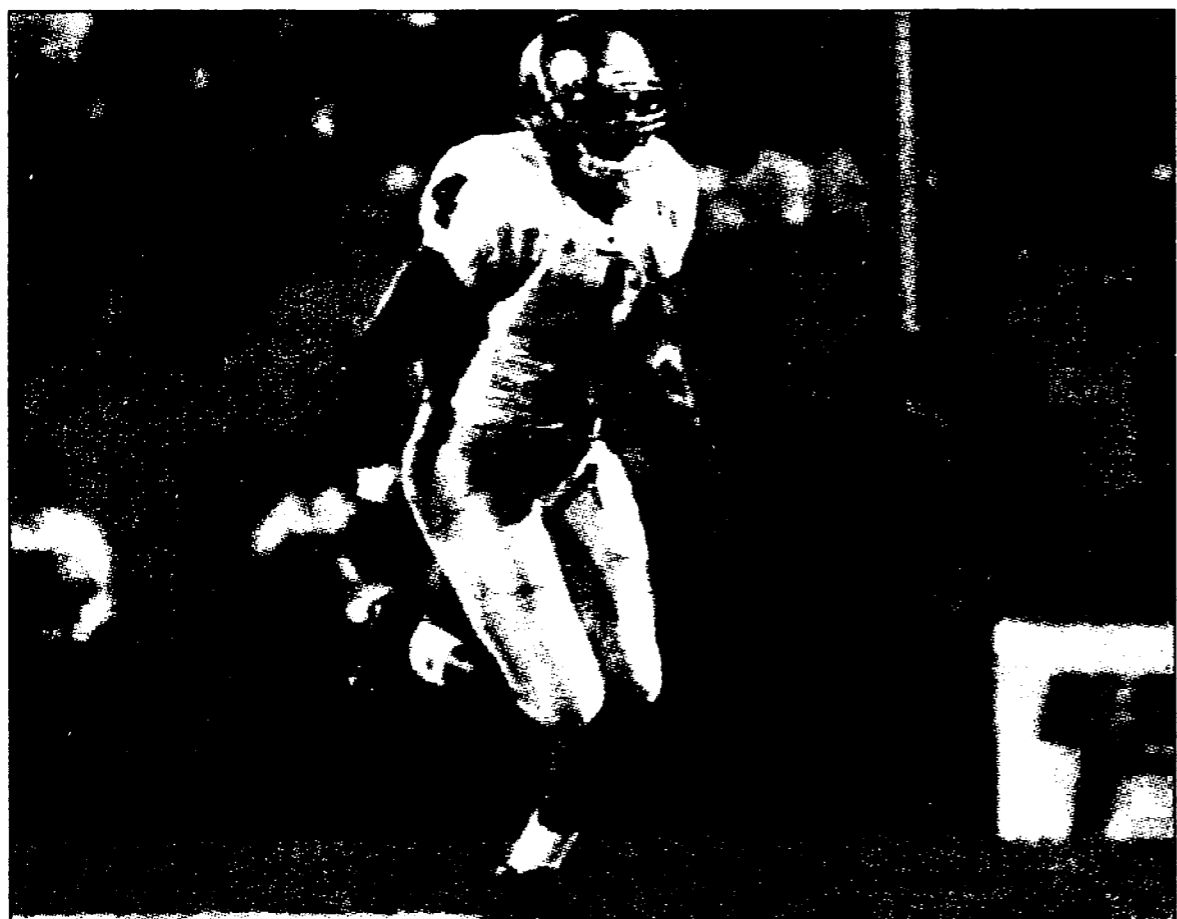
Game captains

Captains for Saturday's game were running back Ryan Grant, kicker/punter D.J. Fitzpatrick, linebacker Brandon Hoyte and cornerback Dwight Ellick.

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Tom Zbikowski
Irish safety

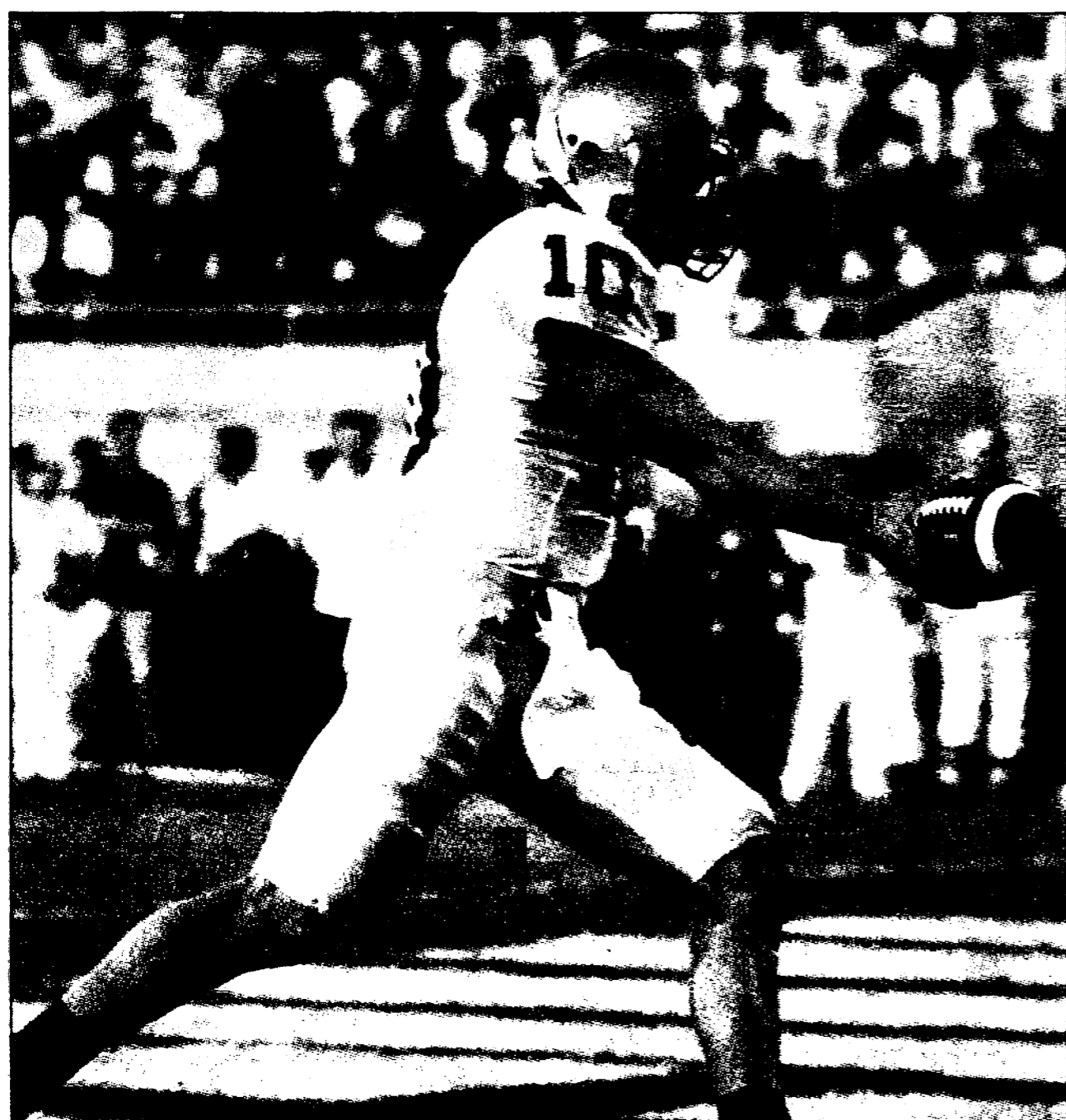


STOPPING THE SPARTANS

The Irish defense led the team to the road win, forcing six turnovers resulting in 17 Irish points. Tom Zbikowski forced two fumbles and recovered one, returning it for his first career touchdown. He also had an interception.

Offensively, Matt Shelton and Jeff Samardzija led the Irish receivers with a combined seven catches, and Ryan Grant and Darius Walker were a two-headed rushing attack. Walker and Grant ran for 98 and 66 yards, respectively.

Michigan State mounted a late comeback, but the Irish were able to prevail in the end over coach Tyrone Willingham's alma mater and improve to 2-1.



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Ryan Grant, top left, carries the ball against the Spartans. Darius Walker, top right, breaks a tackle in one of his 26 carries. Derek Curry, middle left, returns a interception. Brady Quinn, bottom left, hand the ball to the referee after scoring a first quarter touchdown, and Jeff Samardzija, bottom right, breaks a tackle late in the game.