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Cross display vandalized

Right to Life demonstration torn down overnight

By PAUL SPADAFORA
News Writer

Community members awoke Friday morning to find the Cemetery of the Innocents — a two-day demonstration against abortion, run by campus club Right to Life — had been vandalized by an unknown party.

According to Right to Life co-president Janel Daufenbach, the cemetery was vandalized between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. Friday. Of the 1,200 crosses included in

the demonstration — one for every three abortions that takes place in the United States each day — about 900 were knocked down, said Caitlin Shaughnessy, a Respect Life Week co-commissioner.

"Three hundred of those were broken, and 100 were completely destroyed," Shaughnessy said.

All of the crosses were re-assembled by Right to Life members by 3 p.m. Friday, Daufenbach said.

While the damage done to the display was extensive,

Shaughnessy said this has not been the first time it has been vandalized.

"I wasn't surprised, necessarily, that there was vandalism, because someone always vandalizes this. Last year, someone drove their car through the [crosses]," she said. "But I was surprised at the degree of vandalism."

Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security/Police, said NDSP will be investigating the vandal-

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Mike Szaro, a member of Right to Life, picks up the pieces of the vandalized Cemetery of the Innocents on South Quad.

Students rejoice in victory, pay for celebration

Thirty ejected for alcohol, marshmallows

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

Stadium ushers ejected 30 students for either marshmallow throwing or alcohol-related offenses from Notre Dame Stadium during Saturday's game, coordinator of stadium personnel Cappy Gagnon said.

Of the 30 students removed from the stadium, about seven to eight ejections resulted from marshmallow throwing, Gagnon said. The other students told to leave either were visibly intoxicated or in possession of alcohol. About two-thirds of the alcohol-related cases involved possession, Gagnon said.

"It's two criteria ... the first is that we see alcohol," Gagnon said. "The other cases are intoxication. In those we usually observe some sort of symptom."

Gagnon said the number of

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Seniors in the student section wail marshmallows at each other in the traditional halftime marshmallow fight. Seven to eight students were ejected for throwing the confections, while over 20 others were removed for alcohol-related offenses.

Fans glad Irish are back on winning track

By SARAH BARRETT
News Writer

After last week's loss to Purdue and the threat of a 3-1 Stanford team coming to Notre Dame, fans were happy and relieved after Saturday's win against the Cardinals.

The storm clouds cleared and the sun shined brightly Saturday as fans gathered to watch the Notre Dame Irish take on the Stanford Cardinal.

After Stanford's fight to the end against USC and the Irish loss to Purdue still looming from the previous weekend, Notre Dame students were prepared for a win.

Sophomore Doug Brown said although he was anxious, he was happy with the final score.

"It was a good time — a little closer that I would have liked, but we played well and picked

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Saint Mary's hosts panel discussion on sexual diversity

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Approximately 45 Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff kicked off National Coming Out Week on a personal note Sunday by attending a panel discussion on coming out as a gay or lesbian person in the Saint Mary's community.

Those who ventured to the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall to listen were enlightened by a diverse panel of three Saint Mary's graduates and two current students who offered perspectives on entering the gay, lesbian, transgendered,

bisexual and queer (GLTBQ) community during their time at Saint Mary's.

Event moderator Catherine Pittman, a professor in the psychology department, said celebrating the week is important to Saint Mary's, a primarily heterosexual environment where most students do not have to deal with the issue of confronting others with their sexuality.

"National Coming Out Day is a day where gay, lesbian, transsexual, bisexual and queer individuals are encouraged to tell people that care about them that they are attracted to people of the same gender or that they

are not part of the gender everyone thinks they are," she said. "They are challenging the assumptions generally made about people. Heterosexuals just do not have to do this."

Panel member Jenn Warner, a 1998 graduate, emphasized coming out is particularly prevalent during the college years, a time when many young men and women attempt to shape their personalities.

"When I was in college, that

was something that I felt I had to establish — this is who I am," she said. "Whereas now, it's

"Identifying as straight on this campus is so different from identifying as queer."

Denae Friedman
senior

kind of on the back burner. It's integrated into my being, so it's not something that I have to think about as much."

The panelists shared both positive and negative experiences about their own coming out, ranging from complete familial acceptance to denial to rejection.

All agreed the process was

harder at Saint Mary's than elsewhere.

"Identifying as straight on this campus is so different from identifying as queer. It's a complete 180," senior Denae Friedman said. "It's a really conservative place. I haven't felt much oppression, personally or resistance, but it's just that everyone is so homogenous here. It's really hard. I've thought about transferring thousands of times, but there's obviously a reason I'm here. It makes me question myself."

Kelli Harrison, a 1998 graduate, was one of the first Saint

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INSIDE COLUMN

Here goes nothing

Oh mid-terms week, mid-terms week...
When I think about what the end of this week means for me, I get a little scared. This week marks my last mid-terms week at Notre Dame. I am halfway through my last semester as a college student.

Michelle Otto
Photographer

No, I'm not graduating in December. I will still be here in South Bend, I will still be paying tuition to Notre Dame (sadly). But I will not have any classes on campus. Instead, I will spend eight hours a day (at least), five days a week at Mishawaka High School (MHS), student teaching in the English department.

That's right. I'm a Notre Dame student who doesn't spend a lot of time on campus. I am at Saint Mary's College for half of my classes this semester, and I spend a few hours a day, three days a week at MHS.

The time at MHS is a requirement for my education methods class. For all of the science majors out there, think of it as a lab; I spend the time in a controlled (and sometimes not so controlled) environment, doing hands-on work that relates to what happens in the coordinating class. That's basically what a lab is, right?

Right now, I have three experiments, so to speak. I work with seniors in a college-credit course and two remedial sophomore classes. And wow, are they fun. The difference between the classes is astounding.

My seniors, well, I think some of them are on the same maturity level as myself and my supervising teacher (their real teacher, Mrs. Fisher). My sophomores, on the other hand, well, I wouldn't know where to begin. But getting them to pay attention to early American Literature (e.g. The Declaration of Independence, Anne Bradstreet and Jonathan Edwards) is like pulling teeth.

I love these kids, though. They may have their quirks and may be a handful sometimes, but I've been getting to know them for the past six weeks, and I look forward to the challenge I face next semester when Ms. Otto takes over the classroom.

Which brings me back to this week and the scared feeling that it excites. Next semester, I will be in the quasi-real world. I will be the teacher, not the student, full-time. I won't be living the typical second-semester senior life; I'll be getting up at 6 a.m. every day and will actually HAVE to go to class — and be awake for it.

But even scarier is the fact that those crazy sophomores and over-achieving seniors will be looking to me as the teacher. It's one thing to go in there every other day and play assistant, but it's another to completely take over. I said I look forward to the challenge, but I'm still nervous about it. So come January, here goes nothing...

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Michelle Otto at motto@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU THINK OF SATURDAY'S GAME?



Dan Lavrisha
junior
Alumni

"I liked the tailgating beforehand."



Jessica Maciejewski
junior
Pangborn

"The band totally dominated."



Gracie Madden
sophomore
Cavanaugh

"That game was whack, yo!"



Eric Doversberger
senior
Dillon

"I got a triple word bonus for 'varicose.'"



Sarah Sibley
junior
Pangborn

"I fell asleep in the third quarter and fell off the bench. Did we win?"



Kevin O'Sullivan
junior
Off-campus

"Alas! My hippos are still hungry; I lost."



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Former Notre Dame head football coach Ara Parseghian and his wife gave a flag to a member of the Irish Guard at Saturday's Notre Dame — Stanford game. During his 11 years as Notre Dame's coach, he had a 95-17-4 record and won two National Championships.

OFFBEAT

Firefighters, teaching safety, set off blaze

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Arkansas firefighters set off a blaze that scorched a house when a structure they use to teach fire safety to children snapped a power line.

Firefighters in Magnolia said the fire education structure struck a power line as it was towed to an elementary school. The downed power line sparked a fire at a house.

The smokehouse is a jumbo-sized doll house used to teach children about evacuating their homes in the event of a fire.

Firefighters on the scene were unable to put out the blaze because one end of the live wire was resting on their truck. A second unit had to be summoned to extinguish the blaze.

"It was less embarrassing that frightening," said Herschel Hampton, chief of the fire department at Magnolia.

Professors refuse to give up chalk

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — For a glimpse of the latest split between tradition and technology on campus, watch professor Tom Walsh illustrate his lecture with a

jumbo piece of chalk on a blackboard while students take notes on laptops and hand-held computers.

It's the dust that has officials at the university, and other colleges and universities across the nation, gradually replacing blackboards with a cleaner alternative — markers and whiteboards.

Another sign of progress to some professors' dismay. "Chalkboards were a simple, brilliant invention," Walsh said. "Whiteboards are not an advance."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Humala Agrawee will give the lecture "The Progress of Democracy; the strategy for Liberation in Iraq," tonight at 7 p.m. at Jordan Auditorium at The Mendoza College of Business. Agrawee served as an interpreter for the 101st Airborne Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Zygmunt G. Baranski of Cambridge University will speak Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. about "Petrarch's Cavalcanti and Dante."

Jazz pianist Marc Rossi will perform at Little Theatre or Moreau Center at Saint Mary's College Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Leighton Music Festival.

Former editor of Commonweal Magazine Margaret O'Brien Steinfels at 4 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge, LeMans lobby on "Faith and Political Responsibility: Voting for the Common Good."

The Notre Dame volleyball team will face off against Illinois State on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will take on Michigan at Alumni Field at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

"Art of Amalia" will be shown in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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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Conference examines energy industry ethics

Leaders in varied disciplines discuss changing moral issues

Special to The Observer

Leading ethicists, engineers, economists and energy industry decision makers will gather Oct. 28 and 29 at the University of Notre Dame for a conference titled "Ethics and Changing Energy Markets: Issues for Engineers, Managers and Regulators."

Organized by Notre Dame and Carnegie Mellon University, the conference will examine the ethical, market and regulatory issues associated with the shift from regulated to competitive markets in the electric and gas utility industries.

The California energy crisis and the Enron scandal have shaken public confidence in deregulated systems, according to conference organizers.

They note that question-

able ethical decisions caused some of the problems, and an adherence to high ethical standards will be essential in restoring confidence in the markets.

Among the conference speakers who will address the origins of the problems and best practices to avoid their repetition are Patrick Wood, chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Vernon Smith from George Mason University, winner of the 2002 Nobel Prize in economics; and Beth McLean, a reporter from Fortune magazine and co-author of the best-selling book "The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron."

A complete schedule, roster of speakers and more information are available on the Web at <http://energyethics2004.nd.edu>

Saint Mary's dedicates Opus Hall

By ERICA RANGEL
News Writer

Saint Mary's dedicated Opus Hall Friday afternoon, as residents and community members formally recognized the first on-campus apartment facility.

College President Carol Ann Mooney welcomed guests to the ceremony that took place in the second floor lounge.

"We are meeting the ever changing needs of our current and future students," Mooney said. "This is a milestone in Saint Mary's College."

Director of Campus Ministry Judy Fean led the attendants in an opening prayer and Rev. Joseph Carey, CSC blessed the building.

On-Campus apartments are a growing trend at colleges and universities nationwide, vice president for student affairs Linda Timm said.

"Students learn more about independent living while still having the advantages of being close to campus," Timm said. "Opus is a wonderful recruitment piece."

While the selection process was not easy, Timm said more senior students are living in the residence halls and apartments this year because they want to be close to their friends.

"The seniors living on campus is an amazing plus for all," Timm said. "There is more involvement in student activities on campus, and they serve as a role model of our underclassmen."



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

The new Opus Hall apartments at Saint Mary's were dedicated Friday by College President Carol Ann Mooney.

During the building process, students were involved in most of the decisions. Surveys were taken to get input about everything from furniture to rules, and a student committee met weekly to discuss the apartment guidelines.

"I didn't know what to expect. I am very pleased with how everything turned out," Opus resident Lyz Carmody said. "The parking is nice, and the walk to class is still short. I like the easy access to all the facilities. The best part is that you can share with your roommates but still have your own private space to get things done."

Opus Hall currently houses 72 senior Saint Mary's students in two- or four-bedroom apart-

ments. The fully furnished apartments include Internet and cable access, along with a dishwasher, refrigerator, microwave and stove in the kitchen.

Opus Corporation, an architectural, engineering, construction and property management firm, funded more than half the cost for Opus Hall.

Senior class president Jackie Cuisinier concluded the dedication ceremony by welcoming the residents to their homes.

"Opus is a wonderful place to live," Cuisinier said. "It demonstrates the very best Saint Mary's has to offer."

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Ted Mandell

Department of Film, Television, and Theatre

Commentator

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The Law School

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ejections for alcohol and marshmallows at this week's game was about normal. At last week's Purdue game, ushers removed seven students for marshmallows.

There were no injuries in the student section and only one injury during all of Saturday's game, Gagnon said.

"We had someone fall over a railing and hit his head," he said.

Though some students reported that police, in addition to

ushers, were checking IDs and tickets in the student section, Gagnon said this was standard practice.

"It's really only a problem in the senior section," he said.

While ushers bear the main responsibility for ensuring that students sit in their assigned section, Gagnon said officers would sometimes assist on an as-needed basis.

"They're just backing us up - they're not doing it as police," Gagnon said. "It's generally looking for suspicious behavior."

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Mary's students to put up a display for National Coming Out Day. She said most people ignored or avoided the issue.

"Coming out on this campus - I lost a lot of friends that way. A lot of people weren't even willing to have a conversation with me about it," she said. "They took the long way around to the dining hall so they wouldn't have to see the people with the ribbons. Faculty [members] were our only support system. They reminded us that things were as bad as they seemed, but it could be better."

All of the panelists agreed faculty members were an invaluable resource while they were at Saint Mary's.

Ang Romano, a 2001 graduate, said her professors helped her to push the envelope to further campus discussion on gay issues during her classes.

"I didn't care, I was happy with who I was," she said. "[In class] I would say 'we're talking about love, but we're talking about it in a conventional manner. Can we move away from that?'"

Spurred by Notre Dame's recent No. 1 ranking in the Princeton Review in the "Alternative Lifestyles Not An Alternative" category, the panelists offered suggestions on how the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community can become less stereotypically homophobic and more accepting of the GLTBQ minority on the campuses.

These ideas included elimination of speech that could be viewed as hateful such as "that's so gay," and using the classroom as an arena for such issues to be discussed.

Senior Jamie Rathert said sensitivity and awareness training directed at all incoming freshmen would be helpful and would most likely prevent rude behavior such as students tearing down signs regarding sexuality or peppering them with unkind graffiti.

"For a long time, I thought I was the only one on campus," she said. "I'm not upset by it, just sad. Sad that people can't do better."

Friedheim agreed such training would develop Saint Mary's

into a more progressive environment.

"There is a lot to be said for tradition and the ideals our school is built on," she said. "I think the most important thing is that we don't take closed-minded views into a classroom environment, where most learning is formed."

The woman felt celebrating National Coming Out Day on campus shows support and provides a certain comfort level for those who may be dealing with sexuality and gender issues at this time.

"Having people be comfortable with me helps me to be comfortable with myself," Harrison said. "I think that's really important for students who are not gay to think about. That's the most important thing students can do for other students - just to let them be who they are and be comfortable with it."

Warner took that idea one step further.

"I think in order to be a friend to someone who is going through this, you have to do some searching of yourself," she said.

Harrison admitted that while coming out may be a traumatic experience, especially on the Saint Mary's campus, the positive aspects of taking that step outweigh the negative ones by far. She suggests that students who wish to come out today ensure they have a "solid support system in place."

"I can guarantee that there will be hard times," she said. "But on a personal level, it was so freeing that it made a huge level of difference, spiritually and psychologically."

Pittman concluded the discussion by urging all students to be tolerant of others, especially those who use today as an opportunity to express their true sexuality for the first time.

"Coming out is a joyous occasion," she said. "And even though there are fears and doubts, women should be free to celebrate it."

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Vandal

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ism.

"[Our procedure] depends on the severity of the violence," Rakow said. "This is one case that certainly has a lot of symbolism associated with it, so we'll be investigating any lead we can come up with."

Right to Life co-president Lauren Galgano does not believe the damage can be attributed to a single person.

"We don't know if it was one or more people, but I'd guess it was multiple people, due to the extent of the damage," Galgano said.

"They weren't just knocked over, the crosses were picked up and the cross beams were broken from the stake."

The damage done to the demonstration led to anger and disillusionment from the Right to Life staff.

"I have multiple reactions. I feel sort of personally attacked, just because of all the work that I put into it, and on behalf of the people I know who worked very hard on it," Galgano said. "I'm also incredibly disappointed with [the responsible party]. Not just because it was interrupting the right to make a demonstration, but also because someone would desecrate 900 crosses at Our Lady's University. I'm just disgusted with it."

Daufenbach expressed similar concerns.

"I thought it was horrible that someone would do such an act of destruction to another group's work, regardless of whatever you believed in," Daufenbach said. "We should all have the right

to believe whatever we want, which is fine, as long as you don't interrupt our right to believe as well."

Right to Life is also in the process of addressing the vandalism, through student and faculty opinion.

"The fact that this has happened shows how hot the abortion issue really is," Shaughnessy said. "We don't think that vandalism is the answer to this, but it did show that some people are very upset about this, so we need to set up a dialogue about it."

Daufenbach said a panel discussion with group members and faculty advisors was in the works.

"[We will] discuss what happened and the different reasons why it happened, and maybe ways to prevent it from happening in the future," she said.

While she was shocked at the damage done to the demonstration, Daufenbach remains confident in the power of the display.

"Because we were rebuilding all day, so many people would stop by and say a few words and help us rebuild the crosses," Daufenbach said. "[In a way], it helped people understand what it was we were doing."

The Cemetery of the Innocents event is held annually, with this year's demonstration representing about 3,600 abortions nationwide each day.

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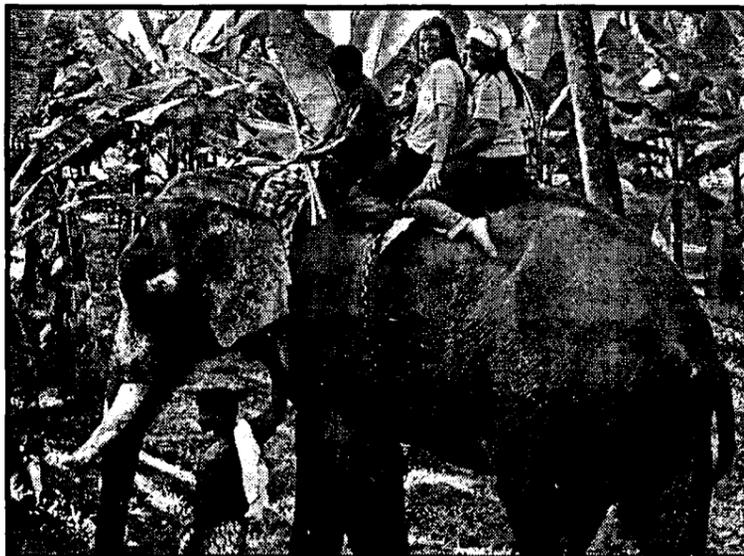
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Terrorists strike Egypt after 7 years

TABA, Egypt — Investigators lifted fingerprints, swabbed dust and collected tissue from the wreckage of three car bombings Saturday and detained dozens of Bedouin tribesmen, including quarry workers who could have provided the explosives that killed at least 34 people.

Israel blamed al-Qaida for the Thursday night attacks in two Sinai resorts, and Egyptian investigators were leaning toward an al-Qaida connection as well.

Egyptian investigators said they suspected eight to 10 terrorists targeting Israeli tourists carried out the attacks, possibly slipping in from Saudi Arabia or Jordan on speed boats. They also said there was a chance a local sleeper cell of Egyptians might have been activated to stage the attacks, Egypt's first terrorist strike in seven years.

Afghanistan's election turns sour

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's historic presidential election turned sour Saturday when all 15 candidates opposing U.S.-backed interim President Hamid Karzai withdrew in the middle of voting, charging the government and the United Nations with fraud and incompetence.

In the end, faulty ink — not Taliban bombs and bullets — threatened three years of painstaking progress toward democracy. The opposition candidates claimed the ink used to mark people's thumbs rubbed off too easily, allowing for mass deception.

Electoral officials rejected opposition demands that voting be stopped at midday, saying it would rob millions of people of their first chance to directly decide their leader, and the joint U.N.-Afghan panel overseeing the election would rule later on the vote's legitimacy.

NATIONAL NEWS

Corporate tax bill clears hurdle

WASHINGTON — The Senate, in an unusual Sunday session, saw its effort to pass a sweeping corporate tax bill grind to a halt in the face of delaying tactics by a Louisiana senator upset that the measure did not include pay support for members of the reserves and National Guard.

By a 66-14 vote, lawmakers did agree to limit debate on the tax bill, which provides \$136 billion in new tax breaks for businesses \$10.1 billion to buy out tobacco farmers' government quotas.

But hoped-for final passage of the measure was delayed until Monday because of objections from Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La.

Frampton becomes political activist

CINCINNATI — The long blond hair and sexy magazine covers that forged British rock star Peter Frampton's image as a teen idol of the 1970s are gone.

That's just fine with the recently naturalized U.S. citizen, who is pouring his passion into writing and performing new music and becoming a political activist in America's heartland.

The 54-year-old guitarist and singer had the best-selling live album ever 1976's "Frampton Comes Alive!" with hits such as "Show Me the Way" and "Do You Feel Like We Do?" He is grateful for his early success, but relieved to be appreciated more today as a musician than a rock idol.

LOCAL NEWS

New elementary school dedicated

HAMMOND — A new \$16 million elementary school named after late Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon includes full-day kindergarten, a project he championed during his seven years in office.

Judy O'Bannon, who snipped the ribbon at the Friday dedication of Frank O'Bannon Elementary School in the northwestern Indiana city, said her late husband would be pleased.

"The five classes of full-day kindergarten would really make him smile," she said.

IRAQ

Car bombers strike in Baghdad

Explosions occurred in the city, killing at least 11 people, including 1 American

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Car bombers struck twice in rapid succession in the capital Sunday, killing at least 11 people including an American soldier, as Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld warned that violence may increase before the January election.

Rocket-propelled grenade explosions and machine gun fire rocked the insurgent stronghold of Ramadi, west of Baghdad, late Sunday. Residents reached by telephone said insurgents launched attacks in a half dozen parts of Ramadi, and that four huge explosions shook the center of the city Sunday night.

Iraq's most feared terror group Tawhid and Jihad claimed responsibility for the near-simultaneous car bombings, one near an east Baghdad police academy and the other outside an east Baghdad market as an American military convoy was passing by.

At least 16 people were wounded.

An American soldier was fatally injured in the convoy attack, U.S. and Iraqi officials said. One Iraqi was wounded in that attack. The Kindi Hospital said it received 10 bodies from the police academy blast, and police said 15 others were injured there.

The dead at Kindi hospital included three police academy students and a female officer.

In a statement posted on the Web, Tawhid and Jihad, led by Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, said the car bombings were carried out by its military wing and were "martyrdom" operations, meaning suicide attacks.

Improvised bombs some left by the side of the road, others rigged in vehicles have become insurgents' weapon of



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld greets South Korean troops Sunday stationed at Camp Zaytun in Lirbil, Iraq. Rumsfeld warned of the potential violence increase.

choice in turbulent Iraq and have accounted for about half the American battle deaths in recent months. U.S. officials are struggling to build up Iraq's own security resources to cope with the threat.

Al-Zarqawi's group also warned it would continue "to slaughter infidels" until the Americans and their Iraqi allies release all women detained in Iraq. The warning was part of a message contained in a videotape posted Sunday on the Web depicting the brutal decapitation of British hostage Kenneth Bigley.

Bigley, whose death was announced by his family Friday, was shown plead-

ing for British Prime Minister Tony Blair to save his life moments before assailants severed his head with a knife. His body has not been found.

"Here I am again, Mr. Blair, very, very close to the end of my life," Bigley said in a calm voice. "You do not appear to have done anything at all to help me."

One of the hooded men then spoke, saying the British government "pretended to care about its people" but "they are lying." He accused the British of lying when Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said the government did not know how to contact Tawhid and Jihad. "Britain is not serious,"

the speaker said. "So this malicious Britons has nothing except the sword."

The speaker then drew a knife and cut off Bigley's head while three others held him down.

The Sunday Times newspaper of London reported that Bigley was killed after briefly escaping by car after British intelligence helped bribe two of the captors. Bigley was recaptured and the two captors who helped him were killed, the newspaper said.

Elsewhere, the U.S. command said a Marine was killed Saturday by hostile fire in Anbar province but gave no further details.

Families remember bus crash victims

Associated Press

WEST MEMPHIS, Ark. — The bus trip from Chicago to a Mississippi gambling town was a twice-a-year tradition for the group of friends and relatives, as much about visiting, laughing and reminiscing as it was about trying to strike it rich.

Fourteen of the 30 travelers were killed when the bus crashed early Saturday on Interstate 55 in Arkansas. Many of the others were critically hurt.

While family members kept vigil at hospitals Sunday in Little Rock and Memphis, Tenn., members of the victims' churches prayed for them in

Chicago.

Billy Lyons and his wife, Maxie, had been making the trips to the gambling hotbed of Tunica, Miss., for the past decade — more to spend time with their friends than to try to get lucky in the casinos, said their son, John Coney.

"They enjoy life. They were very family-oriented," Coney said.

Billy Lyons, a blind, retired steel mill worker, asked for his wife when rescuers found him, said Assistant Fire Chief John Burns of West Memphis, one of the emergency responders.

"We asked, 'What was your wife wearing?' and he said he was blind

and he didn't know. He couldn't tell us."

Maxie Lyons, 64, was among those killed. Her 63-year-old husband suffered broken legs.

One of those injured, Theophilus Cannon, was unable to speak to his sister, Octavia Eddings. But he wrote on a notepad: "I feel better."

His fiancée, Shirley Fox, told Eddings she recalled feeling "a big bump" on the bus and saw Cannon go flying past her.

"She saw another guy go to the left. She said it was an instant. There was no warning. Nothing," Eddings said. "She said the bus just started automatically tumbling."

'Superman' star Christopher Reeve dies at 52

Actor, spinal cord research advocate lapses into coma, passes away Sunday

Associated Press

BEDFORD, N.Y. — Christopher Reeve, the star of the "Superman" movies whose near-fatal riding accident nine years ago turned him into a worldwide advocate for spinal cord research, died Sunday of heart failure, his publicist said. He was 52.



Reeve

Reeve fell into a coma Saturday after going into cardiac arrest while at his New York home, his publicist, Wesley Combs told The Associated Press by phone from Washington, D.C., on Sunday night.

Reeve was being treated at Northern Westchester Hospital for a pressure wound, a com-

mon complication for people living with paralysis. In the past week, the wound had become severely infected, resulting in a serious systemic infection.

"On behalf of my entire family, I want to thank Northern Westchester Hospital for the excellent care they provided to my husband," Dana Reeve, Christopher's wife, said in a statement. "I also want to thank his personal staff of nurses and aides, as well as the millions of fans from around the world who have supported and loved my husband over the years."

Reeve broke his neck in May 1995 when he was thrown from his horse during an equestrian competition in Culpeper, Va.

Enduring months of therapy to allow him to breathe for longer and longer periods without a respirator, Reeve emerged to lobby Congress for better insurance protection against catastrophic injury and to move

an Academy Award audience to tears with a call for more films about social issues.

He returned to directing, and even returned to acting in a 1998 production of "Rear Window," a modern update of the Hitchcock thriller about a man in a wheelchair who becomes convinced a neighbor has been murdered. Reeve won a Screen Actors Guild award for best actor in a television movie or miniseries.

"I was worried that only acting with my voice and my face, I might not be able to communicate effectively enough to tell the story," Reeve said. "But I was surprised to find that if I really concentrated, and just let the thoughts happen, that they would read on my face. With so many close-ups, I knew that my every thought would count."

In his public appearances, he was as handsome as ever, his blue eyes bright and his voice

clear.

"Hollywood needs to do more," he said in the March 1996 Oscar awards appearance. "Let's continue to take risks. Let's tackle the issues. In many ways our film community can do it better than anyone else. There is no challenge, artistic or otherwise, that we can't meet."

In 2000, Reeve was able to move his index finger, and a specialized workout regimen made his legs and arms stronger. He also regained sensation in other parts of his body.

Reeve's support of stem cell research helped it emerge as a major campaign issue between President Bush and John Kerry. His name was even mentioned by Kerry earlier this month during the second presidential debate.

As for the strain of traveling to Hollywood, Reeve said: "I refuse to allow a disability to

determine how I live my life. I don't mean to be reckless, but setting a goal that seems a bit daunting actually is very helpful toward recovery."

His athletic, 6-foot-4-inch frame and love of adventure made him a natural, if largely unknown, choice for the title role in the first "Superman" movie in 1978. He insisted on performing his own stunts.

Although he reprised the role three times, Reeve often worried about being typecast as an action hero.

"Look, I've flown, I've become evil, loved, stopped and turned the world backward, I've faced my peers, I've befriended children and small animals and I've rescued cats from trees," Reeve told the Los Angeles Times in 1983, just before the release of the third "Superman" movie. "What else is there left for Superman to do that hasn't been done?"

Fans

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up a win."

Junior Chris Finch said he thought while the Irish scored a win, they could have done more on the field.

"We did okay, but our defense could have done better," Finch said. "They didn't play like we've seen them play. Brady still struggles with scrambling when there's too much pressure but he did make some good heads-up plays. Rhema [McKnight] and Maurice [Stovall] made some really nice grabs too."

Freshman Bob McQuiston said he thought the win reinvigorated the fans and the team as students prepare to leave for fall break this upcoming weekend.

"After a slow paced and low spirited week last week, I think this game gave us the momentum we needed to keep on rolling for the rest of the season."

And according to sophomore Spanish Hernandez, it was not only the game, but also the tailgating that led to a great football Saturday.

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Bob McQuiston
freshman

"It was an awesome time," Hernandez said. "It was crazy tailgates and then victory for the Irish. But I really do love tailgating."

With the upcoming game against undefeated Navy, students and fans alike are gearing up for what they hope will be an Irish victory.

Some, however, are certain. "We're going to cream Navy," Hernandez said.

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IN BRIEF

Airlines worldwide hike up prices

PARIS — Airlines the world over are raising fares in response to the latest oil price hike, which threatens to choke off a gradual recovery in air travel and deepen the woes of carriers already struggling with bankruptcy.

British Airways became the latest airline to increase ticket prices on Friday after American Airlines raised one-way domestic flights by \$5 earlier this week, prompting United Airlines and Continental Airlines to follow suit.

BA said it was adding \$36 to the price of a long-haul round trip as the price of a barrel of light sweet crude soared over the \$53 mark in New York on Friday.

The latest round of fare hikes could dampen demand for air travel, industry watchers warn, just as passenger traffic figures were beginning to recover from a series of setbacks.

Air France and the German airline Lufthansa are among carriers that have scaled back their short-term growth forecasts, reflecting expectations of more muted demand.

Low job figures pressure stocks

NEW YORK — Deepening investor pessimism over the economy sent stocks lower Friday as investors registered their disappointment over the government's latest jobs report and as oil moved past \$53 per barrel. The major indexes ended the week lower.

Investors saw the latest Labor Department report as a sign that the economy continues to struggle through a period of sluggish growth. Only 96,000 new jobs were created in September, far less than the 150,000 Wall Street expected.

Even as jobs remain an issue that has sapped consumer confidence, oil reached \$53, adding to concerns that the markets' traditional fourth-quarter rally would be muted this year if it arrives at all. A barrel of crude oil set another record, settling at \$53.31, up 64 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"The jobs figure was clearly disappointing, and energy prices are still hanging in there," said Scott Brown, senior economist at Raymond James. "It's not a disaster, but the jobs number just isn't good enough. The markets are taking it fairly well, considering, but it doesn't help."

Satellite radio firms lure men

Companies will use automobile industry giants and women to execute plans

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shock jock Howard Stern's move to Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. begins an association between a man who was happy to describe, in detail, Paris Hilton's sex tape and the industrial giants of the auto industry.

Shocked? Don't be. After all, every car show has its company-sponsored cleavage.

The audience for satellite radio is "the car-buying male public," said Scott Greenstein, president of entertainment and sports for Sirius radio.

Sirius and its larger competitor, XM Satellite Radio Inc., know they need men to embrace them if their business plans are to work, and the auto industry is more than happy to help.

Even though Sirius has lost more than \$1 billion in the last five years and XM has lost \$1.5 billion since 1992, they've attracted investments from most of the large auto makers.

Daimler-Chrysler Corp. has invested \$100 million in Sirius. Honda Motor Co. has put about \$50 million into XM while General Motors Corp. has invested \$120 million and given XM a \$250 million line of credit.

And that's not all. There are other incentives: GM and Honda pay for the first three months XM subscriptions in some model cars, said Chance Patterson, an XM spokesman.

The Acura TL, Cadillac Escalade and Chevrolet Cobalt advertise XM radio availability. "You go to a dealership and XM has a visible presence there," Patterson said. "Most dealers have an XM kiosk with a radio and a lineup."

"How important is the car industry? Critical," he said. "Half of our subscribers come from the new car market."

Men are "the group most likely to be buying cars," said Sirius spokesman Jim Collins. "This is the group lis-



Radio personality, Howard Stern, watches a game at Madison Square Garden in December. Stern announced Wednesday he will join Sirius.

tening to all the sports programming, the group likely to spend a lot of time in their automobiles. That's why the Stern agreement is so important and a watershed for us. It mirrors our target audience."

Stern, who said Wednesday that he would move to Sirius in 2005 as part of a \$500 million deal, is such a natural fit for satellite radio that XM executives said they had negotiated with him too. Apparently, they decided his price was too high.

XM, the dominant player in satellite radio with 2.5 million subscribers to Sirius' 600,000, launched a show Monday by equally salacious shock jocks Opie and Anthony.

Satellite radio doesn't lease the public airwaves, as traditional radio does, so it isn't subject to the decency scrutiny and hefty fines from the Federal Communications Commission the shock jocks face on traditional radio.

XM charges listeners extra to hear The Playboy Channel, whose programs include "Judge Julie's unique brand of justice on Sex Court."

Sirius hasn't been shy, either.

In an ad the Advertising Women of New York voted "most sexist ad of the year," Sirius showed buxom "Baywatch" sex symbol Pamela Anderson washing a car by sliding across it in short-shorts and a wet tank top and buffing the chrome with her bottom.

Auto makers are betting satellite radio's mix of content and marketing will convince customers to buy dedicated satellite radios, which usually cost \$100 or more, and pay \$9.95 to \$12.95 a month to listen to them. There are stereo models for the home, wireless kits that can adapt a traditional radio to satellite and portable radios that can move from a car to a boombox mount.

Still, the 1 million GM cars sold with XM radios since the company started installing them three years ago are a fraction of the 17 million vehicles sold in the United States last year. XM predicts GM and Honda will make another 1.5 million cars this year equipped with XM radios.

Retailers need to adjust for holidays

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With a weak back-to-school season behind them, the nation's retailers are focused on the holidays and what steps they need to take to get consumers excited about shopping again. That could mean some quick merchandise changes and more aggressive discounting than they originally planned.

"The back-to-school period is not a bellwether for the holiday season, but there are a lot of lessons that you can take out of that period," said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at The International Council of Shopping Centers. "That is what retailers need to focus on."

It's too late for merchants to make any dramatic changes in their holiday merchandise, but they can still tweak their collections and marketing plans. Struggling Sears, Roebuck and Co. decided last month to change its holiday decor, with oversized photographs of holiday gifts that Sears will begin placing in stores in mid-November.

September's sluggish sales figures, released to the public on Thursday, offered retailers some ideas about what might click with shoppers and what probably wouldn't during the holidays.

Among the hot sellers for the early fall season were accessories including silk wraps, ponchos and brooches and other jewelry. But muted colors fared poorly, according to Marshal Cohen,

senior industry analyst at NPD Group Inc., a market research company based in Port Washington, N.Y. And while preppy fashions did well, analysts said there's not a lot of must-have apparel to excite consumers this holiday season.

"They have to have looks that catch people's eyes. Some of the colors for fall were too subtle," Cohen said.

Clearly, retailers are in a different position from a year ago, when they had just come off a strong back-to-school season, boosted in part by tax rebates that served as incentives for consumers to spend freely. But stores struggled in October, November and the early part of December, only to be saved by a shopping spree before and after Christmas.



MUSIC



Mariza
<http://www.ritmoartists.com/Mariza/mariza.htm>
 Wednesday, October 13 at 8 p.m.
 \$37, ND/SMC/HC \$30, Students \$15

Fado is the blues of Portugal, and for a generation there was only one name in Fado, but a new, powerful, and beautiful voice has reached the pinnacle. Mariza, recent winner of the BBC award for best European act, sings with a passion so soulful it is difficult to believe it comes from a 28-year-old woman. It is precisely this duality that makes Mariza the epitome of Fado. Fado is known for poetry that fuses opposite emotions—impossible pain with fervent joy, or life's cruelty with love's intensity. Mariza is a diva—in the best sense of the word—and when she puts her personal, indelible stamp on a song, she leaves audiences spellbound and breathless.



Academy of Saint Martin in the Fields with Christopher O'Riley
<http://www.christopheroriley.com>
 Thursday, October 14 at 8 p.m.
 \$62, ND/SMC/HC \$50, Students \$20

Best known for his nationally broadcast radio program, "From the Top," swashbuckling pianist Christopher O'Riley has emerged as one of the most distinguished, versatile and decorated pianists of his generation. He has won the coveted Van Cliburn competition solidifying his stature among classical musicians, but has also interpreted the music of the rock group Radiohead. Not many other classical pianists have tracks named Subterranean Homesick Alien. O'Riley will be joined by the Academy of Saint Martin in the Fields, a chamber orchestra which has been the benchmark of Baroque music for almost 50 years. They are simply the best, and when they get together with O'Riley sparks will fly. O'Riley says, "I love that dramatic aspect, the hero soloist versus the orchestra. There's such a wonderful sense of tension."

FILM

ART OF AMALIA
 (90 minutes)
http://www.avatarfilms.com/releases/art_of_amalia.html
 Thursday, October 14
 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Amália Rodrigues is best known for her interpretation of "Fado," a unique Portuguese musical style rich in dramatic lament and raw emotional power. This extraordinary film about the life and career of Amalia Rodrigues contains some stunning footage from her concert, television and movie appearances and should enshrine her position as one of the last great divas of the 20th century.

AMERICA'S HEART AND SOUL
 (84 minutes)
<http://disney.go.com/disneypictures/heartandsoul/>
 Friday, October 15
 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

America is a vast country—three thousand miles from end to end. But it's not the land that makes America so special—it's the people. Filmmaker Louis Schwartzberg packed-up his camera and hit the road, with a goal of capturing both the unparalleled beauty of the land and the incomparable spirit of the people. He connects with people, capturing their values, dreams, and passion in a journey that reveals the stories—unusual, captivating, inspiring and emotional—that make Americans into something more than a collection of individuals. It's a celebration of a nation told through the voices of its people.

THEATRE



Second City Comedy
<http://www.secondcity.com/>
 Friday, October 22 at 9 p.m.
 \$31, ND/SMC/HC \$25, Students \$15

Always brash, original, and daring, Second City Comedy brings its unique brand of sketch comedy and improvisation to Notre Dame. The concept is simple enough: six actors and an accompanist take the stage and make you laugh. Although they have 45 years of archives to draw upon, their work is always fresh, topical, and inventive. They are ready to comment on every social debate, political scandal, or public disgrace, and they're here just two weeks before the presidential election, which just might be on their minds.

PERSONALITY



Regis Philbin in Concert: A Benefit for the South Bend Center for the Homeless
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 Tickets are Preferred Seating \$100, all others \$30
 Leighton Concert Hall

Regis performs selections from his new CD accompanied by a 22-piece orchestra. Net proceeds will benefit the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Regis will also be broadcasting *LIVE WITH REGIS AND KELLY* from the Leighton Concert Hall on Monday, October 25 at 7:30 a.m. All tickets to the television show will be free. Distribution of these tickets will be announced later.

FALL ARTS FEST



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CAMPAIGN NEWS

Bush, Kerry race back to campaign trail

ELYRIA, Ohio — President Bush and Sen. John Kerry, their animosity stirred by a contentious second debate, lit into each other over Iraq, jobs and debate performance on Saturday in critical battleground states.

Kerry "doesn't pass the credibility test," Bush asserted, while the Massachusetts senator claimed that the nation's choice "could really not have been more clear than it was last night."

Instant polls did not give either Bush or Kerry a clear edge in Friday's wide-ranging debate in St. Louis before an audience of uncommitted voters, depicting either a tie or a slight edge for Kerry.

But Republicans were heartened by what they saw as a steadier, more focused and aggressive performance by the president than in the first debate, where he displayed bouts of impatience and peevishness.

Bush and Kerry ventured into each other's "must win" states, Bush campaigning in Iowa and Minnesota and Kerry in Ohio and Florida.

New backup voting system one source of glitches and lawsuits on Election Day

WASHINGTON — Call it the law of unintended consequences. A new national backup system meant to ensure that millions of eligible voters are not mistakenly turned away from the polls this year, as happened in 2000, could wind up causing Election Day problems as infamous as Florida's hanging chads.

Congress required conditional, or provisional, voting as part of election fixes passed in 2002. For the first time, all states must offer a backup ballot to any voter whose name does not appear on the rolls when the voter comes to the polling place on Nov. 2. If the voter is later found eligible, the vote counts.

But Congress did not specify exactly how the provisional votes will be evaluated.

Add the ordinary problems that come with doing something new, and the result is a recipe for mix-ups at the polls and lawsuits over alleged unequal treatment of some voters, said Doug Chapin, executive director of Electionline.org, a nonpartisan clearinghouse for information on election reform.

"If I had to pick the one thing that will be source of controversy on Election Day, it will be provisional voting," Chapin said.

State officials have adopted their own standards for when a provisional ballot will count; some of those rules are still in flux three weeks from the election.

Rules for who casts provisional ballots and how they are counted probably will vary even within states, especially if there are long lines, confusion and hot tempers at the polls, election experts said.

Some of the states where the race is tightest, such as Florida and Ohio, also have the strictest rules for provisional ballots.

Democrats and Republicans are training lawyers and election monitors to look for problems with provisional voting this year. Already, there are suits in five states claiming election officials are adopting too strict a standard for which votes will count and that eligible voters will be denied the right to vote as a result.

Questions about provisional ballots could produce a major battle after the election, too, with nightmarish echoes of the Florida fight of 2000.

Lawyers for President Bush and Democratic challenger John Kerry are ready for a new overtime contest in states where, if the election is close enough, the winner could be determined by who gets the most valid provisional votes.

Provisional ballots are pieces of paper that must be evaluated individually and counted by hand. The task is time-consuming, and most states have short deadlines to get the job done, said Doug Lewis, director of the Election Center, a nonpartisan research and training organization for state and local election administrators.

Analysts wary of predicted GOP win

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush will be the first president in 72 years to face the electorate with a net job loss. The Iraq war has deeply torn the nation. National polls show a neck-and-neck race. Yet economy-based projections still show a decisive Bush victory on Nov. 2.

What gives?

Political scientists and many economists say this may be the year to throw the economic models out the window. Forecasters are flummoxed about the impact of Iraq, uncertain about the true state of the economy, and less sure about their projections than in any recent election.

Domestic policy is the designated topic for final presidential debate on Wednesday at Arizona State University.

And the topic drew testy exchanges in Friday night's debate in St. Louis, where Democrat John Kerry accused Bush of running up massive deficits with wartime tax cuts for the wealthy, and the president portrayed Kerry as an unabashed liberal who would raise taxes on the middle class to pay for big government programs.

Despite record deficits, surging oil prices and the loss of jobs under Bush's watch, mathematical and statistical models continue to project a Bush victory. Economists, however, are raising questions about their own models.

"Foreign policy on the average is not that big a deal. But this time could be different. You never know. Iraq is such a big issue," said Yale economist Ray Fair, who has one of the best track records for predicting elections.

His model predicts Bush will get 57.5 percent of the vote, using such variables as economic growth, inflation, incumbency and duration in office. He has been accurate in five of the past six elections, missing only in 1992 when Bush's father lost.

The Labor Department on Friday delivered more disappointing news to Bush, reporting that the U.S. economy added just 96,000 jobs in September, about 50,000 fewer than expected. Because it was the last employment report before Election Day, it means a job loss is now baked in the political cake.

Though 1.8 million jobs have been added to business payrolls in the past year, there are 821,000 fewer jobs in the country than when Bush took office in January 2001.

Democrats are quick to point out Bush is the first president since



President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush descend from a plane in Texas Saturday. Bush plans to visit many battleground states this week.

Herbert Hoover in the Great Depression to oversee a net job loss. "I have a plan to put people back to work. That's not wishy-washy," Kerry asserted in Friday's debate, responding to a suggestion by a questioner that he was "wishy-washy."

Republicans, of course, emphasize the recent gains — not the overall losses. Moments after Friday's jobs report, the Bush campaign put out a television commercial crediting Bush policies for "nearly 2 million new jobs in just over a year."

In Friday's debate, Bush said: "Small businesses are flourishing. Homeownership rate is at an all-time high in America. We're on the move."

The question President Reagan famously raised in his 1980 debate with incumbent Jimmy Carter — are you better off now than you were four years ago? — is being asked again this year by Democrats.

Why do economic models still show a Bush victory?

Principally because the unemployment rate — 5.4 percent in September — is not high by historical standards, interest rates and inflation remain relatively subdued, and economic growth is moderate, if not robust. Most economic statistics have inched up since the end of the 2001 recession.

"Things are not terrible," said David Wyss, chief economist at

Standard and Poor's in New York. "But I'd rather be on Kerry's side of the argument."

An economic model Wyss uses — based on the unemployment rate, the growth in real income, the change in the core inflation rate and the change in oil prices — shows a Bush victory by 54 percent, even with the run-up in oil prices. But Wyss is not so sure. "Usually elections get decided on domestic issues. But there are a lot of non-economic issues this time," he said.

Economy.com, an online provider of economic and financial research based in West Chester, Pa., gives Bush 53.7 percent of the vote and suggests he could win as many as 373 electoral votes, far more than the 270 he needs.

But Mark Zandi, chief economist at the company, is skeptical. "The economy is losing momentum going into the election, there is a lot of angst among voters. The models may not be picking that up," he said.

Economist Lawrence Chimerine, president of Radnor Consulting, an economics firm in Philadelphia, said economic models can go only so far — and don't take into account a lot of things that influence the vote.

"I wouldn't give you a nickel for those models. I think the polls showing the race is reasonably tight are probably a lot more accurate than those models," Chimerine said.

SOUND BITE: MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Do you support a federal cap on medical malpractice awards as a way to restrain health insurance costs?



Bush

"Yes. Our litigation system is terribly broken and Americans are paying the estimated \$100 billion cost of junk lawsuits. I have proposed a common sense reform plan that will lower health care costs and maintain strong doctor-patient relationships by reducing frivolous lawsuits and making the liability system more fair, predictable and timely. My proposal would ensure that injured persons are fully compensated for their economic losses, while reasonably limiting non-economic damages to \$250,000. It would also reserve punitive damages for cases in which they are justified, ensure that old cases cannot be brought years after an event, and provide that defendants should pay judgments in proportion to their fault."



Kerry

"As president, I will require that a qualified specialist certifies a medical malpractice case's merit before it is allowed to move forward. I will also work with states so we have nonbinding mediation in all malpractice claims before cases proceed to trial. Lawyers who file frivolous cases would face tough, mandatory sanctions, including a 'three strikes and you're out' provision that forbids lawyers who file three frivolous cases from bringing another suit for the next 10 years. I also oppose punitive damages — unless intentional misconduct, gross negligence, or reckless indifference to life can be established. Finally, I will work to eliminate the special privileges that allow insurance companies to fix prices and collude to increase medical malpractice premiums."

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Rethink the war on terror

Listening to this Presidential election season's speeches and debates, one could not be blamed for believing that America is on the daily verge of annihilation at the hands of terrorists, or that our neighbors are secretly planning to set a mushroom cloud over the local high school swimming pool. The threat of terrorism — and discernment of an appropriate American response — has dominated the airwaves. In short, fear abounds. Jokes of duct tape and terror-alert color schemes aside, the prominence in election discourse of the war on terror and the tenuously-connected war in Iraq is misguided. Further, the assumptions guiding America's war on terror are flimsy and must change if there is to be hope for ending terrorism.

What is it exactly about terrorism that makes it such a political fascination? It certainly has not been its toll on human life. In 2001, terrorist attacks took the lives of approximately 3,000 U.S. citizens. Heart disease, linked to obesity, took the lives of over 700,000. According to these figures, it could be argued that our military would be more effective at protecting us if it were to build outposts in front of every McDonald's in America in order to scare away customers than it is while attempting to take over small Middle Eastern nation-states (who, ironically, pose only minimal threat to our security).

In an even broader context, the violent death toll of Sept. 11 is happening every two days in the genocide of Western Sudan right now, and the global AIDS pandemic continues to grow rapidly, claiming almost a third of the citizens in some sub-Saharan African nations. In our own country, poverty is on the rise, health care on the fall and communities are breaking down. These issues are being placed on the back burner, to the detriment of people everywhere, while the so-called war on terror is unleashed around the world.

Clearly, terrorism's prominence has not been due to its death toll. Underlying the fear of this phenome-

non in America is a more horrified realization that our security, or perhaps more accurately the façade of our security for, was shattered on Sept. 11.

How, then, can we regain this sense of security? Fighting the phenomenon of terrorism should not merely consist of hunting down individuals who espouse violent anti-American sentiment. This approach is ultimately ineffective. Certainly, individuals who resort to acts of violence, especially against innocent life, should be held accountable, and force may be necessary to accomplish this. But until we destroy the incentives for individuals to resort to terrorism, we will never be secure. The consequences of the war in Iraq, namely a resurgence of global terrorist activity and anti-American sentiment, are enough proof of this.

The first questions we should have asked on Sept. 12, 2001 are not about who did it and how quickly we can destroy their lives, but are instead about why they did it and how we can combat the conditions — conditions that survive beyond individuals — that beget terrorist action. Many Islamic societies have legitimate grievances against the United States that are not being addressed, such as American policy in Israel, U.S. military bases in the Middle East and the war in Iraq.

More importantly, however, the deeper reality of a grossly unequal global order guarantees a perpetual state of violence against the oppressive power of America. This reality shows that our sense of security has always been a facade, based on our ability to take our wars to foreign soil, and to ensure that the reactions to

our unjust policies never reach us here at home. Perpetuating injustice by the barrel of a gun can never produce sustainable security for Americans, or for that matter any human being. In the midst of election discourse, neither candidate dares to challenge the injustice of America's hegemonic and often violent global dominance.

The "war" on terrorism should be undertaken by pursuing a world order based on the rule of law and a more equitable distribution of the world's goods instead of on great power politics and the violent enforcement of U.S. interests. We should learn the common sense lesson of history that until all are secure, none are truly secure. Meanwhile, instead of allowing a fear of terrorism to be the factor that links America as a nation, let us rally around our ideals and focus election season discourse on what really matters.

Our cherished values of peace, tolerance, liberty and equality have suffered greatly during the past three years. We must practice a politics of hope, not fear. As citizens, it is in our interest to demand change, for continuing on our current path will only take us further from the day when true peace and security are possible.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape 100 days of sorrow."

Chinese proverb

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Display did not deserve vandalism

Who destroys 12-inch-tall, white crosses representing unborn life? Regardless of your opinion on abortion, it's ignorant to vandalize a display. Are pro-choice individuals so selfish they can't respect lives, feelings and opinions of others? I shouldn't ask that.

I'll admit freshman year I was overwhelmed seeing crosses on South Quad. I hated it. It's in your face and difficult to stomach, but shouldn't we acknowledge this and think? It's less than 48 hours a year, yet at least one coward found a need inside himself or herself to squelch a peaceful display. I'd tolerate pro-choice demonstrations.

It's obvious I'm anti-abortion. Still, I can't comprehend this act of ripping crosses out of the earth, shattering them and throwing broken pieces like trash. Can I stress they were small, white crosses; the perpetrator(s) were desecrating the symbol of Jesus Christ's sacrifices and death. What if I smashed the Basilica's cross, scaled the Dome and ripped down Mary or painted over "Touchdown Jesus" during the night?

Besides religious factors — ignoring the freedom of speech debate — those crosses explicitly symbolize life. Each cross represented lost life in a material way to pay tribute, like "God, Country, Notre Dame" over the Basilica's side door or our fountain "Stonehenge" in memory of the fallen Notre Dame military family.

Maybe I'm taking this too seriously; they're just little, white crosses stuck in the ground by college kids. But I don't have the right to undermine the efforts of the many students who invested hours constructing and organizing the temporary memorial instead of studying, hanging out or sleeping. Nobody has a right to disrespect the display's meaning, even if you disagree. This was no way to express distaste. The entire Notre Dame community should condemn this act and anybody with information should feel a responsibility to report it to Notre Dame Security/Police. We may joke that Notre Dame Security/Police is only there to harass drunken students at Reckers, but I'd love to find them someone to lecture on appropriate, adult behavior.

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Oct. 10

The actions of those who violently vandalized the Cemetery of the Innocents display on South Quad are deplorable, reprehensible and as far from the traditions of this University and this nation as anything I have seen or heard. This heinous attack was twofold; it attacked the right for every person and organization here to express their beliefs in a responsible manner and it attacked the Catholic faith which is a cornerstone of Our Lady's University.

Regardless of how you feel about abortion, every single man and woman on this campus should condemn this act. This attempt to suppress the free speech of the pro-lifers here on campus is a threat to any group, liberal, conservative or otherwise that desires to transmit its message to the University. I myself am pro-life and conservative, passionately so, but I would never and have never stooped to such an ignominious low.

In committing this act of vandalism, its perpetrators acted in anything but a Christ-like spirit. They sneakily, in the dead of night, wrecked hundreds of symbols of both the babies lost to abortion and our Lord's sacrifice. There is no one and no way that can justify their actions through the teachings of Jesus. Those "Catholics" for choice who stood so brazenly before the cemetery the afternoon following would do well to remember this fact.

To conclude, I have three messages. To pro-lifers: stay the course and proudly display and defend the truth that God, our Church and our consciences reveal to us. To all other advocacy groups at Notre Dame: join me in unequivocally condemning this action, regardless of your feelings on the issue of abortion. To those who committed this crime: think and pray long and hard on what you have done. For no matter what your end, you have violated the first principles of this nation and this University.

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Actions speak louder than words

On Nov. 2, we all face a huge decision. Who do we want to lead our country? And on what do we base that decision? Sure, Senator John Kerry probably won the debate — he has been winning these things since his glory days on the Yale debate team. But this election is not about who looks better on television. This election is largely about what type of world our kids are going see. It is about how forcefully we are going to deal with the terrorists. It is about how much money your parents are going to pay in taxes. It is about the moral stances our country will take. I propose that we look at Decision 2004 from a different standpoint. Let's not look at what Kerry says he will do — let's look at what he has done consistently for two decades.

Kerry's long voting record in the Senate needs to be looked at a little closer. As a future officer in the U.S. Air Force, I know that I want my President's number one priority to be giving the troops the equipment they need to win. Kerry has given me no indication he will do that.

In 1996, Kerry proposed a bill (S. 1580, Introduced 2/29/96) to slash Defense Department funding by \$6.5 billion. In 1997, Kerry voted "yea" to freeze defense spending for seven years (S. Con. Res. 13, CQ Vote #181: Rejected 28-71). Kerry has voted to reduce and/or entirely kill the following systems: Bradley Fighting Vehicle, M-1 Abrams Tank, F-15 Strike Eagle, Patriot Anti-Missile System, B-1, B-2 and Missile Defense. He has also voted to cut funding for the CIA by 80 percent, the FBI by 60 percent and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration by 80 percent. Since that time, Kerry has not changed.



Senator Kerry, along with Senator John Edwards, are two of only four U.S. senators who voted for the Use of Force Resolution Against Iraq and against the \$87 billion supplemental package (H. J. Res. 114, CQ Vote #237: Passed 77-23). He voted to authorize war, and then he denied our troops the body armor they need. It does not get more irresponsible than that. In response, Kerry said, "I actually voted for the \$87 billion, before I voted against it."

Kerry's record on taxes is equally pitiful. In all, he has voted to raise taxes 379 times. For example, he voted to increase the gas tax by six cents per gallon. He's voted against tax relief for married couples. He opposed the child tax credit 18 times.

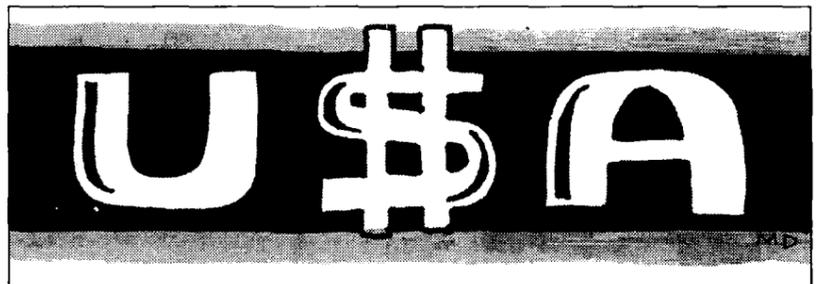
And yet, the most embarrassing and ridiculous vote that Kerry has ever cast: He voted "no" on banning partial-birth abortions.

Look at what Kerry has done, not what he says he will do. Actions speak louder than words. I admire Kerry's service to his nation. He's an honorable war hero, and I have no doubt that he is a good man. However,

I have real qualms about his positions on the issues and where he will take this country.

For all the big-time liberals out there, I know Kerry is your man. But for all you semi-moderate folks out there who want your kids to grow up in a safer and stronger country, the choice is clear. Vote for President Bush. He is not a perfect president, but he is clearly the better choice.

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Watch the money trail

Tom Rippinger's Oct. 6 encomium to the lobbying industry might have been subtitled: "If I say nice things about you, can I get a job in your moral vacuum next fall?"

After making the quasi-paranoid suggestion that the undecided voter shouldn't trust any candidate, their party, their ads or news, "Seeing beyond the 'spin'" argues we should make our choice based on the special interests giving the candidates cash. After all, what is more unbiased than money? Nothing. The anarcho-capitalist Rippinger says: "Usually money is a more trustworthy measure of human intentions than word alone." Huh? Are the rich and taciturn more trustworthy than the poor but verbose? I submit there are few things less trustworthy than money. For most of us, it takes off in the morning for an early meeting with food and rent, promising to call. Sometimes, money runs off with politicians looking for lots and lots of friends and then we all really get rogered.

I'm not a negative type of guy, though, so I did Rippinger's homework assignment: I saddled up on the money trail to see how candidates might govern. At first it was pretty frustrating: lobbyists represent everything that could possibly go wrong in United States democracy folded into one

nasty diaper (Google: Congress + Speaker + Delay + lobbyist + indictment). Then I found something really interesting: the Kerry campaign had 750,000 "lobbyists" who — with average grassroots donations under \$100 — broke multiple campaign fundraising records in the second quarter of 2004. Instead of taking our cue from big money, as Rippinger's cynical real politiqu suggests, maybe we could take a look at the hopeful news of unprecedented numbers of everyday people contributing small amounts?

Given such great news for democracy, why does Atlas' shrug look so bitter and pessimistic? My guess is Rippinger doesn't like the way November looks for the GOP. One could hardly blame him: the Democratic base is united behind John Kerry and John Edwards like never before; new voters are registering in droves in states like Ohio and Pennsylvania; and "safe" senate seats are moving into play every month. I know the news is grim, but future conservative Viewpoint columnists would do well to remember, in prose as in politics, "desperation is a stinky cologne."

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Oct. 10

Sound of Irish music

Eileen Ivers impressive on violin at Performing Arts Center, but Immigrant Soul less than effective



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Left, Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul combine Irish music with other genres. Right, Ivers and the band in concert.

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Friday night's concert by Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul had high points, but was not a concert for musical purists.

The concert was also directed towards an older crowd than Notre Dame undergraduates and had a relatively low turnout of students.

Immigrant Soul's performance showed just because something can be done does not mean it should be done, and that trying to modernize a traditional form of music will not always improve it. Irish music is not complicated compared to many styles of music, and adapting it for different instruments and ensembles is not difficult.

However, the addition of instruments and styles not traditionally part of Irish music often distracts from the performance more than it enhances the quality of the music. In the case of Immigrant Soul, the combination of several talented musicians did not help to highlight their musical skill.

Ivers' performance on violin justified her reputation as an excellent fiddler.

She plays with feeling and energy, and captures lively Celtic dance tunes, mournful ballads and bluegrass tunes with equal skill. Ivers' solo numbers were invariably emotional and enjoyable. Her playing pulled numbers by the entire band together and helped engage the audience in the music.

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The attempt to blend blues, rock, Irish and other styles of music was less successful. Celtic music tends to have a simple rhythmic base provided by the bodhran, the only traditional percussion instrument used in Irish music. Drummers Adriano Santos and Tommy McDonnell tended to overwhelm Ivers' playing at times, and made it difficult to hear James Riley on guitar. The

bodhran is a low-toned instrument, and cymbals and chimes were particularly intrusive in the sound. Emmanuel Gatewood's accompaniment on electric bass did not lack talent, but was also a jarring addition to the traditional Celtic sound.

The uilleann pipes, played by Ivan Goff, were particularly hard to hear. The Irish incarnation of the famous bagpipes

are one of the most distinctive elements of Irish music, and it was unfortunate not to be able to hear more of them through the show.

McDonnell, who is also the lead singer and plays harmonica for the band, has been thoroughly steeped in blues during a career that has included performances with many blues greats such as B.B. King, James Brown and Eric Clapton. The singer did not bridge the gap into Celtic music especially well. His singing obviously stemmed from American styles of music and did not blend well with Irish music. His rapport with the crowd was also not especially engaging.

The group's choice of music was moderately successful. A rendition of "Pachelbel's Canon" was not an especially exciting choice for a widely renowned group, and the performance improved drastically when the group moved to a fiddle-based dance tune.

The band's forays into bluegrass were more successful than their attempts at Irish music. Bluegrass is naturally suited to adjust well to a wider variety of musical instruments. The drum sets and

occasional solos on harmonica were not as intrusive as in the old Irish tunes. The group's final performance of "Let the Circle Be Unbroken" was one of the best and liveliest numbers in the show.

Ultimately, the former Riverdance fiddler was rightfully the reason most people probably came to the show. Unlike in the opening performance by Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, the headlining artist for the show was undoubtedly the most talented. The show would have been better if the audience had been able to concentrate more fully on Ivers' excellent playing and on other traditional elements of Celtic music and less on the group's attempts to modernize an ancient form of music.

Although the group was enthusiastic and made a genuine effort to put on a good show, audiences would do better to see any of these musicians solo or with another ensemble than to see Immigrant Soul.

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Left, Ivers was the highlight of a mediocre show. Right, Immigrant Soul lead singer and harmonica player Tommy McDonnell has toured with blues legends like B.B. King and Eric Clapton.

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Notre Dame 23, Stanford 15

Victorious, but not glorious

Notre Dame uses late spurt to beat Stanford

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

The scoreboard doesn't care about style points. Notre Dame showed Saturday it didn't care either.

The Irish defense stood firm inside the red zone and Notre Dame scored three second half touchdowns — two coming from Ryan Grant — to grind out a sluggish 23-15 victory over Stanford.

The Irish started slowly and trailed 6-3 at halftime after a pair of first quarter field goals by Cardinal kicker Michael Sgroi. But coaching adjustments on both sides of the ball and a botched punt by Stanford (3-2) in the third quarter boosted the Irish (4-2) to their 800th win in the history of the program.

The opening half had the potential to be much worse for Notre Dame as Stanford quarterback Trent Edwards moved the Cardinal inside the Irish 10-yard line on their first two possessions. But the Irish defense stiffened up on third-and-goal both times to keep the Cardinal out of the end zone.

"What you have to do is find a way to make a play and that is what our defense has done," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "Things went against them but before [Stanford] went into the end zone they found a way to make a stop."

The 'bend but don't break' play of the Notre Dame defense was good enough to keep Willingham undefeated (3-0) against his former team, but the lackluster performance on offense and defense in the first half did not sit well with coaches or players.

"I just don't like the way we started," Notre Dame defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "I just don't know if we had a lot of energy."

Notre Dame punted four

times in the first half and got its only points from a 38-yard D.J. Fitzpatrick field goal with 12:14 left in the half.

"Actually, before the game in the locker room I noticed it was a lot more quiet than it usually is," Irish tight end Jerome Collins said. "We came out, and we were just flat."

"The coaches kind of got after us at halftime. We just had to come out balling and show everyone what Notre Dame football is really all about."

Stanford looked poised to defeat the Irish in Notre Dame Stadium for the first time since 1992 when the Cardinal opened the second half with a 60-yard march on seven plays to kick a field goal and extend their lead to 9-3.

But a 43-yard pass from Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn to wide receiver Maurice Stovall on the ensuing drive jumpstarted the team and led to Grant's first touchdown of the game.

"We really needed that play," Stovall said. "Our offense was in a hole, we weren't executing things, and we need-

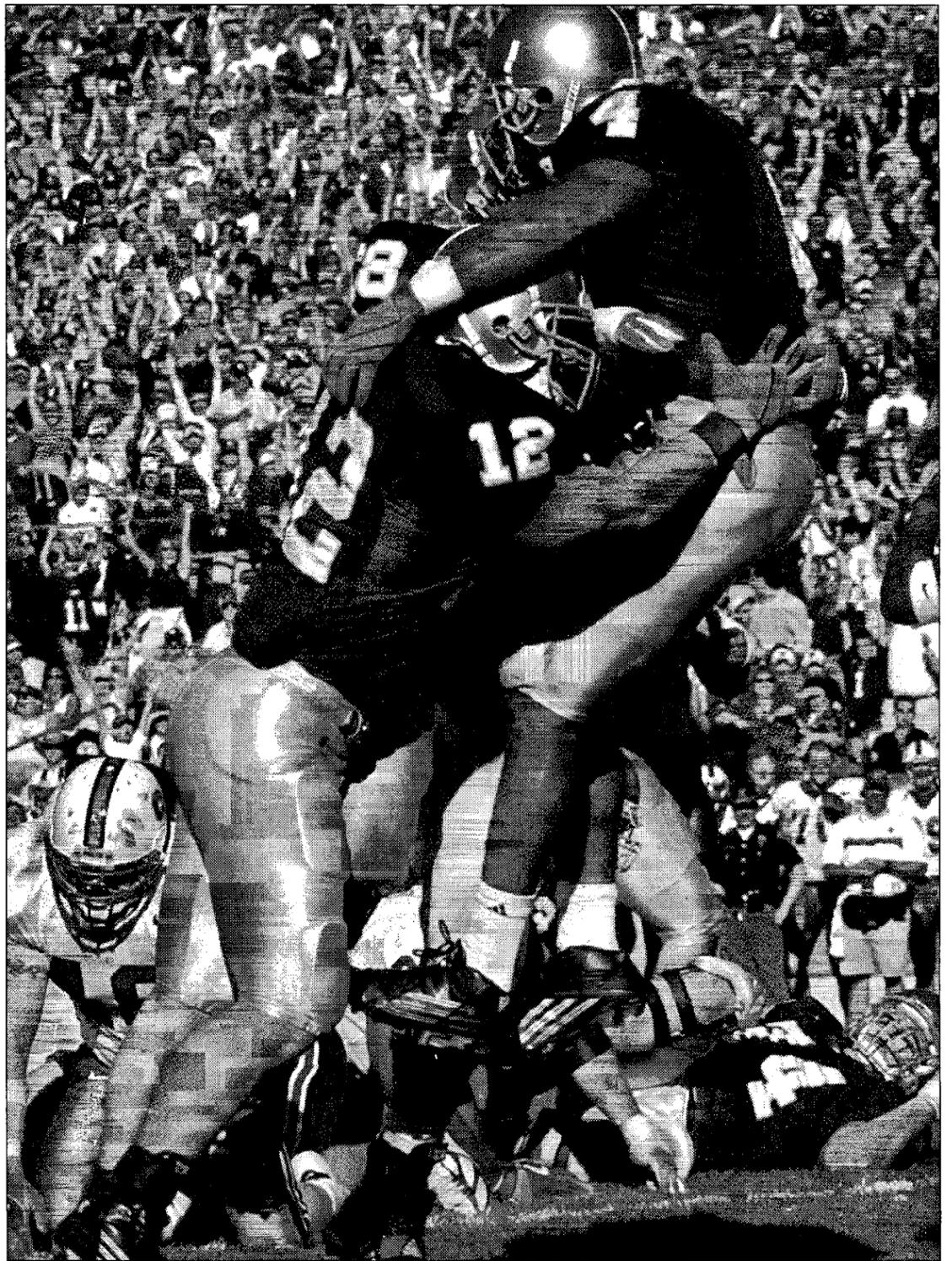
ed to get some yards and keep the defense off the field at the same time. We finished it off by scoring, and that's what we needed to do."

The Irish momentum didn't last long as Stanford's J.R. Lemon plunged for a 1-yard touchdown to put the Cardinal ahead 15-10 and cap off a nine-play, 80-yard drive.

Two series later, the Irish were set to receive a Cardinal punt when Stanford punter Jay Ottovegio fumbled the long snap. Notre Dame defenders swarmed Ottovegio, and the punter whiffed while trying to kick.

Notre Dame took possession on the Stanford 27-yard line. The play thrust the momentum right back in the Irish corner and energized the crowd of 80,795.

"It definitely added fire to our stadium," Irish linebacker Derek Curry said. "Our fans got a little more into it. That helped



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Fullback Josh Schmidt, left, and offensive tackle Ryan Harris pick up running back Ryan Grant in celebration of Grant's first touchdown, a 1-yard run in the third quarter.

us get a little more energy than we had early on."

Seven plays later, Grant galloped three yards into the end zone for his second touchdown of the day. Quinn overthrew a fade to wide receiver Jeff Samardzija on the ensuing two-point conversion attempt, but the Irish would never trail again.

Notre Dame cushioned its lead with 4:10 remaining in the

fourth quarter when Quinn snuck behind center John Sullivan for a two-yard touchdown on third-and-goal.

But the outcome of the game was in doubt until the last second as Stanford attempted a Hail Mary pass that was batted down in the end zone as time expired.

Grant's two scores highlighted an Irish rushing game that had been almost non-existent

last week against Purdue. Darius Walker carried 20 times for 89 yards while Grant had 19 carries for 69 yards, as the Irish rushed for 149 yards as a team.

"We knew we had to run the ball and that ended up being successful for us," offensive tackle Ryan Harris said.

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player of the game

Ryan Grant

The senior running back scored two touchdowns and combined with Darius Walker to provide an effective running game.

stat of the game

10-for-19

Notre Dame's third-down conversion rate. The Irish recorded 36:20 in time of possession.

play of the game

Third quarter muffed punt

Stanford punter Jay Ottovegio dropped a snap, giving Notre Dame tremendous starting field position to score the go-ahead touchdown drive.

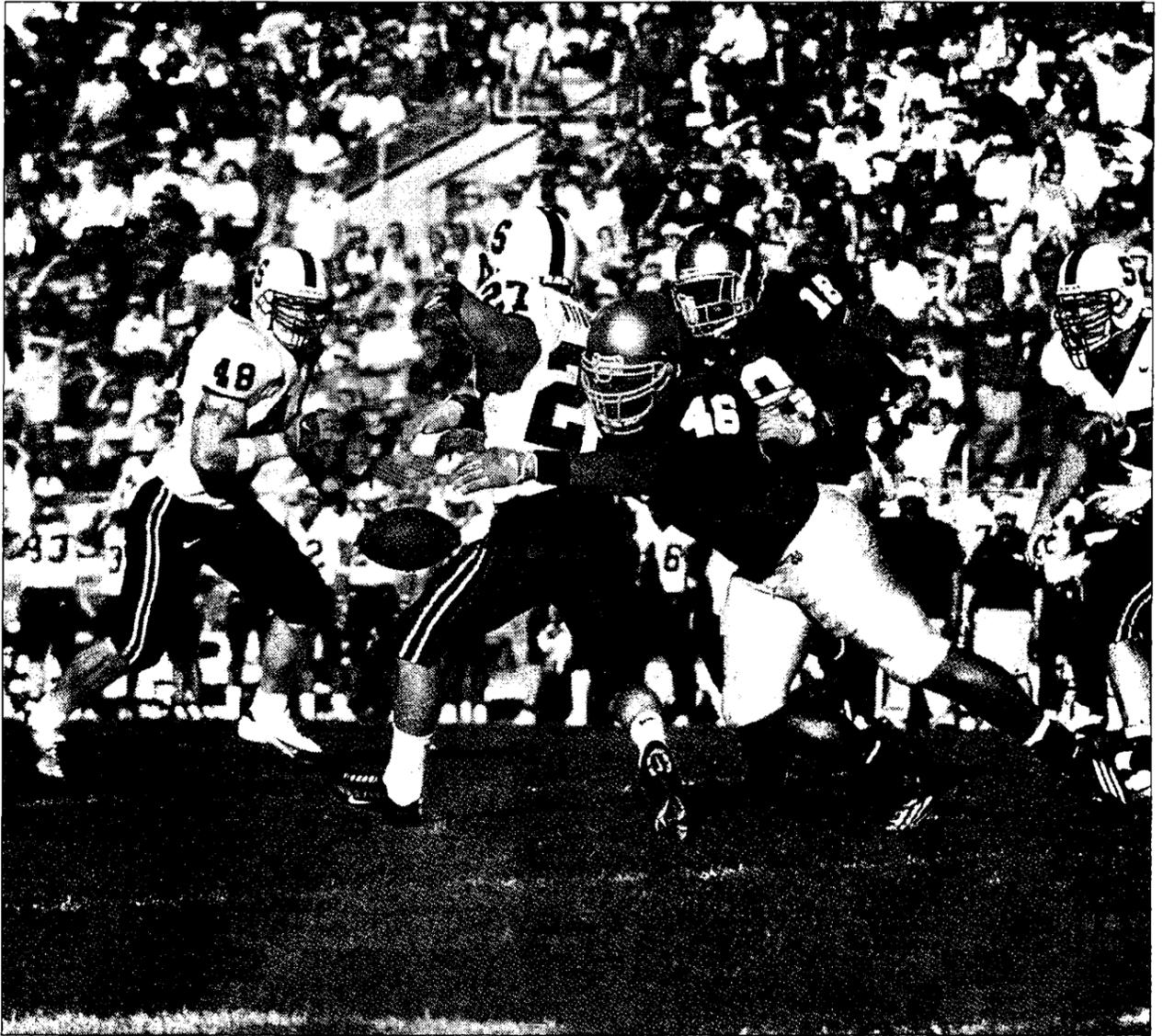
quote of the game

"We are 4-2. We have a great shot to do some great things ... in the second half of this year."

Tyrone Willingham
Irish coach

report card

- B-** **quarterbacks:** Quinn didn't make any mistakes, but he also failed to find the end zone in the air all day. He made the necessary plays but also missed several wide open receivers.
 - B+** **running backs:** Grant returned and ran effectively, scoring two touchdowns. Walker added 89 yards as the running game allowed the Irish to move the ball.
 - B** **receivers:** The unit had zero touchdowns, but Stovall's big catch in the third quarter got the crowd back into the game. Stovall led the receivers in yards and catches and set key blocks.
 - B-** **offensive line:** The line allowed three sacks but helped the running game gain 149 yards. It didn't play its best game but was effective enough against the Cardinal.
 - B** **defensive line:** The defensive line stuffed the Stanford running attack, forcing the Cardinal into a more one-dimensional offense. It sacked Edwards just once but pressured him on many more occasions.
 - B-** **linebackers:** Curry and Goolsby combined for 10 tackles and one sack. The group didn't make any game-changing plays, but it did help stop the run. Curry covered receivers well.
 - C+** **defensive backs:** The unit didn't give up any huge plays but it allowed Edwards to tally 267 yards. It let five different receivers make plays of over 20 yards and couldn't record an interception.
 - A-** **special teams:** Fitzpatrick is playing well above expectations, and he averaged 43.7 yards per punt, pinning the Cardinal inside their own 20 three times. He also drilled two field goals.
 - B-** **coaching:** The team wasn't up for the game from the start. Some of that is the players' fault, but the staff must find a way to have the team ready from the get-go.
- 2.88** **overall:** Notre Dame got what it wanted — a win. But the Irish waited until the fourth quarter to play like it and improve to 4-2.



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Irish linebacker Corey Mays tackles Stanford punter Jay Ottovegio as he attempts to get off a late third quarter punt attempt. Ottovegio dropped the snap and whiffed on the kick. Notre Dame started its next possession on Stanford's 27-yard line and scored in seven plays on a Ryan Grant 3-yard touchdown run, going ahead 16-15.

Irish incomplete in victory

On the scale of "good" wins, Notre Dame's victory against Stanford on Saturday ranks near the bottom.

The Irish got the ultimate job done by winning. For that, the team and coaches should be congratulated.

But the road Notre Dame took en route to the 23-15 victory is a little unsettling. For yet another game, the Irish couldn't do what they must do with their upcoming schedule — start a game strong and finish it stronger.

In a home game, with the sea of green students cheering them onto the field, in front of a nationally-televised audience on NBC, with so much on the line, coming off an embarrassing home loss, Notre Dame started the game flatter than a pancake. I will never understand how that can happen — ever.

Does the team need more motivation than playing against a good Stanford team? How can the Irish not be excited to play at Notre Dame Stadium?

After this game, a disgruntled offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick was searching for answers as to why Notre Dame had little excitement.

"I think if anybody knew that answer they'd probably be a genius," Diedrick said. "I have no idea. That's probably a very disappointing fact that, as a team, we'd come out and not have a great deal of energy to start with."

Linebacker Derek Curry wasn't sure, either.

"I don't know," the senior said. "There are a lot of factors that go into it. I can't put my finger on it

now. Probably after watching film it will be as clear as day. [After coming out flat] we just tried to raise the emotional level."

Against Stanford, Notre Dame got away with "picking up the energy" as the game progressed. They did a good job in the second half of taking control of the game and playing opportunistic football. They did what they wanted to do — win. Again, one cannot overlook that fact, and the team should be credited with finding a way to victory.

But in tough upcoming games against Navy, Boston College, Tennessee and Southern California, Notre Dame won't have the luxury of waiting until the second half to play its best football.

Consistently good teams know how to start and finish a game. The Irish have yet to master that concept this season.

They were flat the whole game against Brigham Young.

They struggled with Michigan in the first half, trailing 9-0 at the break.

They couldn't put away a less-talented Michigan State team and, after scorching Washington's defense for 31 first-half points, managed just one touchdown in the second half.

Stanford was the same story. "I just don't like the way we started," Irish defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "I don't know if it's anything, and I just don't know if we had a lot of energy when we started. It's something we talked about, and it's certainly something we're going to have to address going into next week."

With a 4-2 record, the Irish players are still focusing on a possible

Bowl Championship Series berth. They point to the five teams that made the BCS with two losses last season. They keep talking about their potential. They keep working towards their lofty goals this season.

But for any of those accomplishments to be possible, Notre Dame must start games strong and finish them stronger.

Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham knows this.

"We were not playing in the manner that I think our football team should play," Willingham said. "For whatever reason we couldn't get it going. We were lucky enough in the second half, we were able to make some plays and put ourselves in good position but I'm still uncomfortable with how it came about."

The Irish play Navy next week, a team that wants nothing more than to beat Notre Dame and end a 40-year losing streak. The Midshipmen, with two weeks to prepare, feel this is their year to upend the Irish.

Starting with Navy, Notre Dame must bring its highest level energy for every game, left on the schedule. Besides a

weak Pittsburgh team, every remaining game will be a challenge, and every team will bring its 'A' game.

If Notre Dame doesn't play a complete game, its goals will change in a hurry.

The BCS may take two loss teams. It doesn't accept those with three losses. Or four. Or five.

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adding up the numbers

Number of wins Notre Dame now has — second all-time behind Michigan's 838. Notre Dame's all-time record is now 800-260-41 **800**

1888 Year of Notre Dame's first victory, a 20-0 win against Harvard Prep

Time of Notre Dame's third quarter touchdown drive, the longest drive in terms of time this season **6:27**

18 Place Ryan Grant sits on Notre Dame's all-time rushing list. He has 1,847 yards during his career. He passed three players — Ricky Watters, Christie Flanagan and Jim Crowley with 67 yards against Stanford

Number of losses Tyrone Willingham has against his former team, Stanford. Willingham is 3-0 against the Cardinal **0**

29 Number of points Stanford has scored in its last three meetings against Notre Dame

Number of points Notre Dame has scored in its last three meetings against Stanford **111**

1:52 Amount of time offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick talked to reporters after the game. He had five one-sentence answers to reporters' questions.



Joe Hettler

Sports Writer

Grant, Stovall belong on the field

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

There's no room for Ryan Grant and Maurice Stovall on the sidelines.

Due to nagging injuries, Grant and Stovall were restricted to the bench for much of this season. But after Saturday's game, it goes without saying the two belong on the field.

Grant chipped away at Stanford's first-half 6-3 lead, rushing for 67 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries to spur the Irish on to a 23-15 victory. Coach Tyrone Willingham was quick to emphasize Grant's impact both on and off the field in Saturday's game.

"To have him there, it just multiplies your experience," Willingham said. "The things that young players haven't seen, he's seen. Having him back was a plus from a leadership standpoint and a performance standpoint."

After trailing the Cardinal late in the third quarter 15-10, Grant gave the Irish the lead for good. Quinn handed the ball off to Grant six times in seven plays before the senior snuck into the end zone for his second touchdown of the game.

Some might measure the team's success based on individual yardage and touchdowns, but not Grant. He said Saturday's game didn't tell the story of an injury-plagued-player-turned hero, but the story of a tenacious team.

"I like scoring, you know," Grant said. "But really, I'm just glad for the team. I think we dug deep today, and we've got a lot of heart on this team."

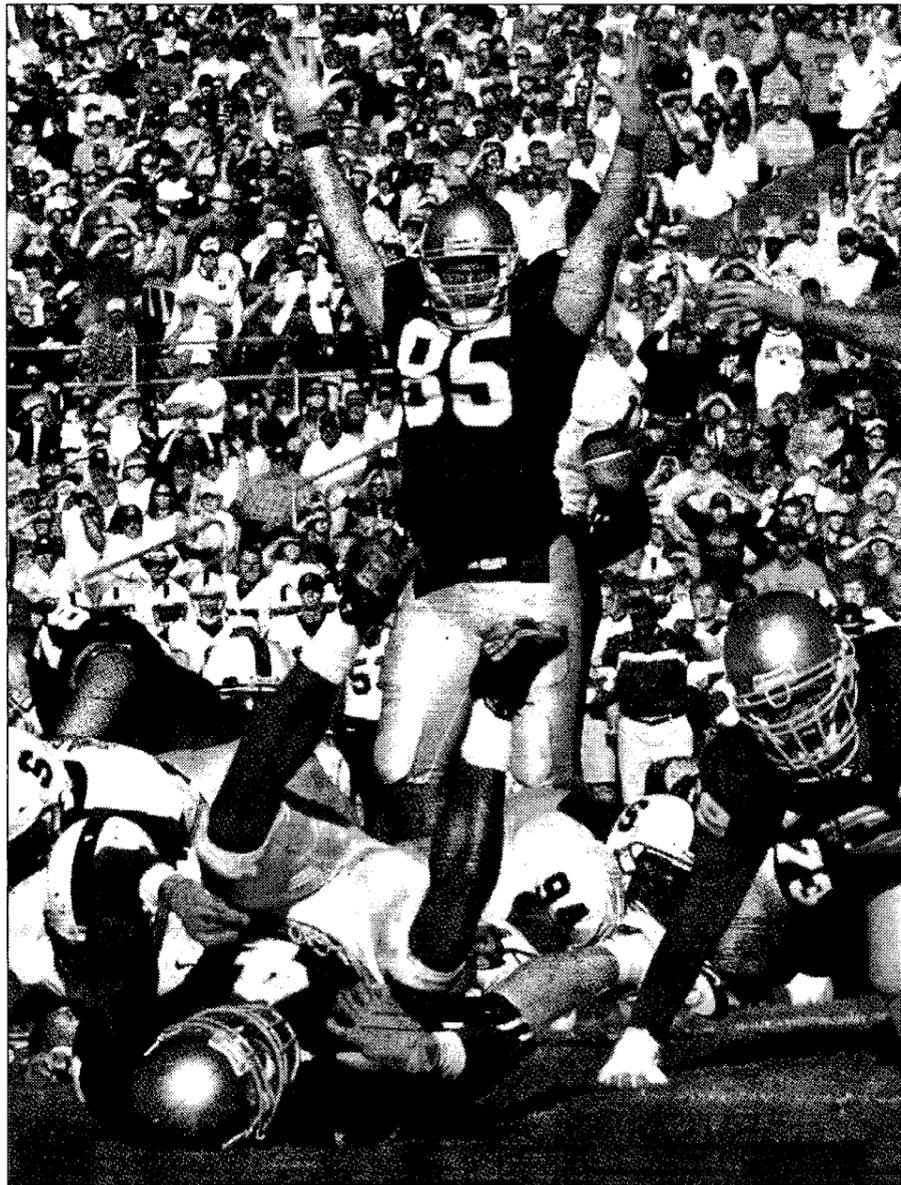
While Grant demonstrated his abilities as the linchpin of Saturday's running game, Stovall jumpstarted the Irish passing game.

The wide receiver revitalized the Notre Dame offense after a lethargic first half, grabbing a 43-yard pass from Quinn to put the Irish in scoring position at first-and-goal from the Stanford 5-yard line. Grant rushed for one yard into the end zone to put the Irish ahead 10-9.

Willingham praised Stovall for completing a play that gave the offense much-needed momentum.

"You're looking for that play that gets you over the hump, that gets all the energy going," Willingham said. "It was nice to have [Stovall] back because I think he stepped up and helped us — not just with that reception. I think his attitude makes a difference when he's on the field with our football team."

Stovall caught three passes for 59



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Tight end Billy Palmer celebrates in the background as Ryan Grant tumbles into the end zone for his first touchdown in the third quarter.

yards to lead the team. Grant said Saturday's game served as a sneak peak for what Stovall is capable of accomplishing this season after his injury.

"Maurice is getting better every day," Grant said. "I see him working hard and that's what it takes. Football is a sport where you're going to get hurt; that kind of stuff happens. I think he's doing a really good job of putting himself in the best position to get better."

Despite Saturday's individual and

team successes, Grant and Stovall seemed unsettled and unhappy — as some reporters described their demeanor — following the game.

"It's not that we're not happy," Grant said. "But I don't think we're satisfied as a team because we didn't perform the way that we wanted to all the way. We pulled out a win, and that's great, but we understand what we can do as a team and we haven't showed that yet."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Stanford	6	0	9	0	15
Notre Dame	0	3	7	13	23

First quarter

Stanford 3, Notre Dame 0
Michael Sgroi 27-yard field goal with 9:45 remaining

Drive: 9 plays, 42 yards, 2:04 elapsed

Stanford 6, Notre Dame 0

Michael Sgroi 20-yard field goal with 5:22 remaining

Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards, 2:26 elapsed

Second quarter

Stanford 6, Notre Dame 3

D.J. Fitzpatrick 38-yard field goal with 12:14 remaining

Drive: 7 plays, 48 yards, 2:29 elapsed

Third quarter

Stanford 9, Notre Dame 3

Sgroi 38-yard field goal with 12:23 remaining

Drive: 7 plays, 60 yards, 2:37 elapsed

Notre Dame 10, Stanford 9

Ryan Grant 1-yard run with 5:56 remaining

(Fitzpatrick kick)

Drive: 13 plays, 73 yards, 6:27 elapsed

Stanford 15, Notre Dame 10

J.R. Lemon 1-yard run with 3:28 remaining

(Sgroi kick)

Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards, 2:28 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 16, Stanford 15

Grant 3-yard run with 11:59 remaining (Brady Quinn pass failed)

Drive: 7 plays, 27 yards, 3:40 elapsed

Notre Dame 23, Stanford 15

Quinn 2-yard run with 4:10 remaining

(Fitzpatrick kick)

Drive: 6 plays, 47 yards, 2:17 elapsed

statistics

total yards

STANFORD	328
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rushing yards

STANFORD	71
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passing yards

STANFORD	173
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return yards

STANFORD	88
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time of possession

STANFORD	23:40
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	STANFORD	ND	STANFORD
51-149	rushes-yards	25-67	
11-24-0	comp-att-int	17-38-0	
2-2	punt returns-yards	4-22	
3-1	fumbles-lost	4-0	
7-33	penalties-yards	9-59	
19	first downs	16	

passing

Quinn	11-24-0	Edwards	17-38-0
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rushing

Walker	20-82	Lemon	13-41
Grant	19-67	Edwards	6-8
Powers-Neal	4-4	Tolon	4-8

receiving

Stovall	3-59	Smith	5-73
McKnight	3-51	Moore	5-72
Collins	3-45	Camarillo	2-50
Powers-Neal	1-10	Taverillo	1-30

tackling

Zbikowski	7	Bergeron	13
Ellick	6	Alston	10
Goolsby	6	Schimmelmann	9
Richardson	5	Jenkins	7
Pauly	5	Harrison	7
Curry	4	Atogwe	6
Landri	4	Newberry	5
Burrell	3	Oshinowo	4

Collins becomes receiving threat

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Irish tight end Jerome Collins looks like he has finally found a position that suits his talent. After being a reserve linebacker the last four years, the fifth-year senior switched to tight end during spring practice. He flourished on Saturday, catching three passes for 45 yards while also recording two tackles on special teams.

"It felt really good [to be involved in the win]," he said. "I felt like I was contributing a lot more than just being a special teams player. Today was a special day for me, and I can't be any happier than I am right now."

Punting improves

"Punting" and "spectacular" are words not often used in the same sentence. But Irish coach Tyrone Willingham did just that when talking about Notre Dame punter D.J. Marrero averaged only 5.3 yards per return as Fitzpatrick's high, arching punts gave the Irish coverage team time to sprint downfield and swarm Marrero before he could get anything going.

Fitzpatrick's performance against Stanford and throughout the entire season.

"He has been almost spectacular," Willingham said. "He has really stepped up and given us honestly probably more than I thought he would. That has energized our PAT [point-after-try], our field goal team and our punting."

Fitzpatrick had six punts in the game and three times pinned the Cardinal inside their own 20-yard line. Stanford deep man David

Marrero averaged only 5.3 yards per return as Fitzpatrick's high, arching punts gave the Irish coverage team time to sprint downfield and swarm Marrero before he could get anything going. With both offenses strug-

gling, Fitzpatrick's punting was especially important in the field position battle. Notre Dame's average field position in the second half was the Irish 43, while Stanford's was the Cardinal 24.

The win column

Notre Dame added another figure to its thick record book as the Irish won the program's 800th game Saturday. The only school with more wins is the University of Michigan with 838.

Quinn shaken up

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn was shaken up on a play late in the fourth quarter, and backup quarterback Pat Dillingham came in for the last few snaps. Willingham made only vague comments on Quinn's condition.

"It was an illness at the end of the ballgame," Willingham said. A reporter then asked if Quinn got his bell rung. "I'd probably say that's close to what happened," Willingham said.

Coaches said Quinn should be ready to start next week at Navy.

Undefeated

Willingham improved to 3-0 against Stanford since he left The Farm for South Bend in 2002. Irish head coaches are now 17-1 against schools where they were formally the head coach, the only loss being the Dan Devine-led Irish against Missouri in 1978.

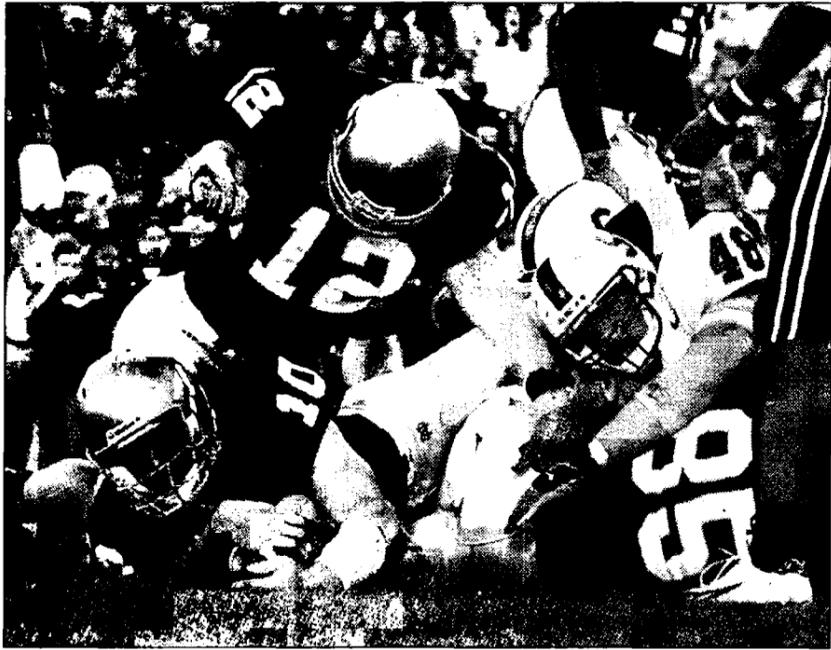
Captains

Gameday captains were defensive end Kyle Budinscak, linebacker Mike Goolsby, running back Ryan Grant and wide receiver Rhema McKnight.

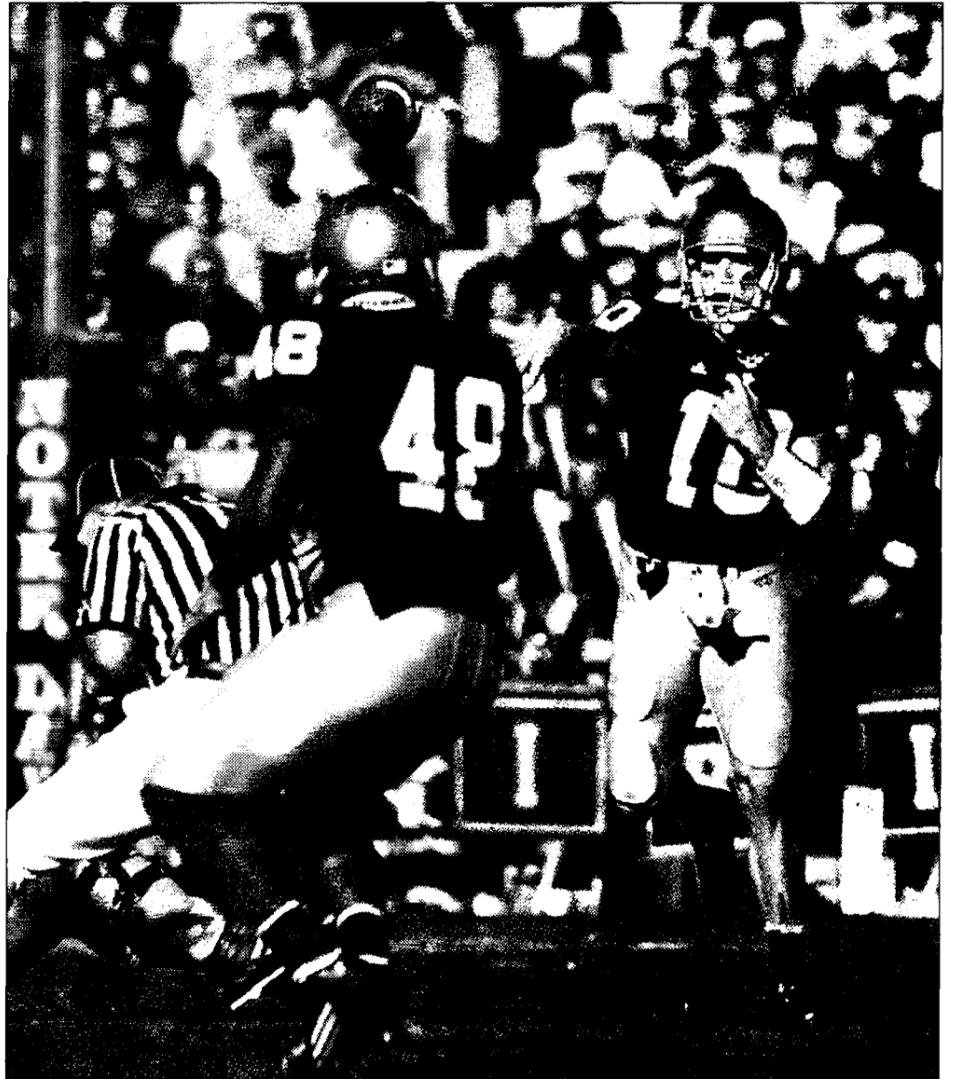
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"[Quinn's problem] was an illness at the end of the ballgame."

Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach



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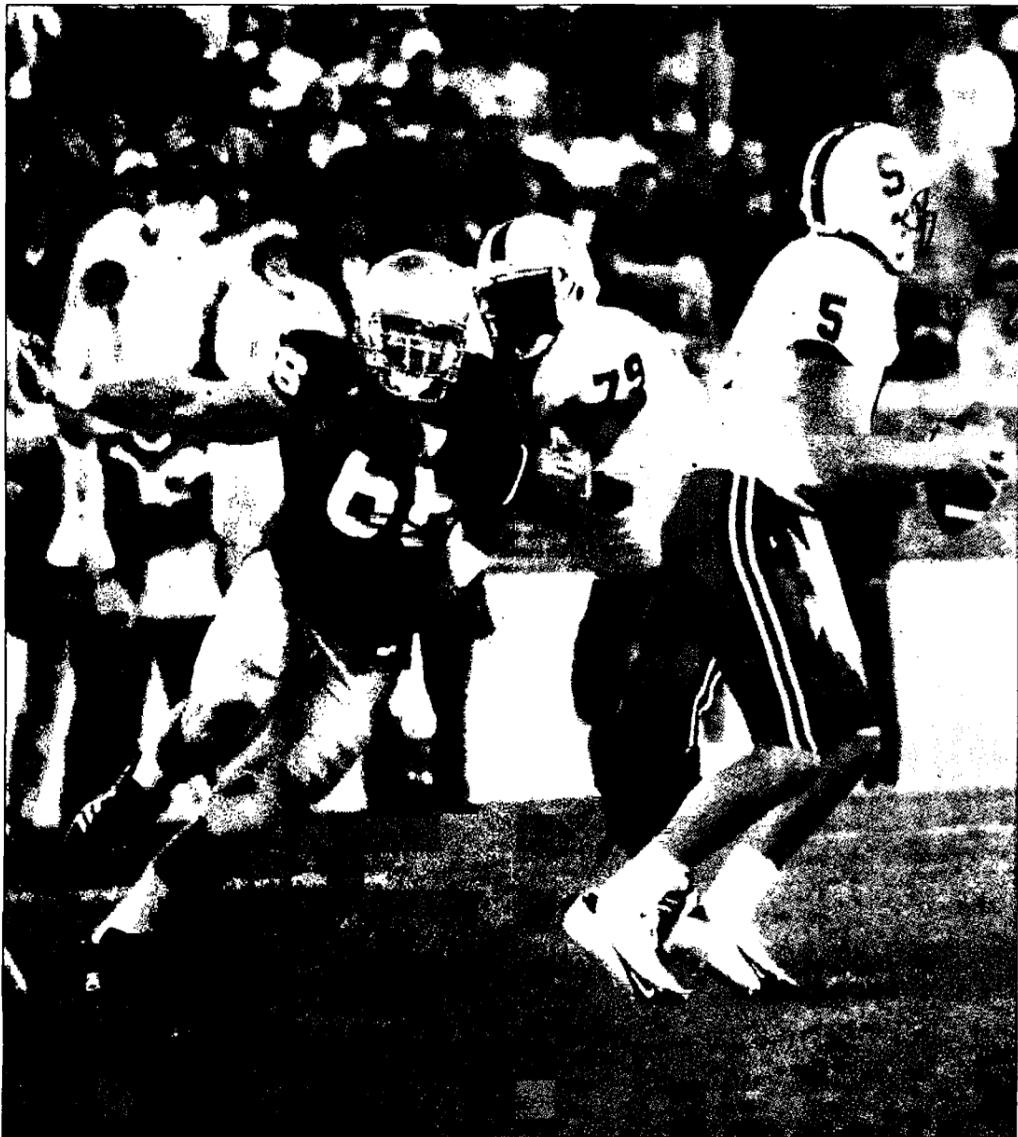


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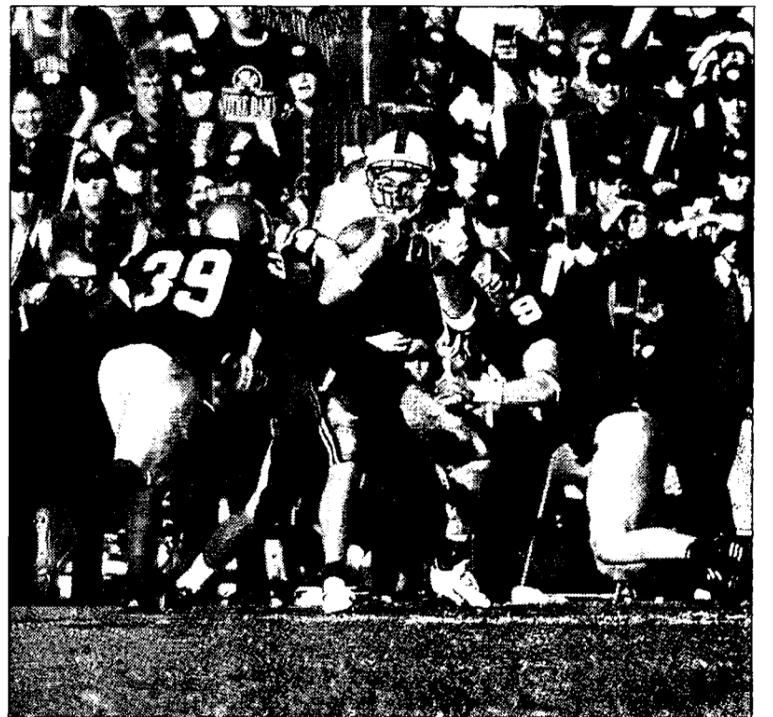
A WIN IS A WIN

Notre Dame came out flat against Stanford in its third straight home game.

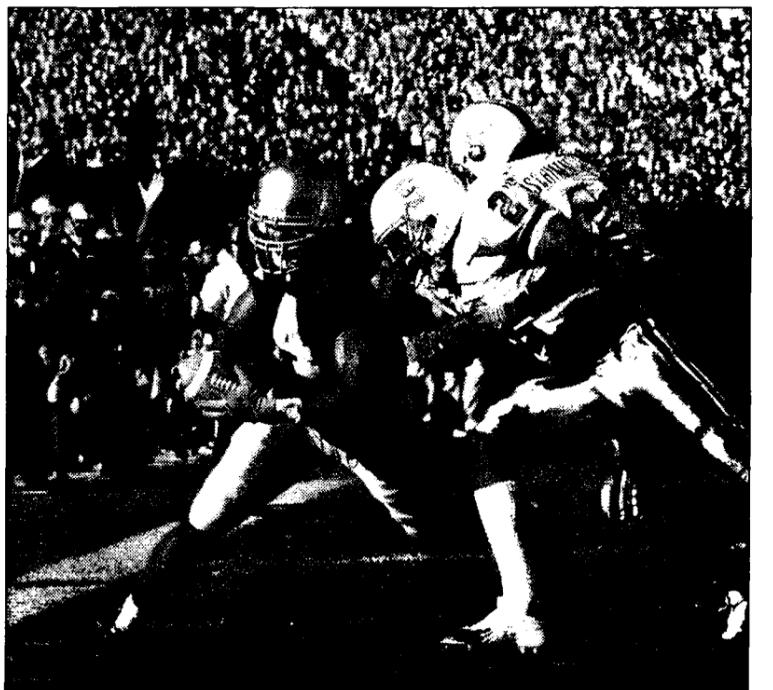
The Irish struggled in a low-scoring first half and could not mount much offense at first. But the defense played to its "bend but don't break" nature and held Stanford to three field goals on its first three scoring drives. Though Brady Quinn did not find many open receivers, Ryan Grant and Darius Walker helped move the ball with a solid running game and Quinn made the necessary plays to be effective. The Irish escaped Notre Dame Stadium with a 4-2 record and are poised to travel east and face Navy next Saturday.



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From top left to bottom left, quarterback Brady Quinn looks to the referee after scoring on a touchdown run. Quinn hits tight end Jerome Collins over the middle of the field — and over the head of an official. Stanford receiver Evan Moore braces himself as Brandon Hoyte approaches to finish a tackle with Dwight Ellick and Tom Zbkowski. Ryan Grant stretches a run to the outside around two Stanford defenders. Defensive lineman Derek Landri rushes Cardinal quarterback Trent Edwards.

The Diary of Gideon

MTV personality and news correspondent Gideon Yago speaks at Washington Hall about his travels

By MOLLY GRIFFIN and KATIE PERRY
Scene Writers

Sporting his signature wire-rimmed glasses and five o'clock shadow, MTV News correspondent Gideon Yago spoke Sunday night at Washington Hall, and never once talked about Courtney Love in court, Britney Spears' marriages or the status of the new U2 album.

Yago surpassed the expected banter of an MTV personality and gave an informed and interesting talk about his experiences and evolution as a journalist for a youth-oriented network. His experiences on the 2000 campaign trail, in New York on 9/11 and in the pre-war and current-day Middle East gave him perspectives on the media and the realm of global events that belies the fact he is only 26 years old.

Answering the question that was on the lips of every unemployed college student, Yago informed the crowd he got his job at MTV because he mistakenly thought he was applying to be on a game show. He actually applied for an experiment that MTV was running for the 2000 campaign in which they would choose six college students to go around the country and make tapes about the experiences of various people around the nation.

He submitted a tape documenting a young Ku Klux Klan member going to his first rally in New York, which was actually the first rally that the city had allowed for years, and revealed both how Yago and the city itself reacted to the gathering. MTV chose his submission, and he followed the John McCain and George Bush groups on the campaign trail during the republican primaries in 2000.

While MTV's overall credibility on political issues was lowered by anti-intellectual shows such as Jackass,

opportunities for the ambitious new VJ materialized when the channel's chief demographic began displaying a greater salience of global issues.

"MTV was changing, because [America's youth] was changing in response to 9/11," Yago said.

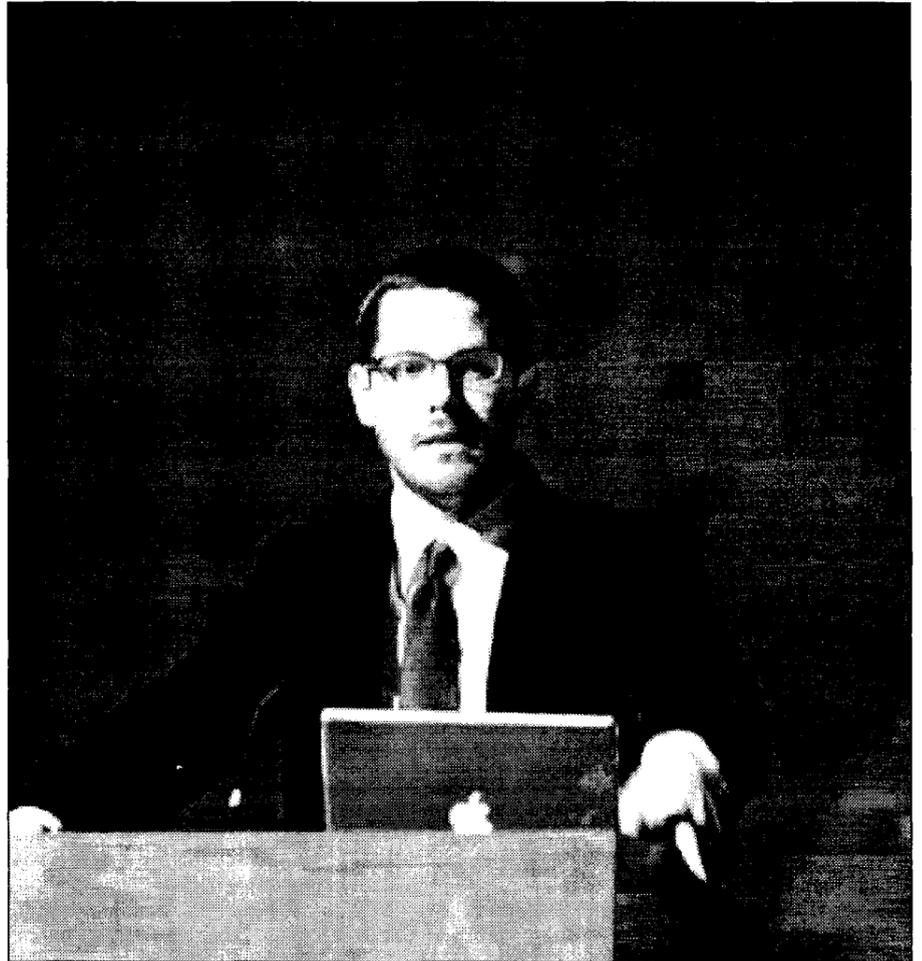
Knowing the campaign season was only temporary, Yago believed he was going to be fired after one of MTV's major award shows. Then the unexpected happened in New York City. Yago was evacuated from a subway after the Sept. 11 attacks, and he had luckily brought a small, digital camcorder in his backpack with which he captured much of the action. In the wake of the attacks, Yago kept busy with various news shows, segments known as "What's Going On?" which defined various terms such as "jihad" that related to the attacks and captured the reaction of the Muslim community to the events.

One of the main thrusts of Yago's talk was the difference between the pre- and post-Sept. 11 attitudes of the media and especially among MTV viewers. According to polls taken by the network, younger viewers were especially concerned with global issues following the attacks - a marked difference from the domestic issues that normally dominated their concerns. This was a unique change in the attitudes of America's youth, and it offered a unique potential for dialogue and different paradigms of thought.

Sept. 11 forced Americans to assume a more global perspective, but the narrower and more nativistic pre-Sept. 11 attitude is slowly creeping back, particularly in the upcoming election.

Very much aware of his own responsibility, Yago set out to address a population of young people who had been, in his opinion, largely ignored by the mainstream media outlets.

"I tried to provide context in mass



RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Gideon Yago spoke about his experiences traveling to places like Kuwait and Iraq while reporting news to the MTV viewers.

media for a youth who were disinterested or unconcerned with current events," Yago said.

The trip Yago took to Kuwait City was originally supposed to center on three shows, which were variations of MTV's popular programs. One show was supposed to center on Kuwaiti youth going to the opening of a Virgin Megastore, the other was supposed to be like the show "Cribs" in a military barracks and the last was supposed to be the reaction of American GIs to the new 50 Cent album. The threat of war in the Middle East changed the thrust of the shows, and they developed into more serious journalistic pieces.

Following his trip to Kuwait, Yago pressed his producers to allow him to go to Iraq to get perspective on the nation following the onset of the American war. He was eventually allowed to go, and he came back with unique experiences and views. He initially talked about the difficulties that Westerners face getting through airport security in the Middle East and the eerie feeling of having to drive through vast desert areas at 120 mph because of the fear of looters.

Yago showed clips from

"The Diary of Gideon in Iraq" that chronicled his trip. He shot 55 hours of footage that was eventually edited to a 22-minute segment.

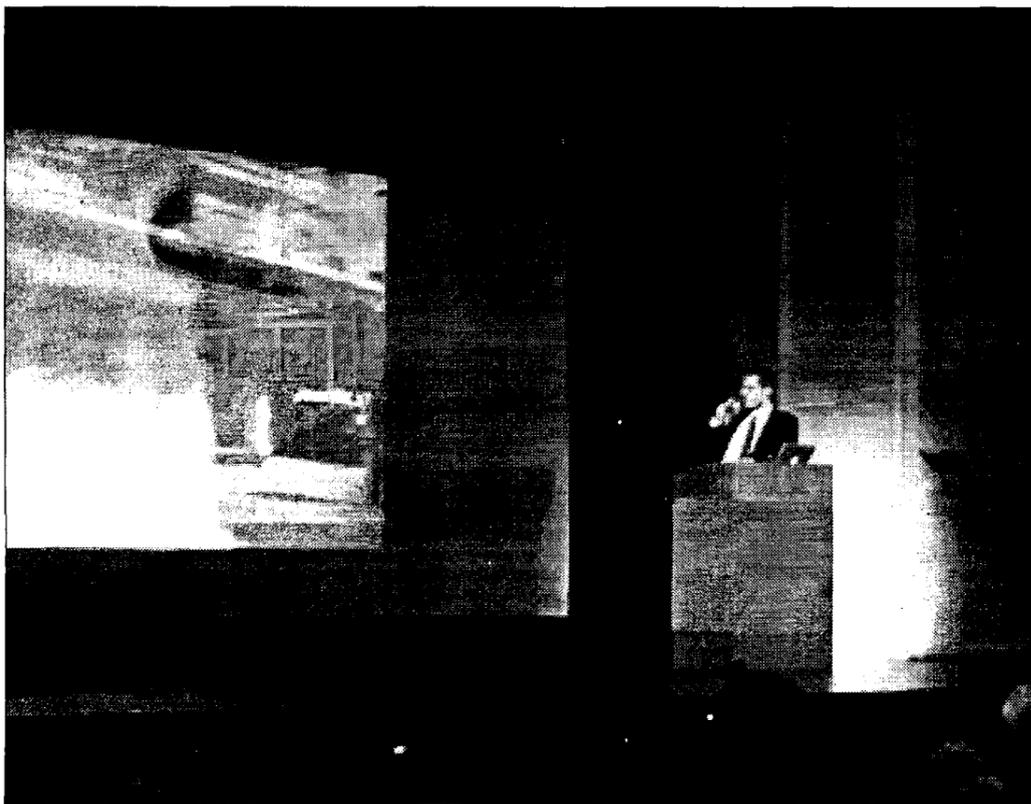
The show focused on young Iraqis and their opinions about Americans after the invasion. Most of them had been sympathetic to America in the beginning, but after the troops allowed chaos and lawlessness to reign in the land, they began to lose faith. Yago expressed a desire to return to the area for their elections in January.

Yago answered questions at the end of the talk. He told the crowd that he had no journalistic experience prior to MTV, save writing for the skater magazine "666" in high school. He also said that another area he wished to visit was Sudan, and that he was a registered Republican in 2000 and an independent now. Someone also asked if MTV tells him what to wear — and the answer was no.

A reception followed the talk for anyone who wanted to ask the news anchor any questions in a more intimate setting.

With the impending election only weeks away, Yago urged students to look beyond the "retail politic-ing" of the candidates and their domesticated outlook on world affairs.

"Be willing to assess things from the other side, any side, all sides," Yago said. Seeing others' point of view is the key for positive change in the right direction."



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Yago's talk included clips from the show "The Diary of Gideon in Iraq." He also said he hoped to return to Iraq to cover the elections in January.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Sooners blank Texas, continue dominance

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Oklahoma Sooners found a new way to devastate the Texas Longhorns. Slowly. Painfully. And with a freshman plucked from East Texas doing most of the damage.

In just his fifth college game, Adrian Peterson ran for 225 yards and made many big plays when No. 2 Oklahoma needed it most, helping the Sooners grind out a 12-0 victory over No. 5 Texas and stretch their winning streak in the storied rivalry to five straight.

The Longhorns were in it until the end, but still suffered some stinging embarrassment - getting shut out for the first time since November 1980, a run of 281 games that was the longest in the country.

As the final seconds ticked off, in crimson-clad fans chanted "Five in a row! Five in a row!" and flashed their hands open to show off five fingers. Then came what's become the typical postgame scene, an Oklahoma player planting an oversized school flag at midfield while the Sooner Schooner takes a victory lap.

USC 23, California 17

Southern California seemed helpless as Aaron Rodgers picked away at its defense, hitting pass after pass.

But with California just 9 yards from a potential winning score, the Trojans finally found a way to stop the Golden Bears' near-perfect quarterback.

The top-ranked Trojans held the seventh-ranked Bears out of the end zone after a first-and-goal with less than two minutes left and held on for a 23-17 victory Saturday.

"I was running on empty, our defense was running on empty, but I knew they weren't going to score," Trojans defensive end Shaun Cody said.

Southern California (5-0, 2-0 Pac-10) extended its winning streak to 14 games and avenged its only loss in the last 26. The Bears' 34-31 triple-overtime victory last season kept the Trojans from claiming an undisputed national title.

Michigan 27, Minnesota 24

After making freshman mistakes, Chad Henne came through for Michigan like a savvy senior.

Tyler Ecker caught a short pass from Henne over the middle, eluded two tackles and lumbered down the sideline for a 31-yard touchdown with 1:57 left to give the 14th-ranked Wolverines a 27-24 victory over No. 13 Minnesota on Saturday.

"Everybody sees you as a freshman, but you need to step up and show them you're really not," Henne said.

Henne was 33-of-49 for 328 yards - all records for a true freshman - and two interceptions, both forced passes in the third quarter.

"To be able to perform at the level he is, I think it's incredible," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said.

Minnesota led 24-17 early in the fourth quarter - after scoring 17 straight points - before losing another heartbreaker against Michigan.

Garrett Rivas' 29-yard field goal with 9:36 left pulled Michigan to 24-20 and started the comeback.

Tennessee 19, Georgia 14

Tennessee hardly looked like the same team. Neither did Georgia.



Oklahoma's Adrian Peterson ran for 225 yards in Saturday's 12-0 win over the University of Texas. Oklahoma has won the previous five games against the Longhorns, and is ranked second in the country. It was the first time Texas was shutout in 24 years.

Bouncing back from a dismal loss at home the week before, No. 17 Tennessee got two touchdown passes from freshman Erik Ainge and held on for a 19-14 upset of the third-ranked Bulldogs on Saturday.

The Volunteers (4-1, 2-1 Southeastern Conference) looked terrible in a 34-10 loss to Auburn - especially Ainge, who threw four interceptions and lost a fumble in his first college start.

The freshman was much better in his first college road game, helping end Georgia's 17-game winning streak between the hedges.

"Coach told us there is nothing like going into someone else's house and being able to come into the locker room and

sing after the game," said Ainge, who completed 12 of 21 for 150 yards and - most important - didn't have a turnover.

Georgia (4-1, 2-1) didn't come close to duplicating its previous game, a near-perfect 45-16 rout of defending SEC champion LSU. David Greene struggled against Tennessee's zone coverages and the Bulldogs kept hurting themselves with penalties.

Wisconsin 24, Ohio State 13

Down 10-0, the Badgers had the Buckeyes right where they wanted them.

Wisconsin's defense throttled No. 18 Ohio State, and Anthony Davis slashed for 168 yards and a touchdown to lead the No. 15 Badgers to a 24-13 victory

Saturday. It was Wisconsin's third straight win on Ohio State's home turf, the first time a visitor has done that since Illinois won four in a row from 1988-94. The Badgers had never before won even twice in a row at Ohio State in the series dating to 1913.

"We've been fortunate and played well," coach Barry Alvarez said. "It's nothing more than that."

Maybe it is. The last two times the Badgers have come to town, Ohio State broke out to a 17-0 lead and ended up losing 42-17 and 20-17. Then a year ago at Camp Randall Stadium, Matt Schabert hit Lee Evans with a 79-yard pass in the fourth quarter for a 17-10 victory.

MLB

Caminiti dies at age 41 after heart attack

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ken Caminiti, the 1996 National League MVP who later admitted using steroids during his major league career, died Sunday. He was 41.

Caminiti died of a heart attack in the Bronx, said his agent-lawyer Rick Licht. The city medical examiner's office said an autopsy would be performed Monday, spokeswoman Ellen Borakove said.

"I'm still in shock," San Diego Padres general manager Kevin Towers said. "He was one of my favorite all-time players."

The three-time All-Star third baseman often was in trouble the last few years. His 15-year big league career ended in 2001, five seasons after he led the Padres to a division title and was a unanimous pick for MVP.

Just last Tuesday, he admitted in a Houston court that he violated his probation by testing posi-

tive for cocaine last month, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

But state District Judge William Harmon gave Caminiti credit for the 189 days he already served in jail and a treatment facility since he was sentenced to three years probation for a cocaine arrest in March 2001.

In May 2002, Caminiti told Sports Illustrated that he used steroids during his MVP season,

when he hit a career-high .326 with 40 home runs and 130 RBIs. He estimated half the players in the big leagues were also using them.

Caminiti returned to baseball this year as a spring training instructor with San Diego.

"When I saw him in spring training, he didn't look good," Towers said. "I'm not surprised."

"The best way to describe him is that he was a warrior in every sense of the word. I can't tell you

how many times I remember him hobbling into the manager's office, barely able to walk, and saying, 'Put me in the lineup.'

Licht said Caminiti was in New York this past weekend to help a friend, but did not go into detail.

"Man, that's just a tough one. I played with him for eight years," Dodgers outfielder Steve Finley said Sunday night, learning of Caminiti's death after St. Louis eliminated Los Angeles from the playoffs.

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NFL

Rams knock off Seahawks in overtime

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Marc Bulger was at his best when his teammates needed him most.

Bulger threw a 52-yard touch-down pass to Shaun McDonald 3 minutes into overtime, leading the St. Louis Rams to a thrilling 33-27 victory over Seattle on Sunday.

"I wish I had some bubbly," receiver Torry Holt said. "As a team, we should feel good about this one."

The Rams (3-2) ended Seattle's 10-game home winning streak, with Bulger leading a 17-point rally by throwing two TD passes in the final 5:34 of regulation. Jeff Wilkins kicked a 36-yard field goal with 8 seconds left, forcing overtime.

"This team never quits," Bulger said. "We have guys who have been in that situation before, and they know not to quit. They play to the end."

The Seahawks (3-1), trying to open 4-0 for the first time ever, had things in control, leading 24-7 at halftime and 27-10 midway through the third period. They came apart when Bulger took over.

"It's a tough way to lose," Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said. "As good as we were in the first half, we were average to below average in the second half. Give the Rams credit. They hung in there."

Bulger, who threw three interceptions before St. Louis rallied, finally got started midway through the fourth. The Rams pulled to 27-17 with 5:34 remaining when he threw an 8-yard TD pass to Brandon Manumaleuna.

St. Louis forced a punt, and McDonald returned it 39 yards to Seattle's 41. On the next play, Kevin Curtis beat two defenders and Bulger found him in stride for a 41-yard scoring strike that made it 27-24.

"A perfect pass," Curtis said. "He was throwing a long route and we had good protection up front. He gave me a great ball."

Giants 26, Cowboys 10

The New York Giants aren't just winning. They're doing the kind of things winning teams do.

Like making a stand on fourth-and-1 deep in their own territory, then again at midfield in the fourth quarter. Like using a drive-reviving defensive penalty as a springboard to the go-ahead touchdown. And not giving up on Tiki Barber after a slow start, leading to a 58-yard run on that pivotal drive.

Barber finished with 122 yards rushing and a touchdown and Steve Christie kicked four field goals, lifting the Giants past the

Dallas Cowboys 26-10 Sunday.

It was New York's fourth win, all in a row since losing its opener. The significant part is that the Giants won only four games last season, so this sends them into their bye with a lot to celebrate.

That is, if tough-to-please coach Tom Coughlin lets them.

"It's nice to be where we are, but we haven't done anything yet," Barber said. "We just have to continue to improve and make strides."

At game's end, Coughlin ran to shake hands with Cowboys coach Bill Parcells, his former boss and sometimes nemesis. This was Coughlin's second win against him in five tries.

Then Parcells blamed himself for the failed fourth-down attempts, although he added he wouldn't have needed to try creating momentum if Dallas (2-2) had played better.

Vikings 34, Texans 28

The crowd was rocking. David Carr and Andre Johnson couldn't miss and the Houston Texans had just forced the game into overtime by rallying from a 21-point deficit.

Then Daunte Culpepper fired a perfect spiral to a streaking Marcus Robinson, and just like that the comeback was over and the Minnesota Vikings had escaped with a 34-28 win.

Culpepper's fifth touchdown pass, a 50-yarder to Robinson on the Vikings' second possession in overtime, allowed Minnesota to win after Carr and Johnson had led the Texans on an electrifying second-half rally.

"We had to fight 60 minutes plus," said Culpepper, who passed for 396 yards. "It's a great win."

It was nearly a disaster for Minnesota (3-1).

The Vikings led 21-0 in the third quarter and 28-14 in the fourth before the Texans (2-3) recovered and sent it into overtime. Carr's second TD pass to Johnson, a 22-yarder with 1:53 to play, tied it at 28.

But while the Texans proved they're never out of any game, the Vikings showed them just how to close one out.

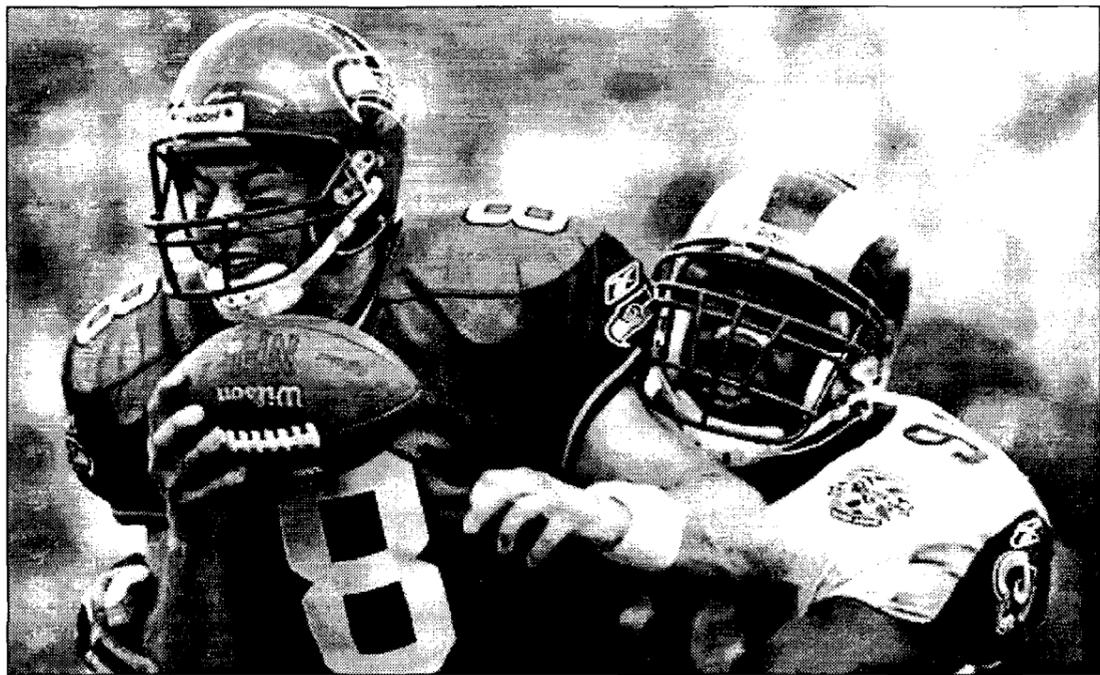
Starting at their own 19, the Vikings moved to midfield in three plays. On first down, Culpepper saw Robinson get a step on a defender and hit him perfectly in stride.

He dropped it.

Two plays later, Culpepper went right back to him on third-and-12. Robinson split the deep coverage and Culpepper delivered another perfect strike.

Robinson hung on this time, racing all by himself the last 15 yards to the end zone.

"I was still upset about the



Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck is sacked by St. Louis Rams defensive end Leonard Little in the fourth quarter Sunday.

drop," Robinson said. "When it was still in the air, all I was thinking was 'catch this ball' and then whatever happens, happens."

Culpepper said it was an easy choice. The Texans had Randy Moss in double coverage, leaving Robinson wide open. Moss had already caught two touchdowns, including a 50-yarder in the fourth quarter.

Lions 17, Falcons 10

The Detroit Lions have learned to win on the road.

Michael Vick is still trying to get a handle on the West Coast offense.

After going three years without a road victory, the Lions made it two in a row Sunday with a 17-10 victory over Vick and the previously unbeaten Atlanta Falcons.

Detroit (3-1) harassed Vick into three turnovers, including a fumble in the final minute that sealed the victory.

"This is a whole different team," cornerback Fernando Bryant said. "We don't care what happened in the past."

Joey Harrington threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Az-Zahir Hakim on fourth-and-5, and Artose Pinner scored on a 1-yard dive with 1:57 left in the first half, the Lions' first rushing TD of the season.

Detroit set an NFL record by losing 24 straight road games over the previous three years, but opened the season with a 20-17 victory in Chicago.

Now, it's getting to be a habit.

"I love the resiliency of this team," coach Steve Mariucci said.

The Falcons (4-1) were denied the first 5-0 start in franchise history, along with Jim Mora taking the first loss of his head coaching career. The only other time Atlanta began 4-0 was 1986.

Another bit of Atlanta chicanery didn't work so well. The Falcons set up for a 30-yard field goal in the final minute of the first half, but kicker Jay Feely took off into the left flat to take a pass from Mohr. Terrence Holt read it all the way, tripping up Feely for a 2-yard loss.

Jets 16, Bills 14

Earlier this week, New York Jets coach Herman Edwards went around the locker room trying to give his players an index card with the following message:

"If you are scared to go 4-0, call the police."

There were no takers. It was easy to see why Sunday against the Buffalo Bills.

Down 14-13 with 5:58 to go, Chad Pennington calmly led his team 60 yards to set up the winning field goal. Doug Brien nailed the 38-yarder with 58 seconds remaining to lift the Jets to a 16-14 victory, moving them to 4-0 for the second time in franchise history.

The last time the Jets were 4-0 was 2000, when they failed to make the playoffs and finished 9-7. They have a chance to go 5-0 for the first time next weekend at home against San Francisco.

"I had a bunch of them made and said, 'If you are scared now, you can take these cards and no one will know you called them,'" Edwards said. "They all looked at me like I was crazy. That's the kind of team we have become. We believe in each other, we believe we can get it done."

Pennington went 31-of-42 for 304 yards with a touchdown and an interception, but his biggest plays came at the end, after Buffalo (0-4) scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns to take the lead. He went 7-of-8 for 51 yards on the winning drive.

Brien got a little redemption, making up for a 29-yard miss earlier in the game.

"You have to go out there and kick it like you're kicking a ball in your back yard," Brien said. "I knew I hit it true. It just seemed like it hung up there for 5 seconds."

Buffalo had one final chance from its 48 with 2 seconds left, but Drew Bledsoe was intercepted by Terrell Buckley near the goal line.

The Bills have lost three times by three points or less. They were poised to win this one, and it all started after Jeff Posey intercepted Pennington early in the fourth.

Buffalo quickly converted. Willis McGahee had a 21-yard run on third-and-9 from the Jets 37, and the Bills scored on the next play when Bledsoe threw a 16-yard pass to Mark Campbell.

The Bills took the lead when Bledsoe connected with Lee Evans on a 46-yard touchdown pass with 5:58 remaining. Coach Mike Mularkey had gathered his team around late in the third quarter and chewed them out for their inconsistency.

Travis Henry said it worked.

"He got everybody up," Henry said. "He told us we were still in the game. It was effective. He got us together and guys stepped up

and held their ground."

It wasn't enough. Bledsoe finished 16-of-29 for 197 yards. Henry, who usually gives the Jets fits, had 12 carries for 33 yards and was limited in the second half by an ankle injury. McGahee had eight carries for 42 yards.

Patriots 24, Dolphins 10

Bill Belichick let a rare smile crease his face before reminding his New England Patriots what their record winning streak meant.

"He said, 'Congratulations on the streak, great job. Now we've got to think about Seattle,'" safety Rodney Harrison said.

At least their dour coach, who downplayed the streak all season, gave the Patriots some time to savor their NFL record 19th straight win, 24-10 over the winless Miami Dolphins on Sunday, before they start preparing for their next game against the Seahawks.

"It doesn't mean anything right now because we are still in the middle of the season," cornerback Ty Law said in a very quiet locker room. "The fruit will taste a little bit sweeter if we can give ourselves an opportunity to play for another championship."

The Patriots (4-0) won with two touchdown passes by Tom Brady, who had his worst statistical start as a pro, and two turnovers by offensively inept Miami.

The Dolphins trailed 24-10 before reaching the New England 1-yard line on their last series. But quarterback Jay Fiedler hurt his ribs and back on a 12-yard sack and, two plays later, A.J. Feeley suffered a concussion as he threw a fourth-down incompleteness and was hit by Roosevelt Colvin.

This Miami team is nothing like the one that no longer shares the record with five other teams. That one went 17-0 in 1972 and won its opener in 1973.

"As a player, you don't think about what (the Patriots) are doing," Miami defensive end Jason Taylor said. "We've got our own things to worry about."

The Dolphins fell to 0-5, matching their worst start as an expansion team in 1966, when they won their sixth game.

New England, which can match its franchise best 5-0 start next Sunday, had shared the 18-game record with Chicago in 1933-34 and again in 1941-42; Miami in 1972-73; San Francisco in 1989-90; and Denver in 1997-98.

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NCAA Football AP Top 25

	team	record	points
1	USC (41)	5-0	1,601
2	Oklahoma (23)	5-0	1,582
3	Miami	4-0	1,464
4	Auburn	6-0	1,450
5	Purdue	5-0	1,241
6	Virginia	5-0	1,219
7	Florida State	4-1	1,188
8	California	3-1	1,094
9	Texas	4-1	1,010
10	Wisconsin	6-0	993
11	Utah	5-0	979
12	Georgia	4-1	963
13	Tennessee	4-1	947
14	Michigan	5-1	813
15	Arizona State	5-0	631
16	Oklahoma State	5-0	590
17	West Virginia	4-1	574
18	Louisville	4-0	546
19	Minnesota	5-1	482
20	LSU	4-2	450
21	Boise State	5-0	413
22	Florida	3-2	342
23	Texas A&M	4-1	106
24	Southern Miss	4-0	97
25	Ohio State	3-2	90

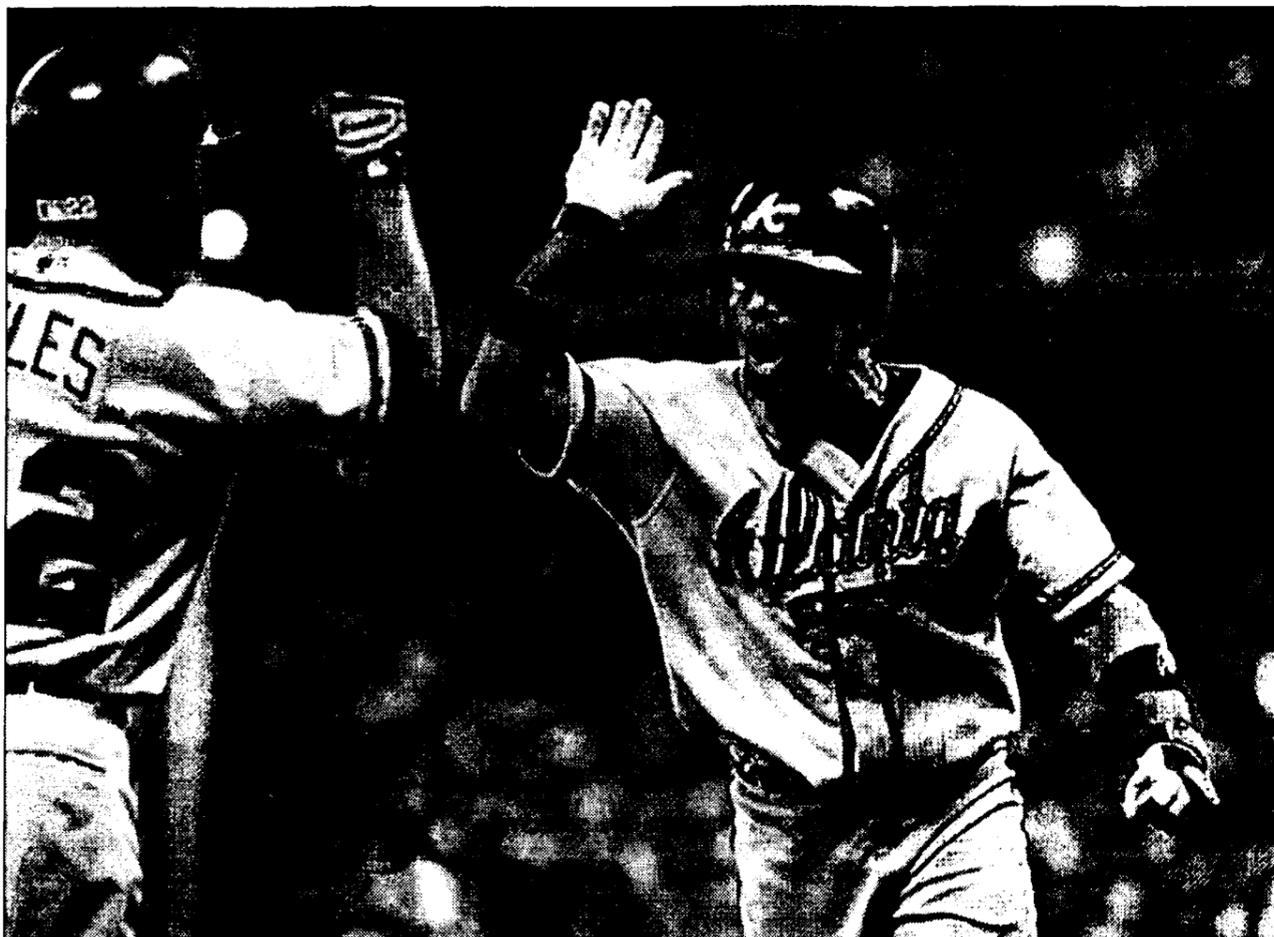
NCAA Football Coaches Poll

	team	record	points
1	USC (45)	5-0	1,509
2	Oklahoma (15)	5-0	1,476
3	Miami (1)	4-0	1,398
4	Auburn	6-0	1,341
5	Purdue	5-0	1,160
6	Virginia	5-0	1,142
7	Florida State	4-1	1,135
8	Georgia	4-1	978
9	California	3-1	942
10	Utah	5-0	931
11	Texas	4-1	911
12	Wisconsin	6-0	881
13	Michigan	5-1	862
14	Tennessee	4-1	732
15	Oklahoma State	5-0	570
16	West Virginia	4-1	530
17	Louisville	4-0	512
18	Boise State	5-0	498
19	Arizona State	5-0	486
20	Minnesota	5-1	423
21	LSU	4-2	405
22	Florida	3-2	299
23	Ohio State	3-2	157
24	Missouri	4-1	99
25	Southern Miss	4-0	88

Women's Big East Soccer

team	Big East	overall
NOTRE DAME (1/1)	7-0-0	14-0-0
Connecticut	6-2-0	9-5-0
West Virginia (20/21)	5-2-0	10-3-0
Boston College (22/-)	4-2-0	9-4-0
Villanova	4-3-0	10-4-0
Rutgers	3-3-0	8-7-0
St. John's	2-4-0	8-4-1
Georgetown	2-3-0	5-7-0
Syracuse	1-4-1	6-5-2
Pittsburgh	1-3-1	4-6-1
Seton Hall	1-5-0	6-6-2
Providence	0-5-0	4-10-0

MLB



Atlanta Braves' Rafael Furcal, right, celebrates with teammate Marcus Giles after scoring what proved to be the winning run against the Houston Astros during the ninth inning of game 4 of the playoffs on Sunday.

Braves even series

Associated Press

HOUSTON — John Smoltz, Adam LaRoche and J.D. Drew saved the Atlanta Braves from another quick playoff exit.

The Braves pounced on Houston's bullpen as soon as Roger Clemens was gone, rallying from a 3 run deficit for a 6-5 victory Sunday that tied the best-of-five NL series at two games apiece.

LaRoche hit a tying, three-run homer in the sixth inning and Drew singled home the go-ahead run in the ninth, handing the Astros their latest agonizing loss in October and forcing the

series back to Atlanta for Game 5 on Monday.

"We get to go back home and the plane ride's a lot easier," Smoltz said. "We worked very hard to get home-field advantage and we need to take care of it. I feel like we got a break today."

Working on short rest himself, Clemens left after five innings with a 5-2 lead, but the Braves rallied to snap Houston's 19-game home winning streak. It was another wrenching postseason loss for the Astros, still looking to win a playoff series for the first time in their 43-season history.

St. Louis advances

Cardinals fly past 1st round

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Albert Pujols and the St. Louis Cardinals sure looked like the best team in baseball.

St. Louis advanced to the NL championship series for the third time in five years, beating the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-2 Sunday night to win their first-round playoff 3-1.

Jeff Suppan settled down after a shaky start, Pujols hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer off loser Wilson Alvarez in the fourth inning and the Cardinals kept the Dodgers searching for their

first postseason series victory since winning the 1988 World Series.

St. Louis, a major league-best 105-57 during the regular season, starts the NLCS at home Wednesday against the winner of Monday night's fifth game between Atlanta and Houston. The Cardinals are trying to become the first team with the top regular-season record to win the World Series since the 1998 New York Yankees.

As Pujols' towering fly ball sailed just over left fielder Jayson Werth into the lower left-field stands, the raucous crowd of 56,268 — largest crowd in Dodger Stadium history — went silent.

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SWIMMING

2004 World Championships 7 p.m., ESPN2

IN BRIEF

Davenport wins Porsche Grand Prix over No. 1

FILDERSTADT, Germany — Lindsay Davenport won the Porsche Grand Prix on Sunday when top-ranked Amelie Mauresmo quit after losing the first set because of an injured left thigh.

Davenport captured this No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown for her tour-high seventh title of the year and 45th of her career.

"It's just a bad feeling — there's not a whole lot of joy in playing like this," Davenport said. "We played maybe one tough game, the first game, then her leg started bothering her."

Mauresmo will undergo tests to see if she can play in next week's Kremlin Cup. If the Frenchwoman withdraws, Davenport needs to win just one match to gain the top spot. Davenport trails Mauresmo in the WTA rankings by just 15 points.

Davenport won the first set 6-2

before Mauresmo withdrew because her heavily taped thigh hampered her movement. Mauresmo was hurt in the third game when Davenport broke serve to lead 2-1. After the next game, she left the court to have her thigh taped and was unable to chase down the American's shots the rest of the set.

"I am a little disappointed because I think we would have played a great match," said Mauresmo, who was going for her fourth title of the season.

Mauresmo made it clear all week how much she wanted to keep the top ranking while Davenport minimized the importance of becoming No. 1 a fifth time.

Mauresmo earned \$53,000. College hockey benefits from NHL lockout

DENVER — Long played under the radar, especially in big-time pro sports towns like Denver, college hockey is enjoying a coming-out of

sorts this fall, thanks largely to the NHL lockout that has transformed the college game into the only game in town.

DU got doubly lucky, because it has the city's undivided hockey attention in this, the season after its first national championship since 1969.

There's been a 36 percent increase in season-ticket sales from last year to this. Marketing director David Madsen said 28 percent of the gains came in the summer, while the glow of the national championship was still bright. Most of the rest coincided with Sept. 15, the week of the NHL lockout.

That week also brought about something few ever thought they'd see — a handful of players from the Colorado Avalanche working out with the college guys at DU. The Pioneers may not have been the kind of sparing partner the Avs are used to, but with the lockout on, their choices were limited.

SMC GOLF

Belles earn third straight title

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Persistence and consistency characterized the Belles' performance this weekend, as they secured their third consecutive MIAA conference win.

Saint Mary's, nationally ranked at No. 4, finished the conference tournament with 652 strokes. Rival Olivet, who was expected to provide the most threat to the conference title, trailed with 675 strokes.

The Belles also collected a number of individual accolades. Junior Julia Adams and seniors Stefanie Simmerman and Chrissy Dunham earned spots on the all-MIAA first team, while juniors Megan Mattia and Nicole Bellino were named to the all-MIAA second team. Adams led the team as medalist of the tournament, firing sub-80 scores all weekend and finishing

with 155 strokes.

"Julia played consistently well in the conference tournament," Simmerman said. "I couldn't be more proud of her."

Simmerman followed close behind Adams, posting 157 strokes for a second-place finish. Junior Megan Mattia earned a seventh-place finish, shooting a 169, and senior captain Chrissy Dunham rounded out the Belles success at ninth place with a 172.

Simmerman put the reason for Saint Mary's success in simple terms.

"We did what we came to do," Simmerman said. "That was one of our goals going into this season — to be highly visible in the top 15. I think it shows how well we dominate the conference."

Although the Belles entered the weekend with a 47-stroke lead, the competition was anything easy. Friday afternoon's round brought strong

winds and rain for some portions of the tournament. On Saturday, weather conditions hadn't improved much, as the previous night's rain made for a soggy course.

"It was windy all weekend," Simmerman said. "You had to use a one club no matter which way you played the hole."

Dunham said the team's doggedness and can-do attitude despite the conditions showed just how much potential the team possesses.

"I think it's a reflection of our dedication and the hard work each team member has put in over the course of the season," Dunham said. "Winning conference was important for us because it gives us momentum for the spring so we can realize our goals and win the NCAA Championship."

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MLB

Yanks, Red Sox meet in the ALCS yet again

Associated Press

NEW YORK — From the instant Aaron Boone's home run cleared the left-field wall last October, the Yankees and Red Sox have been building to this.

The tug-of-war over Alex Rodriguez, the sniping between owners, the on-field fight and the off-field posturing. If not inevitable, a rematch seemed fated.

And come Tuesday night, the players, the fans and the sponsors get what they want: New York and Boston, fighting for the AL pennant again.

"Clash of the titans for the pennant," Boone said Sunday. "I think a lot of people wanted to see this. I'm looking forward to following it."

The rivalry brings out the best and worst, on the field and off, leaving baseball's biggest spenders fixated on each other above all else — that's why Pedro Martinez proclaimed after losing to New York last month: "Call the Yankees my daddy. I can't find a way to beat them at this point."

Unless they were in the same ballpark, games were merely preludes or postscripts this year. New York's 3-1 win over the Twins in the opening round of the playoffs merely a tease, Boston's three-game sweep of the Angels an appetizer before the meat of the main course.

In the long run, Derek Jeter's flying dive into the stands to grab Trot Nixon's popup on July 1 and Nomar Garciaparra's no-show that night will be remembered far longer than either first-round series.

"If not now, then when?" Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said Sunday at Fenway Park.

"Idiots worldwide are thrilled. They've never had such great p.r.," he said, playing off his players' nickname for themselves. "Now that it's here, we can admit that if we're able to win a World Series and go through New York along the way,

it will mean that much more."

Last fall's seven-game classic, capped by Boone's 11th-inning homer off Tim Wakefield, has been replayed in New York more often than any sitcom. Boston, which watched Pedro Martinez waste a 4-0 lead in the fourth inning and a 5-2 advantage in the eighth, fired manager Grady Little and replaced him with Terry Francona.

Red Sox fans could only take solace that the Yankees were so spent they lost 4-2 to Florida in the World Series.

Even this year, the Yankees got so juiced up during their three-game sweep of Boston at mid-season, they staggered into Shea Stadium and got swept three straight by the lowly Mets.

Since last fall, Boston added pitchers Curt Schilling and Keith Foulke, then jettisoned Garciaparra at the trade deadline. New York brought in A-Rod, Gary Sheffield and Kevin Brown, among others.

Rodriguez has been at the center. The first spring training meeting of the teams after the AL MVP was traded from Texas to New York was hyped to an absurd level. There were commemorative pins and "Evil Empire" T-shirts being sold that afternoon at City of Palms Park.

When A-Rod went 1-for-17 in a four-game series at Fenway Park, New York fans questioned his fortitude. The Red Sox started 6-1 against the Yankees for the first time since 1913.

But that was April. In Boston and New York, the important number is 1918 — the last year the Red Sox won the World Series. Boston sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees a year later, and since then New York has 26 World Series titles to zero for Boston.

In July, with the Yankees ahead by 9 1/2 games en route to their seventh straight AL East title, Rodriguez was in the middle of the latest New York-Boston brawl, sparked when catcher Jason Varitek shoved him in the face after Bronson Arroyo plunked A-Rod with a pitch.

MEN'S GOLF

Irish to travel to E. Illinois Invite

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Five members of the Irish golf team will travel to Tuscola, Ill., to compete in the Eastern Illinois Invitational over the next two days. Because NCAA regulations place a limit on the amount of competition days each team can have, the five players will be competing as individuals, and, as such, Notre Dame will not be represented at the event.

Events like this, often dubbed "JV tournaments" by the team, help give experience to young or struggling players who may not often represent the Irish in official events.

"These guys most likely won't compete in the last two events of the fall season, but they're trying to get themselves ready for a spot in the spring," said assistant coach Chris Whitten, who will

coach the team today and Tuesday.

Leading the delegation on the course are seniors K.C. Wiseman and Steve Colnitis. Wiseman, a team co-captain, will be competing in his second individual event, after playing in the Earl Yestingmeier Classic last week. Both seniors hope to have good rounds to position themselves to compete for the Irish in future events.

Junior Federico Salazar and sophomore Adam Gifford will also be taking the bus to Tuscola. Both will be competing in their second events, with Salazar coming of a 52nd place finish at the John Dallio Invitational two weeks ago, and Gifford tying for 17th in the same event.

Rounding out the group will be sophomore Adam Hoyer. Hoyer, a transfer from the University of Florida, just received a roster spot last week after trying out

and practicing with the Irish over the course of the semester.

Although he may not play much for the Irish team this season, Whitten hopes he still may be able to provide some kind of spark.

"We're impressed with the competitiveness he brings to the table. He's very intense on the golf course and gets everything out of his game," Whitten said of Hoyer.

The players will have to deal with some difficult weather conditions at the Invitational. The course is laid over a very open stretch of land, and the wind is going to affect play on both days.

"The weather is going to be an important factor," Whitten said. "It's going to be really windy, and we have to have control of our shots."

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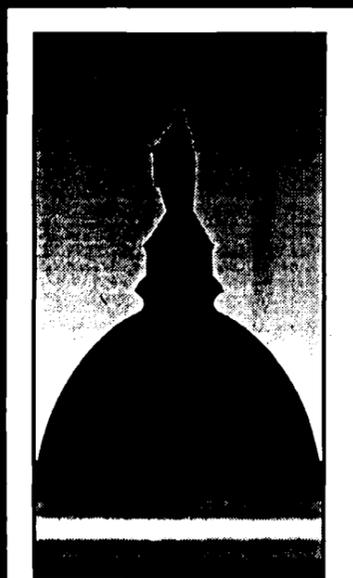
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SMC SOCCER

Belles defeat Albion 8-0

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Editor

After numerous tries throughout the season, the Belles have finally broken open the flood gates.

After setting a season high for goals four days earlier in a 8-1 win over Tri-State University, Saint Mary's matched that feat and was impressive again in a 8-0 shutout of Adrian College.

"The past two games we've played in, we've been able to score a lot of goals, and finding the net like that is always good to help us build more confidence for our upcoming games," sophomore midfielder Ashley Hinton said. "Throughout the season, we've had a lot of opportunities to score, but we could never capitalize. Recently, we've been able to put the ball in the back of the net more frequently."

Hinton certainly did her part to help the offense on Saturday, scoring two quick goals in the first ten minutes to put the Belles ahead, and then adding a third later in the game off of a diving header. The hat trick against Adrian made five goals in the two games this week for Hinton, and she was rewarded for her efforts afterwards when the MIAA named her Offensive co-player of the week.

"Ashley played an excellent game," sophomore Carolyn Logan said. "She got inspired, stepped up her work ethic and level of play, and took advantage of what she could do on

the field."

Hinton wasn't the only one who was able to exploit the Adrian defense. Senior captain Jen Concannon followed her goal against Tri-State with two more Saturday, moving her into fifth place in goals scored in the conference. The Belles also got goals from McKenna Keenan, Carrie Orr and Emily Wagoner.

"We've gained a lot more confidence in our offense," Logan said. "The scoring is spread around because a lot of people have stepped it up. It's good to know our offense isn't completely dependent on one or two people."

Along with increased scoring, the team has been playing significantly stronger soccer since its loss to Olivet two weeks ago.

"We definitely picked up some momentum after the Olivet game; each game matters, and if you want the outcome, you have to play for it on the field," Hinton said. "We realized after the Olivet game how easily we can hit a bump in the road, and we've really picked ourselves up from that game and moved on."

The Belles were able to benefit from having back-to-back games at home this week, including the first game at home on a Saturday all year.

"Throughout this year, we've struggled with Saturday games

because they were always away games," Hinton said. "There was a lot of fan support; it was really just a fun day in general."

Thanks to the large number of families in town for the weekend, the crowd was even larger than usual.

"It was really great because we had a large crowd watching us; it felt good to play at home on a Saturday," Logan said.

"I think there's a big advantage to playing at home. We have the crowd in our favor, and we don't have to deal with the long traveling time to the opponent's field. We just think to ourselves, 'We won't let anyone beat us on our field.'"

Although the win was important for the Belles, they now turn their attention to the game looming Wednesday against Kalamazoo.

"After a game like this, we're proud of our effort, but we're more focused on the Kalamazoo game than celebrating," Logan said. "We want to put the first half of the season behind us, both wins and losses, and play like this was a brand new season. We're going to focus and try our best to improve on problems from before so that we can play the best soccer that we can."

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"We want to put the first half of the season behind us ..."

Carolyn Logan
Belles forward

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Thompsons fall just short in final

Sophomore twins lose in final game of collegiate grand slam tournament

Associated Press

PACIFIC PALISADES, Calif. — Sophomore twins Christian Thompson and Catrina Thompson, the seventh-ranked doubles team in college tennis, fell just shy of delivering Notre Dame's first-ever collegiate grand slam championship, as they lost in the title match of the



Christina Thompson



Catrina Thompson

Riviera/Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Women's All-American Championships Sunday morning at the Riviera Tennis Club.

The Thompsons and the rest of the Irish will return to action next weekend, taking part in Notre Dame's lone home fall tournament, the Eck Classic, from Oct. 15-17.

In the final, a pair of University of Florida freshmen, Whitney Benik and Lolita Frangulyan, put an end to the twins' run by registering an 8-3 victory to claim the first national championship of the 2004-05 season.

Benik and Frangulyan actually suffered a defeat last week in the final round of prequalifying for the event, but they gained a "lucky-loser" berth into the qualifying rounds and eventually were victorious in the main draw.

The Florida rookies, who made their collegiate debuts in this tournament, are now 10-1

on the season.

The Thompsons, who came to Notre Dame in 2003 as the top-ranked girls' 18-and-under doubles team in the United States, suffered their first defeat in seven matches this season.

They were the first Irish duo ever reach the doubles final of a collegiate grand slam event.

The Thompsons — who topped the No. 6, No. 1 and No. 11 teams en route to the final over the previous three days — are the second set of twins ever to reach the final of a collegiate grand slam.

The Las Vegas natives were playing in just their second grand slam tournament.

They were the first all-freshman team in Division I since 1998 to earn a berth in the NCAA Doubles Championship, reaching the round of 16 in May before falling in three sets.

The All-American Championships, the National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships (to which the Thompsons have earned an automatic bid into the 16-team main draw), and the year-end NCAA Championships are college tennis' three national championship events.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles fall victim to stronger Calvin

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

Calvin College showed why it is second in the conference as it picked apart the Belles on Friday. The Knights improved to 10-1 in conference play, 15-5 overall and completed the season sweep of the Belles. The loss dropped Saint Mary's to 4-7 in the MIAA and 4-10 on the season.

The Belles played a strong first game against Calvin and just barely missed taking the early lead, ultimately losing 30-28.

However, things quickly turned around for Saint Mary's in the second game as mistakes proved to be very costly. They played poorly on both offense and defense and allowed their opponent to take advantage of these opportunities.

The Knights pounded the Belles by a score of 30-10 and Calvin clinched the sweep by winning the third game 30-28.

Overall, the Belles held their own against one of the best teams in the league. Aside from a dismal second game, the Belles were within striking distance in the other two contests. But once again, mental errors proved too much to overcome for the team.

"We played pretty well, especially in the first and third games," Elise Rupright said. "But

there were a lot of mistakes in the second game, and we fell apart."

In the match, Anne Cusack continued to dominate on defense as she registered 19 digs. Rupright and Michelle Gary each ended the match with seven kills apiece on offense. Michelle Turley provided 13 kills and eight digs in the contest. Senior Stacy Stark added five kills of her own against the Knights.

This marked the second of five consecutive road games for the Belles, as well as their second loss in a row.

"All our home games are done for the most part," Rupright said. "We are used to traveling from the way our schedule has been and it really hasn't affected us that much."

Even with the loss, the Belles can still walk away with the feeling that they can compete with any team in the league if they stick to their game. But Saint Mary's can't afford to let mental mistakes hinder its play as the tournament looms closer.

Saint Mary's will travel to Tri-State University Tuesday to take on the Thunder at 7 p.m. This should be a good opportunity for the Belles to get back on track as Tri-State has yet to win a single conference match this year.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Team finishes fifth at the Eagle Invitational

By ANNA FRIANCO
Sports Writer

The Belles had a successful weekend at the Eagle Invitational hosted by Benedictine University. Saint Mary's placed fifth out of 22 teams on Friday afternoon, completing their final non-conference race of the season.

The top four finishers for the Belles were junior Becky Feauto, freshman Megan Gray and sophomores Sara Otto and Katie White.

Otto also recorded her best finish of the season, crushing her previous time by over two minutes. Saint Mary's finished only behind Northern Illinois, Goshen College, North Central and Marian. Among the teams the Belles defeated were Bethel College, Lake Forest and Saint Xavier.

The impressive finish Saint Mary's had on Friday put the team in a great position mentally for the conference championship later this month. Gray commented on the high moral that everyone had achieved.

"It definitely gave us a boost of confidence, she said. "I think we're all really excited."

The Belles have been preparing through its races ever since the MIAA Invitational, and its success on Friday may have given the runners exactly the reinforcement that it needs in order

to come out of the season with the best finish in Saint Mary's cross country history.

In order to recover for the conference race the runners will decrease their workouts beginning with fall break. The Belles will be training on their own next week, with everyone returning home for the vacation.

And the break might be exactly what everyone needs in order to put the Belles in prime position for Oct. 30 and the conference championship. But this ease in the action has come after a few weeks of difficult challenges. Everyone on the team has felt the effects of not only the harsher running climate, but also the usual stress that comes along with the mid-term season.

"We're all really tired [and] stressed-out with midterms ... but we'll all be fresh for the conference meet," Gray said.

Everyone has managed to stay healthy and injury-free despite the pressures of the past couple of weeks.

Between this race and the Lakefront Invitational the team ran in last week, Saint Mary's should be well prepared to finish off the season in great fashion. In three short weeks the Belles will have the opportunity to take the cross-country program to new heights.

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Orange

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the staggering scoreless streak, Clark also points the team's overall play as a significant component of keeping the opposition off the scoreboard.

"[The shutouts are] good team defense," Clark said. "It's great having a goalkeeper like Chris Sawyer, but you don't have shutouts without a whole team working together. You've got to hand it to the entire team."

In both Irish overtime victories this season, a free kick along the left edge of the box set up the game winner.

While McGeeney eventually slammed home a loose ball off a free kick by midfielder John Stephens to top Boston College Oct. 1, midfielder Ian Etherington didn't waste any time on his free kick opportunity Sunday, slotting an untouched ball past screened Orange goalkeeper Alim Karem and inside the far right post for the game winner.

"The goalkeeper has a hard job when balls are played into the box," Clark said. "It's very difficult because you don't know if people are going to touch it or miss it. It was a good free kick played into a dangerous area—it was a good goal."

While the Irish waited until the third minute of the second overtime to extend their winning streak, they dominated the contest, taking 25 shots to Syracuse's six, as well as 16 of the game's final 18 shots.

McGeeney just missed putting the Irish ahead on a pair of heel flicks earlier in the contest—both ricocheted off the woodwork and were cleared out of danger—and



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Alex Youshnaga battles with a Syracuse defender Friday. The Irish defeated the Orangemen 1-0 to improve to 9-2-1.

forward Tony Megna nearly netted his fifth goal in three games when his breakaway bid to end the game in regulation clanged off the right post with three minutes left.

While Karem was busy deflecting shots and keeping the underdog Orange even with the Irish, Sawyer was only forced to make a pair of routine stops in recording his sixth clean sheet.

Notre Dame will take a break from conference play Wednesday when it welcomes Michigan to Alumni Field. The Irish will be in search of some revenge after the Wolverines eliminated the Irish on penalty kicks in last

season's Sweet 16.

After looking horns with Michigan, Notre Dame will conclude the Big East portion of its schedule with four consecutive games against conference opponents.

Notes

Notre Dame's effort on the field wasn't the only thing that impressed Clark Sunday afternoon.

"That was a great crowd," Clark said of the 1,206 that watched the Irish defeat Syracuse at Alumni Field. "That was probably the best Sunday crowd I've seen."

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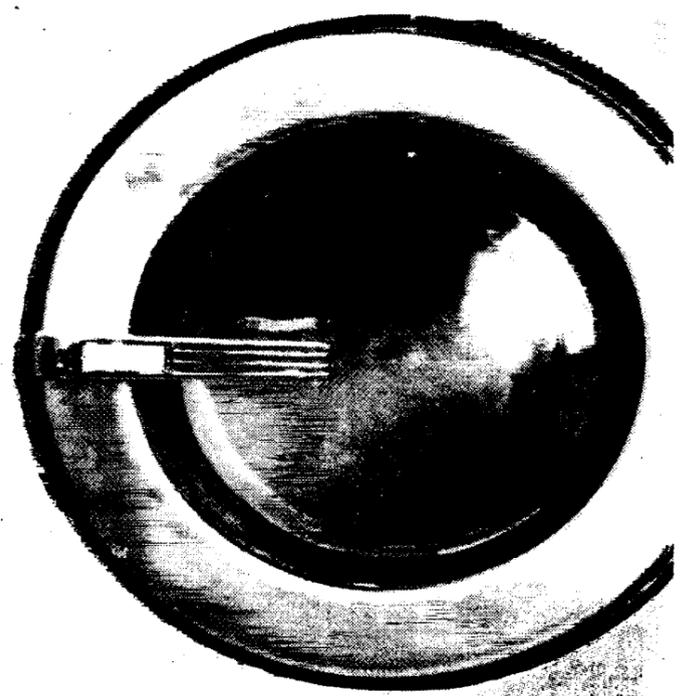
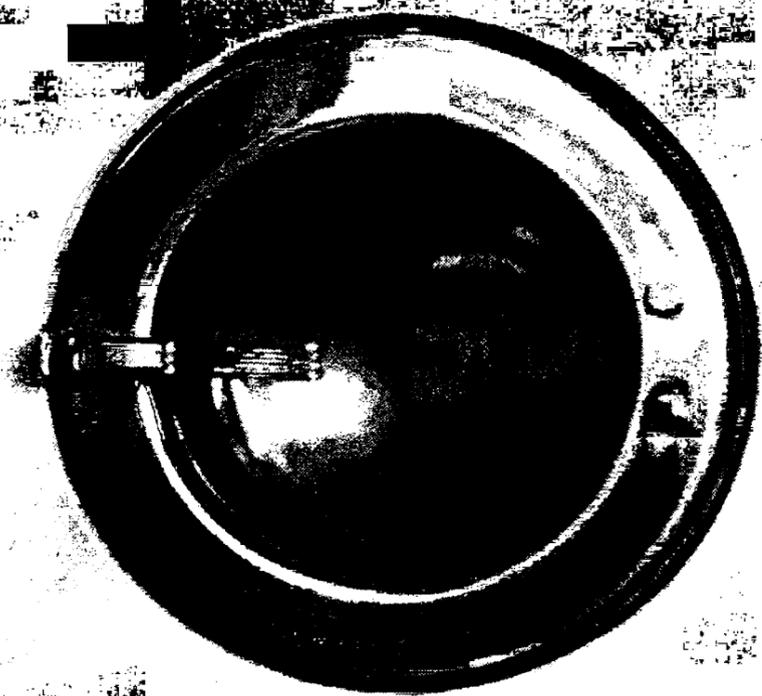
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Brewster

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Ashley Tarutis and junior Kelly Burrell posting 27 and 18 assists respectively. Senior Emily Loomis and freshman Adrianna Stasiuk chipped in nine kills each and junior Carolyn Cooper had five kills and .333 on hitting.

On the defensive end, the Irish limited Rutgers to under .100 hitting in every game. Rutgers couldn't collect more than 13 kills a game and committed 27 errors overall. This, in part, was due to a collective Irish effort culminating in nine blocks. Junior Meg Henican led the team in digs, with ten, while Stasiuk and Corbett registered nine and six respectfully.

The Irish retained the lead throughout the first game. After Rutgers inched closer to a victory, Notre Dame answered with a 7-2 scoring run to finish the match. Rutgers made the second game more competitive, claiming three of the first five points of the game.

The Irish rebounded to take a 15-8 lead to secure the win. Rutgers' fate was sealed as the Irish continued to maintain control of the game, only allowing their opponents to get within one point 11-10.

The Irish thrived on the momentum they gained from the Rutgers match, defeating Seton Hall (6-14) in four sets. Henican's 37-dig effort broke a 12-year-old school record during Sunday's match, while Kelbley excelled offensively with 25 kills. Kelbley's contributions made her the first Irish player in almost four years to garner 25 kills in a match.

"Meg did an amazing job against Seton Hall," Brewster said. "That's why we have her at libero—because she's so amazing in the back row. She can see where the hitters are going to place the ball and she adjusts for that."

Stasiuk continued to impress her coaches and teammates defensively, notching 14 digs. Setters Tarutis and Burrell also shined, leading the Irish to 17 or more kills per game and a .340

hitting percentage. Tarutis recorded 46 assists and Burrell registered 16. Cooper led the team in blocks, having a hand in five of the team's 11 blocks, while Brewster recorded four block assists.

Seton Hall threatened Notre Dame's win in the first game, leading 24-23 before the Irish claimed seven of the next points to complete the game. In the third game, Seton Hall collected their first victory against Notre Dame in the 29 games they had played over 10 matches. The game included 13 ties, but after the Irish tied the score at 24-24, Seton Hall claimed the lead again and never looked back. Although the fourth game looked to be equally challenging for both teams, the Irish maintained their lead after pulling ahead 5-4. Notre Dame continued to widen their margin of victory until they finished off Seton Hall with a seven point lead.

The Irish take the courts again, facing Illinois State on Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

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Hockey

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Nine of their 10 guys are exactly the same, and that's a pretty nice option.

"On the 5-on-3, the hesitant nature always comes from trying to make the perfect play. It's okay to score ugly goals and we're going to have to do that this year."

Despite Minnesota-Duluth's experience on special teams, the Irish penalty kill still did an admirable job, holding the Bulldogs to 1-for-8 on their own power play Friday night and a total killing rate of 2-for-20 in the series.

Forward Matt Amado gave the Irish a lead early on with a power play goal, but Notre Dame stymied continuously by Minnesota-Duluth goalie Josh Johnson and was unable to increase its one-goal advantage. Perhaps Johnson's biggest save came in the second period with the score 2-1 in favor of the Bulldogs, when he robbed Mike Walsh's point-blank shot from the crease with a stunning glove save.

"I didn't feel like we were really sharp from the first touch of the puck," Poulin said. "I don't know whether it's the physical side not being there. Even the focus from last night wasn't there, and we shot wide and missed shots too often, and the times we did get the puck on net their goalie was there to make a great save."

Poulin also elected to change his goalie from Thursday, starting sophomore David Brown in net instead of Morgan Cey. Brown made 28 saves on the night, while Johnson made 27 for the Bulldogs.

Amado's quick wrist shot from the right dot at 3:40 of

the first period gave Notre Dame an early 1-0 lead. Defenseman Wes O'Neill set up the shot with a perfect pass from just inside the blue line, allowing Amado to slap the puck past Johnson as he moved over to try to make the save.

"We're feeling really good after that first goal," Amado said. "We were really full of energy and were making good decisions with the puck and keeping up that high tempo."

The Irish lead didn't last through the period, with freshman forward Mike Curry picking up a loose puck and beating Brown with a power play goal of his own at 17:39 of the first period.

The second period was a mess of penalties and odd-man opportunities for both teams. It was the Bulldogs who were able to take advantage, with Justin Williams making a perfect pass to Tim Stapleton on a 2-on-1 break. Stapleton then had no problem beating Brown for the goal at 12:20 of the second period.

"The play that hurt was that second goal," Poulin said. "I thought that the second goal was really disappointing because we've been working on our 4-on-4 play. What happened relaxing in the neutral zone and we had a simple pass to make but we missed that pass and before you knew it we were down 2 to 1."

The Bulldogs added two insurance goals in the third period, with Brett Hammond scoring just inside the right post and Curry pitching in a backhanded goal late in the period to put the game away.

The Irish open conference play this weekend with a pair of games at Miami (Ohio).

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Soccer

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The Hoyas dealt the first blow by scoring with less than four minutes remaining in the half. But the Irish answered right back when Cinalli tied the game 59 seconds later. She put a pass from Maggie Manning over Georgetown goalkeeper Jade Higgins and into the top of the net.

Notre Dame had its opportunities in the second half, but still could not manage a goal. The game looked as though it might head into overtime until Buczkowski put a feed from Jannica Tjeder inside the left post to all but secure the victory.

"Jannica played a great ball through and I wanted to take a good touch towards goal and then get it on frame," Buczkowski said.

On Friday, the Irish got just what they expected from Villanova, a defensive struggle. It took a perfectly placed shot from Cinalli in the middle of the first half to beat Wildcat goalkeeper Jillian Loyden.

"She scored a world-class goal," Waldrum said. "From 25 yards out she struck it right in the top corner." Irish goalkeeper Erika Bohn provided ample support, posting the team's seventh shutout this season.

The two bright spots on the weekend were the performances of Cinalli and Bohn. With her pair of goals, Cinalli now has seven on the season, good for the second-highest total on the team.

"With the [team] movement of the ball, they set me up for great opportunities so I don't do a lot of



HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer

Amanda Cinalli in a past game with Providence. The Irish remain undefeated by beating Georgetown and Villanova this weekend.

the work," she said.

"She's just a highly competitive kid," Waldrum said of his star freshman. "If we can get her to go to the goal a little more and take advantage of shooting opportunities, she's only going to get better."

This weekend, Waldrum was also looking for one of his three goalkeepers to establish herself worthy of the starting role for the remainder of the season. Bohn's play this weekend may have earned her that distinction.

"She played very well against Villanova and [against Georgetown] the goal that was scored was not her fault," Waldrum said. "She had a very good weekend."

Though he doesn't think the Irish gave their best effort, he can still see signs of improvement.

"As young as we are, we're still continuing to learn how to handle these kind of situations," he said. "We lost the game up here two

years ago and this year, to do it and win, I hope it's a sign we're growing a little bit."

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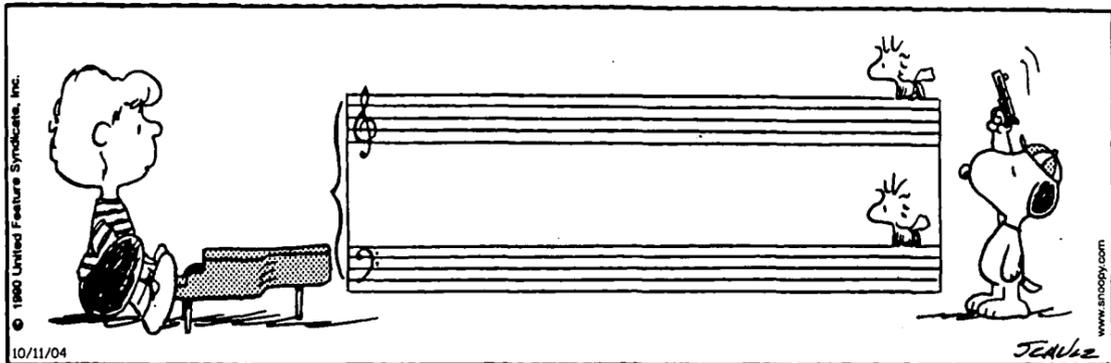
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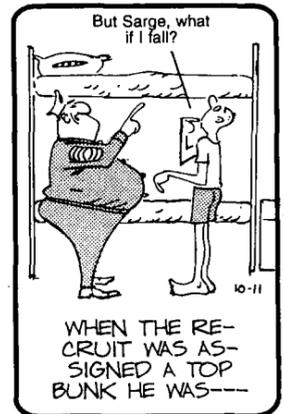
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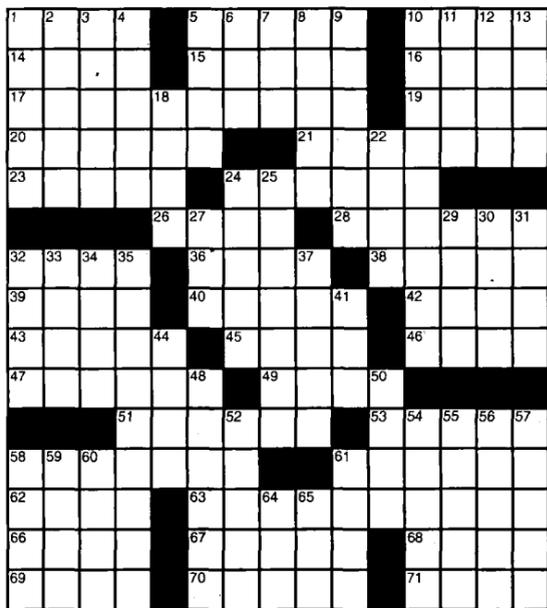
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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish edge out Orange

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

History has a tendency to repeat itself — just ask the Irish.

A little over a week after edging then-Big East leader No. 12 Boston College 1-0 on an overtime tally by forward Justin McGoeney, the No. 15 Irish (9-2-1 overall, 5-1-0 in Big East) once again resorted to the golden goal to put away visiting Syracuse 1-0 on a sun-bleached Sunday afternoon.

The 9-2-1 start to the season is Notre Dame's best since 1988, when the squad went 9-0-2 to begin the year.

"That was a terrific win," coach Bobby Clark said. "You just need a break to get in there and when you don't get in, you've got to be patient. What really impressed me was our patience, discipline and focus."

The thrilling victory bumps the Irish into first place in the Big East and also marks the first time the Irish have taken five of their first six conference games in program history.



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

John Stephens dribbles up the field in a 1-0 win over the Syracuse Orangemen Friday. Notre Dame improved to 5-1-0 in the Big East, and is off to its best start since 1988.

"When you're chasing for a league title, these are the games you can lose — when things aren't really going your way," Clark said. "[Defenders] Jack Stewart and Christopher High just kept the back bottled up — I thought they did a great job of keeping their

focus. And the other guys, they just worked hard."

In addition to handing the Irish sole possession of the conference's top spot, the victory extended both the squad's winning and shutout streak to five games. The last time Notre Dame fished the ball out

of the back of its net was Sept. 23 in a 1-0 loss to West Virginia, a span of 465 minutes.

While All-American goalkeeper Chris Sawyer undoubtedly has something to do with

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HOCKEY

Power play difficulties lead to loss

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame's youth and inexperience manifested itself in the form of a stagnant Irish penalty kill as the team lost 4-1 to No. 4 Minnesota-Duluth (1-0-1) Friday night at the Joyce Center.

The loss of five seniors to graduation has really hurt the Irish (0-1-1), but nowhere has the pain been felt more than on the Notre Dame power play. The Irish were 1-for-12 on the power play Friday, and had several opportunities on 5-on-3 but could not capitalize.

"You simply haven't had an opportunity this early in the season to practice the 5-on-3," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "It would be nice to pour out five guys who've done it before, but we just can't do that yet. You look at Duluth and they're starting out with the exact same power play they put out there last year minus one guy."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Consistency finally materializes

By ANN LOUGHERY
News Writer

Following each loss, the Irish (8-5) posed different versions of the same question — what happened?

When evaluating their performance at practice, the Irish would find weaknesses in both their offense and defense. But when it came down to it, Notre Dame's primary weakness was consistency.

This weekend the Irish seem to have remedied that problem, upending Rutgers 30-23, 30-22, 30-24 on Saturday and Seton Hall 20-24, 30-27, 26-30, 30-23 on Sunday.

The statistics from Saturday's Rutgers (11-5) game are telling. Junior Lauren Brewster had 13 kills with .500 on hitting, while junior Lauren Kelbley contributed 12 kills with a .474 attack percentage.

In each game, the Irish recorded 16 or more kills on hitting with a .270 or better hitting percentage — talk about consistency.

"That's been one of our goals all season — being consistent with



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

The Irish defeated Rutgers and Seton Hall this weekend, moving to 8-5. Above is a picture from a loss against Valpo.

our offense and having a high hitting percentage," Brewster said. "We're just trying to prove ourselves week by week."

The Irish dominated statistically across the board, with freshman

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Top ranked women withstand weekend

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hadn't seen a close one-goal game in three weeks. This weekend they got an eye-ful.

The No. 1 ranked Irish (14-0-0, 7-0-0 in the Big East) kept their perfect record intact after two narrow road victories, edging Villanova (10-4-0, 4-3-0) on Friday by a 1-0 score and then sneaking by Georgetown (5-7-0, 2-4-0) in dramatic fashion on Sunday for a 2-1 win. Freshman forward/midfielder Amanda Cinalli scored a goal in each game, and midfielder Jen Buczkowski netted the game-winner against Georgetown with 44 seconds left in regulation. The clutch goal, Buczkowski's fifth this season, already gives her more than the four she scored in 2003.

With the two wins, Notre Dame clinches home field advantage for the Big East Tournament

beginning Oct. 30. The team has also played the second-most games without a loss or a tie in program history. Only the 2000 Notre Dame squad had more wins to start a season winning its first 16 consecutive games on the way to an NCAA Final Four appearance.

However, coach Randy Waldrum isn't concerned about history but rather with his team's sloppy play on Sunday. Against Georgetown, Notre Dame proved to be its own worst enemy with unnecessary and self-destructive mistakes.

"Villanova's got a good team, but I think [against] Georgetown, we're clearly better and we made it closer than we needed to," Waldrum said. "I hope we take this kind of a thing as a wake up call [because] everybody's good enough in the Big East [where] if you're not ready to play you're not always going to win."

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