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Students react to last home game

Seniors reflect on four years of football

By RICKY MCROSKEY
News Writer

For Notre Dame seniors, Saturday's 41-38 loss to Pittsburgh capped off four years of mixed emotion as their experience of Notre Dame football as students came to a disappointing end.

In a game that exemplified the inconsistency and unpredictability of Irish football this year, most seniors sought to cherish their last game in the Stadium while reflecting on their memorable experiences as students.

"I think Notre Dame football is one of the biggest parts of being a Notre Dame student," senior Frankie Bott said. "We'd be a different place without football and the tradition that goes along with it."

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SOPHIA BALLON/The Observer

Students look on during a happier moment of the Notre Dame versus Pittsburgh football game on Saturday. In the background, students do pushups after the Irish tied the game 38-38.

Marshmallow fights escalate during halftime, '4 or 5' seniors ejected for unrelated incidents

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Penalty flags were not the only objects flying rampantly in Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday.

It was a jet-puffed finale for the seniors at this weekend's final season home game against Pittsburgh. Yet despite the blatant escalation of the usual halftime marshmallow fight, no students were ejected from the game for partaking in the tradition.

Coordinator of Stadium Personnel Cappy Gagnon called

the incident as "the worst marshmallow throwing" he had ever witnessed.

"It involved a larger quantity, was wider-spread and lasted longer," Gagnon said.

According to Gagnon, students were not removed from the game because an article printed in The Observer on Friday implied that rules would be more lenient because of the nature of the final season home game.

"It was reported that the ushers were not going to eject seniors for marshmallow throwing," Gagnon said. "We didn't want to hold it against the students."

The article said that rumors suggest the ushers have traditionally given seniors the go-ahead in their final marshmallow war. The article also added, however, that these rumors were "unconfirmed."

Gagnon maintained the lack of ejections was directly due to stadium personnel's concern that seniors held erroneous expectations regarding the consequences of marshmallow throwing at the last home game.

"It would be unfair to remove people under these conditions," Gagnon said.

At the final home game last

year, 56 students were ejected for throwing marshmallows.

However, this year, only 27 students total were ejected, including "four or five in the senior sections for unrelated incidents," according to Gagnon.

The joint task force of Indiana State Excise Police, St. Joseph County Police, South Bend Police and Notre Dame Security/Police also issued a total of 39 citations Saturday for alcohol-related offenses, NDSP director Rex Rakoff said. These offenses include minor in consumption,

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Assault Awareness Week begins

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

Combining various elements like shocking posters, classic television and a comedy show, the Student Senate committee on gender relations presents "Be Aware," or, Sexual Assault Awareness Week, beginning today and ending Friday.

The committee will be plastering posters around campus that proclaim shocking statistics like, "84 percent of rape victims knew their assailant," and "A woman is 10 times more likely to be raped than to die in a car crash."

"The statistics are in your face, and perhaps scary," said Badin senator and chairperson of the gender relations committee Lizzie Shappell.

"We are hoping that the posters will start conversation and promote awareness among students," said Stephanie Pelligra, Welsh Family senator and member of the committee on gender relations.

Wednesday evening, each dorm will host an event with its brother/sister dorm called "Must Sex TV," focusing on the effect that popular television shows have had on gender relations. A 20-minute video montage of shows including "Saved by the Bell," "Salute Your Shorts," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and "The O.C." will be followed by discussion and a free dinner.

"We are trying to reach students in an entertaining manner," Shappell said. "As odd as that may sound."

Pelligra is hoping the video will make people really think about how television shows have

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ND student-athletes rank second in graduation rates

The University shares ranking with Northwestern and Stanford, proves consistent with results from past years

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

The NCAA ranked Notre Dame student-athletes second among Division I-A colleges and universities in its graduation rate, according to a study released in October.

Notre Dame shares its ranking with Northwestern and Stanford, each with a four-year average graduation rate of 87 percent of student-athletes. First-place Duke graduated 90 percent of its student-athletes. The national average for Division I-A schools is 61 percent.

Senior Associate Athletic Director John Heisler said being ranked high in athlete

graduations is nothing new.

"If you looked at the rankings themselves or the graduation rates themselves, they're almost the same as six years ago, which says that things have been done consistently over the course of time," Heisler said. "We've been routinely in the top half dozen in the country."

According to the formula used by the NCAA, an athlete is considered to have graduated if he or she matriculated within six years of entrance. Students who leave or transfer for any reason are considered non-graduates.

The report also states that Notre Dame graduated 94 percent of women competing in varsity athletics, ranking

third behind Northwestern and Duke. Among men, Notre Dame graduated 82 percent, ranking third behind Duke and Stanford.

Additionally, Notre Dame graduated 71 percent of its black student-athletes, ranking ninth nationally and 77 percent of Irish football players graduated, ranking eighth.

Among athletes who completed all four years of athletic eligibility, 99 percent graduated, compared to a national average of 84 percent.

The NCAA Graduation Rates Report is a federally mandated survey compiled each year. The 2004 report covers students enrolled between 1994 and 1997 at all 328 Division I

Student-Athlete Graduation Rates

Graduation rate of all student-athletes at Division I-A schools:

Duke	90%
Northwestern	87%
Notre Dame	87%
Stanford	87%
National Average	61%

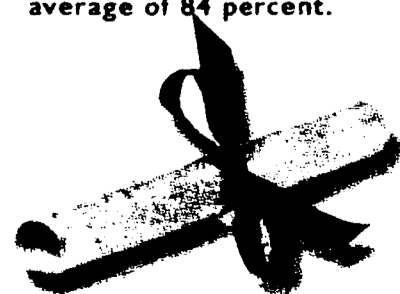
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INSIDE COLUMN

Barrier to peace

The wall separating the Palestinian territories from Israel has been under construction since 2002. Israel is building a "security fence" in hopes that it will bar terrorists from Israel and heighten overall security. The wall will be 25 feet tall and 400-miles long when complete. It will include guard towers, patrol roads and a no-man's land. It is difficult to think of any historical instance where the construction of a barrier large enough to be referred to as a wall promoted peaceful coexistence; the painful legacy of the Berlin Wall is still in recent memory.

Susan Kippels

Ad Design

Like the Berlin Wall, Israel's security fence owes its origins to the great political dispute of its day. Despite some similarities, however, Israel's barrier is much worse — after Berlin, people should know better. The new wall in Israel is over four times as long as the Berlin Wall and more than double the average height.

Living as an American in Jerusalem for five years, I witnessed and heard in detail about many human rights violations inside the region. Despite being used to such things, nothing could have prepared me for my first view of the gray, looming wall in the village of Qalqiliya. Constructing a massive physical division between two peoples is a ridiculous way to try and promote a future peace. Instead of creating stability, this wall will ensure the Palestinian and Israeli conflict persists for much longer.

The barrier cuts into the Palestinian West Bank and is chiefly a scheme to seize disputed land and complicate any possible plans to create a Palestinian state. Once the wall is complete, 10 percent or more of the West Bank will be confiscated by and for Israel. The wall will not only rob Palestinians of land. It will also separate communities and disconnect people from their hospitals, schools and workplaces.

In July, The International Court of Justice in The Hague ruled that Israel's West Bank barrier is illegal and stated that its construction should cease. This is a ruling that Israel has no intention of following. The only thing the General Assembly could theoretically do is enforce economic sanctions on Israel, and this will not happen. If peace is to prevail in the region, Israel must dismantle the wall, return confiscated land to its rightful owners, and compensate Palestinians for damage caused.

Worldwide, people closely follow the situation in Palestine and Israel and sympathize with those who live there. The abortion display on the South Quad of miniature wooden crosses attracts a huge amount of attention from the Notre Dame population. Why, then, does a 25-foot tall concrete wall, harming millions of adults and children, draw comparatively little campus concern?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Susan Kippels at skippels@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU THINK ABOUT THE PITTSBURGH GAME?



Matt Cahill
sophomore
Knott

"If I'd had batteries, I would have thrown them at those refs."



Courtney Harris
freshman
LeMans

"I cried myself to sleep."



Brad Reed
sophomore
St. Ed's

"I'm in the band. I wanted to go to the Gator Bowl."



Dave Farley
sophomore
Knott

"All I want for Christmas is Gruden."



Clare Hollorah
sophomore
P.E.

"I thought it was fun anyway because I got to work on the sidelines."



Nathan Catanese
sophomore
Keenan

"I enjoyed the Keenan Interhall Championship much more!"



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

The sun sets over the Golden Dome, as the days in South Bend become shorter. On Sunday, the time of sunrise was 6:38 a.m. and the time of sunset was 4:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

The 2004 recipient of the Richard H. Driehaus Prize for Classical Architecture Demetri Porphyrios will give the lecture "Classical Architecture" today at 5 p.m. in the Decio Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Kellogg fellow Emily Osborn will lecture at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday on "Melting Cans and Recycling Traditions in Kankan, Guinea (West Africa): Aluminum Casting, Social Change and Global Commodities, 1940-2000" in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

Visiting fellow from the Kroc Institute Carol Pollack will lecture Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. on "How Strictly Should Corporations be Held Accountable for Human Rights Abuses" in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

The lecture "An Alternative Leadership Model for the 21st Century: Keeping Your Sanity, Sense of Humor and Soul in the Marketplace," will take place on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Giovani Commons in the Mendoza College of Business as part of the Cardinal O'Hara Lecture Series in Business Ethics.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will take on Northern Iowa on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

The Notre Dame Symphonic Band and Winds will perform in concert Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

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

OFFBEAT

Charges dropped in case of 'W' dollars

GREENSBURG, Pa. — A case of funny money has ended happily for a woman who had been charged with passing a bogus \$200 bill with President Bush's picture on it.

Prosecutors in Pennsylvania's Westmoreland County dropped all charges Friday against Deborah L. Trautwine, 51, after she paid the store in real currency.

Trautwine "wasn't aware that it ... wasn't actual legal tender," said her attorney, Harry Smail Jr.

Trautwine could not be

reached for comment. A clerk at a Fashion Bug clothing store also thought the bill was real and gave Trautwine \$100.58 in change from her August purchase.

There is no \$200 denomination bill, even without Bush's picture on it.

Woman fined for bungling Mexican anthem

MEXICO CITY — A woman who fumbled a few phrases of Mexico's national anthem while singing the song before a soccer game in Guadalajara has been fined \$40 for the blunder.

Guadalupe Madrigal acknowledged she got the words wrong while singing before an Oct. 30 soccer match between teams from Guadalajara and Monterrey, Mexico's Interior Department announced Saturday in a written statement.

"She indicated she was sorry to have sung the national anthem poorly," the department announced. "She indicated that she did not do it on purpose or with bad intentions, but recognized that she had made a mistake."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 55 LOW 40	HIGH 40 LOW 30	HIGH 55 LOW 38	HIGH 54 LOW 38	HIGH 57 LOW 43	HIGH 57 LOW 41

Atlanta 60 / 39 Boston 49 / 36 Chicago 52 / 40 Denver 55 / 35 Houston 64 / 58 Los Angeles 79 / 54 Minneapolis 51 / 39 New York 54 / 40 Philadelphia 56 / 38 Phoenix 72 / 57 Seattle 52 / 45 St. Louis 56 / 40 Tampa 80 / 60 Washington 57 / 41

MBA students link corporations in service

Special to The Observer

While more and more colleges and universities now include a service project as part of their orientation experience, Notre Dame is taking the concept to a new level with the innovative MBA Community Partners program, an ongoing initiative that utilizes the business skills of MBA students to connect corporations and nonprofit organizations.

During orientation week this summer, Notre Dame MBA students met with local corporate executives and not-for-profit directors to examine the ways in which businesses engage in community outreach and the needs of participating agencies. In the succeeding weeks, the students built on their preliminary research to develop a network of information and knowledge in a comprehensive database designed to encourage fruitful partnerships between local nonprofit groups and area companies.

The initial findings of this resource and partnership initiative were presented to participating organizations Oct. 27 in an event at Notre Dame's new DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The students shared early successes, including several student appointments to local nonprofit boards, and described the partnership links they have established.

All 200-plus members of the entering MBA class participated in the MBA Community Partners orientation, and many students are involved in the project as it continues throughout the academic year. Nineteen local companies and 17 local nonprofit organizations are involved in the project.

In addition to proposing and arranging matches between participating organizations, the students also learn from their interactions with business executives and nonprofit leaders, while sharing their own skills and expertise.

The Observer makes clarification

In Friday's edition of The Observer, information concerning the Notre Dame Stadium policy on ejecting students for marshmallow throwing was incorrect.

In the article titled "Seniors bid farewell to football: Class of 2005 looks back at game traditions," the article stated, "In the

past, the ushers haven't been as strict at the last game as they were earlier in the season when enforcing the rules concerning the halftime marshmallow throwing. Rumors are that the ushers usually give seniors the go-ahead for their traditional marshmallow war, though that stands unconfirmed."

Due to reporting and editing errors, Notre Dame Stadium policy was not confirmed with Coordinator of Stadium Personnel Cappy Gagnon prior to the article being published and was based on student-held belief.

The Observer regrets these errors.

Committee plans inauguration

Special to The Observer

Provost Nathan Hatch will chair a committee drawn from throughout the University of Notre Dame to plan activities for the inauguration of Father John I. Jenkins as the University's 17th president.

The events are tentatively scheduled for Sept. 22-23, 2005. Among the possibilities to be considered, Hatch said, will be a symposium involving high-profile international leaders on Thursday, Sept. 22. The inauguration itself will be on the following day.

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Provost**

intellectual gathering of the highest caliber that will represent the kinds of discussion and inquiry that are possible at Notre Dame," Hatch said. He noted that an internally

significant event such as the inauguration is also an opportunity to exhibit the University's identity and aspirations to those beyond campus borders.

Activities on Friday would likely include a Mass in the morning, a luncheon and an academic convocation and inauguration in the afternoon, Hatch said.

The committee planning the events was formed by

Jenkins and Patrick McCartan, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and includes wide representation of the University community. Assisting Hatch as vice chairs are William Goodyear, a trustee, and John Affleck-Graves, executive vice president. Other members are drawn from the Board of Trustees, alumni, administrators, faculty and the student body.

Jenkins, 50, was elected in April by the Board of Trustees to a five-year term, succeeding University President Father Edward Malloy, 63, who has been president since 1987. Father Jenkins, now serving as president-elect, was formerly a vice president and associate provost of the University and is an associate professor of philosophy. He will officially take over the presidential responsibilities from Malloy July 1.

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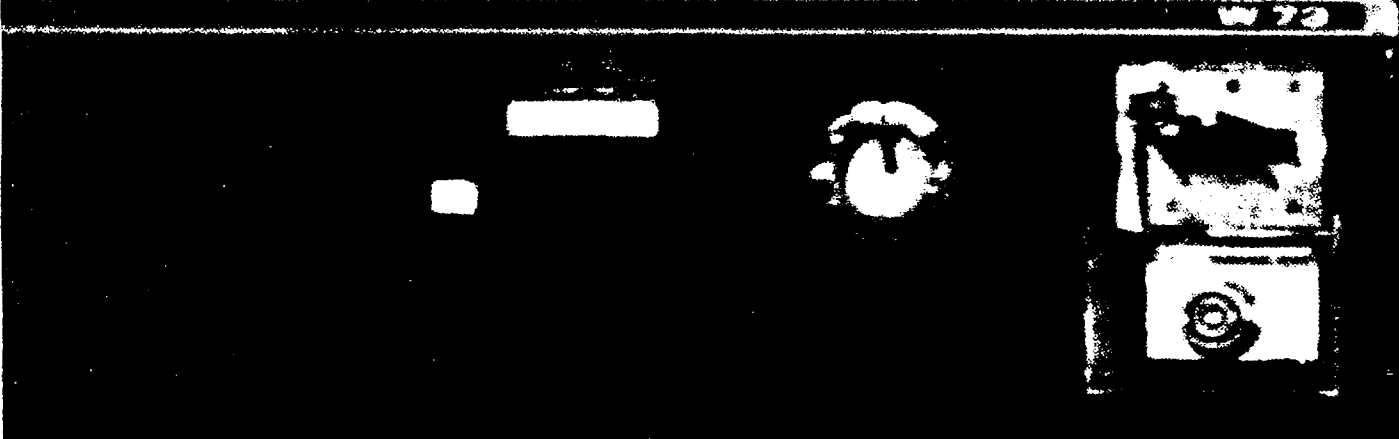
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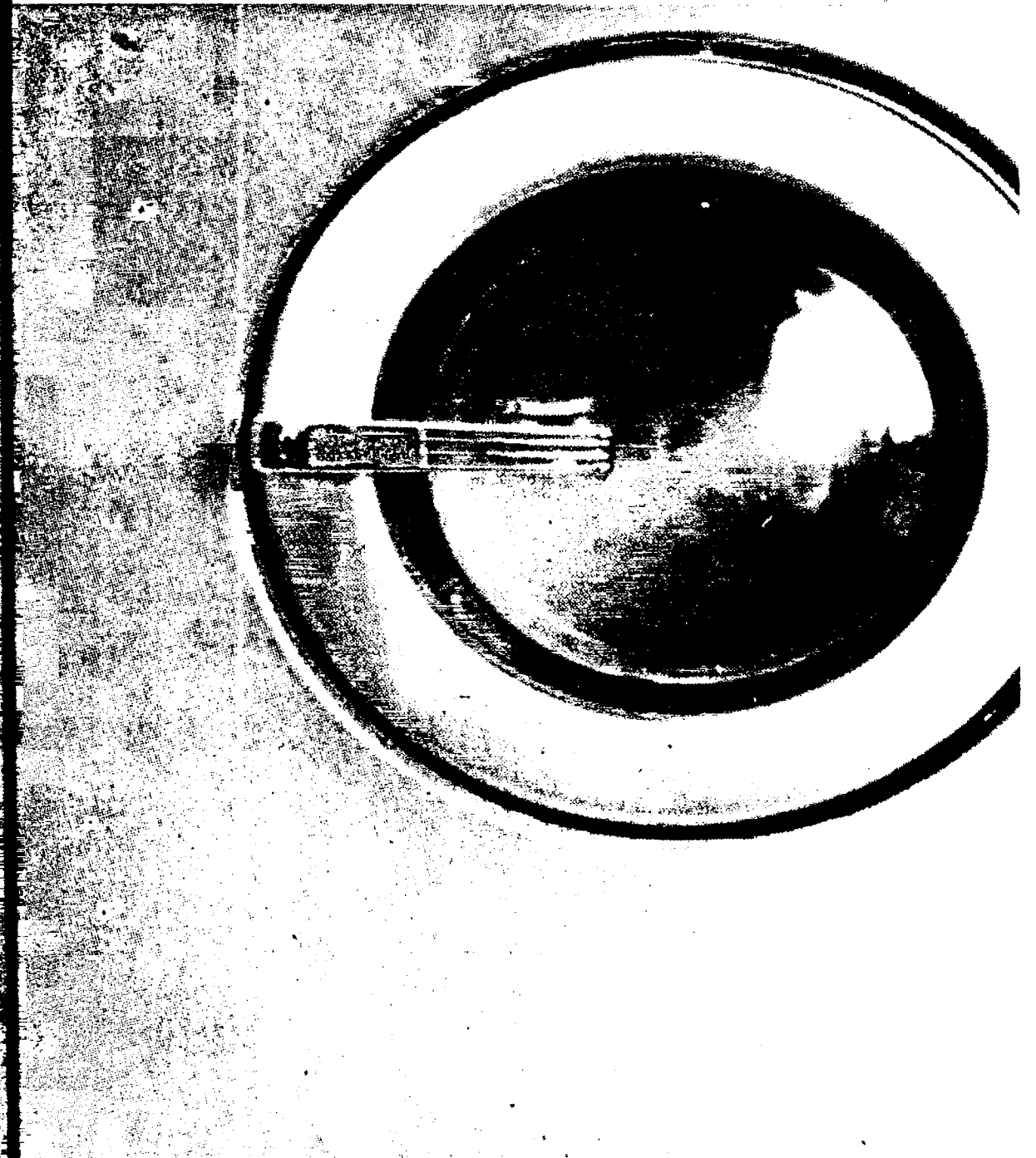
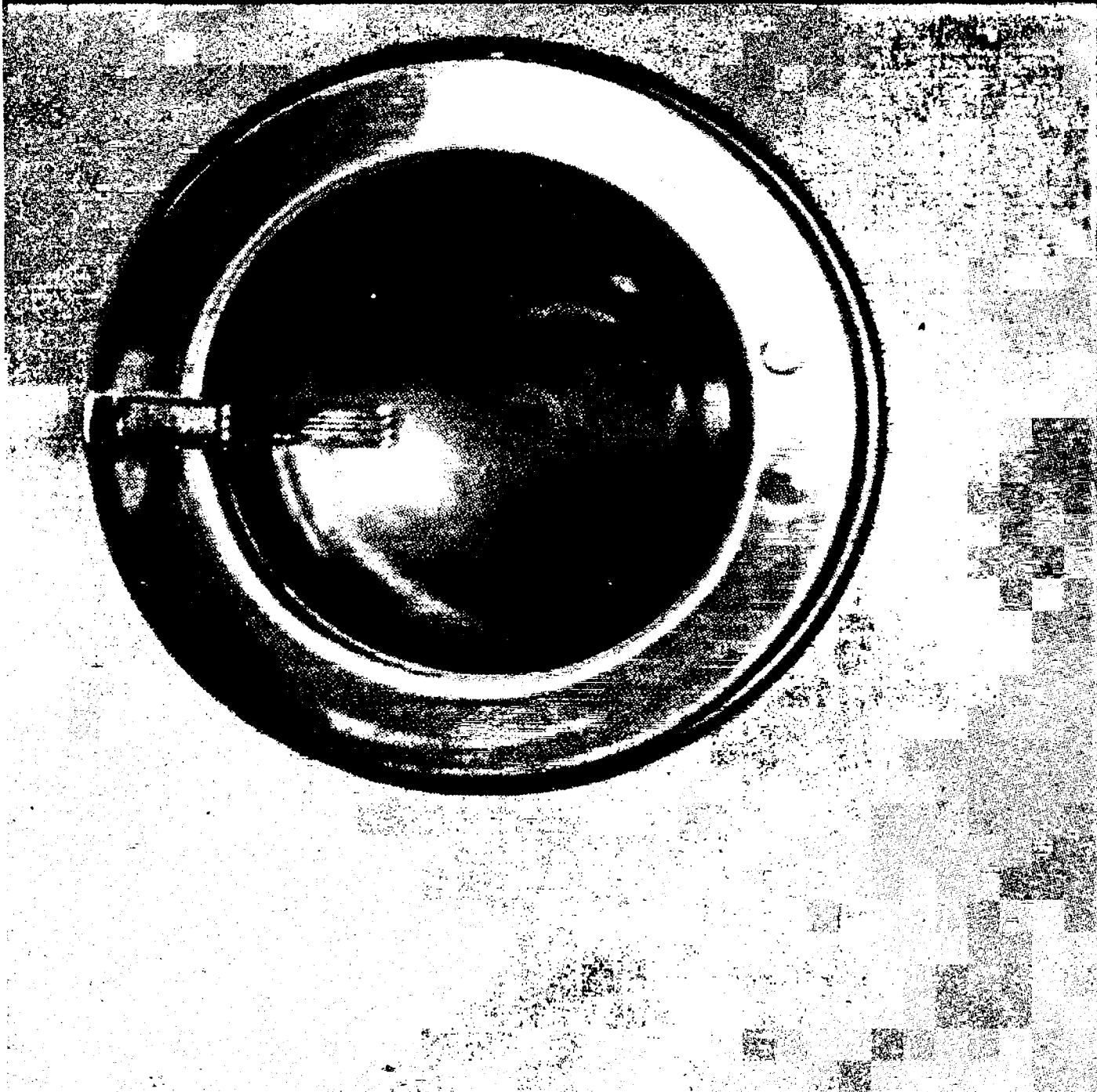
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Namibia election displays end of era

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — After a 23-year war of independence and three terms as president, Sam Nujoma of Namibia is ready to step down, bringing an end to an era marked by fiery rhetoric as well as pragmatism and stability.

The 75-year-old Nujoma is the father of his southwest African nation and the only leader its 1.8 million people have ever known. But after presidential elections Monday and Tuesday, Nujoma will prepare to hand over power, presumably to Ilifikepune Pohamba, his hand-picked successor and former comrade in arms.

The election, which neutral observers expect to be free and fair, underlines how southern Africa — except for deeply troubled Zimbabwe — has emerged from turmoil and settled into democratic routines.

U.S. military occupies Fallujah

FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. military officials said Saturday that American troops had now "occupied" the entire city of Fallujah and there were no more major concentrations of insurgents still fighting after nearly a week of intense urban combat.

A U.S. officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Fallujah was "occupied but not subdued."

Artillery and airstrikes also were halted after nightfall to prevent mistaken attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces who had taken up positions throughout the city.

Iraqi officials declared the operation to free Fallujah of militants was "accomplished" but acknowledged the two most wanted figures in the city — Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and Sheik Abdullah al-Janabi — had escaped.

NATIONAL NEWS

Cheney's medical tests found normal

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney, who has a history of heart trouble, went to a hospital Saturday after experiencing shortness of breath. Tests found no abnormalities, an aide said, and Cheney left after three hours.

"I feel fine," the 63-year-old vice president said as he walked out with his wife, Lynne.

Cheney smiled and waved people gathered outside the hospital entrance.

A pacemaker implanted in Cheney's chest three years ago indicated no irregularities during the past 90 days, said Mary Matalin, a spokeswoman for the vice president. The device gives doctors a three-month readout. She said an electrocardiogram, which measures the heart's electrical activity, showed no change.

Peterson battles for his life and appeal

REDWOOD CITY — The jury that convicted Scott Peterson saw a man with two faces: in public, a loving father-to-be with a steady job and stable home, and in private a cheating husband who yearned for bachelorhood and was willing to kill for it.

Convicted Friday of murdering his pregnant wife and her fetus, Peterson must now present a unified image on two fronts — he must convince jurors that his life is worth sparing while arguing to the courts that he was wrongly convicted.

LOCAL NEWS

Firm investigates leaky dam

NEVADA MILLS — A private consulting firm is investigating a leaky dam that regulates water levels in five northeastern Indiana lakes frequented by tourists.

Officials with the Department of Natural Resources say they do not believe the leak discovered two weeks ago in the Nevada Mills dam on the Lake James chain of lakes has left the structure in immediate danger of failing.

GAZA STRIP

Gunfire erupts at mourning tent

Few hours after new election date set, militants opened fire killing 2 guards

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Mahmoud Abbas, the temporary successor to Yasser Arafat, escaped unharmed Sunday when militants firing assault rifles burst into a mourning tent for the deceased Palestinian leader, killing two security guards and wounding six other people.

The shooting raised grave concerns about a violent power struggle in the post-Arafat era. Some of the gunmen shouted slogans calling Abbas, a moderate who has spoken out against violence, an agent of the United States.

The bursts of gunfire came just hours after Palestinian officials set Jan. 9 as the date for elections to choose a new leader — the first vote in nine years.

The temporary Palestinian leadership, headed by Abbas, has been trying to send a message of unity since Arafat's death Thursday. Arafat's responsibilities were divided among several leaders, and officials held talks with rival factions in Arafat's Fatah movement and the militant opposition groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

However, those rivalries burst into the open minutes after Abbas, the new PLO chief, entered the Gaza City mourning tent, where some 10,000 people — including about 3,000 armed men, most of them police officers — gathered Sunday evening. Abbas, accompanied by Gaza strongman Mohammed Dahlan and surrounded by security guards, shook hands with mourners.

Moments later, a group of at least 20 gunmen barged into the tent shouting, "Abbas and Dahlan are agents for the Americans!"

Gunfire then popped through the tent. It appears most of the shots were fired in the air — the casualty toll likely would have been



Bodyguards secure Mahmoud Abbas, former Palestinian Prime Minister and Yasser Arafat's successor, after gunfire erupted in a mourning ceremony.

far higher had the gunmen taken aim at the large crowd.

Abbas' bodyguards hustled him into a corner as frightened mourners scrambled over plastic chairs to flee. Abbas was taken to Palestinian headquarters.

The gunmen reportedly melted into the gigantic crowd and escaped arrest.

Speaking to reporters, Abbas tried to play down the incident.

"While we were receiving condolences, a huge crowd gathered there and then random shooting broke out, but not in my direction," he said.

Abbas said he did not hear any slogans against

him and planned to continue talks with rival Palestinian factions. Abbas has tried in the past, as prime minister, to persuade militants to halt attacks on Israel.

However, militants signaled Sunday they were not interested in a cease-fire. In a Gaza City parade, masked militants unveiled a new rocket, which they claimed had an extended range that could reach the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon. The long, green "Al-Yasser 1" rocket, named after Arafat, was shown to a cheering crowd as Palestinian security looked on.

Sunday's shooting raised questions about the ability of the Palestinians to carry

out their election peacefully.

Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen, is widely expected to run for Palestinian Authority president. However, victory is far from certain. None of the likely candidates, including Abbas, has the stature of Arafat, and many Palestinians consider Abbas' generation of politicians to be tainted by corruption and out of touch with the masses.

"They realize very clearly that without a popular mandate, they can't make any important decisions," said Mouin Rabbani, senior Middle East analyst with the International Crisis Group in Amman, Jordan.

Lawmakers blame CIA and Congress

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Intelligence agencies came under sharp attack Sunday from lawmakers, as did Congress, where a bill to put in place recommendations from the Sept. 11 commission has stalled heading into this week's postelection session.

Rep. Jane Harman, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was an obstacle to a compromise because he does not want to diminish the Pentagon's overwhelming control over intelli-

gence agencies' budgets.

Disarray in the government's intelligence operations is most evident at the CIA less than two months after a new director, former Rep. Porter Goss, was sworn in. Goss, a Florida Republican, was chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

"The agency seems in free-fall in Washington, and that is a very, very bad omen in the middle of a war," Harman said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

The agency's No. 2 official has resigned, the Deputy chief of the department in charge of clandestine operations is reported plan-

ning to leave this week and other resignations are said to be in the works. News reports cite clashes between the officials and members of Goss' new administration who worked with him on the committee.

Under the current system, the CIA chief also is the director of central oversight of the nation's security agencies, but little power to control spending.

Harman said the White House was trying to build consensus during the weekend for a bill that three-quarters of the House and almost all the Senate favor.

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changed sexual perceptions. "We were all thinking, how did our generation's concept of sex and relationships come to be? We realized that television is one thing that really affected our generation," Pelligra said.

"We watched shows and discovered how our vision of sexuality has been skewed."

The final event of Sexual Assault Awareness week is "Sex Signals," a comedy show about the college-dating scene. The show begins at 9 p.m. Thursday night in the Decio Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

"The event asks tough questions, but presents the college dating scene in a humorous light," Shappell said.

Mairin Amato, a Lewis Hall sophomore, praised the poster publicity campaign.

"These signs will definitely be attention-getters," she said. "I think that listing facts will help students, especially females, realize that this can happen to them, and hopefully we will be able to prevent this from happening to each other or our-

selves."

Sophomore Mark Hotovy of Keenan Hall disagreed.

"Putting up these signs will have a similar effect to the 'Gay fine by me' shirts and the crosses in South Quad to make us more aware about abortion," he said. "People will either think it is stupid, or it will get their attention for about 10 minutes before they forget about it."

Audrey de Guire, a sophomore from Pasquerilla West Hall, was very interested in the "Must Sex TV" event.

"Taking examples from pop culture helps us relate to the bigger issues," she said. "We may not know anyone who has been sexually assaulted, but seeing the characters we're familiar with on

TV, we can get some idea of how people deal with those situations, or how they happen."

But for Shappell, she just hopes this week will raise awareness for all students.

"Our basic aim for the week is just to educate," Shappell said. "We want to make people realize that sexual assault can happen at Notre Dame, and make sure that people understand the numbers."

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Seniors

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Other seniors agreed their times at Notre Dame football games were unforgettable and can still look forward to supporting Irish football in a new dimension — as alumni.

"I was sad that it was over, but it's not going to be the last time I go to a game," senior Steph Sellinger said. "I'll come back again with my family and friends when I've graduated. Plus, Notre Dame football is such a unique tradition — nowhere else does everyone have the same spirit and excitement."

However, the same students also felt great disappointment at what they consider yet another lackluster Irish football season in a series of underachieving years.

"You come here, and you don't

think you'll be the class that loses nine home games in four years here," senior Pat Donlin said. "It's incredible disappointment. I've been watching ND football my whole life, and the past four years have been some of the most disappointing in Notre Dame history."

Senior Mike Sheehan voiced similar disappointment.

"It's pathetic, what a way to go out," he said. "At least we can be inconsistently consistent."

Underclassmen too felt discouraged at the team's inability to end on a high note in a season that started out on a particularly low note.

"I'm obviously disappointed in the loss, but I've been looking forward to next year since the BYU game," junior Chris Collins said. "At least there's basketball season."

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senior

At the same time, most students agreed the Notre Dame football experience is upheld by a uniqueness that looks beyond the win-loss column.

"When we lose, everyone stays for the end and still supports the team," freshman Thomas Manning said. "The team spirit is there even when we're losing."

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Fight

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minor in possession and public intoxication.

Nine custodial arrests were also

made on game day, seven before the game and two during the game, Rakow said. Two Notre Dame students were arrested prior to the game for public intoxication, and a student and an alumnus were arrested during the game for resisting arrest, public

intoxication and disorderly conduct. They were removed from the Stadium.

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dents enrolled between 1994 and 1997 at all 328 Division I institutions, includ-

ing the 117 in Division I-A.

Heisler said achieving this ranking will only continue to push student-athletes to achieve his or her best.

"It speaks very well for our academic support system in general," he said. "We try to

tell people if you're a solid enough student, you're going to get your degree with very, very rare exceptions."

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Dow Jones	10,539.01	+67.17	
▲ Up: 2,477	▲ Same: 153	▼ Down: 249	Composite Volume: 1,532,046,464
AMEX	1,356.24	+15.31	
NASDAQ	2,085.34	+24.07	
NYSE	7,014.18	+63.21	
S&P 500	1,184.17	+10.69	
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,019.98	0.00	
FTSE 100(London)	4,793.90	+17.00	
Commodities			
30-YEAR BOND	-1.07	-0.53	49.12
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.27	0.54	42.00
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.87	-0.31	35.29
3-MONTH BILL	+0.34	+0.07	20.36
Exchange Rates			
YEN			105.6600
EURO			0.7708
POUND			0.5388
CANADIAN \$			1.1933

IN BRIEF

Delta pilots accept pay cuts

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines pilots have agreed to slash their salaries by nearly a third and forgo pay raises for five years to help the struggling airline avoid bankruptcy, their union announced Thursday.

The \$1 billion in annual wage concessions from Delta's 7,000 pilots is a huge victory for the Atlanta-based airline, which has lost more than \$6 billion since early 2001.

The plan received 79 percent support from pilots who voted over 10 days by phone and over the Internet. Voting ended at noon Thursday.

The agreement, which becomes effective Dec. 1, was tentatively reached by union leaders and Delta after 15 months of negotiations.

"Our airline has been managed to the brink of bankruptcy and the Delta pilots had to decide between two bad choices," said John Malone, chairman of the pilots union's executive council. "They chose the lesser of two evils."

Novell sues Microsoft over WordPerfect

SALT LAKE CITY — Days after collecting a \$536 million antitrust settlement from Microsoft Corp., Novell returned to court Friday to claim the technology giant used its market dominance to shut out WordPerfect and other software in the mid-1990s.

The federal suit, which partly dovetails with a U.S. government antitrust case, accused Microsoft of holding down the word processing program and the Quattro Pro spreadsheet application by making its operating system inhospitable to them.

Microsoft also leveraged its ubiquity to keep Novell from offering its programs to consumers, the suit said.

"We intend to pursue aggressively a goal of recovering fair value for the harm caused to Novell's business by Microsoft's anticompetitive actions," said Joseph A. LaSala, Jr., Novell's senior vice president and general counsel, in a statement.

In a statement, Microsoft argued that trade-secret provisions allowed it to withhold technical specifications to protect itself, and said Novell is trying to blame others for its own bad business decisions.

Internet represents future of news

Head of Associated Press says media outlets must tailor products for online demand

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The future of news is online, and traditional media outlets must learn to tailor their products for consumers who demand instant, personalized information, the head of The Associated Press said Friday.

The growth of high-speed broadband connections is leading to a future in which computers are always on "and so are the users," Tom Curley, president and chief executive officer of the world's largest news organization, told the Online News Association conference in Hollywood.

The Internet is picking up the readers and viewers that newspapers and TV news shows have been losing, Curley said. It also has changed the balance of power from news providers to consumers, who use Web-surfing programs and video recording devices to control what they want to know and when and where they'll learn it.

Curley, who was publisher of Gannett Co.'s USA Today newspaper before becoming the AP's top executive in 2003, offered a scenario in which a "news enthusiast" would download to various electronic devices an array of news — sports scores, headlines, financial reports and analysis — from a variety of sources.

In the world of personalized news, "the content comes to you; you don't have to come to the content," Curley said. "So, get ready for everything to be 'Googled,' 'deep-linked' or 'Tivo-ized.'"

"You have to let the content flow where the users want to go, and attach your brand — and maybe advertising and e-commerce — to those free-flowing 'atoms,'" Curley said.



Tom Curley, chief executive officer of The Associated Press, delivers a keynote speech Friday at the Online News Association conference in Hollywood.

That already is leading to changes in how news is covered.

For example, Curley said AP is furnishing U.S. bureaus with cameras to provide video for multi-media use and is increasing coverage of news of interest to young audiences.

News media also may need to consider nontraditional services for the Internet.

Curley noted one site in Kansas already offers a Web cam service local college students can use to see how long the lines are at a pizza parlor.

More media companies will have to learn how to make their Web operations profitable when

many consumers are used to getting their news for free, he said. The market is out there, Curley said, citing a recent study that found 29 percent of Internet users — about 43 million people — go online to get news three or more times per week.

Stephanie Busack, 22, a journalism student at Ohio University who attended the conference, said she gets most of her news online.

"I just go to the Web sites, basically ... it's right there, everything you need to know," she said. "I don't like reading newspapers."

Curley also touched on Internet users who disseminate news and ideas

through Web logs, citing one recent estimate that there are 4 million "bloggers" making 400,000 posts per day.

"That works out to roughly 16,000 posts an hour, or about as many stories as the AP sends out in an entire day," he said.

"It will get even tougher to be heard above the roar of the Internet crowd, and the business bets will have to be for greater stakes."

Still, Curley predicted current news giants will survive.

"The bloggers need a baseline of facts and professional analysis on which to base their work," he said.

GM, Ford offer anti-rollover systems

Associated Press

DETROIT — Electronic anti-rollover systems will become standard equipment on 1.8 million sport utility vehicles from GM and Ford in 2005, the automakers announced Thursday.

General Motors Corp. said the vehicles include the Chevrolet Tahoe, Suburban, Avalanche and Trailblazer; GMC Envoy; Hummer H3; Saab 9-7X; and Buick Rainier. The Hummer H2 will get the system in 2006.

The Cadillac Escalade and GMC Yukon Denali already feature standard stability control.

Ford Motor Co. said more than 500,000 of its sport utility vehicles will be equipped with the company's

anti-rollover system by the end of 2005, and it plans to try to market its technology to other automakers.

Ford said this summer it would add the stability control system as standard equipment to the 2005 Ford Explorer, Mercury Mountaineer, Lincoln Aviator and Lincoln Navigator, but it didn't provide estimates on quantities until Thursday.

The system also will be standard on the 2005 Volvo XC90 and available as an option for \$595 on the 2005 Ford Expedition.

Ford began offering the stability control system in 2003 on the Volvo XC90 and expanded it the next year to the Lincoln SUVs.

Last month, the Insurance Institute

for Highway Safety released a study that said stability control systems could save up to 7,000 lives each year if they were standard equipment on all vehicles.

The findings mirrored those of an earlier federal study.

Ford has said the stabilizing technology also will be available on its 15-passenger Econoline vans starting with the 2006 model year — a step designed to increase the safety of a type of vehicle the federal government and some motorists' lawyers contend has a significant roll-over risk.

GM made electronic stability control standard on 15-passenger vans in 2003.

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Hear the voice of death in Darfur

The genocide currently taking place in Sudan necessarily raises the question — how much is human life worth? The response of the international community to this continuing crisis — especially the response of the United States — brings us to the conclusion that human life matters little. And its value is lessened when the interests of individuals with power are not at stake. For, plain and simple, if the political will existed to end the violence in Darfur, it would be ended this week.

Instead, the severity of the crisis intensifies daily. Government-sponsored militias are attacking camps for displaced people, killing all in their way and gang-raping mothers and daughters ages eight to 80. Thousands of bodies have been found in mass graves throughout the region. Millions more people have been forced out of their homes in fear of this violence and now live in refugee camps where disease is rampant and food scarce. An estimated 70,000 human lives have already been lost and hundreds of thousands more are at risk.

After 18 months of this systematic abuse of human rights, the only response from the international community has been of toothless diplomatic pressure and hollow threats. The United Nations has left the responsibility for ending the crisis in the hands of the Sudanese government, the very government responsible for ordering and arming the militias that have perpetrated the mass murder. Moreover, the United States and European Union have offered few funds for the humanitarian assistance needed for those who are displaced.

The inaction of the Bush Administration has been especially egregious. President George W. Bush took the important step of leading the

world to label the atrocities "genocide." But there are certain legal obligations of intervention that come with the genocide label, however, that are not being fulfilled or even supported by the administration. These choices have undermined these obligations and set a precedent for future conflict of looking the other way. Promises made by the international community following the Holocaust and again following the genocide in Rwanda — the promises of "Never Again" — are made hollow by this inaction.

At this point, the deaths in Darfur can't solely be attributed to the racist regime in Khartoum; indeed, the hands of the entire world are bloody.

There are many possibilities for intervention. Arms embargoes that can prevent the government from continuing its support of the militias have not been placed on the country. Targeted sanctions can be used to freeze the assets of the regime. Government leaders can be prevented from traveling internationally. Threats of prosecution in the International Criminal Court can be made. The international community must take these actions in order to punish the Sudanese government for supporting the genocide.

Further, for an emergency on this scale, issues of sovereignty should be put aside and U.N. peacekeepers should enter the country. While the sovereignty of countries is important to maintain, inaction in the face of such violence can be an extremely dangerous precedent to set. The Darfur region is the size of France, and right now there are only approximately 3,000 ill-equipped African

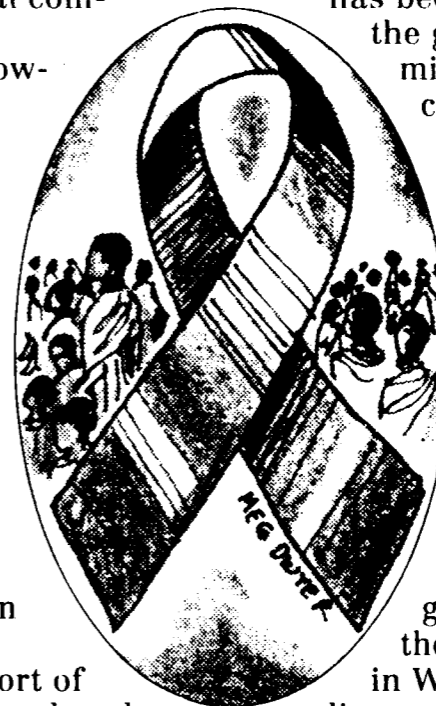
Union troops present. Romeo Dallaire, the former U.N. general who was on the ground when the genocide in Rwanda broke out, is calling for 44,000 troops (far fewer than the 67,000 who were flown into Yugoslavia by the United Nations). Right now, this option is not being considered. The Sudanese government has been given no reason to halt the genocide, and the threat of military intervention would carry significant weight.

Clearly, there are ways that the value of life of the citizens of Darfur can be affirmed by the international community — ways that are not yet being explored. Let us not allow this situation to be another instance of Africa being ignored by the rest of the world. What action would the international community take if this genocide was taking place in the United States or a country in Western Europe? Are some lives more valuable than others?

Though the international community has been unwilling to fulfill its responsibility to respond to this violence, putting pressure on our legislators to take greater action is something all of us can do. Lives are at stake, and you can work to help save them by joining the green ribbon campaign for awareness on campus and by communicating your concern to elected leaders.

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"Without a struggle, there can be no progress."

Frederick Douglass
activist

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Political parties shouldn't conform to public

This letter is in response to Bryan Hambley's viewpoint on Nov. 11 that the Democratic Party must become pro-life. In his article Hambley claims that, on Nov. 2, the pro-life movement struck a fatal blow to the pro-choice position, and the pro-choice movement has been defeated. He bases his claims on three things: first that Bush and his pro-life stance clearly won the election, second, an anecdote of his personal experience with a friend, and third, that 80 percent of the 22 percent of the electorate voted for Bush based on moral values. The first piece of evidence assumes a large causation between abortion and the Bush platform. The second is an isolated incident that should not be used to generalize a trend in the country. The third assumes abortion is the only moral value the electorate votes on.

In regards to Bush's victory being based on his stance on abortion I must disagree. I believe Kerry lost based on personal characteristics in addition to differences in policy. Kerry did not lose because he had an unpopular stance on the abortion issue, Kerry lost because on the morning of Nov. 2, 56 percent of America thought he said what people wanted to hear, and only 40 percent thought he said what he believed. Hambley's proposal for the

Democratic Party is that it should all do the same by changing one of its platforms to the other side solely because the population voted against it.

Much has been made of the fact that 22 percent of the country voted for moral values and that 80 percent of them voted for Bush. Is abortion a moral value? Absolutely. Is it the only moral value? Absolutely not. If abortion were the only moral value that mattered on election day, President George W. Bush would not have taken 80 percent of the moral value voters on Nov. 2. The statistic not provided in the article is that when asked if a person thought abortion should be always legal, mostly legal, mostly illegal or always illegal, the electorate responded in percentages of 21, 34, 26 and 16 respectively. It appears from the data that 55 percent of the country believes abortion should be mostly legal or completely legal, certainly not the position of the pro-life movement. The moral value where America does go Bush's way? Gay marriage. Of the 72 percent of the country that stated gays should not be allowed to marry, 61.9 percent voted for Bush.

Does this mean I think the Democratic Party should switch to an anti-gay marriage platform to win over the

populace? No. In fact, I'm insulted by the suggestion that a party should ever change its ideals because of the population. If all political parties did that, there would be no ideological divide and each party would be the slaves to whatever the current market research numbers were suggesting.

In light of these numbers I will have to conclude that Hambley has jumped the gun when he declared the pro-choice movement defeated. Living on this campus and in small-town America — I am from North Dakota — I can empathize with his belief that the country seems to be more pro-life than pro-choice. But our individual experiences should not bring about broad generalizations to describe the nation. According to this data and similar results from 2000 I believe the pro-choice movement still remains strong in this country, and a Democratic departure from that would not only be fundamentally wrong but also unbeneficial.

Dan Geffre
sophomore
Morrissey Manor
Nov. 13

Students sound off on football issues

I would just like to thank Kellie Middleton for enlightening us ignorant masses about Notre Dame football. You see, like so many, I used to be concerned about the path of Notre Dame football. I guess I didn't realize just how impressive a close win over a completely injury-depleted Tennessee team was. I thought that we were fortunate to catch them when we were coming off a bye week, they were coming off eight straight games, and they were down to their third-string quarterback by the end of the game. But now I've learned that it was because of coaching.

I then went on to learn that Notre Dame football can't be great because of parity. When programs like Baylor can occasionally beat a barely top-25 team, how can Notre Dame be expected to win consistently like the Oklahomas and USCs of the world? Apparently coaching plays no part in the recent success of teams like Oklahoma and USC. Or with the impressive turnaround of programs like Utah. It's just parity.

Then we were told that "the ship is pointed in the right direction," despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. In 2003, Notre Dame gave up more points at home — 168 — than any other team in our history. In the 41 years from 1960-2001, we lost by more than 30 points four times, or roughly once every 10 years. In the two years since coach Tyrone Willingham took over, we lost by more than 30 points four times, or roughly once every five games.

I also realized that my goal of Notre Dame winning a national championship is not the ultimate goal of the program. According to Kellie, "Ty has been able to attract and motivate football players that can play at a top 25-program level." Top 25? Alright. But that won't happen every year — Ty has shown a complete inability to keep a team at a high level from game to game, let alone year to year. And as for attracting players, last year's recruiting class was one of the lowest ranked in years, and early returns on this year's recruiting class are not impressive.

I wish Willingham success, be it here, or someplace else. But the fact is, he and his staff are not championship material. There is no evidence to indicate that they are, despite Kellie's attempts to defend him without any. Notre Dame can be great every year with the proper leadership. Bob Davie was not the right man. Willingham is not the right man. That has become very apparent, and the administration should not drag this program any further down by continuing to accept mediocrity.

Patrick Burke
senior
off-campus
Nov. 11

As Pittsburgh kicked the go-ahead field goal, a Notre Dame senior began to vent his frustration. From all the expletives, the one line I vividly remember is "Doesn't anyone care about Notre Dame football anymore?"

This is the same senior who foolishly ended up leaving the game early, ignoring postgame rituals such as singing the alma mater and not wisely taking some time to reflect on four years in the student section. He like many fellow seniors will unfortunately have to remember their last home game with a loss. Seniors will feel like their football experience is unfulfilled, and will think of what might have been. However, many will not truly find the missing piece to the void about their experience because it's not on the football field but shattered among the stands off the field. These are the seniors who paid more attention to petty marshmallow fights than the game. They are the same ones who were loitering around trying to find cuter guys and girls to sit with. They are also the same seniors purposely trying to act spontaneous when they really weren't being spontaneous at all. This group described above will pay attention to an Irish touchdown or two, but quickly wander off into the aforementioned activities.

No wonder these seniors missed out. Part of the Notre Dame lore is the student section full of energy and class cheering on the Irish, win or lose. Many of the seniors failed to do their part in replenishing an integral part of the unique Notre Dame atmosphere. I saw countless seniors not participating in the cheers and being unusually apathetic for their last home game. When seniors were trying to soak up the atmosphere at the end of the game hoping for that last hoorah, it was too late. They missed their opportunity, and it's tragic. I hope for those seniors who genuinely cheered on the Irish with dignity and having fun the right way will not let the other bozo seniors deter their experience. People did care, but he didn't.

And he'll regret walking out.

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Nov. 13

U-WIRE

Morals not defined by Christianity

The election is over. It was the longest campaign this country has ever seen, practically four years in the making. But has anything been resolved? Does it really seem possible that this one day will solve the great divide that separates this nation?

The fact is we are still at a crossroads and there are national discussions that must take place. Morality must be the first topic.

Twenty-two percent of voters cited moral issues as the most important voting topic. These supposedly include marriage, family, reproductive choice and bio-ethics. My question is who decided these were the only moral issues in the election?

Does an issue become a moral issue only because a Christian leader says it is a question of morality?

These are not the only moral issues I saw in the election. The war in Iraq and the right to health care were also moral questions. These two subjects deal directly

with life and death.

We can not define our nation's morals on Christianity alone. This country is supposed to be the protector of religious freedom and therefore encourage a national discussion on our population's morality.

We divide each other by throwing around terms like pro-life in respect to only abortion. I may support the women's right to choose but I am still pro-life.

I disagree with the war for a multitude of reasons, but most importantly because it is literally government-sanctioned killing. This war has led to the death of real people with histories, futures, families and homes.

Our invasion of Iraq has led to death totals of more than 1,100 American soldiers and 15,000 Iraqi civilians. How can someone call themselves pro-life and support a policy that leads directly to the end of life?

What about health care? We live in the most affluent country in the world and you are telling me we can not afford health care for all our citizens.

The most important role of government is to protect its citizens. I don't know when in history this protection was limited to military security, but protecting our nation's well-being is just as important.

We all sign an implicit social contract upon our birth in this nation. I accept the social contract wholeheartedly.

I have great faith in humanity and government because of this binding contract. Government was created to fight for equality, social justice and protect the collective interests of the citizens of the republic.

Both sides have a lot of assumptions about one another, but what is the truth? This is what we must learn to better the world.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Rocco's is a not-so-modern pizzeria

For the college student, pizza is a cheap, fast and easy way to satisfy your cravings. Sometimes quality just doesn't matter these days. Goofy commercials of muppets, stringing cheese and a man claiming to be your father try to sell poor quality, non-authentic, Italian disappointments (no we're not talking about Armani knockoffs). Wouldn't you rather come to place where everybody knows your name? We're not talking about some trashy Boston bar, but Rocco's on St. Louis Ave. It's a little hometown pizzeria that's been servin' it up since 1951.

We gave the atmosphere at Rocco's four sporks out of five. The eclectic environment not only gives a sense of the 70s, but it also provides wonderful topics for conversation. From a curious painting we'd like to call "lady wedged in dirt with camel" to the hanging lanterns from 1972, there was never a dull moment in our burgundy pleather booth. You could also tell Rocco's was a family establishment by all of the employees strangely resembling one another and also by several photos of little Tony's first communion adorning the entrance. If that's not enough to entice your interests, they have an employee who outdates the décor. Cash register Betty and her ancient cash register have been "chi-chingin" together at Rocco's for decades.

You can tell that Rocco's is a good friend of the Notre Dame community by all of the memorabilia and signed photographs of Regis Philbin (you'd think one would be enough). Many Notre Dame fans have made Rocco's a

football-weekend tradition.

Next we'd like to give the culinary pleasures at Rocco's three and a half sporks. The pizza is warm, delicious and an olfactory sensation. Although it's a little crispy, the ingredients were natural, plentiful and tastetastical. When asked about the pizza, student Erica Valdez replied, "It lacks that plastic appearance of most dining hall pizza pies, and I believe it's simply fabulous." Also, if you order more than one pizza, the pizza is delivered in a tower shaped form with one pizza on top of another - brilliant. Unfortunately, we only ordered one pizza, but later thought we decided the next time we'd order an imaginary pizza to get the pizza tower.

The service at Rocco's was worthy of three sporks. The waitress was in tune with our pizza needs for the first half of our dining experience, but after the pizza arrived, we were neglected in our booth for a good half hour. Since we're not great at carrying on in-depth conversations with one another, this proved near fatal when a raging game of "catch this utensil" broke out.

After wounds were mended and our waitress returned from Eastern

Siberia, the check arrived at our table. The price was a few bucks more than your average pizza, but the taste was well worth the extra

investment. Shockingly, Rocco's doesn't accept credit cards or checks — maybe because its cash register is from the dawn of time, but we're just guessing.

From the classy décor and the great pizza to the warm friendly environment, Rocco's pizzeria seemed to be a winner. If you're looking for a great hometown classic and a football weekend event, Rocco's is the place to go.

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Megan McFadden and Jessica Stoller

WTF: We Taste Food

Rocco's Restaurant



Get warm and toasty with a chili party

As the South Bend temperature begins to dip and that walk to DeBartolo seems to take just a little longer than usual, a bowl of steaming chili may be just what you need to warm up as winter creeps onto campus. The thing about this southwestern treat is there are usually endless amounts of leftovers. You might as well just invite some friends over and have a chili party.

Maureen Malloy

Scene Writer

Everyone has their own favorite style of chili, so be sure to have small bowls filled with toppings such as grated cheddar and Monterey Jack cheeses, chopped onions, sour cream, hot sauces, diced tomatoes and minced cilantro. Also have lots of warm, tasty bread on hand to sop up the zesty goodness and serve some sides like tortilla chips and guacamole to balance out the heat of the chili. For a more festive touch, encourage everyone to wear cowboy hats and break out your favorite country music playlist. Most importantly, have lots of drinks on hand to wash down your spicy meal. Enjoy this chili recipe from Tabasco brand pepper sauce's PepperFest or experiment with one of your own favorites.

Red-Chili Con Carne

- 2 pounds lean coarsely ground beef or venison
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 cups water or beer
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon cumin seeds or ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed
- 1 tablespoon Tabasco brand Habanero Pepper Sauce

Cook meat in a large skillet or Dutch oven over medium-high heat until brown, about 10 minutes, stirring to break up chunks. Pour off excess drippings, if any. Add onion and garlic and cook 5 minutes or until onion is tender.

Stir in tomato sauce, water, seasonings, Tabasco brand Habanero Sauce, and Tabasco brand Green Pepper Sauce. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 1 hour or until meat is tender and flavorings are blended, stirring occasionally and adding more water, if needed.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.
Recipe courtesy of Tabasco brand pepper sauce's Pepper Fest.

Impress your friends with homemade tortilla chips. Divide tortillas into eight wedges and coat with olive oil spray. Sprinkle to taste with salt and spices (like Essence of Emeril) and some limejuice if you prefer. Bake at 325 degrees for 12-15 minutes, turning occasionally, until golden brown and crispy. Serve hot with guacamole or any of your other favorite dips.

Mexican Ice Cream Sundaes are a great way to round off the meal. Serve warm cinnamon sauce over chocolate ice cream and garnish with a cinnamon stick. For the sauce, melt 3/4 cup butter in a small saucepan. Add 1 cup confectioners' sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, and 1/2 cup water. Bring to a boil, then simmer until thickened, about 5 minutes.

Cinnamon Sauce recipe courtesy of www.sweet-babymedia.com

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AMA

ABC is in the midst of resurgence. After years of being the worst of the Big Three in terms of ratings ABC has two of the highest-rated shows this season "Lost" and "Desperate Housewives" heavily employ the themes of sex and the attainment of personal satisfaction without regard for the effect on others. If ratings are any indicator, the formula works. Moreover, ABC apparently has decided to utilize the formula in the network's other productions, like Sunday night's 32nd American Music Awards. Held in LA's Shrine Auditorium, the award show was marked by dreadful production along with unending overt references to sex, drugs and violence.

Broderick Henry

Scene Writer

Gwen Stefani, lead singer of No Doubt, set the offensive tone for the evening. She sang the first single, "What You Waiting For?," from her forth-



Jimmy Kimmel hosted the American Music Awards show to Anna Nicole Smith after her appearance.

Rapper O.D.



O.D.B. was a founding member of the rap group Tang Clan and was working on an album when he di

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coming debut album. Accompanied by Chinese influenced music and stage production, Stefani advocated "Take a chance you stupid ho!"

Lenny Kravitz, with his newly shaved head, was chosen to follow Stefani. He performed an inspired version of his song "Lady."

For this awards show ABC chose a slightly different approach from comparable shows like the MTV Video Music Awards or the Grammy's. Dick Clark, producer of the event, chose to present performers in pairs so that viewers ended up seeing artists of different genres back to back. There is no question it was to the detriment of the show. I am not sure anyone wants to or can even bear seeing pop star Jessica Simpson and country singer Kenny Chesney with Uncle Kracker, one right after the other.

Jimmy Kimmel was emcee for the live telecast. The talk show host and late night comedian tried his best to offend as many artists and viewers alike. His opening monologue attacked Michael Jackson

and very casually glorified the use of marijuana by music's larger acts.

Throughout the evening Kimmel made sure not to allow viewers to forget Anna Nicole's Smith's disturbing appearance. Smith was at the ceremony to present a performance by best new artist nominee Kanye West, whose latest video features her. The reality-television star at times appeared confused, crazed, illiterate and heavily intoxicated on drugs of some nature. In a tight black number, Anna Nicole asked the audience if they liked her body. After mistakenly calling West a female, producers quickly cut away from her for West's performance.

Kimmel later dedicated the evening to Smith.

In terms of awards, Usher was the big winner. His latest album, "Confessions," which has sold more than 7 million copies, won best pop/rock album. The 27-year-old music sensation also won for favorite male soul/R&B artist and best soul/R&B album. Usher performed his hit single "My Boo" with his rumored girlfriend, Alicia Keys. Their performance, which included a staged makeout session, received one of the few standing ovations for the evening. Keys also performed by herself and won an award for favorite female soul/R&B artist. Clearly, it was a memorable evening for the couple.

Country artist Toby Keith won favorite country male artist for his album "Shock'n Y'All" and Brooks & Dunn won favorite country band. Gretchen Wilson took home her first American Music Award and performed "Redneck Woman." The song was full of offensive stereotypes and coarse language. It fit in well with the overall theme of the festivities.

Bon Jovi was honored with the event's most prestigious award for its overall career achievement. Bon Jovi accepted the Award of Merit and thanked the fans for their support over the years: "Even when I couldn't, you gave me the chance to dream." Clad in tight pants and cropped hairstyles, one was confused as to whether the group had left the 1980's. The moment was, as Bon Jovi described it, "surreal but much appreciated."

American Idol winner Fantasia Barrino shined once again, delivering one of the few strong performances of the show. Her delivery was steeped in soul and likely reminded viewers why they chose

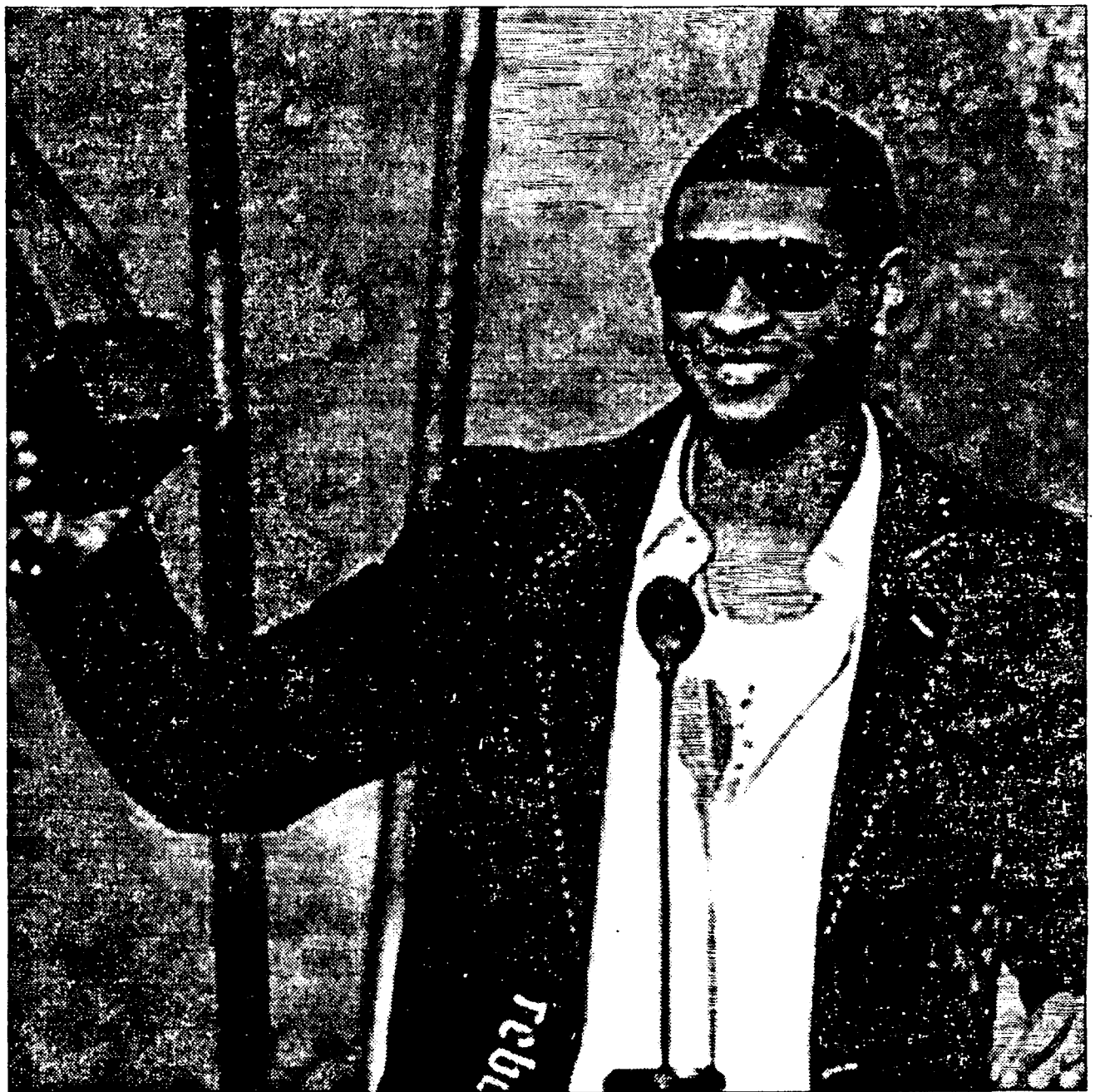


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Usher was one of the biggest winners of the night at the American Music Awards, winning three awards.

her as their idol. Yet, someone failed to tell Barrino her hair looked like an unkempt toupee.

Overall, Kobe Bryant's appearance produced the greatest audience reaction. While presenting the award for best soul/R&B album attendants both cheered and booed the star basketball player. Bryant's reception was symbolic of the night's proceedings. Some performers deserved praise while most should have stayed home. Maybe then viewers would not have had endure such disinterest and disrespect.

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O.D.B. dies in Manhattan recording studio

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Autopsy results for the rapper known as O.D.B., who died at a Manhattan recording studio, will not be available for several days while authorities conduct medical tests, officials said Sunday.

Results of the tests could take more than a week, said Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the New York City medical examiner's office.

O.D.B., whose legal name was Russell Jones, complained of chest pains before collapsing Saturday at the Manhattan studio. He was dead by the time paramedics reached him, said Gabe Tesoriero, a spokesman for Roc-a-Fella records.

The cause of death was not immediately clear, but O.D.B. had recently finished a prison sentence for drug possession and escaping a rehab clinic. He would have turned 36 on Monday.

Meanwhile, the music world on Sunday mourned the rapper's death as many of the industry's stars

gathered in Los Angeles for the 32nd annual American Music Awards.

O.D.B., also known as Ol' Dirty Bastard, was a founding member of the rap group the Wu-Tang Clan.

With his unorthodox delivery — alternately slurred, hyper and nonsensical — O.D.B. stood out even in the nine-man Clan, and as a solo artist he released hit singles such as "Shimmy Shimmy Ya" and "Got Your Money."

He had been working on his comeback album for more than a year and was almost finished, Tesoriero said.

Information about funeral plans was not immediately available.

O.D.B. was the latest in a string of rappers to meet an untimely death, among them Jam Master Jay of Run DMC, who was fatally shot in late 2002, and Notorious B.I.G. and Tupac Shakur, who were both shot to death in the late 1990s. Those killings remain unsolved.



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O.D.B., also known as Ol' Dirty Bastard, would have turned 36 years old today.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

This year's version of the Irish more complete

Breona Gray leapt in front of the Nebraska guard, tipped the pass and took it coast-to-coast to complete the steal and the bucket. Then in the second half, she did it again — this time on the left side.



Heather Van Hoegarden

Sports Editor

Fueled by a strong effort on the boards and on defense, the Irish pulled away from the Cornhuskers at the end of the first half, much like they did two days ago against Illinois State.

This Irish team is hungry. Sure they have a star in Jacqueline Batteast, a preseason All-American and preseason National Player of the Year.

But they had her last year. Then there's last year's Big East Most Improved Player, Megan Duffy. She doesn't turn the ball over, and chances are, you're not going to take the ball when she's dribbling. She can score, she can shoot.

But they had her last year too.

So why is this year's Irish team different?

What they didn't have was

this year's Teresa Borton. The mild-mannered senior has been aggressive on offense and on the boards. Sunday she put up 13 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in 24 minutes of play. Borton's contributions were big, as she was Notre Dame's second leading scorer and their leading rebounder.

Borton hit almost every shot she took, making 6-of-10 from the floor. She pulled down almost every rebound in her immediate area. Right side, left side, it didn't matter — Borton finished. When Courtney LaVere got in early foul trouble, it was Borton who raised her game.

"It's really great to see different people stepping up," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Borton's play Sunday is a microcosm of this year's Irish team. Her hustle and aggressive play is seen throughout this Notre Dame team.

Gray put up a career-high 12 points while shutting down Nebraska's Kiera Hardy, holding her to 2-of-16 from the field, days after she scored 28 points on Western Illinois in the Cornhuskers' previous game. It was a career day for Gray.

And while her teammates are missing shots, Charel Allen was all over the boards. The 5-foot-11 freshman grabbed

eight rebounds, most of them coming off her own hustle and nose for the ball.

Duffy is all over the court, even if she isn't shooting well, like Sunday night. Batteast is all over the boards and on offense, she is as aggressive as she needs to be. But when she is double-teamed, she knows what to do with the ball. And her teammates know even better.

This Irish team is not the team from a year ago.

They move the ball better on offense. They hustle more.

Sure, the defense is comparable.

But the real difference in this Notre Dame team is its aggressiveness — and the fact that Batteast is not the only threat.

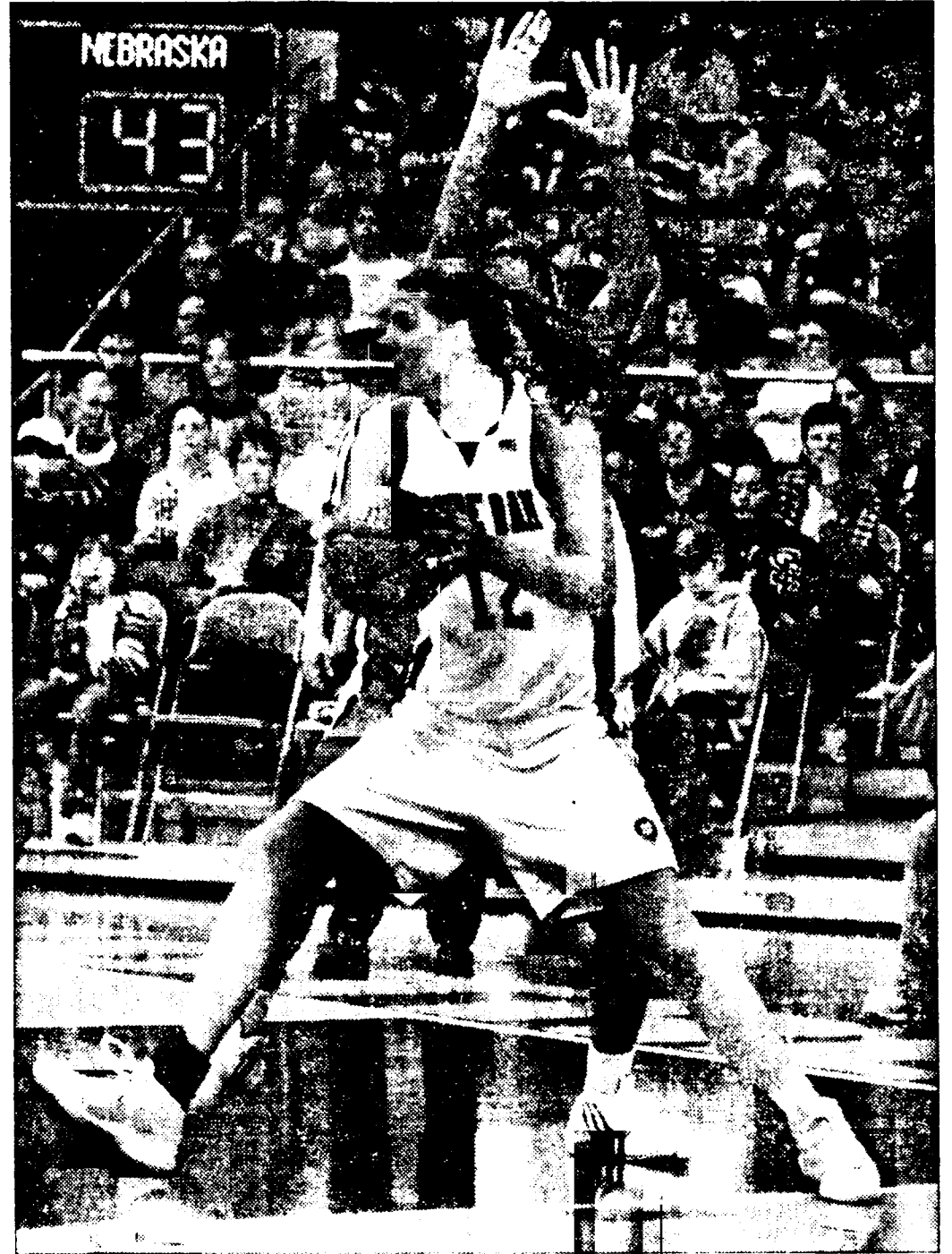
And for the Irish, that's just what they needed this year. That's what has won them two straight games by at least 15 points.

Now a true test will come Wednesday night when they face No. 6 Duke.

That's when this team will really need its other players to rally around Batteast.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Teresa Borton posts up during Notre Dame's win over Nebraska Sunday. Borton was 6-for-10 from the field.

ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish float past Panthers, Spartans

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Two weeks after a double disappointment against Arizona State and Purdue, the No. 24 Irish reversed their fortunes at the Rolfs Aquatic Center on Friday. The Irish easily triumphed over Pittsburgh and Michigan State, defeating them by scores of 172-128 and 199-101, respectively.

Irish coach Bailey Weathers was satisfied with the way his team performed.

"We did pretty well, we won a lot of events and the kids competed hard, so things looked good from our end," he said.

The Irish took control with the first event and never looked back, winning the 200-meter relay to start the meet and win 10 of 16 events overall. The team of freshman Caroline Johnson, sophomore Jessica Stephens, junior Christel Bouvron and sophomore

Rebecca Grove finished with a time of 1 minute, 46.01 seconds beating their nearest competitor by more than half a second.

Stephens and Bouvron had a successful evening, each capturing two individual titles as well to go with their relay success.

Stephens won both the 200-meter individual medley as well as the 200-meter breaststroke, dominating the latter with a career-best 2:18:31 and finishing more than four seconds faster than second place. Stephens just missed the breaststroke sweep, losing in the 100 by 0.08 seconds. Bouvron swept the butterfly events, winning both the 100 and 200-meter events by considerable margins. Senior diver Meghan Perry-Eaton was virtually unchallenged on Friday night, dominating both the 1

and 3-meter diving competitions. After six events this season, Perry-Eaton has five victories already under her belt.

The trio of Stephens, Bouvron and Perry-Eaton took part in seven of the Irish's 10 victories.

"I'm real pleased [with the way they performed]," Weathers said.

Outside of the contributions of those three, the Irish showed plenty of strength Friday. Sophomore Ellen Johnson had one victory and two second-place finishes on her own, as well as a win as part of the 400-meter freestyle relay. Johnson won the 200-meter freestyle, and placed second in the 200-meter backstroke and 500 freestyle.

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"We won a lot of events and the kids competed hard."

Bailey Weathers
Irish coach

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles finish 7th

Division III schools
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By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The Belles came in seventh place out of eight teams on Saturday at the Maroon Division-III Invitational hosted by the University of Chicago. Competition at the meet was stiff, with the slate of opponents featuring the top-ranked Division-III school in the nation, Washington University.

Washington easily took first at the invitational, followed by Luther College and Illinois Tech in second and third. The host school finished in fifth place, behind Illinois Wesleyan.

This year is the first season that Saint Mary's has participated in the Maroon Invitational.

Junior Sarah Nowak was pleased with the way her team performed at the meet on Saturday.

"It was an invitational that we'd never been to before ... [with] teams that we weren't used to," Nowak said. "I think that just getting up and racing against some of the bigger teams was an accomplishment."

Nowak, who placed 11th out of 38 in the 200-yard freestyle and fifth of 25 in the 200-yard breaststroke, also turned in impressive performances in the 100-yard butterfly and 400 freestyle relay, with teammates Rachel Boury, Kelly Tighe and Kelly Nelis.

Going into the race the team was coming off a week of tough workouts, with the addition of more weight training to the regular practice schedule.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish teams place 2nd

By **BOBBY GRIFFIN**
Sports Writer

As the common saying goes, the second-place team is the first loser.

This was not necessarily true for the men's and women's cross country teams as they both finished second in the Great Lakes NCAA regional race this weekend.

By finishing second, each team received automatic bids to the NCAA championship race, which will take place Nov. 22. The top two teams qualified for the NCAA championships.

Kurt Benninger continued his solid season for the Irish, finishing in third place overall, seven seconds behind the leader with a time of 30:17. He was the first Notre Dame runner to cross the finish line.

Kaleb Van Ort and Tim Moore also placed in the top 10 for the Irish, both finishing with times of 30:25.

"Our front four fellas ran especially well," head coach Joe Piane said, referring to Benninger, Van Ort, Moore and Sean O'Donnell, who finished in 19th overall, with a time of 30:35.

Piane was also quick to give credit to the other Irish runners, namely Vinny Ambrico.

"Vinny Ambrico, our fifth man, did a fine job. He did exactly what I asked him to do, and that was good a little bit

more conservatively ... and try to work [his] way through the pack," Piane said. "We'll probably have to change that strategy a little bit for the next time we race, but I thought he did a great job."

The 82 points for the Irish were 55 behind that of Wisconsin, who won the race. The Badgers are currently ranked No. 1 in the country.

"We were pleased, we went there to get an automatic qualifier and we did," Piane said.

Coach Piane also stressed that it would be very important to repeat the same intensity that the Irish had in this weekend's race, next Monday in the NCAA's.

"[We need to] reproduce that kind of performance, and probably move it up just a notch," Piane said.

For the women, Stephanie Madia led all Irish runners, finishing in fourth place overall with a time of 20:10.

Coach Tim Connelly praised his team for running the race they did, commenting at length about the performances of Madia, Olding, Meagher, Lauren King, who finished 24th with a 21:02, and Jean Marinangili, who finished 26th with a 21:13.

"I thought our kids competed really well, and got done what we needed to get done," Connelly said.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

ND surprises Pittsburgh

1st victory ever over ranked opponent

By **RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA**
Sports Writer

Blink and you literally would have missed it.

The average human blink lasts 0.4 seconds. But when sophomore Tim Kegelman touched the wall ahead of Pittsburgh's Darryl Washington last Friday, only .04 seconds separated the two swimmers in the decisive 400-yard freestyle relay. Point zero four seconds was all the time needed for the Irish to upset the eight-time defending Big East champion No. 17 Pittsburgh and give Notre Dame the biggest win in the 47-year history of the program.

"It was a huge win for us," head coach Tim Welsh said. "It allows us to enter a whole new level. We have been close against some ranked programs before. But this is the first time we have won a dual-meet against a ranked opponent, so it's at least the biggest win since joining the Big East [Conference]."

The victory gave Notre Dame (5-1) its first-ever win over a nationally-ranked opponent and the 155-145 victory snapped Pittsburgh's 26-meet winning streak against Big

East Conference foes. The Irish also defeated Michigan State 213-87 in the triangular meet.

In a late-meet situation that mirrored the one against No. 22 Brigham Young two weeks ago, the Irish found themselves leading 142-141 entering the final relay and needing a victory in the final event to win the meet.

"I think the fact that we have been there before and that we didn't win helped us," Welsh said. "The most important thing for us is that we did the last relay the right way. That was a very clear example of a little bit of experience helping us stay cool in a pressure situation."

Making their competitive debut as a 400-yard freestyle quartet, Notre Dame's relay team of senior Frank Krakowski, sophomores Louis Cavadini and Nick Fanslau and Kegelman snatched away the first-place finish with a time of 3:04.13 while the Panthers' relay team came in just behind at 3:04.17. Krakowski, Cavadini and Fanslau swam very well in the first three legs of the relay, building a 1.12 second advantage when Kegelman took to the water.

In the final 50 yards,

Kegelman faced the task of holding off a rapidly gaining Washington, an eight-time all-league honoree, who made up a large chunk of Notre Dame's lead early in his leg. Washington got into a virtual tie in the final 10 yards but Kegelman's fingers reached the touchpad just before his. Entering this weekend, just 13 Division I programs had fielded relays that had gone quicker than the time posted by Notre Dame's match-clinching one.

"One of the most exciting things for us is that we're learning to win close and it's not easy to do," Welsh said. "It was just an incredibly close meet and to the credit of our guys, they won those close races."

The final relay capped a closely contested meet in which neither team was able to pull away for long. The two teams traded leads and neither was able to build up a lead of more than 15 points at any one time. Three of the races were decided by a total of 0.11 seconds.

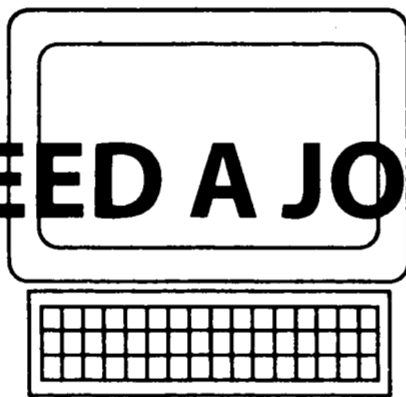
"This is collegiate swimming the way it's supposed to be," Welsh said. "The races were close but spirited. They were competitive [and the] relationship between the two teams was at a very high level. There was great sportsmanship everywhere."

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"It was a huge win for us. It allows us to enter a whole new level."

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Irish coach

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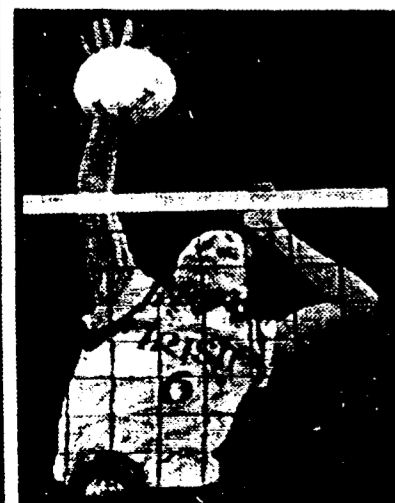
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	team	record	points
1	USC (51)	10-0	1,608
2	Auburn (6)	10-0	1,536
2	Oklahoma (8)	10-0	1,536
4	California	8-1	1,409
5	Utah	10-0	1,316
6	Texas	9-1	1,301
7	Michigan	9-1	1,279
8	Louisville	7-1	1,279
9	Wisconsin	9-1	1,012
10	Florida State	8-2	1,004
11	Georgia	8-2	979
12	Miami	7-2	834
13	Boise State	9-0	797
14	LSU	7-2	786
15	Tennessee	7-2	733
15	Virginia Tech	7-2	733
17	Iowa	8-2	626
18	Virginia	7-2	541
19	Boston College	7-2	490
20	Arizona State	8-2	442
21	West Virginia	8-2	330
22	Texas A&M	7-3	274
23	Oklahoma State	7-3	223
24	UTEP	7-2	152
25	Bowling Green	8-2	42

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	USC (51)	10-0	1,514
2	Oklahoma (6)	10-0	1,435
3	Auburn (4)	10-0	1,433
4	California	8-1	1,311
5	Texas	9-1	1,222
6	Utah	10-0	1,203
7	Michigan	9-1	1,191
8	Florida State	8-2	999
9	Wisconsin	9-1	948
10	Georgia	8-2	947
11	Louisville	7-1	880
12	Boise State	9-0	827
13	Miami	7-2	774
14	LSU	7-2	771
15	Virginia Tech	7-2	688
16	Tennessee	7-2	580
17	Iowa	8-2	519
18	Virginia	7-2	501
19	Boston College	7-2	433
20	West Virginia	8-2	419
21	Arizona State	8-2	411
22	Texas A&M	7-3	272
23	Oklahoma State	7-3	229
24	Bowling Green	8-2	117
25	UTEP	7-2	87

Men's CCHA Hockey Conference

team	CCHA	Overall
Ohio State	8-2-0	14-5-2
Michigan	7-3-0	14-4-2
Alaska Fairbanks	6-3-1	15-3-3
Nebraska-Omaha	5-2-3	10-6-4
Bowling Green	5-2-3	9-5-4
Northern Michigan	5-3-2	8-8-3
Michigan State	4-5-1	6-10-3
NOTRE DAME	4-6-0	10-8-1
Western Michigan	3-5-2	6-7-4
Lake Superior	3-6-1	6-11-1
Miami	3-7-0	8-9-2
Ferris State	1-5-4	4-8-5

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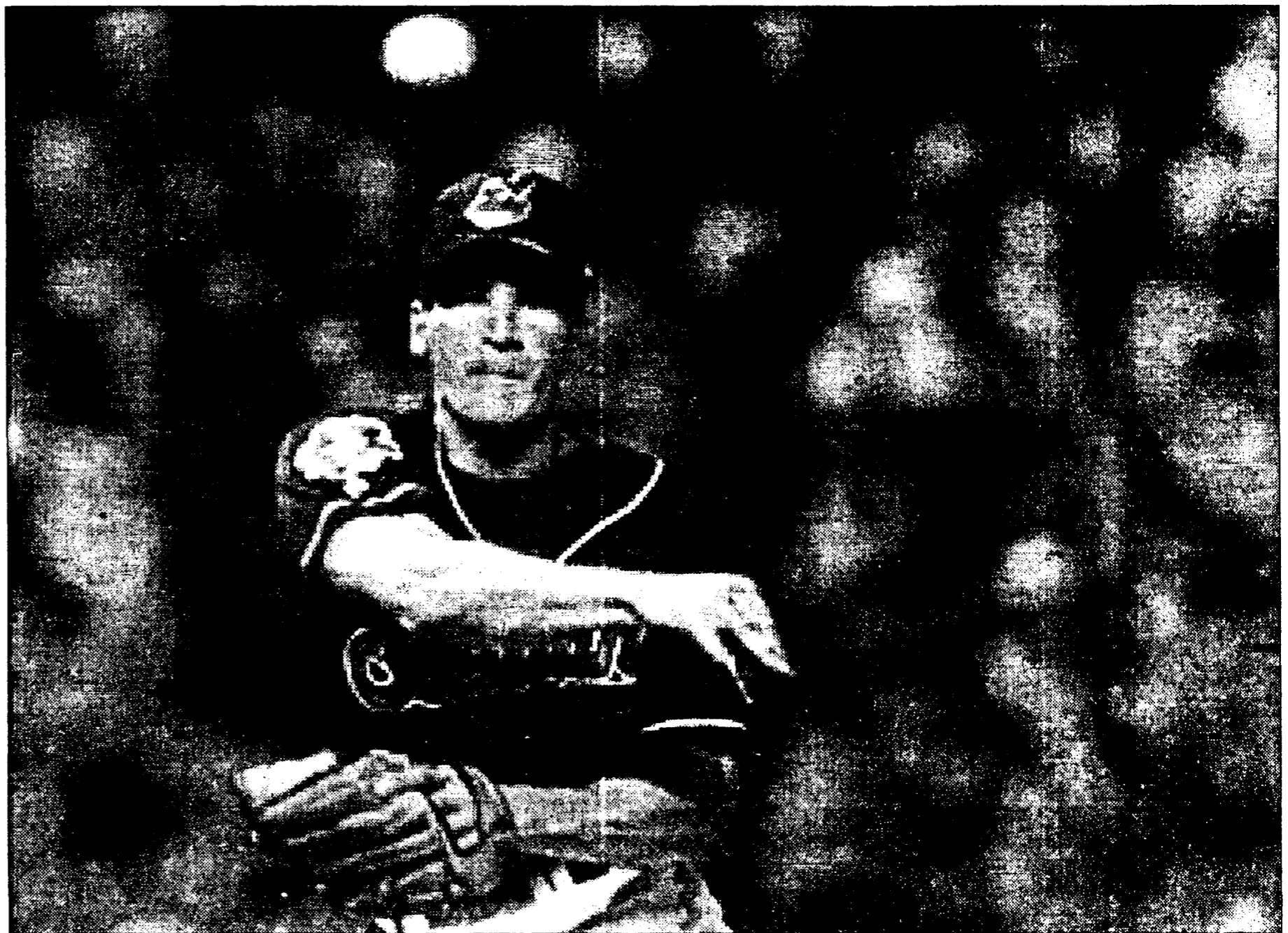
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MLB



Free agent shortstop and former Cleveland Indian Omar Vizquel reportedly agreed to a \$12.25 million, three-year contract with the San Francisco Giants on Sunday.

Giants gain 'defensive wizard' Vizquel

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Omar Vizquel hopes to revitalize his career with a new team in a new league. The San Francisco Giants just hope the veteran shortstop has a few more good years in him.

Vizquel agreed to terms with San Francisco on Sunday. The deal is worth \$12.25 million over three years, a person close to the negotiations told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

At 37, the defensive wizard is, headed to the National League for the first time in his career

after spending the last 11 seasons with Cleveland. He turned down a two-year offer from the Chicago White Sox, in part because he wanted to play on the West Coast near his Seattle home.

"People say I have a really young heart," he said. "That's important in this game ... I think I can be really strong another two or three years. I think coming to a new league is going to keep me sharp. I hope I can pick up the pace real quick."

Vizquel, a nine-time Gold Glove winner, is the first of 207 free agents to join a new team, and the second

to sign overall after Texas reliever Doug Brocail returned to the Rangers on Friday on a \$1 million, one-year deal.

The switch-hitter batted .291 with seven homers and 59 RBIs last season for the Indians. The Giants hope Vizquel can provide a boost to their defense and improve production in the No. 2 spot in the order.

Though Vizquel's production and durability have been questioned in recent seasons, general manager Brian Sabean believes Vizquel still can be an everyday contributor — and the Giants are never scared off by aging players.

"To get somebody of Omar's caliber is certainly a godsend," Sabean said of Vizquel's defensive abilities. "I think if you watch him play, he has a passion for the game and is in great shape."

Vizquel filed for free agency last month after the Indians declined to pick up his \$5 million option for 2005. Vizquel had said he wanted to return for a 12th season in Cleveland, where he grew into one of the franchise's most popular players, but the Indians said his return would be "a long shot." General manager Mark Shapiro's priority this offseason is pitching.

IN BRIEF

D.C. United wins its fourth MLS Cup over Kansas City

CARSON, Calif. — Peter Nowak had an empty feeling when he left the MLS Cup four years ago. He was beaming this time.

D.C. United's rookie coach and his team had just won the franchise's fourth MLS Cup, beating Kansas City 3-2 Sunday.

"I got my trophy back," Nowak said after Alecko Eskandarian scored twice to lead United.

Nowak was the MVP of Chicago's 1998 victory over United in Major League Soccer's championship game, then was on the field again when the Fire lost 1-0 to Kansas City in 2000.

"When you raise a trophy as a player or a coach, it's a satisfying feeling," Nowak said.

"They (the players) make me look like a genius, all their hard work. I put them through hell, really worked them, but now they get to enjoy it."

"What a great year we had," said Eskandarian, a 22-year-old former

University of Virginia star taken with the first pick in the 2003 MLS draft.

"We had a meeting last night and Earnie Stewart said that this group of guys will be on the field together for the last time. It was a great finish."

Kansas City pulled within 3-2 on Josh Wolff's penalty kick in the 58th minute. The Wizards were awarded the kick when United's Dema Kovalenko, protecting the goal line, used his hand to knock a shot by Davy Arnaud over the bar.

Kovalenko was ejected, the first player sent off in the nine-year history of the Cup.

Despite being down a man, United held off the Wizards the rest of the way.

Davenport defeats Williams, continues stay on top

LOS ANGELES — Lindsay Davenport rallied for a 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 victory over Serena Williams in the WTA Championships on Saturday, although her No. 1 ranking remained in peril.

Davenport owns a 351-point lead over No. 2 Amelie Mauresmo, who still has a chance to regain the top spot she held for five weeks after the U.S. Open.

Mauresmo defeated Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova 7-5, 6-4; both players advanced to the semifinals out of the Black Group. Mauresmo was 3-0 in round-robin play; Sharapova was 2-1.

"The match wasn't the best ever played," said Mauresmo, who had never played Sharapova before. "It was very difficult for both of us to stay focused because we have both qualified."

Sharapova hit 35 winners to Mauresmo's 19, but the 17-year-old Russian also committed 35 errors in losing for the first time in three matches.

"I was a little tired from Friday night. I didn't have enough time to rest," Sharapova said. "It was sort of a practice match; I sort of enjoyed myself. She's very consistent."

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Invitation Tournament with a 73-57 win against Nebraska on Sunday night at the Joyce Center.

It was the second game where Notre Dame had numerous players contribute to the win. The Irish had six players score in double figures in beating Illinois State 92-73 on Friday.

"It's really great to see different people stepping up and today

Teresa and [Breona] stepped up to help Jackie," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said.

The win means the Irish will face No. 6 Duke at the Joyce Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the semifinals. Notre Dame's Courtney LaVere

had 11 points in just 12 minutes of play, thanks to foul trouble. With LaVere stuck on the bench, Borton said she knew someone needed to pick up the slack.

"Courtney had fouls, and I knew that I would be playing more, and I tried to contribute more to the team to get the win," Borton said.

Borton and Gray's play, along with the rest of the team, took pressure off Batteast. To no one's surprise, Nebraska double-teamed Notre Dame's All-American on nearly every possession. Batteast didn't force her shot, but instead found an open teammate.

"I knew someone would be open if they double-teamed me," said Batteast, who finished the game with a career-high seven assists.

Notre Dame used a 49 to 37 rebounding advantage and some crisp passing to pull away from the Cornhuskers early in the second half, after leading 35-26 at intermission. The Irish, led by Borton, played aggressively in the paint and muscled their way for positioning against undersized Nebraska. Notre Dame routinely converted open lay-ups thanks to nifty passing.

The Irish couldn't shake Nebraska in the first half as the Cornhuskers drilled 6-of-12 3-point attempts. But Notre Dame's stifling defense took away the 3-point shot in the second, holding Nebraska to just 1-for-7.

"I thought we really did a better job in the second half [defending the 3-point shot]," McGraw said.

Nebraska's Kiera Hardy scorched the Cornhuskers' first opponent Western Illinois for 28 points Friday, but was a non-factor Sunday. She was 0-of-9 in the first half, and fouled out late in the second half after shooting just 2-of-16 from the field for only four points.

"I thought Breona and Charel [Allen] both did a great job on her," McGraw said. "I think we frustrated [Hardy] early. She didn't get a lot of open looks."

Nebraska's Chelsea Aubry led the Cornhuskers with 16 points on 5-of-13 shooting.

The Irish opened the game with a 10-3 run, but after a Nebraska timeout, the Cornhuskers charged back to take a 14-12 lead on Jessica Gerhart's 3-pointer.

Notre Dame then slowly took over the game by outrebounding Nebraska and scoring inside. Two free throws from Batteast with five seconds left put the Irish ahead by nine at half.

The Irish started the second half on a 13-5 run, capped off with a Borton free throw with 15:22 remaining. Notre Dame led by as many as 20 points on six different occasions.

Notes:

♦ Allen logged 28 minutes while also adding eight rebounds, good for second on the team.

♦ Fellow freshman Tulyah Gaines did not dress for the game because of a neck injury she sustained against Illinois State. McGraw said Gaines is doubtful for Wednesday's contest.

♦ Students interested in purchasing tickets for

Wednesday's game against No. 6 Duke may do so Tuesday by going to the ticket booth at the Joyce Center. Tickets are \$7 for anyone 21 and under. The Preseason WNIT mandates ticket prices for the semifinal matchup, not Notre Dame. Notre Dame students showing a student ID will be admitted for free to all regular season women's games this season.

Notre Dame 92, Illinois State 73

Notre Dame used a late first-half run to pull away in the first round game of the preseason WNIT against Illinois State Friday night by the score of 92-73, despite playing for the majority of the first half without Batteast, who was in foul trouble.

"I thought we broke the game open when we figured out how to attack the press," McGraw said.

Six players scored in double-digits for the Irish, led by LaVere's 18 points. LaVere saw increased playing time when Batteast picked up two fouls with more than 17 minutes to play in the first half.

"In the first half, I tried to come out with a lot of intensity," LaVere said. "With Jackie in foul trouble, I felt like I had to step up and score some points."

Batteast finished with 13 points in just 17 minutes, but the real story was the other Irish players. Megan Duffy scored 15 points on 5-for-8 shooting, including 3-for-4 beyond the arc, and freshman Allen had 14 points and six rebounds in her collegiate debut.

"I was really pleased with Courtney and Charel tonight," McGraw said. "I thought they both played really well. Megan is going to be steady for us, we expect Megan to do what she did, but I was really pleased with Courtney and Charel."

Notes:

♦ Gaines was injured after she hit her head on the floor Friday night. She did not play Sunday and was wearing a neck brace. McGraw said she suffered a neck injury.

♦ Every Irish player scored Friday with the exception of Gaines. The last time the Irish had six players in double digits was in 1999.

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in all three games. They dug a hole for themselves in falling behind the Mountaineers 10-6 in game one and 9-3 in game two, but the team rallied behind Carolyn Cooper's .455 hitting percentage for the match. The team hit .424 in the third game after a hitting percentage of only .105 in game two.

"I think that we finished really strong in Game 3," Brown said. "Even at the beginning of game three we were still not very efficient and not playing very well."

Brown called a timeout midway through the third game after a service error by Emily Loomis and with the teams tied at 14.

"From that point I think there was just a really good focused effort," Brown said. "We didn't have the unforced errors and just a much stronger drive to finish it and finish strong."

The play of Cooper helped to keep the Irish in the match as the middle blocker led the team with 14 kills. Lauren Brewster had 13 while Emily Loomis tallied 10.

"[Cooper] had a really strong game one and a really strong Game 3," Brown said. "I think in Game 2 she got a little bit flustered and hesitated a couple times and made some uncharacteristic errors. But she came back and finished really strong in Game 3 which was huge for us."

Team captain Meg Henican hustled for a match-high 24 digs at her libero spot while Adrianna Stasiuk chipped in 16. But Stasiuk's powerful serve was the strongest part of her play as it flustered the Mountaineers all afternoon.

"[Stasiuk's] serving was prob-

ably the best I've seen it all year," Brown said. "It was very consistent and really took them out of their system the whole time. She passed really well and played good defense."

"It was really good to see that she could struggle a little bit with her hitting and then come back really strong with her other parts of the game."

The Irish finished the conference season with a record of 9-1, while

Syracuse and Pittsburgh both ended at 8-2.

As regular season champions the Irish will be the No. 1 seed at next weekend's Big East tournament in Pittsburgh. Though every team will be eager to knock them from their perch, Brown wouldn't have it any other way.

"I think for us to go in and know that we have to play well and that everyone's shooting for us, I think that's OK," Brown said. "We don't want to go into a match and think that we don't have to play well or that we can just roll over somebody."

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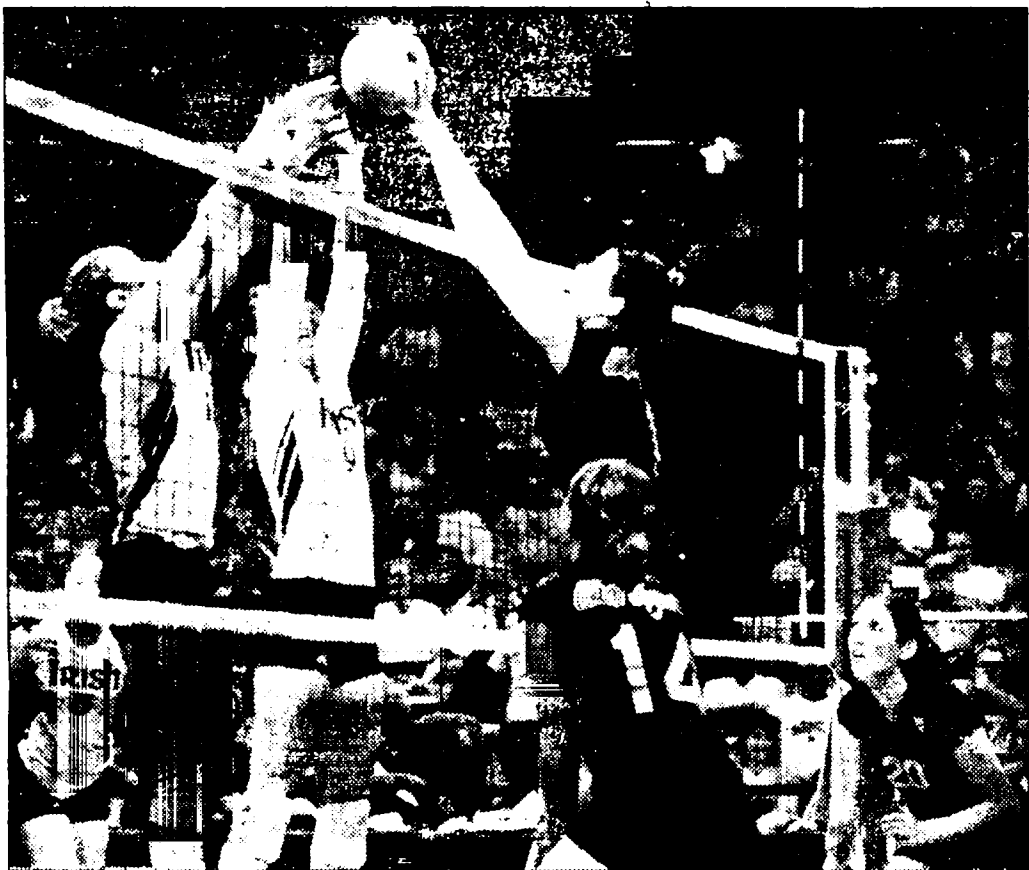
Debbie Brown
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Notre Dame's Adrianna Stasiuk, left, and Carolyn Cooper go up to block a West Virginia attack.

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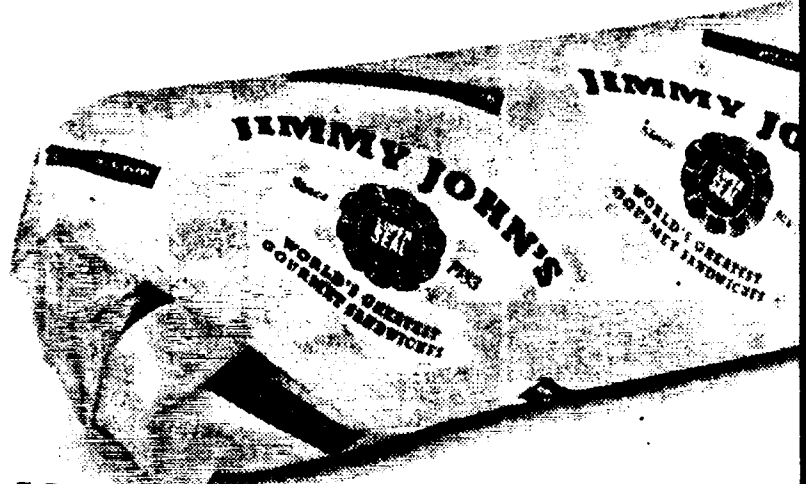
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Knights

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avored Knights would roll to an easy victory early in the game, as they scored on their first play from scrimmage. Laumann launched a 64-yard touchdown to Jon Wood to give Keenan an early advantage.

After a three-and-out by the Knott offense, Keenan figured to get the ball back with a chance to build on their lead. Instead, the Juggs successfully executed a fake punt, with quarterback Justin Gillet taking the snap and completing a 14-yard pass.

This was crucial in swinging the momentum toward Knott as the emotionally-charged Juggs went on to score to end that drive. Gillet connected with tight end Mike Talerico for a three-yard touchdown to

account for the tally.

The Juggs became the first team to score on Keenan in the playoffs. Wooldridge's first failed kick of the game, however, left Knott trailing 7-6.

Keenan's balanced attack allowed them to respond immediately with a 13-play, 65-yard drive, culminating with a 10-yard pass to receiver Danny Zenker, who tight-roped along the sideline for the score. The Knights' extra point was blocked, leaving them with a 13-6 halftime advantage.

The underdog Juggs came out in the second half with an inspired effort as they controlled much of the play on both sides of the ball, outgaining Keenan 91 to nine. The Juggs were able to crack the vaunted Knight defense, combining the running ability of John Lyons and the accurate passing of Gillet.

The quarterback was able

to find holes in the secondary throughout the half completing 7-of-10 passes after half-time. Knott was able to tie the game with a 14-yard play action pass to Trey Patrick.

Patrick's twisting, over-the-shoulder catch late in the fourth quarter gave Knott the opportunity to win the game as the Juggs had the ball inside the Keenan 15 with less than two minutes left. A holding penalty and a sack pushed the Juggs out of field goal range as the clock expired.

Zenker's acrobatic catch on the second play of overtime gave the Knights the 20-13 advantage.

Knott's overtime possession left them two yards from the end zone on fourth down. Gillet found Joe McCarthy on a play-action pass to set the stage for the missed kick.

"We just told [Wooldridge] after that game that you win

and lose as a team," Knott captain Drew Donovan said. "He didn't miss a kick for us all during the regular season and playoffs, and without him we wouldn't have even been at the Stadium."

The drama of the final play incited a raucous celebration as the Keenan fans rushed the field to congratulate their team.

Laumann's excitement reflected that of the entire team, especially that of captain Pat Downey, whose injury limited him to a coaching role for the majority of the season. Laumann's comments showed the team's respect for Downey's leadership ability.

"It was a tough role reversal for him, but he made all the right calls today," Laumann said. "I'm glad to play for the guy."

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However, despite the impressive first half, the Irish found difficulties in finding shots at the goal during the second half of play.

"We were a little lackadaisical to get the rhythm in the second half," Waldrum said.

Notre Dame continued to struggle until late in the half when defender Kim Lorenzen managed to knock in a goal, followed 48 seconds later by another goal from senior Candace Chapman. Chapman took the ball from the midfield to the left side of the field before firing a shot past an Eastern Illinois defender.

"The angle she scored from was a tough angle," Waldrum said. "It was an incredible goal."

The Irish found the going against the Badgers to be more difficult. Though Notre Dame registered 18 shots on goal, the Wisconsin defense played a physical style that disrupted the Irish ball control. Three yellow cards were handed out during the game, two of which went to the Badgers.

"That's Big Ten soccer," Waldrum said. "It's a very difficult style to play against. They take you out of your rhythm."

The going was particularly difficult for Thorlakson, who often faced multiple defenders while trying to maneuver on offense.

"They were on my back the whole game," she said. "Usually, [opposing defenders] start out with that focus and then they lose it during the game, they can't find me as much. But [Wisconsin] seemed to find me a lot. I just have to stay persistent and try and do what I'm going to do."

About the only time Thorlakson had any room was during corner kicks. However, through 89 minutes of play, the Irish had been unsuccessful on their three previous attempts. On Notre Dame's fourth and final corner kick, Thorlakson lined the ball into the goal box where the 5-foot-11-inch tall Krivacek leapt and deflected the ball into the right side of the net.

Her first goal of the season proved to be a timely one even though the play was not drawn up for her.

"Mainly I'm there for a distraction but this time she played a ball which I was able to get to," she said. "I had their goalie basically on my back and no one fronted me so I was able to get a good flick."

With the win, Notre Dame now puts to rest many of the fears about a repetition of an early postseason exit. A loss in the Big East championship this year recalled memories of last season's Big East semifinal loss to Boston College and subsequent second-round 1-0 loss to Michigan in the NCAA tournament at Alumni Field. The Wolverines scored on their only shot on goal in that game and, though his defense only allowed one shot on goal on Sunday, Waldrum worried that the same result might happen again.

"I was kind of seeing shades of Michigan again," he said. "If we'd have ever got one [goal], I felt like we could've broken it open with four or five. As a staff, we felt the heat a little bit of getting past [the second] round."

The Irish have a week to practice before they play at Alumni Field Saturday against Connecticut.

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Walsh

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break knotted at 7. The defensive battle intensified in the second half, as neither offense could string together successful plays.

As the clock ran down and the score remained tied, it became clear that one big play could decide the outcome.

Walsh coach Dave Grennan was sure that it would be the Wild Women who made that play.

"Our games have been close all year and we've always pulled it out," he said. "We just expect to win the close ones."

Grennan's confidence proved prescient. After both teams traded punts for much of the half, Walsh linebacker Patty Rose snagged an errant Cavanaugh pass and

returned the interception inside the Chaos 10-yard line.

Two plays later, another Mary Sullivan touchdown toss gave the Wild Women a 13-7 lead with only a few minutes remaining.

Moments later, Walsh cornerback Patty Rose extin-

guished Cavanaugh's dimming championship hopes with an interception that once again gave Walsh the ball deep in Chaos territory.

Sullivan found the end zone again, this time with a rushing touchdown, and put the game out of reach. With less than a minute left, Cavanaugh's last possession of the season was ended — not surprisingly — with another interception.

Sullivan took a knee and the jubilant Walsh fans stormed the field to congrat-

ulate their champion Wild Women.

The win capped a season for Walsh that was both amazing and unexpected.

The Wild Women were ranked eighth in preseason polls, but Grennan knew his team was championship caliber.

"We knew we were better than that, and we worked hard all year to prove it ... it's a fantastic feeling," he said.

With a talented squad returning next year — including the freshman Sullivan — the Wild Women are unlikely to be ranked eighth in next years poll.

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"We knew that we were better than [our preseason rank of eighth] and we worked all year to prove it."

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HOCKEY

Irish saddle Broncos for first league victory

Weekend win against Western Michigan is first on road this year

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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The Irish bucked a pair of dubious streaks against the Broncos this weekend.

First, the Irish picked up their first point on the road this season, tying Western Michigan 2-2 Friday night. Then, Notre Dame (2-5-4, 1-4-3 in the CCHA) won its first road game and CCHA game of the year, knocking off the Broncos 3-2 Saturday.

"It was especially nice to do well on the road in a building where we haven't played well as of late," Irish coach Dave Poulin said since his team lost both road games against Western Michigan last season. "I think it added a bit to the rivalry we've got going on with them. It was really good to pick up that first win in the conference."

With its win Saturday, Notre Dame also broke a five-game winless streak (0-2-3) dating back to a 3-2 win over Boston College on Oct. 22.

An especially encouraging sign for Poulin was the play of both his goalies, each of whom had struggled at times during the season. Senior Morgan Cey started Saturday, making 38 of 40 saves in the win, while sophomore David Brown got the call in net Friday, stopping 28 of 30 Bronco shots.

"Both of our goalies have been good on occasion, but they'd never really both played well on the same weekend until this weekend," Poulin said. "We have very high expectations for our goalies, because they've had so much success before."

"But [Brown and Cey] put a lot of expectations on themselves, as well."

The Irish had difficulty getting started Friday night, falling behind 1-0 after the first period after being outshot 17-10. Mike Erickson picked up a loose puck and poked it past Brown at 4:51 of the first period.

Neither team scored in the second, and it didn't take long for the Broncos to add to their lead, with Erickson scoring his second goal of the game just 1:06 into the frame.

All that goal did was get the Irish going.

Notre Dame's Noah Babin broke through on Bronco goalie Dan Bellissimo at 4:56 of the period, flipping a wrist shot past Bellissimo's glove for Babin's second career goal.

It was freshman forward Evan Rankin who picked up the equalizer off a three-on-one rush just three minutes later. Rankin used Tim Wallace and Brock Sheahan as decoys and slapped a hard shot from the right circle past Bellissimo. It was Rankin's second-straight game with a goal.

The tally was especially sweet for Rankin, who is from Portage, Mich., a suburb of Kalamazoo, Mich., and learned to skate at the Broncos' Lawson Arena.

"It was an interesting weekend for Evan," Poulin said. "He performed for us once again, even with the pressure of having to play in front of his hometown and at the arena where he grew up skating."

"[Rankin's] energy is great; his goal-scoring habits are what really make him a great player — things like keeping his stick on the ice, stopping in front of the goal for deflections — that's the sort of things that make him stand out."

Saturday the Irish got off to a quick start, with Mike Walsh and Rankin assisting on Cory McLean's third goal of the season at 6:18 of the first period.

Each team scored twice in the second period. On an Irish power play, defenseman Wes O'Neill scored his team-leading fourth goal of the sea-

son at 5:01.

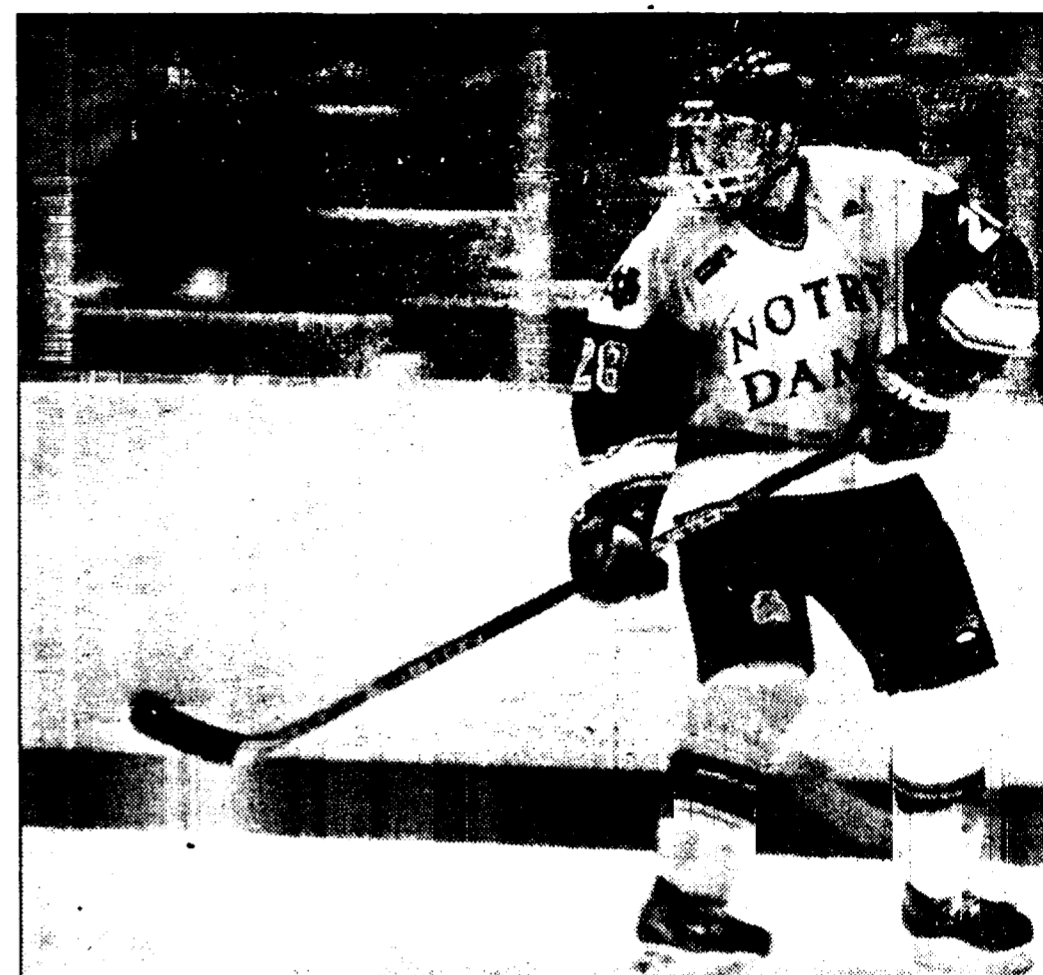
Western Michigan's Brian Bicek scored two goals for the Broncos to tie the game at two apiece, but forward T.J. Jindra scored the game-winner with just 33.3 seconds in the second period.

Sheahan threw a cross-ink pass to Jindra at the Bronco blue line, and the sophomore forward skated in and fired a wrist shot from the slot to beat Bellissimo. Cey then closed out the Broncos in the third.

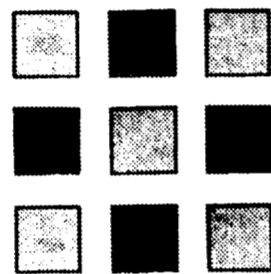
"The second and third periods Saturday were about the best hockey we've played all season," Poulin said. "Even though they tied it up in the second, we knew that we had the energy and were going to come away with it."

The Irish will face the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team in an annual exhibition Friday.

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TIM WALLACE looks up the ice during Notre Dame's 4-4 tie with Bowling Green on Nov. 5th.



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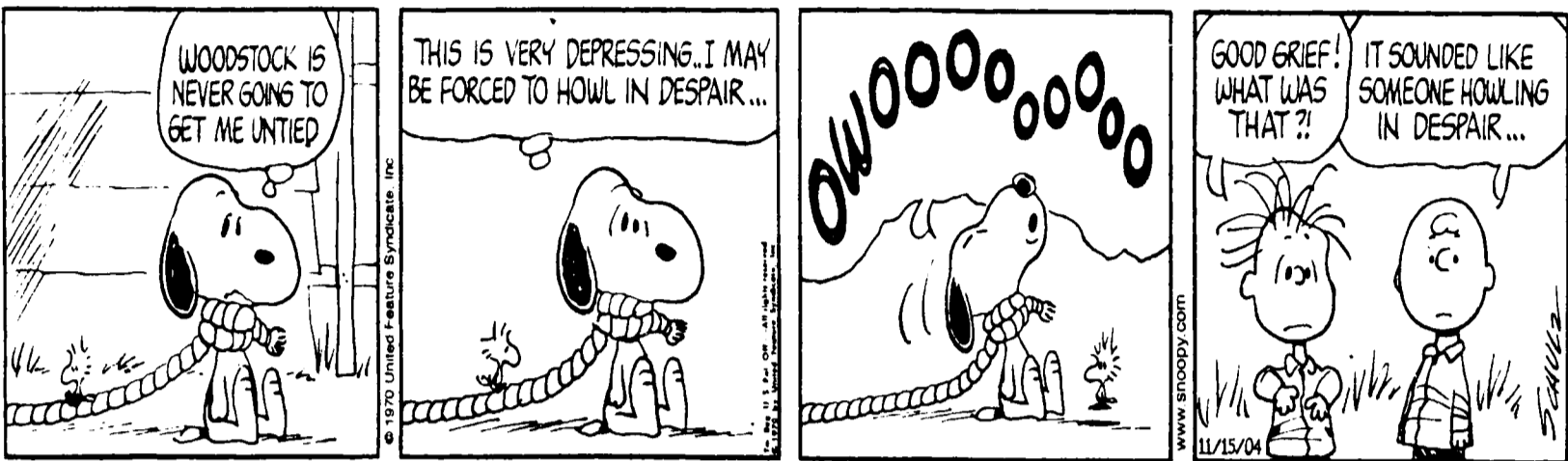
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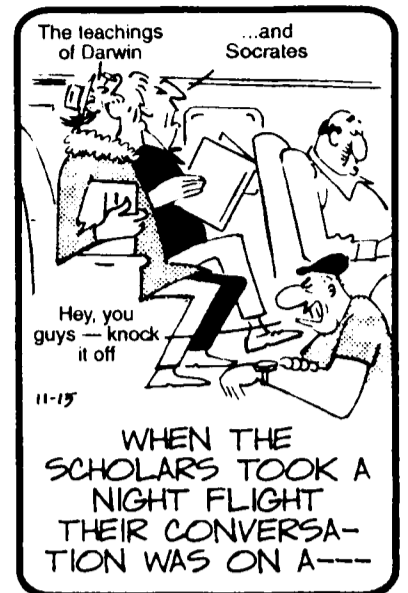
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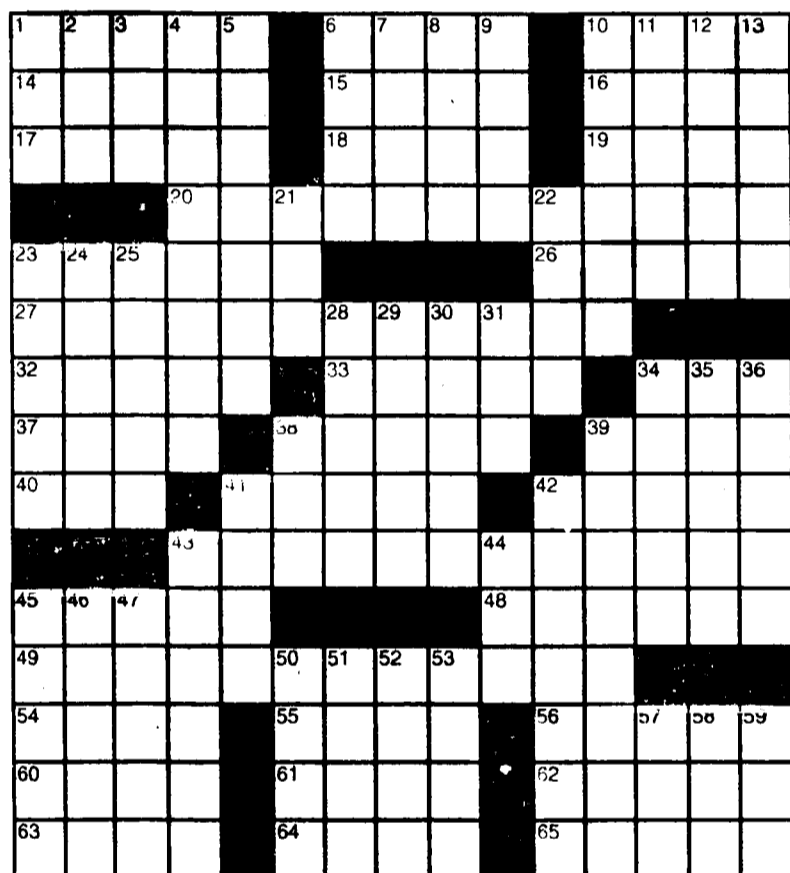
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Better late than never

Krivacek's goal with 53 seconds left lifts Irish over Badgers



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Notre Dame's Amanda Cinalli battles for the ball with Wisconsin's Natalie Horner during the Badgers' 1-0 loss to the Irish on Sunday.

By MATT MOONEY and DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writers

Notre Dame found a way to get the same result out of two very opposite games.

The fourth seeded Irish (21-1-1) advanced to the Sweet Sixteen of the College Cup NCAA Tournament after two different victories in the first and second round. Both games were held at Alumni Field.

The Irish trounced Eastern Illinois (13-6-2) by a 4-0 score on Friday night and then narrowly squeaked by Wisconsin (16-6-1) 1-0 on Sunday afternoon. Midfielder Jill Krivacek provided the heroics on Sunday when she scored on a header off of a corner kick with 53 seconds remaining in the game.

After losing to Connecticut during the finals of the Big East tournament last weekend, the

Irish were determined to get out to a quick start in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"They were angry losing to [Connecticut], and they were anxious all week to get out and get a game," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "They didn't feel sorry for themselves during the week. They really just wanted to get out and get started."

To begin the match against Eastern Illinois, it did not take long for Notre Dame to find the net.

Notre Dame drew first blood seven minutes into the game. The goal came from freshman forward Amanda Cinalli off of a corner kick by midfielder Katie Thorlakson.

After an assist on the first goal, Thorlakson quickly found the net eight minutes later for the 2-0 lead.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team beats Huskers by 73-57 score

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

For the second straight game, Notre Dame didn't solely rely on Jacqueline Batteast to win. The rest of the Irish held their own just fine.

Teresa Borton had 13 points and a career-high 11 rebounds. Breona Gray added a career-high 12 points and Batteast tallied 24 points to help Notre Dame advance to the semifinals of the Preseason Women's National

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish win 9th regular season Big East title

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Two matches. Two wins. One conference championship.

Notre Dame clinched the Big East conference regular season title Sunday afternoon at the Joyce Center by sweeping West Virginia 30-23, 30-25, 30-19.

"It's huge," Irish coach Debbie Brown said when asked what it meant to win the Big East regular season title for the ninth time in school history. "It's a goal we have every year."

The Irish were put into position to win the league outright after they defeated Pittsburgh on Friday 3-0 in a match played in the Joyce Center prior to that night's football pep rally.

Lauren Kelbley led Notre Dame with 14 kills while Meg Henican scooped up 25 digs in beating the Panthers 30-25, 30-22, 30-19.

Sunday's match against West Virginia teetered back and forth between the two squads as it featured 18 lead changes, including 10 in the pivotal second match. The Irish were plagued with slow starts

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

To the victors go the spoils

Walsh defense stops Cavanaugh in 20-7 Wild Women win

By BRIAN CARDILE
Sports Writer

Walsh captured the women's interhall championship Sunday, beating Cavanaugh 20-7 on the strength of a stellar defensive performance.

A sizable Notre Dame Stadium crowd watched the Wild Women use three second-half interceptions to seal both the win and an unbeaten season.

"The interceptions were huge ... they really gave us the momentum and we were able to keep it going," Walsh quarterback Mary Sullivan said.

The Chaos had the better start, forcing a punt on Walsh's first drive and then easily finding the endzone on the ensuing possession.

But a Mary Sullivan touchdown pass just before half-time sent the game into the

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Walsh quarterback Mary Sullivan keeps the ball on an option as her team defeated Cavanaugh 20-7 Sunday.



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Knott wide receiver Trey Patrick makes a sideline catch in his team's 20-19 loss to Keenan on Sunday.

Missed kicks haunt Knott in 20-19 OT loss to Keenan

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

In a game filled with long passes, crucial tackles and trickery, it was one of the most overlooked plays in football that decided the men's interhall championship.

Eric Wooldridge's missed extra point in overtime, Knott's second failed conversion of the day, gave Keenan a 20-19 victory in front of a spirited crowd Sunday at the Stadium.

"This couldn't be any better," Keenan quarterback Eric Laumann said. "We had a great team and put forth a great effort today. I'm so happy for all of our guys, especially the seniors."

Laumann's three touchdown passes accounted for all of the scoring for the Knights, who finished the season undefeated.

It appeared as though the

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

HOCKEY

Irish pick up first CCHA win

The icers skated to a 2-2 tie and 3-2 win against Western Michigan this weekend.

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MLB

Vizquel signs deal with the Giants

The free-agent shortstop agreed to a three-year deal with San Francisco.

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ND MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish earn first win over ranked foe

The swimmers defeated No. 17 Pittsburgh by a score of 155-145.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Teams finish 2nd at NCAA Regional

Both the men's and women's teams qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles participate in Maroon Invite

Saint Mary's finished seventh in the eight-team invitational meet.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Women knock off Pitt, Michigan St.

The Irish defeated the Panthers 172-128 and the Spartans 199-101.

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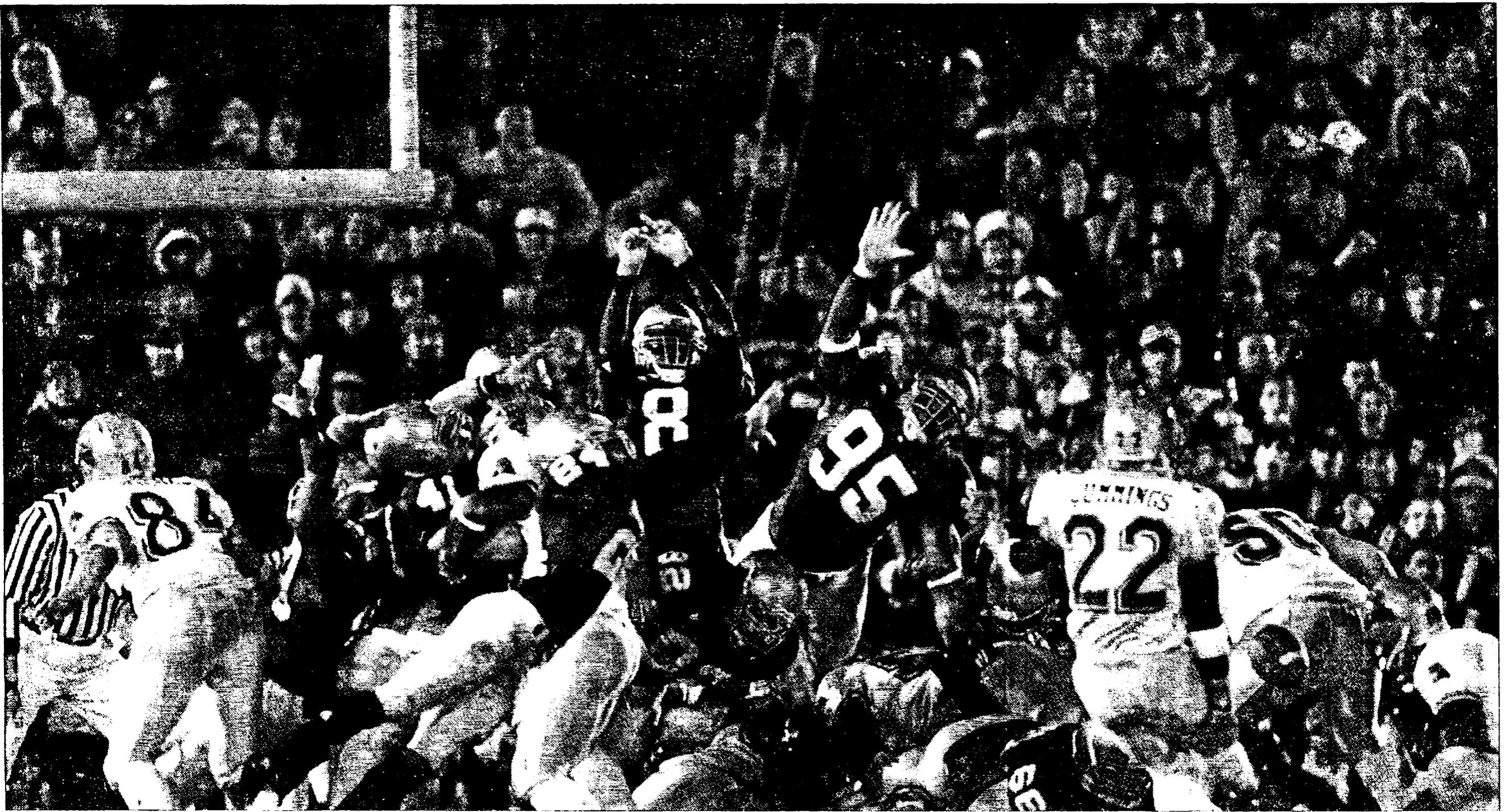
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Pittsburgh 41, Notre Dame 38

Senior Day disaster

Cummings' late field goal propels Pittsburgh over Notre Dame



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Pittsburgh's Josh Cummings kicks a 32-yard field goal with one second left in the game to give the Panthers a 41-38 victory as Dwight Ellick, 24, Quentin Burrell, 8, and Victor Abiamiri, 95, try to block the kick. The field goal was the result of a 55-yard Pittsburgh drive. The loss dropped Notre Dame to 6-4.

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Despite finding a way to be consistent on offense, Notre Dame found a way to be inconsistent overall yet again.

Pittsburgh's Tyler Palko threw for 334 yards and a Notre Dame-opponent record five touchdowns, and Josh Cummings kicked a 32-yard field goal with one second on the clock to beat the Irish 41-38.

"For this team, it comes the hard way," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "As bitter, as painful as this day is, they'll continue to work."

A week after upsetting then-No. 9 Tennessee, the Irish found themselves searching for answers after their third home loss this season — this one on Senior Day.

"Honestly, I never imagined losing this game — having four losses the rest of the season," Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said. "I'm in a state of shock right now."

Quinn completed 15-of-26 passes for 259 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions. Matt Shelton led receivers with three grabs for 128 yards and one touchdown, including a game-high 46-yard catch.

The Irish generated 438 yards of total offense, including 112 yards on the ground from Darius Walker, but they were unable to stop the Panthers (6-3),

who became bowl-eligible with the win.

Quinn was intercepted on the opening drive by Josh Lay, who returned the ball four yards to the Irish 33. Palko dropped a bad snap on second-and-one and Mike Goolsby recovered the

fumble to begin a drive that would lead to the first Irish touchdown — 5-yard Walker run.

Both of Walker's touchdown runs came in the first half, as well as a 40-yard run — the team's longest of the season. Maurice Stovall would finish the drive by catching a 17-yard pass for his first touchdown of the year.

"We kind of played our heart out ... [but] there's always stuff that I can do better," Walker said. "I definitely coulda, woulda, shoulda on a lot of the plays and things."

The Notre Dame offense produced, but a porous secondary could not stop the Panthers in the first half. Pittsburgh marched downfield on four consecutive drives and was not forced to punt until the second half.

The Notre Dame defense tightened up in the second half, but

penalties made a big difference. In the Panthers' final touchdown drive, two pass interference calls proved costly — including one that negated a Tom Zbikowski goal-line interception.

"I don't think there was absence of pressure," Willingham said, noting that the elusive Palko was forced to scramble 13 times for a net gain of 30 yards. The Irish recorded three sacks on the day for a net loss of 20 yards.

But Palko stepped up and made the big plays when they were necessary, including a fourth-and-four conversion on a flip pass late in the fourth quarter that led to the Panthers' go-ahead touchdown.

After the usually reliable Irish tight end Anthony Fasano dropped a ball on third-and-five, D.J. Fitzpatrick kicked a 44-yard field goal off the left upright with 1:11 remaining to tie the

score at 38 apiece.

The Panthers strung together six plays for 55 yards to get within field goal range for the winning score. On that drive, Irish linebacker Mike Goolsby went for the strip instead of trying to tackle Pittsburgh receiver Erik Gill, who broke two tackles for a 36-yard gain. The Panthers ended the drive on the game-winning field goal by Cummings, which gave the Panthers the 41-38 win.

"This game was about missed opportunities," said linebacker Derek Curry. "We had opportunities to make plays but we didn't step up and make them."

The seniors, who had a particularly bitter defeat in their final home game, were left searching for answers.

"It's been kind of an up-and-down season," said Carlyle Holiday. "We beat some great teams and we lost to some teams we thought we could beat."

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player of the game

Tyler Palko

The sophomore quarterback led the Panthers to the win with his five touchdown passes, the most ever against Notre Dame.

stat of the game

9-for-17

Pittsburgh's third-down conversion rate. The Panthers were able to convert on many key third downs to keep drives alive.

play of the game

Palko's 36-yard completion to Gill

Irish linebacker Mike Goolsby went for the ball against Erik Gill and missed the tackle, leading to the big play that put the Panthers in field-goal range.

quote of the game

"We came out flat. We didn't come out with enough energy."

Dwight Ellick
Irish cornerback

report card

- B-** **quarterbacks:** Quinn threw two interceptions, but besides those, he played a solid game. The offense put up 38 points, and he threw for 259 yards on 15-of-26 passing.
- B+** **running backs:** Walker broke a few big runs, finishing with 112 yards rushing and two touchdowns. However, Grant was not as effective, rushing for just 52 yards on 15 carries.
- B** **receivers:** Stovall finally caught a touchdown pass for the first time this season. Fasano dropped a key third-down pass in the fourth quarter, but Shelton had 128 yards receiving.
- B** **offensive line:** The line gave up just one sack and the Irish ran for 179 yards on the ground. They looked solid for the most part, but did pick up a few penalties.
- C+** **defensive line:** The defensive line contained the Pittsburgh run as a whole, but when the Panthers really needed to run, it seemed they could. Palko was sacked three times and was under pressure occasionally.
- C** **linebackers:** Curry and Goolsby combined for just 11 tackles. Goolsby missed a big tackle in the fourth quarter while going for the ball. Hoyte was quiet, with six tackles.
- F** **defensive backs:** The unit gave up the big play over and over. Ellick was burned by Lee and DelSardo, and Richardson dropped a potential interception during Pittsburgh's final touchdown drive.
- A-** **special teams:** Fitzpatrick kicked the game-tying 45-yard field goal after a bad snap and bad hold. He had three of his four punts inside the 20. Campbell and Holiday had big returns.
- D** **coaching:** Somehow, somehow, this team wasn't excited to play on Senior Day. Decent defensive adjustments were made at the half, but when it came down to it, the Irish didn't get it done.

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overall: Notre Dame did it again, losing to a team it shouldn't have. The Irish are left to pick up the pieces with one more game to play.

adding up the numbers

number of times Pittsburgh entered the red zone on offense — all seven times the Panthers scored at least a field goal

7

5

number of touchdown passes Tyler Palko threw for against the Irish, the most ever by an opposing quarterback

yards receiving by Matt Shelton, a career high, including one touchdown

128

4

streak of Senior Day games the Irish had won coming into Saturday's game against Pittsburgh

number of times Pittsburgh punted in the first half, en route to scoring 28 first half points

0

334

yards passing by Pittsburgh's Tyler Palko, the sophomore's fourth 300-yard passing game this season

penalties committed by Notre Dame leading to five Pittsburgh first downs

5

9:23

time of possession for Pittsburgh in the fourth quarter alone, almost double Notre Dame's time of possession of 5:37



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish defensive end Justin Tuck reacts to a pass interference call on fourth-and-10 in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game. Tom Zbikowski's interception in the end zone was negated as a result of the pass interference call on Irish cornerback Preston Jackson. Pittsburgh went on to score two plays later.

Irish need something to change

The down was third-and-one. Notre Dame had one timeout left. Pittsburgh needed a field goal to win. And as the Panthers lined up at the Notre Dame 24-yard line with 29 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, the Irish defense showed confidence.

They waved their arms to pump up the crowd. They dug in their cleats. They waited for the snap. And then they gave up a 13-yard run straight up the middle to Pittsburgh tailback Marcus Furman.

That play told the story of Saturday's ballgame. It told the story of Notre Dame's current season. And it told the story of the despicable state of this program.

Granted, there were some legitimate excuses this time.

Josh Lay's second interception of Brady Quinn came after a blatant pass interference penalty that was not called. The flag thrown on Preston Jackson for a fourth-down pass interference penalty was a bad call that all but handed Pittsburgh a go-ahead touchdown.

But Notre Dame players said they did not let the bad calls bother them.

"You've just got to keep fighting through it and not focus on officiating because playing 11 guys plus those guys is even harder," Irish linebacker Derek Curry said. "So you've just got to play against the 11 [offensive players] that are out there."

So Notre Dame's offense kicked a field goal to tie it and gave the defense another shot. But Pittsburgh received the ball, put its 11 players

against Notre Dame's 11, and in six, penalty-free plays of 55 yards gained, the Panthers shoved another loss down the collective Notre Dame throat.

This one hurt, and Furman's run epitomized the reasons why.

The run showed the continuing failure of Notre Dame coaches to manage game situations. Furman found a gaping hole in the middle of the Notre Dame defense even though the situation dictated that exact play call.

Pittsburgh had third-and-one, two timeouts and a 12-of-17 field goal kicker already one-for-one on the day. The Panthers wanted to center the ball and get the first down to run out the clock. Pittsburgh had to run the ball up the middle, and everyone in Notre Dame Stadium knew it. But Notre Dame was not ready for it.

Meanwhile, Furman's run also showed the inconsistency of the players on the field.

On a crucial fourth-quarter play, Notre Dame's defense gave up the 13-yard run in a 'running' situation to a team that averages 107.8 rushing yards per game against opponents like Temple, Syracuse and Furman.

But most of all, Furman's run erased any pride Notre Dame could have salvaged to finish the season.

Pity the seniors. Carlyle Holiday, Carlos Campbell, Kyle Budinscak and others made differences in their final career home game that still did not put a desperate team over the top.

Pity players like Darius Walker. As Notre Dame players raised their helmets to the crowd, the

freshman running back walked off the field well behind his teammates. Coach Tyrone Willingham called to Walker.

"Darius," he said. Walker did not answer. He was in a daze. "Darius," Willingham said. Walker heard him this time and broke into a trot. But Walker did not hear his coach's first call because his helmet was still on. Chinstrap, still locked tight. The message was clear. Darius Walker wanted to keep playing until he won.

But he couldn't, because the Pittsburgh Panthers had just made his team 6-4 staring straight at a season finale with the No. 1 team in the country.

Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko used an expletive to describe his excitement after the win. A Notre Dame assistant coach used the same expletive to tell the officials how he felt about their performance.

And that is what it has come to. Right now, expletives define Notre Dame football.

The inconsistency is frustrating, the home losses debilitating and the excuses, tiresome.

At least two people used that same expletive while standing on the Notre Dame Stadium turf Saturday. Right now, nothing is sacred.

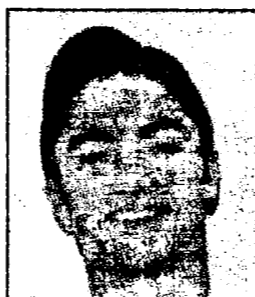
"We just didn't play," Derek Curry said.

It might take one more drubbing at the hands of a left-handed quarterback to convince this team that something needs to change.

"You've just got to keep fighting through it and not focus on officiating because playing 11 guys plus those guys is even harder."

Derek Curry
Irish linebacker

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Associate Sports Editor

Defense fails against Panthers

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Coming into the game, the Notre Dame defense was about the only part of the football team that had been consistent. The run defense was outstanding, and the pass defense was shaky at times, but good enough.

Saturday, that all changed, as the Notre Dame defense was lit up for 41 points, the most ever scored by Pittsburgh against a Notre Dame team in the 62 times the teams have met.

Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said the defense didn't make plays to start the game. As a result, as the game progressed, it became harder for them to do so.

"Each time you don't make a play, it makes it more difficult to step up and make it, because it's all about confidence," Willingham said. "And those guys have to continue to work and make the plays and get the job done."

In the first half, the Irish secondary was beat by Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko. The sophomore threw for 214 yards and four touchdowns in the first half alone. Greg Lee was on the receiving end of five of Palko's throws — good for 95 yards — while tight end Steve Buches caught two touchdown passes. The Panthers beat up on the Irish defense for 267 total first-half yards and 28 first-half points. Every time the Panthers touched the ball in the first half, with the exception of their first possession when Palko fumbled the snap and Irish linebacker Mike Goolsby recovered, they scored. Pittsburgh did not punt in the first half.

"The first half we were not really ourselves defensively," Willingham said. "I thought in the second half we came out and put some stops together, and we seemed to get some control of it, but then they slipped in some big plays."

In the second half, the Irish defense stepped up a bit. They stopped the Panthers three straight times to open the half before giving up a field goal. But the defense let up again, giving up a touchdown with a little over two minutes to play. However, even that wasn't the dagger.

With just over a minute to play, Pittsburgh got the ball with the game tied 38-38. The Panthers were driving downfield, and it looked like Palko's pass to Erik Gill was going to be a short completion. But Goolsby went for the strip and missed the tackle. The result was a 36-yard gain to the Notre Dame 33-yard line, setting up the game-winning field goal.

"Going into that series, I was telling the defensive backs to play aggressive and not play scared, and I was thinking the same thing myself," Goolsby said. "They threw an out to the tight end and I had [the ball] in my hands, but he took it away from me. Then I was trying to strip it, and I couldn't make the tackle. I was trying to be aggressive."

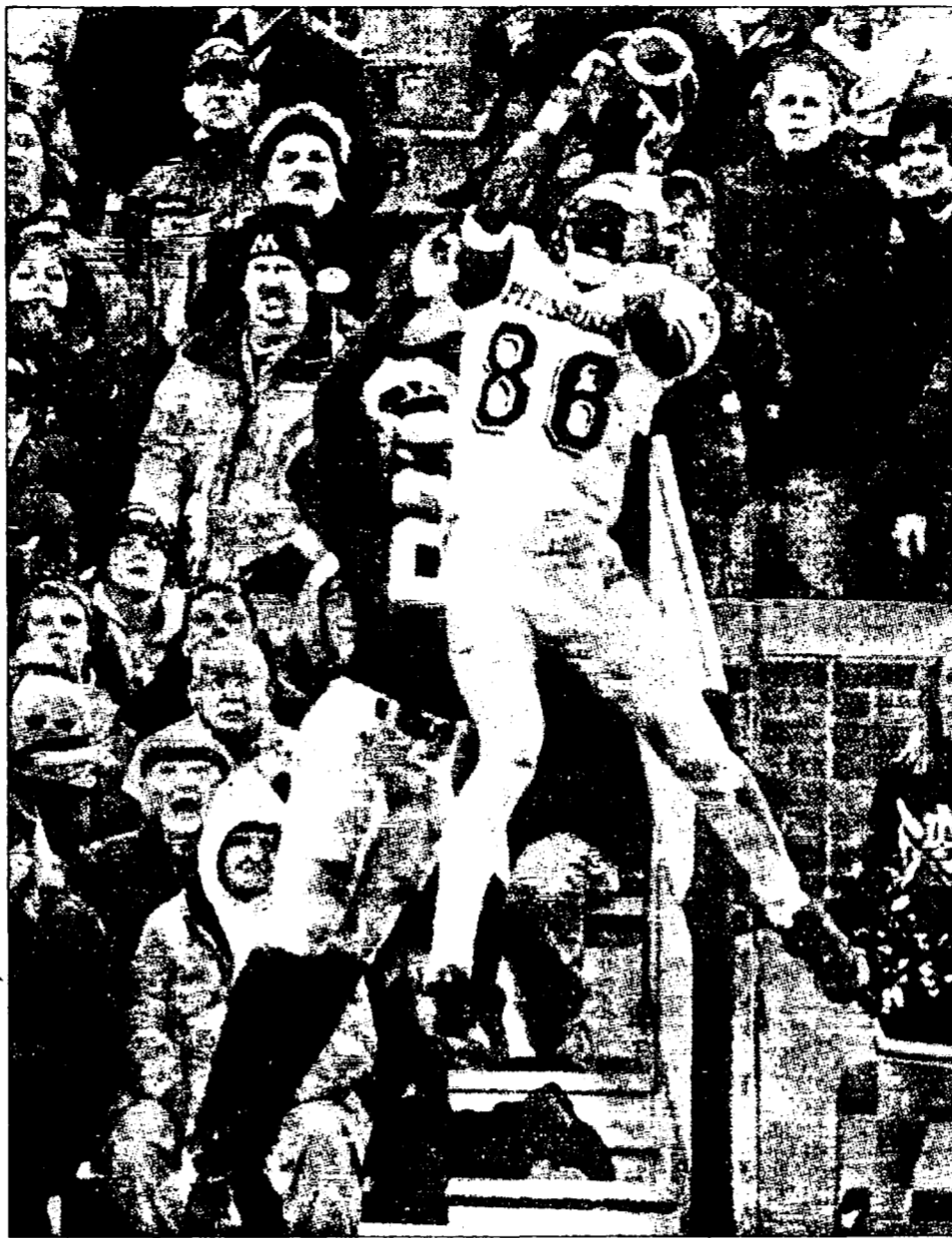
Irish defensive coordinator Kent Baer echoed Goolsby's motivations for going for the ball first instead of the tackle.

"Somebody being aggressive, trying to make a play," Baer said of Goolsby.

Despite the fact it gave up 41 points, the Irish defense played fairly well in the second half with the exception of the last drive. However, on the game, they did give up 13 fourth quarter points after holding the Panthers scoreless in the third quarter — the only scoreless quarter of the game for either team.

"We made a lot of adjustments [at halftime]," Kent Baer said.

However, it wasn't enough on senior day for the Irish. The defense was filled with fifth-year seniors playing their last home game at Notre Dame Stadium, but it wasn't enough for the unit to come through. On the day, the defense surrendered 432



Pittsburgh wide receiver Greg Lee elevates over Dwight Ellick for one of Tyler Palko's five touchdown passes on the day.

yards of total offense, including 334 in the air and five passing touchdowns by Palko, who threw for the most passing touchdowns ever against Notre Dame. The defense also played a big role in 110 yards of Irish penalties, albeit some questionable.

Arguably the biggest penalty came late in the game on Pittsburgh's second-to-last drive. Cornerback Preston Jackson was called for pass interference with just under three minutes to play in the game on a fourth-and-10 pass by Palko that was intercepted by Tom Zbikowski in the corner of the end zone. The play was called back due to the penalty, and two plays later, Palko threw for his fifth touchdown to put the Panthers up 38-35 — the only Pittsburgh touchdown of the second half.

But despite a decent second half, the Irish defense knew it didn't get the job done — especially in the first half.

"We came out with a different attitude [in the second half]," Goolsby said. "We had our head up our you-know-where in the first half, and then just came out with a different attitude."

"We weren't really focused in the first half defensively."

Another fifth-year senior, Kyle Budinscak was extremely disappointed with the loss and the play of the defense.

"We let up big plays, especially in the first half, and that ended up being our demise," he said. "It's something that's not easy to talk about now."

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Palko drops bombs on Irish 'D'

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Tyler Palko became the first quarterback ever to throw for five touchdowns against the Irish. Eleven others have completed four touchdown passes — most recently Purdue's Kyle Orton in this season's Oct. 2 game.

"There's no better feeling then to come in here and get a win," Palko said. "I'd give those five touchdowns back and get a win anytime."

Palko was also able to scramble in the pocket, rushing for 50 yards in the game before sacks were figured into the stats.

"I thought their quarterback did a great job," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "I thought his ability to run bailed them out of situations where drives were just about to be stopped but his feet kept the drive alive."

In a postgame interview with NBC, the sophomore used an

expletive in describing the game. He apologized for the slip after the game.

Holiday, Campbell shine

In his last game at Notre Dame Stadium, fifth-year senior Carlyle Holiday made something happen after a disappointing season.

Holiday returned a punt 68 yards in the third quarter, which led to the Rashon Powers-Neal 19-yard touchdown reception from Brady Quinn, tying the game at 28.

"I felt like I had a good chance to make something happen," Holiday said of Notre Dame's longest punt return this season. "It was definitely good just to rush for more than 10 yards, just get the feet moving and being able to celebrate doing something and helping the team out."

Holiday said the Irish spe-

cialists had worked on a different blocking scheme in practices against Tennessee.

"We did set up a different return this week," he said. "We worked on it this whole week in practice, and it was successful in the game today."

In his final game at Notre Dame Stadium, Holiday was able to make something happen for an Irish offense that has struggled all year with consistency.

"I just tried to get up the sideline and make the kicker miss if I had the ability to," Holiday said, "but all I was thinking was

touchdown." Carlos Campbell was also able to make an impact in his last game, returning a kickoff 41 yards, Notre Dame's longest of the season as well.

"It's just me on my last day, trying to get out there and

"I felt like I had the chance to make something good happen."

Carlyle Holiday
Irish punt returner

scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Pittsburgh	7	21	0	13	41
Notre Dame	7	14	7	10	38

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Pittsburgh 0
Darius Walker 1-yard run with 7:21 remaining (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 10 plays, 74 yards, 5:59 elapsed
Pittsburgh 7, Notre Dame 7
Derek Kinder 3-yard reception from Tyler Palko with 2:23 remaining (Josh Cummings kick)
Drive: 15 plays, 82 yards, 4:58 elapsed

Second quarter

Pittsburgh 14, Notre Dame 7
Steve Buches 1-yard reception from Palko with 12:34 remaining (Cummings kick)
Drive: 9 plays, 43 yards, 3:32 elapsed
Notre Dame 14, Pittsburgh 14
Darius Walker 5-yard run with 9:35 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 6 plays, 67 yards, 2:59 elapsed
Pittsburgh 21, Notre Dame 14
Greg Lee 3-yard reception from Palko with 5:39 remaining (Cummings kick)
Drive: 8 plays, 66 yards, 3:56 elapsed
Notre Dame 21, Pittsburgh 21
Maurice Stovall 17-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 4:28 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 5 plays, 80 yards, 1:11 elapsed
Pittsburgh 28, Notre Dame 21
Buches 20-yard reception from Palko with 2:55 remaining (Cummings kick)
Drive: 5 plays, 65 yards, 1:33 elapsed

Third quarter

Notre Dame 28, Pittsburgh 28
Rashon Powers-Neal 19-yard reception from Quinn with 13:23 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 1 plays, 19 yards, 0:06 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Pittsburgh 31, Notre Dame 28
Cummings 27-yard field goal
Drive: 11 plays, 78 yards, 6:14 elapsed
Notre Dame 35, Pittsburgh 31
Matt Shelton 36-yard reception from Quinn with 7:21 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 3 plays, 42 yards, 1:30 elapsed
Pittsburgh 38, Notre Dame 35
Erik Gill 9-yard reception from Palko with 2:24 remaining (Cummings kick)
Drive: 13 plays, 69 yards, 4:57 elapsed
Notre Dame 38, Pittsburgh 38
Fitzpatrick 45-yard field goal with 1:11 remaining
Drive: 7 plays, 53 yards, 1:13 elapsed
Pittsburgh 41, Notre Dame 38
Cummings 32-yard field goal with 0:01 remaining
Drive: 6 plays, 55 yards, 1:10 elapsed

statistics

total yards

PITTSBURGH	432
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rushing yards

PITTSBURGH	98
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passing yards

PITTSBURGH	334
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return yards

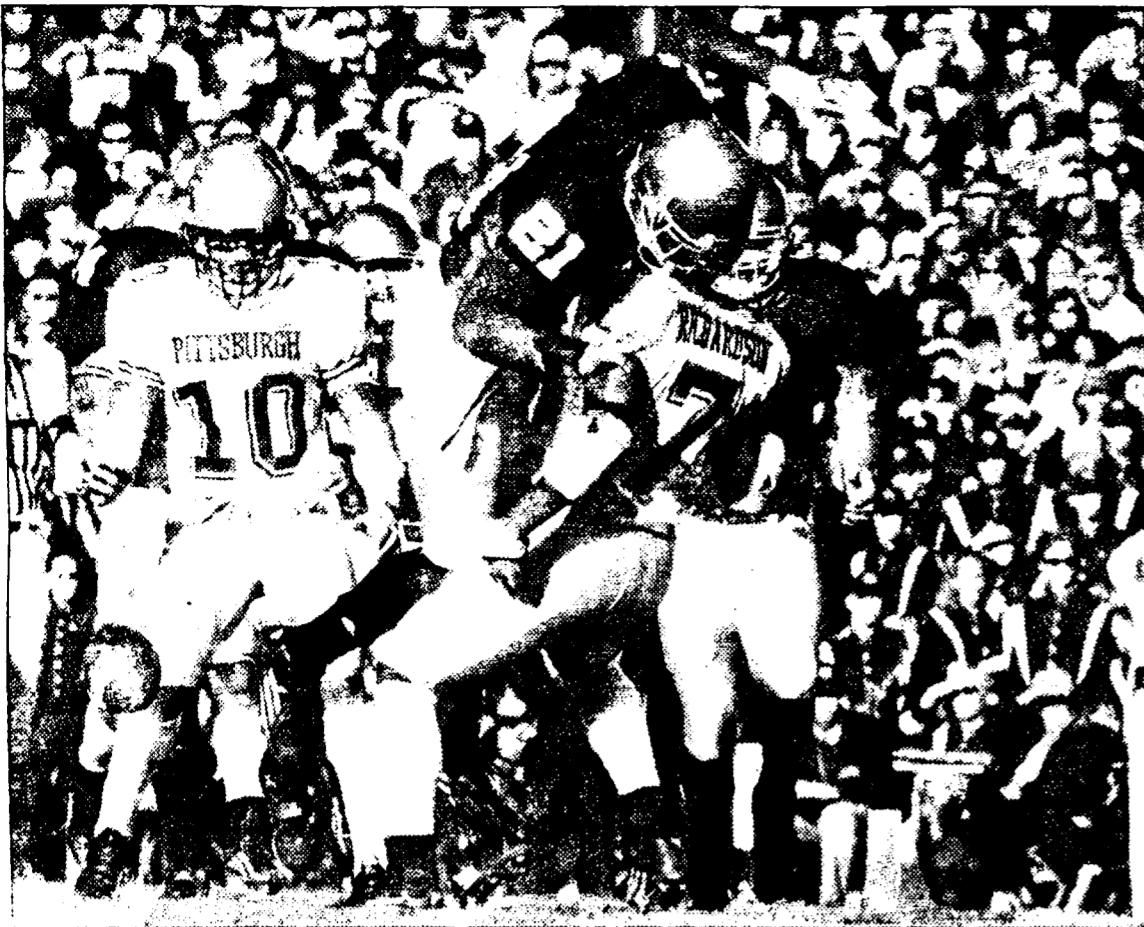
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time of possession

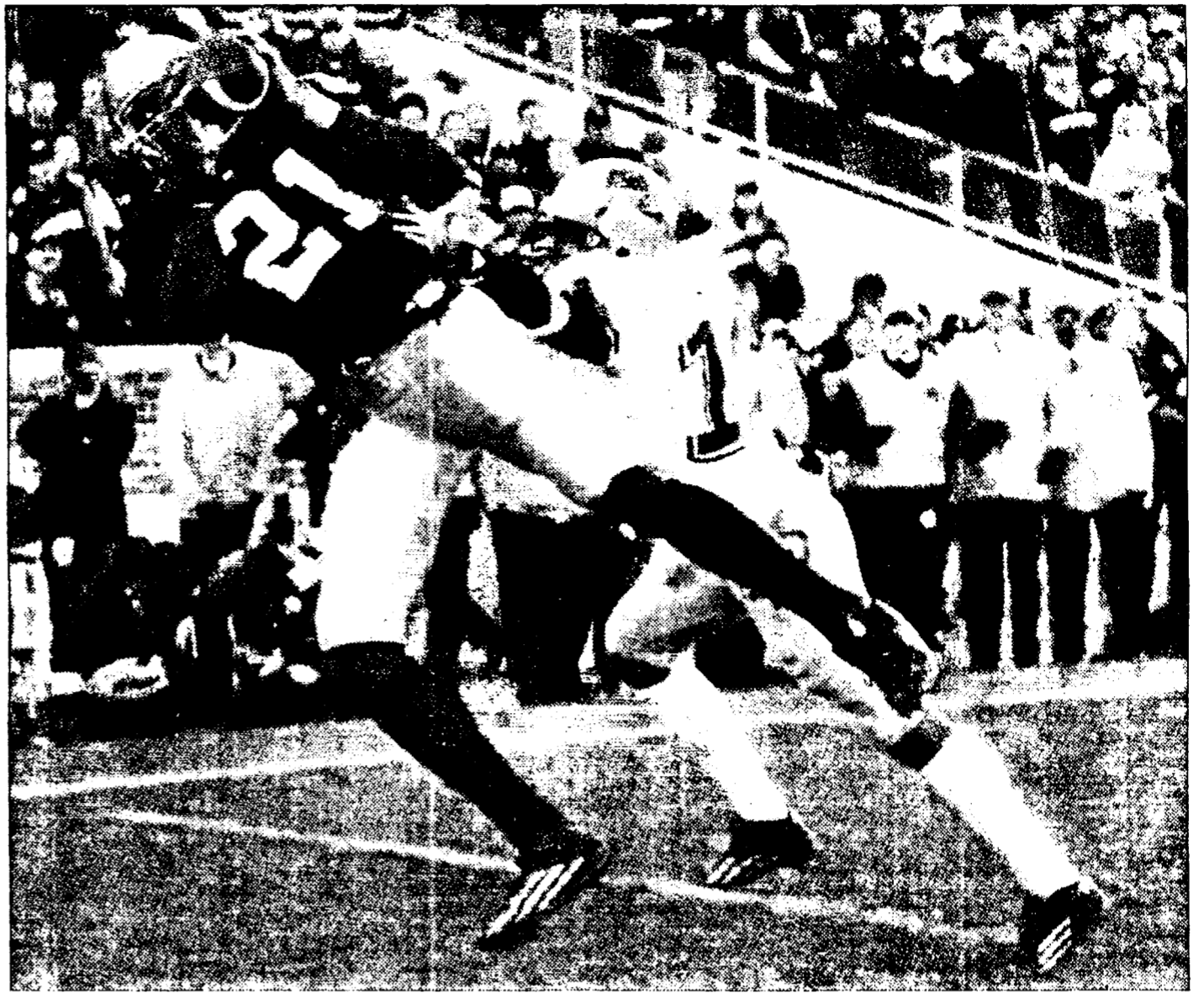
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34-179	rushes-yards	38-98
15-26-2	comp-att-int	26-42-0
4-103	punt returns-yards	1-0
0-0	fumbles-lost	1-1
10-119	penalties-yards	4-39
18	first downs	23

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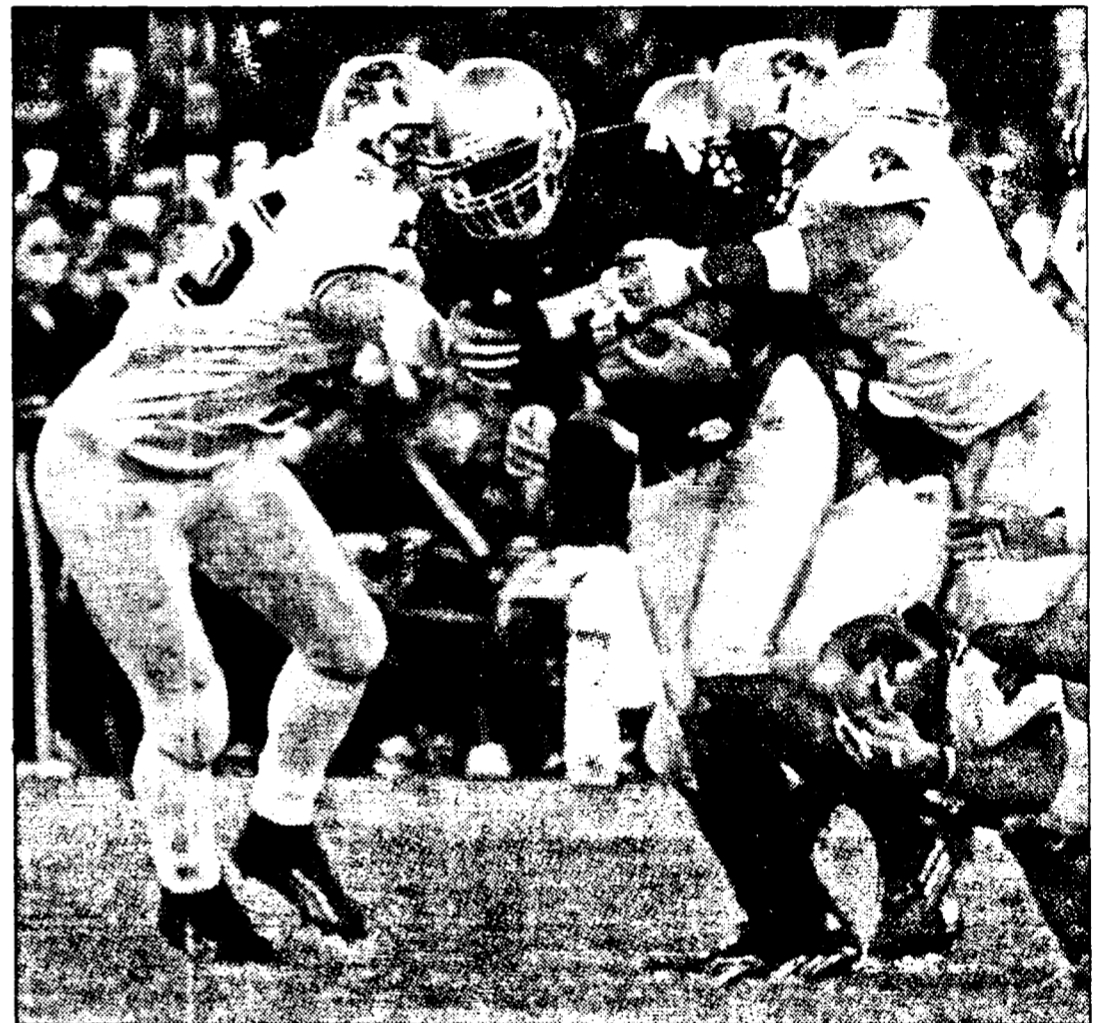
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DISAPPOINTING FAREWELL

Pittsburgh's Tyler Palko threw for five touchdowns and the Panthers scored 28 first half points en route to the upset of No. 24 Notre Dame on Senior Day, just one week after Notre Dame defeated No. 9 Tennessee on the road. The Irish defense struggled all game, giving up more than 400 yards of total offense. The secondary struggled to make plays while Panther receivers made big ones. With the win, Pittsburgh became bowl-eligible, and the Irish continued their inconsistent play this season.



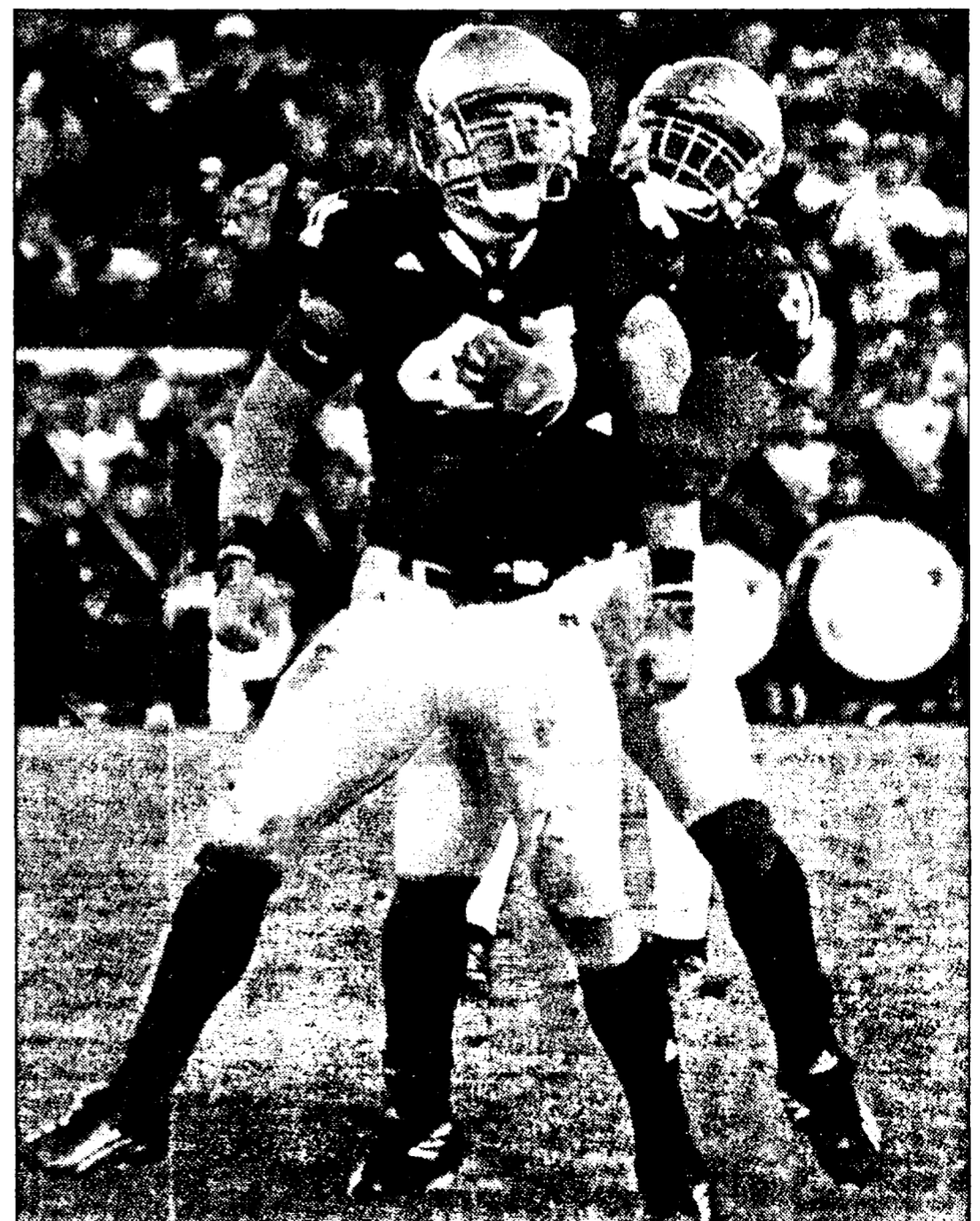
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From top left to bottom left, Irish receiver Maurice Stovall runs into the Pittsburgh's Allen Richardson as he calls for a fair catch. Stovall catches his first touchdown pass of the season. Carlyle Holiday returns a punt. Holiday had a 68-yard return, the longest by the Irish this season. Mike Goolsby celebrates in the second half after making a stop on defense. Darius Walker breaks a tackle on a run. Walker finished with over 100 yards. Derek Curry misses Tyler Palko as he scrambles.