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Ticket office tackles record demand

Requests surge 37 percent from last year

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

A seat at tomorrow's Notre Dame vs. Penn State game is so precious that the University had to turn down more than 30,000 alumni who requested tickets to the event.

In fact, this Saturday's football contest was the highest-requested game of all time, said Notre Dame Director of ticket operations Josh Berlo. The ticket office received 60,670 requests from alumni for 30,000 available tickets — a 37 percent increase in demand from last year.

There are several ticket lotteries for different University constituencies, but the ticket office uses the alumni lottery as the

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Fans pack the stadium at the USC game last October. The ticket office had to deny more than 30,000 alumni this year.

More than 800 tickets revoked for scalping

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Facing the highest ticket demand in the University's history, the Notre Dame ticket office has worked tirelessly to catch people re-selling their football tickets for above face value.

Scalping, like ticket demand, is higher than usual this year, said Director of ticket operations Josh Berlo.

So far, more than 800 tickets have been revoked — and 400 of them were intercepted before they were delivered to the buyer, Berlo said.

Sellers could be fined or, at worst, have their ticket privileges permanently revoked.

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Sheedy given to professor

Annual award honors Christian Moevs

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

Professor Christian Moevs of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures was presented with the prestigious Sheedy Award for teaching excellence in the College of Arts and Letters Thursday.

The award was presented at a ceremony in McKenna Hall Auditorium as part of the Arts and Letters Advisory Council weekend events, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies Stuart Greene said.

"The award seeks to recognize excellence in teaching, and the people we honor generally not only excel in teaching but also in research and in service to the University," Greene said.

Greene said the first Sheedy Award, named after a former dean of the College of Arts and Letters, was presented in 1970 and has been awarded annually ever since.

An honorarium provided by an anonymous donor is presented to Sheedy Award winners to be used as they wish.

"I'm in the early stages of a new research project, and this honorarium is a godsend," Moevs said. "It will allow me to gather materials and buy essential books. Ultimately, I have faith that it will find its way back to the students, because I will share with them everything I learn in my

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Malloy reflects after year-long sabbatical

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

Life is good for the Big Man Upstairs.

The upstairs of DeBartolo, that is.

From his corner office on the third floor of the academic hub, University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy can finally look out on the school he helped shape for almost two decades, but never truly had the chance to stop and admire.

"It's amazing how much the campus has changed from the time I stepped into the presi-

dency," he said, gesturing to the quad below. "Everything grew, from the size of the faculty, the diversity of the student body, the quality of the student body — not that I take the credit for all that. All these kind of things, you talk about them and have a rough sense of what's going on, but it's only when you look at them that you really understand."

Malloy has had plenty of time to look during his year-long sabbatical, taken in part to help him transition out of the role of University president and into a

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University President Emeritus Edward "Monk" Malloy relaxes in his office on the third floor of DeBartolo Hall.

NDSP, other agencies brace for traffic spike

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

With the record demand for football tickets this year comes the expectation of a record-breaking number of cars heading to Notre Dame's campus on Saturday before the game.

"We always expect heavy traffic," said Associate Director of Notre Dame Security/Police Phillip Johnson. "With the record demand for tickets, we do expect to see a number of additional folks."

To deal with the increase in traffic, NDSP will be assisted by numerous area police agencies, including the Indiana State Police, South Bend Police,

St. Joseph County Police and officials from the South Bend Traffic and Lighting department.

"For people who are new to the Notre Dame community, they should know that special parking rules are in place," Johnson said.

The most notable change is the one-way traffic pattern, which begins three and a half hours prior to the game and lasts one to two hours following the conclusion of the game.

While this change will be unfamiliar to visitors and students alike, it helps with the flow of safe traffic, Johnson said.

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Area hotels booked and bustling

Soaring prices and a lack of rooms spur alternative options for fans

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

Football fans seeking a hotel room for the home opener this weekend might have better luck sleeping on Charlie Weis' couch — or in the extra bedroom of a complete stranger, for that matter.

There are no more rooms available at the Days Inn of South Bend or the Super 8 Motel in Mishawaka. The Waterford Estates Lodge and the Courtyard by Marriott, both in South Bend, have been full for "a very long time." The Howard Johnson has been sold out for six

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Earl Linehan checks into the Morris Inn Thursday. Many local hotels and motels have been sold out for more than a year.

INSIDE COLUMN

Facebook
news feed
from hell

Most weeks, nothing of significance happens in the world. People starve to death, rob each other, murder, etc. Of course, none of these events can hope to impact our lives as significantly as the one earth shattering development that everyone is talking about: Facebook is different.

Joe Piarulli and
Katie Perry

News Writers

The Facebook news feed has changed the complexion of our existence with its abundance of not-quite relevant information. We now have at our fingertips the capacity to know every move our friends, classmates and hot girls (or guys) we friended when we were so trashed that one night make. Soon our entire lives may have the benefit of instantaneous social information:

8:57 a.m. — You have been tagged in the album, "Ugliest people on this campus."

9:07 a.m. — Your roommate had a girl in your bed last night.

9:08 a.m. — Your sister slept with your roommate last night.

9:17 a.m. — Your sister has joined the group "I slept with [your name]'s roommate."

11:26 a.m. — 18 of your friends have joined the group "[your name] is a tool ... and the new facebook is creepy."

12:14 p.m. — Your girlfriend and Ricky "Latino Lovefest" Martinez are now friends.

1:18 p.m. — You have been tagged in the album, "Gay, fine by me? Not really."

1:43 p.m. — Jeff Samardzija has commented on one of your photos: "Nice hair, idiot."

2:26 p.m. — Your girlfriend has joined the group "I was poked by Ricky Martinez ... and on Facebook too."

3:19 p.m. — Your mother and your father have ended a relationship.

4:08 p.m. — Your mother bought new underwear.

4:11 p.m. — Your father and John "The Baptist" Jenkins have joined the group, "Don't hate the playa, hate the game."

4:30 p.m. — Ronald Talley has joined the group, "Brady Quinn ... I'd sack that."

4:41 p.m. — Ronald Talley and Brady Quinn are no longer friends.

5:37 p.m. — Joe Paterno is attending the Notre Dame-Penn State game (but he will have no idea where he is).

7:12 p.m. — Your sister posted on your roommate's wall, "Do you think [your name here] knows?"

8:56 p.m. — Your girlfriend has commented on one of your photos: "Is that your roommate? He's hot."

9:34 p.m. — Theodore Hesburgh has invited you to the event, "13th floor library blacklight rave: book cases and case races."

Facebook. Where would we be without it?

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT FOOTBALL WEEKENDS AND WHY?



Ryan Bradley

senior
Zahm

"The opening kickoff because for the next three hours, all I get to do is watch football."



Molly McCarthy

freshman
Walsh

"The game because that's what it's all about."



Jenny Scully

freshman
Walsh

"The crowds because I like to people watch."



Eileen Walsh

freshman
Walsh

"Tailgates because everyone gets pumped for the game."



David Henrion

sophomore
Morrissey

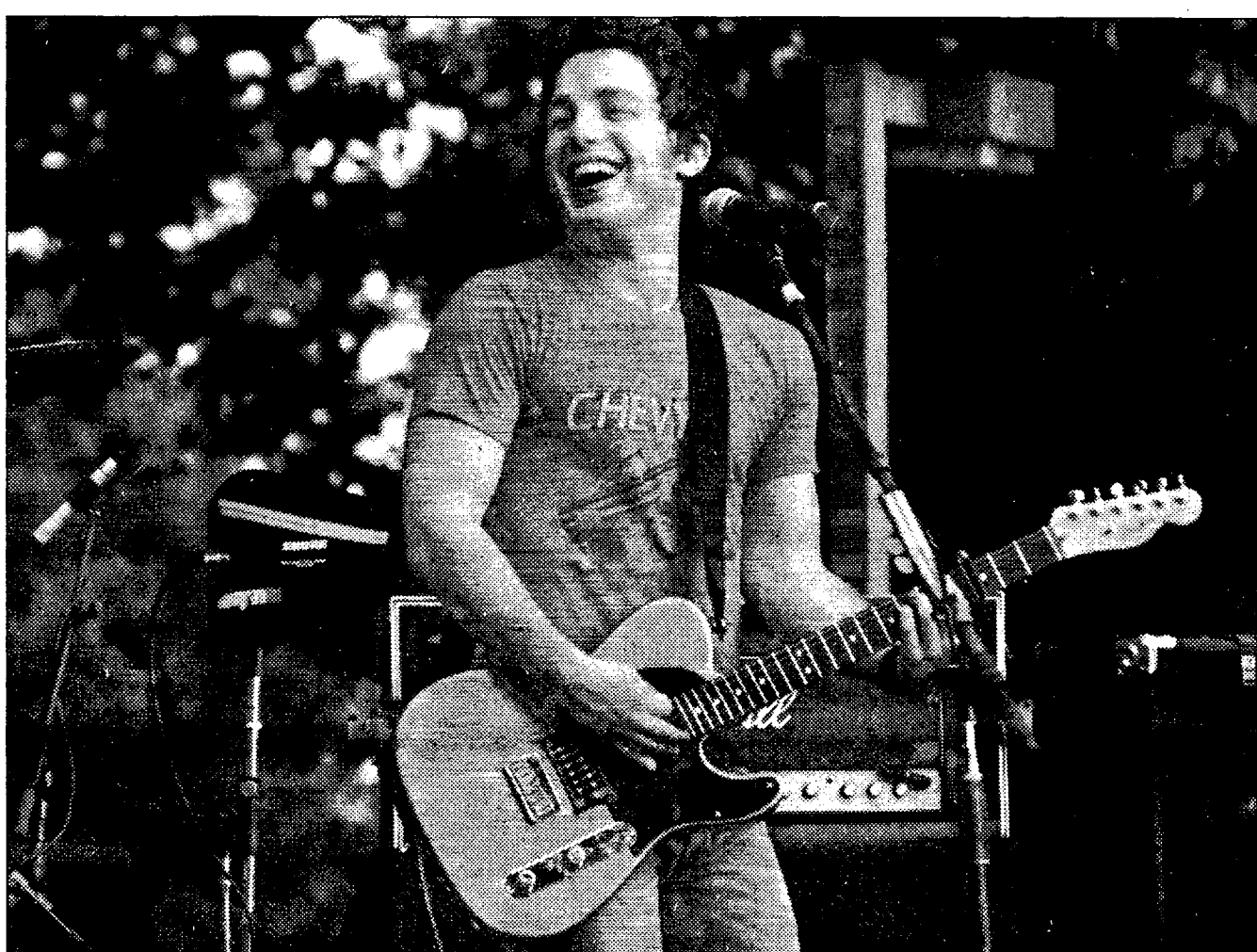
"The people on campus because it's cool to see thousands of people swarming around ND."



Mike Augsberger

freshman
Keenan

"Pep rallies before the game because it gets everyone psyched and we're hosting this one."



KRISTY KING/The Observer

Memphis-based rock band Ingram Hill performs at Saint Mary's Twilight Tailgate event held at the College Thursday.

IN BRIEF

Executive Vice President of Production for 20th Century Fox Television Jim Sharp will hold a workshop discussion called "Working in the Film and TV Industries" from 10:30 a.m. to noon today in the Giovanini Commons of the Mendoza College of Business.

Syndicated columnist and political analyst Mark Shields, a Notre Dame alumnus, will deliver a presentation on "How Students Can Shape Politics, Government and History" at 11 a.m. today in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The traditional marching band step-off will be at 4:30 p.m. today in front of the Main Building, heading through campus to its practice in the Joyce Center parking lot.

Dr. Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, associate professor of pediatrics, neurology and biochemistry at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, will deliver the 14th annual Emil T. Hofman Lecture at 10 a.m. Saturday in the DeBartolo Hall auditorium. Titled "Developmental Disorders and Autism: Hints and Paths to Treatment from the Neuroscience of Fragile X Syndrome," the lecture is free and open to the public.

Former U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer will present a talk titled "Safeguarding America: National Security in the 21st Century" on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the DeBartolo Hall auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

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

OFFBEAT

Louisiana man drills for oil in his 'front yard'

HOUSTON — Oil prices are so high, that oilman Steve Jordan is drilling a well next to his home near Lake Charles, Louisiana, he said on Wednesday.

Jordan, 52, said the well will stretch 8,500 feet (2,591 metres) under his house and swimming pool and below the adjacent Calcasieu River.

He hopes to strike oil in about 10 days on a prospect that wouldn't have been worth drilling when prices were lower, he said.

"I'm not trying to prove

anything," Jordan said in a telephone interview. "I'm trying to make money."

The Independent Petroleum Association of America, which Jordan belongs to, is publicizing the project.

Pakistan claims bikini winner is not representative

ISLAMABAD — Pakistani authorities are investigating how a Pakistani-born American woman entered a "Miss Bikini" pageant in China as a representative of predominantly Muslim, conservative Pakistan.

Houston-based Mariyah Moten, 22, took part in the pageant in the Chinese resort of Beihai on August 28. She won a "Best in Media" title, for being the most photographed and interviewed contestant, according to media reports.

A government official said Moten did not have permission to represent Pakistan, where many women only go out in public covered in a veil. The country does not hold beauty contests.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 80 LOW 60	HIGH 64 LOW 52	HIGH 74 LOW 53	HIGH 77 LOW 60	HIGH 78 LOW 55	HIGH 78 LOW 53

Atlanta 84 / 65 Boston 80 / 60 Chicago 80 / 61 Denver 72 / 50 Houston 92 / 68 Los Angeles 79 / 64 Minneapolis 70 / 59 New York 81 / 66 Philadelphia 83 / 63 Phoenix 96 / 80 Seattle 72 / 54 St. Louis 85 / 64 Tampa 90 / 76 Washington 83 / 65

Business leaders discuss marketing

By DANA GUSKY
News Writer

Two prominent marketing figures discussed why some brands — such as Apple, MTV, ESPN and Evian — stick in the consumer mind, while others simply fade away, in a lecture at Notre Dame Thursday.

In a lecture entitled “Keeping Brands Vital in the Midst of Change,” Euro RSCG Worldwide CEO Ron Berger and Aston Martin/Jaguar/Land Rover North America president Mike O’Driscoll said the answer is a combination of impact, confidence and connection to the customer.

Berger’s company is a marketing agency with high-profile customers like Nike, Charles Schwab and Jaguar. His lecture illustrated how he makes a brand “vital” in every sense of the word. Berger broke down several of his customers into case studies, analyzing how and why brands become household names through marketing.

“We all live in a world where we are overloaded by information, overloaded by images ... and brands have to find a way to stay in your life,” Berger said.

The talk shifted from Evian’s image as a beauty product, to Polaroid’s use of OutKast’s “Hey Ya,” to the Harley Owners Group “H.O.G.” — but still centered on steps necessary to keep a brand innovative. Berger dis-

cussed how important it is to keep in touch with the modern world as well as create a fully integrated platform for the product.

Everything from the look and the price of the products, the advertising and the company itself must give customers a certain impression, he said.

“We develop a tone of voice for a brand,” Berger said.

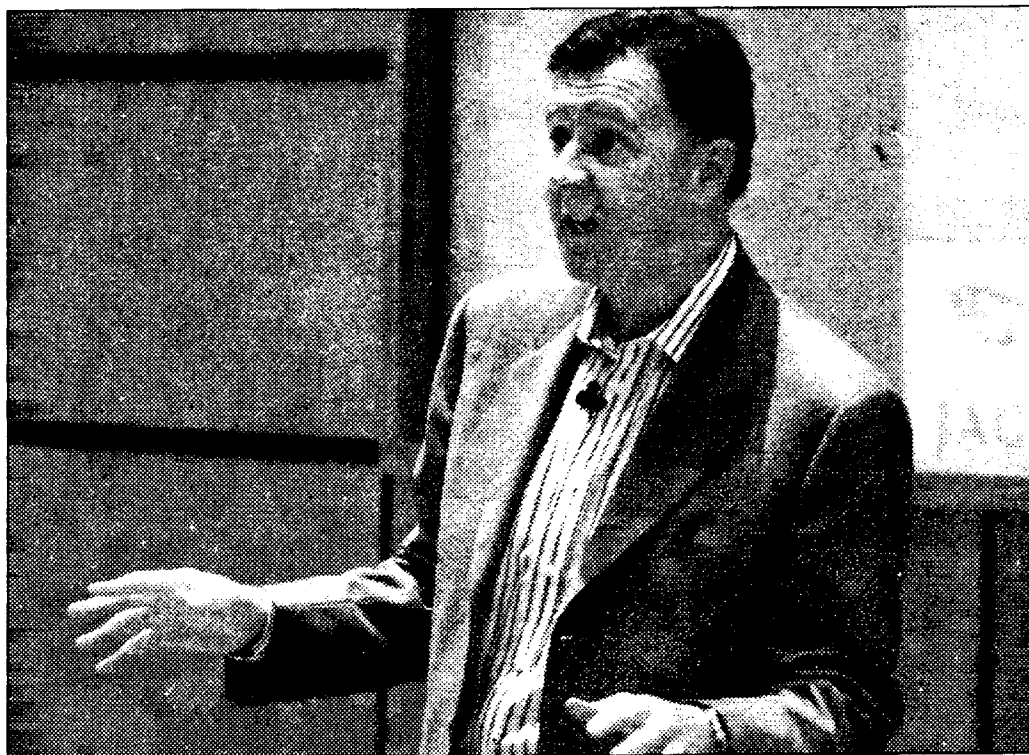
O’Driscoll, who is one of Berger’s own clients, focused on Jaguar’s new marketing campaign developed by Euro RSCG Worldwide. “Gorgeous” is a strategy designed to return Jaguar to the sizeable popularity it enjoyed in the 1980s by giving it a more sophisticated, yet hip, image.

“We have to act not like an automotive brand but like a luxury brand,” O’Driscoll said.

At the end, O’Driscoll was asked several questions about Ford possibly selling Aston Martin, but said he could not worry about things out of his control.

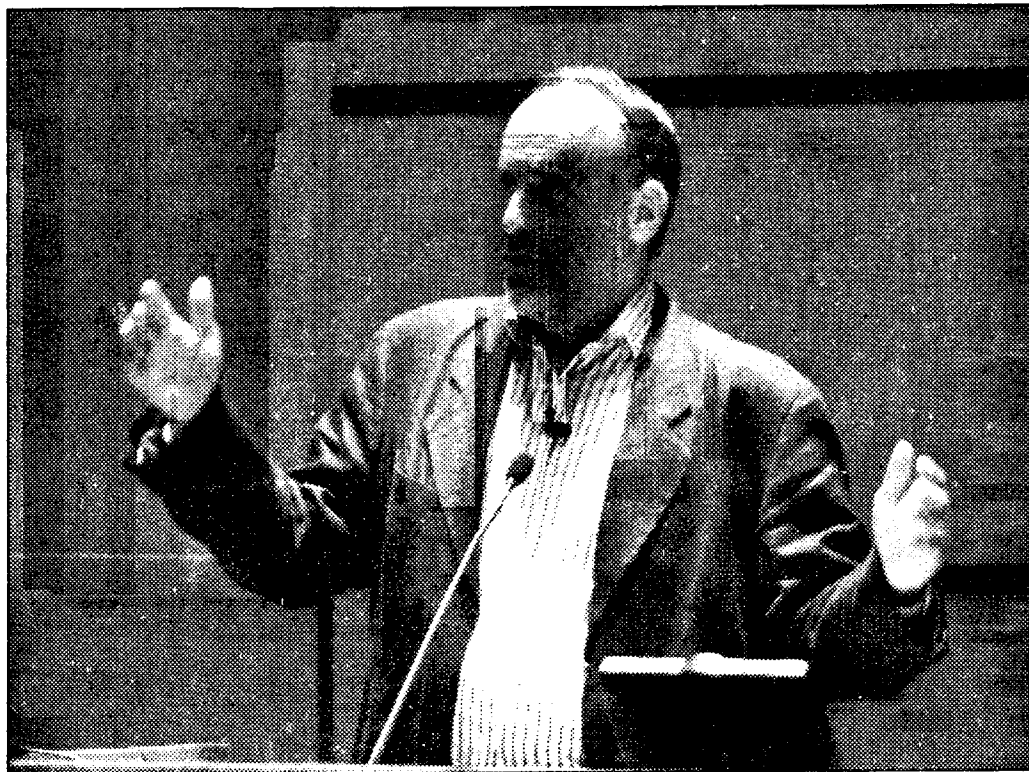
This lecture is the first of six in a series called Boardroom Insights, a one-credit class given by the College of Business. The lectures are open to all students and the public. The next speaker, which is scheduled for Sept. 14 in the Jordan Auditorium, will be Liz Claiborne CEO Paul Cherron.

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Above, Mike O’Driscoll discusses Jaguar’s new marketing campaign, “Gorgeous.” Below, Ron Berger explains how brands stay “vital.”



Mass to address attacks

Special to The Observer

The fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks will be observed at the University with a Mass at 5:15 p.m. in the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on campus.

University President, Father John Jenkins, will preside at the Mass, and Rev. Robert A. Dowd, C.S.C., assistant professor of political science, will give the homily. Members of the University’s Folk and Liturgical choirs will provide sacred music.

Five years ago, an estimated 7,000 students, faculty and staff gathered on the South Quad for a special Mass the afternoon of Sept. 11. By late morning, the Notre Dame community had absorbed the news, all classes and activities had been canceled and a day of prayer had been declared.

At the Mass five years ago, University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy, began by saying: “All I know how to do on these kinds of occasions is simply draw from the well of our faith, that death does not have the final word, that God will make all things new, that we can learn the capacity for love in the hope of faith.”

Notre Dame ● Penn State Weekend at the College Football Hall of Fame • September 8 & 9

We’ve got a lot of exciting events planned. No matter what team you’re rooting for, you’ll see that the Hall of Fame is the place to be on the Fridays and Saturdays before a Notre Dame home game.

- Autograph session with legendary Notre Dame running back Reggie Brooks, Friday, 1:30 pm
- Football Fridays Tent Party Friday night, 6:00 to 10:00 pm, featuring live musical entertainment, food, beverages, tailgate beads and souvenirs
- Penn State University Marching Band will perform a 30-minute show on Michigan Street adjacent to the Hall of Fame, Saturday, 10:30 am - **FREE EVENT**
- Live Game Watch: Notre Dame/Penn State Game in the 360-degree Stadium Theater on the big screen, 3:30 pm
- **FREE** Knute Rockne posters with full-price admissions



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weekend hours:

Friday & Saturday: 8 am to 8 pm
Sunday: 8 am to 5 pm



MSU Lottery Ticket Winners!



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242 numbers were randomly selected on Wednesday and here they are:

6	561	1075	1322	1802	2059	2599	3224	3523
7	583	1082	1327	1803	2088	2635	3231	3564
23	591	1083	1330	1808	2093	2642	3247	3568
63	593	1117	1391	1826	2100	2643	3262	3577
69	595	1118	1402	1839	2103	2666	3270	3579
87	599	1124	1453	1855	2105	2671	3276	3583
119	610	1126	1456	1875	2122	2683	3309	3595
157	627	1137	1467	1882	2132	2685	3325	3596
166	632	1139	1501	1889	2145	2699	3337	3602
206	638	1143	1504	1896	2149	2701	3389	3606
220	658	1174	1510	1913	2155	2709	3406	3616
242	661	1176	1512	1921	2168	2711	3409	3620
244	665	1191	1533	1929	2176	2714	3428	3630
262	667	1194	1565	1946	2179	2721	3429	3632
326	670	1197	1571	1948	2190	2723	3436	3636
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361	705	1241	1614	1969	2235	3070	3454	3662
406	721	1249	1681	1984	2249	3075	3462	3664
430	740	1260	1692	2009	2508	3086	3478	3671
435	1016	1261	1706	2037	2518	3117	3487	3692
444	1047	1270	1735	2040	2521	3135	3491	3695
497	1049	1277	1753	2042	2549	3157	3494	3708
514	1050	1282	1764	2049	2567	3158	3502	3709
518	1070	1293	1771	2054	2569	3195	3508	3730
559	1071	1318	1778	2055	2586	3214	3515	

Go Irish!

Winners may purchase 2-face value tickets beginning
Monday, September 11 at 9am in the LaFortune Box Office.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Blair promises to quit within a year

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair began to lose the iron control he once exercised over his Labour Party when he committed British troops for the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

Three years later, his refusal to call for an early end to this summer's Israel-Hezbollah fighting was the final provocation for many once-loyal supporters.

Underlining the criticism of his positions on both wars was Blair's close alliance with President Bush — a friendship widely detested within Labour.

Long derided by critics as Bush's "poodle," Blair suffered a further blow at July's G-8 summit in St. Petersburg, Russia. An open microphone caught a chat in which he seemed embarrassingly subservient to Bush, who greeted him by shouting "Yo, Blair!"

On Thursday, Blair gave in to a fierce revolt in Labour and reluctantly promised to quit within a year. Blair had long resisted calls to publicly set a time frame for his departure from office, fearing such an announcement would make him a lame duck and sap his remaining authority.

Iraq takes control of armed forces

BAGHDAD — U.S.-led forces turned over control of Iraq's military command to the Shiite-led government Thursday, a key step toward the eventual withdrawal of foreign troops.

But the ceremony in the heavily fortified Green Zone only transferred authority for one of Iraq's 10 divisions and its small air force and navy, and it remained unclear how quickly Iraqi forces would be prepared to take over security.

A legislative session nearby, meanwhile, degenerated into a shouting match as Sunni Arabs accused the majority Shiites of seeking to carve Iraq into sectarian enclaves.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush touts security improvements

ATLANTA — Terrorists today would have a tougher time plotting and carrying out attacks like the ones of Sept. 11 because of security improvements in the past five years, President Bush said Thursday.

There's no way to know if the attacks would have been prevented by the changes, Bush said, but he contended the nation is safer than in September 2001.

Keeping his focus on national security leading up to Monday's anniversary of the attacks and November's congressional elections, Bush said more still needs to be done to stop the terrorist threat.

NASA to try Friday shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Caught in a scheduling squeeze, NASA decided to try to launch space shuttle Atlantis on Friday without replacing a troublesome electrical component.

Friday had been the last launch day available before the U.S. space agency ran into a scheduling conflict with the Russian space agency. But NASA managers now believe they can try Saturday, if needed, and they were finalizing negotiations with the Russians.

There was a 30 percent chance bad weather would interfere at the 11:40 a.m. EDT Friday launch time.

LOCAL NEWS

Senate calls for minimum wage hike

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Senate Democrats today called for Indiana to raise the state's minimum wage to \$7.25 over two years, from the current \$5.15.

That wage, the same as the federal minimum wage, has not been raised since 1997. "That's not fair," said Sen. Frank Mrvan, R-Hammond, noting the tax cuts the state has given to business during the last decade.

Democrats pointed to how the cost of basics have risen since 1997. A gallon of gas then was \$1.20; now it's about \$2.55.

EGYPT

Unseen bin Laden footage airs

Al-Jazeera broadcasts clips of a pre-9/11 meeting with the top planners of the attacks

Associated Press

CAIRO — An Arab television station broadcast previously unseen footage Thursday of a smiling Osama bin Laden meeting with the top planners of the Sept. 11 attacks in an Afghan mountain camp and calling on followers to pray for the hijackers as they carry out the suicide mission.

The sections shown on Al-Jazeera TV were part of a video that al-Qaida announced it would release later on the Internet to mark the fifth anniversary of the airborne attacks on the United States.

The video includes the last testament of two of the hijackers, Wail al-Shehri and Hamza al-Ghamdi. It shows bin Laden strolling in the camp, greeting followers, who Al-Jazeera said included some of the hijackers. But their faces are not clear in the video, and it was not immediately known which are purportedly shown.

In one scene, bin Laden addresses the camera, calling on followers to support the hijackers.

"I ask you to pray for them and to ask God to make them successful, aim their shots well, set their feet strong and strengthen their hearts," bin Laden said. The comments were apparently filmed before the attacks but never before released.

The footage was the fourth in a series of long videos that al-Qaida has put out to memorialize the suicide hijackings against the Pentagon and World Trade Center, said Ben Venzke, head of IntelCenter, a private U.S. company that monitors militant message traffic and provides counterterrorism intelligence services for the American government.

The previous ones were



A new video surfaced on Al-Jazeera Thursday of Osama bin Laden meeting with the top planners of the 9/11 attacks and asking them to pray for the hijackers.

issued in April and September 2002 and September 2003, each showing footage from the planning of the suicide hijackings and hijackers' last testimonies, Venzke told The Associated Press.

The latest full video probably lasts from 40 minutes to two hours, based on the past ones, he said. Al-Jazeera did not say how it obtained the video, which bore the logo of As-Sahab, al-Qaida's media branch.

"They produce long videos like these not just for 9-11, but for any significant events they feel warrant their attention," Venzke said.

One aim is to boost

recruitment, but such videos have several purposes — "to speak to their supporters, to raise morale within their own group, to facilitate fundraising, and to serve as a psychological attack," he said.

In the footage shown by Al-Jazeera, bin Laden is shown sitting outside in what appears to be a mountain camp with his former lieutenant Mohammed Atef and Ramzi Binalshibh, another suspected planner of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Atef, also known as Abu Hafz al-Masri, was killed by a U.S. airstrike in Afghanistan in 2001. Binalshibh was captured

four years ago in Pakistan and is currently in U.S. custody, and this week President Bush announced plans to put him on military trial.

Bin Laden, wearing a dark robe and white head gear, strolls through the camp, greeting dozens of followers, some masked, some barefaced, many carrying automatic weapons.

Other scenes show training at the camp. Masked militants perform martial arts kicks or learn how to break the hold of someone who grabs them from behind. Several militants are shown practicing hiding and pulling out fold-out knives.

Armitage is source of CIA leak

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The former No. 2 State Department official said Thursday he inadvertently disclosed the identity of CIA employee Valerie Plame in conversations with two reporters in 2003.

Confirming that he was the source of a leak that triggered a federal investigation, former Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage said he never intended to reveal Plame's identity. He apologized for his conversations with syndicated columnist Robert Novak and Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward.

For almost three years, an investigation led by Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald has tried to determine whether Bush administration officials intentionally revealed Plame's identity as covert operative as a way to punish her husband, former ambassador Joseph Wilson, for criticizing the Bush administration's march to war with Iraq.

"I made a terrible mistake, not maliciously, but I made a terrible mistake," Armitage said in a telephone interview from his home Thursday night.

He said he did not realize Plame's job was covert.

Armitage's admission suggested that

the leak did not originate at the White House as retribution for Wilson's comments about the Iraq war. Wilson, a former ambassador, discounted reports that then-Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein had tried to buy yellowcake uranium from Niger to make a nuclear weapon — claims that wound up in President Bush's 2003 State of the Union address.

Armitage said he was not a part of a conspiracy to reveal Plame's identity and did not know whether one existed.

He described his June 2003 conversation with Woodward as an afterthought at the end of a lengthy interview.

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less-structured life. Leaning back in his chair, feet propped on a table, he is the picture of relaxation.

"As I look back [on the sabbatical], it was time very well spent," Malloy said. "My goal was to try to live a balanced life. I didn't really go to any Notre Dame meetings [...], didn't teach, and therefore didn't have to grade papers or turn in grades, and I always had a sense that I could develop my day as I wanted to."

Malloy's days were filled with everything from lecturing and writing, to jet setting across the globe — not exactly a placid retirement.

As a gift to Malloy at the end of his presidency, several members of the South Bend community gave him \$10,000 to travel wherever he pleased during his year off. And travel he did.

In the summer of 2005, Malloy traveled with his two sisters and brother-in-law to Italy — a trip funded with another travel gift. Though Malloy had been there before, his family had not, and he said he enjoyed seeing all the sights with them.

This past January, Malloy took a month-long trip to South Africa, Madagascar, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Maui, traveling primarily by himself.

"They told me to spend the money to travel wherever I wanted," he said. "So I thought about it, and picked places I had never been before."

In connection with the Notre Dame Australia program, Malloy went to Sydney in March. Joined by Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman, he met with members of the students and faculty there "as a way of fostering a relationship between the two schools," Malloy said.

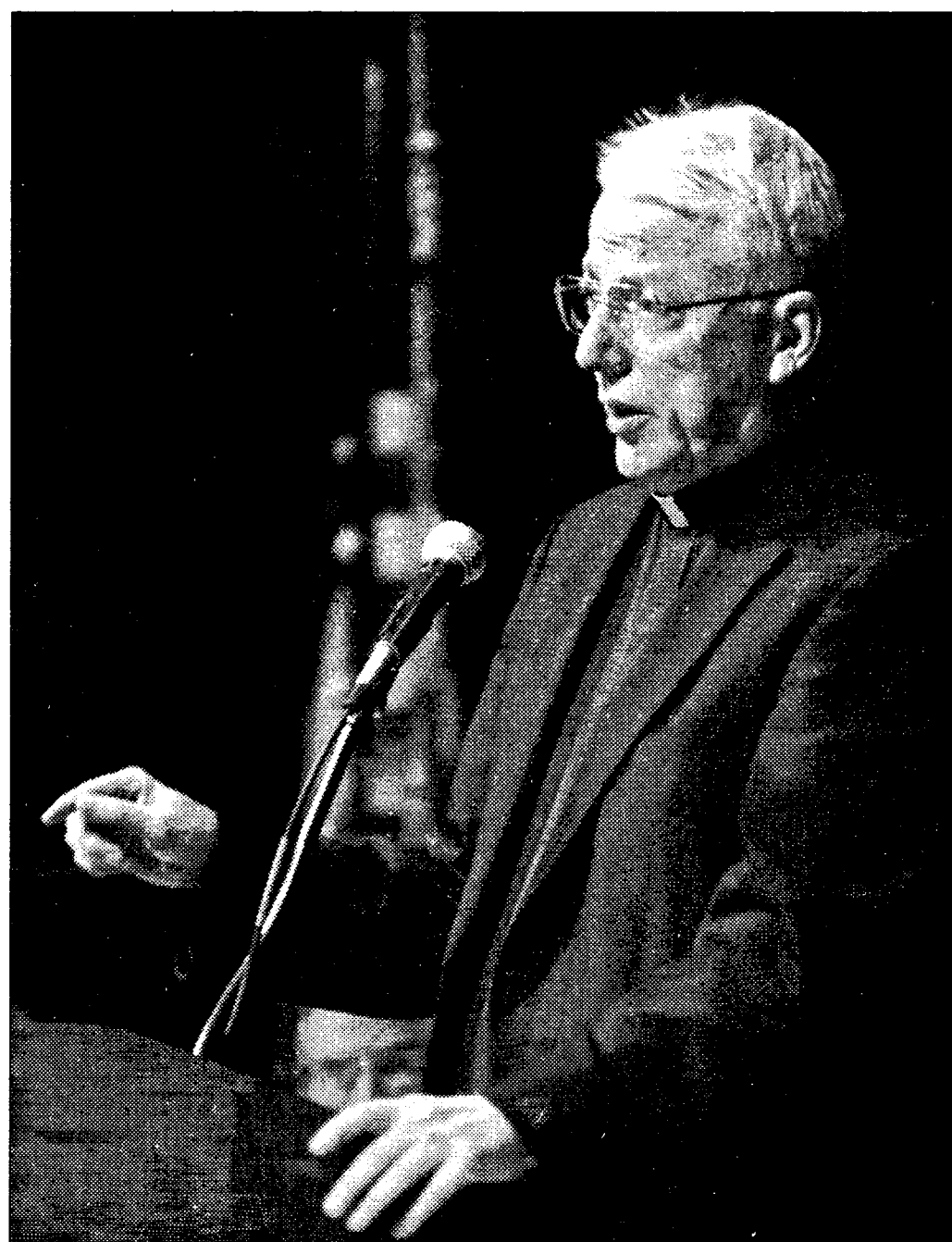
For his last and busiest trip of the summer, as part of the University of Portland's Board of Regents and benefactors, Malloy went on an 11-day tour from Copenhagen, Denmark, to Tallinn, Estonia, to St. Petersburg, Russia, to Helsinki, Finland, to Visby and Stockholm, Sweden, to Rostock, Germany and finally back to Denmark.

So, after trotting the globe, how does one come back to Indiana?

"I spent most of my adult life traveling. I've been to seventy countries, so I enjoy traveling and enjoy seeing new places, but I always come back," Malloy said. "This is home for me, and no matter where you travel, no matter how exciting it is, it's always good to get home."

Malloy, a self-proclaimed book and movie buff, also used the sabbatical to catch up on his neglected pastimes. As part of his travel diaries — which he distributes to "many interested people" — Malloy writes reviews of his latest indulgences in literature and cinema, which not only suggest an incredible speed-reading ability and extensive personal library, but a wide-ranging variety of tastes as well.

His reads include everything from J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" to Mia Bloom's "Dying to Kill: The Allure of Suicide Terror" — after extensive reading on the subject, Malloy said he considers himself a "mini-expert in terrorism." And, as a fan of the online DVD rental service Netflix, Malloy was able to sample many contemporary,



Observer file photo

University President Emeritus Father Edward "Monk" Malloy delivers a speech in September 2005.

classic and obscure movies, like "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," "Repo Man" and "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg."

Malloy has also kept himself busy penning his own books, finishing one on the relationship between Notre Dame and Notre Dame Australia (which is not intended for publishing), and working on both a piece on higher education and his own memoir. He has also done compiling and writing for the University Archives of key moments in Notre Dame's history that he was involved in, as well as his own personal activities over the years.

In short, Malloy has done a lot of delving into the past.

"When you have these jobs, like [University] president, primarily you're focused on the present and future. Days are full, you can know parts of schedule a year or two in advance and you have to give a lot of talks and do a lot of traveling," he said. "In a sense, there's not as much time to think back on how things have evolved. What last year was about for me was a chance to do that."

One thing Malloy said he realized about his experience as president was how much he was able to be involved in at once — even comparing himself to "someone with all the balls in the air at the same time."

So, does he miss this constant juggling?

"No. It's funny, I enjoyed what I did [as president] and I enjoyed my year last year and I enjoy what I do now," Malloy said. "[...] But, when my calendar doesn't have a lot of meetings, like it did when I was an administrator, I don't go, 'Oh my God, I don't have one meeting, or ten meetings today.'"

Post-sabbatical, Malloy is back to teaching — which he did even during his time as president — now working with first-year students in a literature seminar about biography and autobiography. He said he missed the classroom during his sabbatical, though not necessarily the paperwork, and especially enjoys working with freshman.

"One reason I've always

enjoyed [working] with first-year students is that I've tried to keep up with them as time goes on, and it's amazing to me what they've ended up doing," he said. "In that sense it keeps you hopefully 'forever young,' to quote a song title."

He also works with the freshmen in Sorin Hall, where he lives, taking them out to dinner in groups of five to get to know them.

"It's a big group this year, though, so it's going to take a long time to get through them all," he laughed.

As University president emeritus, Malloy has a far more subdued role in the workings of the administration, but still does what he can as a sort of figurehead at a school where tradition is everything.

"Ask [University President Emeritus] Father Theodore Hesburgh, he'll say the same thing. You just want to be a good soldier, and helpful, and available to do things important for the life of the University," Malloy said.

This weekend, he will return to Notre Dame Stadium to watch the football games, after watching them at home last year to give University President Father John Jenkins "the opportunity to host everybody and make his mark and do what he needed to do with me staying out of the way," Malloy said.

"I'm just going to go to the box I share with Father Hesburgh and enjoy the game without the many social obligations I had as president, which will be nice," he said.

Though his office walls, adorned with pictures of him with popes and presidents, stand as a reminder of his time at the helm of Notre Dame, Malloy seems content with a more low-profile life.

"I don't feel like there's this big void in my life, or that I need to be in the public eye all the time, or that I want every student on campus to instantaneously know who I am," he said reflectively. "That's just not important to me."

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Scalping

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Scalping is not isolated to one group of the Notre Dame community — ticket office officials have caught students, faculty, alumni, benefactors and Monogram Club members scalping their tickets.

The ticket office has one full-time employee monitoring more than 20 resale ticket Web sites and classified ads and several others who periodically monitor the sites as well. Sometimes, Berlo said, officials will purchase tickets from these sites in order to catch the seller.

"We have found representatives from all parts of the Notre Dame family reselling tickets for profit," Berlo said. "We've seen tickets go for several hundred dollars."

The 800 confiscated tickets were resold to alums who lost in the lottery.

On game day, ticket office officials, in conjunction with Notre Dame Security/Police will be working undercover to catch people selling their tick-

ets for above face value, which is prohibited on campus.

"The University prohibits the sale of tickets on campus, and the University has the right to confiscate any tickets to be sold above face value," Berlo said.

Trading tickets, however, is "absolutely" legal.

Although scalping is legal in the state of Indiana, ticket officials will be catching scalpers off-campus as well and revoking their ticket privileges, since University policy prohibits the re-sale of its athletic tickets above face value.

"The Internet helps us catch people. ... We're able to monitor more of it than we could historically," Berlo said.

Ticket scams are also on the rise. It is not uncommon to find people asking for deposits or down payments on tickets they don't actually have. But fraudulent activities are harder to catch, Berlo said.

"There's not a lot we can do about that other than educate our customers on how to avoid them," he said.

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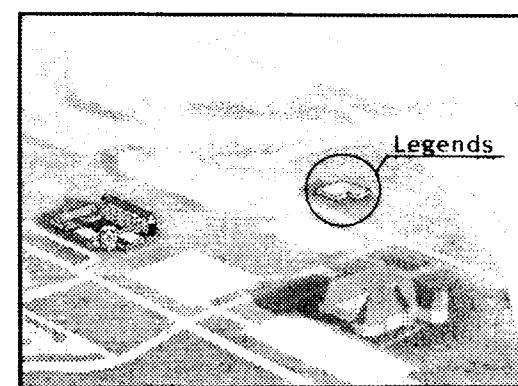
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S&P 500	1,294.02	-6.24
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SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-0.41	-0.02	4.91
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IN BRIEF

Amazon.com announces new feature

SEATTLE — Amazon.com Inc. launched a digital video downloading service Thursday, ending months of speculation that the Internet retailer would be getting into the online TV and movie business.

The service, dubbed Amazon Unbox, will offer thousands of television shows, movies and other videos from more than 30 studios and networks, the company said.

TV shows will cost \$1.99 per episode, and most movies will go for \$7.99 to \$14.99; movies can also be rented for \$3.99.

Amazon Unbox will offer shows from CBS, News Corp.'s Fox, MTV, Nickelodeon, PBS, BBC, A&E, Discovery Channel, Comedy Central and The History Channel, among others. General Electric Corp.'s NBC and Walt Disney Co.'s ABC were noticeably absent on the list of participating networks. MTV, Nickelodeon and Comedy Central are owned by Viacom Inc.

Seven major studios are participating in Amazon.com's service: Viacom's Paramount, News Corp.'s 20th Century Fox, Sony Corp.'s Sony Pictures, GE's Universal Studios, Time Warner Inc.'s Warner Bros., Lionsgate Entertainment Corp. and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Inc.

Dell chairman pushes video games

AUSTIN — A month after being hit by a massive battery recall, Dell Inc. founder and Chairman Michael Dell emphasized the company's — and his own — forays into video games.

"The truth is, I don't have as much time to play as I probably would like to," Dell, one of the few dressed in a suit, told a packed crowd at the Austin Game Conference.

Dell's remarks came in what was billed as a "fireside chat" discussion on the show floor of the annual trade show. This year's event, at the Austin Convention Center, drew more than 2,000 attendees.

Dell didn't address the company's ongoing woes, and audience members who took part in a question-and-answer session seemed more interested in future product upgrades and features than fiscal issues made by Sony Corp. and acknowledged it was being investigated for unspecified accounting issues by the Securities and Exchange Commission last month.

Home Depot initiates change

The home improvement chain spends \$350 million to push customer service

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A customer service push three years ago by The Home Depot Inc. was hailed as a much-needed change at the home improvement chain. Now, with the economy slowing, the company is again trying with an extra \$350 million in changes at its stores.

The company hopes not only to bring in more customers, but to also soothe investors who have driven Home Depot stock down more than 14 percent since the beginning of the year.

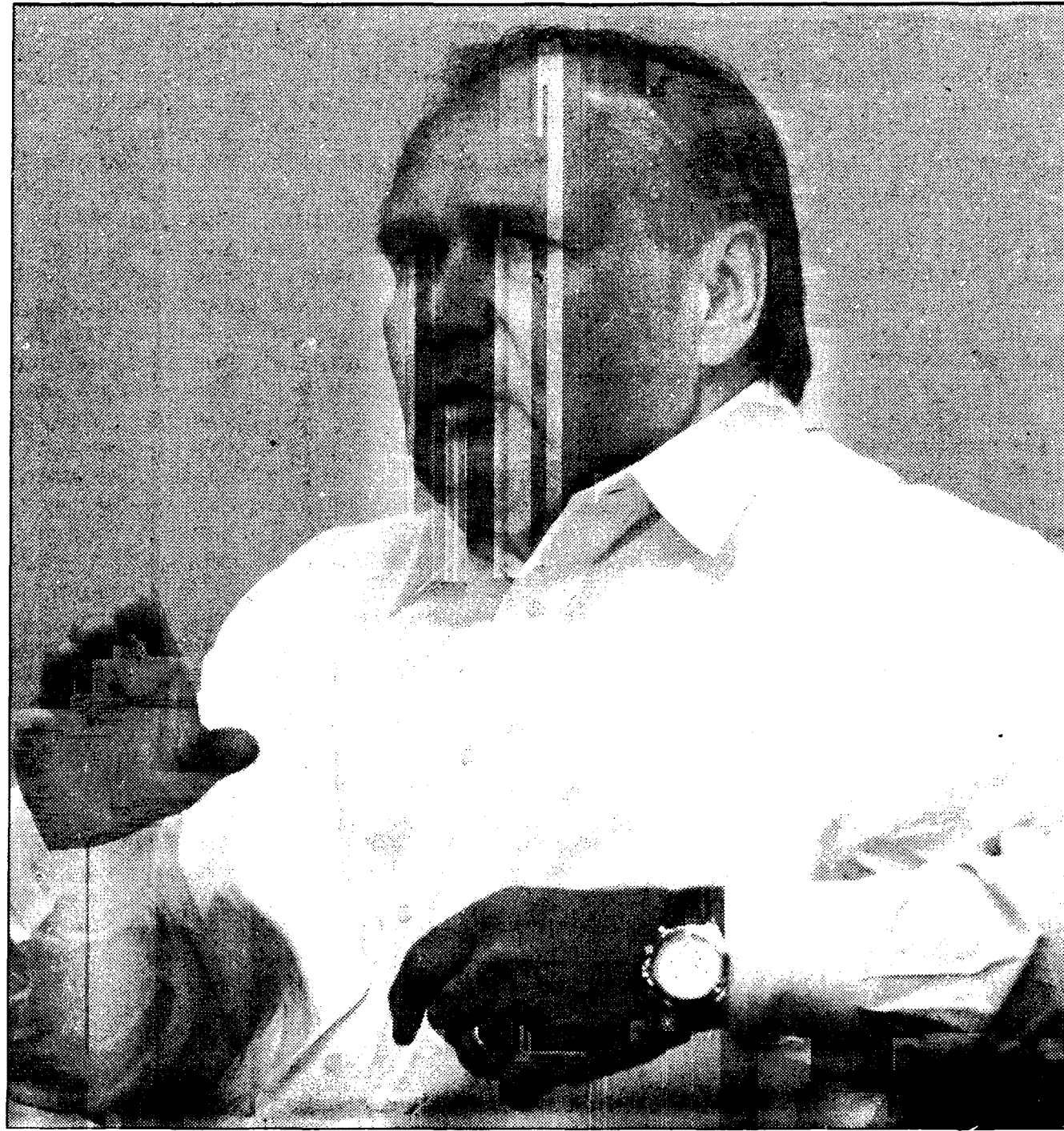
Win or lose, Chief Executive Officer Bob Nardelli says he is sticking with his strategy.

"What chairmen and CEOs have to do is prioritize," Nardelli said in a recent interview in the Atlanta bureau of The Associated Press. "Those that don't run the risk of trying to satisfy everyone and accomplishing nothing."

In 2003, as Atlanta-based Home Depot faced a growing challenge from rival Lowe's, the company said it would spend \$400 million that year alone to modernize many of its stores, retrain employees and install computers to teach workers about the products they sell.

The stakes may be greater this time around, with higher interest rates, a housing slowdown and same-store sales on the decline. There's less talk about competitive pressures and more talk about Nardelli's performance, his hefty pay and Home Depot's stock price. The company said last month its full-year earnings growth will be at the low end of its guidance.

"Home Depot makes a tremendous amount of money when people remodel their homes," said retail consultant Howard Davidowitz, chairman of Davidowitz & Associates Inc. in New York. "That's what went on for the last decade because we had the greatest home building boom in our country. That's coming to an end."



Chief Executive Officer Bob Nardelli announced Thursday that Home Depot will push customer service in order to boost sales and aid its faltering stock.

Davidowitz said Nardelli's challenge is much the same as it was three years ago — to make Home Depot more appealing to customers by improving service and the feel of its stores. He suggested Nardelli take a cue from other big-box retailers.

"Go to Costco and look at those wonderful people giving out those free samples of food," Davidowitz said. "Go to Target and look at the feeling you get when you go into the store. That's what he's got to go to school on."

Nardelli said Home Depot doesn't have its head in the sand.

"Obviously, you can't get away from the direct comparisons of Burger King and McDonald's, Coke and Pepsi, Home Depot and Lowe's,"

Nardelli said.

"It's kind of a media sport to pit one against the other, but there are a lot more competitors out there based upon specific products, whether it's a lumber yard or whether it's products in a different particular channel of distribution," he added. "And we try to understand all of that from a market standpoint."

Home Depot says it is increasing the availability of its employees in stores, completing the installation of self-checkout terminals in all stores, and adding customer service callboxes in selected stores. It also has introduced a 24-hour customer service hotline and has set aside \$30 million in bonuses for stores and

employees that provide good service.

The changes are part of a theme Home Depot has stressed in the past — improving the customer experience — but there is a greater urgency now, analysts say. Same-store sales, a measure that compares sales at stores open at least a year, fell 0.2 percent in the second quarter.

George Whalin, president of Retail Management Consultants in San Marcos, Calif., said throwing money at the problem may not be the answer.

"It's not about money, it's about culture," Whalin said. "When you create a culture of a company that understands retail, businesses thrive."

Stocks fall due to investors' worries

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks fell for the second straight day Thursday after warnings from several home-builders raised investors' concerns about an economic slowdown and comments about inflation from San Francisco Federal Reserve President Janet Yellen offered little comfort.

Wall Street has been trying to anticipate whether the Fed will keep interest rates stable — or resume its rate hikes to keep inflation in check — when it meets later this month.

Investors, already armed with recent economic data pointing to a housing slowdown, were forced to

digest sour anecdotal evidence Thursday. Beazer Homes USA Inc., Hovnanian Enterprises Inc. and KB Home warned that the home-building sector is facing difficulties such as cancellations and spikes in inventories.

The bad news only worsened Thursday afternoon when news services quoted Yellen as saying the "the inflation outlook remains highly uncertain."

Yellen also said data suggest both the housing market and the overall economy are cooling; the question for investors is how quickly is that occurring.

"It seems to me that the market is trading lower on the fears that the economy is perhaps having a hard

landing versus a soft landing," said Jim Herrick, head of equity trading at Robert W. Baird & Co. He contends the mounting news about a housing slowdown has spooked investors because of the major role the robust housing market played in driving economic growth in recent years.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 74.76, or 0.66 percent, to 11,331.44.

Broader stock indicators also declined. The Nasdaq fell 12.55, or 0.58 percent, to 2,155.29 after posting its largest single-day point drop in more than a month on Wednesday, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index was off 6.24, or 0.48 percent, at 1,294.02.

Hotels

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months, and the Jamison Inn has been sold out for a year.

At every area hotel, motel, inn and lodge, the story is the same one — “We’re completely booked.”

Gina Schumacher, director of marketing at the South Bend Marriott, said rooms for this weekend have been sold out for months.

On Wednesday, rooms were available for \$189. Those fans lucky enough to secure rooms for this weekend will be charged \$699 a night, Schumacher said.

The Marriott fixes its football weekend rates depending on the game and popularity of the opponent, she said. Prices this season range from \$449 to \$699 a night, with the Penn State and UCLA games priced highest.

Dave Azinger, general manager of the Ramada Inn of Elkhart, said cancellations have freed up a handful of rooms in his hotel, but rooms sold out more than a year ago.

“We were 54 rooms overbooked a year ago for the Penn State game, but we knew [some] people wouldn’t be able

to get tickets. In January we finally got even,” he said. “For us over here in Elkhart, that’s good.”

The Ramada Inn is nearly 20 miles from campus. Azinger said the hotel normally charges \$99 a night, but on football weekends the price is \$229 a night with a two-night minimum stay.

Azinger said the hotel is “in very good shape” — that is, filling fast or nearly sold out — for the Michigan, Purdue, Stanford and UCLA game weekends as well. There are still “a lot” of rooms left for the November North Carolina and Army games, he said.

Azinger said the number of reservations for these games will depend on how the team fares the rest of the season.

“If they play like they did the first quarter last weekend, I’ll probably have more rooms open,” he said. “But if we can go into Purdue undefeated, I’ll have no qualms that we will sell out for all the games.”

Given the unavailability of area hotels, some local residents are offering up their homes or parts of their homes to fans desperate for a place to lay their heads this weekend.

Patricia Kil of South Bend is

renting out a room in her home for \$350 to \$400 for two nights this weekend. For a two-night price of \$400, Kil is also renting out her entire lake cottage, which is about 30 minutes from campus.

“I’ve never tried to rent out my house before,” she said. “I thought it would be nice for someone who didn’t have any place to go. We have extra room so I thought, why don’t they come stay?”

Kil said though nobody has contacted her yet, she is hoping last minute ticket-buyers will seize the opportunity. She plans on extending her offer for all home games this season.

Carol Gurson, owner of the Yakety Yak Café in Mishawaka, is renting out the two bedroom apartment above her restaurant and bar this and every home football weekend.

Gurson said she bought the business and apartment space above it last year. Since then, she has completely renovated the upstairs area into a bedroom apartment to be used exclusively for rental during home football weekends at the price of \$600 a night.

“When Notre Dame did so well [last year], we saw news reports about people not having hotel rooms and we thought this would be the best thing to do,” she said. “They can stay upstairs and then come down and patronize the bar.”

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Tickets

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“benchmark” when determining demand.

Alumni who have made an annual contribution of \$100 or more to the University can apply for two tickets to as many home and away games as they choose. The University received more ticket requests than tickets available for every home game this year.

Demand was so high that some 500 alumni were not given any tickets at all.

“It’s all driven by how many games an individual applies for,” Berlo said. “The more games you apply for, the better your chances of winning.”

Alumni were not the only ones affected by the high demand. Countless constituencies of the University have access to football tickets as well, and all were affected by the unprecedented number of ticket requests, said Vice President for University Relations Lou Nanni.

The University allots tickets for students, faculty, members of the Monogram Club and Sorin Society and countless other organizations. But Nanni did not say exactly how many tickets each group receives or how they allot them.

“That’s where you get into the specifics,” Nanni said. “There’s no quick answers, no quick and easy way. It’s like asking about the admissions process.”

Nanni did say, however, that the University is evaluating the current computerized lottery system — which was last revamped in 1997 — and looking for ways to improve it.

“We’re looking at the lottery and trying to make it more accessible to the average alum,” Nanni said, noting that Notre Dame faced a similar problem in the early 1990s when the football team was “at its peak” and the stadium had not yet been expanded.

“What we’re experiencing right now is not unprecedented. ... [But] it’s really the first time that the lottery system has been put to the test since the stadium expansion,” Nanni said, referring to the \$50 million stadium expansion completed in 1997.

Notre Dame’s ticket lottery system is unique, Nanni said. Most universities with top football programs have 80 percent of stadium seating set aside for season ticket-holders. But at Notre Dame, only 20 percent of seats are held for season tickets. By keeping the number of season-ticket seats low, the University enables more alumni to come back to campus.

“It’s one of the differences we pride ourselves on, to make the game more accessible to alumni,” Nanni said. “But this year has been a particular challenge so we have to revisit the lottery system to make some decisions to increase access.”

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Parking

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Parking lots south of the Joyce Center, library and stadium, as well as the lots by the Mendoza College of Business and Hesburgh Center, will all be open only to those with parking passes, which are ordered in advance through the Notre Dame ticket office.

Johnson said NDSP will be towing any car in those lots beginning Saturday at 6 a.m., as no overnight parking is permitted in any parking lot.

“All parking lots south of Douglas road are reserved,” he said.

All game day drive-up parking is located in the White Field north of Juniper Road.

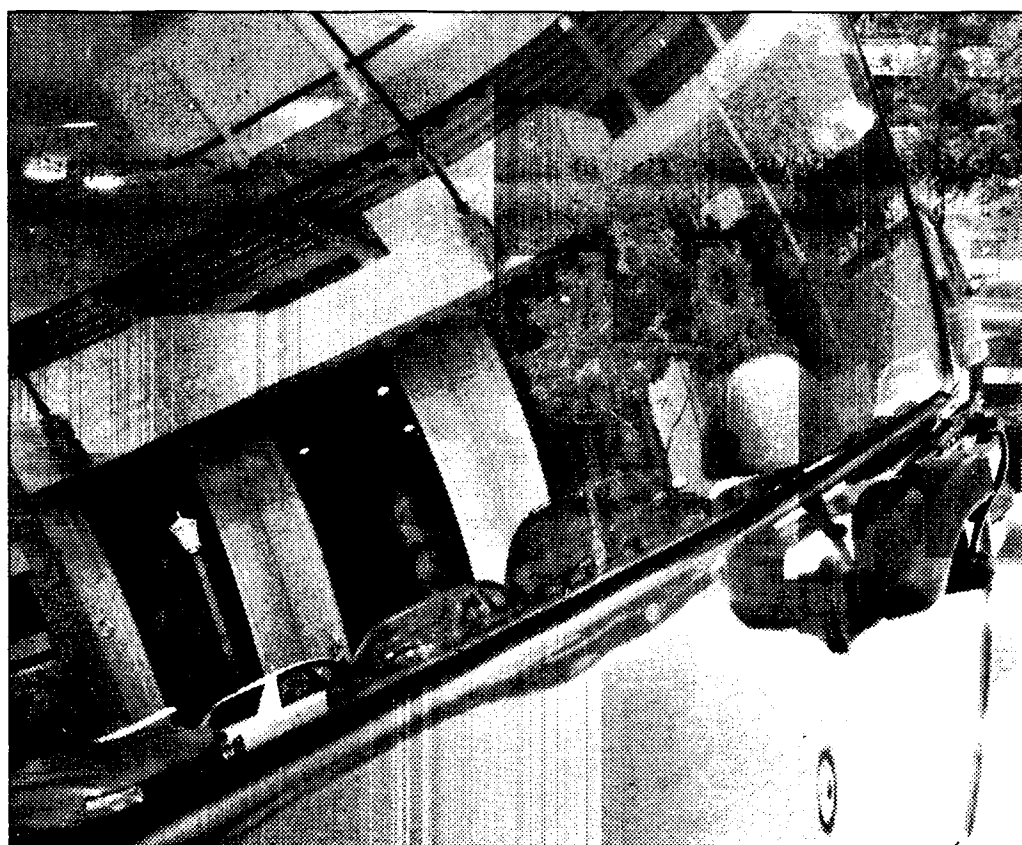
RVs and buses are allowed to park in “one area of White Field,” Johnson said.

Transpo Shuttle Buses begin a two-bus service to Library Circle shortly after White Field opens. Service increases to include up to 10 buses as game time approaches and also run until “all of the lines are gone or at least one hour after the game ends (whichever is longer),” according to the ticket office press release.

Johnson also said Transpo buses will shuttle students and visitors from select off-campus locations.

According to a Notre Dame ticket office press release, prices vary depending on the lot and size of vehicle. Reserved parking passes for a spot in the paved Library lot is \$35, compared to \$25 for spots in the unpaved Blue North and Edison South lots. Prices for public lots vary: \$60 for a bus pass or a RV drive-up pass in White Field, compared to \$20 for cars in White Field North or handicapped parking in D2 or White Field.

All lots open at 7 a.m. and close three hours after the game concludes.



Notre Dame Stadium reflects off a nearby car Thursday. NDSP expects a record number of vehicles on campus this weekend.

With the campus roads project nearly finished after two years of work, Johnson said he expects traffic to flow well for inbound traffic — which occurs over four to five hours — though there are still questions about outbound traffic.

“We know that outbound traffic will be heavy. Twyckenham is pretty efficient,” said Johnson of the new four-lane north-south connector road east of campus. “Juniper Road is closed through the central part of campus, and we know that will be unfamiliar for many visitors.”

Johnson said police officers will be monitoring tailgates in the lots. Area police will be on hand in the hours leading up to the game to make sure “family friendly behavior” is maintained during tailgates and pre-game activities, he said.

“We don’t want to arrest anyone [and] we want everyone to have a wonderful day, but we will be enforcing Indiana state law,” Johnson said.

Tailgating during the football

game is prohibited.

“I encourage everyone to enjoy what I think is one of the greatest family traditions in the country — but not during the game,” Johnson said.

In accordance with the St. Joseph County ordinance, pass outs or smoking in “any part of Notre Dame Stadium” is prohibited.

According to the Football Student Tailgate Information Web site, only Notre Dame students can serve as registered hosts of tailgate parties, which can be located near the Edison South parking area. Non-alcoholic tailgates may be held near the Joyce South parking lot. Students who are 21 are allowed to host tailgates with alcoholic beverages — including hard alcohol as long as “it is possessed and consumed within the guidelines of University policies and state laws.”

Beer kegs, however, are never permitted on University grounds.

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Sheedy

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work.”

Moevs was nominated by a student who praised Moevs, calling his class “a journey through the core of the liberal arts” and “an inter-textual ‘close reading’ that hits at the profound questions motivating our pursuit of knowledge.”

“I never would have believed that class could be a transcendental, spiritual experience,” the student wrote. “Now, I am convinced through experience.”

Moevs said he was deeply moved when he found out he had been nominated for the award by a student.

“What is most wonderful about the Sheedy [Award] is that it descends upon one unasked, unsought,” he said. That the initial instigator was a student is a sign of the mutual giving that is the essence of teaching and learning.”

According to Notre Dame’s College of Arts and Letters Web site, Moevs joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1994 and his “scholarly interests include Dante, medieval Italian literature, lyric poetry and poetics and the intersection between literature and philosophy.”

Greene said the Sheedy Award committee “unanimously supported” presenting Moevs with the award because of the “range of courses he has taught and the consistently high teaching evaluations he receives.”

“His classes are very demanding, but his students recognize and appreciate the

high standards he sets for them,” he said.

The 2006 Sheedy Award committee was comprised of Greene, Professor Jim McAdams from the Department of Political Science, Professor Gail Bederman from the Department of History, Professor Steve Fallon from the Program of Liberal Studies and undergraduate Dean’s Fellow L a n c e Chapman.

The committee considered a dozen nominees for the Sheedy Award this year, Greene said. Once someone has been nominated for the award, they remain a nominee on the list for five years.

This was the first year Moevs has been nominated.

“He’s a terrific colleague who is very dedicated to his students and is really deserving of this award for the ways in which he motivates his students,” Greene said.

Greene said a number of students have chosen to study languages as a major or minor, study in Rome and do research as a result of their classroom experience with Moevs.

When asked about his teaching philosophy, Moevs said he teaches “to prevent understanding that is unaccompanied by inner change,” a phrase from Ludwig Wittgenstein.

Last year’s Sheedy Award winner, Professor William Ramsey from the Department of Philosophy, introduced Moevs. Moevs delivered a brief address about love as the essence of teaching.

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“What is most wonderful about the Sheedy [Award] is that it descends upon one unasked, unsought.”

Christian Moevs
award recipient

Health advisers reject new report

Experts not certain of dental filling safety

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Government health advisers rejected a federal report that concluded dental fillings used by millions of patients are safe, saying further study of the mercury-laden amalgam is needed.

A joint panel of Food and Drug Administration advisers did not declare the so-called "silver fillings" unsafe. But in a 13-7 vote Thursday, the advisers said the federal report didn't objectively and clearly present the current state of knowledge about the fillings.

In a second 13-7 vote, the panelists said the report's conclusions about safety weren't reasonable, given the quantity and quality of information available.

The FDA had asked the panel of outside advisers to weigh the report, a review of 34 recent research studies.

The report had found "no significant new information" that would change the FDA's earlier determination that mercury-based fillings don't harm patients, except in rare cases where they have allergic reactions.

"For the general population, amalgams are safe. There is evidence of that," said Dr. Karl Kiebert, a University of Rochester professor and chairman of one of the two panels. Still, Kiebert and other panelists said remaining uncertainties about the risk the fillings may pose to some groups demanded further study.

In particular, research is needed on the effect of dental mercury on children, the fetuses of pregnant women with fillings and others whose bodies may absorb, distribute, process and eliminate mercury differently, they said.

"There are too many things we don't know, too many things that were excluded," said Michael Aschner, a professor of pediatrics and pharmacology at Vanderbilt University and a panel consultant. He cast two "no" votes.

Panelists also said more study was needed on whether mercury fillings give off more vapors when they're being placed or removed.

Dr. Ralph Sacco, of Columbia University, said consumers shouldn't panic and that there was no need to have their amalgam fillings removed.

The votes were a "start" to sparking greater dialogue and awareness of the issue, said consumer activist Sara Moore-Hines, 57.

"If we don't want it in our fish, we don't want it in our thermometers, what is it doing in our heads?" said Moore-Hines, a Pennsylvania counselor.

She and other activists had pressed the panel to recommend the FDA ban mercury fillings.

"Do the right, decent, honorable and God-loving thing: There needs to be an immediate embargo on mercury fillings for everyone, or at least pregnant women and children, because they are our future," said Michael Burke, who blamed mercury fillings for the early onset Alzheimer's disease diagnosed

in his wife, Phyllis, in 2004.

Dr. Michael Fleming, a Durham, N.C., dentist and the consumer representative on the panel, asked the FDA to consider restricting the use of amalgam in children younger than 6 and in pregnant women. The activists — dozens attended the two-day meeting — met his proposal with applause.

"We are going to take the recommendations, your comments, and we will start evaluating the next steps, with the white paper and this whole issue of dental amalgam," Dr. Norris Alderson, the FDA's associate commissioner for science, told the panel.

Amalgam fillings by weight are about 50 percent mercury, joined with silver, copper and tin. Dentists have used amalgam to fill cavities — and have argued about their safety — since the 1800s. Today, tens of millions of Americans receive mercury fillings each year. Amalgam use has begun to taper off, though, with many doctors switching to resin composite fillings that blend better with the natural coloring of teeth.

With amalgam fillings, mercury vapor is released when patients chew and when they brush their teeth. Significant levels of mercury exposure can cause permanent damage to the brain and kidneys. Fetuses and children are especially sensitive.

Scientists have found that mercury levels in the blood, urine and body tissues rise in conjunction with mercury fillings. However, even among people with numerous fillings, exposure levels are well below those known to be harmful, the FDA report said.

Unique Microsoft school now open

\$63 million building features digital lockers

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates has famously called high schools "obsolete" and warned about their effect on U.S. competitiveness. Now, his company has a chance to prove that it can help fix the woes of public education.

After three years of planning, the Microsoft Corp.-designed "School of the Future" opened its doors Thursday, a gleaming white modern facility looking out of place amid rows of ramshackle homes in a working-class West Philadelphia neighborhood.

The school is being touted as unlike any in the world, with not only a high-tech building — students have digital lockers and teachers use interactive "smart boards" — but also a learning process modeled on Microsoft's management techniques.

"Philadelphia came to us ... and asked us to design a school," said Craig Mundie, chief research and strategy officer of Redmond, Wash.-based Microsoft. "We're going to take our best shot."

The company didn't pay the \$63 million cost — that was borne by the Philadelphia School District — but shared its personnel and management skills. About 170 teens, nearly all black and mainly low-income, were chosen by lottery to make up the freshman class. The school eventually plans to enroll up to 750 students.

Sabria Johnson, a 14-year-old from West Philadelphia, said she is excited to be attending the school.

"We're getting a chance to do something new," said the freshman, who hopes one day to go to Harvard or to the London College of Fashion. "We don't get a lot of opportunities like the suburban kids."

Mundie said companies have long been concerned that schools aren't churning out graduates with the skills and know-how that businesses require in employees to compete globally — and mental acuity is especially critical to Microsoft.

"Our raw material is smart people," he said.

School district CEO Paul Vallas said he was impressed by more than just the company's technology.

"I was also taken by their culture," Vallas said. "They created a culture within which ideas can be generated and acted upon."

At the 162,000-square-foot high school, which sits on nearly eight acres, the day starts at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 4:19 p.m., simulating the typical work day. Officials said studies show students do better when they start later in the day.

Students — who are called

"learners" — use smart cards to register attendance, open their digital lockers and track calories they consume. They carry laptops, not books, and the entire campus has wireless Internet access.

Teachers, or "educators," rather than using blackboards, have interactive "smart boards" that allow teachers to zoom in and out, write or draw, and even link to the Internet.

There's no library, but an "interactive learning center" where information is all digital and a "multimedia specialist" will help out students.

Instead of a cafeteria, there's a food court with restaurant-style seating. The performance center — where two sections rotate close to create a smaller space — replaces the typical auditorium.

"This is completely different from any Philadelphia school I've ever seen," said Tramelle Hicks, 39, of West Philadelphia, whose 15-year-old daughter Kierra is going to the school. She said she believes her daughter would benefit from learning strategic and organizational skills from Microsoft.

The high school will use an "education competency wheel," patterned after a set of desirable traits Microsoft encourages among its employees. Officials, teachers and students are to be trained in dozens of skills, including organizing and planning, negotiating, dealing with ambiguity and managing relationships.

Students have scheduled appointments with teachers, typed into their online calendars, instead of being limited to structured times for classes. Their laptops carry software that assesses how quickly they're learning the lesson. If they get it, they'll dive deeper into the subject. If not, they get remedial help.

Lessons will have more incorporation of current events to teach subjects. For instance, a question of whether Philadelphia is safe from the avian flu will teach students about geography, science and history.

"Learning is not just going to school," said Shirley Grover, the school's energetic principal who came from the American School in Milan, Italy. "Learning is equal to life."

In addition, students at the school must apply to college to get a diploma.

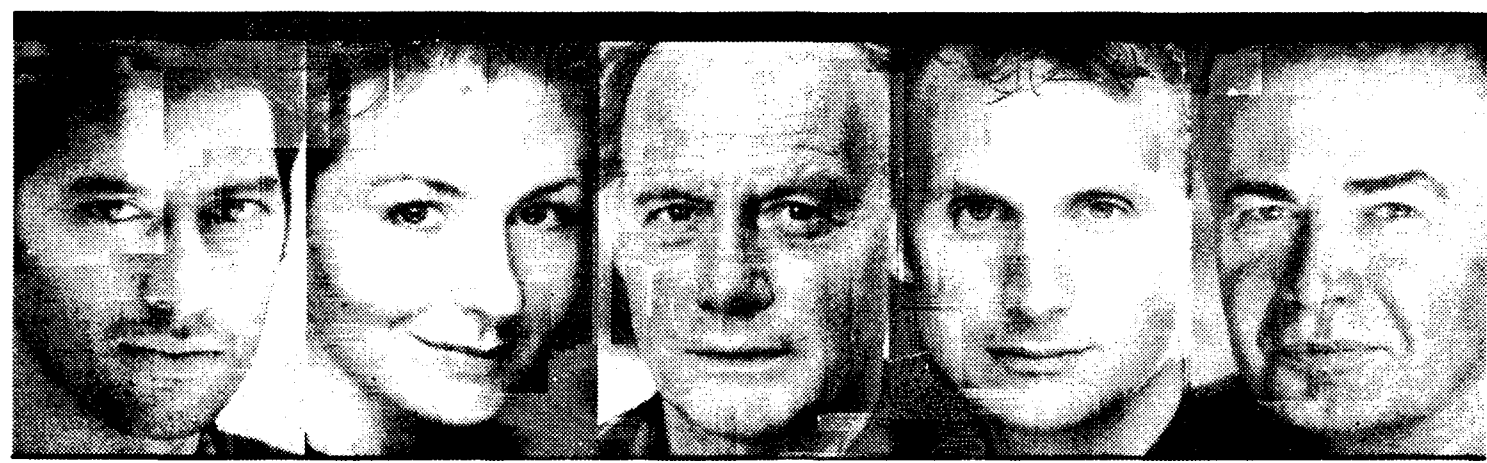
This new approach to education has sparked the interest of Doug Lynch, vice dean of the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Two things are quite intriguing — the willingness of the district and Microsoft to try something different," Lynch said. He cautioned, however, that while trying new methods may be valuable "we have to be careful because you're messing with kids' lives."

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Police arrest man linked with Ariz. 'Baseline Killer' case

Mark Goudeau held for two sexual assaults; authorities stop short of saying they've caught Phoenix predator



Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon speaks during a news conference Thursday concerning the arrest of Mark Goudeau, 42.

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Police arrested a man in two sexual assaults blamed on the city's elusive Baseline Killer. But they stopped well short of saying Thursday that they have caught the predator who has been spreading fear across the Phoenix area.

Mark Goudeau, a 42-year-old construction worker, was arrested Wednesday and accused of attacking two sisters, ages 21 and 24, in September 2005 while they were walking in a park at night.

Police said forensic evidence tied him to the two crimes, but they would not elaborate, and did not say exactly how the women were assaulted.

The Baseline Killer, so-named because his earliest crimes occurred along Phoenix's Baseline Road, has been linked to 23 crimes in the Phoenix metropolitan area dating to August 2005, including eight killings, 11 sexual assaults of women and girls, and several robberies. Investigators said

they connected the crimes through either forensic evidence or similarities in the way they were committed.

"This suspect has been arrested for the sexual assault of two victims in one case only and is not connected to any of the other offenses in this series at this time," Police Chief Jack Harris said.

He said there may be other people who committed crimes that are part of the Baseline Killer investigation who have not yet been caught.

Goudeau made an initial appearance in court Thursday, looking fatigued and a bit shellshocked as he was asked by a judge to state his name and birthdate. He was booked for investigation of aggravated assault, kidnapping, sexual abuse and sexual assault and was ordered held without bail.

His lawyer, Corwin Townsend, said he would plead not guilty.

"My husband is innocent," Goudeau's wife, Wendy Carr, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "This is a huge miscarriage of justice."

And they have an innocent man in prison. This is all a mistake. He shouldn't be in prison for something he didn't do."

Police Cmdr. Kim Humphrey said Goudeau resembles a widely circulated police sketch depicting the Baseline Killer as a man with dreadlocks. But neighbors of Goudeau told reporters he does not look like the man in the sketch.

According to the Department of Corrections, Goudeau has convictions of three aggravated assaults in 1989 and armed robbery and kidnapping in 1990. He served 13 years on those convictions before being paroled in 2004, eight years before his sentence was to end.

According to investigators, the sexual assaults blamed on the Baseline Killer range from fondling to rape. In many cases, victims had conversations with the man before they were attacked. He appeared to have a gun, and often threatened to shoot and kill victims. The Baseline Killer is also thought to wear disguises, strikes in the dark, and generally targets people who are alone.

Senate backs war with \$63 million

Money will go toward military operations in Iraq, Afghanistan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate agreed to spend an additional \$63 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan as lawmakers on Thursday passed a massive bill that funds the Pentagon.

The bill sailed through by a vote of 98-0 after senators added money to help track down al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and fight the opium trade in Afghanistan that is helping fuel the Taliban's resurgence.

The overwhelming support for the overall bill and the money to support U.S. troops in harm's way came despite increasing criticism by Democrats of the Bush administration's handling of the war in Iraq.

The bill now totals \$469.7 billion. It grew by more than \$16 billion during a debate that began in July before it was suspended during lawmakers' four-week August recess.

By a 96-0 vote, senators approved \$200 million to revive a CIA unit dedicated to hunting down bin Laden and other al-Qaida leaders. News accounts in July said a CIA unit dedicated to capturing bin Laden had been disbanded.

"What does it say to violent jihadists that a terrorist mastermind remains alive and well five years after killing 3,000 Americans?" said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D. "Our bill tells the terrorists that protecting our nation is the first priority — and that we are going to deliver to bin Laden the justice that a mass murderer deserves," said Conrad, who sponsored the leg-

islation with Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

Intelligence officials have said the realignment of CIA efforts on al-Qaida reflects a view that the terrorist group is not as hierarchical as it used to be, as well as a concern about al-Qaida-inspired groups that have begun carrying out attacks independent of bin Laden and his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said the amendment was unnecessary because the overall

defense measure has plenty of money to pursue al-Qaida's leaders.

Senators also voted 51-45 in support of an amendment by Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., to provide \$700 million for Pentagon efforts to combat the opium trade in Afghanistan.

The Defense Department bill originally contained \$50 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Some \$13 billion was added last month to pay to replace Army and Marine Corps equipment lost or worn out in harsh conditions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Lawmakers expect an additional \$7 billion will be added during House-Senate talks on a compromise bill. The comparable level of defense funding passed by the House in June was \$458.6 billion.

With the latest infusion of war funds, Congress will have approved about \$500 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and other anti-terrorism efforts in the five years since the Sept. 11 terrorist assaults, according to the Congressional Research Service. Appropriations for the Iraq

and Afghanistan wars averaged almost \$10 billion per month for the current year, so President Bush early next year will have to make another request for money for military operations in Iraq.

The bill also contains \$1.8 billion to construct 370 miles of fencing and almost 500 miles of vehicle barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The border security money would break budget caps set this year. But there is election-year urgency to take at least some steps on illegal immigration because GOP efforts to pass a broad immigration overhaul have stalled.

The Pentagon spending bill, a homeland security measure and perhaps legislation with money for veterans' programs will probably be the only annual appropriations bills to pass Congress by the Oct. 1 start of the new budget year.

The rest of the spending bills covering domestic agencies will wait until a lame-duck session after the Nov. 7 elections.

The defense bill contains \$99 billion for personnel costs; \$126 billion for operations and maintenance; \$81 billion for weapons procurement; and \$73 billion for research and development.

The Senate cut about \$2 billion from Bush's targets for procurement of new weapons. That includes \$250 million from the Army's request of more than \$3.5 billion for the Future Combat System. It is the service's key weapons program and is expected to produce more than a dozen manned and unmanned vehicles and aircraft for combat.

To a considerable degree, the defense bill demonstrates the flexibility with which the Congress and the administration treat budget limits set on the Pentagon. But senators from western states also succeeded in adding \$275 million at the last minute to combat wildfires.

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Senate leaders back Bush legislation despite dissent

Senators want to pass terrorism detainee plan by end of the month despite opposition among some Republicans

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate leaders are throwing their weight behind a White House plan to prosecute terrorism detainees despite dissent among some Republicans and the military's top lawyers.

Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said he wants to pass the proposal by the end of the month and would decide Friday how quickly to proceed on the bill, indicating a vote could come as soon as next week. The momentum placed behind President Bush's plan by Frist sent GOP moder-

ates scrambling to develop an alternative that would address their concerns.

Also sounding alarms on Bush's legislation Thursday were the Pentagon's top uniformed lawyers. Testifying before a House panel, the service's judge advocate generals said the plan could violate treaty obligations and make U.S. troops vulnerable.

"While we seek that balance" of fairness and security, "we also must remember the concept of reciprocity," said Brig.

Gen. James Walker, staff judge advocate for the Marine Corps. "What we do and how we treat these individuals can, in the future, have a direct impact on our service men and women overseas."

The president's legislation would authorize the defense secretary to convene military tribunals to prosecute terrorism suspects and omit rights common in military and civil courts, such as the defendant's right to access all evidence and a ban on coerced testimony.

Bush has said the plan is both fair and tough enough to ensure dangerous terrorists can be brought to justice.

Senate leaders also have hailed the legislation as necessary and practical, contending that terrorists must not be granted rights comparable with U.S. citizens or service members.

"I support the administration bill and hope that it's what the Senate will pass," said the majority whip, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

But GOP moderates — Sens. John Warner, John McCain and Lindsey Graham — have agreed

with the Pentagon lawyers that Bush's plan may go too far. Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, convened closed-door meetings throughout the day Thursday with other panel members and a senior official from the Justice Department in a bid to generate consensus on an alternative proposal.

Some conservatives indicated they weren't biting. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a committee member, said he supports the administration's position and did not feel strongly "one way or the other" if a bill received the Armed Services Committee's blessing before reaching the floor.

"We're racing against the clock" to pass legislation allowing the president to proceed, he said.

Indeed, a leadership aide said Warner, McCain, R-Ariz., and Graham, R-S.C., were given "24 hours to think their position over," indicating that the bill could be routed around the committee and placed directly on the Senate floor.

The vote would come just as lawmakers are departing for midterm elections and Republicans are fighting to maintain the majority by trumpeting their tough stance on the war on terror. The short time table may also help to steamroll over any opposition mounted by Warner and McCain.

Whether to insist the system

grant a defendant access to all evidence used against him, even if it would compromise classified material, remained the biggest sticking point.

Steven Bradbury, acting assistant attorney general, defended the White House plan in saying such cases would be rare.

"These procedures, properly administered by the military

judge, would strike the appropriate balance between safeguarding our nation's secrets and ensuring a fair trial of the accused," Bradbury told the House Armed Services Committee.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., who heads the House panel and has sided with the administration on detainee treatment issues, said at the hearing that any military commission established to prosecute terrorists must allow the government to protect intelligence sources.

"Some of these acts of complicity in terrorist operations or plots are very small pieces — the guy that drives the car, the guy that delivers a document — and you don't have, in many

cases, other broad evidence," Hunter said.

But the service's top lawyers reiterated their position that other alternatives must be explored — or the case dropped.

"I believe the accused should see that evidence," said Maj. Gen. Scott Black, the Army's judge advocate general.


The hearing came a day after Bush acknowledged for the first time that the CIA had secret prisons overseas and defended the practice of tough interrogations to force terrorists to reveal plots to attack the United States and its allies. Bush said 14 detainees would be transferred out of CIA cus-

tody to the military's Guantanamo Bay prison.


The announcement, however, did not signal an end to the controversial program. State Department legal adviser John Bellinger III told reporters Thursday that if additional members of the al-Qaida terror network were captured, "we reserve the right to have those people questioned by the CIA."

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Christian video game to debut

'Left Behind: Eternal Forces' console draws on popular book series

Associated Press

DENVER — The streets of New York have never looked so barren.

An occasional taxi or bus motors down a boulevard as people wander aimlessly among eerily vacant buildings. Soon, black helicopters loom overhead and armed soldiers close ranks on the streets below.

This isn't your run-of-the-mill video game: "Left Behind: Eternal Forces" is based on the best-selling "Left Behind" book series about the apocalypse. But it's the apocalypse without dismemberment or graphic bloodshed, though the game has an element of violence that some Christians argue is counter to teachings of the Bible.

The game's creators say they hope to wriggle into the multi-billion-dollar mainstream video game market by offering a real-time strategy option for serious gamers. Yet, they believe the faith-based theme is important, too.

"What we've decided to do is embed our message in a game so that it's not overt but it is in the game," Left Behind Games President Jeffrey Frichner said. "We're not ashamed of it. There are Scriptures in the game and we're faithful to those Scriptures."

The overall video game software market, including consoles and portables, was \$6.1 billion in 2005, based on U.S. sales, according to The NPD Group research company in Port Washington, N.Y. It does not track sales for Christian video games, which is a tiny niche.

Analyst Michael Pachter, who follows the industry for Wedbush Morgan Securities Inc., has played "Eternal Forces" and said it probably will be well-received.

He estimated it would sell between 250,000 and 1 million units, likely far more than any other Christian video game, because of its high quality.

"They did a nice job," Pachter said. "In order for the game to hit the higher end of that range, I think they have to attract mainstream consumers who just want to play the game because it is a good game."

"The question is, will the game be perceived as too preachy for the mainstream and I just don't know. We'll see."

Set in New York, the game begins with smoldering landscapes, the eerie streets and wandering nonbelievers and evildoers. The object is to convert nonbelievers and ultimately prevent evil forces from taking over the world.

Left Behind marketing manager Greg Bauman won't be specific about how to achieve victory because the game won't be officially released until later this year; however, a demo of the game available free of charge on the company's Web site provides some clues.

Players, as commanders of the forces of good, need to make sure their people are housed and fed, nurtured with

prayer and armed to defend themselves for eventual battle.

Players recruit people to battle evil forces while taking control of buildings for medical clinics and housing. They can send people into battle but lose points by killing evil soldiers or by failing to meet the spiritual needs of the troops. Want to ward off evil? Hit the prayer button.

Every person depicted has a name and a history, which emphasizes the human cost of battle, Frichner said.

Along the way, players find clues to Bible mysteries and other information. Christian rock groups provide background music.

In the single-player mode, the player battles evil forces. In the multiplayer mode, players may choose to represent evil or good. Gamers also can play each other online.

The PC-only game cost between \$3 million and \$5 million to produce. It will sell for \$49.99.

The current market for Christian video games is essentially nonexistent, Pachter said, but there is opportunity given the growing popularity of Christian products and the fact parents want nonviolent fare for their children.

"Eternal Forces" is the first effort from Left Behind Games Inc. of Murrieta, Calif., which has a license to develop games based on the "Left Behind" novels by Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye that have sold more than 63 million copies.

The company's mission is to produce products that promote faith-based values but also appeal to the general population. The books and the game are built around those left on Earth after millions of Christian believers ascend to heaven during the Rapture as defined in Christian theology.

Since it was previewed in May at the Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles, "Eternal Forces" has drawn opposition on Internet sites, in some newspapers and on television from those who contend the violence goes against the Bible.

"It's reprehensible," said Florida attorney Jack Thompson, a critic of video game violence. "They're basically using the phrase — Christian game — to disarm parents into thinking it's going to be OK for our kids."

Left Behind Games co-founder Troy Lyndon has posted a statement on the company's Web site calling the game a classic battle of good and evil. Frichner said it depicts choices people must make when faced with threats.

"Do we just lay down and allow aggressors to kill us, or maim us or pillage us?" Frichner said. "I think most Americans would answer no. We defend ourselves. To remain faithful to the 'Left Behind' series, we couldn't make a game that didn't have that element in it."

Ralph Bagley, chief executive officer of video game maker N'Lightning Software Development, believes there is a market

for Christian video games waiting to be tapped, particularly for technically accurate products such as "Eternal Forces."

He's been in the business since 1999, when Christian game developers consisted of a handful of people who made a video game with about \$10,000 while top game developers were spending \$2 million to \$3 million.

"We couldn't stand up to it," Bagley said.

He invested about \$800,000 in the design and production of "Catechumen," a nonviolent adventure game that has sold 80,000 copies — a top seller in the Christian video market.

Bagley's other game, "Ominous Horizons, a Paladin's Calling," is set in Germany in the 1400s when Satan steals the first printed Bible and hides pieces of it throughout the world. The player solves puzzles devised by ancient societies to track down the missing pieces. Bagley spent about \$1.2 million to develop it.

He predicted demand for Christian video products would continue to grow.

"Even the youth pastor that runs the youth group, when he comes home and wants to play a game he really doesn't want another Bible lesson thrown at him," said Bagley, who is also a spokesman for the Christian Game Developers Foundation. "He just wants to play a game."

Judge halts free Bible program in Mo. school

Official says giveaway violates the Constitution

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A federal judge ordered a small-town school to suspend a program that gives free Bibles to students, saying it improperly promotes Christianity.

U.S. District Court Judge Catherine Perry also scolded school officials for continuing the program after warnings that it violated the Constitution.

South Iron Elementary in Annapolis, a town of 300 in southeastern Missouri, has quietly allowed Gideons International to hand out Bibles to fifth-graders for years. After concerns were raised last year, the then-superintendent consulted with the district's attorneys and insurance company and recommended that the handouts stop, but the school board voted to continue them.

Acting on behalf of two sets of parents from the district, the American Civil Liberties Union sued in February in federal court in St. Louis.

"The defendants were repeatedly told that their actions violated the Constitution, but they chose not to heed those cautions," Perry wrote in the preliminary injunction issued Wednesday.

A final ruling is not expected for months.

Eastern Missouri ACLU legal director Anthony Rothert said the injunction was "a victory for parents who want to direct the religious upbringing of their children without interference from public schools."

Erik Stanley — an attorney for Liberty Counsel, part of Jerry Falwell's Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., which represented the school district — called the ruling unconstitutional and said it would continue to fight the case.

Gideons, based in Nashville, Tenn., distributes more than 63 million pocket-sized Bibles each year in hotels, prisons, hospitals and schools worldwide, according to the organization's Web site. A spokesman for the organization declined to comment.

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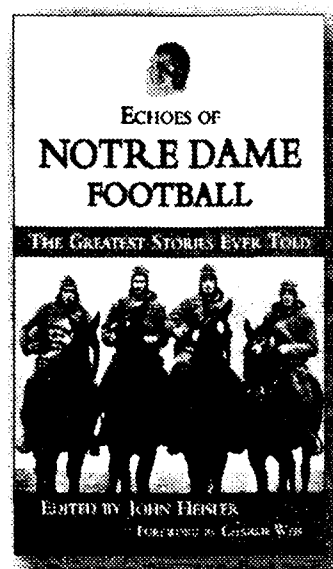
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Marine disappearance staged

Police: Friend was trying to keep Colo. man from returning to service

Associated Press

DENVER — Authorities who spent five days searching for a Marine after a friend reported him lost in a hiking accident have arrested the friend and said Thursday they believe the disappearance was staged, so the serviceman could avoid returning to duty.

Steve Powers, 20, of Boulder, was arrested late Wednesday for investigation of a misdemeanor charge of false reporting, Sheriff's Cmdr. Phil West said. In a statement, he added that the Marine, Lance Hering, could face the same charge, and that the sheriff's department planned to seek restitution for the thousands of dollars spent on the search.

Authorities are still trying to find Hering, 21, who returned from Iraq in July and was due back at Camp Pendleton, Calif., this month.

Powers had reported that Hering fell Aug. 29 while the two were hiking and injured his head, losing consciousness in the rugged Eldorado Canyon State Park west of Boulder. Powers said he went for help the next morning, but when he returned, Hering had vanished.

The sheriff's department and search and rescue teams called off their search after five days, saying they were confident Hering had left the area.

"Essentially (Powers) was trying to keep (Hering) from having to return to service as a Marine," West said. "That's Powers' version. Powers has lied to us repeatedly, so we take what he says with a grain of salt."

West said state authorities were comparing DNA from human blood found at the scene where Hering was reported to have fallen while rock climbing to samples from Hering and Powers. Investigators have some leads into Hering's whereabouts but West declined to elaborate.

A call to Hering's parents in Boulder and messages left with officials at the Pentagon and Camp Pendleton were not immediately returned. There was no telephone listing for Powers, who was released shortly after his arrest.

Nobody answered a knock on the front door of the Hering home, in a quiet south Boulder neighborhood, where two electric candles were burning in the windows.

Hering's brother, Air Force

Lt. Brendan Hering, was on leave in Colorado from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., said a man who answered a call at Brendan Hering's unit.

Hering's family has said they do not believe he is trying to avoid returning to the Marines.

"He doesn't run from his problems," Brendan Hering told the Daily Camera in Boulder for a story Wednesday. "He doesn't have any problems with the military."

Brendan Hering said that about 10 years ago, Lance Hering hit his head and temporarily lost his vision and speech. A few days later, he suffered some short-term memory loss. He said his brother could be suffering a similar injury.

Marine officials have told sheriff's officials that Hering was classified as unauthorized absent because he left before official approval of his request for leave, West said.

The Pentagon has said simple desertion has been decreasing in the military in recent years — about 2,500 troops last year didn't show up for work, down from almost 5,000 in 2001.

But groups that run the GI Rights Hotline, which helps servicemembers interested in getting out of their required service, have reported receiving more than 36,000 calls this year, up from fewer than 1,000 in 2001.

Architects unveil plans for more WTC towers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Architects presented striking new visions for the World Trade Center site Thursday with designs for three more towers — including a diamond-shaped skyscraper — that would replace the twin towers with some of the city's tallest buildings overlooking a Sept. 11 memorial.

The designs unveiled Thursday joined plans for the 1,776-foot-tall Freedom Tower skyscraper, an 8-acre memorial surrounding the spots where the twin towers stood and a winged glass-and-steel transit hub.

The three new towers would descend in height from the iconic Freedom Tower in a spiral around the memorial, which sets twin reflecting pools above the spots where the towers stood in a tree-filled plaza.

"These are some of the most stunning buildings you will see anywhere in the world," Gov. George Pataki said. "It does respect the sanctity of this entire site."

Architects Norman Foster and Richard Rogers, both of Britain, and Fumihiko Maki, of Japan, presented models of the towers at a news conference at developer Larry Silverstein's rebuilt 7 World Trade Center. A film showed the buildings' models from different angles

while "New York, New York" played in the background.

Foster designed the tallest of the three buildings — at 1,254 feet, taller than anything in the city except the Empire State Building. It appears to connect four narrow towers, topped by four shining diamonds that would be lit at night.

Foster, who designed the Hearst Tower in Manhattan and used diamond patterns in his original "kissing towers" proposal for the trade center site, called the diamonds a "beacon" that would direct viewers down towards the memorial from any angle in the city.

"Wherever you are ... and you look at this tower, it will tell you where the memorial park is," he said.

Foster's tower would have four wider floors for financial trading, a 65-foot-high lobby and retail space above and below ground. None of the buildings is planned to have storefronts or retail space that directly face the memorial.

Rogers proposed a slender 71-story tower with crisscrossing columns up and down its sides, topped by 100-foot spires at all four corners. He called it "a very slim tower, clearly structured, clearly legible" and said he wanted to create an effect of reaching into the sky.



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Celebutante Paris Hilton arrested for DUI in Los Angeles

Driving incident a likely career boost for the pop culture icon and perennial party girl, veteran publicists say

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — For most celebrities, getting smacked with a DUI is an instant image crisis. For Paris Hilton, it could be a career boost.

"Paris Hilton being arrested just makes her more famous," said veteran publicist Michael Levine. "She has devoted her entire adult life to appearing to be the princess of parties."

Hilton's publicist, Elliot Mintz, confirmed the star's festive nature Thursday: "She's been known to have a drink or two."

Hilton was arrested by Los Angeles police officers in Hollywood early Thursday on suspicion of driving under the influence. During the arrest she was briefly handcuffed. Hilton was booked at L.A.P.D.'s Hollywood station at 1:43 a.m. and released shortly afterward, said Nick Velasquez, a spokesman for the city attorney's office.

This is Hilton's first drunken-driving arrest, Mintz said, adding that he doesn't expect the incident to hurt her image.

"The people who enjoy Paris as a comedian or actress on TV or as a singer on her CD, a woman who seems to have captured the imagination of so many people, I don't know if this is going to have any impact on them one way or another," he said. "But, of course, she regrets what took place."

"I was just really hungry and I wanted to have an In-N-Out burger."

**Paris Hilton
hotel heiress**

Hours after her release, Hilton defended herself to radio host Ryan Seacrest during his Thursday morning show on local station KHS-FM. "It was nothing," said Hilton, 25.

The singer, actress, handbag designer and heiress to the Hilton hotel-chain fortune said she was "starving because I had not ate all day" and possibly "speeding a little bit" in her Mercedes-Benz SLR on her way to grab a bite.

"I was just really hungry and I wanted to have an In-N-Out burger," said the one-time pitchwoman for Carl's Jr.

Hilton, who made her singing debut last week with the release of her eponymous CD, said she spent Wednesday filming a music video and having dinner with her sister, Nicky, and some friends before heading to a charity event sponsored by rocker Dave Navarro.

Hilton said she had "one margarita" at the event.

Just last month, she told the Los Angeles Times that she "doesn't like the taste of alcohol."

"It grosses me out," she said. Hilton told Seacrest that police stopped her for speeding. An LAPD spokeswoman said Hilton was driving erratically.

"Officers observed the vehicle driving in an erratic manner so they pulled the car over," officer Marjan Mobasser said Thursday.

Hilton's blood-alcohol level

was .08 percent — the minimum to warrant an arrest, Mintz said.

According to a national research study, a 137-pound woman would need to consume three alcoholic drinks in one hour on an empty stomach to reach a .08 blood-alcohol level. The 5-foot-8 and fashionably slender Hilton likely weighs much less than 137 pounds.

She described the arresting officers as "really nice."

"There was a lot of paparazzi around so I think they were trying to make a statement," she told Seacrest. "Everything I do is blown out of proportion and it really hurts my feelings."

Hilton is expected to be arraigned Sept. 28, said Velasquez of the city attorney's office. Penalties for a first drunken-driving offense typically include a fine, probation, an alcohol-rehabilitation program, license suspension and "other DUI-related conditions" such as community service, he said.

LAPD officials said they will not release Hilton's arrest report or her mug shot.

The maximum penalty for a first misdemeanor DUI offense is a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail.

This isn't the first legal problem for the blonde heiress.

In February, a Superior Court judge ordered Hilton to stay away from event producer Brian Quintana after he claimed she shoved him on at least three occasions and badmouthed him.

A month earlier, actress and diamond heiress Zeta Graff filed a multimillion dollar law-



The not-so-simple life: Hilton was arrested for DUI early Thursday after failing a sobriety test. Her blood-alcohol level was .08 percent.

suit against Hilton claiming that Hilton spewed "vicious lies" to the New York Post about an altercation the two had in a London nightclub.

In November, Hilton was a passenger in a silver Bentley that a companion drove into the back of a large commercial truck, scratching the hood of the car. The mishap was captured on videotape. Cameras were also rolling when Hilton's Range Rover backed into a car in a parking garage in June.

Hilton was just a pretty party girl and everyday heiress until a sex-tape she made with an ex-boyfriend surfaced in late 2003. That made her a cyberspace novelty and instant tabloid favorite. Hilton's reality TV series "The Simple Life" debuted shortly afterward.

In 2004, Hilton released her book, "Confessions of an Heiress: A Tongue-in-Chic Peek Behind the Pose." She

appeared in episodes of television's "The O.C." and "Veronica Mars" and had a role in the 2005 horror flick "House of Wax."

Hilton released a perfume bearing her name in 2004. Earlier this year, Hilton unveiled her cell-phone video game, "Diamondquest." She'll follow that with a line of Paris Hilton purses and cosmetics.

Hilton's string of boyfriends has also kept her in the news. She was engaged for several months to Greek shipping heir Paris Latsis before dating another Greek shipping heir, Stavros Niarchos III. She has also been linked to former University of Southern California football star Matt Leinart, who recently signed with the NFL's Arizona Cardinals.

Recently, Hilton announced she had taken a vow of sexual abstinence.

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New 'TC' not ideal

From Rally in the Alley to Kegs and Eggs, the mention of Turtle Creek Apartments conjures memories of parties, drinking and good times — memories typically shared only by today's juniors and seniors.

During the past two years an intensified police crackdown on the beer-soaked "TC" has sent some students scurrying further into South Bend for the next party scene. Last Friday's police bust of 88 college students at Turtle Creek was rightfully conducted by law enforcement officials. Those who were arrested or received tickets broke the law and got caught for it.

It's inevitable, however, that some students come to college seeking more than a degree from one of the nation's top universities and will choose to party regardless of the illegality of the situation. Busts like Friday's will set an example but are unlikely to end the urge to drink underage. And as the end of the Turtle Creek era seems increasingly imminent — if it hasn't already arrived — students will look for alternative destinations.

Instead of making the short walk home from Turtle Creek late at night, many will inevitably party farther away from campus, increasing the risk of someone driving home after drinking or

walking alone through South Bend — which, as recent reports of off-campus crimes and assaults reveal, isn't the safest place for a 2 a.m. stroll.

There is almost no opportunity to get lost, little chance of injury and even less chance of violence when walking the lighted path from the library to Bulla Road. There are always substantial — and occasionally life threatening — costs associated with underage drinking, including poor decisions, personal injury, police citations and drunk driving. Students should weigh these costs every weekend.

But so should police. The arrests made Friday could have been avoided if the underage students considered the consequences of their actions.

However, one can't help but speculate what would have happened had the police chosen to break up the party rather than spend three hours issuing nearly 100 citations.

Yes, the party could have continued somewhere else. But that's what's likely to happen anyway. As Turtle Creek becomes increasingly notorious for undercover officers and spontaneous raids, party-seeking students will go farther away from Notre Dame — farther away from the relatively safe haven of campus outskirts and into a potentially more dangerous search for the next TC.

The Observer Editorial

Ignoring the Penn. Guard in Iraq

Somewhere in Indiana grieves an American family, still mourning the loss of a loved one in Iraq who served in the Guard last year. He is also missed by close comrades who include my good friend, a

Pennsylvania guardsman from my hometown. The unpleasant story of this loss is one ultimately caused by a command failure within the Pentagon.

According to my friend, it is but one of many deadly command policy miscues in Iraq. The Pennsylvania guardsman recalls that last year the Indiana youth died from a wound under his arm, a vulnerable exposed area between the front and rear armor issued to him upon arrival in Iraq. This death was unnecessary, a result of a negligently chaotic U.S. military system that refused to issue any of its readily available side armor to our soldiers ... that is, until this death.

My hometown of Canonsburg, Pa., is a suburban community 20 miles southwest of Pittsburgh. Primarily a coal and steel town in the early 1900s, it was the final destination for various immigrant groups who settled in the United States. Today it maintains many ethnic enclaves as second and third generation Americans continue to love and serve America in the family traditions of their forefathers. Neighborhoods are friendly, patriotic and as broad-minded as any true melting pot society.

During the July Fourth holiday, I ventured home for the largest parade in Western Pennsylvania and activities that have been advertised as "the finest in the nation." Our local guardsmen and women who recently returned from Iraq were prominently honored. The day's political feature included both U.S. Senate candidates

— incumbent Republican Rick Santorum and challenger Democrat Bob Casey.

I questioned my friend who had served an 18-month tour in Iraq with the guard. His firsthand account of conditions on the ground affecting our troops is a tale of travesty that would chill both supporters and dissenters of the war. His hollow stare reached well beyond me as he recalled the command's senseless refusal to initially issue side armor to him and his fellow guardsmen. He said ironically, "And to think people here thought Cher was crazy for buying armor for us."

Most guardsmen support the war effort as one of the supply and maintenance personnel. Initially, my friend obtained parts for his vehicular repairs by crossing the river for assistance from the Marines at their warehouse. Unfortunately, when the six-month rotation sent Marines who refused to assist the Guard, my friend resorted to buying parts on the black market. His frustrations may be typical of any war zone, yet in our modern, technologically advanced age, the command at the Pentagon should know better and foster cooperation between service branches. My guardsman friend said, "It was as though we were on different sides of the war."

Our military spends unthinkable amounts to transport the exact vehicles with which the troops initially trained in the United States. Barring drastic equipment differences, it seems wasteful to transport each vehicle according to assignment rather than deploy them from a central overseas facility on a first-come, first-serve basis. We learned that as early as World War II when General Patton's success only relied upon tanks, not the exact tanks his troops trained with in North America. If Guard equipment today is inferior to the regular army's, then the United States has no hope of waging an effective war effort.

My friend also tells how he survived

his 18-month ordeal by using his wits and learning from others. Yet when the Marines replaced his unit, they refused the guardsmen's attempts to debrief and advise those Marines on what we at home might call "best practices." The Marines — being Marines — thought of themselves as full-time warriors prepared for any situation and ignored the "part-time" guard. Ten Marines were killed during their first two days in Iraq.

In July, the headlines reported on two captured American soldiers who were subsequently tortured and killed. My friend agonizingly recited the proper technique for establishing a security checkpoint with a tank at the side, machine gun perched above and initial barricade 200 meters away. Sadly, he concluded, they were among the dozens he had seen who did not follow procedures.

Each time our military torture, rape or murder, our torch of freedom dims. Each time our troops operate outside their training norms, they lose comrades and pierce the souls of loved ones back home. Yet for each uncharacteristic military moment, the finger of blame points to the highest levels of command within the services.

If we have no seamless military among our various services, the generals are at fault. If we have such a lack of discipline that soldiers will conspire with each other to rape and kill civilian Iraqis, it is our generals' failures. Sadly, until accountability begins at the top, the Pennsylvania guard will remain ignored in Iraq. It is a deadly tragedy that no American family should ever endure.

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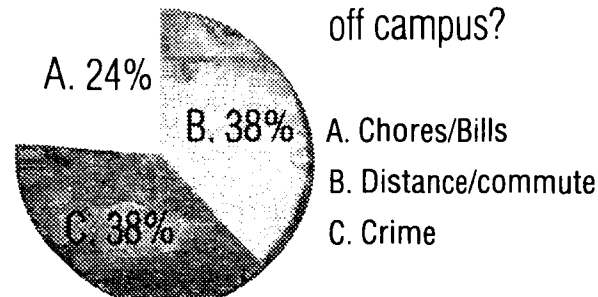


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"Gentlemen, it is better to have died as a small boy than to fumble this football."

John Heisman
football coach

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Down with the Klan and down with Israel

James Dechant makes a crucial point in his Sept. 7 column "Terrorism can be born at home" — groups like the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), who recently marched in Gettysburg, are home-grown American terrorist organizations. While there is such a focus on terrorism abroad, American official society is unwilling to admit that there are racial terrorists springing right out of the belly of American civilization.

I would take this point further — we see a deep-seated white supremacy in this country far larger than the Klan when we observe the differences between how white and non-white "terrorism" are handled by our rulers. When fascist groups organize to lynch people of color, Jews and queer folks, you don't see the publication of hundreds of shoddy books talking about the degradation of "the White mind," you don't see a massive FBI dragnet that racially profiles white people because they might be Klansmen, you don't see polite people talking in dis-

dain about the lack of civilization that characterizes white society and you don't see academics holding conferences on how Christianity breeds terror and is incompatible with democracy and modernity. And yet while the Klan marches, pundits continue to babble about how to control the Arab and Muslim savages.

I agree with Dechant that the Klan and groups like them are not merely fringe elements that can be easily ignored. They must be vigorously confronted by everyday people. While we welcome and defend all immigrants, we must say that it is these white racial terrorists who have no right to be citizens of the multiracial, anti-racist and democratic polities we wish to call home.

Dechant is right about the fact that the Klan and Neo-Nazi groups often talk about the "destruction of the 'Zionist state' of Israel." But defending everyday Jewish folks from the Klan is not the same thing as defending the state and ruling class of Israel

from anti-colonial movements. I have marched against neo-Nazis who were trampling on Israeli flags, but I nevertheless maintain a principled opposition to Zionism. Zionism is that ideology which attempts to equate the identity and heritage of the Jewish people with a defense of the state and ruling class of Israel. But Zionism is not the same thing as Jewish identity; there are anti-Zionist Jews as well as non-Jewish, even anti-Semitic Zionists.

Zionism has its own white supremacy complex; it conceives of Israel as the vanguard of Western civilization in a sea of Arab barbarism (ironic considering that it was the white supremacy of Europe that had earlier targeted the Jewish people for destruction). The Zionist state of Israel was born as a settler state under the auspices of a British colonialism that explicitly mapped the world according to advanced and backwards races, placing Jewish leaders as junior partners in whiteness

who could keep the Arabs in check. Now it continues as the front line of an American Empire that clings to this legacy by talking instead of advanced and backwards cultures. The result is Jim-Crow-style segregation across Palestine, over 50 years of ethnic cleaning and mass graves in Southern Lebanon. These should make the Zionist movement indefensible in the eyes of any anti-racist.

The founding of a true democracy will require anti-racists who can march against the KKK and the Neo-Nazis under banners reading "Down with White Supremacy! Down with Anti-Semitism! Down with the state of Israel! Down with the American Empire!" Each of these, in its own way, is an ugly face of white supremacy today and each must be dismantled from below.

Matthew Hamilton
graduate student
off-campus
Sept. 7

U-WIRE

When the Fruity Pebbles began to take hold...

In 1954, Aldous Huxley opened the "doors of perception," penning a book of the same name about a psychedelic mescaline trip.

Today, I'm not just going to open those doors. No, I'm going to kick them down and saunter around like I own the place, rearranging the silverware partitions according to my own spoon-centric sensibility.

But I'm not going to use mescaline, because now we've got stores chock-full of legal alternatives.

What will it be? Well, I had a cough, and I was on my way to the store to get some cough syrup, and then it hit me like a bolt of perception-widening cough syrup — I would eat a whole box of Fruity Pebbles in one sitting.

The doors will be crushed to dust, not unlike Rosie O'Donnell's original pair of ankle bones.

It will be me versus the Pebbles; only one will emerge victorious. Either me, glutted on the entrails of this flamboyantly colored box, or the box itself, engorged with human flesh, stalking down the streets like some prehistoric monstrosity.

So look at this not only as a scientific document, as an experiment in perception, but as a Himalaya-scaling, Arctic-exploring testament to the will of man.

1:00. In preparation, I gird my loins for battle — which, in this case, involves ungirding my loins. Pants are useful in times of relative security, but must be cast off when a person enters the fruity tango of death with a bowl of Pebbles.

1:05. I pour the first bowl. It spews out of the box like some hideous alien vomit, the garishly clashing colors intermingling freely.

The blue is a sickly blue, a Smurf-jaundice blue, a blue I hope never to see again.

The pink flakes resemble the debris from a leper's vigorous hand-rubbing. The other colors are such that Crayola only imagines in bouts of deepest despair. I will not dwell on them, for there lies madness.

1:07. I take the first hit. The flakes burn all the way down, lacerating flesh wherever they fall, like Johnny Ulcer-Seed making a trek down my esophagus.

The box proclaims "A Good Source of Fiber," which may be true, if one eats the box itself. But, as it is, the contents of the box are a good source of — in no particular order — suffering, sterility and early death.

The sugar sends me into shock. I try to amble to the fridge to grab something of nutritional value — anything — celery, ketchup, heck, even Cheez Whiz, that curdled milk straight from Satan's festering nipple.

I don't make it; I stumble on my numb, blackened diabetic hooves and fall to the floor. Each excruciating second passes like a razor-sharpened kidney stone through the urinary tract of Father Time.

3:00. My physical symptoms dissolve — an existential nausea descends. The Pebbles have taken effect. I see myself on the floor; the barest fact of existence engulfs me. I oscillate freely between object and subject.

I develop strong opinions about pretentious French philosophers I've never read. I suddenly see the logic behind the Vagina Monologues and begin composing freeform slam poetry against the patriarchy.

I have lost to the box. I am destroyed, reduced to pebbles.

Fruity, fruity pebbles.

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Grant Reichert

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I gotta have my Pops

Since the issue first arose I have been keeping my peace about this subject for the better part of a month. I dislike the idea of writing in to The Observer, because it seems like most people who write letters in the Viewpoint do not really know what they are talking about and mostly just like to hear themselves talk. So I have been patiently waiting in hopes of someone else bearing the load and writing the letter that has been so desperately needed, but day after day there is nothing but letters complaining about living wage, Middle Easterners and other things that most people don't care about. I cannot let this atrocity go on any longer; I must bring this offense to light.

There are no more Corn Pops in North Dining Hall. I first noticed one morning after I was going for my usual bowl of Corn Pops after I finished my three Eli's Breakfast Sandwiches. I love Corn Pops, so I was obviously disappointed, but I simply wrote it off as a possible mistake. Maybe someone had accidentally ordered Kix instead of Corn Pops this week. However, as I continued to search for my Pops for the next couple of weeks, I slowly came to the realization that this was much bigger than just the simple mistake of confusing the similarly colored Kix for Corn Pops.

Whether I am just grabbing a quick bowl for breakfast or stuffing a ziplock bag full for a future late night snack, Corn Pops is the perfect cereal. Its 14 grams of sugar per serving fills the milk with a warm sweetness, yet each bite remains surprisingly crisp. Not only is it flavorful and crunchy but it also contains 11 essential vitamins and minerals, making this popped-up corn cereal the best in the business. Please bring back my Pops.

Tom Martin
Junior Class Chancellor
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Sept. 6

EDITORIAL CARTOON



CONCERT SPOTLIGHT

Umphrey's unique rock back in South Bend



Photo courtesy of Robert Massie

Umphrey's McGee guitarist Jake Cinninger, left, plays along with bassist Ryan Stasik. They bring their distinct prog-rock sound to St. Patrick's Park tonight.

By MADDIE HANNA
Scene Writer

With first-home-game hype luring tens of thousands to Notre Dame this weekend, it's easy to label Umphrey's McGee's concert tonight in South Bend a local band's well-timed homecoming.

Which it is, of course, since the jam-prog rock band — two of its six members were raised in the Michiana area and four are Notre Dame grads — got its start in late 1997 and was soon playing gigs on and off campus.

But it's more than that. This isn't the Umphrey's of 1998, or even the Umphrey's of 2004. Like its music, the band is constantly evolving.

"I think a lot of it is choosing our spots and being more dynamic," keyboardist and vocalist Joel Cummins said. "Our live show has a tendency to be a fun party vibe — and it's cool, we're into that. But we want to develop our personalities."

Tonight's Umphrey's is a band coming off its third — and strongest — studio effort, the 2006 "Safety in Numbers." In August, the album hit No. 186 on Billboard's Top 200 — not exactly common for groups in the jam band vein, who draw the vast majority of their support from live show devotees.

Tonight's Umphrey's is a band propelled by a recent wave of critical acclaim. Since appearing in Rolling Stone's 2004 Hot Issue, the sextet has won raves for both "Safety in Numbers" and its groove-charged shows, where

improv is second nature. ("If somebody's hot and really taking it, [we] let them stretch out a bit," Cummins explained.)

Tonight's Umphrey's, however, is also a band still coming to terms with the death of a close friend.

Brian Schultz, a 1998 Notre Dame graduate, was leaving Umphrey's New Year's Eve 2004 concert when a drunk driver struck his cab.

Schultz, Cummins said, was "somebody whose presence makes you want to be a better person." The accident was a "thoughtless tragedy" no one expected to happen.

"But it did, and life goes on."

For Umphrey's, life took shape in "Safety in Numbers." The album has a noticeably more serious tone than 2002's "Local Band Does O.K." or 2004's "Anchor Drops."

"It's definitely a very personal, time capsule sort of thing," Cummins said. "It felt right to make an album like this."

Cummins was the driving force behind "Words," a richly retrospective song with lines like "Your words occur to me sometimes/line the reasons why we're here."

"We try to not let the emotion overwhelm us" on stage, Cummins said. "I obviously have to keep it together when I'm up there playing. It's definitely challenging. ... This guy was probably my best friend outside of the band."

Best friend outside the band — because inside the band, they're best friends too. Cummins met then-drummer Mike Mirro, guitarist and vocalist Brendan Bayliss (son of Irish men's tennis coach Bobby Bayliss) and bassist



Photo courtesy of Brett Saul

Umphrey's McGee is familiar with Michiana as two members were raised here and four graduated from Notre Dame. They now live in and operate out of Chicago.

Ryan Stasik when they were undergrads at Notre Dame.

The four all had different bands, Cummins said, but found each other relatively quickly, thanks to the less-than-vibrant Notre Dame music scene.

"It's not too cool to play music at Notre Dame, you know?" Cummins said. "It's better to play sports."

After a series of late night jam sessions at Cummins' apartment in College Park, the guys decided to give it a shot. The first gig was at former student bar Bridget McGuire's on Jan. 21, 1998 — which, coincidentally, got busted that weekend, Cummins said.

"That Saturday night, we were down at Lafayette Square and saw people just running," he laughed.

As word of mouth spread, Umphrey's began playing shows at the Stepan Center, Morris Performing Arts Center, State Theater, St. Patrick's Park and Mishawaka Brewing Co. Some band members graduated, but others were still in school, which Cummins said "ended up being a good thing."

"I remember once having \$135-a-month rent," he said. "We were generally able to do OK, just playing shows."

In summer of 2000, Umphrey's moved to Chicago, and the national touring began. The word of mouth that nudged the band into the Bend exposed it to a much larger audience. Cummins credits much of Umphrey's success to the Internet and the "copies and copies" of live shows spread by band members and fans.

Now, a more seasoned Umphrey's —

which now includes guitarist and vocalist Jake Cinninger, percussionist Andy Farag and drummer Kris Myers — is coming off of a successful tour to Europe and Japan, as well as prime slots at Lollapalooza and Dave Matthews Band shows. Rolling Stone went as far as to dub the guys "odds-on favorites in the next-Phish sweepstakes," a categorization that Cummins considers "for the most part, definitely an honor."

"We look at it as a positive thing — they're one of the greatest bands out there," he said. "It definitely makes sense for our attitude toward music, our influences ... But you know, music is a hard thing to categorize."

And Umphrey's — whose influences range from Frank Zappa to metal of the '70s, '80s and '90s, to country and classical — certainly doesn't fit neatly into any musical mold.

Which is fine by Cummins. With "cookie-cutter" music, he said, "you kind of lose being in the moment and creating something."

"In the moment — that's the real important thing for us."

Umphrey's McGee plays tonight at the Robert J. Fischgrund Center for Performing Arts at St. Patrick's County Park. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the concert begins at 7:30. Tickets are \$25 and on sale through Umphrey's Ticketing, www.umphreys.com

The all-ages show is a benefit for Hannah and Friends.

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Photo courtesy of Michael Weintrob

Band members have recently passed through low points in their personal lives. Their latest album reflects a more introspective, yet still popular, jam-rock sound.



Photo courtesy of Sam Freidman

Just back from a tour of Europe and Japan, Umphrey's McGee expanded its fanbase from the traditional group of concert-going American college students.

DPAC to offer riveting film, theater

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BROWNING CINEMA BRINGS ECLECTIC FILM FARE

By ANALISE LIPARI
Assistant Scene Editor

This semester, the DeBartolo Performing Art Center's Michael Browning Family Cinema will play host to a wide variety of featured events, ranging from film festivals to single showings of both old and new classics. Since the DPAC's inception and opening, the Browning has featured an impressive array of films, with this fall proving no exception.

Proud to advertise itself as a local "art house" theater on the DPAC's website, the Browning is a versatile and well-used space. It is capable of showing films in any format from 8mm film to DVD to the industry standard 35mm film, and is the sole THX-certified film theater in the state of Indiana.

In the Browning's short but impressive history, it has proven to be a haven for artistic and popular films alike. Previous films featured have ranged from the critically acclaimed 2005 documentary "Grizzly Man," to the 1947 Gregory Peck classic "Gentleman's Agreement." As part of the "PAC Classic 100," the Browning has made it a mission to showcase films of an impressive caliber, including Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane," among others.

This past spring's sold-out showing of Ang Lee's "Brokeback Mountain" served as the opening of the film series titled Gay and Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives, Spectatorships, and the annual Student Film Festival has also

found a welcome home in the Browning.

The Browning also serves as the meeting location of the Notre Dame Film Society, a group that views and discusses films throughout the academic year. Sponsored by the Film, Television and Theater department, the Film Society is technically an FTT elective course through which students can participate in film viewing and topical discussions. The Film Society meets weekly at 7 every Sunday night.

For the upcoming fall season, the Browning has another varied but impressive line-up. The PAC Classic 100 series will include such films as 1959 Marilyn Monroe classic "Some Like It Hot" on Nov. 19, the 1940's "The Philadelphia Story" Nov. 5 and 1969's Sam Peckinpah's seminal Western "The Wild Bunch" on Oct. 8.

As the semester continues, the Browning Cinema will feature screenings of a wide variety of contemporary films as well. Some of interest to students in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities include 2006's "School for Scoundrels," featuring none other than "Napoleon Dynamite" star John Heder alongside Ben Stiller. Also, 1996's "Some Mother's Son," a story of the I.R.A., will be featured as part of the Nanovic Film Series.

One of the surprising benefits of having the Browning Cinema on campus is its inexpensive price. Showings of films are at most three dollars, making it a legitimate alternative to venturing off-campus to the movie theater. There is also a snack bar on the first floor, which



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Peter Lorre, right, plays serial killer Hans Beckert in Fritz Lang's 1931 masterpiece "M." This film, still influential, will be screened as part of the PAC Classic 100.

adds to both the comfort of the theater as well as the movie-going experience.

Tonight at 7 and 10, the Browning is showing "Iron Island," a 2006 film directed by Mohammad Rasoulof. Filmed in Farsi (Persian) and shown with English subtitles, the film tells the story of a broken-down tanker, affectionately known as "Iron Island," that serves as a shelter for a group of homeless families off of the Iranian coast. Led by one Captain Nemat (Ali Nassirian), the community finds itself facing a rebellion when the questions of mutiny and young love arise.

Another upcoming feature is the Browning's showing of "Wordplay," a 2006 documentary about Will Shortz, well-beloved creator of the New York Times crossword puzzle. The Cinema will host the film's director, Patrick Creadon, at both of the Thursday and Friday evening showings.

With these and other films to be featured in the coming weeks and months, the fall of 2006 should prove to be the most interesting that the Browning Cinema has yet seen.

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DPAC AND FTT PUT A TWIST ON THEATER CLASSICS

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Writer

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and the Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) are set to launch another theatre season, this time with a couple of twists on some old classics. This season's performances include "Hamlet," "Big Love," "Threepenny Opera" and "The Mousetrap."

The Actors From the London Stage will get this season underway at Washington Hall with a production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet." Probably Shakespeare's most well-known tragedy, "Hamlet" is a grasping tale of treachery, madness, and murder. Prince Hamlet is asked by his

father's ghost to avenge his untimely death after his brother Claudius murdered him and then proceeded to marry his wife and Hamlet's mother. As the play continues, all proudly fall into death and insanity in true tragic form.

The Actors From the London Stage, based in London, use Notre Dame as their American home and travel all over the country from here. They are known for performing their plays with limited actors (five actors will play over twenty-five characters in this version of "Hamlet"), sets and props. This should inspire a very fundamental and different telling of the play that won't suffer from distractions. "Hamlet" will run from Sept. 13 to Sept. 15.

Charles L. Mee's "Big Love," the first

show put on by the FTT department, is a modernized version of Aeschylus' "The Suppliant Woman" and will be directed by FTT professor Siiri Scott. The source material from Aeschylus is considered to be the oldest surviving play from the western world. "Big Love" begins when Fifty Greek brides flee their impending marriage to their fifty cousins by boat and find refuge at an Italian villa. Soon after, their fiancés track them by helicopter and arrive at the scene, prompting an explosion of emotions and plots. This comedic, physical (the cast needs to be able to do gymnastics as much as act) and extravagant approach to issues of gender, society and commercialism is one that shouldn't be missed.

"Big Love" has already been cast and a fight coordinator will be brought in to "stage the mayhem and train the performers," according to Kevin Dreyer, an FTT associate professor and Director of Theater for the department. "Big Love" will run from Nov. 7 to Nov. 17.

"The Mousetrap" is an appropriate end to a season that began with "Hamlet" and will be directed by FTT professor Jay Paul Skelton. "The Mousetrap" is Hamlet's name for the famous play in which he tries "to catch the conscience of the king."

But this play is not the grim "The Murder of Gonzago," but the stage version of a radio play by murder mystery master Agatha Christie, which has become the longest continuously running play in history, having been performed in London since 1952.

A young couple has just opened the Monkswell Manor Guest House and are preparing for their first visitors. As an eccentric group of guests arrives it

begins to snow, and soon there is no hope of leaving the house. But before they can settle in comfortably, a police officer arrives at the house claiming that a murderer is in the vicinity.

When one of the guests is killed, they realize that the murderer is already there, and they have no escape. The suspicions rise and tensions mount in this classic Christie mystery. "The Mousetrap" will run from February 27th to March 4th.

"Threepenny Opera," (to be directed by FTT professor Anton Juan) the department's first musical theatre piece in over twenty years, is an adaptation of the 18th century English Ballard opera "The Beggar's Opera," but this is no "La Bohème" or "Madame Butterfly." With a jazzy score that created the standard "Mack the Knife" and a plot that features anti-heroes, love triangles and crime, "Threepenny Opera" is an irresistible show.

It opens as the notorious criminal Macheathe (Mack the Knife) marries Polly Peachum to the displeasure of her powerful father. Jonathan Peachum and his wife set out to have Macheathe hanged and begin building up plots wrapped in betrayal. "Threepenny Opera" will run from April 17 to April 22.

Each of this year's selections is a step back from the norm, and should be wonderfully attuned to a modern audience. There is a little something for everyone, from murder, to romance, to jazz. Don't miss what looks to be an amazing season at the DPAC.

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The AFTLS Fall 2003 cast of "Measure for Measure" included, from left, Matthew Radford, Elizabeth Hurran, John Nettleton, Anna Northam and Stuart Fox.

MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE

Duffy's two homers lead Pirates over Cubs

One night after no-hitter, Marlins allow 14 runs in loss; Glavine, Mets shut out Los Angeles at Shea, 7-0

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chris Duffy hit his first two home runs of the season, including a tiebreaking shot in the ninth inning, as the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Chicago Cubs 7-5 on Thursday.

Duffy led off the ninth with a shot to center off Scott Eyre (0-2) for his second homer of the day. For the day, the center fielder went 4-for-4 with three RBIs and two stolen bases and three runs scored.

Jonah Bayless (1-0) got the last out in the eighth for his first career victory. Salomon Torres pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Duffy got things off to a quick start for the Pirates, hitting the second pitch of the game from Sean Marshall into the right-field bleachers. That home run was his first of the year, and just the second of his career in 353 at-bats.

Duffy was back at it again in the third, but this time playing

small ball. With two outs, he outraced Marshall to the bag on a grounder to the right of first baseman Scott Moore, stole second and came around to score on a single by Xavier Nady one batter later.

Pittsburgh added three more runs in the fourth thanks in large part to the defensive sloppiness that has come to define the Cubs' season. With runners on first and second, Jose Castillo bounced a grounder to third that should have been a double play, but second baseman Freddie Bynum couldn't get a grip on the relay throw and Chicago had to settle for one out.

Phillies 14, Marlins 8

The Florida Marlins' bid for back-to-back no-hitters ended in the first inning, and Ryan Howard's 54th home run helped the Philadelphia Phillies rally for a victory Thursday night.

Chris Coste, Chase Utley and Jeff Conine also homered, and

Philadelphia overcame a 3-0 deficit against Josh Johnson (12-7) to win the opener of a four-game series between NL wild-card contenders.

The Phillies and Marlins play 10 times in the final 3 1/2 weeks of the season, and they began the night tied in the wild-card standings, three games behind San Diego.

Florida's Anibal Sanchez threw a no-hitter Wednesday against Arizona, but Johnson's no-hit bid lasted only until the third batter, when Utley singled. Philadelphia totaled 17 hits against six pitchers.

Howard hit his 10th homer in 15 games in the third inning. Coste drove in four runs and hit his sixth home run, and Utley's three-run homer made the score 10-4. Conine added a three-run homer in the ninth, his first since joining the Phillies on Aug. 27.

Jon Lieber (7-9) won despite allowing first-inning homers to Miguel Cabrera and Mike Jacobs. Lieber allowed four runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Phillies closer Tom Gordon, sidelined since Aug. 12 with a strained right shoulder, pitched the ninth.

Florida's Josh Willingham hit a three-run homer, his 22nd and one of seven in the game.

Johnson gave up five runs and nine hits in 4 2-3 innings. His ERA rose from 2.99, third-lowest in the major leagues, to 3.20.

The buzz about the no-hitter produced no increase at the box office: The game drew a crowd of 12,712 for the team that ranks last in the major leagues in attendance.

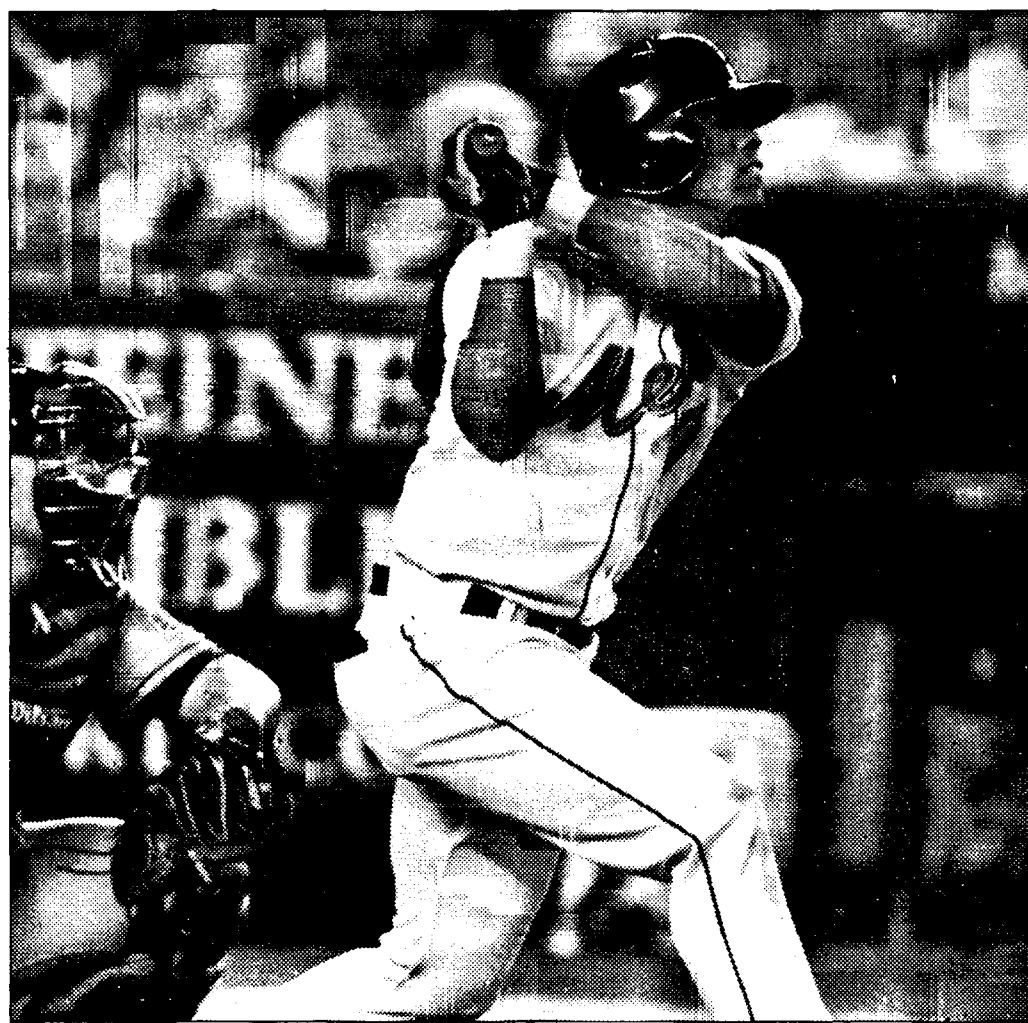
Conine, who spent much of his career with the Marlins and is back in the NL, received a warm ovation when he batted leading off the second inning. He hit the first pitch for a triple.

David Dellucci walked, and both runners scored on Coste's double. Jimmy Rollins doubled home another run.

The Phillies scored again in



Pirates pitcher Shawn Chacon, left, talks to catcher Humberto Cota in Pittsburgh's 7-5 victory over the Chicago Cubs Thursday.



Mets shortstop Jose Reyes hits an inside-the-park home run in New York's 7-0 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers Thursday.

the fifth. Howard and Conine singled and Dellucci walked to load the bases with one out, and a run scored when shortstop Hanley Ramirez juggled the ball at second trying to turn a potential inning-ending double play.

Philadelphia added five runs in the seventh. Coste hit his sixth homer and Utley hit his 26th.

Pinch-hitter Randall Simon singled home an unearned run in the eighth.

Florida scored three runs in the first, all with two out on a pair of home runs that came on 3-2 pitches. Cabrera hit his 25th homer, Willingham doubled and Jacobs hit his 19th homer.

Mets 7, Dodgers 0

Tom Glavine won for the first time in more than a month, and Jose Reyes flew around the bases for his first career inside-the-park home run as the Mets

battered Brad Penny and the Los Angeles Dodgers Thursday night.

Glavine (13-6) was sharp in his first Shea Stadium outing since Aug. 5, the date of his previous win and before a blood clot in his pitching arm sidelined him for two weeks. The left-hander worked into the seventh inning for the 14th time this season and combined on New York's second straight shutout.

He yielded five hits but no walks in 6 1-3 innings and earned his 288th major league victory — but just his fourth in 14 starts dating to June 18. Glavine had three perfect innings and never faced more than five batters in any frame.

New York, which hasn't allowed a run in 25 innings, cut its magic number for winning the NL East to seven, while Los Angeles saw its NL West lead shrink to just a half-game over idle San Diego.

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SMOOTH MOVES



Midfielder Jill Krivacek uses fancy footwork to get around Santa Clara midfielder Chioma Igwe in a 3-1 win Sept. 3. The win propelled the Irish to two more national No. 1 rankings.

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WOMEN'S U.S. OPEN

Sharapova still seeks another Grand Slam

Tennis phenom will play in her seventh Grand Slam semifinal

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maria Sharapova's pursuit of a second Grand Slam title keeps stalling in the semifinals.

Since bursting onto the scene at 17 by winning Wimbledon in 2004, she's accumulated millions of dollars in endorsement deals, briefly reached No. 1 in the rankings, and come oh-so-close over and over again to claiming another major trophy.

Sharapova will play in her seventh semifinal in the last 10 Grand Slam tournaments Friday at the U.S. Open, facing top-seeded Amelie Mauresmo. No. 2 Justine Henin-Hardenne faces No. 19 Jelena Jankovic for the other spot in the final.

Andy Roddick, the 2003 Open champion, meets 54th-ranked Mikhail Youzhny in one men's semifinal Saturday. The other two semifinal spots were up for grabs Thursday, with two-time defending champion Roger Federer against No. 5 James Blake, and No. 7 Nikolay Davydenko against No. 14 Tommy Haas.

With so much attention from spectators and sponsors, one might think Sharapova would feel pressure to produce a follow-up triumph.

Not one bit, it turns out.

"It's not easy to win your first one. I was very surprised that I did at the age that I was. I did not feel that I was physically or mentally ready for it," she said.

"But it takes a lot of hard work, and I think everything has to come together: your game, how you feel physically, and maybe a little bit of luck once in a while. I've come very close the last few times, but I've got many more years to win my second one."

Sharapova and Mauresmo practiced on adjacent courts Thursday afternoon. Mauresmo briefly chatted with fans in French while autographing hats and shirts as she left. A larger crowd gathered around to watch Sharapova and she signed about a dozen items without saying a word or looking up.

Since her out-of-nowhere breakthrough at the All England Club, Sharapova is 0-5 in major semifinals, including losses this year to Henin-Hardenne at the Australian Open and Mauresmo at Wimbledon.

Is it frustrating to keep slipping in semis?

"Honestly, there is no frustration. The only frustration there is coming off a match and realizing the little things that you could have done differently and things that were in your hands in order to win that match. But it has nothing to do with getting to the final or winning another Grand Slam," said the third-seeded Sharapova, the only semifinalist who hasn't dropped a set during the Open.

"I mean, the last thing I worry about when I go on court is trying to prove anything to anyone. I don't have anything to prove."

Mauresmo played 31 majors over 11 seasons without winning a major title, but she's now two wins away from her third Grand Slam title of 2006.

She's 3-0 against Sharapova, and figures that's a direct result of the mix-and-match style Mauresmo has mastered, with some power from the baseline here, and some finesse at the net there.

"The change of pace probably is something that she doesn't like," Mauresmo said, "and that's my game, that's the way I play. I'm not going to change."

A quick glance at the semifinal lineup makes clear that one of these is not like the others: Jankovic is the only semifinalist who's never won a Grand Slam title and who's never been ranked No. 1.

She'd never even been beyond the fourth round at a major before, and was so down in the dumps after losing 10 consecutive matches early this season that she considered quitting tennis altogether and dedicating herself to her college studies.

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NFL

Favre and Packers get ready to take on Bears

Chicago heads to Lambeau to renew NFC North rivalry

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Maybe someday, Brett Favre will ride his tractor around the ranch in Mississippi and relish in all those victories over the Chicago Bears.

For now, Favre can only focus on how the Green Bay Packers suddenly lost their pronounced advantage in one of the best rivalries in sports.

Favre has a 21-7 career record against Chicago, but lost both games last season to the Bears, who open the season at Lambeau Field on Sunday.

"Yeah, there have been some great games, but I think back to last year," Favre said. "They had the upper hand on us. They played great football last year. And it makes you appreciate those years when we were beating those guys. And so it's kind of like starting over, even though I'm an older player. I mean, I'd love to get back on top — not only against these guys, but against everyone."

The Packers fell hard last season, and not just to the Bears. They lost several key players to injury and finished 4-12, their first losing season with Favre at quarterback.

Now they have a rookie head coach, Mike McCarthy, and expect to start four rookies as part of an extensive offseason roster makeover.

Chicago, meanwhile, returns all 22 starters from last year's NFC North champions, including quarterback Rex Grossman, who's finally healthy.

But the Bears' stingy defense struggled in a playoff loss to the Carolina Panthers in January, and Grossman didn't look particularly sharp in the preseason.

"It would be hard for us to be overconfident," Bears coach Lovie Smith said. "Going into the first game of the season, I think teams get overconfident maybe if they've won a lot in a certain year, but that's not the case with us."

Injuries have limited Grossman to only seven starts in three seasons, although two of those games were victories in Lambeau Field. If Grossman struggles, he might face pressure from experienced backup quarterback Brian Griese. But Smith expects Grossman to succeed.

"He's a winner," Smith said. "All those qualities you're looking for in your leader, as your quarterback, I think Rex has, except for right now he hasn't had a chance to play a lot of football. Hopefully that will change this year."

Grossman won't turn the

Bears into a pass-first team. The Bears will try to run against the Packers and rookie linebacker A.J. Hawk, and are expected to start running back Thomas Jones. Cedric Benson, the No. 4 pick in last year's draft, injured his shoulder in training camp, but might play.

"We are a defensive-minded team and we run the ball well," Grossman said. "We'd like to add a passing game that's not ranked last in the league. We want to get our passing game very, very respectable, at the least. Once we do that, I think we'll have a complete team, and we're on the right track as far as that goes. We didn't play real well in the first couple preseason games, but I know it's coming and we're a confident bunch."

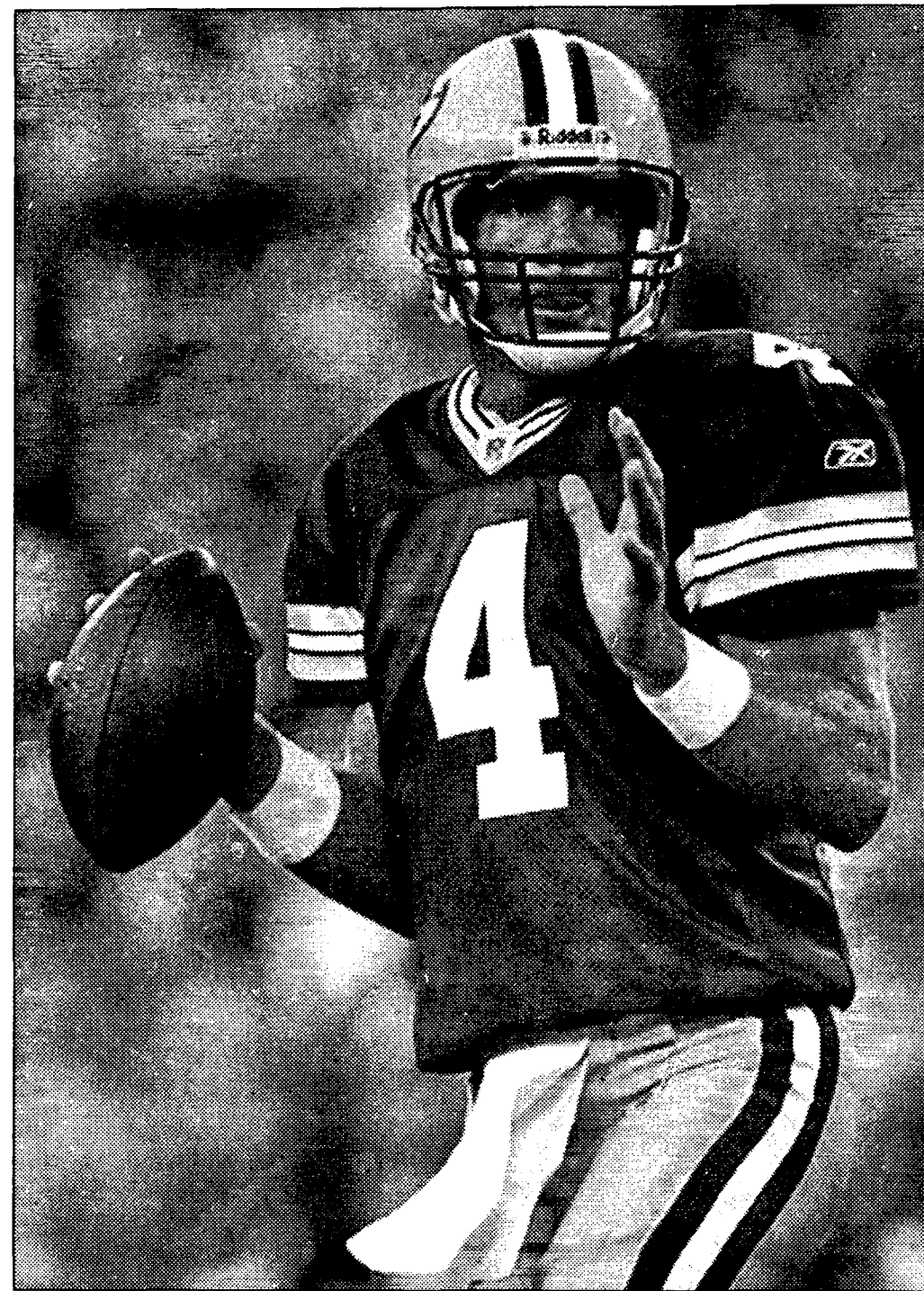
Grossman has his doubters. Then again, so does Favre after throwing a career-worst 29 interceptions last year.

Favre, 36, has praised the Packers' young talent and likes McCarthy's offensive theories.

But Favre also acknowledges that they won't accomplish much if rookie guards Jason Spitz and Tony Moll can't play like veterans right away.

"You can only go as far as your offensive line takes you," Favre said.

Bears defensive end Adewale Ogunleye says Favre hasn't changed much, but the players around him definitely have.



AP
Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre drops back to pass in a preseason game against the Atlanta Falcons Aug. 19.

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GAMBLING

British bookie booked in New York for racketeering

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The chairman of British online gambling company Sportingbet PLC has been detained in New York on a fugitive warrant, two months after the chief executive of BetOnSports PLC was arrested in the United States on racketeering charges.

Peter Dicks was arrested at Kennedy International Airport following his arrival on a flight from England, Queens district attorney spokesman Kevin Ryan

said Thursday.

Customs, performing a routine name check around 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, discovered he had an outstanding warrant issued by the Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement Division.

Police officers with the Port Authority, which runs the airport, took Dicks into custody, where he remained Thursday awaiting arraignment in a state court.

The May warrant charged Dicks, who lives in London, with gambling by computer, a felony

punishable by up to five years year in prison and a \$25,000 fine, said Senior Trooper Dwight Robinette Jr., spokesman for Louisiana State Police.

Robinette said Louisiana authorities intend to bring Dicks back to stand trial in St. Landry Parish, where the warrant for his arrest was signed.

Robinette said more arrest warrants have issued in connection with the case but he declined to provide more information. He said authorities in January launched an investigation into

the online gambling industry that involved Sportingbet.

He would not say if other online gambling companies have been targeted by Louisiana authorities.

Shares in the company were suspended by the London Stock Exchange at Sportingbet's request. Based on the Wednesday closing price, those shares were worth more than \$1.5 billion.

Dicks, 64, is the second executive of a British Internet sports-betting company to be held in the

U.S. after David Carruthers, former chief executive officer of BetOnSports PLC, was arrested in July. The company fired Carruthers, who remains under house arrest in the St. Louis area awaiting trial, and closed its U.S. Web sites.

The founder of Abingdon PLC, a private equity firm, Dicks is also a director at Nasdaq-listed Polar Technology Trust PLC and Standard Microsystems Corp., and has been non-executive director at Sportingbet since 2000.

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MLB

A day later, Sanchez basks in first no-hitter

Associated Press

MIAMI — The game began on a damp, typically dreary night at the Florida Marlins' ballpark, with a couple of thousand fans in the stands, reaffirming that the city has yet to embrace its young, overachieving, playoff-chasing team.

By the ninth inning, the crowd was on its feet, roaring for the Marlins' latest rookie sensation, Anibal Sanchez.

Even South Florida gets excited about a no-hitter.

Sanchez threw the first one in 2 1/2 years, the longest such drought in the major league history, to help Florida beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 2-0 Wednesday.

Luckily for Sanchez, no-hitters thrown in mostly empty stadiums still count. The announced crowd was 12,561, but even with late arrivals, the actual turnout was perhaps half that for a team that ranks last in the major leagues in attendance.

"I know not a lot of people are coming here," Sanchez said Thursday. "I would like it if more people came because

that helps the team."

"No-Hitter Night" apparently needed more advance promotion. The atmosphere was so subdued that Marlins ace Dontrelle Willis, watching from the dugout, didn't realize Arizona was hitless until teammates charged the field after the final out.

Sanchez was mobbed near the mound, then pointed and thrust his fists to the stands, where his wife was easy to spot amid the many vacant seats.

Popular with his teammates, Sanchez showed endearing grace as he savored his night in the spotlight. He wept on the field, happily took a pie in the face from a teammate during a TV interview and beamed throughout a 10-minute news conference.

The smile widened when he was asked about his tears on the field.

"I cried because I was excited," he said. "That's the best moment of my life."

He celebrated until nearly 4 a.m. at the home of teammate and fellow Venezuelan Miguel Cabrera, watching highlights of the game on TV.

The son of a truck driver, Sanchez is a teetotaler and devoted husband.

His progress through the minor leagues was slowed by Tommy John surgery in 2003, and until Wednesday night he wasn't well known even in Venezuela.

Florida acquired him last November in the deal that sent Josh Beckett and Mike Lowell to the Boston Red Sox. He went 3-6 this season for Double-A Carolina before joining the Marlins, and in June he became the second starting pitcher in 10 seasons to win his major league debut as a visitor at Yankee Stadium.

One of four rookies in the Marlins' rotation, he has made 13 starts and is 7-2 with a 2.89 ERA.

"He has been tested as tough as a test can be, and has come through with flying colors," manager Joe Girardi said. "To have your first start at Yankee Stadium, that's a test. And then to watch him accomplish things has been remarkable. He has a great work ethic and a love for the game. You watch him and how the other players embrace him, and you can get a sense of what kind of guy he is."

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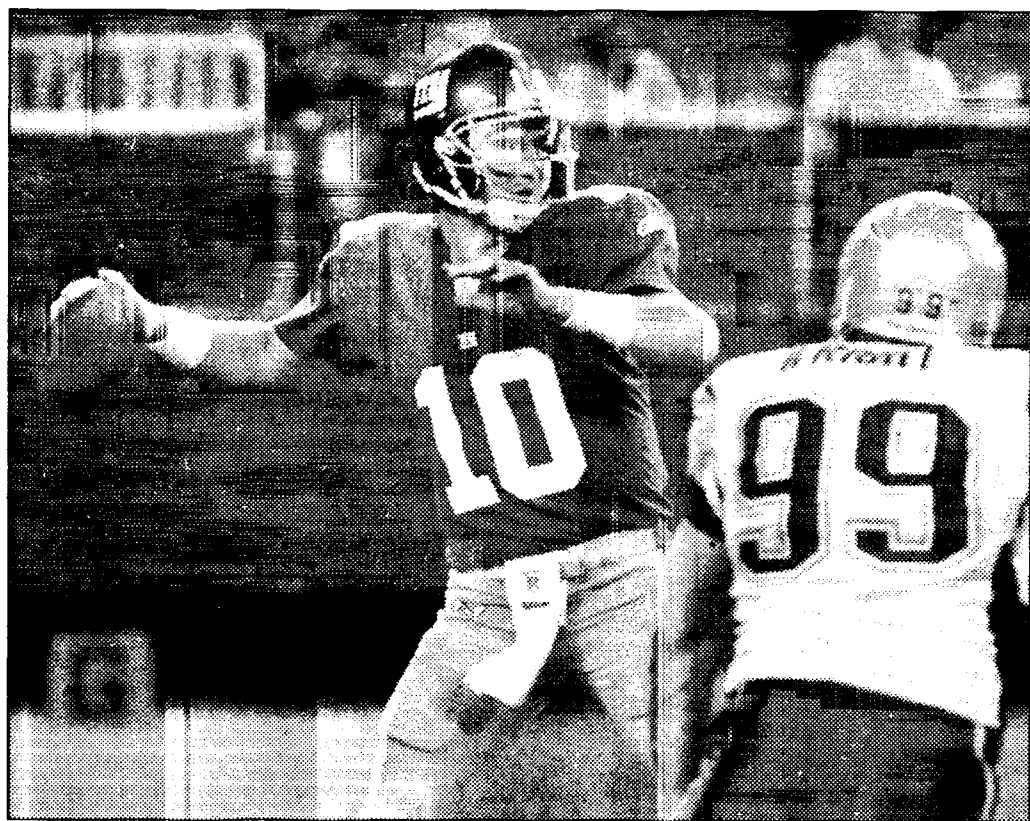
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NFL

Mannings ready to duel in season opener



Giants quarterback Eli Manning drops back to pass during New York's preseason victory over the Patriots Aug. 31.

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Eli Manning never could compete with brother Peyton Manning.

From bumper pool to table tennis, it just wasn't fair. Peyton, five years older, was stronger, faster, taller and quicker.

"I don't remember when I won at those things," Eli said.

He vividly recalls beating his old brother for the first time at basketball, when he was 17. Peyton was 22 and playing quarterback at Tennessee.

"I don't know if it was really fair," Eli said. "I was in the middle of basketball season, I think, playing for my high school, and he hadn't shot a basketball in about five years, so I probably had an advantage over him."

It wasn't a big advantage, but Eli won the tight game with a dunk.

"It was one thing to lose to your little brother, but to get dunked on the last play, he wasn't too happy about it," Eli recalled, adding that his brother was so miffed he didn't want to be around his younger sibling for the rest of the day.

Their father took the hoop down shortly afterward, fearing Peyton could get injured, and there still hasn't been a rematch.

However, the sons of Archie Manning will face each other for the first time in their NFL careers Sunday night when Peyton and the Indianapolis Colts play Eli and the New York Giants in what has been dubbed either "The Manning Bowl" or "The Brothers Bowl."

It will mark the first time in league history that brothers have opposed each other as starting quarterbacks. The matchup almost overshadows just how good a game it is.

The Colts (14-2) had the best regular-season record last season, opening the campaign with 13 straight wins. The season ended in disappointment with a 21-18 loss to eventual Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC semifinals.

The Giants (11-5) won the NFC East and made the playoffs for the first time in three years. New York was a no-show in the opening round of the playoffs, losing 23-0 to Carolina.

"You knew this was coming," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "You couldn't have asked for more, two playoff teams from

last year, playing in New York on opening night with a story line that has never happened before in the NFL. You couldn't have scripted it any better."

The so-called family feud has been hyped since the NFL came out with its schedule months ago.

The people who have had the least to say about it are Peyton and Eli, both No. 1 picks overall in the NFL draft. They have insisted it's another game, because neither will be playing directly against the other.

"He and I really haven't talked about it a whole lot," said Peyton, a two-time NFL MVP. "Obviously everyone else talks about it a lot, and the hype ... that certainly hasn't come from he and I."

Giants center Shaun O'Hara said Eli hasn't indicated that the game has special meaning.

"It's about the Giants," O'Hara said. "He wants it that way. He does not want it to be Eli vs. Peyton."

That doesn't mean the game is just another one for Eli, who rarely shares his innermost thoughts with the media or his coaches.

Jets are touchy subject for Mawae

Team released veteran center after injury-plagued 2005 season

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Kevin Mawae is 35, heading into his 13th NFL season after missing the final 10 games of 2005 with a torn left triceps, and couldn't be happier.

Just don't ask him about his former team, the New York Jets.

His new team, the Tennessee Titans, open the season Sunday by hosting the Jets and the coach who apparently decided they didn't need a six-time Pro Bowl center anymore.

"I'm not going to address it, not one bit," Mawae said politely, but firmly. "It's not about me and the Jets. It's about the Titans, and I'm not going to address anything. I know what the media is like up there."

After the Jets cut Mawae, he said he was told new coach Eric Mangini wanted smart players willing to do the little things the right way. Those comments made Mawae think he'd fit right in — until he was released March 5.

The Titans chased Mawae to replace Justin Hartwig, who signed with Carolina. He agreed to a four-year deal without visiting Nashville, instead talking with coach Jeff Fisher and former left tackle Brad Hopkins.

Fisher said Thursday that Mawae brings the subtle reminders before breaking the huddle, communication throughout the line and experience that allows him to alert linemates when to anticipate audibles.

"Those are the kind of things that help to settle things down. He's working well with the quarterbacks and the check systems and the audibles. I'd like to think we'll have fewer mistakes, assignment-type mistakes, than we have in years past," Fisher said.

Mawae certainly is recovered from the torn triceps and hasn't worn a brace since

joining the Titans. The 6-foot-4, 289-pound center prides himself on staying healthy and started 177 straight games before last year's injury ended his season.

He spent the previous eight seasons with the Jets and played 118 games, a stretch that included six straight Pro Bowl berths between 1999 and 2004.

Mangini called Mawae an outstanding player and person and pointed out he was with the Jets when Mawae was brought over from Seattle.

"That's the tough part of this business sometimes. You've got to make difficult decisions, and we had to make one which we thought was in the best interest of the team," Mangini said. "I really wish him well. He's a player

that I respect and like as a person quite a bit."

The Jets replaced Mawae by drafting Nick Mangold with the 29th pick overall in April.

Jets linebacker Jonathan Vilma remembers how Mawae would get him ready for games by holding him back in practice. Now he has the chance to go against Mawae in a game that counts.

"It's going to be interesting, because even though we were in practice, he'd find a way to get up to the linebacker. It's going to be a good battle," Vilma said.

The Titans also needed the work ethic and professionalism Mawae has brought to the locker room, especially on an offensive line where right guard Benji Olson had been their most senior player with eight years in the NFL.

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NFL

Expectations for Bush lifts spirits in New Orleans

Saints look much different from what QB Brees anticipated

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — This isn't quite what Drew Brees signed up for.

His new team's top receiver from last year was traded out

of New Orleans during preseason, replaced by a seventh-round draft pick out of Division I-AA Hofstra. One of the Saints' most experienced linemen has been placed on injured reserve, and a rookie out of Division II Bloomsburg is starting in that spot.

Then again, the Saints do have Reggie Bush, a healthy Deuce McAllister and reliable receiver Joe Horn, so Brees

isn't complaining yet.

"You're going to put your best guys out there, whether they are your veterans, rookies or sixth- or seventh-round picks," Brees said. "We have the ability to do a lot with our personnel, talking about Reggie, Deuce. ... We have weapons and I think: Put our guys up against anybody in the league and I feel we should be successful."

The NFL has promoted the Saints' return to New Orleans as symbolic of the city's recovery. And that symbolism goes quite deep, actually.

Think of the Saints, 3-13 in last year's hurricane-altered season, as one of those thousands of homes here that were swamped during Katrina. Some valuables could be saved. Everything else had to go.

In the Saints case, more than half of the 53-player active squad has changed since 2005 — a roster gutting conducted by new coach Sean Payton.

"The mistake is staying put with the team that just finished 3-13," Payton said. "The last thing we want to do is leave things alone."

In early 2006, insurance money began to flow in for numerous residents. Some acquired new prized possessions. The Saints' compensation for last year's losing performance came in the form of the No. 2 overall draft pick. In came Bush, the Heisman Trophy winner who seems to

draw countless comparisons to Hall of Famer Gale Sayers, after Houston surprisingly chose defensive end Mario Williams first overall.

Morale shot up all across this tattered town as people began reliving Bush's many enthralling USC highlights in their minds, but with a black-and-gold fleur-de-lis superimposed on the red-and-gold Trojan.

Ticket sales took off, as well. The Saints are on the brink of selling out all 68,354 seats in a refurbished Louisiana Superdome for the all eight home games. So even if this turns out to be a season more about potential than immediate results, it will have been a success both in terms of team finances and for a community that wanted to show the NFL it was right to remain loyal to New Orleans in the city's weakest moments.

"The real story is the fans, the people that lived through this terrible tragedy and returned to the Superdome in record numbers," said Saints owner Tom Benson, who in recent years has upset many of those same fans by questioning the city's long-term prospects for supporting an NFL team.

An on-field turnaround like that of 2000, when then-new

coach Jim Haslett led the Saints to the playoffs after they had gone 3-13 under Mike Ditka, would be a bonus.

For that to happen, a number of unproven players will have to learn quickly and exceed expectations.

Take the offensive line.

With veteran tackle Wayne Gandy traded, second-year pro Jammal Brown has moved from right tackle to left, meaning he's now protecting the right-throwing Brees' blind side. The new right tackle is Jonathan Stinchcomb, a fourth-

year pro who rarely played in his first two seasons and missed all of last year with a ruptured patellar tendon.

Although veteran guard Jermaine Mayberry returned to practice from a shoulder injury shortly before Week 1, Payton jettisoned him to injured reserve. In his former spot is Jahri Evans, a 6-foot-4, 318-pound rookie out of Bloomsburg — a program that hasn't exactly been an incubator of NFL talent.

"Things got started fast for me. I was thrown in there," Evans said. "But if your technique is good and you put yourself in good position, good things will happen. ... I think I'll be all right."

"The last thing we want to do is leave things alone."

Sean Payton
Saints coach



AP

Saints running back Reggie Bush dashes upfield during New Orleans' preseason game against Tennessee Aug. 12.

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NCAA Football AP Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	Ohio State	1-0	1
2	Texas	1-0	3
3	USC	1-0	6
4	NOTRE DAME	1-0	2
5	Auburn	1-0	4
6	West Virginia	1-0	5
7	Florida	1-0	7
8	LSU	1-0	8
9	Florida State	1-0	11
10	Michigan	1-0	14
11	Tennessee	1-0	23
12	Georgia	1-0	15
13	Louisville	1-0	13
14	Iowa	1-0	16
15	Oklahoma	1-0	10
16	Virginia Tech	1-0	17
17	Miami (Fla.)	0-1	12
18	Clemson	1-0	18
19	Penn State	1-0	19
20	Oregon	1-0	21
21	Nebraska	1-0	20
22	California	0-1	9
23	TCU	1-0	22
24	Texas Tech	1-0	25
25	Arizona State	1-0	24

NCAA Football Coaches Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	Ohio State	1-0	1
2	Texas	1-0	2
3	USC	1-0	31
4	Auburn	1-0	6
5	NOTRE DAME	1-0	31
6	West Virginia	1-0	7
7	Florida	1-0	8
8	LSU	1-0	9
9	Florida State	1-0	10
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MIAA Volleyball Standings

	team	league	overall
1	Alma	1-0	3-2
2	Calvin	1-0	5-0
3	Hope	1-0	3-2
4	SAINT MARY'S	1-1	5-1
5	Tri-State	1-1	2-3
6	Adrian	0-0	3-2
7	Kalamazoo	0-0	2-2
8	Olivet	0-1	0-5
9	Albion	0-2	1-4

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TENNIS

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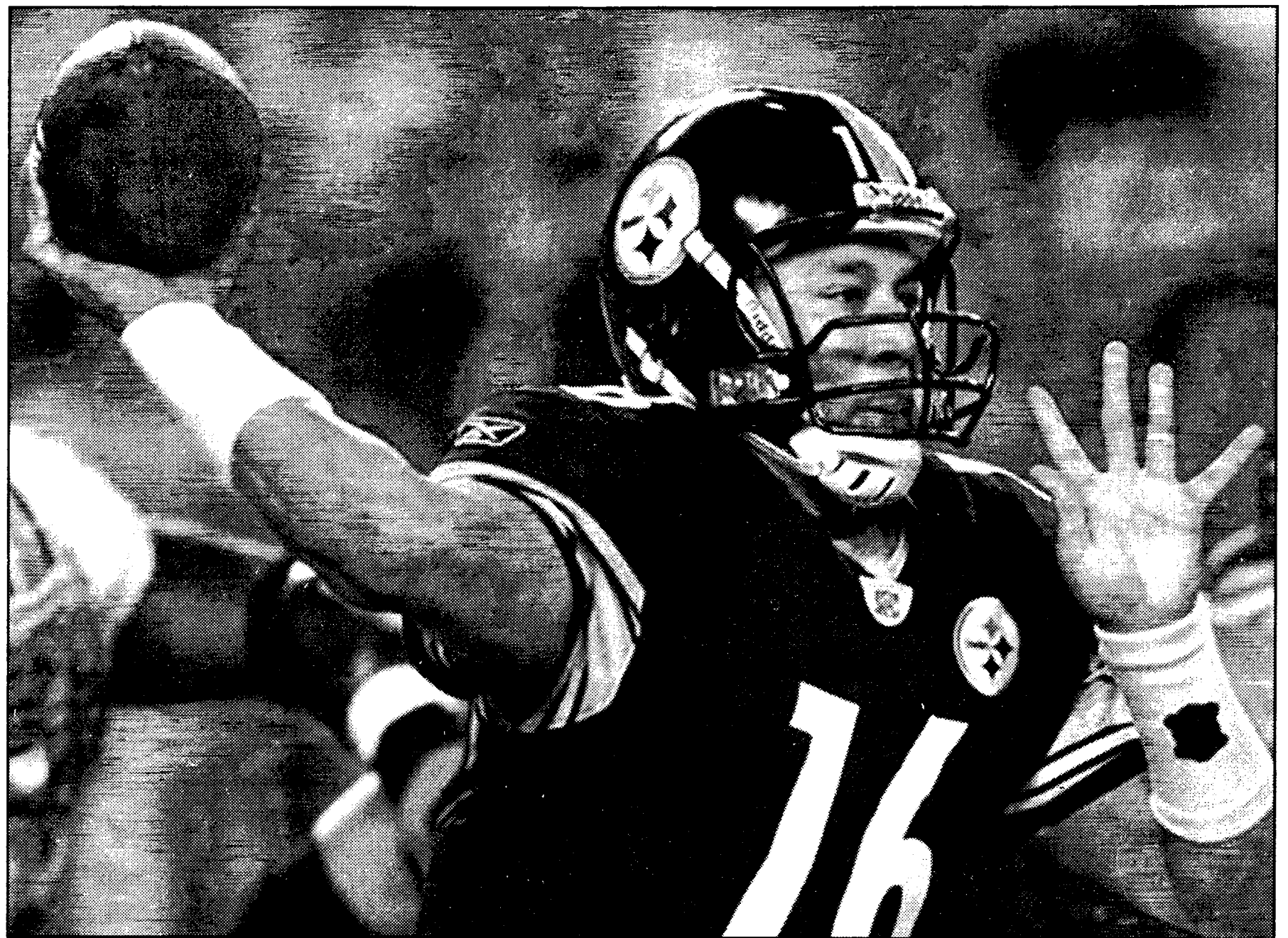
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8:00 p.m., ESPN2

NFL



Steelers quarterback Charlie Batch gets a pass off against the Dolphins Thursday night. Batch had three touchdown passes in Pittsburgh's 28-17 win.

Fill-in Batch guides Steelers to victory

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — The Pittsburgh Steelers needed two big plays from unlikely sources to pull out a season-opening victory behind their backup quarterback.

Maybe Miami Dolphins coach Nick Saban should be flagged for a costly delay, too.

Tight end Heath Miller chugged his way down the Steelers' sideline on an 87-yard touchdown pass play midway through the fourth quarter, fill-in QB Charlie Batch's third scoring pass of the game, and the Super Bowl champions beat the Dolphins 28-17 Thursday night in the NFL's first

game of the season.

Only Miller didn't really score — TV replays clearly showed him stepping out between the 2 and 1-yard lines. However, Saban waited until too late to throw his red challenge flag, which fell to the turf sight unseen behind and referee Walt Coleman watching the extra point kick. That meant the Steelers didn't have to try to get the ball into the end zone from short yardage.

Saban apparently thought he could throw the challenge flag at any time before the kick went off, but no official saw him and thus there was no replay. And no Dolphins upset,

either, even though the Steelers didn't look particularly sharp in their first game that counted since the Super Bowl — despite Willie Parker's 115 yards rushing, Miller's 101 yards receiving and Batch's first three-TD game since Nov. 18, 2001, with Detroit.

Miami had a chance to come back, but new quarterback Daunte Culpepper was intercepted on consecutive series, with linebacker Joey Porter scoring on a 42-yard return with about three minutes left.

"We knew we had put them in a situation where they had to pass the ball. I had my chance to make the play and I made it,"

Porter said.

Porter was so excited, he ran to the sideline and kissed coach Bill Cowher on the cheek — the Steelers' first known sideline kiss since Cowher planted one on Kordell Stewart during a 1997 comeback victory in Baltimore.

"I'd go to war for him," Porter said.

The Dolphins, trying to build off the momentum of their six consecutive victories to end last season, never led until Ronnie Brown scored on a 5-yard run to make it 17-14 in the third quarter. safety Tyrone Carter's slip, to set up the score.

IN BRIEF

New NCAA coach of the year award to be added

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A new coach of the year award based not only on wins and losses but also on the coach's contribution to society and his community was announced Friday.

Retired sportscaster Keith Jackson, who helped announce the new award, said he likes it because it looks for the good in people.

"I just don't think we've gotten that enough," he said. "This series is intended to bring out the reasons why these men have such a profound influence."

The award is being sponsored by Liberty Mutual. To help promote the new award, six prominent coaches will be featured on a weekly show that will air on ABC in September. The coaches featured are: Texas' Mack Brown, Ohio State's Jim Tressel, USC's Bob Stoops, USC's Pete Carroll, Notre Dame's Charlie Weis and Georgia's Mark Richt.

Purdue loses Ingraham due to ineligibility

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue lost wide receiver Kyle Ingraham for the season on Thursday, but gained safety Terrell Vinson.

Ingraham, a 6-foot-9 senior, was declared ineligible by Purdue after the school investigated classes he took at St. Mary's University in San Antonio this past winter. He sat out last Saturday's game against Indiana State.

"I attended St. Mary's University last spring knowing I had to take care of business and, despite my best intentions, I did not do it," Ingraham said in a statement through the school. "I take full responsibility. I apologize to my family and my teammates and to all the fans of Purdue football."

Purdue coach Joe Tiller said in a statement he is disappointed with the results of the school's investigation, the details of which were not released.

Uecker gets restraining order on crazed fan

MILWAUKEE — A woman accused of stalking Hall of Fame baseball announcer Bob Uecker must stay away from him for four years under a restraining order issued Thursday that bars her from attending any game he broadcasts.

A court commissioner issued the order after Ann Ladd testified that that she would not have further contact with Uecker but still hoped to attend Milwaukee Brewers games.

"I'm a Brewer, a Brewer fan," said Ladd, 45, of Prospect Heights, Ill. She declined to comment after the court proceeding. Uecker and his attorney also declined to comment.

Uecker, 72, has contended that Ladd has been stalking him for six or seven years, sending unwanted gifts and appearing at ballparks and hotels throughout the country. He said in court filings that she had been approaching him asking for his help with her charity work.

GOLF

Wie plays poorly in Euro Masters

Hawaiian trails by 12 strokes after first round in Switzerland

Associated Press

CRANS-SUR-SIERRE, Switzerland — Michelle Wie shot a 7-over 78 Thursday in the first round of the European Masters, hurting her chances of making the cut in the men's event.

The 16-year-old from Hawaii was 12 shots behind clubhouse leaders Anthony Wall, Robert Coles and David Carter, who finished at 5-under 66. Defending champion Sergio Garcia, who has a summer home near the course, shot a 68.

Wie was paired with Nick Dougherty of England, who shot 79, and Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano of Spain, who had a 70. Playing in her 10th men's event, Wie struggled around the Alpine layout and failed to make many putts — particularly on the crucial par-3s.

"I had trouble on the par 3s today," Wie said. "That's what really killed me — 5 over on the par 3s. I didn't play that bad the rest of the round. I felt like I

played pretty solidly."

Wie consistently hooked shots to the left, leaving tough second shots around the hilly course.

"My tee shots were a little erratic," she said. "And I'll work on a few more bunker shots. I didn't really have my rhythm today in my short game. Hopefully it will come back to me tomorrow."

Her worst round playing a men's tournament came earlier this year in the Sony Open, where she opened with a 9-over 79. She responded with a 68 in the second round but missed the cut by four strokes.

Garcia, the only European Ryder Cup player in the field, was content with his 68.

"It was a good round," Garcia said. "The course is really firm and with these small greens, which have a lot of undulations and fall off from the sides, it is so difficult to get the perfect distance control."

Wie made her only cut playing against men earlier this year at the SK Telecom Open in South Korea, finishing 12 shots off the lead. Wie is playing in her first European Tour event. Laura Davies is the only other woman to play on the European Tour, finishing next to last in the 2004 ANZ Championship.

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NFL

Bengals seek revenge in Kansas City Sunday

With Palmer back, Cincinnati opens season against Chiefs

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — If Marvin Lewis is mad at the Kansas City Chiefs, he's not letting on. Leave that to Rudi Johnson.

Still fresh in the mind of Cincinnati's star running back are bitter memories of KC holding a 30-3 lead in the final three minutes but still chucking passes into the end zone, and hitting one.

"It left a bad taste in our mouth," said Johnson. "Nobody's forgotten that game."

Now eight months later and buoyed by Carson Palmer's remarkable recovery from reconstructive knee surgery, the Bengals will open the season Sunday in the very stadium and against the very team that mauled them 37-3 in last year's regular-season finale.

The Chiefs had already been shut out of the playoffs because of Pittsburgh's victory that day over Detroit. But in Dick Vermeil's final game as head coach, they wanted to see Trent Green get 4,000 yards passing and Larry Johnson erase the team rushing record.

So they kept pouring on the fire and, at the Bengals' expense, both did. Green's 4,014 yards made him the fourth quarterback in NFL history to post three consecutive 4,000-yard seasons. Johnson

had 201 yards and three TDs and a team-record 1,750 yards.

"We've had this game marked on our calendar for a year," said Johnson. "We're looking forward to going out there and putting on a great show."

Nonsense, says Lewis.

"They're a different football team coached by a different person than last year," said the Bengals coach. "We're a different team. They're a different team. This is a new season."

In Kansas City's defense, the Bengals had already wrapped up their first playoff berth since 1990 and Palmer and many other starters played only a few series.

Nevertheless, it stung.

"They scarred us for 200 yards," said defensive end Bryan Robinson. "We know what they did to us last year. We know what they're capable of doing. They punched us in the mouth."

But as Chiefs defensive end Jared Allen points out, Vermeil has been replaced by Herm Edwards and Edwards that day was not within 1,000 miles of Kansas City.

"That has nothing to do with us," he said. "That's the coach's decision. He's the one calling plays. We're out here to win. We're trying to score as many points as possible and hold their defense from scoring as few points as possible."

"Last time I checked, football's not a sport about compassion, it's a sport about knocking heads together and the best man's going to win. So that's between the coaches, if they felt

that way. We're just out there playing what's called."

Palmer, injured in the first few minutes of the Bengals' playoff loss to Pittsburgh, thrilled Cincinnati's fans the way he rebounded from an injury that some felt might end his career. A perfect 4-0 preseason record, Cincinnati's first, also has fans looking forward to a second straight division title.

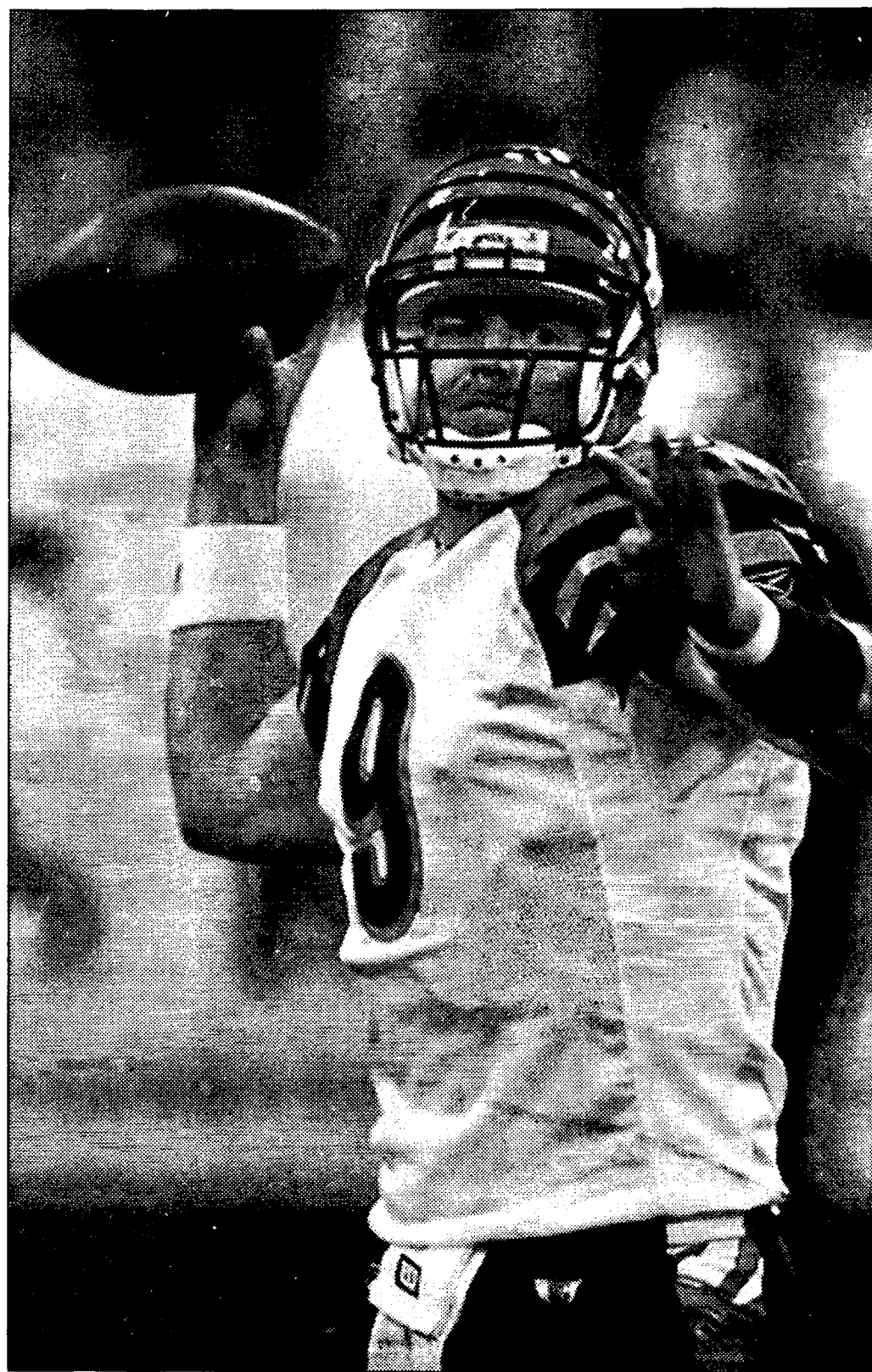
The Bengals, for the third straight year, also return every offensive starter. Acquisitions of massive defensive tackle Sam Adams and safety Dexter Jackson could strengthen a defense that gave up almost 400 yards a game.

Under Edwards, the Chiefs have also made a big effort to shore up a leaky defense. The offense that led the league from 2001-05 with 30,470 yards and 262 touchdowns probably will not be the same, either. Gone are several key operatives, including left tackle Willie Roaf, running back Priest Holmes and fullback Tony Richardson.

One person who laments the way the Chiefs behaved last Jan. 1 is also one of Lewis' good friends. "There are certain times in a football game where you know that the game is over. You know it and the other team knows it," Edwards said.

Told that Lewis and Palmer both insisted they're not at all concerned with that loss, Edwards merely smiled.

"I would hope they wouldn't tell you guys what they're going to try to do," he said. "I would hope they're smarter than that."



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Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer throws a pass during a preseason game against the Indianapolis Colts Sept. 1.



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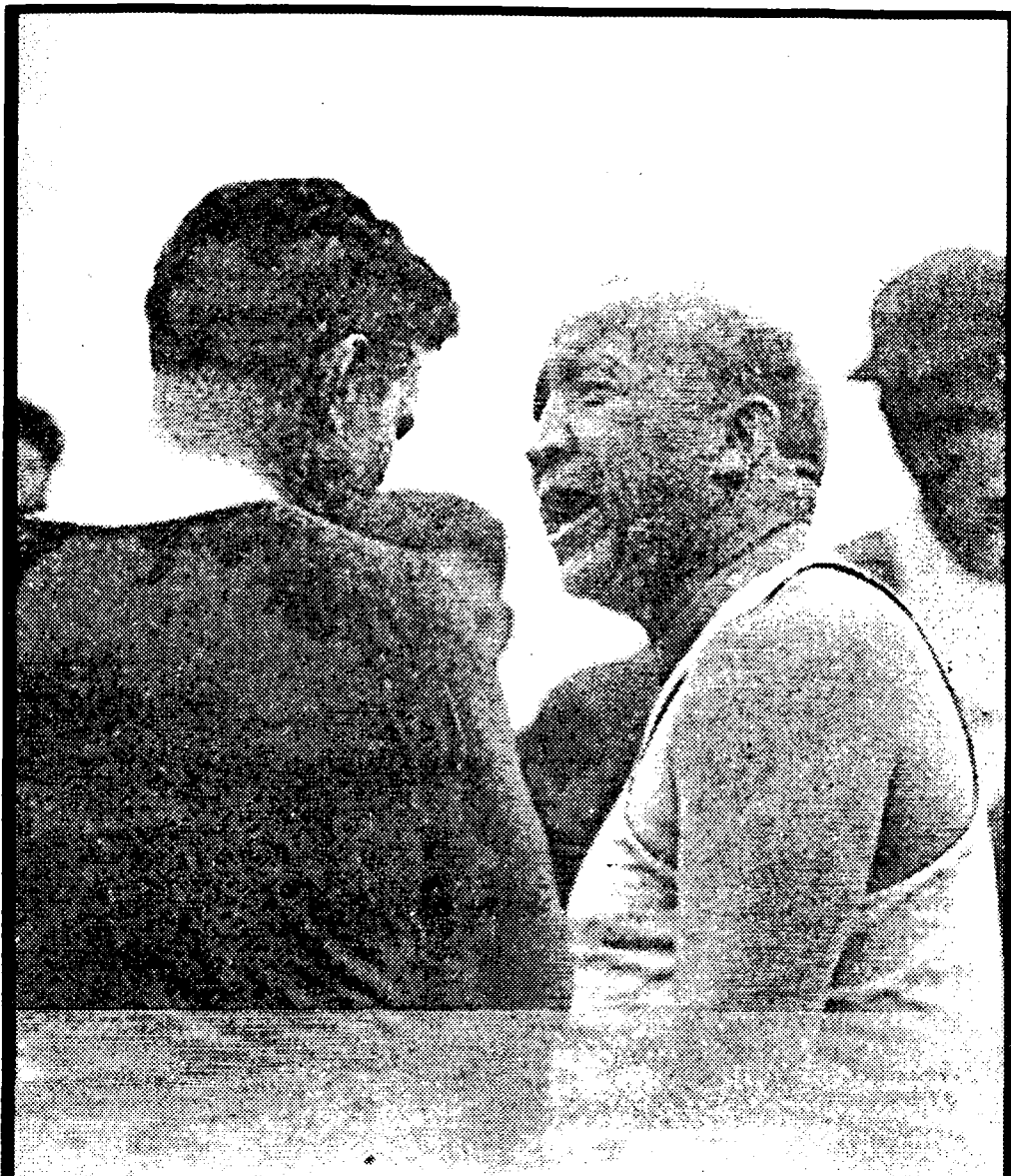
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NFL

Rhodes set to finally start

Colts running back eager to step in for the departed James

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Dominic Rhodes' last meaningful start came five years ago.

So if he gets a queasy stomach Saturday night, chalk it up to the nervousness anyone in Rhodes' shoes would expect.

All Rhodes must do Sunday night, in prime time, is show a national television audience he's a capable replacement for the Colts' career franchise rushing leader — Edgerrin James.

"I don't know what the coaches got in store," Rhodes said. "But whatever opportunity the coaches give me, I'm going to take advantage of."

Rhodes has waited what seems an eternity for this chance.

In 2001, he was one of those Colts' finds — an undrafted free agent out of tiny Midwestern State in Texas who impressed coaches enough in training camp to make the team.

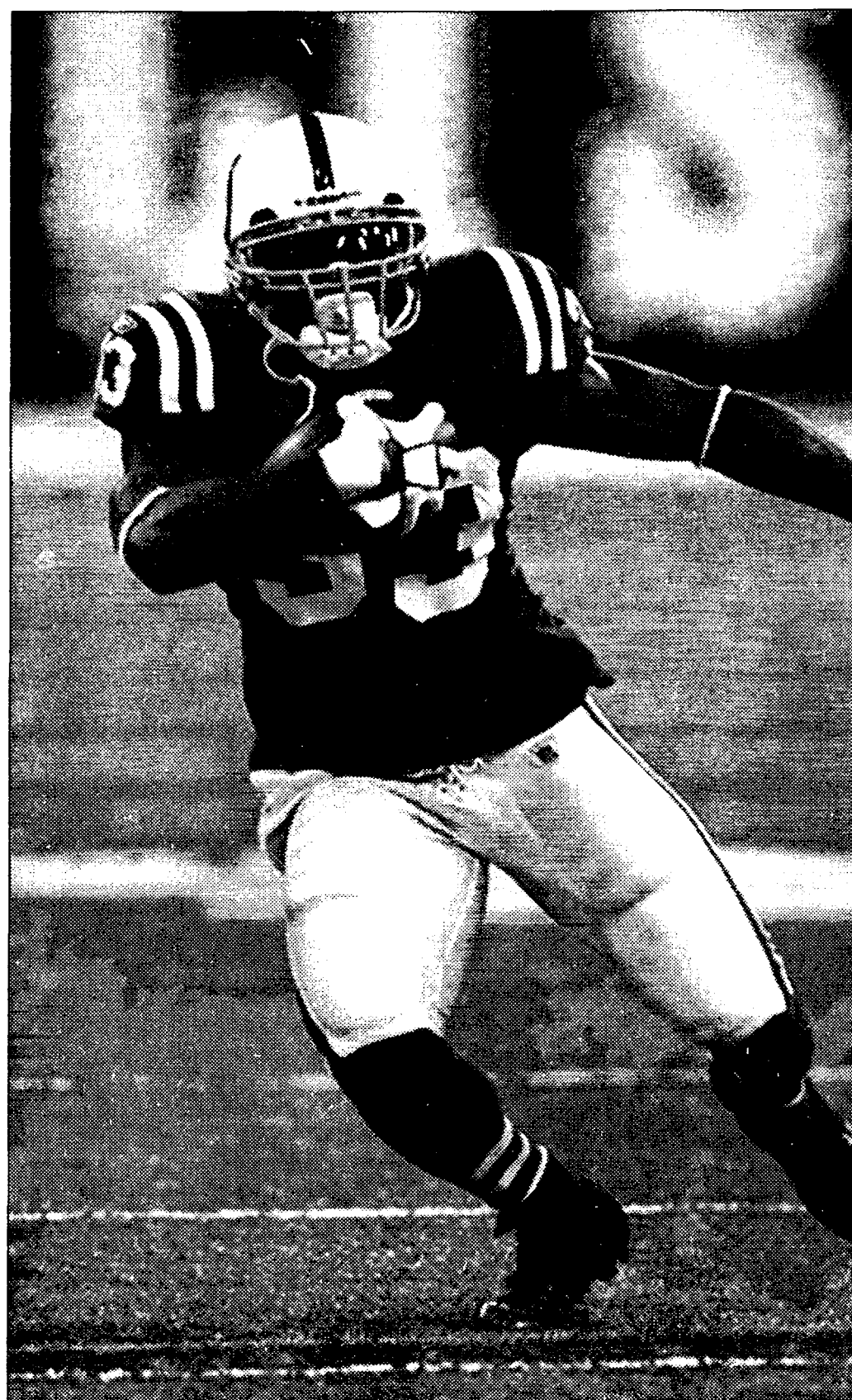
By the opening game, he was No. 2 on the depth chart. By Week 7, after James tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, Rhodes was the Colts' starter. He finished that season rushing for 1,104 yards, an NFL record for undrafted rookies, and nine touchdowns.

The next year he planned to help James ease back into football shape while proclaiming he would one day start in the NFL. He's been waiting for his shot ever since then.

In 2002, Rhodes tore the ACL in his right knee during training camp, and spent the next three years logging a mere 130 carries. Instead, Rhodes was relegated primarily to kick return duty as James helped the Colts' offense continue chugging along. The only start he's had since '01 was last season's meaningless finale against Arizona when the Colts didn't play their regulars.

But when James left for Arizona as a free agent in March, Rhodes, 27, knew his opportunity had finally come. Sunday night against New York, he'll show America what he can do.

"It's exciting," he said. "It's something I've been waiting for and anticipating for a while. I'm



Colts running back Dominic Rhodes carries the ball during a game in Indianapolis Oct. 17, 2005.

focused, I'm ready to go, and I can't wait to get on the field."

For Rhodes, the stakes could not be higher.

Indy used its first-round draft pick on LSU's Joseph Addai, a definite signal to the incumbent he would be challenged in training camp.

He starts behind Peyton Manning, the face of opening weekend's most hyped matchup, and he's playing on center stage — in New York one day before the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Of course, he also must endure the endless comparisons to James, who ran for 9,226 yards in eight seasons and helped the Colts reach the playoffs every time he finished the

season.

Rhodes insists he welcomes the spotlight.

"I think it (the Manning Bowl) is great for the NFL, and our team," he said. "I think most of us will look back and remember it because it is so hyped. As long as we stay focused, I think we'll be all right."

While Rhodes will likely get the most carries against the Giants, he won't get them all.

The Colts also plan to use Addai although coach Tony Dungy hasn't said how the Colts' new partnership will work.

"I think every week will be different," Dungy said. "One guy may be hot and we'll give him the ball more. It just kind of depends, but I envision both playing and contributing."

Addai may not be under the same intense glare Sunday night, but this will be his NFL debut and the Colts' ground game was sluggish during the preseason.

Fans expect big things from Addai, and next week, Addai plays in front of his hometown crowd in Houston. A good performance would give him some momentum before heading home.

Dungy and team president Bill Polian also have been cautious with their soft-spoken rookie, warning against the inevitable comparisons between Addai and James who are built almost exactly the same.

"Coming into the NFL there is a lot of pressure, but I understand what I can do, and Dom knows what he can do," Addai said. "The key is getting it done. I know what I can do."

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NFL

Owens and Cowboys prepare for first game

Controversial wide receiver's impact felt even before team tangles with Jaguars Sunday in Jacksonville

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — No matter what Terrell Owens does for the Dallas Cowboys this season, he's already been worth every penny.

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The excitement generated by "the player," as coach Bill Parcells usually refers to Owens, is amazing. Even Deion Sanders didn't generate the buzz T.O. has, and Prime Time arrived back when the Cowboys were winning Super Bowls.

"I'm very fortunate for the opportunity that the Cowboys have given me," said Owens, who will make his Dallas debut Sunday in Jacksonville.

"This is a team that I felt when I looked at the market that's been kind of on the edge of making the playoffs," he said. "I think with the addition of myself and a couple of guys on the team, we can get ourselves where we need to be."

The combination of this player on this team with this coach has unleashed all kinds of hope and hype. Jones knows it, too, but he's not bragging.

Not yet, at least. See, Jones insists he signed Owens strictly to help the Cowboys win. And it's not just rhetoric.

As a former oil wildcatter, the only thing Jones likes more than winning getting to say "I

told you so" after winning. He's already gotten that thrill once in the NFL, when he and Jimmy Johnson became back-to-back champions only a few years after being branded fools for the way they were rebuilding "America's Team." He believes this gambit will let him say it again.

"When we won those Super Bowls, it was fabulous beyond description," Jones said. "What really made it so entertaining was how critical the sports world had been about what we'd done with the Dallas Cowboys over the years before. It was the contrast, the dynamics, that made it so great."

So when Owens became available, Jones didn't hold a grudge against the receiver for having celebrated two touchdowns on the team's midfield logo during a game six years ago. "I was thinking about the touchdowns before he went to the star," Jones said.

Owens' ability is seldom an issue. When happy and healthy, he's probably the best receiver going.

He combines the reliable hands of a possession receiver like Keyshawn Johnson, his predecessor in Dallas, with the big-play ability of fellow wide-out Terry Glenn. Best of all, he can do both on one play, taking a short pass and turning it into a long touchdown.

Look back to his last regular-season game. Owens caught three passes for 154 yards, including a 91-yard touchdown that started as a 3-yard pass to the sideline, then turned into

the longest play of his career after he juked past Champ Bailey, one of the NFL's top cornerbacks.

But the reason Owens hasn't played since that day in Denver — way back on Oct. 30 — underscores why no matter how great he performs, his talent is rarely the first thing people talk about.

Fed up with gripes over his contract, squabbles with Donovan McNabb and other indiscretions, the Philadelphia Eagles dumped Owens before the next game. They even got lawyers involved to make sure he never returned.

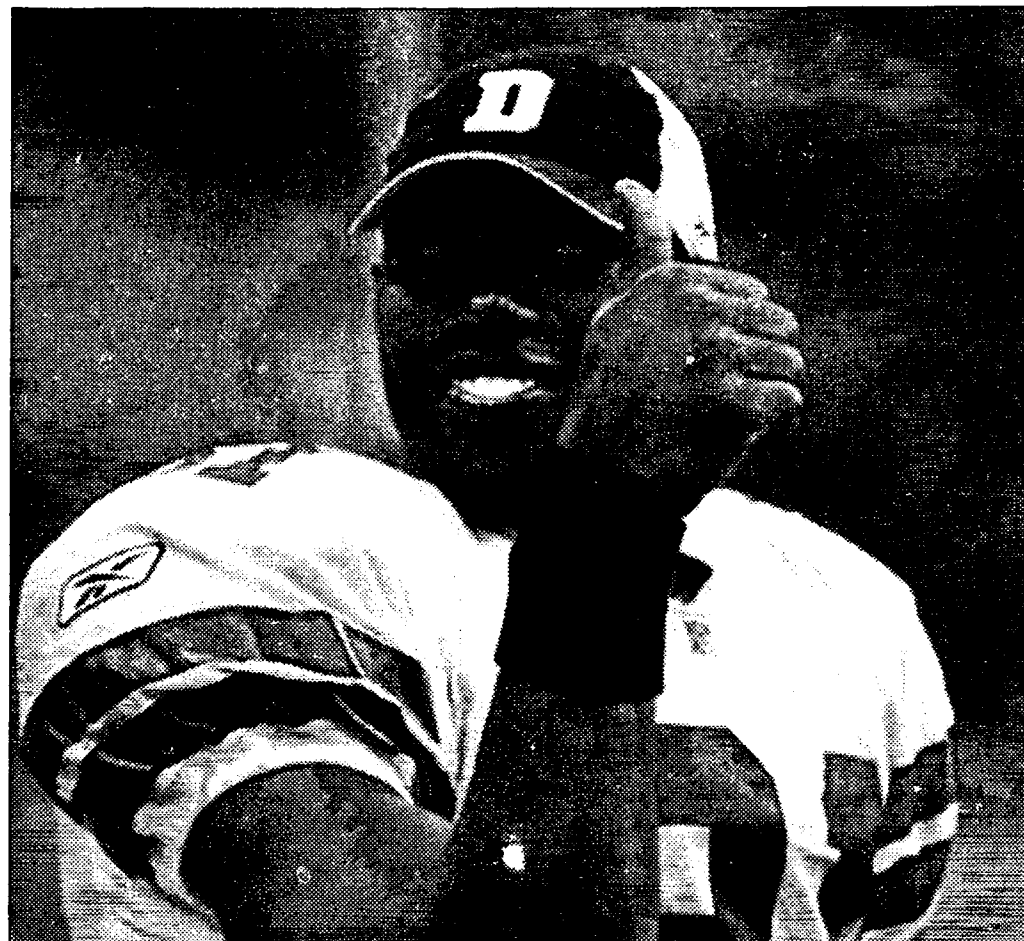
Although team officials knew what they were getting into when they acquired him in 2004, and despite Owens almost leading them to their first Super Bowl title in February 2005, the breakup was so harsh that Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie was still filled with spite this summer.

"Nobody should be able to be as disruptive and really cut the energy of the team down," Lurie said.

Philadelphia released Owens in March. Four days later, he signed a three-year, \$25 million deal with Dallas. He got a \$5 million signing bonus and another \$5 million in salary for this season — more money in 2006 than he would've gotten under his deal with the Eagles.

His first six months with the Cowboys already have had the ups and downs that, at this point, should be expected.

He was excused from most of the team's offseason training



Cowboys wideout Terrell Owens generated a lot of attention in Dallas throughout this preseason.

and released his second autobiography shortly before training camp. Less than a week into practices, he had a hamstring injury that looked like no big deal on an MRI, yet bothered him enough to fly in several specialists.

After mocking his time on the stationary bike by dressing up as a member of Lance Armstrong's cycling team (he couldn't find a yellow jersey), Owens was back on the field the following week, only to go down again soon after. He blamed coaches for pushing him too hard.

Back in Dallas, Owens was fined \$9,500 for being late to work — "I overslept," he explained, but healed in time to play in the preseason finale. He's practiced all this week and, coincidence or not, things seem to be smoothing out just in time for the opener.

"Everybody is on the same page at this point," Owens said Wednesday.

Owens surely realizes this is his last chance to avoid being permanently labeled "more trouble than he's worth." At 65, Parcells is far more interested in winning games than personality clashes. And Jones is ready to play peacemaker, if necessary, because he so desperately wants this to work.

"I think we're in a situation where we kind of need each other," Owens said.

Parcells has mostly steered clear of Owens, a cautious approach indicating he'd rather say nothing than the wrong thing.

Owens, however, actually wants a relationship with Parcells. He wants the mind games, a taunting nickname and whatever other verbal jabs Parcells uses to get the most out of his players.

"I've always kind of, in a strange way, wanted a coach like Parcells, somebody that can really in a sense get to know me and then understand me and what makes me go," Owens said.

"I think in due time, Bill and I, we will get better with our relationship."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Playko, Belles sweep Olivet

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

It was easy as one, two, three for Saint Mary's in its home opener Thursday night.

Behind the 18 kills of senior Kristen Playko, Saint Mary's beat MIAA foe Olivet in straight sets at the Angela Athletic Center to improve to 5-1 on the season. Playko also added 12 digs on defense for the Belles.

Freshman outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski and sophomore middle block Cathy Kurczak added eight kills each, and senior Ann Carpenter had seven.

The defensive star of the night was Belles senior Anne Cusack, who finished with 26 digs in the victory.

The win came two days after Saint Mary's four-game, season-opening winning streak came to an end against Hope.

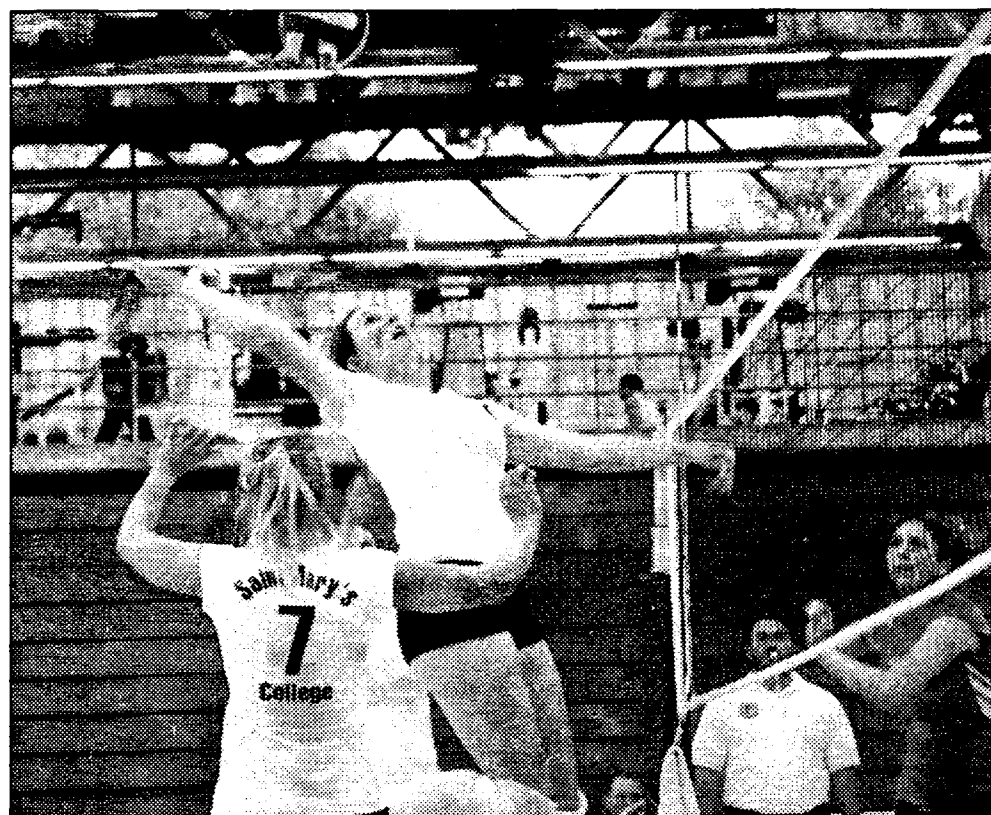
"A win always brings the team's morale up," Carpenter said. "We had a great turnout from students and staff — lots of positive support."

Carpenter had just one error on 18 total attempts to go along with her seven kills.

Slupczynski led the team in efficiency, converting on eight of her 14 attempts while committing just two errors.

Outside hitter Kim Travis led Olivet with nine kills and two errors on 30 attempts for a .233 attack percentage.

But it wasn't nearly enough for the Comets, who fell 30-19, 30-28



Saint Mary's sophomore Kaela Hellmann spikes the ball during the Belles' 3-0 win over Olivet Thursday.

KRISTY KING/The Observer

and 30-25.

"The intensity was high throughout the entire match, which lead to a solid three-out-of-five game win," Carpenter said.

Next up for Saint Mary's is the Baldwin-Wallace Tournament in Berea, Ohio. Saint Mary's plays today at 3 p.m. against Lake Erie and then at 5 p.m. against Case Western Reserve. The Belles finish round-robin play Saturday at noon against John Carroll, with a fourth game later in the day to be determined based on how the team fares.

Carpenter said the win Thursday was crucial for the

Belles after the loss to Hope.

"[The win] definitely helps boost [the] team's confidence before a big tournament," she said.

Notes:

♦ It was Playko's sixth straight game with 10 or more kills to start the season. She had 15 in the team's season-opening win against Albion, 17 against Tri-State, 14 against Goshen, 12 versus Huntington and 13 in the loss to Hope.

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NBA

Former Pistons guard enters Hall of Fame

Associated Press

DETROIT — Joe Dumars is going into the Basketball Hall of Fame just as he played — under the radar.

Making all the noise, drawing all the attention Friday night will be two other inductees — Charles Barkley and Dominique Wilkins. Barkley, no doubt, will have the most entertaining speech. Wilkins will monopolize the highlight tapes.

Dumars plans to stay nice and quiet, in keeping with the way he acted as a player and conducts himself as the Detroit Pistons' president of basketball operations.

"It's only befitting that I go in with a couple guys like Charles and Dominique because it typifies my 14 years in the NBA," Dumars said in an interview with The Associated Press this week. "And it's absolutely the way I would prefer to go into the Hall of Fame."

Unlike Barkley and Wilkins, Dumars was an NBA champion. He was the MVP of the 1989 NBA finals and helped Detroit repeat the next year.

"The three of us are getting to the same mountain top as players, using three different routes," Dumars said. "You're either a Hall of Famer based on championships or numbers, and I'm

100 percent comfortable and happy with the route I've taken."

Detroit drafted Dumars with the 18th pick overall in 1985, and the skinny, unknown shooting guard from McNeese State spent his entire 14-year career with Pistons — the longest any player has played for the franchise.

"What's great about only playing for one team is that when people think about your career, they don't have to piece it together," he said. "They don't have to say, 'What did he do there?' or 'Did he win a title there?' If people think about my career, they only think about the Pistons, and I like that."

Dumars, elected in his second year of eligibility, might not be a Hall of Fame player because of any one facet of his game, but his versatility earned him a spot among the game's all-time stars.

"Nobody deserves it more than Joe," Pistons owner Bill Davidson said.

Michael Jordan has said Dumars was the toughest defender to score against in the NBA, helping him earn a spot on the All-Defensive team four times. The shooting guard averaged a relatively modest 16.1 points and 4.5 assists.

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the tournament, is usually a tournament team, so I think that all three matches are going to all be equally important.

All three teams are going to be strong candidates to be NCAA teams at the end of the season."

The Irish (3-2) are coming off a .500 record last weekend and a second-place finish in the Shamrock Invitational at the Joyce Center.

The team defeated both unranked Valparaiso Friday and Idaho Saturday morning by 3-1 margins, but lost 3-2 to No. 13 Missouri in its final Invitational match Saturday afternoon.

The Irish were then shutout 3-0 by No. 6 Santa Clara Sunday in a regular-season match.

Brown said that the biggest improvement she saw during the Invitational was the team's offensive capability — which increased each match when faced with tougher opponents.

The development of her hitter's shots were also a positive to Brown — the variety that the team achieved with its shot placement is something she would like to see continue and improve this weekend.

"We're getting better physically, understanding the flow of the game better, understanding each other on the court better."

Debby Brown
Irish coach

"We're getting better all the time," she said. "We're getting better physically, understanding the flow of the game better, understanding each other on the court better."

Freshman Christina Kaelin was an integral part of the offensive unit and was rewarded for her work with Big East rookie of the week honors Monday.

She is the third Irish player to ever win the award twice in a season, along with Mary Leffers, Lauren Kelbley and current junior Adrianna

Stasiuk.

Kaelin leads the Irish in kills this season with 84 — 4.42 kills per game — and had 60 in last weekend's four matches.

The freshman hitter blasted a season team high 24 kills in her collegiate premiere against Bowling Green and again against Missouri. She collected 21 in action against Valparaiso and 12 against Idaho. The young team flexed its offensive muscle in its first five games, but Brown would like to see more attention paid to the other side of the ball in the Northern Iowa Invitational.

"The one area we feel we can improve in the most is defensively," she said. "Our individual body position and our position on the floor need refinement."

Alabama (4-2) enters the tournament after being blanked by Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the finals of the Hampton Inn Bama Bash.

The Crimson Tide is led by junior middle blocker Crystal Hudson who has collected 86 kills in 21 games.

Sophomores Amy Pauly and Sarah Snider provide the backbone on defense with 68 and 52 digs, respectively.

Kansas State (6-1) rides a five-match win streak into the Invitational, including a four-match sweep of the Varney's Kansas State Invitational.

The Wildcats have dropped only one game during the win streak and have lost only five games on the season.

Northern Iowa (5-3) is nearly flawless at home. Since it opened in 1990, the Panthers are 177-10 (.947) at West Gym and hold the NCAA's second-longest home win streak — 74 straight wins — from 1997-2004.

The Panthers are the only team in the Invitational to not have qualified for the 2005 NCAA Tournament.

Notre Dame lost to Wisconsin 3-2 in the round of 16, while Alabama fell 3-1 in the first round to No. 20 Ohio. Kansas State was swept 3-0 by Florida in the second round.

"It's going to be tough again," Brown said of the Invitational. "I think it's very similar to this past weekend. We don't have two ranked teams, but the other teams are all as strong if not stronger than Idaho and Valparaiso." were.

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does not plan on rushing them into action after missing time with the team. In their absence the Irish have outscored their opponents 16-2, as junior forward and Top Drawer Soccer National Player of the Week Amanda Cinalli led Notre Dame to a 3-1 win over then co-No. 1 Santa Clara with two goals and an assist. Junior keeper Lauren Karas has also earned the starting nod in the net after posting two wins last weekend.

The Horned Frogs (2-2) will welcome the Irish for the first meeting between the two schools by dedicating the brand new lights in Garvey-

Rosenthal Stadium at half-time of the 7 p.m. start.

While the Irish are 51-5-2 all time when playing with the NCSAA top ranking, Friday's match in Fort Worth will also mark the first time TCU faces a No. 1 foe since the school kept those records in 1999.

Considering all the elements in play, the Irish expect a hot, electric atmosphere in the Friday night Texas heat.

"It's probably going to be like in Mississippi where its 95 degrees at night," Waldrum said. "There's going to be a record crowd from everything I've heard, indicating that we're going into a hostile [environment]."

According to Notre Dame captain Kim Lorenzen, it's an environment the Irish are looking forward to.

"As a team, this is going to be TCU's biggest game of the season."

Kim Lorenzen
Irish defender

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Senior captain Meaghan Herbst said running in a pack will help.

"The pack in the front is much larger this year, which is very promising," she said. "The front group last year only had about three girls, and this year there should be about five or six that are consistent."

Junior Megan Gray led the team with a 21:16 at the Alumnae meet, followed by Sara Otto, Katie White and Kelly Biedron, who all clocked in a pack at around 21:40 on a course slightly longer than

the normal 5K distance.

Herbst said she would like to see the pack mentality get even stronger today.

"I think that for the first meet, everyone was focused on individual goals," she said. "For the meet in Aquinas we should work on running as a team and staying grouped in the front. This kind of teamwork, coupled with rigorous training, bodes well for the future of this team."

Bauters said the solidifying of these packs in the front will help the Belles to better times and is a good way to close the gaps among the top seven Belle runners, which is a team goal for the Aquinas meet.

"Personally, I would like to see our girls run together and

pack up at Aquinas next week," senior Katie White said. "Shortening the time between our first runner and our seventh runner is always a concern and something we'll be working on throughout the season."

Last year at the Aquinas Invitational, some of the top Belles' times were Biedron with a posted time of 21:18, Otto with a 20:16 and White with a 20:42. The Saint Mary's runners said they hope to improve on those individual this year.

White said that early in the season the Belles do not ease up their workouts just before a meet. This makes times in early meets slower, but helps

"For the meet in Aquinas we should work on running as a team and staying grouped in the front."

Meaghan Herbst
Belles senior

we are training through our races (no tapering) so we'll be running our races tired," White said.

Despite the tough training

schedule, the Belles are focused on the future, specifically towards the MIAA Jamboree Sept. 23 and other MIAA meets that count for conference standing points.

Bauters said the Aquinas Invitational should be a good measuring stick for where the team is right now in comparison to their other league competition. Last year, the Belles finished 5th in the MIAA league standings.

Bauters said she sees a lot of promise in her team.

"As early as it is, I feel good about where we are," she said. "I'm excited to run at Aquinas this Friday."

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Big East

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cer player.

The Irish attack and the South Florida defense match up well against each other. Lapira and senior forward Justin McGeeney have both been named Big East Offensive Players of the Week, while South Florida defenseman Kareem Smith was named Big East Defensive Player of the Week last week and has played a big role in South Florida's two shutout victories.

On Sunday, Notre Dame will face off against DePaul (1-2-2), and Blue Demon sophomore goalkeeper Brian Visser already has two shutouts to his credit this season, both of them coming in scoreless ties.

Senior Chris Cahill and sophomore Andrew Quinn have been splitting time in goal for the Irish and Clark said he has not ruled out the possibility of platooning his keepers again this weekend.

"We'll possibly split goalies again this weekend," he said.

One of Notre Dame's primary objectives will be to change the trend of Friday night offensive droughts.

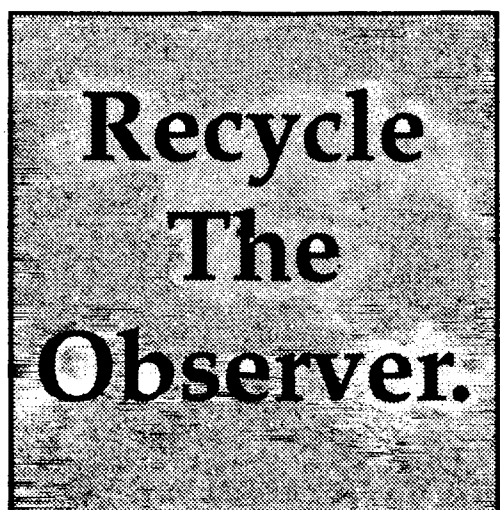
"I'd like to get some more consistency," Clark said. "We haven't scored goals on the Friday night; hopefully the first game of the weekend, we can get some offensive output, and hopefully we can follow it up."

However, Clark doesn't believe his offense, which has totaled four and five goals in their respective Sunday afternoon contests, has a serious problem.

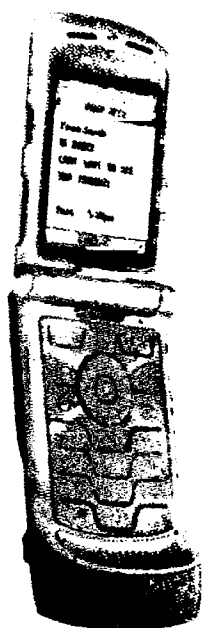
"I think the big thing is just to come out and play, I think we've actually played quite well in both the [Friday] games," he said. "Now we've just got to relax and finish the job off. It is very much a case of relaxing when we get into scoring positions."

Notre Dame will face South Florida tonight at 7:30 and will play DePaul Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Both games will take place at Alumni Field.

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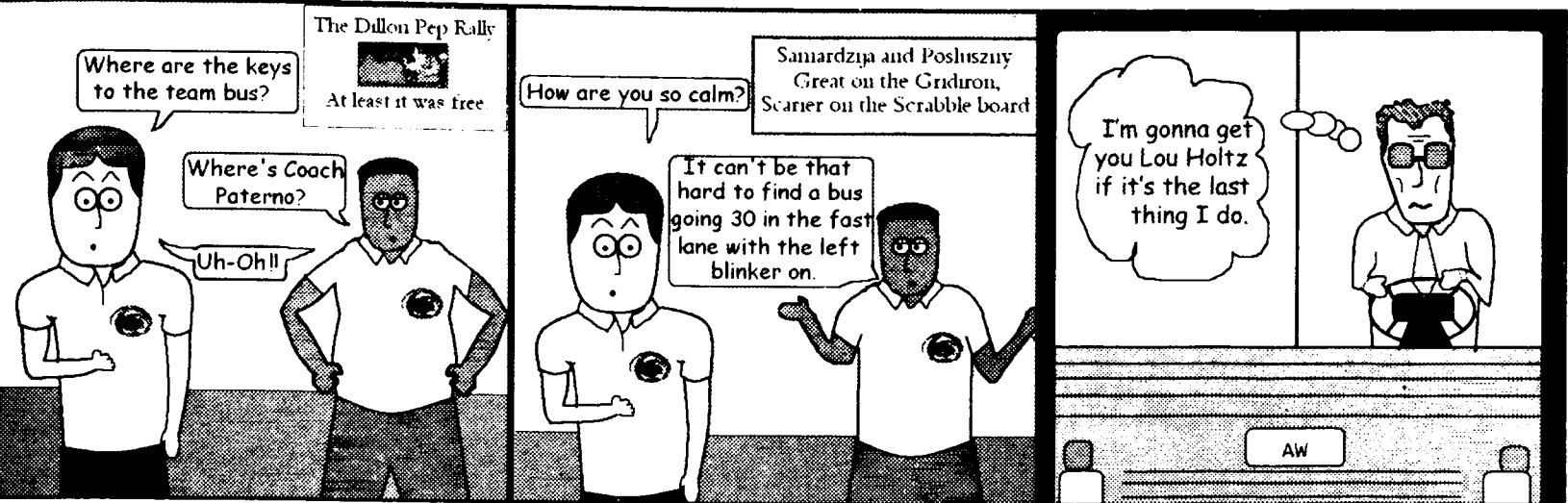
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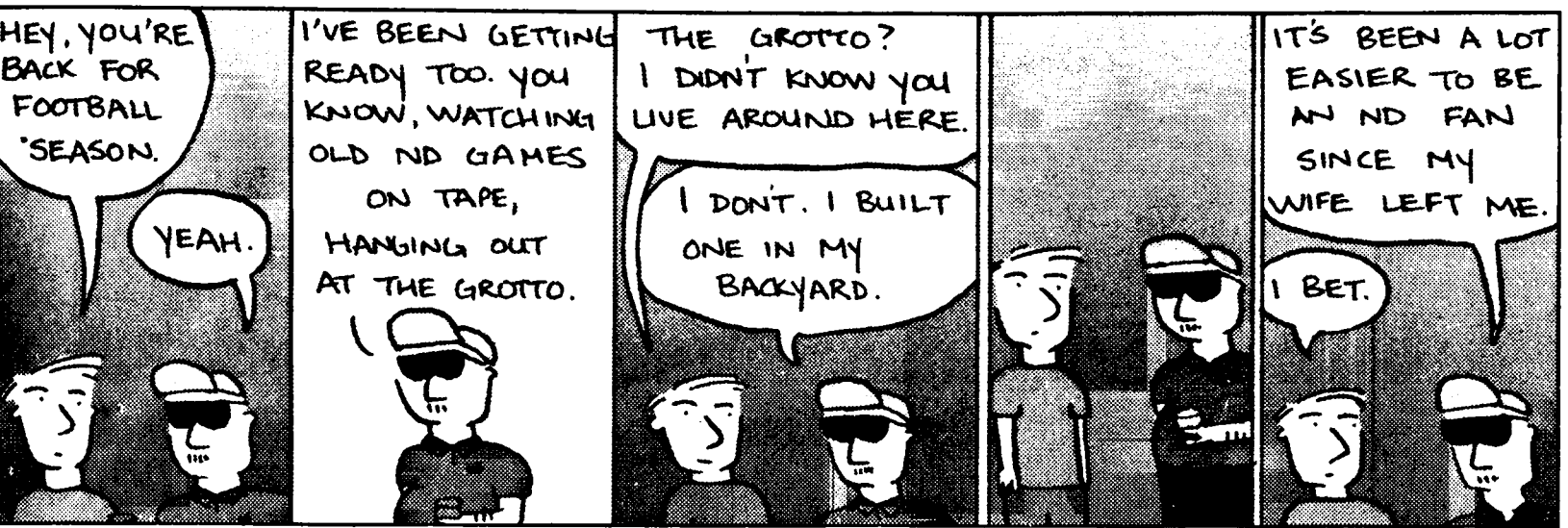
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MEN'S SOCCER

Conference collisions

Irish open Big East season at home against South Florida and DePaul this weekend

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

No. 8 Notre Dame opens its Big East conference schedule this weekend, taking on South Florida tonight before squaring off with DePaul Sunday.

The Irish went 1-0-1 at the Indiana/Adidas Classic last week, including a 5-4 win over No. 10 Indiana Sunday, to improve their record to 2-1-1. Junior forward Joe Lapira had four goals in the game and was named tournament MVP, Big East Offensive Player of the Week and Top Drawer National Player of the Week.

The Bulls (2-2-0) split their games last weekend at the Duke/Adidas classic, topping North Carolina State 2-0 before falling to the No. 9 Blue Devils 1-0.

"South Florida has played some good teams," Irish head coach Bobby Clark said.

The Bulls will be led by senior forward Hunter West, who has two goals this season and 30 for his career.

The Irish will be led by senior captain and All-American Greg Dalby, one of 25 listed as players to watch for the Missouri Athletic Club's Hermann Trophy, which is presented annually to the top college soc-

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish sophomore defender Jack Traynor kicks the ball upfield in Notre Dame's win over Creighton Aug. 27. The Irish take on South Florida tonight at 7:30 at Alumni Field.

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Teamwork new plan for Belles

Saint Mary's begins season this weekend at Aquinas Invite

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

In what is normally an individual sport, the Belles will work together today as they open the regular season at the Aquinas College Invitational in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Head coach Jackie Bauters said she encourages teamwork amongst her runners and was pleased to see a group mentality last week at the Saint Mary's Alumnae exhibition meet.

"There were a few nice packs, and the girls worked together very well," she said.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

No. 1 Irish travel to Texas for two games

Waldrum faces mentor when his squad plays SMU Sunday

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's No. 1 ranking will be on the line underneath the Friday night lights of Texas, as the Irish battle unranked TCU in Fort Worth tonight in the first of two non-conference contests this weekend.

The Irish, now 4-0 and atop both the adidas/NCSAA and Soccer Times coaches polls, will complete their first of three two-game road trips this season when they take on Southern Methodist in Dallas Sunday afternoon.

TCU is looking for its third straight win after defeating Texas Tech 2-0 and Oral Roberts 6-2 last weekend. TCU was led by midfielders Michelle Nguyen, who scored two goals on the weekend, and Lauren Pope, who had a hat trick against the Golden

Eagles. Nguyen recorded a goal and assist in each game, while Pope netted a hat trick against Oral Roberts. Though Irish coach and Irving, Texas, native Randy Waldrum said he wouldn't go over strategy with the team until today, he knows they'll need to stop that pair to be successful.



Waldrum

"Those two kids we know pretty well from [high school in] Texas that at some point in time we had on our recruiting list," Waldrum said. "They'll be more of their attacking threats."

Notre Dame will have sophomores midfielder/forward Brittany Bock and defender Carrie Dew back after missing four games due to their participation in the U-20 World Championships in Russia — though Waldrum

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Staying alive in the Top 25

After going 2-2 last weekend, team travels to Northern Iowa tourney

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

No. 23 Notre Dame travels to Cedar Falls, Iowa, this weekend to participate in the University of Northern Iowa Invitational — the second of three invitational tournaments the Irish will play in this year and their first road matches of the season.

Notre Dame's weekend schedule includes matches against Alabama, Kansas State and Northern Iowa. Kansas State fell out of the No. 25 spot in the Sept. 4 American Volleyball Coaches Association poll — the same poll in which the Irish fell two spots — and is now the unranked team receiving the most votes.

"Two of the three teams are NCAA teams, so they have good experience," Notre Dame head coach Debbie Brown said. "Northern Iowa, even though they didn't make



HY PHAM/The Observer

Irish outside hitter Adrianna Stasiuk blocks a shot during Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Bowling Green Aug. 26.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's 3 Olivet 0

The Belles evened their conference record at 1-1 this season.

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NBA

Former Detroit Pistons guard Joe Dumars will be inducted into the Hall of Fame today.

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NFL

Wide receiver Terrell Owens brings excitement and controversy to the Cowboys this season.

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NFL

Indianapolis Colts running back Dominic Rhodes prepares for his first start.

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NFL

Pittsburgh 28 Miami 17

The Steelers and Dolphins opened the NFL season Thursday at Heinz Field.

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Pittsburgh 7 Chicago Cubs 5

Outfielder Chris Duffy hit two home runs as the Pirates beat the Cubs.

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RETURN TO THE SCENE

Fourteen years after the "Snow Bowl," the Nittany Lions come back to Notre Dame Stadium — the teams just as good and the stakes just as high.

Photo Illustration by JEFF ALBERT

It's time to live up to the hype

Anyone check out NCAA Football 2007 yet?

If so, has anyone played with the Notre Dame?

If not, well, don't — it's

not fair. They're too good. Let that sink in for a minute.

Notre Dame's attack is one of the most lethal in college football. Quinn, Walker, Samardzija, McKnight. And that's before a decent tight end (Carlson) and a stacked offensive line are added into the mix.

It's taken a decade (since the end of the Holtz era) but Notre Dame has officially returned to the college football radar. And after so much time outside the National Championship picture — all the pieces are in place this season for, pardon the phrase, a return to glory.

Even video game manufacturers noticed.

That's what makes this weekend's game against No. 19 Penn State so important. The No. 4 Irish have to show the country they're worthy of the hype they created last season and through the summer. Hype

that makes Notre Dame a favorite for a trip to Glendale, Ariz.

And at the same time — hype the team failed to justify last week.

Georgia Tech turned out to be as challenging as Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis expected. But what he didn't anticipate were nine offensive penalties, six dropped balls and zero passing touchdowns.

Notre Dame was lucky to escape with a win, and if the Irish come out with the same offensive performance against Penn State — Nittany Lions quarterback Anthony Morelli and his talented receivers should find a way to muster more than 14 points.

Notre Dame's strength on offense against the Yellow Jackets was Irish running back Darius Walker. He carried the ball 22 times for 99 yards and a touchdown. And even more important than the numbers was the stability he created when Quinn didn't have his best game.

He won't have it easy this week, though. Penn State linebacks Paul Posluszny — the returning Butkus Award winner — and Dan Connor (13 tackles in his first game of the season) might as well reserve a spot on their shelves for All-American trophies.

They can probably even start looking at expensive apartments in NFL cities.

The two are a major reason why the Nittany Lions defense allowed an eye-popping 33 yards on 34 carries last weekend against Akron.

So when Notre Dame

comes out looking to make a statement Saturday, the responsibility will rest in its best player's hands — Brady Quinn.

Penn State will likely do a good job keeping Notre Dame's rushing attack in check but its secondary — outside safety Donnie Johnson — leaves something to be desired.

Quinn will need to exploit this. The senior quarterback threw for 246 yards last week, but has not produced a passing touchdown since last November against Stanford. It would be crazy to think Quinn and Weis are unaware of this.

A convincing win — not a blowout, but a well-played performance — would do a few things. It would silence the talking heads that threw the Irish under the bus after Notre Dame's Fiesta Bowl disappointment.

It would quiet the skeptics that believe Notre Dame is overrated heading into the 2006 season and its close win over Georgia Tech was just the first indication.

A win would inspire the dozens of recruits visiting Notre Dame Stadium who are considering making it their home for four years. It would show that Weis' Irish know how to win a big game — something they could contribute to in the future.

It would be a boost that would give Notre Dame the confidence and momentum to plow through the rest of 2006. And most importantly, it would validate all the magazine covers, summer boxing matches and "Take me out to the ballgames."

Oh yeah. And it might even begin to ensure that college football fans feel guilty about playing with the Irish in NCAA Football 2008.

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Joe Paterno
Nittany Lions
head coach

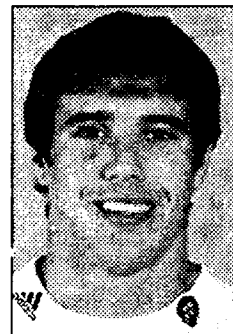
"You have to have that goal and expectation to score every time."



John Latina
Irish assistant
head coach

"It's no big secret Joe Paterno is one of the greatest [coaches] in the game."

"We're playing a really good football team that's playing at home and has a lot of tradition."



Brady Quinn
Irish
quarterback

"The coaches always think you should be playing better than you're playing, and I certainly feel that way now."



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Irish head coach

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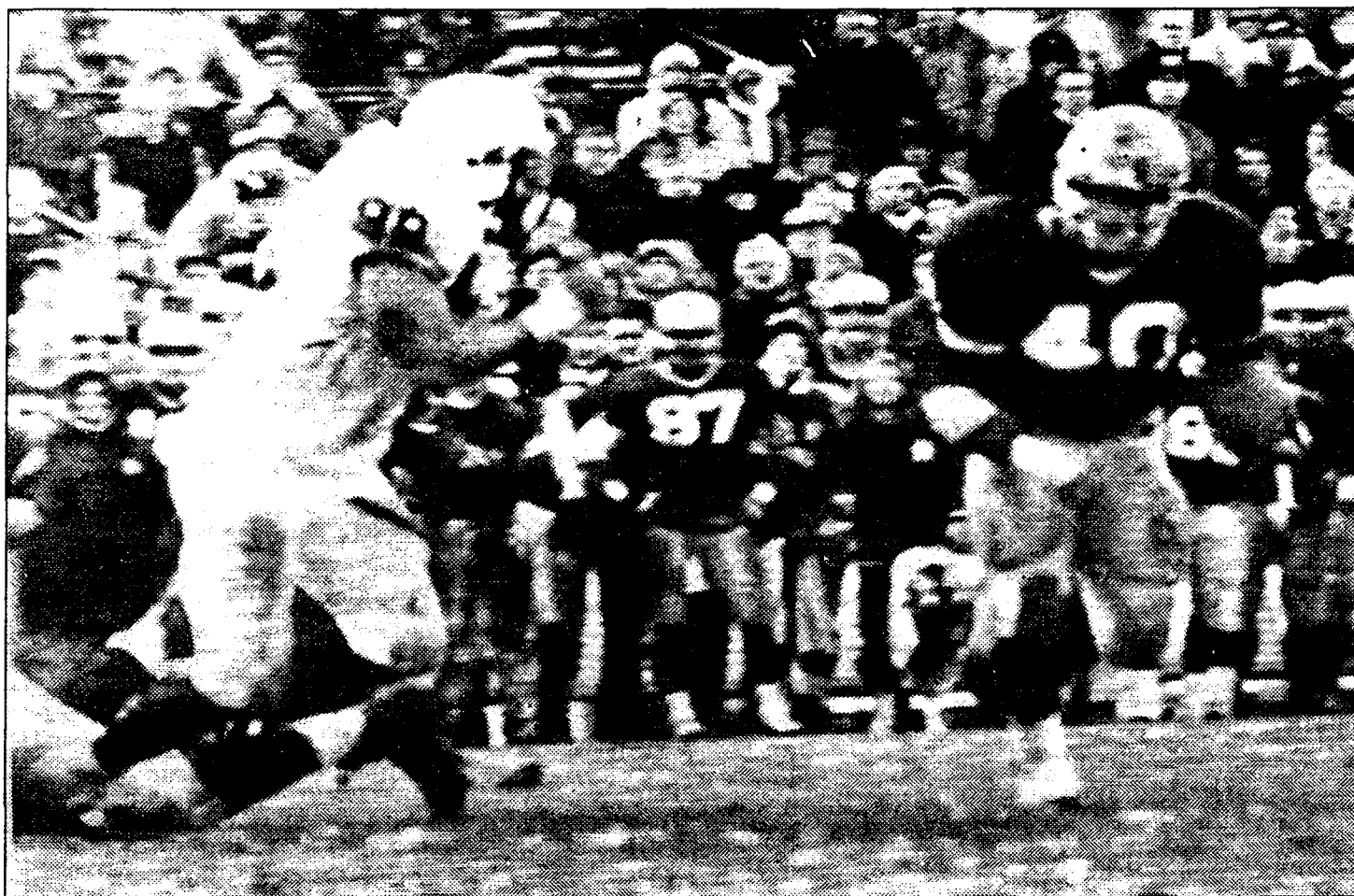
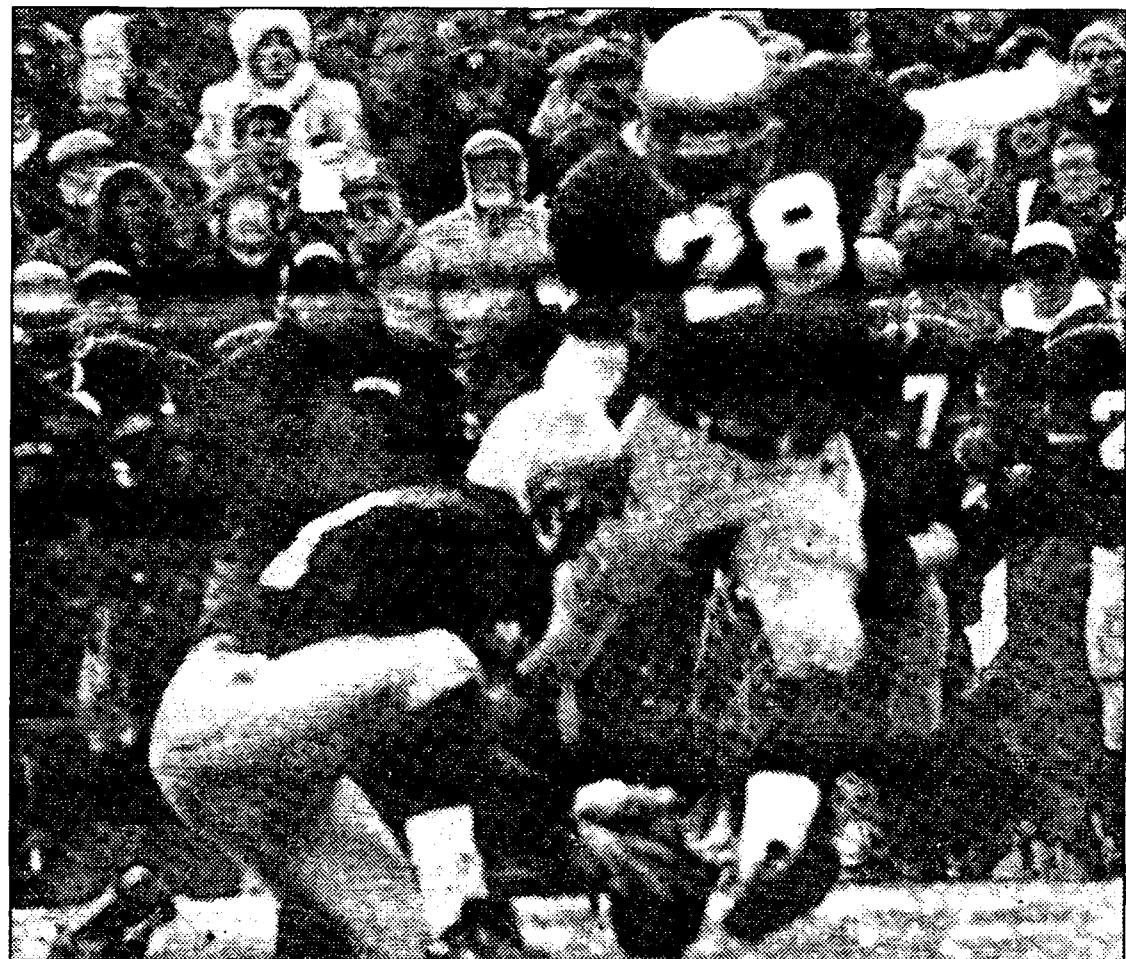
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Reggie revisited



At left, Irish kicker Craig Hentrich boots one of his three field goals in Notre Dame's 17-16 win over Penn State on Nov. 14, 1992. At right, Irish tailback Reggie Brooks runs past Nittany Lions defensive lineman David Thomas. Brooks caught the game-winning two-point conversion attempt from quarterback Rick Mirer with 20 seconds

Observer file photos

Years after Brooks' dramatic catch won "Snow Bowl," teams finally meet again

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

They don't have names on their jerseys. They lack logos on their helmets. Their coaches are cranky, Catholic and East Coast.

As programs known for their often-boring, always-traditional styles, it surprises some that games between Notre Dame and Penn State are usually dramatic.

It doesn't surprise Reggie Brooks.

Today, the former Irish running back still works in the shadow of Touchdown Jesus. It's just that the Hesburgh Library now blocks light from a different angle than when he starred at running back for the Irish from 1989-92.

An employee in the campus' Information Technology Center, Brooks works in an inconspicuous office, three floors up and down a long hallway, in a building next door to the library.

It's a much quieter life than he led in 1992 when, as Notre Dame's leading rusher with 1,343 yards, Brooks finished fifth in Heisman Trophy voting.

In 1992, the last time Notre Dame played Penn State,

Brooks was just a couple hundred yards from his current office, laying on the ground in the corner of Notre Dame Stadium's south end zone. He earned bruises to prove it.

"It was one of the more physical games I've ever played in," Brooks says.

With the Irish at No. 4 in this week's AP poll and the Nittany Lions at No. 19, more than a few bodies will be bruised when Saturday's game ends.

Blue with tradition

Notre Dame has played Michigan dozens of times, USC almost every year since Rockne was around and Navy is a schedule staple.

But, though they've met just 17 times in over 100 years of football for each school, it's difficult to find a more dramatic matchup than Notre Dame vs. Penn State.

Seven Irish players have won the Heisman Trophy and, while Penn State has just one, the Nittany Lions' sole winner gave the greatest acceptance speech when 1973 honoree and Penn State running back John Cappelletti spoke of his cancer-stricken little brother Joey.

Cappelletti received college football's biggest award but State College is more known for

its linebackers. Eight Nittany Lion linebackers — including current starter Paul Posluszny — have been named All-American, almost a quarter of the school's total All-American count of 32.

Notre Dame has more than double — 79 — with the most recent, Jeff Samardzija, being Irish coach Charlie Weiss' first All-American.

Joe Paterno has guided 26 such honorees since taking over as the Nittany Lions head coach in 1966. Not counting George O'Leary, Paterno has outlasted six Notre Dame coaches who have come and gone in South Bend since Paterno took Penn State's top job 41 autumns ago.

The 17-game series is currently knotted at eight apiece, plus a scoreless tie in 1925.

The squads played annually from 1981 until 1992 and five of those games involved the No. 1 team in the nation. The Nittany Lions entered the 1985 matchup at Beaver Stadium atop the polls and thwarted the Irish 36-6.

Notre Dame, at the height of the Lou Holtz years, kicked off each game between 1988 and 1990 at No. 1. The Irish won the first two of those before falling 24-21 in 1990 to No. 17 Penn State in Notre Dame Stadium.

The Nittany Lions' return trip to South Bend wouldn't be so successful.

"He hated losing to Penn State"

Besides falling in its third home game of the year to Stanford 33-16 and tying Michigan at 17 in early September, Notre Dame hadn't had a close game all season.

Dropping from No. 7 to No. 14 in the AP poll the week after the loss to the Cardinal on Oct. 3, the Irish climbed back into the Top 10, entering the game at No. 8.

The Irish beat Pittsburgh 52-21 on Oct. 10, trashed Brigham Young 42-16 on Oct. 24 and

whacked Boston College 54-7 on Nov. 7.

Notre Dame was on a roll toward the showdown on Nov. 14, 1992. And if anyone wanted to beat Penn State in 1992, it was Joe Moore. A Pennsylvania high school coach and assistant at Pittsburgh and Temple

before he joined Holtz' staff in 1988, the then-Irish offensive line coach screamed, stewed and stomped around the practice field the days before the game.

"Moore was in a pretty ornery mood

the whole week," Brooks says. "He hated losing to Penn State."

So did the rest of the Irish. "[Moore and Holtz] didn't have to do a lot to prod us," he says.

"They didn't respect my hands"
Notre Dame's chances blew in the wind.

Down seven with over four minutes left in regulation, Notre Dame quarterback Rick Mirer stood in the huddle, cracking jokes to keep his teammates loose. Lou Holtz huddled on the sideline, engineering the most famous finish of his 11-year career. Joe Paterno was 53 yards away on the Penn State side, the swirling snow sticking to his coke-bottle glasses.

In the huddle with Mirer, Brooks shivered.

"Yes it was cold," Brooks says. "[Former Irish offensive tackle] Aaron Taylor was hugging me in the huddle, trying to warm me up."

Brooks' body temperature rose as the Irish marched down the field, until Notre Dame ended up with fourth-and-goal at the Penn State 3 as 25 seconds remained in regulation.

That's when Mirer completed a pass over the top to fullback Jerome Bettis as he hovered in the end zone to pull Notre Dame within one, 16-15.

The problem for the Irish

was they had practiced that play for two-point conversions.

With a two-pointer needed to win, Holtz was forced to draw up a new plan on the sideline, one where tight end Irv Smith was to pivot at the line and let Mirer hit him with a quick pass. Brooks' role was to streak toward the corner of the end zone and keep Penn State's linebackers away from Smith.

It wasn't how Holtz drew it up — but it worked.

As the Nittany Lions defensive line chased Mirer out of the pocket, Brooks did his job, sprinting toward the corner of the end zone with Smith three yards behind.

Thinking back to the play when he leapt in the air, cradled Mirer's pass and snatched a victory for Notre Dame, Brooks pauses.

"[Penn State] didn't really respect my hands," he says.

Maybe it should have.

Snow Bowl, take two

Fourteen years later, Reggie Brooks is still a hero.

"It's really nice when I hear that that play was someone's favorite Notre Dame football memory," Brooks says. "It makes me feel welcome ... a part of Notre Dame."

Many of those who witnessed the 1992 classic will be in the stands again at Saturday's game — or on the sidelines.

"It's the first time they've been back since then, is that right?" asks current Irish defensive coordinator Rick Minter, who held the same post under Holtz in 1992, of the Nittany Lions. "I guess it's Joe [Paterno] and I returning to the scene."

Brooks will be there, focusing on the game. He confidently expects the Irish to win the national title this season. It's a pick he made on the Notre Dame football radio show he co-hosts, in a role much less intense than the job he had in 1992.

"It was one of those games where afterward you just want to curl up with a hot chocolate and say 'We'll party tomorrow,'" Brooks says.

We sure will.

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by the numbers

Wins that both Penn State and Notre Dame have in the teams' 17-game series.

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1 Tie between the two teams. Knute Rockne's Irish and Hugo Bezdek's Nittany Lions played to a 0-0 deadlock in 1925.

Consecutive years in which Notre Dame and Penn State went head to head, from 1981 to 1992. The Nittany Lions joined the Big Ten in 1993.

12

56 Years Joe Paterno has been on the Nittany Lions' coaching staff, 41 of them as head coach.

Paterno's age when he was first hired as an assistant by then-Penn State head coach Rip Engle.

23

354 Wins as a head coach by Paterno, second most in Division I-A behind Florida State's Bobby Bowden.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 1-0
AP: 4
Coaches: 5(tie)



Charlie Weis
head coach

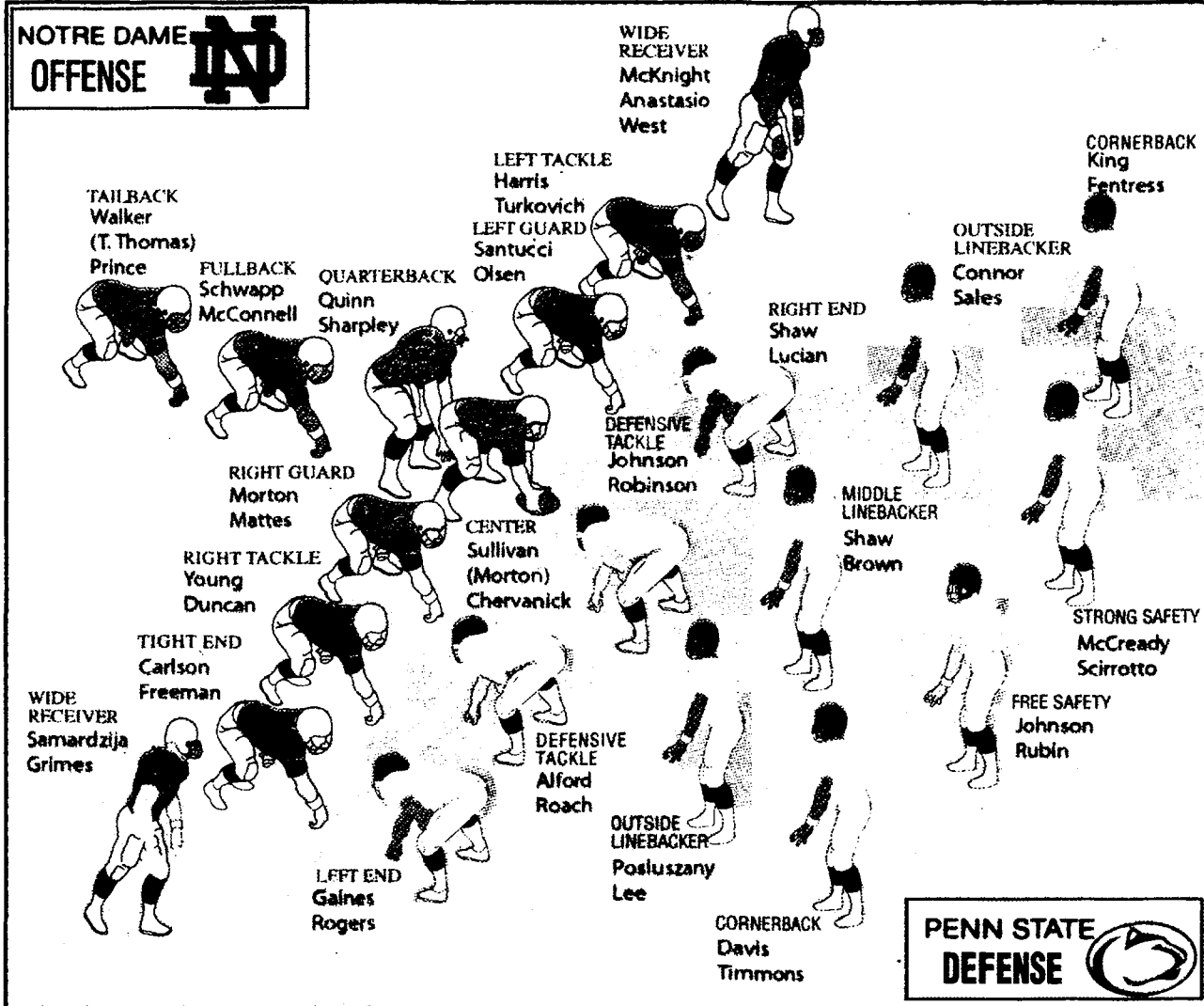
Charlie Weis
2nd season at
Notre Dame
career record:
10-3
at Notre Dame:
10-3
against
Penn State: 0-0

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Hord	WR	6-1	192	SO
2	Darrin Walls	DB	6-1	175	FR
3	Darius Walker	RB	5-11	208	JR
4	Demetrius Jones	QB	6-4	202	FR
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-1	212	SR
6	Ray Herring	DB	6-0	189	SO
7	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	170	SR
8	Raeshon McNeil	DB	6-0	175	FR
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	5-11	203	SR
10	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	227	SR
11	David Grimes	WR	6-0	210	SO
12	Zach Frazer	QB	6-4	175	FR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	207	SO
14	Bobby Renkes	K	6-0	195	SR
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	186	JR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	186	SR
17	Dan Gorski	QB	6-3	196	SO
18	Chinedum Ndukwe	DB	6-2	219	SR
19	George West	WR	5-8	179	FR
20	Terrail Lambert	DB	5-11	188	JR
21	Barry Gallup Jr.	WR	5-11	175	FR
22	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	197	SR
23	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-2	203	SR
23	W. David Williams	DB	5-10	170	JR
24	Brandon Erickson	WR	6-0	178	JR
25	Munir Prince	RB	5-10	175	FR
26	Wade Iams	DB	5-9	188	JR
26	Travis Thomas	LB/RB	6-0	215	SR
27	David Bruton	DB	6-2	187	SO
27	John Lyons	RB	6-1	205	SR
28	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-0	189	SO
29	Jashaad Gaines	DB	6-0	195	FR
29	Jake Richardsville	WR	6-0	180	SO
30	Mike Richardson	DB	5-11	193	SR
31	Sergio Brown	DB	6-1	184	FR
32	Luke Schmidt	RB	6-3	230	FR
33	Nate Whitaker	K	5-9	165	FR
34	James Aldridge	RB	6-0	209	FR
35	Ashley McConnell	RB	6-0	247	SR
35	Tim Kenney	DB	6-0	180	SR
36	Dex Cure	RB	6-1	215	FR
37	Junior Jabbie	RB	5-11	190	JR
38	Nick Possley	WR	6-1	183	JR
39	Kevin Brooks	TE	6-2	230	FR
40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-0	220	JR
41	Scott Smith	LB	6-3	234	SO
42	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	231	SO
42	David Costanzo	WR	5-9	170	SO
43	Eric Maust	P	6-1	180	FR
43	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	180	SO
44	Asaph Schwapp	RB	6-0	250	SO
45	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	174	SO
45	Carl Gioia	K	5-10	183	SR
46	Michael Planalp	TE	6-4	230	SO
46	Kyle Charters	LB	5-11	195	JR
47	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-3	240	SR
48	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	220	JR
49	Matt Augustyn	FB	6-3	220	SR
49	Toryan Smith	LB	6-0	230	FR
50	Dan Santucci	OL	6-4	290	SR
51	Dan Wenger	OL	6-4	285	FR
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	212	SR
53	Morrice Richardson	LB	6-2	228	FR
54	Anthony Vernaglia	DB	6-3	221	JR
55	Eric Olsen	OL	6-4	290	FR
56	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-4	238	SR
57	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	252	SR
59	Chris Steward	OL	6-5	340	FR
60	Casey Cullen	DL	6-1	238	SR
61	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	242	JR
63	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-3	305	SO
64	Dan Chervanick	DL	6-1	259	SR
66	Derek Landri	DL	6-3	263	SR
68	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	288	SR
69	Neil Kennedy	DL	5-11	260	JR
71	Bartley Webb	OL	6-7	290	FR
72	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	292	SO
73	Matt Carufel	OL	6-5	288	FR
74	Sam Young	OL	6-7	292	FR
75	Chris Frome	DL	6-5	268	SR
76	Bob Morton	OL	6-4	292	SR
77	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	290	SO
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-6	298	SR
79	Brian Mattes	OL	6-6	285	SR
80	Richard Jackson	WR	6-3	200	FR
81	Darrin Bragg	WR	6-1	192	JR
82	Robby Parris	WR	6-4	185	FR
83	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-5	216	SR
84	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	250	FR
86	Mike Talerico	TE	6-5	245	JR
87	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-3	245	SR
88	Konrad Reuland	TE	6-6	239	FR
89	John Carlson	TE	6-5	255	SR
90	John Ryan	DL	6-5	240	FR
91	Travis Leitko	DL	6-7	270	SR
92	Derrell Hand	DL	6-3	301	SO
93	Paddy Mullen	DL	6-5	265	FR
94	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	247	JR
95	Victor Abiamiri	DL	6-4	260	SR
96	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-2	267	SO
97	Kallen Wade	DL	6-5	220	FR
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	293	SR
99	Ronald Talley	DL	6-4	261	JR

NOTRE DAME 2006 Schedule

Sept. 2 at Ga. Tech — W
Sept. 9 PENN STATE
Sept. 16 MICHIGAN
Sept. 23 at MSU
Sept. 30 PURDUE
Oct. 7 STANFORD
Oct. 21 UCLA
Oct. 28 at Navy
Nov. 4 UNC
Nov. 11 at Air Force
Nov. 18 ARMY
Nov. 25 at USC



COACHING

QUARTERBACKS

IRISH RUSHING

IRISH PASSING

NOTRE DAME

Weis' initial game plan last week fell short of expectations, but his in-game adjustments on both offense and defense were the difference in the contest. He has experience facing hybrid defenses from his time in the NFL, where they are more popular than in college.

While Quinn had a subpar game — by his standards — last week, he is a fourth-year starter that rarely makes bad throws. He's played in numerous big games throughout his career, and he should return to the form he showed in 2005 Saturday.

Darius Walker struggled in the first half last week, but recovered in time to rush for 99 yards on 22 carries. LB/RB Travis Thomas should also get carries this week. This may be the game that speedy freshman Munir Prince gets to touch the ball as well.

Rhema McKnight had eight catches for 108 yards in his first game back from his injury, but Jeff Samardzija was a non-factor for a significant chunk of the game. Notre Dame's third option, David Grimes, will look to exploit the young PSU secondary.

PENN STATE

Paterno is a coaching legend, having roamed the Penn State sidelines for more than 40 years — collecting 354 victories in the process. At age 79, he has shown no signs of slowing down, leading the Nittany Lions to an 11-1 record last season.

Morelli is long on talent but short on experience. A first-year starter playing in his first road game, he will be tested to make quick reads and get the ball to the correct place. Also, Penn State quarterbacks coach Jay Paterno doesn't have Weis' offensive mind.

Led by linebacker Paul Posluszny and defensive tackle Jay Alford, Penn State's defense held Akron to just 33 rushing yards on 34 carries last week. The occasional 3-4 scheme confuses offensive linemen and allows the linebackers to flow to the ball.

The Nittany Lions have three new starters in the secondary, but they played well last week, allowing just 192 yards through the air. Sophomore cornerback Justin King is an emerging star. Nolan McCready and Anthony Scirrotto both had interceptions against the Zips.

ANALYSIS

While Weis is known for his offensive playcalling, his experience as a head coach pales in comparison to Paterno. The Nittany Lions have seen Weis throw the ball in a hostile environment.

Quinn's experience will play a big role Saturday. In his fourth year as the starter and second in Weis' system, the Irish signal caller can be counted upon to know where the ball needs to go and how to get it there — something Morelli may struggle with in a hostile environment.

The Notre Dame ground game was inconsistent last week as the Irish mixed up the rushing attack. Look for the Irish to force the game into the air early and often.

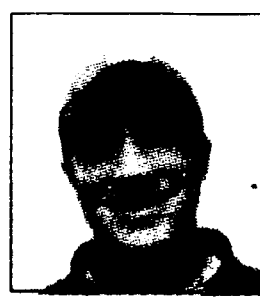
Samardzija, McKnight and Grimes have too much talent to stay quiet for long, especially against an inexperienced Penn State secondary. Tight end John Carlson and the running backs will also get involved in what should be an effective Irish passing game.

Irish experts



Mike Gilloon
Editor in Chief

Penn State has 10 road wins this decade. The Nittany Lions won't get their 11th tomorrow, but don't look for the right arm of Brady Quinn or the feet of Darius Walker to deliver the win. The Irish offensive line dominates the line of scrimmage on its home field and the defense stuffs the Nittany Lions. Unlike last week against Akron, Penn State quarterback Anthony Morelli struggles. Why? Because Notre Dame isn't Akron.
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 28 Penn State 23

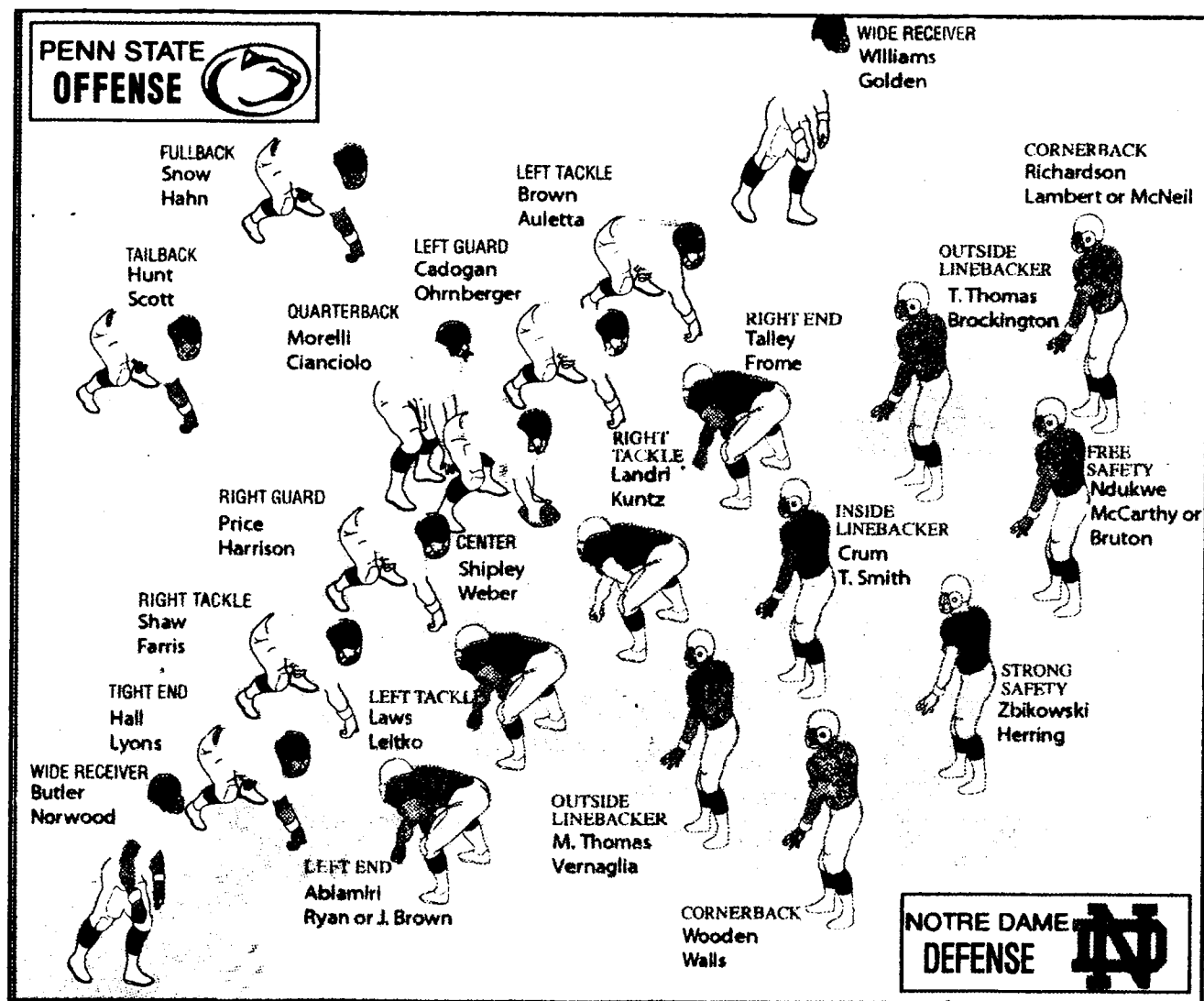


Bob Griffin
Asst. Managing Editor

In the mood for an anxiety attack? Then come to Notre Dame Stadium Saturday — and don't forget your medication. Penn State's linebackers will create problems for Notre Dame's rushing attack, but thankfully the Irish have No. 10. Quinn's stepped up in pressure situations before and he will come through with one of the finest games of his career. Three-hundred yards, three TDs and one game-winning drive as time expires.
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34 Penn State 28

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Penn State Nittany Lions



PENN STATE 2006 Schedule

Sept. 2 AKRON — W
 Sept. 9 at Notre Dame
 Sept. 16 YOUNGSTOWN
 Sept. 21 at Ohio State
 Sept. 30 NORTHWESTERN
 Oct. 7 at Minnesota
 Oct. 14 MICHIGAN
 Oct. 21 ILLINOIS
 Oct. 28 at Purdue
 Nov. 4 at Wisconsin
 Nov. 11 TEMPLE
 Nov. 18 MICHIGAN ST.

Penn State
Nittany Lions
 Record: 1-0
 AP: 19
 Coaches: 19

Joe Paterno
 41st season at
 Penn State
 career record:
 354-117-3
 at GT:
 354-117-3
 against Notre
 Dame: 8-5



Joe Paterno
head coach

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Justin King	CB	6-0	179	SO
2	Derrick Williams	WR	6-0	201	SO
3	Deon Butler	WR	5-10	166	JR
4	Terrell Golden	WR	6-3	215	SR
5	Jerome Hayes	LB	6-2	236	SO
6	Mike Hart	QB	6-0	206	SR
7	Donnie Johnson	S	6-0	209	SR
8	Anthony Scirrotto	S	6-0	192	SO
9	Rodney Kinlaw	RB	5-9	193	SR
10	Jason Ganter	S	6-0	195	SR
11	Lyndell Sargeant	CB	5-10	183	SO
12	Tony Davis	CB	5-10	189	JR
13	A.J. Wallace	DB	6-1	193	FR
14	Jay Alford	DT	6-2	288	SR
15	Anthony Morelli	QB	6-4	220	JR
16	Paul Cianciolo	QB	6-4	252	JR
17	Francis Claude	TE	6-5	252	SO
18	Daryll Clark	QB	6-2	224	SO
19	Navorro Bowman	LB	6-1	214	FR
20	Andy Kubie	LB	6-4	204	SR
21	Tim Shaw	LB	6-1	237	SR
22	Knowledge Timmons	CB	5-10	181	SO
23	Darien Hardy	S	5-10	172	SO
24	Kevin Kelly	K	5-8	203	SR
25	Nolan McCready	S	6-0	202	SR
26	Bredan Perretta	WR	5-7	180	SR
27	Tony Hunt	RB	6-2	230	SR
28	Ben Gummo	S	5-10	177	SO
29	Willie Harriott	CB	5-8	196	SO
30	Graham Zug	WR	6-2	188	FR
31	Brandon Snow	FB	6-1	242	SR
32	Paul Posluszny	LB	6-2	238	SR
33	Brent Carter	RB	6-2	199	FR
34	Austin Scott	RB	6-0	209	SR
35	Matt Hahn	RB	6-0	220	JR
36	Jesse Alfreo	WR	5-11	185	FR
37	Jeremy Kapinos	P	6-1	235	SR
38	Spencer Riderhour	LB	6-0	241	JR
39	Don Lawlor	FB	6-2	241	JR
40	Doug Rheam	DB	5-9	208	SO
41	Dan Connor	LB	6-3	225	JR
42	Nic Yocum	LB	6-0	214	SR
43	Charles Ramsey	RB	6-0	246	SO
44	Colin Wagner	K	5-9	169	FR
45	Josh Hull	LB	6-2	218	SO
46	Patrick Hall	TE	6-2	251	SR
47	Sean Lee	LB	6-2	222	SO
48	Tyrell Sales	LB	6-2	234	SO
49	Josh Gaines	DE	6-1	263	JR
50	Maurice Evans	DE	6-2	256	FR
51	Brandon Ream	P	6-2	201	SR
52	Mike Luciano	G	6-2	276	JR
53	Joe Cianciolo	LB	6-0	224	SR
54	Dontey Brown	LB	6-2	231	JR
55	Steve Roach	DT	6-1	308	SR
56	Jed Hill	DE	6-2	251	JR
57	Tom McEwen	DT	6-4	279	JR
58	Austin Hinton	G	6-2	289	JR
59	Chris Mauriello	LB	6-1	234	SR
60	A.Q. Shipley	C	6-1	297	JR
61	Greg Harrison	G	6-3	290	JR
62	Aaron Maybin	DE	6-4	226	FR
63	Patrick Weber	C/G	6-1	271	SR
64	Ross Muir	C	6-3	273	JR
65	Joe Toriello	G	6-4	309	JR
66	Rich Ohrnberger	G	6-2	296	JR
67	Robert Price	G	6-0	299	SR
68	Levi Brown	T	6-5	328	SR
69	Mark Farris	T	6-5	282	SR
70	Dennis Landolt	LB	6-4	291	SO
71	Lee Kuzenchak	T	6-4	297	SR
72	Gerald Cadogan	G	6-5	311	JR
73	Lou Eliades	OL	6-4	294	FR
74	John Shaw	T	6-4	299	SR
75	Chris Auletta	T	6-4	300	SR
76	Mark Rubin	WR	6-3	213	JR
77	Brennan Coakley	TE	6-4	234	SO
78	Mickey Shuler	FB	6-4	234	SO
79	Kevin Cousins	WR	6-3	206	SO
80	James McDonald	WR	6-2	189	SO
81	Ollie Ogbu	DT	6-1	278	FR
82	Chris Rogers	DL	6-2	257	JR
83	Kevin Darlin	TE	6-3	242	SR
84	Jordan Lyons	TE	6-5	249	JR
85	Nick Daise	LS	6-0	226	SR
86	Jared Odrick	DE	6-5	280	FR
87	Ed Johnson	DT	6-2	290	SR
88	Chris Baker	DT	6-1	290	SO
89	Tom Golarz	DE	6-1	232	SO
90	Elijah Robinson	DT	6-2	287	JR
91	Jim Shaw	DT	6-3	264	SR

NOTRE DAME

PENN STATE

ANALYSIS

LIONS RUSHING

Notre Dame's run defense had a slow start against Georgia Tech but it picked up the slack in the second half. The Irish held Yellow Jackets tailbacks Tashard Choice and Rashaun Grant to a measly 64 yards on 17 carries.

Penn State gained just 74 yards on the ground against Akron — 42 of those coming on a single run by A.J. Wallace. The Nittany Lions feature tailback is Tony Hunt, who carried the ball 14 times for 36 yards in the victory.

Notre Dame's defensive line will be able to stop the unproven Penn State rushing attack if it can play like it did in the second half against Georgia Tech. Travis Thomas and Maurice Crum must hit the line fast when defensive coordinator Rick Minter calls stunts.

LIONS PASSING

Anthony Morelli will be making his first career road start against an Irish defense that is vastly improved. He must avoid mistakes for the second straight week after throwing three touchdowns in 32 attempts in Penn State's opener.

Despite surrendering 111 yards to Tech wide receiver Calvin Johnson, the Irish secondary held the Yellow Jackets to just 140 yards passing. Minter showed more nickel packages than he did last year, using freshman Darrin Walls in the scheme.

Penn State and Notre Dame entered the season with significant questions in this matchup. Both teams performed above expectations in Week 1, but it remains to be seen if Zbikowski and Notre Dame will outplay Morelli and Penn State.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Besides the woeful right foot of Carl Gioia, Notre Dame's special teams excelled against Georgia Tech. Geoff Price averaged more than 50 yards a punt, Bobby Renkes had two touchbacks and George West, David Grimes and Tom Zbikowski all had strong returns.

Sophomore Kevin Kelly has a decent leg on kickoffs and field goals but had as many out of bounds (1) as touchbacks. Punter Jeremy Kaphios had a poor game, averaging 34.5 yards a kick. Return specialist Derrick Williams has the ability to take it to the house on any play.

Notre Dame will win the field position battle if it comes down to punting but may struggle if the game comes down to field goals. The Irish return men give Notre Dame the advantage after the strong showing in Atlanta.

INTANGIBLES

The last time these two teams played was the Snow Bowl of 1992, when Reggie Brooks caught a two-point conversion in the final seconds to give the Irish the 17-16 win. Brooks still works for Notre Dame — now in the Office of Information Technologies.

Only Bobby Bowden has more wins at the Division 1-A level than Joe Paterno. The legend of Pennsylvania will have his team ready to play a top opponent on the road to prove that Penn State's resurgence was not a one-year fluke.

Notre Dame will have the crowd louder than usual for the home opener, and the lore of past wins and "Irish Impact" will carry the team. Penn State has its positives, but not enough to match Notre Dame.



Ken Fowler
Sports Editor

Notre Dame must eliminate the sloppiness with which it played against Georgia Tech in order to beat Penn State. After a week of no media access for the Nittany Lions, Joe Paterno will have his squad focused entirely on the game plan and strategy. But the Irish win because Quinn's determination to improve will rub off on the entire offense. Penn State will hang tough but fade at the end.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31
Penn State 17**



Kate Gales
Associate
Sports Editor

The Irish worked out their offensive kinks against a top Georgia Tech squad, and their defense gained valuable experience. Notre Dame's pass rush is too much for Morelli, and the secondary is able to contain Deon Butler and Derrick Williams. Penn State's defense cannot contain an Irish offensive explosion.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34
Penn State 17**

Irish experts

Sizing up the Irish and the Lions

	Notre Dame	Penn State
Points Scored	14	34
Points Allowed	10	16
Total Yards Gained	384	282
Total Yards Allowed	259	225
Rushing Yards Gained	138	76
Rushing Yards Allowed	119	33
Passing Yards Gained	246	206
Passing Yards Allowed	140	192
Turnovers Lost	0	1
Turnovers Recovered	0	3



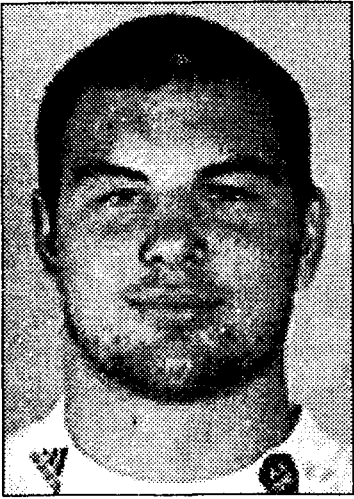
KEY MATCHUP





PENN STATE
PASSING OFFENSE

Anthony Morelli completed 16-of-32 passes for 206 yards against Akron in his first collegiate start. The canon-armed red-shirt junior was heavily recruited out of high school, but is short on experience against top college competition. Morelli will have no shortage of talented receivers, including Jordan Norwood, who had seven catches for 61 yards and a touchdown against the Zips and Deon Butler, whose 37 catches led the team last season. Running back Tony Hunt is a threat to catch the ball out of the backfield.



NOTRE DAME
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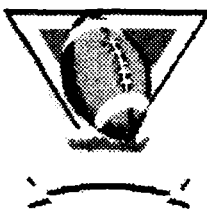
The much-maligned Irish secondary was better than expected against Georgia Tech, but the Nittany Lions have a much deeper receiving corps than the Yellow Jackets. Defensive coordinator Rick Minter employed a lot of nickel packages last week, inserting young defensive backs Darrin Walls, Ray Herring and Terrail Lambert in various situations. Minter will probably use extra defensive backs again this week to combat the speed of Norwood, Butler and Derrick Williams, especially if Penn State goes to the air early.

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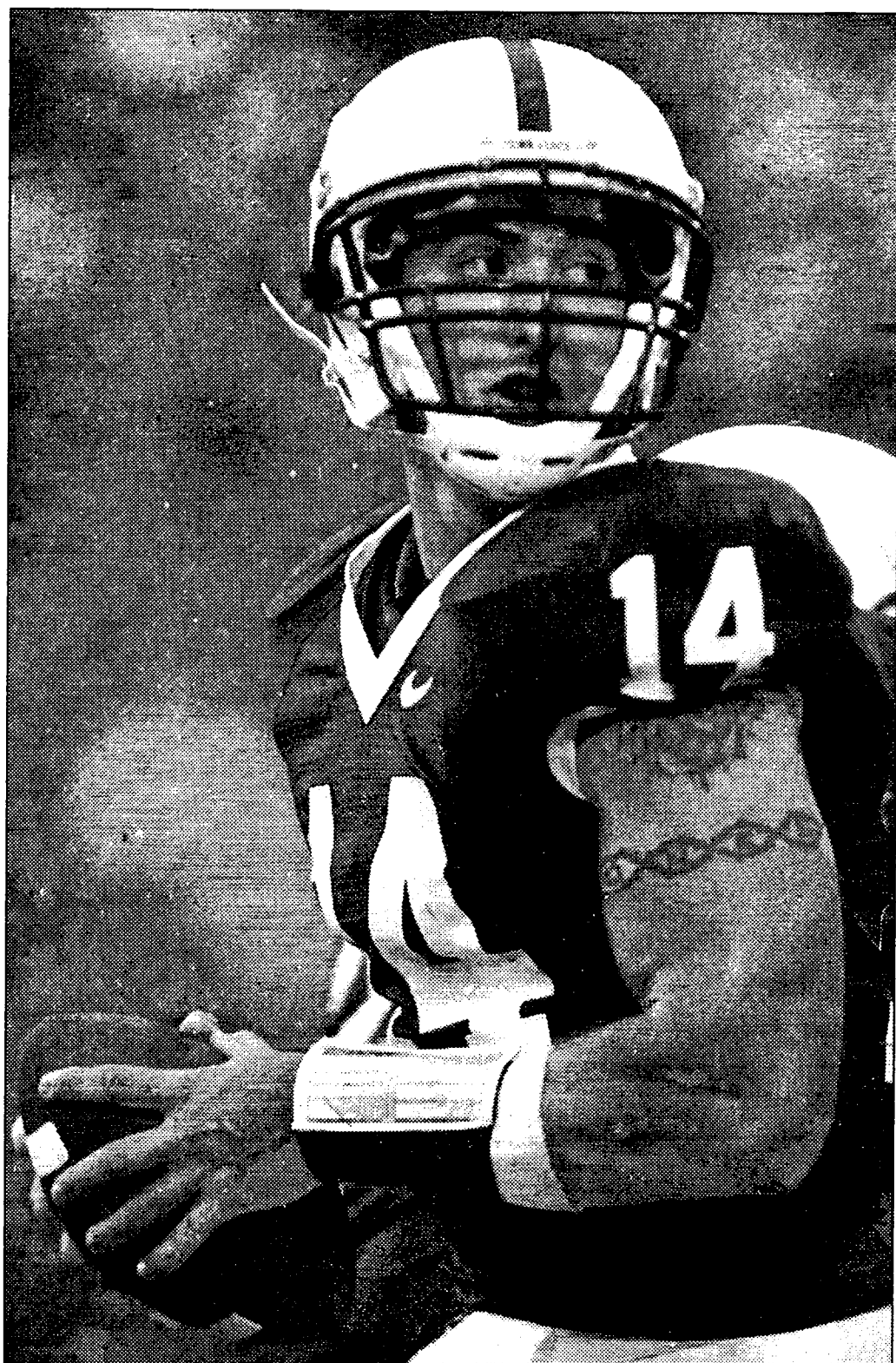
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Morelli faces his first road test as a starter



Nittany Lions sophomore quarterback Anthony Morelli drops back to pass during Penn State's 34-16 victory over Akron Saturday.

Junior completed half of his passes last week in poor weather

By KATE GALES and
KEN FOWLER
Sports Writers

Beneath a driving rain, Anthony Morelli dropped back on his first pass attempt in his first game as a starter. Morelli quieted a lot of critics — and earned the loyalty of just as many Penn State fans — with the throw.

He hit Deon Butler deep for a 42-yard score less than five minutes into the game to give the Nittany Lions an early lead they would not surrender.

So much for defenses feasting on an inexperienced quarterback.

"His first throw of the year goes to the house on a bomb," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said of the play. "That doesn't fire me up too much."

So Weis spent a lot of time this week preparing for the junior signal-caller.

"A drop-back quarterback is a drop-back quarterback," he said. "You can name him however you want — his name hap-

pens to be Morelli."

Against Akron, Morelli finished 16-of-32 for 206 yards with three touchdown passes and no interceptions against the Zips in Penn State's 34-16 win.

Even so, that wasn't good enough for his coach.

"I think Morelli did a really good job until he started to get a little bit [tentative] on some of his reads. ... We've got a lot of work ahead of us," Penn State coach Joe Paterno said in his weekly teleconference Tuesday.

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Joe Paterno
Nittany Lions head coach

Ball, the Irish will face a classic pocket passer in Morelli as he makes his first start on the road for the Nittany Lions.

"He's young but he seems like he's experienced when he's throwing the ball," Irish defensive back Mike Richardson said.

Morelli, 6-foot-3 and 195 pounds, has limited mobility. But that doesn't mean the Irish

defensive line doesn't need to pressure the quarterback.

"[You can't] give this guy any time to throw because this guy has a cannon for an arm," Weis said. "He's tall, he can stand there, he can see things."

"He's young but he seems like he's experienced when he's throwing the ball."

Mike Richardson
Irish defensive back

It's up to Penn State's offensive line to give Morelli a chance to get comfortable in the pocket. The line returned only senior left tackle Levi Brown from last season, and the Nittany Lions rushed for only 36 yards in the home opener. This week in practice, Paterno added Elijah Robinson, a 6-foot-2, 287-pound defensive lineman, to the offensive line.

But Morelli will still need time to find open receivers like Butler and speedy Derrick Williams, who broke his arm against Michigan last year.

Weis has already done the homework on how best to attack the Nittany Lions offense.

"Each week you have to evaluate the quarterback, the offensive line — you have to evaluate the protection schemes," he said. "It isn't just the quarterback, it's who's blocking and protecting the quarterback."

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Irish line hopes to dominate in the trenches

Nittany Lions' front 7 allowed just 33 yards rushing against Akron

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's offensive line can't focus on any mistakes it made against Georgia Tech. It'll have a big enough task handling Penn State this Saturday.

The Nittany Lions surrendered just 33 yards rushing to Akron last weekend in a dominant performance. The hybrid 4-3-4 defense that Penn State utilizes surrendered just 225 as a whole.

Jay Alford, a 6-foot-3, 288-pound senior lines up at left tackle, next to fellow seniors Ed Johnson at right tackle and Jim Shaw on the right end.

Athletic senior linebacker/line-man Tim Shaw lines up at the left end position on the defensive line in a two-point stance. At 6-foot-1 and 237 pounds, Shaw creates problems for offensive lines.

He had two tackles against Akron, resulting in 15 yards lost for the Zips.

"I think Tim Shaw did a good job, and he's a good athlete who can run," Nittany Lions coach Joe Paterno said during a teleconference Tuesday. "I want to keep him in the football game."

The Irish offensive line didn't

have as good of a showing against Tech, allowing two sacks of quarterback Brady Quinn and 10 "hurries."

For the Irish, last Saturday was a game they'd rather forget.

"I don't want to focus on Georgia Tech and compare the two teams," senior center John Sullivan said.

Four-year starting left tackle Ryan Harris echoed Sullivan's comments about the "lesser performance" of the offensive line against the Yellow jackets.

"There are peaks and valleys in a game and in a season, and we will overcome [the performance against Tech]," he said. "This is something you've got to put behind you. You learn from it ... and you move on."

Harris made two costly penalties in the fourth quarter against the Yellow Jackets, a 15-yard leg whip and a 10-yard holding call.

"The penalties really hurt us," Harris said. "You can't play a good game with the amount of penalties we had, myself included."

Freshman starter Sam Young was shaky at times, but Harris said Young, for the most part, "held his own."

"When [Young] came in, he was a little nervous ... but I think he calmed down," Harris said. "We're proud of him."

Young will have to deal with Shaw this time — and that's a battle Harris thinks the freshman can win.

"Nothing [Young] does surpris-

es us, and we really feel he's going to be one of the best tackles in the country," Harris said.

Offensive line coach John Latina said Penn State's depth will cause a problem if Notre Dame's offensive line wears down toward the end of the game.

"They have a lot of good ath-

letes," he said.

What may be more of a concern is if the Nittany Lions play better against Notre Dame than they did against Akron — and that's exactly what Paterno is hoping for.

"I think a good football team gets better from the first game to the second game of the year

more than between any other games of the year," he said.

If the Irish don't come out much better than they did against the Yellow Jackets, it could be a long day for Notre Dame.

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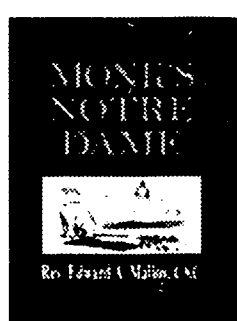


Irish offensive linemen John Sullivan, left, and Bob Morton, right, block for quarterback Brady Quinn in Notre Dame's 14-10 victory over Georgia Tech last week.

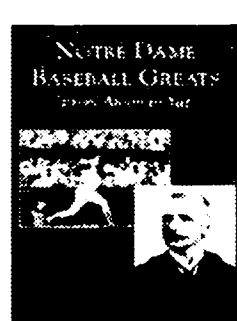
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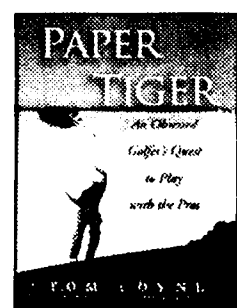
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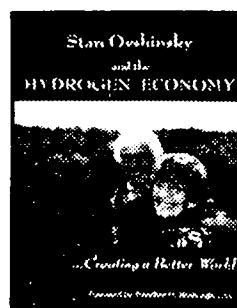
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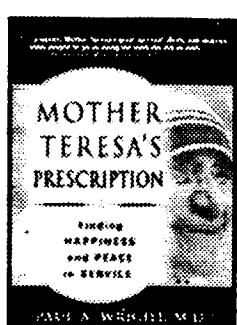
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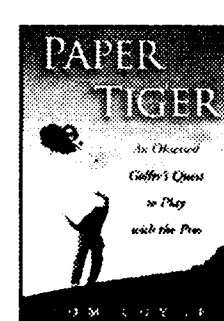


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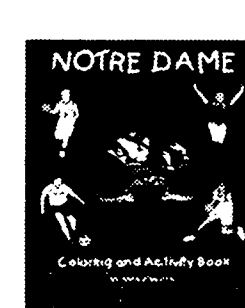
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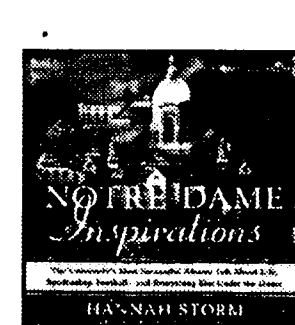
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