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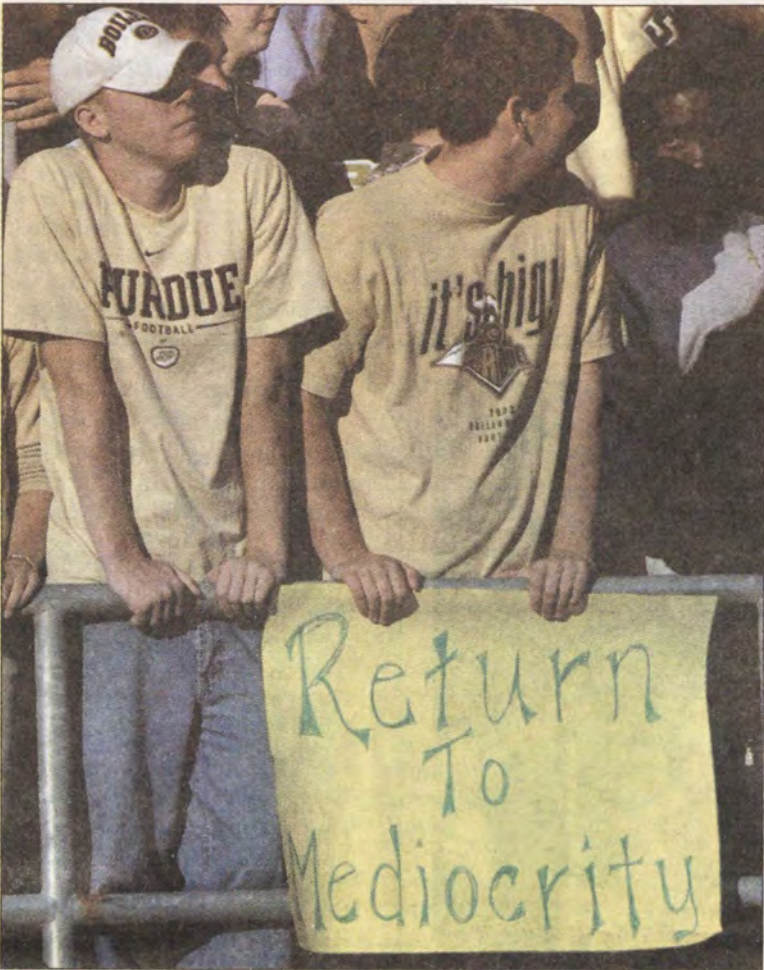
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Struggling team disheartens some fans



By KATHERINE GALES
News Writer

The unseasonable cold seems to have sent some fair-weather Notre Dame football fans scurrying for cover, as the 1-3 start prompts some spectators are losing faith in their team.

Last year, head coach Tyrone Willingham made national headlines by turning around the program with eight straight wins at the beginning of the 2002 season. The solid defense left behind by Bob Davie and the discipline and authority Willingham brought to the team contributed to the Irish's early success.

This year, the team's record "is frustrating," said Alumni sophomore Adam Staats, "but you have to take into consideration that it's only the second year Willingham has been here. I don't think anyone thought he would do what he did last year, and the fact that he's struggling at the start of this year [has

people discouraged].

"A lot of the starters aren't his recruits, so you can't really say that it's anybody's fault," he added. "It's a new system, and we have to give it time."

Sorin junior Jim Mooney agreed.

"At least it's not Bob Davie," Mooney said.

This season marks only the sixth time in the last 20 years that the team has started 1-3. Gerry Faust (1985), Lou Holtz (1986) and Bob Davie (1997, 1999, 2001) all posted dismal early-season records that cast a pall over the entire season.

For last weekend's game against Purdue, 500 tickets — 10 percent of Notre Dame's allotment — were returned after the school was unable to sell them. They immediately sold out to Purdue fans in West Lafayette, according to a school press release and the Lafayette Journal and Courier.

However, according to senior Erin Horne, spirit was not lacking from those student fans able to attend the Purdue game.

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ND ROTC Air Force cadets honored

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

While most Notre Dame students were occupied with internships, family vacations and summer service projects, many Air Force ROTC cadets spent their summers at Field Training. Typically done the summer before junior year, Field Training is an intensive four-week experience designed to develop leadership skills in cadets, who will go on to become Air Force officers.

This year, Detachment 225 — consisting of students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Valparaiso, Indiana University-South Bend, Bethel and Holy Cross — graduated 27 cadets from the program. Field Training courses were held at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, at Tyndall AFB near Panama City, Fla. and at Ellsworth AFB in rural South Dakota.

Several Notre Dame cadets received awards based on their performance during the training program. Cadets Ann Marie Draper and Greg Conners were recognized as Distinguished Graduates, an award limited to the top 10 percent of each field training class.

Cadets Matt Crosser, Angela Gamache, Pat McMorro and Dan Santiago were recognized as Superior Performers, representing the next 10 percent of the class.

"Field training is not fun at all, but you're a better person coming out of it," Crosser said.

McMorro said the competi-

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Top left, Purdue fans display their opinion of the Irish season thus far. Above, Notre Dame fans stay quiet during Saturday's 23-10 loss against Purdue.

Nobel laureate reads at 4th International Dante Seminar

Irish poet Seamus Heaney recites poetry from his collection

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

The McKenna Hall auditorium exceeded capacity Friday night as faculty and students gathered to hear Nobel laureate Seamus Heaney read from his acclaimed body of poetry.

The reading was a highly anticipated component of the 4th International Dante Seminar, held this year at Notre Dame.

"Seamus Heaney is easily the most important Irish writer alive today, and his visit to campus is a major cultural event," said English professor Mary Burgess.

The Irish poet said he chose his readings for the seminar, entitled "Dante's Cultures," "with a sense of Dantesque." He described his relationship to Dante as "reverent."

Heaney's "Dantesque" poems included a selection from his *Lightenings*, two elegies for assassinated Irishmen, two sonnets for his deceased parents, and "St. Kevin and the Blackbird," a "vision" about which he spoke in his 1995 Nobel Prize lecture.

Heaney's poems have explored "in depth the pain of Ireland's political situation in the recent Troubles — what Heaney called in his Nobel acceptance speech 'the history

of the harrowing of the heart in Northern Ireland,'" said Christopher Fox, director of the Keough Institute for Irish Studies.

Notre Dame's Keough Institute for Irish Studies and the Devers Program in Dante Studies sponsored Heaney's reading. Heaney played an instrumental role in the establishment of the Irish Studies program at Notre Dame, Fox said in his introductory speech on Friday.

The reading came at a particularly apt time, for "the Dante Studies program at Notre Dame has been estab-

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SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Nobel laureate Seamus Heaney read works from his poetry collection Friday for members of the Notre Dame community.

INSIDE COLUMN

One step at a time

Apparently I'm living in the ghetto — at least that's what my friends, parents and the cab driver I met Saturday morning say.

Personally, based on the two months that I've lived there, I love Lafayette. I'll admit it's not in the best of neighborhoods by any means, but the positives definitely outweigh the negatives.

Our apartment is clean and spacious with three floors and four bedrooms. Sure, I sound like a promotion brochure, but it's true. My three roommates and I looked at a variety of other complexes and houses before deciding on Lafayette. Our rent and utilities are cheaper than most and we each have our own room (granted, two of them are 8x10, but luckily, not mine).

The location is close to both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame as well. After several trial runs, I've even discovered the most time efficient route to both campuses — a mere three minutes to Notre Dame and five to Saint Mary's. Unfortunately, this fails to guarantee my showing up at class on time. Crossing South Bend Avenue while simultaneously unwrapping my NutriGrain bar, opening my Gatorade, applying lip gloss and dodging bikers can also be a bit of a challenge.

In addition, the distance to Notre Dame Stadium or, more importantly, the parking lots surrounding the Stadium, is shorter and more convenient than that from Saint Mary's.

So on to the negatives. It did make me a bit nervous moving in and having the family across the street observe from their front porch as I unpacked my life from my car. It was also interesting joining my roommates in watching the spectacle our back neighbors made by screaming and stopping traffic in the street a few nights later.

My mom was less than pleased when "Karen" approached us in the parking lot a couple of weeks ago, asking if she could come inside for something to eat. The look on her face was priceless as she realized that raising her daughter in a relatively safe Detroit suburb was quite a contrast from Eddy and Lafayette streets in South Bend, Ind.

Like most in my situation, I am well-aware of the danger I may face, especially when walking from the street to my apartment at 3 a.m. after a long night of studying, going out with friends, working late at The Observer, or whatever the case may be. I'm well aware, but I'm not as frightened as maybe I should be. Go ahead and shake your head if you must. I consider it more of a learning experience than anything else, and I'm certainly not looking to tempt fate in the process.

This is only preparation for what I may face next year as I (hopefully) head to Chicago. I'm just taking things one step at a time.

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Saint Mary's Editor

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



Chris Gehring
Sophomore Sorin

"Brady Quinn's got nice guns."



Kate Sheehy
Sophomore Welsh Family

"I didn't watch it."



Erik Powers
Sophomore Sorin

"I'll never eat Purdue chicken again."



Jen Mulreany
Sophomore Breen Phillips

"Brady Quinn's arms are awesome."



Pat Flaherty
Sophomore Sorin

"I liked the first three quarters and then I switched over to Three Ninjas."



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Students and faculty listen intently as Nobel laureate Seamus Heaney reads from his acclaimed collection of poetry Friday. Heaney, who hails from Ireland, was chosen to read at the seminar entitled "Dante's Cultures" based on his admiration of Dante's work.

OFFBEAT

Man sues after being locked in toilet

NORFOLK, Va. — A sudden, irresistible urge. A portable toilet. A confrontation with an angry construction worker. Now, a federal lawsuit.

William Tremmel, 68, of Altoona, Pa., needed to go. Badly. So he dashed to the nearest portable toilet on the Virginia Beach boardwalk.

Problem was, it belonged to construction workers for Weeks Marine, a company hired by the city to replenish the beach. And those workers were fed up with outsiders using the compa-

ny can.

They retaliated, Tremmel claims in a lawsuit filed last month, by driving a bulldozer or front-end loader to the toilet and blocking the doorway, pinning him "inside the rank tomb."

Weeks doesn't deny its employee blocked Tremmel in the toilet but says the worker was within his rights.

Tremmel says he was locked inside for 25 minutes. He claims members of his family shouted at the worker, but the man left and returned with his foreman, who chastised

Tremmel through the closed door and accused him of trespassing.

Cell phones reveal love affairs in Italy

ROME — Italy's love affair with text messaging is having an unexpected consequence: Cell phones have become a leading giveaway of secret affairs.

Snooping spouses are finding amorous messages, as well as inexplicable phone numbers, stored in the memory of mobile phones.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

"Reflection on His Personal Journey and Asian-American Catholicism," will be presented by the Most Reverend Bishop Ignatius Wang, auxiliary bishop, Archdiocese of San Francisco and the first Asian-American Catholic Bishop today in Jordan Auditorium, at the Mendoza College of Business. The bishop will then preside at the 5:15 p.m. Mass in the Basilica.

The lecture "Bioweapons — Past and Present Warfare," will be presented by Charles Kulpa from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. tonight on the second floor of Galvin Life Sciences. Everyone is invited to come learn more about this important topic in current events.

Join friends at Legends tonight for the Monday Night Football Game Watch from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Farook Kathwari, chief executive officer of Ethan Allen Inc., will present a lecture entitled "Leadership Principles" Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business. The lecture is part of the Cardinal O'Hara Lecture Series in Business Ethics.

Come support the Notre Dame women's soccer team as they take on Indiana State Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

A Defining Life Discussion Panel featuring prominent university professors will be held Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Student Lounge.

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

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Hockey team raises money for charity

Fund assists coaches, athletes with cancer

By WILL PUCKETT
News Writer

Many Irish fans turned out for the hockey team's Blue-Gold scrimmage Sunday, eager to show their pride for the team and partake in an opportunity to help others.

While admission to the game was free, donations were taken up for the Hockey Coaches Foundation.

The Hockey Coaches Foundation provides assistance to athletes and coaches who are faced with cancer or other life-threatening illnesses. The foundation began in September 2001 in memory of former University of Maine hockey coach Shawn Walsh, who died of cancer.

Since its start, the organization has helped many people; said head Irish hockey coach Dave Poulin.

"This is the fourth year donations have gone to [the Foundation], and we think it's a great thing to help out. It's really grown a lot over the past few years," Poulin said.

The game was special on a more personal level for the

team, as well. Each player and member of the coaching staff played the game in memory of someone they know who has been impacted by cancer. According to Poulin, this has been one of the key points of the scrimmage's involvement with the Hockey Coaches Foundation.

"I think one of the best things is that all of our players were playing in memory of someone affected by cancer," Poulin said.

"It gives us a chance to honor someone we know who has battled this disease."

While the Irish showed their support on the ice, many in the stands supported through donations. Sophomore Tim Stawicki said it looked to him

like many students had responded to the call for donations through their contributions.

"I came in about a half an hour late, and as I donated, it looked like they had a lot of money collected at the table," Stawicki said. "It's really great that people came together and contributed for such a good cause."

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Dave Poulin
hockey coach

Toths win SMC freshman election

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Ashley Toth and Claudia Toth won the Saint Mary's freshman class council elections Friday with 55 percent of votes, becoming class vice president and president, respectively.

McCandless residents Claudia and Ashley Toth, who are not related, will lead the freshman class for the remainder of the 2003-04 academic year.

Primary elections took place Tuesday via PRISM, after which the ticket was narrowed from six candidates to two: Monica Lindblom/Kristen Bogdanowicz and Claudia Toth/Ashley Toth. The Toth ticket was behind by three percent of votes following Tuesday's election.

In order to make themselves known to their class, Claudia and Ashley campaigned until the last

possible minute.

"The last night, we went around a second time to all the dorms, to each room," Claudia said. "I was very, very excited. I was very nervous the whole night."

The Lindblom/Bogdanowicz ticket garnered 44 percent of the vote, with a total of 32 percent of the first-year class voting.

The Toths intend to begin their work immediately.

"Ashley and I had a list of things that we wanted to accomplish on our platform," Claudia Toth said. "We will probably start with the surveys — getting the class' ideas and going from there."

Their platform consisted of several main points, including maintaining a line of communication between freshmen and student government, working to establish a "Belles General Store," establishing better relationships with

the Notre Dame freshman class and continuing class apparel.

The surveys fall under the communication goal, Claudia Toth said. She will soon be sending an e-mail to the entire freshman class with contact information.

"I'm available to them if they need anything at any time. That would be the one thing I would stress to them," Claudia Toth said. "We want to listen to the needs of our classmates so we can get done what we need to do for them. We work for them."

Students will receive e-mails from the newly elected officers on a regular basis. Claudia Toth intends to send out surveys monthly. E-mail will also be used to notify freshmen of happenings at student government meetings.

"We want to keep the class updated constantly," she said.

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Cardinal George to deliver keynote address

Special to The Observer

Cardinal Francis George, archbishop of Chicago, will give the keynote address at an ecumenical conference of scholars, students, professional people and social activists at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in McKenna Hall auditorium.

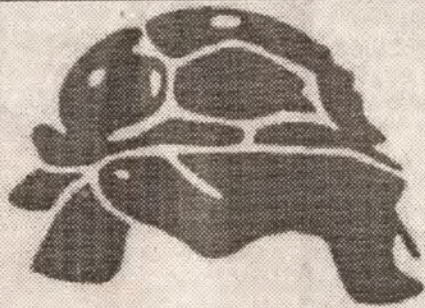
The conference, "Formation and Renewal," is being sponsored by the University's Center for Ethics and Culture to explore "sources of moral and spiritual renewal, reform, and formation in a culture marked by the loss of meaning

and direction."

George, who has served as archbishop of Chicago since 1997, has written, edited or contributed chapters to numerous books, including "Inculturation and Ecclesial Communion," "Evangelizing American Culture," "The Church and Cultures," "The Church and the Kingdom," "Bishops and the Splendor of Truth," "Missionaries and Native Peoples of North America: Lessons for the Church Today," "Justice," "Bishops and Theologians" and "Knowledge of God."

More than 100 papers will be presented during the conference, which will include two panel discussions of particular interest to the Notre Dame community.

At 10:45 a.m. Oct. 3, John McGreevy, associate professor and chair of history, will discuss his recent book, "Catholicism and American Freedom," with Notre Dame colleagues Father Michael Baxter, assistant professor of theology, Phillip Gleason, professor emeritus of history, and Alasdair MacIntyre, professor of philosophy.



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Fans

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tailgating — it didn't seem like there were less than there would usually be at an away game," she said. "The students I was with were standing on the bleachers, doing cheers the band played. I didn't notice a huge decline in fan participation."

Despite this, students did not appear to be interested in watching the game. As the fourth quarter began, students were more interested in pick-up football on South Quad than in watching their team.

"I think we're still 100 percent behind the team despite the slow start this season," said Jeff Serpas, a Dillon senior and band drum major. "Especially the band; we're there playing the Victory March no matter what the score is. We're just trying to

motivate and inspire the team and the fans as best we can."

Although some people are less enthusiastic about the football team as they rebuild, most fans appear to be just as fervent about the sport that made Notre Dame famous.

"As far as losing faith in the football team, fans of Notre Dame football are notorious for being overly critical of players,

coaches or entire teams when they don't play up to the high expectations everyone has of them," said Jim Theiss, a Knott freshman. "It's easy to assume that we're going to be upset after a 1-3 start this year, especially after last season's success, but that is one thing we can't forget through these tough

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tion was tough. "There were a lot of top cadets, and it was an honor to be included among them," he said.

Several cadets also recently received awards unrelated to field training. Cadet Wendy Kosek, a senior, was awarded to Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement. This award recognizes four rising Air Force ROTC seniors nationally for military and academic performance. Kosek said that while she appreciates the award, she didn't set out to chase it. "It means a lot to receive an award for doing what I enjoy," she said.

Athletic prowess also garnered awards for the detachment. Junior cadet and twin sisters Keri and Kelsi Matwick

joined the elite "500 Club," named after the maximum possible score on their Air Force Physical Fitness Test. Kelsi said the sisters' close relationship helped their motivation.

"When we realized how close we were, we wanted to just try and get it," she said. Keri agreed, adding "we helped each other a lot."

Cadet Mimi Ledet was also recognized by the Society of Military Engineers as one of the top 20 Air Force ROTC engineering students in the nation.

"I was shocked ... I certainly wasn't expecting anything like that," Ledet said. She added that she hopes the award will help motivate younger cadets. "I feel like I have to set an example for the underclassmen," she said. "It sets the bar even higher."

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Gorilla flees from zoo, injures two

Associated Press

BOSTON — A restless gorilla broke out of its zoo enclosure Sunday injuring a 2-year-old and a teenager before it was sedated and recaptured almost two hours later, according to zoo officials.

The gorilla escaped from the Franklin Park Zoo minutes before the zoo was scheduled to close, according to Zoo New England CEO and President John Linehan.

The gorilla injured the young girl and an 18-year-old woman almost immediately after escaping, Linehan said. A witness told police she later saw the gorilla sitting at a bus stop on a street near the zoo.

"We've had a very difficult evening, and we feel very badly about the adult and young child injured. We don't know the extent of their injuries, but we think they'll be OK," he said.

Heaney

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lishing an international reputation," Fox said.

The Nobel Laureate visited Notre Dame in 1995, shortly after he won the Nobel Prize for Literature.

"Heaney's return trip here this September in some sense echoes the two visits by another Irish Nobel Laureate to Notre Dame, William Butler Yeats at the beginning of the twentieth century and again in the 1930s,"

Fox said.

Burgess said of Heaney's 1995 visit, "The last time Heaney was here was shortly after he was awarded the Nobel Prize, and people drove from Chicago, Nebraska and Detroit to hear him."

The seminar and Heaney's second visit drew an international crowd of scholars to the University.

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"The judgement of a politician's morality ought to be made on the basis of how clean a smell he leaves behind."

— George Orwell (1903-1950), British author of "1984" and "Animal Farm"

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Japan offers aid to Africa

TOKYO — Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, opening a major donor conference Monday, pledged \$1 billion in new aid for education and health care in Africa.

The money, to be dispersed over five years, will help fund AIDS treatment, vaccinations and building schools and facilities for drinking water.

Koizumi's announcement came at the start of a three-day conference in Tokyo on fighting poverty and promoting sustainable development in Africa.

Heads of state from 23 African countries and representatives of leading donor nations and aid groups will discuss infectious diseases, conflict prevention and investment on the continent during the meeting.

Pope names new church princes

VATICAN CITY — Amid concerns about his frail health, Pope John Paul II appointed 31 cardinals Sunday, acting months earlier than expected and strengthening his influence on the group that will choose his successor.

The new "princes" of the church include senior Vatican officials and diocesan leaders from 20 countries. They will receive their red hats at a ceremony known as a consistory on Oct. 21 — a date chosen to coincide with the weeklong celebrations marking John Paul's 25th anniversary as pope.

Several names mentioned in the Italian media as possible new cardinals weren't on the pope's list — including Archbishop Sean O'Malley, who took over the Boston archdiocese to clean it up from the sex abuse scandal that rocked the American church.

NATIONAL NEWS

White House leak investigated

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department is investigating allegations that White House officials revealed the identity of a CIA agent whose husband had questioned President Bush's claim that Iraq had tried to buy uranium from Africa.

The matter has been referred to the department, which "will now take appropriate action, whatever that is," national security adviser Condoleezza Rice said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

She said she was unaware of any White House involvement in the matter.

"I know nothing of any such White House effort to reveal any of this, and it certainly would not be the way that the president would expect his White House to operate," Condoleezza Rice told "Fox News Sunday."

She pledged White House cooperation in the inquiry.

A senior Bush administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the Justice Department has received a letter from CIA Director George Tenet to look into the matter.

The department and the FBI now are trying to determine whether there was a violation of the law and, if so, then whether a full-blown criminal investigation is warranted, the official said.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana business burns

NEW PARIS, Ind. — A wind-driven fire destroyed a rural northern Indiana building owned by a farm equipment supply company, causing about \$700,000 in damage, fire officials said.

The cause of the fire at Dennis Polk Equipment was still under investigation, but Fire Chief Joe Warstler said there was a possibility that the fire started as a result of a lightning strike.

More than 50 firefighters from five fire departments spent more than five hours at the fire, which broke out late Friday night near New Paris, about 25 miles southeast of South Bend.

A 60-by-150-foot building was burning heavily when crews arrived, and swift winds helped the flames spread, Warstler said. Firefighters used about 800,000 gallons of water.

COLOMBIA

Blast kills 11 in Colombian club

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — A bomb blew up outside an upscale nightclub in southwestern Colombia on Sunday, killing at least 11 people and wounding 48. The attack cast new doubt on President Alvaro Uribe's promises to crush a 39-year rebel insurgency.

The bombing was blamed on leftist rebels and appeared to be part of a nationwide campaign of violence aimed at thwarting regional elections scheduled for Oct. 25. Rebels have assassinated politicians, disabled rail and communication links and blown up bridges.

Revelers were heading home after a Saturday night out at a popular Bar Rosa in Florencia, 235 miles southwest of the capital Bogota, when the bomb went off. The device was attached to a motorcycle and sent debris flying into the air, shattering windows and cutting down passersby.

"This is an indescribable act of terrorism," said Florencia police chief Rafael Parra. "The bomb clearly targeted the civilian population."

Parra blamed the attack on the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, the nation's largest rebel group, and offered \$17,500 for information leading to an arrest.

The wounded overwhelmed the city's only fully equipped hospital. Officials appealed for blood donations.

"This is a small city that does not have the infrastructure to treat so many injured," Parra said.

The dead included a 9-year-old child and two police officers.

"I had been partying with office colleagues and was waiting for a taxi when the explosion occurred," an



Police officers and relatives carry the body of an unidentified police officer who was killed at a nightclub in Florencia, Colombia.

unidentified victim, suffering from burns to her face and arms, told RCN television from a hospital bed in Florencia. "Everything was thrown into the air, everybody was screaming."

Security forces have responded to recent attacks by carrying out mass arrests of thousands of suspected rebel fighters, leading to the seizure of several arms caches.

The vast of majority of killings by rebels have occurred in poor villages in the countryside, while Colombia's major cities have been mostly spared from the worst of the violence until recently.

But Sunday's attack — along with a February bombing in Bogota that killed 36 people — underscored the government's

inability to safeguard affluent neighborhoods more than a year after Uribe took over as president on pledges of restoring the state's authority and defeating the rebels. The insurgents have waged war for 39 years, and about 3,500 people die each year.

Defense Minister Martha Lucia Ramirez visited Florencia and held two hours of emergency meetings with security officials. She appealed for national unity, saying "together we can put a stop to these sorts of terrorist acts."

She said at least 11 were killed and 48 wounded.

Helped by millions of dollars in military aid from the U.S. government, Uribe has launched all-out war on the rebels. Despite the violence, he has seen some

success. Cocaine production, for instance, which finances the rebels and outlawed right-wing paramilitary groups, dropped by one-third in the first seven months of this year, according to a U.N. report.

On Monday, Uribe is due to travel to Washington to secure pledges for continued military aid. He will then deliver a speech at the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

Uribe's campaign to restore order in this South American country suffered another setback two weeks ago when gunmen, believed to be members of the National Liberation Army, or ELN, kidnapped eight foreign tourists from archaeological ruins in the Sierra Nevada mountains of northern Colombia.

Protesters bash Bush administration

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Thousands took to the streets of Hollywood on Sunday to protest the occupation of Iraq in one of several weekend demonstrations around the world criticizing the Bush administration.

An estimated 3,000 people took part in the peaceful march and rally, some chanting, "George Bush, Uncle Sam, Iraq will be your Vietnam," while walking down Sunset Boulevard.

Similar rallies were held in Boston and San Francisco, and followed international protests Saturday in London, Athens, Paris and other cities.

No arrests or injuries were reported in the Los Angeles protest, which drew a diverse group from war veterans to parents with children in strollers. Some demonstrators carried signs saying "Recall Bush" and

"Iraq Equals Quagmire."

"We are supposed to be a democratic, free nation and I want to express my feelings against this criminal administration," said Pilar Hapori, 58, of Garden Grove. "This is a dangerous administration for destroying not only the U.S., but the world."

At the rally, Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich said U.S. troops should be pulled out of Iraq and replaced by international forces.

"We need to get the U.N. in and the U.S. out," Kucinich said. "There can be a way to extricate this nation from the quicksand of Iraq."

Fernando Suarez del Solar of Escondido, whose 20-year-old son died in March while fighting in Iraq, led the crowd in chants of "Bring them home now!"

"My son was a peace lover. He was a soldier for peace, not for oil," said

Suarez, holding a picture of his son in his Marine uniform.

The protest was the first major demonstration in Los Angeles since Saddam Hussein's regime was ousted. Demonstrators also included the Palestinian cause at the rally. Several coffins were rolled through the streets by supporters of the free Palestine movement.

Thousands marched peacefully in downtown San Francisco; organizers placed the number of protesters at 5,000. Police in the city generally do not offer crowd estimates.

In Boston, an estimated 150 protesters demonstrating the government's Iraq policy, the Palestinian cause and other issues waved rainbow flags and chanted as they marched behind a pickup truck from the city's Copley Square to the Park Plaza Hotel. No arrests were reported.

Homeless charged for lengthy stays

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The city's Salvation Army chapter is charging homeless families \$5 a night if they stay at its downtown shelter for more than a week, an apparently unprecedented change that has angered some homeless advocates.

The Louisville organization started the fee this month as an incentive to pull people out of homelessness, said Maj. John Tolan, the agency's director of social services. Some people have been staying for months at the shelter, he said.

The National Coalition for the Homeless and the national Salvation Army in Arlington, Va., knew of no other shelters nationwide that charge families, although some charge individuals.

"It's something we don't agree to, wouldn't support," said Donald Whitehead, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based coalition.

Some homeless advocates are urging the Salvation Army to reverse its policy.

"This is totally unacceptable. It's pathetic," said Marlene Gordon, executive director of the Coalition for the Homeless, which coordinates services among 25 shelters in Louisville and southern Indiana.

Theresa Whitfield, a spokeswoman for the Salvation Army's national headquarters, said local Salvation Army corps make their own decisions about charging for services.

Although the new policy comes as the Louisville Salvation Army copes with a budget crisis that forced it to lay off 12 workers earlier this year, Tolan said the fee is not tied to finances. The charge is well below the \$20 to \$30 it costs to house and feed a person for one night, he said.

Families are permitted to stay without charge for seven nights in the 12-family shelter. After that, they must begin paying \$5 per family at the door each night and meet with a counselor to discuss becoming self-sufficient.

"We are trying to make [families] aware that when they move out of shelter, they need to have a plan," he said.

Tolan said families who can't pay won't be turned away and can earn additional free nights if they show they are working to improve their lives. The shelter also makes exceptions for as people who are disabled or mentally ill.

"We're not putting families out on the street," Tolan said.

The Louisville organization implemented a \$5 charge for individuals several years ago.

Possibility of Confederates lying in state criticized

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A proposal to have the bodies of eight Confederate sailors lie in state in the Capitol has drawn criticism from some who contend giving them the honor would be unfair and disrespectful.

The sailors' remains were recovered when the submarine H.L. Hunley was brought up in 2000 from the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean, where it sank shortly after downing the Union blockade ship Housatonic in 1864. The Hunley was the first submarine to sink an enemy ship during a war.

A Hunley Commission member said no formal request has been made, but a Web site listing details of funeral plans had initially included two days in

the Capitol.

Such an honor has been reserved for sitting or long-serving congressmen in recent years.

Some question whether Confederate soldiers should be honored in such a way, including state Sen. Darrell Jackson, who said he would oppose any plan to give high public honors to the dead Confederates.

"Can you imagine how we would be perceived by the rest of the world honoring these men who fought for slavery?" said Jackson, the descendant of slaves.

State Sen. John Courson, also a Hunley Commission member, said the panel has not requested to have the bodies lie in state, but he said it would be appropriate.

Historic trolleys destroyed in Md. museum blaze

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fire swept through a museum housing historic streetcars in a Washington suburb Sunday, causing \$10 million in damage.

The cause of the overnight fire at the National Capital Trolley Museum in Silver Spring, Md., is not known.

A security alarm brought police and fire crews to the museum around 2 a.m. It took 50 firefighters nearly an hour to extinguish the fire.

Among the eight trolley cars lost was one from 1899. A 1935 trolley was a one-of-a-kind experimental model.

County fire investigators and

members of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives visited the scene and collected evidence, Montgomery County, Md., Fire Department spokesman Pete Piringer said.

A dog trained to detect fire accelerants was also brought in. Piringer said the dog was "useful," but he added that a range of possible causes was being investigated, including the building's electrical system and a severe thunderstorm that rolled through the area.

A statement on the museum's Web site said plans were underway to build a new building for the destroyed streetcars — one that included sprinklers.

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IN BRIEF

Conseco sells GM building

CHICAGO — Conseco Inc. on Friday said it had completed the sale of the General Motors Building to Macklowe Properties Inc. for \$1.4 billion, after months of legal wrangling over the New York skyscraper with Conseco's former partner, Donald Trump.

Conseco, of Carmel, Ind., said the proceeds of the sale, which it put at about \$380 million, would be used to boost reserves required by state insurance regulators.

The sale, valued at about \$735 a square foot, was one of the highest prices ever paid for a New York office building, the company said. Construction on the 705-foot building began in 1964 and was completed in 1968. The north end of the lobby was once used as a showroom for General Motors Co. cars, though the space is now home to CBS broadcasts of "The Early Show."

The price surpassed the early expectations of Conseco, which emerged from federal bankruptcy protection earlier this month. It was the third-largest bankruptcy filing in U.S. history.

Conseco and Trump joined in 1998 to buy the landmark building, located at the southeast corner of Central Park, for \$878 million. As part of the deal, Conseco agreed to make an equity investment of \$211 million and Trump \$11 million.

Gas prices drop significantly

CAMARILLO, Calif. — Retail gas prices slid more than 10 cents per gallon over the past two weeks, the biggest drop in two years, an analyst said Sunday.

The average price for a gallon of self-serve gas nationwide, including all grades and taxes, was about \$1.65 on Friday, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 stations.

That was a decrease of 10.23 cents per gallon since the last Lundberg Survey was taken Sept. 12.

Analyst Trilby Lundberg said the drop was largely driven by an increase in supplies following shortages in August, when electricity blackouts shut down several refineries and a West Coast pipeline rupture halted gasoline deliveries to Phoenix.

GOP discusses energy bill

WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans are cobbling together an energy blueprint substantially more favorable to industry than a Senate-passed bill hailed by Democrats as a victory this summer.

From drilling in an Alaska wildlife refuge to electric utilities' use of renewable fuels, pro-industry views are winning consistent support in negotiations on a final bill.

Democrats are complaining about being shut out from decision-making as the talks move toward a conclusion — possibly by the end of this week — on the first overhaul of the U.S. energy agenda in a decade.

Sen. Pete Domenici, chairman of the House-Senate negotiations, dismisses the Democrats' complaints. The GOP staff has "worked closely" in "open and bipartisan negotiations," said Domenici, R-N.M.

White collar trials begin today

Associated Press

NEW YORK — One defendant is an ex-CEO whose alleged greed came to symbolize the scandals that have wracked Wall Street. The other is a former banking star accused of ordering key documents destroyed.

Former Tyco chief Dennis Kozlowski and banker Frank Quattrone go on trial Monday less than a block apart in lower Manhattan in the first major trials since white-collar corruption erupted in the headlines last year.

And while the charges against each man are different — Kozlowski is accused of grand larceny, Quattrone of obstruction of justice — both trials will be watched closely by the financial community.

"The investing public feels like it has been trampled on by Wall Street," says Christopher J. Bebel, a former Justice Department prosecutor. "And it has a thirst for vengeance that has not been quenched at this point."

Kozlowski and former Tyco financial chief Mark Swartz, who will be tried with him, are accused of turning the conglomerate into their personal piggy bank, looting it to the tune of \$600 million.

Reports after Kozlowski was charged last September showed he spent company money at will on high art and furniture — from a \$6,000 shower curtain to a \$15,000 antique umbrella stand.

In one well-known incident, Tyco picked up half the tab for a \$2 million birthday party for Kozlowski's wife in Italy that featured musician Jimmy Buffett and an ice sculpture of Michelangelo's David.

Besides lavish salaries and perks, Kozlowski and Swartz arranged to be paid \$84 million in unauthorized bonuses, Manhattan prosecutors say.

Both men have pleaded innocent. The pair are expected to argue that the millions they are accused of



Former Tyco financial chief Mark Swartz enters the New York State Supreme Court. Swartz and former Tyco CEO Dennis Kozlowski go on trial today.

stealing were actually loans and bonuses approved by the board and disclosed to outside auditors.

Last week, the judge who will hear the case overruled prosecutors who said the argument should not be allowed, calling it "rhetoric and sophistry" that Kozlowski and Swartz could sell to an unsophisticated jury. The ruling was considered an important victory for the defense.

The key to acquittal will be convincing a jury that the board knew about the compensation, and that Kozlowski worked hard to improve Tyco and deserved the pay, said Robert D. Zatorski, a former New Jersey white-collar crime

prosecutor.

"You have to show that he, in fact, deserved the accusations of wealth," Zatorski said. "There's a big difference between being wealthy and being a criminal."

The trial, at state Supreme Court in Manhattan, is expected to last several months. Kozlowski, 56, and Swartz, 43, could each get 30 years in jail if convicted on grand larceny and other lesser counts.

The Quattrone obstruction trial, just down the street at a federal courthouse in lower Manhattan, features fairly simple evidence and is expected to last only two to three weeks.

Quattrone was a highly

influential investment banker at Credit Suisse First Boston during the 1990s. At the height of the dot-com boom, he was paid tens of millions of dollars a year to help take technology companies public.

He is accused of encouraging CSFB employees to get rid of documents that were being sought by a grand jury and regulators looking into how CSFB doled out shares of initial public offerings.

The government says Quattrone deliberately obstructed justice on Dec. 5, 2000, when he distributed an e-mail proposed by one of his subordinates that urged workers to "catch up on file cleaning before the holidays."

GERMANY

Daimler-Chrysler CEO quits NYSE

Associated Press

FRANKFURT — Daimler-Chrysler's chairman and chief executive, Juergen E. Schrempp, is leaving the New York Stock Exchange's board of directors following the salary furor involving NYSE leader Dick Grasso, a spokesman for the auto giant said Sunday.

Schrempp becomes the second director to leave the board, which has been under pressure to reform its practices since the disclosure of Grasso's \$187.5 million pay package sparked public condemnation.

On Thursday, lead director H. Carl McCall announced his resignation from the board. McCall, chairman of

the compensation committee, had said he was not aware of important details of Grasso's compensation. Schrempp also was on the committee, and questioned the pay package.

Schrempp, the only non-American to serve on the exchange's board, decided to resign after careful consideration, the Daimler-Chrysler spokesman said, declining to identify himself.

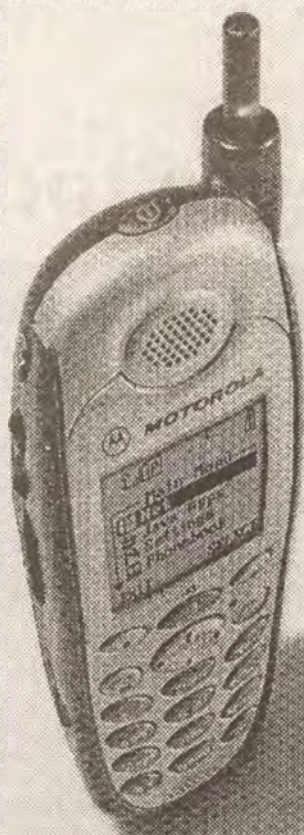
Schrempp's second two-year term was to expire in June. His resignation was first reported Sunday by Germany's weekly Welt am Sonntag newspaper.

The NYSE had no comment on Schrempp's departure.

Grasso's pay was set in a contract

approved in May 1999. Under an August contract revision, Grasso was paid a lump sum of \$139.5 million in accumulated benefits and savings, and was owed an additional \$48 million in vested funds over the next four years — which Grasso said he would forgo in the face of growing public resentment.

At an Aug. 7 NYSE board meeting, Schrempp noted that Grasso's compensation had stirred negative public sentiment and asked whether the exchange should get an outside opinion on its legality. He was told an independent consultant had determined that the revised deal would save the exchange more than \$3.5 million.



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Californians widely favor recall

Poll indicates Schwarzenegger pulls ahead of other candidates

Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — With the campaign to recall Gov. Gray Davis entering its final full week, a poll released Sunday showed the Democrat could lose office by a wide margin and put Arnold Schwarzenegger way ahead of everyone else trying to become governor of California.

Schwarzenegger barnstormed around California on Sunday, appearing before enthusiastic crowds in airport hangars.

"This is now hand-to-hand combat. We are in the trenches. This is war," Schwarzenegger said, adopting a newly aggressive tone.

Davis unveiled a new television commercial accusing Schwarzenegger of ducking tough questions and refusing to debate.

Some of California's major newspapers made endorsements Sunday, most urging voters to reject the recall on Oct. 7 and recommending nobody to replace Davis.

"Davis is lucky: there are no replacement candidates worth a recommendation," wrote the San Jose Mercury-News.

The endorsements came out as the poll taken after last week's pivotal candidates' debate indicated sharp differences with previous surveys, which showed a much narrower margin of Californians favoring the recall, and an even race between the Republican actor and Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante.

Davis's campaign spokesman, Peter Ragone, attacked the numbers.

"It's a joke," Ragone said. "It is so far from what every other

public poll and every other internal poll by both Democrats and Republicans have found."

Schwarzenegger planned to focus his message on the governor's failings during his fly-around campaigning Sunday.

"We plan to spend the rest of this campaign reminding voters that the real question of the election is whether or not they want the status quo in

Sacramento, with the government controlled by special interests or whether they want real change," said his spokesman, Todd Harris.

The candidates' forum in Sacramento, sponsored by Asian Pacific Islander American Political Association, included debates about the recall and another ballot question, Proposition 54, which would bar the state from collecting racial data.

The CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll released Sunday had 63 percent of probable voters saying they would vote "yes" on the recall question, and 35 percent voting "no."

Schwarzenegger was the choice of 40 percent, Bustamante 25 percent and Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock 18 percent of those surveyed — suggesting Schwarzenegger could become governor even if Republicans split their vote. If a majority of California voters decide to oust Davis, whichever replacement

"Desperate Davis is going to do all kinds of tricks, he is going to do all kinds of tricks, he is going to start a dirty campaign now, we know how he is."

Arnold Schwarzenegger candidate

candidate gets the most votes becomes governor.

The poll of 787 registered voters used a model for probable voters that assumes a relatively high 50 percent turnout among the state's voting age population. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points, and was conducted Thursday through Saturday, CNN said.

Schwarzenegger touched down in the tiny central coast town of Santa Maria Saturday, speaking before a crowd of about 1,000 people in an airport hangar.

Although the Schwarzenegger campaign aired anti-Davis ads all last week before the governor began responding in kind on Friday, the actor warned supporters to be on the lookout for Davis to go negative.

"Desperate Davis is going to do all kinds of tricks, he is going to do all kinds of tricks, he is going to start a dirty campaign now, we know how he is," Schwarzenegger said.

The Los Angeles Times, Mercury News and Sacramento Bee each urged "no" on recall and made no candidate recommendations for the second part of the ballot.

The San Diego Union-Tribune editorialized that recalling the governor would set a dangerous precedent, but said Davis' performance demands his removal and endorsed Schwarzenegger.

Miss. judge accused of making threats

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — A judicial review board has launched an inquiry into allegations against a state Supreme Court justice, including claims that he threatened to "whip" the chief justice and intentionally delayed cases as payback before his term on the court ends.

Justice Chuck McRae on Sunday said the complaint was "much ado about nothing" and called it a strong-arm tactic by the five high court justices who made the allegations, including Chief Justice Edwin Pittman.

"Justice Pittman is trying to run this court with an iron fist," McRae said.

The complaint, dated Sept. 17, charges that since his election defeat, McRae has "set about to deliberately and maliciously bring dishonor to the Supreme Court."

"It got to such an extent that we decided that we had to call it to the attention of judicial performance," Pittman said in a telephone interview Sunday. "Nobody on the court wanted to do this."

The complaint says the Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance launched an inquiry after Pittman and Justices James Smith, William Waller, Kay Cobb and George Carlson said McRae told them he intended to make the remainder of his term as difficult as possible for the others.

"He put the court on notice: 'I will make your lives miserable,'" Pittman said.

The commission will hold a hearing Oct. 20 on whether to recommend that McRae be suspended during the inquiry. A special tribunal of judges would make any decision on suspending him.

McRae has been on the bench for more than 13 years, but he came in last in a three-way race last fall. His term ends in January.

"I have 369 days left in my term, and I intend to have fun on every one of them," McRae told Pittman in December, according to the complaint. "I'm going to call you a 'Li'l Tadpole' every day that I can."

The complaint said McRae threatened violence against Pittman, saying he would "whip" him, and on more than one occasion "curled at staff and colleagues and has screamed at fellow justices."

The complaint also alleges McRae said he intended to delay each case assigned to Smith, leaked confidential court documents, issued orders without consulting with members of the court and failed to recuse himself in cases involving family.

McRae on Sunday said he would not comment on the specific allegations before the hearing. He said the complaint was a waste of "a lot of time and expense and energy."

He also accused Pittman, Smith, Waller, Cobb and Carlson of meeting in advance to decide cases before the entire court reviewed them.

"It's not the best neighborhood to work in," McRae said of the court.

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An open letter to Father Malloy concerning workers' rights

The moral integrity of the University is in quiet jeopardy. That sounds dramatic because it is dramatic: Our administration has traded the tenets of Catholic Social Teaching for frigid corporate indifference — fealty to the bottom line. It's profit over people again, unless Notre Dame respects its workers' rights to organize and to a living wage.

BJ Strew

Straight, No Chaser

To deny its workers these rights is to drag Notre Dame into a swamp of hypocrisy. Lip service cannot be paid in homilies and classroom lectures, while this local crisis is slyly swept under the rug. We send students to Appalachia and Africa — to earth's every corner — but slight the injustice in our own hallways. It's right under our noses and we look past it. This cannot carry on.

That workers' rights even need any defense is an unsettling idea, but it is a fact. So first, to bring everyone up to speed, I will provide a brief history of the fight for workers' rights. Following that, I will offer a modest proposal — indeed, the same one the Progressive Student Alliance suggested last year — modeled on the recent victories at Harvard and elsewhere. Finally I'll assess each side of the debate.

Apart from today's surfeit of anecdotal evidence, the upsetting history of Notre Dame's battle with labor is well documented. Notably, in 1977, the administration successfully fought the unionization of groundskeepers with the Teamsters. Only eight years ago, it swiftly quelled a sizeable group of secretaries' budding interest in higher wages. (They were earning the second-lowest wages among the half dozen Michiana-area schools.) Labor's struggle continues with the request the Progressive Student Alliance sent to you early last year.

Alas, the administration rebuffed the PSA's sensible call for a public state-

ment, wherein, ideally, you might have asserted the University's dedication to fair-minded labor practices. Instead, Notre Dame's Public Relations director, Dennis Moore, of all people, responded skeptically, casting the administration in the role of the workers' shepherd, deciding itself what is in the workers' "best interests." (Chief among these alleged interests, I imagine, is to not organize.) In the end, tellingly, the administration asked to keep the matter private.

Sorry, sir, but this matter cannot languish behind closed doors. What we need is action. What we need is a "road map" to campus labor justice. The PSA advocated a Code of Conduct that the University should agree to: Essentially, that efforts to organize would be respected, the University would make statements of neutrality and voluntary card-check recognition and a pledge to honor the workers' need for a living wage.

Neutrality compels the University to refrain from often brutal tactics discouraging the workers' organizing, such as "captive audience" meetings, hiring union-busters, scare campaigns or threats of pink slips and wage cuts. Voluntary card-check recognition has the University acknowledge a majority of workers signing union cards as a union, bypassing the lengthy, unfair National Labor Relations Board elections.

Not surprisingly, the University opposed both neutrality and voluntary card-check recognition.

Neutrality, the administration argued, removed its right to express its position vis-à-vis workers organizing. But a statement of neutrality entails no such sacrifice. Even if it did, how, logically and ethically, would the University oppose anything that would endow its workers with a voice, with greater control over their own livelihood?

And it opposed card-check recognition saying the proposal ought to come from the workers themselves, not students. Though not baseless, does this question

of origin truly merit the administration's outright refusal? Perhaps if the workers believed such a proposal would not be met with pink slips, they would approach the administration.

It's not like the University is strapped for funds. Notre Dame boasts a 2.5 billion dollar endowment, ranked 18th nationwide, that can pay scores of six-figure salaries — it can easily afford to justly compensate its workers. Instead, at the lowest pay levels, campus workers earn roughly a 20th of what you earn, at least a dollar below the living wage. Put another way, they make annually what you do in about 18 days — a strikingly ironic case of income inequality for a campus proudly featuring, inter alia, a Center for Social Concerns and Higgins Labor Research Center. Any case that the University makes against paying its workers a living wage is, as I see it, indefensible.

While we cannot, as Dr. Johnson said, wipe all tears from all faces, we can do what's in our power. And, as President, much is in your power. You, sir, are then faced with two decisions, each of which will reflect on the character of the University.

Either we respect workers' rights, as Catholic social teaching prescribes, or we don't. Choosing the former would powerfully affirm our commitment to the dignity of those who make Notre Dame work. Choosing the latter would blemish the University's lasting reputation, turning us into tightfisted hypocrites, accomplices to injustice and numb to the prevailing winds of social progress.

As matters of such clear moral gravity, they should be addressed without delay. I hopefully look forward to your reply.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The American wage earner and the American housewife are a lot better economists than most economists care to admit. They know that a government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have."

Gerald Ford
President

Falcons: the solution to the football problem

It's no secret we love sports at Notre Dame, and the sport of choice is football. Every fall, the whole campus comes alive with the loud sounds of the game: bone-crunching tackles, exuberant marching songs and boisterous cheers.

Greg Ruehlman

Nothing, of course, is louder than the explosion of plaid outside your door at 8 a.m. on Saturday, which introduces itself as Bill, class of '58. Bill can't believe you're not more impressed that he thinks he lived in your dorm room 45 years ago.

*Et Cetera,
Whatever*

On weekdays, too, any quick glance around campus will show you that this is a football school. There are always people outside tossing the pigskin across the quad. Even the artwork here shows a love for football. Only at Notre Dame could you find works entitled "Touchdown Jesus," "First Down Moses," and "Two-Point Conversion Hideous Severed Torso Statue Outside O'Shaughnessy."

Unfortunately, with this love of football comes a price: As the team fails, so fails life on campus. When the team wins, we celebrate; when the team loses, we mourn all evening. Sad to say, there hasn't been much celebration yet this season. The worst thing we could do, though, is quit supporting our team or stop having fun. We need a sport that will keep our spirits high. Luckily for everyone, I've found just the thing. What Notre Dame desperately needs is a falconry club.

Falconry is one of the noblest sports on earth, one that has enchanted

kings and poets for centuries. Who could forget that famous old falconer William Shakespeare who wrote about the sport in his plays? Probably, too, he talked about it with a bunch of other poets and kings who hung out together for various noble falconry purposes.

The possibilities for falconry are endless. Just think about it — here is a sport where you get to train giant birds of prey to catch other animals, kill them, then fly them back to you. If this doesn't appeal to you, then you are dumb. I have spoken to a number of students, staff and faculty about this issue, and all are in agreement: Falconry is in, and we need a club for it. So some of us have banded together to create the Notre Dame Falconry Club.

Immediately we were faced with a couple of important questions. First: what would be the benefits of this club for the community? We are confident that this graceful field sport will restore fan support for Notre Dame athletics across the board. An added bonus will be the fact that, if we are allowed to follow our dream of practicing falconry on campus, we will finally have found a suitable way to control the campus population of menacing oversized squirrels. Now, I know what you're thinking: Those rodents could take down a buffalo at full-stride. How would a bird ever stand a chance? Here's my answer: www.northernwoods-falconry.com. This is the website for "North America's Finest Falconry Outfitter," where you can buy a product called "squirrel chaps." For those of you non-experts, squirrel chaps are "truly

innovative anklets for the serious squirrel hawker to further reduce any possibility of a severe bite by a large tree squirrel." Hopefully, I've put your fears at ease. Let the hunt begin!

The second question: What is the verb form for this activity? Does one falconize or just falcon? One might say, "So I was falconing the other day, and my word, it was intense."

Or perhaps:

"Hey, Ted, way to falcon yesterday. You were great out there."

Obviously, this is very confusing, and a roadblock which we haven't quite figured out yet. Plus, this is not the only vocabulary issue to come up. We discovered that there are scores of specialized falconry words we would have to learn in order not to sound incompetent, intimidating words like "accipiter" and "tiercel." But thanks to our dedication, we are now able to shout with confidence such phrases as "I say, old bean, you've been splendidly manning that eyas since you took it from its eyrie to a suitable mews. Have you an extra creance?"

Now that we've become masters of falconry parlance, we're moving onto

bigger issues: mastering the sport itself. Our first objective is to find the right instructional video. Here's where Northwoods comes in handy again.

The company offers an impressive array of beginner videos such as "The Lure of Falconry" and (no lie) "So You Want to Become a Falconer".

So show your support for our efforts and help us get the year back on track with a club that's up to the challenge: The Notre Dame Falconry Club. With your help, we'll get official club status and soar to new heights, not only because we'll have our spirit back, but also because soaring is like flying, and that is what falcons do. I'll be back next time to report on our progress.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ND is not our mom

Our mission statement says, "As a Catholic University one of (our) distinctive goals is to provide a forum where through free inquiry and open discussion the various lines of Catholic thought may intersect with all the forms of knowledge found in the arts, sciences, professions and every other area of human scholarship and creativity."

One would think that an institution focused on advancing an adult population toward greater maturity imparted this statement. It almost makes me believe that Notre Dame is trying to teach Catholicism in an environment of wise freedom.

But if your viewing of Coupling was pre-empted by WNDU's self-righteousness then you were firmly escorted back to reality. By being one of only two affiliates in the country to ban the new primetime comedy, Notre Dame is once again showing its hypocritical disregard for student development. In theory, the administration loves open debate. Yet they don't footnote that "free inquiry and open discussion" relate only to liturgical interpretation.

When I enrolled at the University, I applied on the grounds that I would be able to progress from the maturity level I was at in high school. Instead I have devolved into someone who would shriek if they saw a man in a girls' dorm after midnight on a Tuesday. Instead of focusing my attention on changing the world, I am writing about my right to watch televised, dysfunctional relationships.

By airing Coupling, the University will not be doing the greater South Bend area a huge service. But by playing the role of an overprotective parent, this institution is doing all of us a great disservice. It is corroding free thought. We belong to one of the least politically active campuses in the country because we have been engendered with a belief that big change is an impossibility. As a student body, we cling to small rights (i.e. the right to throw marshmallows at football games) because past precedent has shown that Father Irish thinks us incapable of tackling the bigger issues.

Over-parenting is one thing. When a school tackles this responsibility, it's another.

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Misrepresenting the facts is not being understanding

In his defense of radical Islam ("Jesus of the Quran," Sept. 25), Andrew DeBerry points out that the "recent academic convocation raised intellectual discussion about Middle Eastern and U.S. cultures."

I suppose this should be comforting. After the World Trade Center bombing, the Khobar Towers, the U.S.S. Cole, the embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, Sept. 11, an assassination attempt on the pope and countless other terrorist attacks perpetrated in the name of Islam in the past decade, we should be grateful that the University is encouraging us to engage in such pedantry.

Months ago, when I first learned that my class was having an "academic convocation," I was baffled. As our servicemen are dying fighting murderous Islamic fundamentalists across the globe, the University wrote to tell me that I was expected to sit in an ivory tower and have "intellectual" discussions about Seyyed Hossein Nasr's "The Heart of Islam?"

Nasr, who left Tehran University in 1979 (what happened in Tehran that year?) to live among the infidels in the Great Satan, uses his book to present a defense of Islam after Sept. 11 and recycles the inane argument that those who have killed in the name of Islam are not "true Muslims."

Nasr wonders why "there is no religion about which so much has been written in the West by those opposed to it as Islam." It makes sense to me; I can't remember the last time a Hindu crashed an airplane into the World Trade Center, the last time a Buddhist bombed an American embassy, the last time a Taoist blew up a nightclub full of tourists, or the last time an atheist carried out a suicide bombing on innocent schoolgirls.

Perhaps most offensive is when Nasr writes, "When some people attack Islam for inciting

struggle in the name of justice, they forget the Boston Tea Party and the American Revolution." Nasr equates systematic attacks carried out by Muslims on innocent men, women and children to the actions of our founding fathers. In essence, Nasr finds little difference between a suicide bombing of a bus of school children and our founding fathers throwing British tea into the Boston Harbor.

So let me get this straight: Islamic terrorist groups organize plots to assassinate Pope John Paul II, and the University requires all freshmen to read about how Muslim terrorists are akin to our founding fathers. Muslim rioters have burned churches to the ground and killed countless Christians in Nigeria, and the University welcomes Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo to campus. Where is the outrage?

If there is one thing I got out of Nasr's book and the academic convocation, it is the bitter taste of so-called "intellectual discussion." Needless to say, not all Muslims are terrorists, but most terrorists are Muslims.

Rather than engage in "intellectual discussion" from an ivory tower, University officials should take a principled stand and strongly assert that Western secular democracy is superior to Islamic rule and make it clear that we as Americans and as Catholics will not bow to the uncivilized world.

If sitting in an arena lauding Islam after attacks carried out in its name killed thousands of our countrymen on Sept. 11 makes me an intellectual in DeBerry's eyes, I'd rather be another one of the ignorant riffraff.

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LIFE TEEN advances youth ministry and influences teens

By SARAH VABULAS
Scene Editor

Imagine a world where over 100,000 high school teenagers from across the world attend Catholic Mass each Sunday night. A world where those teenagers love the Mass and are proud to call themselves Catholic, while striving to live a faith filled, holy life.

Well, this world has become a reality. In 1985, Monsignor Dale Fushek, youth minister Phil Baniewicz and music minister Tom Booth began a youth program at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Mesa, Ariz. — this faith movement was called LIFE TEEN. Fushek and Baniewicz came up with name LIFE TEEN (over Chinese food), giving a strong indication that the program would not only stand up for the dignity of life, but that it would be life-giving for every teenager who became a part of it.

About 600 people attended first LIFE TEEN Mass. Close to 200 teens remained for the first LIFE Night. Within two months, the LIFE TEEN Mass averaged over 1,000 people, while the LIFE Nights averaged about 300 teens. Following the popularity, LIFE TEEN's first music group assembled. Some of the original members remain with the band today.

The band mission statement says, "LIFE TEEN, Inc., is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ by providing resources and training that encourage vibrant Eucharistic celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith."

LIFE TEEN has over 900 parishes in 13 countries with two national offices, one in Mesa, Ariz. and another in Marietta, Ga. The national offices run the bigger aspects of LIFE TEEN, including sending out LIFE Support a few times a year, a package put together by national employees that help parishes with pre-designed LIFE Nights and guides to the Mass.

The national employees work hard to keep LIFE TEEN alive. "LIFE TEEN is a grace of God. It is a work of the Holy Spirit. We're just a bunch of goofballs, just working for God," said Phil Baniewicz, the president of LIFE TEEN and a Notre Dame graduate student in the Mendoza College of Business.

Baniewicz sees LIFE TEEN headed in a good direction. "The Internet is a big way to bring people in more. Makes the Church smaller by being able to connect. LIFE-TEEN.com will continue to be important. Secondly, we are seeing that we need to put more emphasis on other countries since they are asking for help. We also see a greater need for good youth ministers, musicians and people like that. We are trying to train people for that. It is why we have the LIFE TEEN Leadership Conference held every summer at Notre Dame. We are also looking to develop some international training institute in Arizona."

LIFE TEEN hosts many national camps

and retreats throughout the year, both for youth ministers and teens. The biggest teen conference is held at Notre Dame each summer, bringing together teenagers from all states and many countries.

LIFE TEEN also has speakers who travel each weekend, visiting parishes and sharing their gifts and talents with different churches and teens. Mark Hart, a 1995 graduate of Notre Dame, is vice president of LIFE TEEN and is most commonly known as the "Bible Geek." Matt Smith, the LIFE TEEN Webmaster for LIFETEEN.com and national spokesperson, appeared on Real World Season 9: New Orleans and now on the new Real World Rules Challenge: The Gauntlet, which premieres tonight.

"LIFE TEEN is a movement. It is answering and fulfilling a need. People think that it is just for teenagers, but it is not. I have watched people of all ages embrace and better understand their Catholic faith. Liturgy have a deeper experience of God at Lifeur. They see His love and His mercy better than they ever had before," said Hart. "I've seen lots of solid, young guys entering seminary because LIFE TEEN played a part. It has provided many holy vocations to the priesthood and to marriage. It is responding to the call from Vatican II as good as any call."

Mike Sweeney, an All-Star first baseman from the Kansas City Royals, supports LIFE TEEN and it's efforts to "lead teens closer to Christ." He donates to the program, while attending mass at St. Timothy's during the off-season.

Third Day, one of the most popular contemporary Christian rock bands, allowed Matt Smith to tour with them for a week this past summer. They, too, are aware of the power of this program to make a difference in teens' lives.

"LIFE TEEN is a great program to do youth minister because it is a framework to reprogram for your teenagers," said Sacred Heart Parish youth minister, Thaddeus Ruskowski, also a graduate student in the Mendoza College of Business. "[LIFE TEEN] gives you enough to customize for your teenagers. They encourage you to customize to your teenagers. They recognize that teenagers in Atlanta are different than teenagers in New York City."

LIFE TEEN is sweeping across the country and the world, making a difference in everyone who is involved. It has moved past remaining inside the doors of parishes to being found places people wouldn't likely think it to be — like MTV.

For more information about LIFE TEEN, visit the official web site at www.lifeteen.com. To see a LIFE TEEN parish at work, visit the Sacred Heart LIFE TEEN Parish site at www.nd.edu/~sac-heart/LIFE_TEEN.

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Competing

Matt Smith, cast member of MTV's *Real World/Road Rules Challenge*

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Intense drama, physical challenges and long days — words that best describe the latest installment of the MTV series *Real World/Road Rules Challenge*. Fourteen former *Real World* and *Road Rules* cast members signed up for "The Gauntlet," a challenge of the mind and body.

Filmed in Telluride, Col. at the Wyndam Peaks Resort and Golden Door Spa, the 28 competitors immersed themselves back into the world of MTV show production as they battled for prizes, including the grand prize of \$300,000.

The cast members on the show are real people who lead real lives. The show only shows a brief glimpse into the things they go through. Editing sways the way viewers see each cast member, not showing the whole truth of their being. Matt Smith, a cast member from *Real World New Orleans*, appears on the new *RW/RR Challenge*. Smith, a Catholic, spent much time in reflection before agreeing to appear on "The Gauntlet."

"Going into it, my biggest hesitation was that I was going to jeopardize the good things in my life like my faith and service of God in LIFE TEEN," said Smith. "After talking with some wise friends and spending time in prayer, I decided to go for it. And it didn't jeopardize."

He had been asked two other times to be on other challenges since appearing on *The Real World*, but he declined on each. "I went on a mission trip instead the first time they asked me. The second time, I was re-roofing a friend's house. I had a call [in Arizona] to take care of LIFE-TEEN.com and I was not in a place to go."

Smith used the show as a catalyst for LIFE TEEN and encouraging faith in God. He believes in the "power of the T-shirt," so he took nine T-shirts total, along with a Mike Sweeney jersey, an All-Star first-baseman on the



Photo courtesy of mtv.com

Matt Smith printed t-shirts to wear on the show, promoting LIFE TEEN.

Kansas City Royals, who is a strong Catholic as well as supporter of LIFE TEEN. He designed six T-shirts to take with him on the show, while the remaining three were homemade spray-painted shirts. "Every dumb little shirt you throw on has meaning," said Smith. "You can't deny the power of the media and T-shirts. T-shirts are a powerful way to communicate with people."

"Everyone came with their own cause, with their own T-shirt cause or a friend's T-shirt company," said Smith. "I chose to have my cause be a conduit for the Gospel, which is what LIFE TEEN is, so I made LIFE TEEN T-shirts. I hope people see the shirt and get on LIFETEEN.com."

The cast members asked Smith if they, too, could have his shirts. They were a hit. "All in all, I gave out 40 T-shirts. If I leave the show early, there will still be impressions." On the *Real World/Road Rules*: The



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Mike, Matt and Theo wait following their arrival to Telluride, Col. The cast does not know what is going to happen to them for the next four weeks.

g in 'The Gauntlet' on MTV

newest Real World/Road Rules Challenge lives, a Catholic life despite his fame



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The house, or "the corral," where both the Real World and Road Rules casts lived for the duration of their trip, sits on top of a large hill in Telluride, Col.



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The cast waits as their belongings are unloaded from the airplane and wait to hear what they need to do next in order to begin the show.

Gauntlet preview, viewers can already see the power of Smith's hip designs. Irulan from Real World 12: Las Vegas was already shown wearing one.

"One of my favorites is the Bayside High one. It's funny retro," said Smith. "The Sacred Heart of Jesus shirt is real slick. It's just so funny. I've never worn it without someone commenting on it or asking me where I got it."

"T-shirts are more of an identity as a teen. You feel good about it. Confident," said Smith. "It's like with P.O.D. and Lifehouse. They are Christian bands, but they are also successful bands. They are so convincing people can't help but wear them. It's been so exciting to see people talk about the shirts."

Smith's shirts will be available for purchase on LIFETEEN.com store soon.

Since the biggest part of Smith's life is his devotion to the Catholic faith and to God, he spent a lot of time while in Telluride trying to keep his faith strong. "Each morning the producer would wake us up two hours before we had to be somewhere for filming," said Smith. "I would just lay there and really just pray. Sometimes I would sing praise songs or pray the rosary and read scripture."

"Viewers can't understand the stress," said Smith. "We are all trying not to get voted off. It is a difficult place to be sincere and true to yourself." Smith strived throughout his time there to stay true to himself, especially by living his faith.

"It's difficult because it was overwhelming. Everyone was fighting for the camera, for attention, and to stay on and not be voted off," said Smith.

He kept referring to his time there as "intense" and "highly dramatic." Drama was exactly what the producers were hoping for. On the preview episode, hosts Johnny Mosley and Coral from Real World 10: Back to New York, admitted that the creators liked big drama. "That is why they created the Gauntlet."

After each challenge, the teams, divided into Real World vs. Road Rules, come together and vote for the person from each team who they would like to

see off the show since they are keeping the team from success. These two people then face off in "The Gauntlet," which is a highly physical battle. The winner stays on the show and rejoins the people who just voted them off, while the loser leaves. The re-joining of the person voted off was meant to make for drama.

"Two weeks there feels like a year's worth of emotion, drama. It's TV's dirty, little secret," said Smith. "A lot more dramatic than people are willing to admit. A lot of people think we are spoiled. It feels so disarmed and defenseless to admit it was traumatic or more difficult than you thought. It digs a deeper wound."

"It is scandalous - it really is. A controversy has followed me everywhere I go," said Smith. "I was in the heat of everything."

Smith faced challenges from many cast members about his choice to live his life as a man of God. "I went in there with no intention to be liked," said Smith. "Over time, people came to respect me. Another cast member told me she didn't like me and my beliefs, but that she respected me."

On the preview episode, hosts Mosley and Coral even criticized Smith for his faith and being on TV. "I've taken a lot of criticism since say one," said Smith on the preview.

Smith planned to donate his earnings from the show to a LIFE TEEN camp being built in part of Arizona.

Fourteen challenges took place over the course of filming. They ranged from climbing into sumo suits to flying airplanes and sky writing to everything in between. "Our challenges varied. Some were physically challenging, some not physically, and some were fun, but they were all intense no matter what," said Smith.

After each challenge, a vote took place. Smith admitted that because of the voting there was "a whole different dynamic. It was strategic to be good to people. There was not much sincerity, but instead a false sense of sincerity."

"People here are more savvy having been through it before. A lot of the cast tries to break their stereotype

from before. I was dealing with a lot more people, but they've been there and know how to act," said Smith. "In the Real World, the plot is in your hand. But with this, it's about the physical challenges."

Matt works hard as national spokesperson for LIFE TEEN and as Webmaster for LIFETEEN.com. He has met many people and made an impact on teens lives all over the country with his holy lifestyle.

"I have a lot of respect for Matt. He has a lot of character in tough situations," said Mark Hart, the vice president of LIFE TEEN and 1995 graduate of Notre Dame. "Matt is the real deal. He is not hypocritical. Not fake. His whole take is that he Catholic and proud of it. It is cool and admirable that he wants to use his 15 minutes to get people closer to God."

"He walks the walk. It is increasing

rare and difficult. He is encouraging and a great example to people young and old," Hart said. "He shows that you can be into your faith and God, yet still be hilarious and fun to live with. He doesn't exist in a bubble. He lives a full life. Matt lives like St. John says, 'To be in the world, but not of the world.'"

Matt Smith operates his own personal Web site. You can visit it at www.supafly.com. For more information about "The Gauntlet," visit the official MTV site at www.mtv.com.

The premiere of the "Real World/Road Rules Challenge: The Gauntlet" is tonight at 9 p.m. on MTV. It will continue to air Monday nights at the 10 Spot.

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Trishelle, Matt and Mike climb down from the airplane and carry their belongings across the runway to begin their month on "The Gauntlet" challenge.

NFL

Hall runs into record books with punt return

Associated Press

Given a second chance by the blundering Baltimore Ravens, Dante Hall sprinted 97 yards into the NFL record book.

Hall's kickoff return with 5:08 left broke a tie and kept the Kansas City Chiefs unbeaten with a 17-10 victory Sunday.

Hall became the first player in NFL history to return a kick for a touchdown in three straight games. He took a kickoff 100 yards against Pittsburgh two weeks ago and returned a punt 73 yards against Houston last week before completing the trifecta against Baltimore.

The 5-foot-8 speedster did very little against the Ravens until his final foray upfield — after Baltimore's Adalius Thomas was called offside on the preceding kickoff.

Hall took the second kickoff from Wade Richey all the way, encountering few would-be tacklers during his record-setting jaunt.

Led by running back Priest Holmes, Kansas City (4-0) came in averaging an NFL-best 37 points per game. Holmes was held to 90 yards rushing on 22 attempts and the Chiefs' offense produced only 10 points, but on this day Holmes & Co. received plenty of help.

Kansas City intercepted three Kyle Boller passes, and Hall won the game with his electrifying return after Jamal Lewis, who finished with 115 yards rushing, tied it on a 1-yard run.

Denver 20, Lions 16

Coming off a win over Oakland and with a trip to Kansas City next on the schedule, Denver was due for a let-down against Detroit.

It happened — of course — but the Broncos still found a

way to win thanks to Jake Plummer.

Plummer completed 16 straight passes in the first half and threw for two touchdowns as the Broncos held on to beat the Lions 20-16 for coach Mike Shanahan's 100th career win.

With a second rivalry game in three weeks just over the horizon, the Broncos played like they were looking ahead. Denver had just 79 yards rushing, 136 total yards in the second half and let the Lions hang around until the end.

It wasn't until Joey Harrington's fourth-and-10 pass from Detroit's 32-yard fell incomplete that the Broncos secured their fifth 4-0 start in team history.

Plummer picked up where he left off last week against the Raiders.

He had his first pass broken up, but didn't miss again until overthrowing Reuben Droughns on the first play of the third quarter. He 16-for-17 for 185 yards at halftime, with touchdown passes to Ashley Lelie and Shannon Sharpe.

Plummer also recovered two fumbles — one was his own — and was the lead blocker on a double reverse in the first quarter. About the only mistake he made was fumbling in the second quarter while diving for a first down.

Plummer finished 25-for-34 for 277 yards.

Titans 30, Steelers 13

The statistics meant nothing and the stars, except for Steve McNair, were barely noticed. Tennessee beat Pittsburgh as usual and the surprise was which Titans were responsible.

Backup linebacker Rocky Boiman scored on an interception

return and sacked Tommy Maddox for a safety and Drew Bennett and Justin McCareins caught touchdown passes as the Titans beat the Steelers for the third time in less than a year, 30-13.

Eddie George averaged less than a yard per run, Derrick Mason made only one catch and Jevon Kearse had only one sack, but the Titans overwhelmed the mistake-prone Steelers with a combination of backups and big plays.

Other than McNair, who had more scoring passes (3) than incompletions (1), the Steelers were asking themselves: Who were those guys?

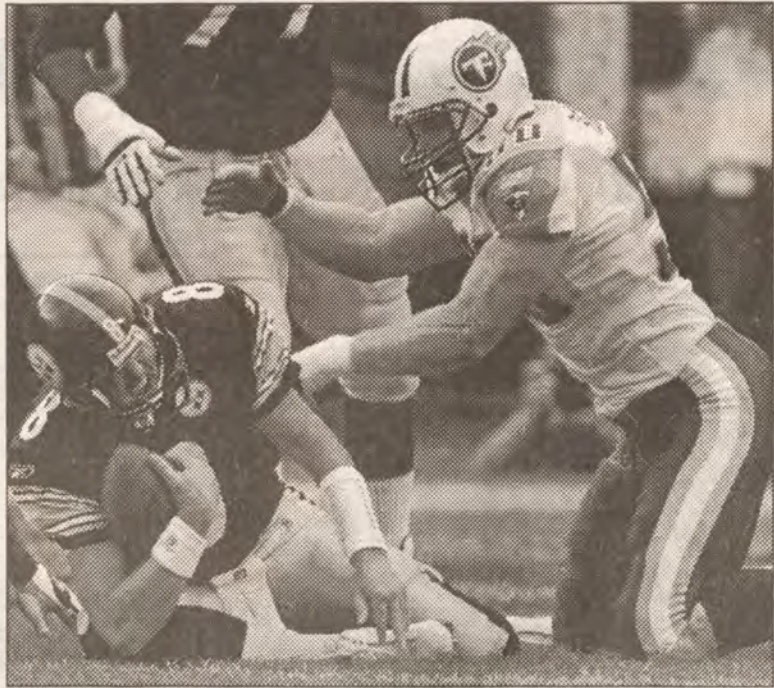
Players such as safety Tank Williams, who partially blocked Jeff Reed's missed 30-yard field goal attempt and hurried Maddox into throwing the interception Boiman returned 60 yards for a touchdown, putting the Titans up by 17 points in the fourth quarter.

Boiman also sacked Maddox for a safety with the Steelers up 10-0, a play that began the Titans' turnaround and led to McNair's 10-yard touchdown pass to Bennett. Boiman played extensively only because starting linebacker Peter Sirmon injured his back during Pittsburgh's opening drive, a 16-play possession that ended with Reed's 26-yard field goal.

Until Sunday, Boiman had only a half-sack and no interceptions in his two-season career.

The Steelers were ahead by 10 points before the Titans had a first down and outgained them 376-198, but three costly Maddox mistakes were turned into Titans scores.

The biggest may have come with the Steelers driving in the



Reuters

Former Notre Dame and Tennessee linebacker Rocky Boiman sacks Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Tommy Maddox for a safety Sunday in the Titans' 30-13 victory at Heinz Field.

final minute of the first half. Samari Rolle jumped in front of Plaxico Burress for an interception he returned 49 yards to the Steelers' 1, and McNair hit Erron McKinney for the touchdown two plays later. Suddenly, the Titans had a 16-13 lead they never lost.

Raiders 34, Chargers 31

Earlier in the season, Rich Gannon reacted to the Oakland Raiders' struggles by screaming at teammates and coaches.

When the Raiders were minutes away from another loss Sunday, Gannon kept quiet and played like the league MVP he is.

Sebastian Janikowski made a 46-yard field goal with 5:01 left in overtime as Gannon rallied

the Raiders from a 14-point deficit late in regulation for a 34-31 win over the San Diego Chargers.

The victory could breathe life into the AFC champion Raiders (2-2), who were unimpressive in their first three games as well as in the first 54 minutes of this one. After struggling to execute all afternoon, the Raiders' offense came alive in the final six minutes of regulation for two scores.

"Rich did this, and we all helped," said center Barret Robbins, who returned to the starting lineup. "That's why he's the most valuable player of this league. You could sense a calm feeling out there. We were going to get it done."

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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Reddick scores twice in U.S. win over North Korea

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The fans

chanted "Mia! Mia! Mia!" as the game wound down and the United States' best player sat on

the cold, metal bench in a blue warmup outfit. For the first time in her World

Cup career, Mia Hamm never got in. She wasn't needed.

The United States rested its stars for a bigger game ahead, letting its depth make the difference Sunday in a 3-0 victory over North Korea.

The unbeaten Americans (3-0) will play Norway in their quarterfinal match Wednesday in Foxboro, Mass.

Norway, which beat the United States to win the gold medal at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, wrapped up its first-round play on Saturday. That played heavily into Heinrichs' decision to rest her older stars as the U.S. team needed only a tie to advance.

Hamm watched from the bench and team captain Julie Foudy got a new role — super sub — as youth carried the day.

Abby Wambach had a penalty-kick goal and Cat Reddick — the only collegian on the roster — scored twice in the second half.

Heinrichs planned to get Hamm in for a few minutes in the second half, then changed her mind when the lead reached 3-0.

"After we scored our third goal, we were playing very confidently and had borderline cockiness," said Wambach, Hamm's teammate on the WUSA-champion Washington Freedom. "I think that's what's so exceptional about this team."

"We can score three goals without the most prolific goalscorer in the world. When you do that, you know you have a great team, and you know you have a lot of depth."

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TENNIS

Former great Althea Gibson dies at 76

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Althea Gibson, a sports pioneer who broke tennis' color barrier in the 1950s as the first black entrant and champion at Wimbledon and the U.S. national tournament, died Sunday. She was 76.

Gibson, also the first black player on the LPGA Tour, helped pave the way for later stars such as Arthur Ashe, Venus and Serena Williams, and Tiger Woods.

"I am grateful to Althea Gibson for having the strength and courage to break through the racial barriers in tennis," former No. 1 Venus Williams said Sunday. "Her accomplishments set the stage for my success, and through players like myself, Serena, and many others to come, her legacy will live on."

Martina Navratilova, who won her 172nd career doubles title Sunday in Leipzig, Germany, called Gibson "a great champion and great person."

"Her life was very difficult, but she broke down a lot of barriers and doors and made it easier for a lot of us," Navratilova said.

Gibson, seriously ill for several years, died of respiratory failure at a hospital in East Orange, N.J., according to Fran Gray, a longtime friend who co-founded the Althea Gibson Foundation, which helps urban youths learn to play tennis and golf.

As health problems plagued Gibson in recent years, she isolated herself and spoke to few people. She didn't attend a ceremony marking her 75th birthday at last year's U.S. Open or the 1997 dedication of that tournament's new Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"Her contribution to the civil rights movement was done with her tennis racket," Gray said.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Braves clinch home-field advantage with win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Atlanta Braves closed out the Philadelphia Phillies' park by ensuring the road to the World Series in the National League will go through their home, Turner Field.

The NL East champion Braves clinched home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a 5-2 victory over the Phillies in the final game at Veterans Stadium.

The Phillies are moving into the new Citizens Bank Park next year after 33 mostly losing seasons at the Vet, which opened with a victory over the Montreal Expos on April 10, 1971.

Philadelphia manager Larry Bowa got the first hit at the Vet.

"It's a pretty special place," Bowa said, wiping away tears. "Playing here, defying the odds, winning the championship."

Greg Maddux got his 289th career victory and Robert Fick drove in two runs for the Braves, who open the playoffs against the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday night.

The Braves, who earned their 101st victory, entered with a half-game lead over San Francisco for the best record in the NL. The Giants started the day with 99 wins, and played against Los Angeles.

But the Giants already said they will not travel to New York on Monday for a possible make-up game against the Mets. So the Braves' victory guaranteed they'll finish with the No. 1 seed.

"We won, we got home field, it was a good day," Maddux said.

For the Phillies, who were eliminated from the NL wild-card race on Thursday, and the sellout crowd of 58,554 fans, the game was more about nostalgia.

It was fitting the Phillies closed out the Vet with a loss. After all, they are the losingest franchise in sports. No team in any sport has lost more games (8,675).

Giants 12, Dodgers 3

Felipe Alou remembers the words of the skeptics who questioned whether he had the stamina at 68 to manage a full season.

"They don't know me," Alou said Sunday after the San Francisco Giants finished with 100 wins for the first time in 10 years.

Barry Bonds had two hits and drove in a run while preparing for the playoffs, and Pedro Feliz homered and tripled in the 12-3 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Feliz connected for a two-run homer in the eighth off of Guillermo Mota after his sixth-

inning triple. The No. 4 hole in the Giants' lineup hit for the cycle in order — with a single and double by Bonds and Feliz's triple and homer.

Bonds struck out in the fourth and didn't hit a home run, leaving him at 658 and two shy of tying his godfather, Willie Mays, for third on the career list. He was replaced by Todd Linden in left field in the fifth.

The slugger's quest to pass Mays will have to wait until 2004, as playoff statistics are separate from season stats. His first chance next year will be at Houston.

"He's going to catch him next year in April sometime," Alou said. "He's going to continue to catch up with people until there's no one else to be caught."

Marlins 4, Mets 0

The Florida Marlins are glad to have Mike Lowell back for the start of the playoffs, even if it's only as a pinch hitter.

Lowell returned to the lineup Sunday after missing four weeks with a broken left hand, and he went 1-for-4 to help Florida beat the New York Mets 4-0.

The All-Star third baseman doubled and scored a run. But when the Marlins begin their best-of-5 playoff series Tuesday at San Francisco, Lowell will be on the bench, manager Jack McKeon said.

"I don't think it would be fair to Mike or the other 24 guys to stick Mike out there when he wasn't totally ready to play," McKeon said. "He's still a little rusty, but he's coming along quickly."

Lowell said he would have understood McKeon's reasoning even if he had hit two home runs Sunday.

"I'm not at 100 percent," he said. "But I'm good enough to be able to contribute, I think."

Rookie Dontrelle Willis (14-6), scheduled to pitch game 4 against the Giants, tuned up by limiting the Mets to three hits over five innings. He won his final three decisions.

"It was good to be able to throw strikes and have some momentum going into the playoffs," he said.

The victory gave the Marlins a 91-71 record, which is exactly what team president David Samson predicted on opening day. After the game, Samson was sitting at McKeon's desk, smoking one of the manager's cigars.

Pirates 3, Cubs 2

For the NL Central champion Chicago Cubs, it was a day to rest, avoid injuries and get in a light tuneup for what's ahead.

They reached all their objec-

tives Sunday, except for winning their regular-season finale.

One day after the Cubs clinched their first division title since 1989 with a doubleheader sweep, they were beaten 3-2 by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"It's not a letdown, you got to go out and finish out the season," said Chicago shortstop Alex Gonzalez, who hit his 20th homer.

Manager Dusty Baker rested Sammy Sosa and Moises Alou and used many of his other regulars just briefly before Tuesday's playoff opener in the Atlanta.

"Almost everybody got some work in," Baker said.

"It was a little more relaxing," Gonzalez said. "A good feeling that we were able to play and not have to worry about having to wrap it up."

"I think everybody was just going to try and use today to get in a little groove and get ready for Atlanta."



Atlanta second baseman Mike DeRosa writhes in pain after being hit by a pitch in the fourth inning Sunday.

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NFL

Panthers continue torrid start with 23-3 win

Associated Press

Rap music blasted from the showers and the Carolina Panthers danced their way through the locker room. There was no shame in celebrating a 3-0 start to the season.

Especially not after a 23-3 victory over Atlanta to snap Carolina's six-game losing streak to the Falcons.

"This was real gratifying after six straight losses and them owning us," defensive end Brentson Buckner said. "Now we know we can beat them."

But Buckner was quick to caution his teammates not to celebrate too much — after all, Carolina started 3-0 last season only to go on an eight-game skid.

That's not likely to happen this year, not after a confidence-building win over Atlanta (1-3).

The Falcons have been the Panthers' No. 1 nemesis, com-

ing into the game as winners of nine of the last 10 matchups that included two humiliating losses last year by a combined score of 71-0.

"Buckner, our captain, told us we were at the same spot last year at 3-0 and you all know what happened to us after that," said safety Deon Grant, who had a career-high 12 tackles. "So we're celebrating now, but not for long. We've got to get back to work and back to focusing on the rest of the season."

Stephen Davis ran for 153 yards and his first touchdown of the season to become the first back in franchise history to open the season with three consecutive 100-yard games.

Rams 27, Cardinals 10

The St. Louis Rams found the solution to becoming a dominant team again: playing the Arizona Cardinals.

The Rams held the ball for

more than two-thirds of the game, getting good work from Lamar Gordon, and limited the Cardinals to 161 yards total offense in a 37-13 victory. That came a week after a one-point loss in Seattle in which they lost a 13-point fourth-quarter lead.

The Cardinals (1-3) were 0-for-8 on third down, the first time a team has been shut out on third down this year. The last time the Rams held an opponent to zero third-down conversions was Dec. 11, 1983, in a 21-7 loss to the Patriots when New England was 0-for-11.

As Marshall Faulk nursed a broken hand that will sideline him four to six weeks, Gordon ran for 81 yards on 21 carries and scored the game's first touchdown in his first start of the season. Gordon capped the Rams' first drive with a 3-yard TD run.

Marc Bulger threw two touch-

down passes and ran for a third in his second start since replacing Kurt Warner, including a 7-yarder to Torry Holt that put the game away at 30-13 early in the fourth. He was 28-for-41 for 272 yards.

Cowboys 17, Jets 6

Troy Hambrick went to Dallas coach Bill Parcells with a request. He wanted to help get the running game going.

Hambrick did that and more Sunday against the New York Jets.

He ran for 127 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries as the Cowboys racked up 202 yards on the ground and won 17-6, sending the Jets to their first 0-4 start since 1996.

Parcells, who coached the Jets from 1997-99, is 2-0 against his former teams this season. The Cowboys (2-1) beat the New York Giants 35-32 in overtime two weeks ago.

"You work hard to be Tuna's guy," Hambrick said. "I went to him and asked what else I could do to be one of your guys and get this running game going. He just said, 'Keep hitting it in there and 3 or 4 yards will turn into 10 or 20. Just keep working hard. You're doing the right things and saying the right things.'"

Hambrick, the starting back now that Emmitt Smith has gone to Arizona, tied his career high for yardage, set against Atlanta on Nov. 11, 2001. Of course, he had a relatively easy time against one of the worst rushing defenses in the league.

The Jets came into the game ranked 31 of 32 NFL teams in rushing defense, and Hambrick

took advantage. In the second quarter, he converted a turnover into a 31-yard touchdown run for a 7-3 lead. Defensive tackle Chester McGlockton took full responsibility for the play because he was out of position.

Eagles 23, Bills 13

All Donovan McNabb was looking for was a few first downs to run out the clock. What he got was Brian Westbrook's 62-yard touchdown run to seal a 23-13 win over the Buffalo Bills.

It was a breakthrough performance for what had been a sputtering Eagles' offense, and an important victory for a Philadelphia team (1-2) still stinging after being outscored a combined 48-10 in losses to Tampa Bay and New England.

McNabb looked refreshed and decisive after spending part of the team's bye week vacationing in Arizona. He even wouldn't allow himself to be bothered playing the final half with a jammed thumb on his throwing hand.

McNabb finished 18-of-29 for 172 yards and added 47 yards rushing. The Eagles offense responded, racking up 335 yards after averaging just 256.5 in its first two games.

Westbrook's was the game-deciding play, coming after the Bills had cut the Eagles lead to 16-13 on Drew Bledsoe's 1-yard keeper with 2:49 remaining.

The Eagles responded 39 seconds later when Westbrook broke through a hole, foiled Pierson Prioleau's one-armed tackle attempt and went untouched the rest of the way.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tigers win final game, leave record to '62 Mets

Associated Press

DETROIT — Mike Maroth and the Detroit Tigers left the field for the final time feeling like winners.

The Tigers avoided the 1962 New York Mets' modern-day record for losses, finishing their best six-game stretch of the season with a 9-4 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Sunday.

"Believe it or not, I can look back on this year with a smile on my face because of how this season ended," said Maroth, the first pitcher since 1980 to lose at least 20 games.

Detroit (43-119) used a seven-run sixth inning to win for the fifth time in six games, allowing the expansion Mets (40-120) to keep the unwanted distinction of having the most losses since 1900.

"We're not going to worry about what people say about our record," Dmitri Young said. "We got it together down the stretch and played some top-notch baseball. I'm leaving here happy. The only sad thing is we finally got rolling as a team and now we are breaking up for the winter."

With the 18,959 fans at

Comerica Park standing and cheering, and Kool & the Gang's "Celebration" playing after the final out, the Tigers players hugged each other on the field as the scoreboard flashed "Victory!"

Maroth (9-21) gave up two runs on eight hits and a walk to win for the third time in four starts.

"Not too long ago, everybody thought we were going to break the record, but we showed what we were made of as people and players," Maroth said.

Yankees 3, Orioles 1

Everybody knew Roger Clemens had a blazing fastball. Turns out he's got a quick hook, too.

David Wells earned his 200th win and was pulled by manager-for-a-day Clemens as the New York Yankees ended the regular season with a 3-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

Wells told Clemens he should have walked more like Joe Torre on his way out to the mound to make it look more authentic.

"I knew he was manager for a day, but I didn't know how far they were going to take it," Wells said. "When he got to the line I just started laughing."

Alfonso Soriano hit a two-run homer for his 38th of the year and Drew Henson got his first major league hit for the Yankees, who begin the playoffs Tuesday afternoon at home against the Minnesota Twins.

Mike Mussina (17-8) is scheduled to pitch for the AL East champions against Johan Santana (12-3).

New York's Derek Jeter, who entered the day just a percentage point behind Boston's Bill Mueller in the AL batting race, went 0-for-3 before he was removed. Jeter finished at .324, two points Mueller and one back of Manny Ramirez.

"Yeah, it would have been nice. I had an opportunity," said Jeter, who missed six weeks after dislocating his shoulder on opening day. "I'm probably more pleased with this season than any other. It was probably more satisfying."

Despite a misty day, 42,394 fans showed up, helping the Yankees set a franchise attendance record of 3,465,550 — surpassing last year's total of 3,461,644. New York finished with the highest attendance in the majors this season.

Having already clinched home-

field advantage throughout the postseason, the Yankees decided to have some fun in their regular-season finale before the play-off pressure begins.

One day after earning his 310th win, Clemens made out the lineup — "It's a good one," he said — and managed the team in place of Torre.

White Sox 5, Royals 1

The Cy Young Award? The AL strikeout standings? His manager's future?

None of those things weighed on Esteban Loaiza's mind each time he went to the mound for the White Sox on a cool, blustery Sunday afternoon more suited for football than for the last day of Chicago's season.

"I was just out there having fun," Loaiza said.

Loaiza took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning and won the league strikeout title as the White Sox beat the Kansas City Royals 5-1 in what might have been Jerry Manuel's final game as Chicago's skipper.

"We tried to accomplish some things individually at the end," said Manuel, who shuffled his rotation to give Loaiza one last start. "That might give him a good shot at the Cy Young."

Loaiza (21-9) didn't allow a hit until Julius Matos doubled with two outs in the seventh.

Loaiza struck out eight to finish with an AL-leading 207, one ahead of Boston's Pedro Martinez and three in front of Toronto's Roy Halladay. Loaiza was taken out after he fanned Michael Tucker in the eighth to take over the strikeout lead.

After going to spring training with a minor league contract, Loaiza finished tied with New York's Andy Pettitte (21-8) and Seattle's Jamie Moyer (21-7) for the second-most wins in the AL, one behind Halladay (22-7).

"All season long I've been working hard and my teammates have been right behind me," Loaiza said. "I wanted to go out there and put up some zeros, and I did, and everyone goes home happy."

Kansas City's 83-79 record was its best since going 64-51 in the strike-shortened 1994 season.

The Royals led the AL Central by seven games at the All-Star break but finished third, seven games behind Minnesota (90-72) and three behind Chicago (86-76).

"We had high expectations, but unfortunately we came up a little bit short," said Mike Sweeney, who was relegated to designated hitter duty after missing 45 games with a sore back. "Hopefully, we can take what we learned from this season and grow on it."

Angels 4, Rangers 1

The Anaheim Angels won their season finale in front of a cheering sellout crowd — and by the same score as their final game last year. That's where the similarities ended.

This time, manager Mike Scioscia didn't have the World Series trophy in his hands when he returned to the clubhouse.

The injury-ravaged Angels completed one of the most dismal seasons by a defending World Series champ in recent years Sunday, as Scott Spiezio hit a tiebreaking two-run single and Barry Wesson hit his first major league homer in a 4-1 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"It doesn't do much to numb the feeling of a tough season," said Scioscia, last year's AL manager of the year. "Our guys played as hard as they could. It's obviously disappointing. There's tangible things that make it clear why we're where we are in the standings, but that doesn't make it easier to digest."

Anaheim's 77-85 record was 22 games worse than last season, when the Angels earned the AL wild-card berth with a franchise-record 99 victories, won their first AL pennant and beat San Francisco in a seven-game World Series complete with rally monkeys and ThunderStix.

They became the sixth AL franchise since 1900 to improve by at least 20 wins one season — and then slide back by 20 or more losses the following year. The others were the Yankees (1903-05), Red Sox (1911-13 and 1945-47), Washington Senators (1942-45), Athletics (1943-45) and Indians (1985-87).

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AVCA Women's Volleyball Poll

	team	record	points
1	USC (65)	10-0	1,625
2	Hawai'i	11-1	1,547
3	Florida	11-1	1,508
4	Stanford	8-2	1,412
5	Georgia Tech	11-0	1,365
6	Pepperdine	10-2	1,281
7	Nebraska	10-1	1,218
8	UCLA	8-2	1,149
9	Kansas State	12-2	1,046
10	Northern Iowa	9-2	1,034
11	California	10-0	933
12	Penn State	11-1	908
13	Washington	11-0	858
14	Michigan State	8-2	763
15	UC Santa Barbara	5-4	723
16	Santa Clara	8-4	630
17	NOTRE DAME	8-2	506
18	Minnesota	7-6	432
19	Louisville	6-3	418
20	Pacific	7-2	391
21	San Diego	8-3	310
22	Arizona	6-6	281
23	Wisconsin	8-3	189
24	Loyola Marymount	11-2	160
25	Texas A&M	8-3	116

NCSAA Women's Soccer Poll

	team	record	prev.
1	North Carolina	9-0-0	1
2	NOTRE DAME	6-0-1	2
3	Texas A&M	6-1-0	4
4	UCLA	5-1-2	3
5	Florida	7-0-0	5
6	Washington	5-1-2	14
7	Virginia	6-1-1	8
8	Pepperdine	7-1-0	6
9	West Virginia	7-1-0	15
10	Connecticut	4-1-2	7
11	Ohio State	6-0-1	12
12	Cal	3-0-3	10
13	Penn State	6-1-2	11
14	Portland	6-2-0	20
15	Duke	5-2-1	17
16	Texas	4-4-0	19
17	Colorado	6-1-0	16
18	Santa Clara	3-2-3	18
19	Boston College	8-0-0	20
20	Princeton	4-0-1	25
21	Stanford	3-3-1	24
22	Auburn	5-1-1	--
23	Denver	6-1-0	19
24	Purdue	6-1-1	--
25	Cal Polytechnic	8-0-0	--

Eye on Irish Opponents

Saturday
 Arizona at WASHINGTON STATE (4-1)
 Indiana at MICHIGAN STATE (4-1)
 MICHIGAN (4-1) at Iowa
 Illinois at PURDUE (3-1)
 USC (3-1) at Arizona State
 BYU (2-3) at San Diego State
 NAVY at Air Force (2-2)

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FLORIDA STATE (5-0)
 SYRACUSE (3-1)
 PITTSBURGH (3-1)
 BOSTON COLLEGE (3-2)
 STANFORD (2-1)

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Albert Pujols is greeted by Fernando Vina and the rest of the team after hitting a solo home run in the 13th inning to beat the Astros 3-2.

Pujols wins narrow NL batting title

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols won his first NL batting title Sunday, beating out Todd Helton in the closest race in league history, and Bill Mueller edged teammate Manny Ramirez and Derek Jeter for the AL crown.

In a season in which power statistics declined for the premier sluggers, Alex Rodriguez and Jim Thome finished in a tie for the major league home-run lead with 47.

Pujols went 2-for-5 at St. Louis won 9-5 at Arizona to win the NL

title at .3587. Playing at the same time, Helton was 2-for-4 with a walk as Colorado won 10-8 at San Diego and finished at .3585.

Just after Pujols struck out in the eighth inning at Phoenix, Helton had a chance to move ahead in the eighth inning at San Diego. But with a runner on second and a 3-0 count, catcher Gary Bennett called for an intentional walk.

The .00022 difference was the third-tightest in major league history, according to the Elias

Sports Bureau.

In 1945, the Yankees' Snuffy Stirnweiss beat Tony Cuccinello of the White Sox by .00009, and in 1949 Detroit's George Kell edged Boston's Ted Williams by .00016.

Previously, the closest NL race was a .00028 difference in 1931, when Chick Haffey of St. Louis beat Bill Terry of the New York Giants.

Pujols also led the NL with 212 hits and 51 doubles.

Mueller began the day one point ahead of Jeter and two ahead of

Ramirez, and the Red Sox didn't start either of them at Tampa Bay.

After Jeter went 0-for-3 against Baltimore and came out of the game with a .324 average, Mueller grounded into a forceout as a pinch-hitter and finished at .326.

Ramirez, who didn't play, wound up at .325.

"My foundation has always been to be one of 25 guys," Mueller said. "Personal things don't motivate me as much getting into the playoffs and possibly winning a World Series."

IN BRIEF

Arizona coach Mackovic fired on Sunday

TUCSON — Arizona fired coach John Mackovic on Sunday, five games into the third season of his tumultuous tenure in Tucson.

Defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz will take over as interim coach for the remainder of the season.

Athletic director Jim Livengood offered no specific reason for the firing when he announced it Sunday at a news conference.

"There's no one single event, no one happening, that all of a sudden had a weight to it," he said.

Mackovic, who turns 60 on Wednesday, survived a player mutiny last season after tearfully promising to do a better job of communicating. But this year's team lost to LSU, Oregon and Purdue by a combined score of 166-30.

The Wildcats (1-4) played their best game of the season in a 13-10 overtime home loss to TCU (No. 21 ESPN/USA Today, No. 20 Associated Press) on Saturday night, but pressure from boosters and unrest among the players led Livengood to let the coach go.

Livengood had insisted that

Mackovic's status would not be evaluated until the end of the season but changed his mind. The athletic director met with Arizona's players for about an hour on Sunday morning, then spoke with Mackovic.

"I felt that at this particular point in time it warranted making a decision right now," Livengood said. "That's going away from what I've normally done."

Mackovic was 10-18 at Arizona. The Wildcats currently have lost 12 consecutive Pac-10 home games.

Mackovic signed a five-year, \$4 million contract in December 2000, and the buyout of his deal will cost \$909,000. He had been out of coaching since 1998, serving as an ESPN commentator.

Last November, more than 40 players asked for and were granted a meeting with university president Peter Likins to air their complaints about the coach.

For some 90 minutes, the players told Likins of what they believed was Mackovic's unwarranted verbal abuse, and the misery that was Arizona football. The team was 0-6 in the Pac-10, and 3-7 overall at the time.

Mackovic held a lengthy team

meeting, then apologized at a news conference.

"I'm terribly sorry for my part in this turmoil and unrest," he said at the time. "I accept full responsibility for my actions and pledge to work tirelessly to mend any fences."

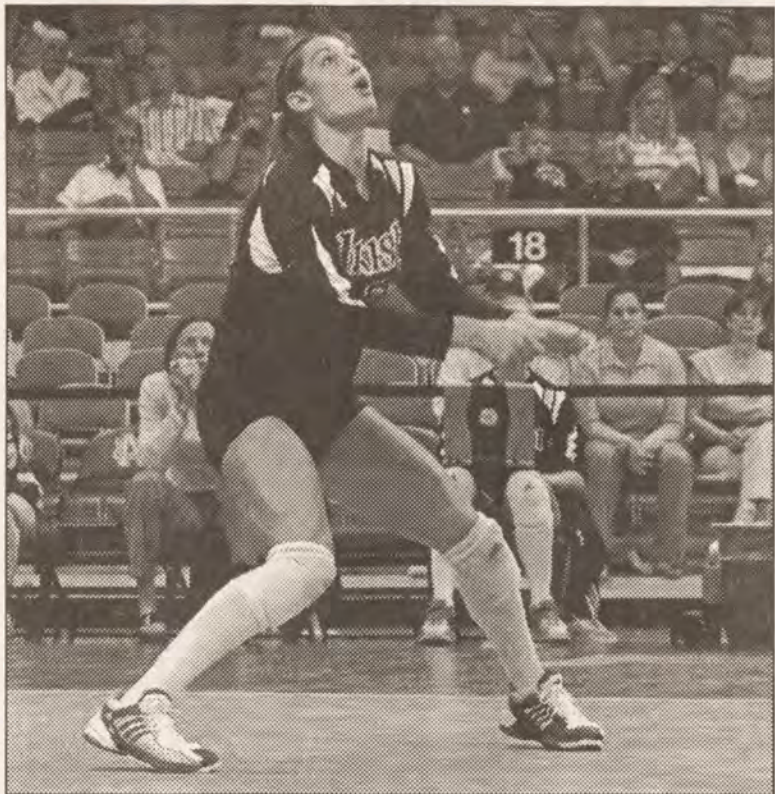
Waltrip ends Junior's winning streak at Talladega

TALLADEGA — Michael Waltrip broke Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s stranglehold on Talladega Superspeedway, sweeping high off the final turn and denying his teammate a fifth straight victory at the high-banked oval.

Waltrip took the checkered flag in the EA Sports 500, a typically thrilling Talladega race that resembled a night at the short track. There was all sorts of banging and bumping before it came down to a four-lap sprint to the finish.

After pole-sitter Elliott Sadler was taken out in a spectacular crash on lap 182, his car flipping several times on the backstretch, NASCAR officials red-flagged the cars to give the rescue crew time to clean up.

A couple of lap under yellow followed, then Waltrip led the pack as the green flag dropped till the end.



Notre Dame outside hitter Jessica Kinder bumps the ball against Utah Sept. 13 at the Joyce Center.

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V-Ball

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Villanova (3-10, 0-1). The Wildcats took the first game, but the Irish took the next and never looked back, as they won 3-1 (33-35, 30-16, 30-26, 30-15).

Emily Loomis was the story of the night for the Irish, as she led the team in virtually every category.

The Irish played a 5-1 rotation for the first time this year, and Loomis played back row. The results were stellar, as she registered 17 kills, a .435 hitting percentage, 23.5 service points, and 11 digs. Loomis also bested a career high with three aces.

Setter Kristen Kinder dished out 51 assists in her expanded role as the only setter.

Meanwhile, senior Kim Fletcher made the most of her second start of the season, slamming 11 kills and registering three aces with a career high 13 points.

Blocking was the key to the match for the Irish, as they registered 20 as a team.

Kelbley was in on nine of them, and Loomis took part in seven. Kelbley also hit .345, good for 14 kills.

Every player saw action for the Irish, who are favored to win the Big East this season.

"We just have to go out there with the mindset that were going to have fun and dominate the team were playing," Kelbley said.

"When we have fun, we play great."

Lauren Brewster
Irish middle blocker

**NOTRE DAME 3,
GEORGETOWN 0**
at the JOYCE CENTER

GEORGETOWN 35 16 26 15
NOTRE DAME 33 30 30 30

Notre Dame — Kills 51 (Lauren Brewster 16), Assists 51 (Kristen Kinder 39), Digs 50 (Meg Henican 12), Blocks 12 (Emily Loomis 4; Brewster 4; Katie Neff 4), Hitting percentage .358 (Lauren Kelbley .706), Aces 5 (Brewster 3)

Georgetown — Kills 33 (Ashley Lancaster 12), Assists 32 (Jennifer Ward 30), Digs 44 (Julie Grauert 15), Blocks 5 (Annie Connor 3), Hitting percentage .079 (Lancaster .189), Aces 2 (Basak

**NOTRE DAME 3,
VILLANOVA 1**
at the JOYCE CENTER

VILLANOVA 35 16 26 15
NOTRE DAME 33 30 30 30

Notre Dame — Kills 64 (Emily Loomis 17), Assists 57 (Kristen Kinder 51), Digs 59 (Meg Henican 14), Blocks 20 (Lauren Kelbley 9), Hitting percentage .253 (Loomis .412), Aces 9 (Loomis 3)

Villanova — Kills 54 (Kerri Sullivan 15), Assists 49 (Jennifer Edwards 18), Digs 64 (Celine Nguyen 15), Blocks 11 (Sullivan; Katie Lanting 5), Hitting percentage .089 (Erin Birunas .172), Aces 3 (Sullivan; Edwards; Jenni Badran-Grycan 1)

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles get back in win column beating Olivet

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The Belles are moving into the second leg of their conference schedule on a positive note. Saint Mary's stopped a three-game losing streak by knocking off MIAA opponent Olivet at home in straight sets Sunday.

Behind the performance of players like outside hitter Kristen Playko, who led the team in kills, service aces and digs, the Belles (9-6, 2-5 in MIAA) exercised a bit of frustration on an outmatched Comets (3-11, 0-5) squad, defeating them by a score of 30-24, 30-26, 30-13.

The 13 points allowed by the

Belles in the third game are the fewest the team has given up in a non-tiebreaker game (which only goes to 15 points) the past two seasons.

"We really went into that match expecting to win," junior middle hitter Elise Rupright said.

"We really went into that match expecting to win."

Elise Rupright
Belles middle hitter

"We went in knowing that we were the better team and really didn't expect anything other than a win in three.

"If anything, we were upset we didn't hold them to even

fewer points in all three games."

Playko, who has been a standout for the Belles this year, had another great game by collecting 18 kills, 15 digs and five service aces.

Freshman teammate Ann Carpenter was close behind with 16 kills.

"[Belles coach] Julie [Schroeder-Biek] has really been trying to bring in some talented athletes," Rupright said. "Kristen's been strong all year, but Ann's really starting to come on now that she's getting used to things. They're just really performing for us."

The Belles also had one of their best hitting performances

in a long time, with a .407 hitting percentage for the three games.

"On the outside they had one blocker, and they gave us a lot to shoot around because they had a short setter," Rupright said. "We did very well with our hitting percentage."

Saint Mary's finishes a three game conference home stand, which saw the Belles go 1-2. The Belles remain home Tuesday to face non-confer-

ence opponent Manchester.

Note:

♦ Playko was named the MIAA Player of the Week after double-double (kills/digs) performances in each of three conference matches last week. For the week, she averaged 5.45 kills, 3.91 digs and 0.73 aces per game. Carpenter was also nominated for the honor.

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Notre Dame forward Amanda Guertlin fights for the ball against North Texas Sunday. Guertlin scored the first of Notre Dame's eight goals.

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Women's

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ball went over the line for a 5-0 halftime margin.

Warner continued the surge in the second half, scoring her sixth goal of the year to make it 6-0. Junior Mary Boland's team leading eighth goal of the year made it 7-0 as Tancredi added the assist.

North Texas' lone score came on a goal from Melinda Pina off a corner kick, before Tweneboah added the final margin.

"The first 10 minutes we had a couple goals," Waldrum said. "Then it kind of died for a little bit, and we came back and got a few quick ones. We had a couple of goals off of five or six shots again early so we were putting in some chances. It was nice to get some players some rest and get some of the other players got some experience."

The Irish outshot North Texas 31-3, with Erika Bohn registering one save while shutting out the Mean Green over her 57 minutes of action. Buchanan added 12 saves for North Texas.

The Irish now have outscored their opponents 37-5 on the season, including 20-3 in the first

half. The Irish only outscored their opponents 12-10 in the first half on the season last year. They have not allowed more than one goal in their last 19 contests, dating back to a loss to BYU last year.

The Irish continue their home stand Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. against Indiana State.

NOTRE DAME 8, NORTH TEXAS 1 at ALUMNI FIELD

	1st	2nd	Total
NORTH TEXAS	0	1	1
NOTRE DAME	5	3	8

Scoring Summary

ND — Guertin, Amanda (5), 4:28 (Warner, Amy)
ND — Tancredi, Melissa (1), 6:12 (Guertin)
ND — Tancredi (2), 35:39 (Guertin)
ND — Manning, Maggie (3), 37:51 (Carpenter, Kimberly)
ND — Reed, Lizzie (1), 41:56 (Thorlakson, Katie)
ND — Warner (7), 56:16
ND — Boland, Mary (8), 62:41 (Tancredi; Thorlakson)
NTex — Pina, Melinda (13), 66:37
ND — Tweneboah, Becky (1), 81:14 (McMillin, Amber)

Notre Dame — Saves 1 (Erika Bohn 1), Shots 31 (Tancredi; Guertin; Warner 4), Corner kicks 8, Fouls 12

North Texas — Saves 12 (Briana Buchanan 12), Shots 3 (Marilyn Marin 2), Corner kicks 2, Fouls 5

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us."

The game Sunday began decisively in favor of the Irish, as Notre Dame outshot Georgetown 7-1 in the first half. The Hoyas were unable to get anything past the Irish defense, nor past goalkeeper Chris Sawyer.

In the 28th minute, Richards took a short pass from Riley coming down the right side and sent a

short cross toward Dettler, who was inside the box. Despite having his back to the goal, Dettler managed to kick the ball into the goal with his heels to give Notre Dame the early 1-0 lead.

Notre Dame took the 1-0 lead into halftime but came out of the break rather complacent on defense, allowing the Hoyas to get three quick shots right in a row within the first three minutes of the second half.

That third shot finally eluded Sawyer, breaking up a shutout streak that had reached 485 min-

utes. Hoya midfielder Carl Skanderup lobbed a harmless-looking cross in toward the goal from just past midfield, and his high-arching ball may have been affected by the wind as it just eluded Sawyer.

The Hoya goal seemed to be a wakeup call for the Irish, who tightened up defensively and managed to score the go-ahead goal a little more than 10 minutes later.

From the right side, Riley sent in a cross toward the box, which Prescod easily headed in to give

Notre Dame the lead again.

For the remainder of the game, there were few serious scoring chances by either team. The game started to get more physical as the half wore on, as players from both teams received constant fouls and cards.

It all boiled to a head with five minutes left in the game, as Hoyas Kaiser Chowdhry and Dan Pydo were ejected within 30 seconds of each other. Despite playing with a two-man advantage for the rest of the game, the Irish were unable to generate any more scoring chances on Hoya goalkeeper Tim Hogan.

The Irish finished their September-long homestand with a 4-2-1 record. They play two road contests this week, against Big East opponents Syracuse and Pittsburgh.

NOTRE DAME 2, GEORGETOWN 1 at ALUMNI FIELD

	1st	2nd	Total
GEORGETOWN	0	1	1
NOTRE DAME	1	1	2

Scoring Summary

ND — Dettler, Justin (3), 27:55 (Richards, Kevin; Riley, Chad)
GTOWN — Skanderup, Carl (1), 47:09 (Convey, Tim)
ND — Prescod, Devon (5), 57:16 (Riley; Martin, Greg)

Notre Dame — Saves 3 (Chris Sawyer 3), Shots 16 (Dettler 4), Corner kicks 5, Fouls 10

Georgetown — Saves 7 (Tim Hogan 7), Shots 7 (Skanderup 4), Corner kicks 4, Fouls 14

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MEN'S TENNIS

Scott ends up 2nd at tournament

Special to The Observer

Senior tri-captain Matthew Scott reached the tournament final before falling to No. 38 Ludovic Walter of Duke, finishing as the singles runner-up Sunday in the adidas Invitational at the Peachtree City Tennis Center. Scott was the only Irish player of the three participating in the event that played on the final day.

Scott won in the semifinals Sunday morning against Duke's Rafael Abreu. The Irish senior took a 6-3, 6-4 decision to reach the tournament final. Walter then notched a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Scott.

"Ludovic Walter played an unbelievable match," Irish assistant coach Todd Doebler said of the final. "But Matt has now had two strong tournaments, getting wins over ranked players in both. I think it is really good for him to start his senior year this way. It is good for his confidence."

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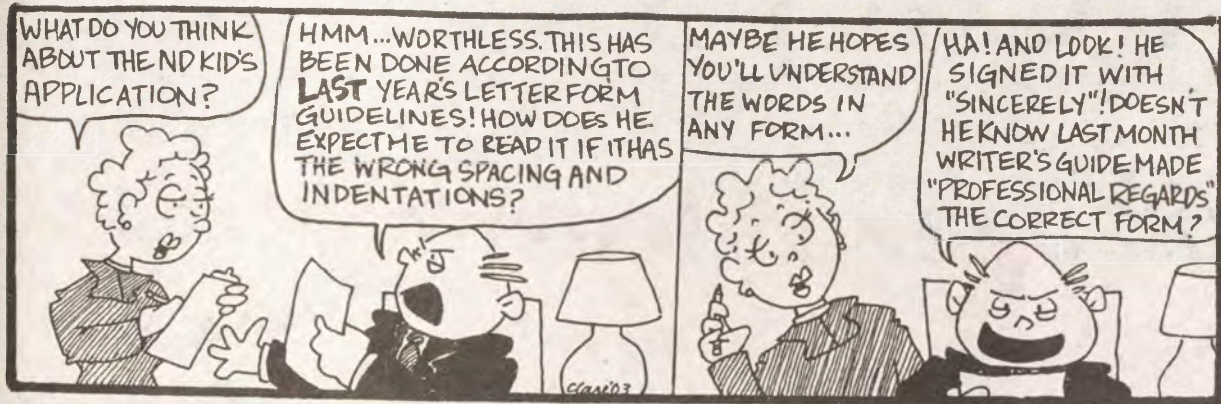


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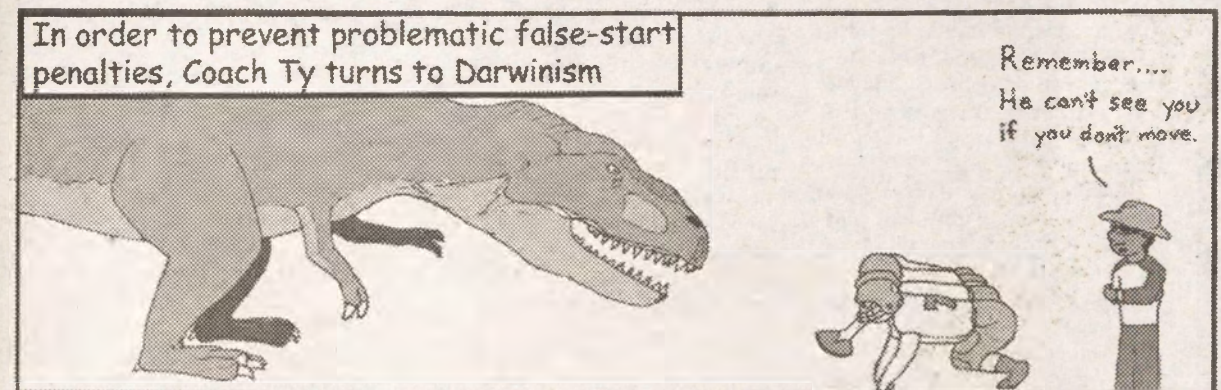
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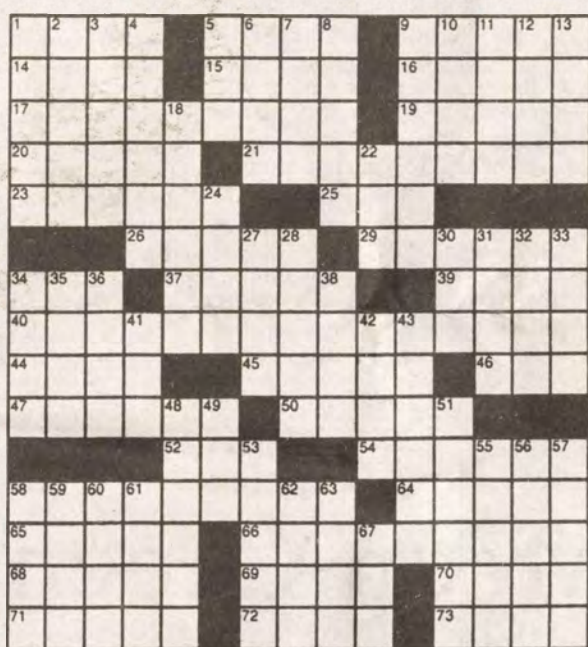
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may want to take extra care not to share secret information. You can do well if you concentrate on your financial situation today. Check out interesting investments and prepare to take advantage of a moneymaking opportunity. ★★

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MEN'S SOCCER

Keeping them on a short leash

Two Hoyas ejected in physical 2-1 Irish win



Notre Dame midfielder Kevin Goldthwaite battles a Georgetown player for the ball Sunday afternoon at Alumni Field.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

This Big East rivalry more than lived up to its bidding. No. 8 Notre Dame defeated Georgetown at home Sunday 2-1 in a game that was full of physical play, ejections and numerous collisions.

Georgetown and Notre Dame have a history of physical play, and this game was no different; two Hoyas were thrown out in the last five minutes, and several players from both teams received yellow cards.

It was also a bit of payback for the Irish (6-1-2, 2-1-0 in the Big East), who lost both matches to the Hoyas (3-4-2, 1-3-0) last year, losing 3-2 in Washington during the regular season and 2-1 in overtime in the quarterfinals of the Big East Championship at Alumni Field.

Both losses came despite the fact that Notre Dame outshot Georgetown by a combined total of 43-21 in the two games.

"We talked about it before the game," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Every game we've played with [Georgetown] before, they've had players sent off. We talked about discipline, because I felt that was how we lost the

game at their place last year, even though we outplayed them statistically.

"You can get caught up with their style of play, and with the referee, and end up losing a game that you should have won."

Again, the Irish dominated the Hoyas statistically, outshooting their opponent 16-7 and getting nine shots on goal to Georgetown's four. The difference was that Notre Dame also came out on top in the only statistical category that really matters — goals.

Part of the reason for an Irish victory was the play of Notre Dame's seniors, who scored every point in the game. Forwards Devon Prescod and Justin Detter each scored a goal, midfielder Chad Riley had two assists, and midfielder Greg Martin and defender Kevin Richards each had one assist.

"I think that these seniors have shown some tremendous leadership," Clark said. "Last January they made a statement that they wanted to make this a special season. I think maybe that's what their points are telling us, that they're going to make this a special season for

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Big East home win streak at 51

Irish easily defeat Hoyas and Wildcats

By HEATHER VAN
HOEGARDEN

Sports Writer

Not only did the Irish dominate the competition this weekend at the Joyce Center, but they also had fun while doing it, as they extended their home winning streak in Big East play to 51 games.

"When we have fun, we play great," sophomore middle blocker Lauren Kelbley said.

Kelbley led the Irish attack over Georgetown (4-11, 0-2) Sunday, hitting a scorching .706 en route to 12 kills with no errors. The 17th ranked Irish (10-2, 2-0) dominated the whole way, winning in three games (30-20, 30-23, 30-14).

"We came out with great confidence, and our passing was right on," Kelbley said. "This left every option open on every play."

The 16-point margin of victory in the third game was the biggest of the season for the Irish.

Libero Meg Henican led the Irish defensive corps with 12 digs. Henican has had nine or more digs in every match of 2003.

Meanwhile, senior Jessica Kinder added nine digs, contributing to the Hoyas' abysmal .079 hitting percentage.

"We played well this season, but we still hadn't had a really, really great match, and tonight I felt we played all-around great," Kelbley said.

Sophomore Lauren Brewster added to the well-balanced attack, with 16 kills on .464 hitting, to go along with 21 points and a career high three aces.

As a team, the Irish hit .405 with 40 kills on 79 attempts, while the Hoyas had 33 kills on 119 attempts.

Senior setter Kristen Kinder dished out 39 assists to go along with four kills and 10 digs.

"Our setter could take the ball pretty much anywhere she wanted to, and this kept the blockers on the other side of the net on their toes," Kelbley said.

Friday night, the Irish opened Big East play against

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish blow out Mean Green 8-1

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

The North Texas women's soccer team came into Sunday's clash with Notre Dame having outscored their last three opponents 21-1.

Notre Dame reversed those numbers on the Mean Green.

Senior Amanda Guertin opened the floodgates with her score only a few minutes into the game, and by the time freshman Becky Tweneboah capped the scoring in the second half the No. 2 Irish had climbed to 8-0-1 with an 8-1 rout of the Mean Green, who fell to 7-3.

The Irish showed off their depth, as 11 different players registered at least one goal or assist.

Senior defender Melissa Tancredi led the offensive charge with two goals, while classmates Guertin and Amy Warner added a goal and an assist each. Katie Thorlakson continued her strong play with two assists, while

Tweneboah and fellow freshman Lizzie Reed both added their first career goals for the Irish.

"We had a lot of firsts today," Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said, referring to the first career goals. "Tancredi had two goals and could have had three, which was really good to see. We scored some goals in a lot of different ways. I was pleased."

The Irish opened up a 2-0 lead with two goals in the first seven minutes. After scoring the first goal, Guertin lofted a corner kick for Tancredi's first goal.

It was in the final 10 minutes of the first half that the Irish put the game away. Tancredi's second goal in the 35th minute gave the Irish a 3-0 lead before sophomore Maggie Manning took a pass from Kim Carpenter and used some nifty dribbling to get past Mean Green goalkeeper Briana Buchanan. Reed's goal was almost saved by Buchanan moments later, but she and the

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Notre Dame's Mary Boland shoots Sunday in the Irish's 8-1 victory over North Texas.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MEN'S TENNIS

At the adidas Invitational, tri-captain Matthew Scott finishes second.

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The Belles halt a three-game losing streak with an easy conference win.

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Former Notre Dame linebacker Rocky Boiman records a safety and scores a touchdown.

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Purdue 23, Notre Dame 10

Boiled alive

Irish fail to execute again, lose to Purdue 23-10 for third straight loss

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — A new quarterback, the same result.

Freshman Brady Quinn was 29-of-59 passing for 297 yards but threw four interceptions as the Irish dropped their third straight game of the season to Purdue 23-10 Saturday.

While the 62 team pass attempts were the most for a Notre Dame team since 1967, the Irish managed only 49 yards on the ground. The quarterback, Quinn, was Notre Dame's leading rusher with 25 yards on eight carries.

"To not be able to account for any more yardage than we did really hurts," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "That puts our quarterback and our offensive team in a very difficult situation, when you can't have any type of balance."

The Irish defense, which held the Boilermakers to just 223 yards of offense, was unable to force any turnovers. Meanwhile, Purdue scored 10 of its 23 points off four Irish turnovers.

"As a team, and especially as a defense, we need to step up and make more plays," Notre Dame linebacker Courtney Watson said. "We played pretty well as a defense today, but we didn't make enough plays, and we gave up two touchdowns."

"You can't just give teams touchdowns, and that's what we did today."

Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton was 12-of-24 for just 127 yards, but the junior played relatively mistake-free football with two touchdowns and no interceptions.

The Boilermakers struck on their very first drive, when Orton found a wide-open Ray Williams for a 36-yard touchdown pass with 11:48 remaining in the first quarter.

Purdue kicker Ben Jones added a 46-yard field goal — his first of three on the day — with 4:04 remaining in the quarter to put the Boilermakers on top 10-0.

The Boilermaker drive started on Notre Dame's 20-yard line after Quinn's first interception of the day, but the Irish defense



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn is sacked by Purdue during the 23-10 Boilermaker victory Saturday. The Irish lost for the third straight game and could only gain 49 total rushing yards.

kept the Boilers out of the end zone.

The Irish saw their best opportunity of the first half slip away when full-back Rashon Powers-Neal dropped a pass from Quinn at the goal line on third and goal. Notre Dame had to settle for a 19-yard Nicholas Setta field goal instead to narrow the lead to 10-3.

"I'm never one to pinpoint any particular area, because it's never just one area," Willingham said. "We had dropped passes, we had other mental mistakes, we had things

that didn't go our way that we didn't make plays on."

The brightest spot of the day for the Irish came with just over a minute remaining in the first half. With Notre Dame backed up to its own 15-yard line on third and 15, Quinn recognized a Purdue blitz and hit receiver Maurice Stovall in stride for an 85-yard touchdown pass to narrow the score to 13-10.

"They had a blitz from the backside where they brought both the linebacker and the free

safety," Quinn said. "So it was wide open. [Stovall] just ran a slant, caught the ball and made a great run."

"We're not executing. That's a very simple term that covers a very broad array of problems, but when you don't execute, you don't have a chance to win."

Tyrone Willingham
Irish coach

2003.

"We're not executing," he said. "That's a very simple term that covers a very broad array of problems, but when you

don't execute, you don't have a chance to win."

Despite Quinn's four interceptions, Willingham seemed pleased with the play of his young quarterback in his first collegiate start.

"It was a very difficult situation for a young quarterback to be placed under," Willingham said. "To ask him to do what he had to do today was a very difficult test. I thought he did a lot of things well, and he will continue to grow and become better and better."

The Irish now have a bye week to heal from their third straight loss and prepare for a tough road trip to 3-1 Pittsburgh, who beat Texas A&M 37-26 Saturday.

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player of the game

Purdue's rush defense

The unit completely shut down the Notre Dame rushing attack, holding the team to a mere 49 yards.

stat of the game

59

number of passing attempts by Brady Quinn, the second-most in Irish history.

play of the game

Stuart Schweigert's interception of Quinn at the Notre Dame 20-yard line

The pick set up the game-clinching touchdown in the fourth quarter.

quote of the game

"With all of our talent, there's no reason to be playing like this."

Ryan Grant
Irish running back

report card

- B-** **quarterbacks:** Quinn did pretty well for his first career start. He showed poise in the pocket and avoided numerous sacks. Two of his four interceptions did significantly hurt the Irish.
- D+** **running backs:** Grant and Jones didn't have any holes to run through but still got outgained by Quinn. Even with little room, the duo needs to give the Irish some type of running game.
- B** **receivers:** Stovall had a career day, while four other receivers had three catches or more. The unit had fewer drops than last week and kept drives alive with key plays.
- D** **offensive line:** While the line only allowed one sack, Quinn got nailed time and again. They couldn't open up holes for the running attack and made too many false start penalties.
- B** **defensive line:** The line did a good job pressuring Orton despite mostly using a four-man rush. They contained the Boilermaker running game and got a few sacks at key times.
- B+** **linebackers:** The linebackers had three sacks and didn't allow a big running play. They did a nice job of covering the receivers in four-and five-man sets.
- B** **defensive backs:** The Irish defensive backs played very well against the tough Purdue passing attack — except for the first touchdown drive. The unit failed to force an interception.
- C-** **special teams:** The punt and kickoff coverage was lousy and there were no solid returns. Setta's tackles and field goal were the only highlights.
- C-** **coaching:** Another week, another loss. The Irish had too many penalties and did not execute again. The coaches need to do something to turn this season around.

2.29 **overall:** The Irish played better than their previous two games, but still lost. Either the team starts executing or continues losing games.

adding up the numbers

- 59** passes attempted by Quinn — the second most in school history by an Irish quarterback
- 85** yards that Stovall had on his touchdown reception — the third-longest in school history
- 1999** last time the Irish lost to three Big Ten opponents in the same season
- 28** rushing yards gained by Quinn on eight carries
- 31** rushing yards — on 16 attempts — gained by Grant and Jones
- 5** sacks by the Notre Dame defense — the most this season
- 19** combined number of points the Irish have scored in the first half of their first four games
- 327** number of Big Ten opponents Notre Dame has played in its history — more than three times as many as any other conference



ADAM MIGLORE/The Observer

Irish wide receiver Maurice Stovall breaks a tackle on his way to an 85-yard touchdown in the first half of Notre Dame's 23-10 loss Saturday against Purdue. It was the third longest pass play in Irish history.

Same story, different day

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham called it a lack of execution. Running back Ryan Grant said the offense needs to improve. Defensive coordinator Kent Baer claimed the defense didn't do enough to win.

It was the same result, different Saturday for Notre Dame.

The offense was ineffective, the defense played well but didn't make the game-changing play, and the Irish lost — again.

Willingham and his team pinpointed many of the same mistakes that were made two weeks ago against Michigan and last week against Michigan State. But after the loss to Purdue, it's apparent the Irish still didn't make enough adjustments in practice last week to gain a victory.

"We had dropped passes, we had other mental mistakes, we had things that didn't go our way that we didn't make plays on," Willingham said. "We have to get all those things to go well for us."

But they need to go well soon for Notre Dame, before the USC's and Florida State's of the college football world turn the 1-3 Irish into 1-7.

The team must start doing the things the players talk about after losses if they are to turn around

this season.

For starters, the offense has to find some sort of rushing attack. It got so bad Saturday that freshman quarterback Brady Quinn led the team in rushing with 28 yards on eight carries. The offensive line needs to open up holes for Grant and Jones to run through, and those two backs must take advantage of any opening.

They didn't protect Quinn enough, allowing him to get hit on play after play and be knocked down 14 times. They committed numerous false start penalties and could not move the Purdue defense enough to let the Irish runners break free for gains of more than two yards.

Notre Dame cannot win by throwing the ball 62 times a game. Or gaining a mere 49 yards on 25 carries.

If this same play continues, so will the lack of offensive production.

But it's not just the line's fault — the receivers still had drops, the defense didn't force any turnovers and the return game was a non-factor.

"With the talent we have, there's no reason to be playing like this," Grant said.

Sure, the Irish played better this week than the previous two, but it would have been hard to play much worse, especially on offense.

As Willingham said, it comes down to execution. The Irish

haven't executed, and, consequently, they haven't won.

"You've still got to have the same goals," cornerback Vontez Duff said. "You win a few, you lose a few. But you've still got to have your same goals and aspirations and agenda as a team to go out and win ball games. That's your agenda every week. It doesn't change."

For Notre Dame to begin winning, they'll have to make some adjustments.

The Irish don't play this weekend, so the team has an extra week to improve its entire game and make sure execution is better against Pittsburgh in two weeks.

If the execution is the same as Saturday, then the result will be the same. And it will remain the same until this team begins to play the way they are capable.

With an excruciating stretch of difficult games coming up, it's make or break time for Notre Dame. Either the Irish begin to execute and give themselves a chance to make this season successful, or they keep doing the same things wrong.

They have two weeks to right their ship and become a better team or otherwise sink into a disappointing, losing football season.

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Sports Editor

Quinn holds his own in first start

By PAT LEONARD
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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Brady Quinn could look back at his first career start and see positive statistics overshadowed by disappointing ones.

Twenty-nine completions — less impressive next to the 59 passing attempts it took to get them. An 85-yard touchdown toss negated by four interceptions. At least 15 hits and 14 knockdowns.

Truth be told, Quinn did not perform the way he wanted to as Notre Dame's starting quarterback in a 23-10 loss to Purdue.

Still, Quinn got the call on Saturday, and he answered it. The Irish did not win. They scored just one touchdown. But while Quinn made a few of the expected rookie mistakes, the true freshman dropping back in the pocket often appeared older than his years.

Quinn actually got the call Friday, according to coach Tyrone Willingham. The coach made the decision to start Quinn after watching the freshman split snaps in practice with former starter Carlyle Holiday.

"We decided he positioned the team best to win the football game," Willingham said. "The quarterback position gives the team a great amount of leadership. I think that is part of the reason we chose him, and I think this young man can get things done."

Both Willingham and offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick liked glimpses of what they saw out of Quinn against the Boilermakers.

And they saw a lot of him. Quinn was virtually the entire Notre Dame offense. He finished with a game-high 297 yards passing and a team-high 28 yards rushing on eight carries. The much-hyped Irish running game of Ryan Grant and Julius Jones was non-existent. Quinn was forced to throw out of four and five-wide receiver sets. He was flushed out of the pocket at

times, but the freshman often held his ground and made his reads.

"Purdue has a very good defense, and he was able to maintain his poise in situations," Holiday said. "I was very impressed with him."

Quinn remained in the pocket and played like a West coast quarterback, throwing short and midrange passes to a slew of receivers — nine to be exact.

On two of his four interceptions, Quinn was hit as he released the ball, and these were just a couple of the times he had to deal with pressure during the long game. The other two, he admits, he would like to have back.

"They were definitely my fault," Quinn said. "The defense had some great plays in some circumstances, but one [interception] was a bad read and another slipped out of my hand."

Still, Quinn's interceptions happened when the quarterback was trying to make plays. Later in the second quarter, one of those plays went Quinn's way.

Approaching the line of scrimmage on 3rd and 15 deep in Irish territory, Quinn recognized a blitz.

"It was a blitz on the backside," he said. "They brought both the low linebacker and the free safety. It was wide open."

Wide receiver Maurice Stovall adjusted and ran a short slant. Quinn rifled the ball into the chest of Stovall's 6-foot-5, 221-pound frame, and the receiver sprinted 85 yards for the touchdown.

"Brady did very well," Stovall said. "He saw some playing time the last couple of games, and he came in here today. He looks like a pretty good quarterback."

Stovall may be downplaying his excitement over Quinn, who found the sophomore receiver nine times for 171 yards and a touchdown over the course of the day.

Still, the Irish wanted a win, and due to the fault of



Irish quarterback Brady Quinn throws a pass against Purdue despite heavy pressure.

whomever and whatever, they did not get it. As ineffective as the running game was Saturday, amassing 59 total yards on 25 carries, Quinn accepted responsibility for the offense's mistakes.

"I feel like it's my job to move the ball," Quinn said. "If we're not running the ball that particular day, I feel like I have to pick it up. I need to step up and do better."

The last time the Irish started a freshman, Matt LoVecchio got the call against Stanford on Oct. 7, 2000. Quinn and Florida's Chris Leak were the third and fourth freshmen this season to start for their respective teams.

Starting his first career game in an opposing team's

stadium for a struggling Notre Dame squad, Quinn had a lot on his shoulders.

"It's a difficult situation for a young quarterback to be in," Willingham admitted. "I think he did very well."

Now, Quinn has two weeks to review game tape and correct mistakes before the Irish travel to face a fierce Pittsburgh Panthers squad — that is, if he starts.

And what did he learn?

"A lot of things," he said. "Probably too many to even pinpoint right now."

But an eagerness to improve and poise in the pocket is not a bad start.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	0	10	0	0	10
Purdue	10	3	3	7	23

First quarter

Purdue 7, Notre Dame 0

Ray Williams 36-yard reception from Kyle Orton with 11:48 remaining (Ben Jones kick)
Drive: 4 plays, 56 yards, 2:00 elapsed

Purdue 10, Notre Dame 0

Jones 46-yard field goal with 4:04 remaining
Drive: 4 plays, 8 yards, 1:20 elapsed

Second quarter

Purdue 10, Notre Dame 3

Nicholas Setta 19-yard field goal with 7:57 remaining
Drive: 9 plays, 61 yards, 3:47 remaining

Purdue 13, Notre Dame 3

Jones 31-yard field goal with 2:16 remaining
Drive: 12 plays, 33 yards, 5:41 elapsed

Purdue 13, Notre Dame 10

Maurice Stovall 85-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 1:11 remaining
Drive: 3 plays, 80 yards, 1:05 elapsed

Third quarter

Purdue 16, Notre Dame 10

Jones 35-yard field goal with 10:24 remaining
Drive: 11 plays, 50 yards, 4:36 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Purdue 23, Notre Dame 10

Shaun Phillips 2-yard reception from Orton with 12:38 remaining
Drive: 4 plays, 12 yards, 1:35 elapsed

statistics

total yards

ND	346
PURDUE	223

rushing yards

ND	49
PURDUE	96

passing yards

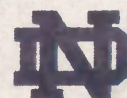
ND	297
PURDUE	127

return yard

ND	65
PURDUE	141

time of possession

ND	28:22
PURDUE	31:38



25-49	rushes-yards	41-96
29-62-4	comp-att-int	12-24-0
6-243	punts-yards	9-359
1-0	fumbles-lost	0-0
9-68	penalties-yards	7-48
18	first downs	13

passing

Quinn	29-59-4	Orton	12-24-0
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rushing

Quinn	8-28	Void	17-69
Grant	9-21	Brooks	3-13
Jones	7-10	Jones	3-10
		Williams	1-3
		Orton	12-3
		Kirsch	4-0

receiving

Stovall	9-171	Standeford	6-63
Jenkins, O.	5-29	Stubblefield	3-21
McKnight	4-32	Williams	2-41
Samardzija	4-18	Phillips	1-2
Clark	3-23		
Schmidt	1-9		
Shelton	1-9		
Jenkins, J.	1-7		
Ndukwe	1-(-1)		

tackling

Watson	11	Johnson	12
Earl	7	Rogers	11
Tuck	7	Koutouvides	9
Hoyle	6	Gardner	7

Young receivers continue solid play

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — The improving Irish passing game has been evident in the play of sophomore wide receivers Rhema McKnight and Maurice Stovall during the past two games.

"The wide receivers have really been stepping up lately," Stovall said after the Purdue game. "I think that shows we have some good leadership on the team."

Against Michigan State, McKnight put up big numbers, grabbing eight catches for 104 yards and a touchdown.

Against the Boilermakers, it was Stovall's turn. The 6-foot-5, 221-pound Stovall grabbed nine passes for 171 yards. Those numbers include an 85-yard touchdown catch near the end of the first half to narrow the Purdue lead to three points. The play was the longest of the year for the Irish.

"The touchdown was a regular backside slant, and Brady

found me for the big play," Stovall said.

On the year, the pair has 30 catches for 375 yards and three touchdowns.

Shooting themselves in the foot

The Irish struggled with penalties — particularly illegal procedure and false start infractions — Saturday, being flagged nine times for 68 yards.

"I was disappointed with the penalties down the stretch," Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "There were a lot of procedure penalties. I don't know if noise was a factor down the stretch, but that was disappointing."

The real breakdown came in the last half of the fourth quarter, when the Irish committed three false start penalties on one drive. The plays cost Notre Dame 15 yards on a drive that had progressed to the Purdue 19-yard line, before stalling on fourth and 16 from the Purdue 25.

"I don't know what to say after something like that. It definitely was not one of my better

performances," Irish offensive tackle Dan Stevenson said of the infractions. "Obviously that was a big disappointment on my behalf. I don't really know how to describe it. It was my fault, and I should never have let it happen. It's unacceptable."

Off the burner

The bye week could come at no better time for the Irish, who are caught in the midst of a three-game losing streak and have had some injury troubles recently.

Offensive linemen Sean Milligan and Jeff Thompson did not make the trip to Purdue due to injuries. Sophomore Jamie Ryan started at the right guard position in place of Milligan.

Defensive tackle Cedric Hilliard left the game in the first quarter with a leg injury. He would later re-enter the game, but sophomore Derek Landri filled in his spot along the defensive line for most of the remainder of the game.

Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham sees the week off as a time to get his players

healthy.

"Number one, we've got to get healthy," Willingham said. "We've still got a lot of young men that are nicked up. We've got to get them healthy and back to full speed."

Standeford breaks record

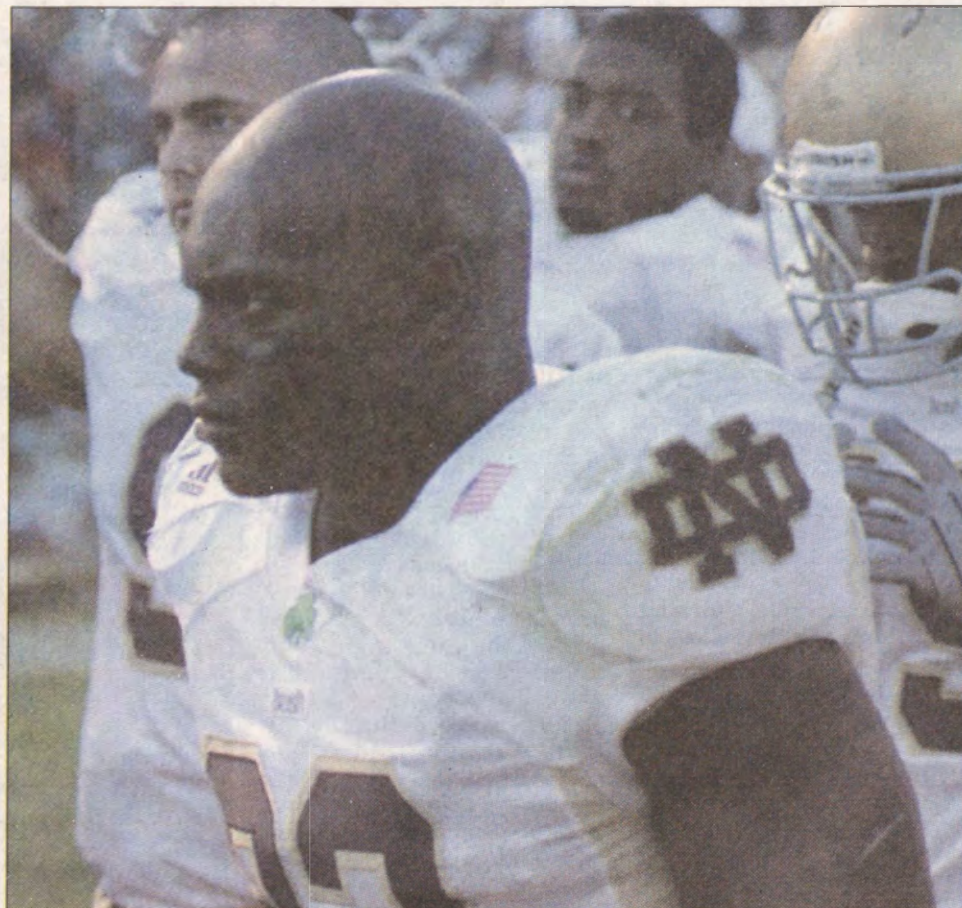
Notre Dame wasn't the only thing falling at Ross-Aide Stadium Saturday, as wide receiver John Standeford set the Purdue career receptions record with his second catch against the Irish.

The senior had six catches for 63 yards, setting the new mark at 209 and passing Tim Stratton, who held the previous record with 204. Standeford is just 63 yards shy of becoming Purdue's career receiving yards leader as well.

Game day captains

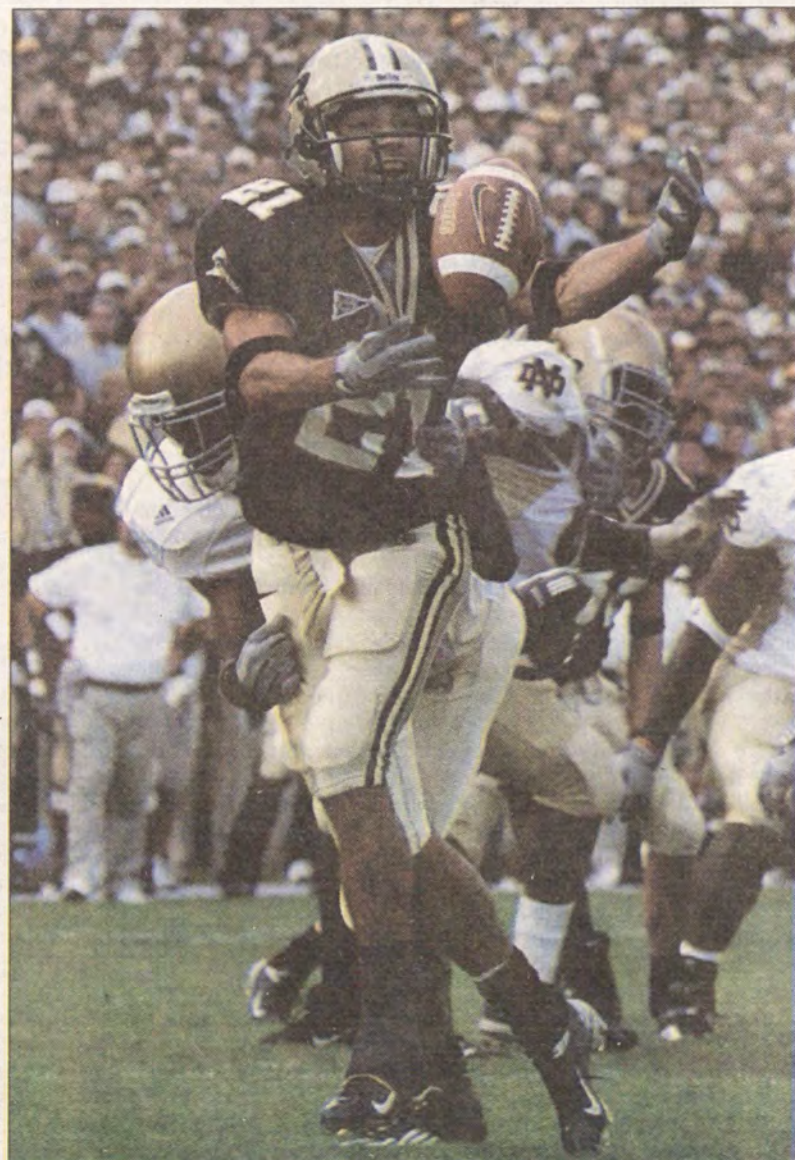
Game day captains for the Irish Saturday were cornerback Vontez Duff, safety Glenn Earl, wide receiver Omar Jenkins and offensive tackle Jim Molinaro.

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Notre Dame made the same mistakes and got the same result on Saturday — a loss. The Irish struggled to run the ball, had Brady Quinn throw 59 passes and couldn't make the big play on defense in their 23-10 defeat to Purdue. The Boilermakers snapped a three-game losing streak to Notre Dame and improved to 3-1, while the Irish are now 1-3 heading into its bye week.

ANOTHER SAD STORY



Irish linebacker Courtney Watson grabs the facemask of Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton (top left). Notre Dame running back Julius Jones shows his anger after the Irish lost its third straight game (top right). Irish wide receiver Maurice Stovall dives for a touchdown in the first half (middle left). Purdue's Taylor Stubblefield bobbles a pass in the second half of the Boilermaker's victory (bottom right). Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn tries to elude Purdue's Craig Terrill (bottom left).

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